MEMORANDUM

FOR: **ALL CONCERNED**

SUBJECT: **QCU POLICY ON WATER DISCHARGE GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS**

DATE: **September 16, 2025**

Quezon City University (QCU) is committed to upholding water quality in order to protect ecosystems, wildlife, and human health and welfare. In line with national regulations and sustainability objectives, all water discharges within the University shall comply with the following guidelines and standards:

1. Compliance with Standards
All wastewater and effluent generated from laboratories, canteens, restrooms, and other campus facilities must conform to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Water Quality Guidelines and General Effluent Standards (DAO 2016-08), including prescribed limits for pH, temperature, biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), total suspended solids (TSS), and other regulated parameters.

2. Segregation and Pre-Treatment
Wastewater containing hazardous substances, such as laboratory chemicals or cleaning agents, must be segregated and pre-treated prior to discharge. Hazardous effluents shall not be mixed with domestic sewage and must be disposed of in accordance with the University's Hazardous Waste Management Policy and RA 6969 (Toxic Substances and Hazardous Waste Control Act).

3. Prohibition of Untreated Discharges
The direct discharge of untreated wastewater, oils, grease, or toxic substances into drainage systems, water bodies, or public sewers is strictly prohibited. Unauthorized disposal shall be subject to administrative sanctions, in addition to applicable legal penalties.

4. Monitoring and Compliance
QCU shall establish a regular monitoring system for water discharges to ensure compliance with effluent standards. Records shall be maintained and made available to regulatory agencies, including the DENR, when required.

5. Education and Awareness
Faculty, staff, concessionaires, and students shall be oriented on proper water discharge practices. All laboratories and food establishments within the University are required to maintain logbooks for water use and discharge practices.

Through this policy, QCU affirms its commitment to sustainable water management and the protection of public health and ecosystems. This initiative contributes directly to SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), SDG 14 (Life Below Water), and SDG 15 (Life on Land).

For strict compliance.

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