

# **YEDİTEPE UNIVERSITY COMMISSION FOR COMBATING ADDICTION DIRECTIVE**

## **PART ONE**

### **Purpose, Scope, Basis and Definitions**

#### **Objective**

ARTICLE 1- (1) The purpose of this Directive is to regulate the procedures and principles regarding the objectives, fields of activity, governing bodies, duties of the governing bodies and the working methods of the Yeditepe University's Commission for Combating Addiction.

#### **Scope**

ARTICLE 2- (1) This Directive covers the provisions regarding the aims, fields of activity, governing bodies, duties of the governing bodies and working style of the Yeditepe University Commission for Combating Addiction.

#### **Basis**

ARTICLE 3- (1) This Directive has been prepared based on subparagraph (2) of subparagraph (d) of the first paragraph (d) of Article 7 and Article 14 of the Higher Education Law dated 4/11/1981 and numbered 2547.

#### **Definitions**

ARTICLE 4- (1) Definitions for the following terms in this Directive are as follows;

- a) Addiction: Continued intake and use of a substance or an action despite the fact that it causes mental, physical or social problems, the inability to quit despite the desire to quit, and the inability to stop this desire,
- b) Commission: Yeditepe University Commission for Combating Addiction
- c) Commission Chairperson: Yeditepe University Vice Rector in charge of Student Affairs,
- d) Rector: Yeditepe University Rector,
- e) Senate: Yeditepe University Senate,
- f) University: Yeditepe University.

## **PART TWO**

### **Objectives and Areas of Activity of the Commission**

#### **Objectives of the Commission**

ARTICLE 5- (1) The objectives of the Commission are as follows:

- a) To work in cooperation with the relevant units, departments and divisions of the University on national actions and strategies for the problem of addiction, especially substance addiction (drugs and stimulants, alcohol, tobacco, caffeine, etc.) and behavioral addictions (digital technology, shopping, gambling, etc.), which pose a social threat and danger to human health.

- b) To work in coordination and cooperation with relevant institutions and organizations on addiction prevention issues.
- c) To raise public awareness on the fight against addiction and to ensure that research, academic studies, practices, seminars, panels and projects are carried out in this field.
- ç) To conduct organizations to bring together students, members of the society or employees with competent professionals who have applied and research experiences within the scope of combating addiction.
- d) To carry out community service practices on issues falling within the scope of the Commission's field of activity and to support these practices.
- e) To support the training of volunteers in the field of combating addiction and its implementation, to ensure the necessary coordination between units and to organize trainings when necessary.
- f) Conducting awareness raising activities and providing training to prevent addiction for risk groups in the society.
- g) To create volunteers and support groups to take part in activities to prevent addiction.
- ğ) To make contributions to prevent the development of addiction in society.
- h) To work and coordinate on creating a smoke-free airspace.

### **Areas of Activity of the Commission**

ARTICLE 6- (1) The fields of activity of the Commission are as follows

- a) Encouraging and coordinating scientific studies on combating addiction.
- b) To provide the necessary infrastructure and coordination to bring quality and quantity together in the fight against addiction.
- c) To ensure that students and all university staff and the public are educated on issues related to the Commission's fields of activity, to help the formation of public opinion (brochures, posters and the like) and to ensure scientific publications.
- d) To ensure the necessary coordination with the relevant public institutions and organizations and to contribute to the studies if the need arises.
- e) To organize congresses, conferences, symposiums, seminars, panels and similar scientific activities on the fight against addiction.

f) To cooperate, establish and develop relations with national and international organizations in line with the objectives of the Commission.

g) To ensure that social and artistic activities are organized in the fight against addiction and to cooperate with relevant organizations.

ğ) To work for the creation of a smoke-free airspace.

j) To perform other duties to be assigned by the Rector and authorized boards in line with the objectives of the Commission.

## **PART THREE**

### **Governing Bodies and Duties of the Commission**

#### **Governing Bodies of the Commission**

ARTICLE 7- (1) The governing bodies of the Commission are as follows:

- a) Chairperson of the Commission.
- b) Commission Members.

#### **Chair of the Commission**

ARTICLE 8- (1) The Chair of the Commission is the Vice Rector responsible for student affairs. As long as the Vice Rector continues to serve his/her office, the duty of commission chairmanship continues. The Commission Chair is responsible to the Rector.

#### **Duties of the Commission Chair**

ARTICLE 9- (1) The duties of the Chair of the Commission are as follows:

- a) To represent the Commission.
- b) To call and chair the meetings of the Commission members and approve the meeting agenda.
- c) To implement the decisions taken within the framework of the provisions of this Directive.
- ç) To submit the annual work plan and annual activity report prepared by the Commission in cooperation with other units to the Rector.
- d) To ensure the necessary coordination and supervision of the Commission.
- e) To perform other duties assigned under the provisions of the relevant legislation.

Commission

ARTICLE 10- (1) It consists of the members of the Commission for Combatting Addiction.

(2) To convene at least twice a year upon the call of the Chair of the Commission for Combatting Addiction.

(3) The members are appointed by the Rector upon the recommendation of the Commission Chair among the academic and administrative staff.

(4) The term of office of the Commission members is 3 years. Members whose term expires can be reappointed. In place of the members who leave before the end of their term, new ones are appointed by the same method to complete their remaining terms.

(5) The Commission convenes extraordinarily when necessary upon the invitation of the Chair of the Commission by absolute majority and decisions are taken by majority of votes. Votes shall be given as acceptance or rejection. In case of equality of votes, the vote cast by the Chair of the Commission shall be deemed to be the majority.

### **Duties of the Commission Members**

ARTICLE 11- (1) The duties of the members of the Commission are as follows:

a) a) Participating in studies in line with the purpose and duties of the Commission, evaluating the studies and reporting them when necessary.

b) To evaluate the work carried out and to make recommendations.

c) To participate in the decisions necessary for the Commission to work effectively and efficiently.

ç) To contribute to determining the principles of cooperation with national and international institutions and organizations.

d) To participate in the working groups and commissions required for the work of the Commission.

e) To contribute to the preparation of the annual activity report.

f) To perform other duties assigned under the provisions of the relevant legislation.

g) To contribute to ensuring cooperation between relevant organizations and to make recommendations on the activities of the Commission.

## **SECTION FOUR**

### **Miscellaneous and Final Provisions**

#### **Working Units and Duties**

ARTICLE 12- (1) Permanent or temporary working units such as projects, publications, field researches, public relations may be established in order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the activities related to the working subjects of the Commission. The working units consist of relevant personnel from the University assigned to plan, coordinate and carry out the activities under the responsibility of the head of the working unit or a member of the Coordination Board.

(2) Working units shall be established upon the proposal of the Chair of the Commission and the approval of the Rector, shall convene under the chairmanship of the head of the relevant working unit or the person appointed by the Rector upon the proposal of the Chair of the Commission and shall make recommendations to the Commission regarding the work carried out. The members of the working units are appointed by the Rector for the periods stipulated by the Commission. The Chair of the Commission monitors and supervises the activities of the working units.

The term of office of a member of the working unit whose term of office has expired may be extended upon the proposal of the Chair of the Commission and the approval of the Rector.

#### **Situations where there is no provision**

ARTICLE 13- (1) In cases where there are no provisions in this Directive, the provisions of other relevant legislation and the decisions of the Senate are applied.

#### **Effectiveness**

ARTICLE 14- (1) This Directive comes into force on the date of its publication.

#### **Execution**

ARTICLE 15- (1) The provisions of this Directive shall be executed by the Rector of Yeditepe University.