

# KIBOGORA POLYTECHNIC



## COMMERCIAL POLICY

The Purposes of the Institution, as defined in the Governance Manual (b)(d)(f), include the dissemination of knowledge, the enhancement of the Western Province and to contribute to the search for solutions to other issues relating to regional and national development.

The timeline for development of the full Commercial Policy of the institution is by 2016-17, in line with application for full university status.

From that point the university expects to play its full role in the commercial output of Rwandan Higher Learning Institutions, with particular focus on the application of knowledge in the Western Province through educational programs, short awards, entrepreneurship support, training and consultancy activities. The university will have a full commercial infrastructure with a Commercial Director, Office for Commercial Affairs and an entrepreneurship program consistent with the size and mentorship capabilities of the institution. The overseas support which is a key feature of Kibogora Polytechnic will be critical in establishing critical mass of capability in this regard.

Therefore this statement briefly summarises the interim commercial policy for the teaching growth phase 2013-16.

1. The university recognises the importance of application of the knowledge base and the key role of the institution in supporting the means by which this will be achieved.
2. The university recognises the value of commercial activity in supplementing tuition fee income to support the staff base and activity of the institution.
3. The university recognises that it has a key role in the application of research and good practice for the economic and social enhancement of the Western Province of Rwanda.
4. The university will provide adequate ICT and library infrastructure to support commercial exploitation by staff and students.
5. All academic and administrative staff will be encouraged to develop commercial awareness skills in order to be relevant to employers and entrepreneurs in the region.
6. Each faculty will ensure they have a portfolio of commercial capability including short course and in-company programs for skills and expertise development, and a contact point for commercial enquiries.
7. The university will promote the commercial offering to external organisations through the website and by personal communication.

8. Ethical issues in commercial activity will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the faculty Board set up in each faculty by the Dean. The subcommittee will report to the Dean, whose decisions on the appropriateness of commercial proposals will be final.
9. Commercial activity will be monitored on an annual basis and featured in the annual report.



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