

## Meeting with the UoP Student Charter preparation team

Dear Students

You are invited to attend a meeting organized for the purpose of obtaining your ideas/ opinions for the development of a **student charter** for the University of Peradeniya (UoP)

A Student Charter is a statement of the University's aspirations and mutual expectations of staff and students, as they work together to achieve the Mission of the University.

The Student Charter details the partnership between the University and its students. The achievement of the Mission of the University is only possible through the respectful interactions of all members (Staff/Supportive staff, Students) of the University, fair student representation and active student participation in University life and community. The Student Charter applies to all students (undergraduate, postgraduate and research if any). The Charter will be developed in consultation with students, through their representative bodies, and staff.

A student charter is not another set of rules and regulations or by-laws. It does not constitute a legally binding contract either. In simple terms, a student charter is a statement of *what the students can expect from the university & what the university expects in return from its students*.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has introduced a student charter common to all state universities in 2012. What we are expecting to do is develop a student charter for the UoP, using the UGC document as a guideline. The UoP has appointed a committee that comprises of one academic staff member from each of the 9 faculties for this purpose.

Prof. BMHSK Banneheka (Faculty of Dental Sciences) - Chairman

Dr. AMCPK Attanayake (Faculty of Agriculture) - Secretary

Prof. RM Mudiyanse (Faculty of Medicine)

Prof. Tilak Bandara (Faculty of Arts)

Prof. SDGSP Gunawardena (Faculty of Engineering)

Dr. VA Seneviratne (Faculty of Science)

Dr. TMIUK Tennakoon (Faculty of Allied Health Sciences)

Dr. RA Dissanayake (Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science)

Mr. TSS Fernando (Faculty of Management)

Mrs. B.N.J. Ariyaratne (AR/CQA) - Convenor

In this meeting, the committee expects your active participation and contribution, which is extremely important in developing an effective and purposeful charter. Therefore, we request you to read the aforementioned student charter produced by the UGC before the meeting in order to get a thorough understanding about the task in hand.

Please get in touch with the committee member representing your faculty if you need further clarifications.

The details of the meeting are given below;

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Time: 9.45 am

Meeting ID: 684 4666 3423

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Link: <https://learn.zoom.us/j/68446663423?pwd=b3UrK1FTSIRaaXQxMHhIQ1NjZ2J4Zz09>