

RULING

The defendant is a student of the MBA program at the Coller School of Management. In the course "Technology Ventures" (course no. 1238-3604), in which the student was enrolled, a writing assignment was given to the defendant. The defendant handed in an assignment following which; the University initiated disciplinary proceeding against the defendant contending that a substantial part of said assignment had been copied contrary to the rules of conduct.

After an initial hearing before the Disciplinary Tribunal, the defendant concluded a plea-bargain with and the prosecutor, according to which:

1/ The above mentioned course will be cancelled and not counted in the defendant's course-load.

2/ The defendant is banned from studies at the Tel Aviv University during the first semester of the academic year 2019-2020, However, the defendant can relieve himself of this ban if he carries out (volunteers) 40 (forty) hours of community service as authorized and supervised by the competent authorities at the Tel Aviv University. Consequently, if said community service is done during the summer of 2019, then the student will be allowed to resume his studies at the University during the first semester of the academic year 2019-2020.

3/ In addition to the above mentioned ban, should a misconduct (by the defendant) recur, in the future, then the defendant shall automatically be banned from studies at the Tel Aviv University for a period spanning two consecutive semesters. This potential ban shall remain in effect for a period of two years.

In light of this, I affirm the plea-bargain and decree that the respondent:

- Be disqualified from the said course that is the subject of this complaint – namely course: "Technology Ventures" (course no. 1238-3604).

- Carry out the community service as mentioned above as a pre-condition to return to his studies at the University. Otherwise, the ban mentioned above for the first semester of the academic year 2019-2020 shall apply automatically.
- Without derogating from the above, should a misconduct (by the defendant) recur, in the future, then the defendant shall be automatically be banned from studies at the Tel Aviv University for a period of two consecutive semesters. This potential ban shall remain in effect and apply for a period of two years commencing on the day of this ruling.

This Decision in File D/28/2019 is rendered this Thursday, the 18th of July, 2019, in the absence of the parties.

This Decision will be published without mention of the student's name.

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Deputy Commissioner of Discipline