Definitions and Abbreviations

The Definitions and Abbreviations used in the policies and procedures have the following meanings, unless otherwise indicated in the text:

- **Academic Council**: University Academic Council; makes decisions and recommendations on academic matters that determine the manner in which UAEU achieves its mission.

- **Academic Year**: A one-year period established annually in the official University calendar.

- **Assistant Dean**: Assistant Dean for Research and Graduate Studies.

- **CGS**: The College of Graduate Studies.

- **Chancellor**: The Chancellor of the United Arab Emirates University.

- **CMHS**: College of Medicine and Health Sciences.

- **Department**: An Academic Department within a College or the Executive Committee of an Interdisciplinary/Multidisciplinary Program.

- **Faculty Member**: Professors, Associate Professors, and Assistant Professors.

- **GPA**: Grade Point Average, a calculated value representing the student’s academic performance for a specific period of time.

- **Law**: Federal Law No. (4) for 1976 on the Establishment and Organization of the UAE University.

- **Manual**: A policies and procedures manual is a functional guide for conducting the operations of a division or a department. The manual typically consists of policies, procedures and signatory authority matrix.

- **Policy**: A definite course or method of action to guide and determine present and future decisions. A policy is a guide to decision-making under a given set of circumstances within the framework of corporate objectives, goals and management philosophies.

- **Procedure**: A particular way of accomplishing something, or an established way of doing things. A procedure is an approved series of steps followed in a definite regular order that ensures the consistent and repetitive approach to actions.

- **Professional graduate program**: A post-baccalaureate degree that prepares students for a particular profession by emphasizing skills and practical analysis over research.

- **Provost**: The Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Provost.

- **Registrar**: Dean, Admission and Registration Deanship.

- **Students**: Male and female Students.

- **UAE**: The United Arab Emirates.

- **University, or UAEU**: The United Arab Emirates University.

- **University Community**: All UAEU faculty members, staff, and students.

- **Vice Chancellor**: The Vice Chancellor of the United Arab Emirates University.