Definitions and Abbreviations

The Definitions and Abbreviations used in these policies and procedures have the following meanings, unless otherwise is indicated in the text:

- **Academic Year**: A one-year period established annually in the official University calendar
- **Chancellor**: The Chancellor of the United Arab Emirates University
- **CPSS**: The Counseling and Psychological Support Services
- **Dean of Students**: Director of Students Affairs Deanship in the United Arab Emirates University
- **Faculty Member**: Professors, Associate Professors, and Assistant Professors
- **GPA**: Grade Point Average, a calculated value representing the student’s academic performance for a specific period of time
- **ISO**: International Students Office
- **Law**: Federal Law No. (4) for 1976 on the Establishment and Organization of the UAE University
- **Manual**: A policies and procedures manual is a functional guide for conducting the operations of a division or a department. The manual typically consists of policies, procedures and signatory authority matrix
- **Policy**: A definite course or method of action to guide and determine present and future decisions. A policy is a guide to decision-making under a given set of circumstances within the framework of corporate objectives, goals and management philosophies
- **Procedure**: A particular way of accomplishing something, or an established way of doing things. A procedure is a series of steps followed in a definite regular order that ensures the consistent and repetitive approach to actions
- **Provost**: The Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Provost
- **Registrar**: Director of Enrollment Deanship and University Registrar
- **SAF**: Student Aid Fund
- **SCSS**: Center for Student Counseling and Support Services
- **SNSS**: Special Needs Support Services
- **Students**: Male and female Students
- **UAE**: The United Arab Emirates
- **University, or UAEU**: The United Arab Emirates University
- **University Community**: All UAEU faculty members, staff, and students
- **University Council**: The Governing Board of the United Arab Emirates University
- **USAL**: The University Student Activities and Leadership
- **Vice Chancellor**: The Vice Chancellor of the United Arab Emirates University