

Dear Members of the University,

The Student Disciplinary Committee (SDC) has noticed that a recent social media posting and other statements, made by some members of the HKUST Students Union were inaccurate and misleading, and have created confusion in the public as well as within the HKUST community. We would like to make clarifications as follows:

1. All student misconduct cases submitted to the SDC are considered and deliberated following due process in accordance with *the Regulations for Student Conduct and Academic Integrity* (<https://acadreg.ust.hk/generalreg.html>). All subject students are given an opportunity to respond to allegations made against them and present any evidence they deem relevant to the Committee. The same policy and process have been followed by SDC consistently previously and this time.
2. The original allegations against the subject SU members related to multiple misconducts – namely misapplication of the University’s properties by using the Atrium and the Frog Road for unpermitted events, as well as unauthorized posting of materials at campus venues, despite repeated verbal and written warnings from the University.
3. While the behavior of the students in these cases may threaten other values shared within the University, the final verdict and sanctions rendered by SDC are all based on (i) violation of the instructions of the Acting Dean of Students not to hold the events because of public health concerns; and (ii) misapplication of the University’s properties. It is the University’s practice that graduated sanctions are imposed based on the proportionality consideration.
4. Students may also submit an appeal in writing against the decision of the SDC within fourteen days upon receiving the Committee’s decision. The President of HKUST or his delegate, will review the appeal. The students will be given an opportunity to explain the grounds for the appeal and present any new evidence. The decision of the appeal will be final.

We hope this would help clarify the situation.

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The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology