User stories

Students / students

Card S1

Front

Title: Student registration & secure login

As a: Student

I want: to register and securely log in

So that: I can submit and track complaints

Back

Acceptance Criteria: Campus email registration, password, email verification, forgot-password via email.

Tests: Sign-up → email verification → login; wrong password shows error; reset flow works.

Alternative Flows:

- Al: Invalid email → show "Enter a valid campus email."
- A2: Duplicate account → show "User already exists."
- A3: Email verification expired → "Verification expired. Resend link?"
- **A4:** System error during registration → "Registration failed. Retry later."

Card S2

Front

Title: Submit complaint

As a: student

I want: to submit a complaint So that: my issue is recorded

Back

Acceptance Criteria: The student must be logged in before submitting. All required fields such as title, description, and category must be filled. Once submitted, the system should generate a unique complaint ID along with a timestamp.

Tests:

Submit valid complaint \rightarrow complaint recorded with ID and timestamp. Missing required field \rightarrow show validation error.

Alternative Flows:

- Al: Missing title/description → show field-specific validation message.
- A2: Network or server error → "Failed to submit complaint. Retry later."
- A3: Duplicate complaint detection → "Possible duplicate continue/cancel?"

Card S3

Front

Title: Attach evidence (images/videos/docs)

As a: student

I want: to upload files with my complaint

So that: handlers can see supporting evidence

Back

Acceptance Criteria: Accept common formats (jpg/png/mp4/pdf), total size limits, preview supported, secure storage.

Tests: Upload valid/oversize/invalid file; preview renders; download link works.

Alternative Flows:

- Al: Unsupported file type → "File type not supported."
- A2: File exceeds size limit → "File too large. Reduce size or upload smaller files."
- A3: Upload interrupted → resume/retry option.

Card S4

Front

Title: Submit anonymously

As a: student

I want: to switch anonymity when submitting So that: I can report sensitive issues safely

Back

Acceptance Criteria: The student must be logged in to submit a complaint. If the

student chooses to submit anonymously, their identity should not be visible to regular handlers. The system should still keep the identity securely stored in encrypted form so that only authorized auditors with proper justification can access it. The interface should clearly indicate when a complaint is being submitted anonymously.

Tests:

Submit anonymously → handler view shows "Anonymous."
Admin audit access → encrypted identity is shown with log entry.

Alternative Flows:

- **A1:** User mistakenly switches anonymity → provides confirmation before submission.
- **A2:** Request requires mandatory identity (e.g., criminal allegation) → block anonymous submission and explain.
- A3: Storage encryption failure → "Cannot submit anonymously right now. Retry later."

Card S5

Front

Title: Upvote / community endorsement

As a: user

I want: to upvote complaints
So that: popular issues surface

Back

Acceptance Criteria: One upvote per authenticated user per complaint, upvote count displayed, unauthenticated users prompted to sign in, anti-spam rate limits enforced.

Tests: Upvote → count increments; revoke → decrements; unauthenticated try → sign-in prompt.

Alternative Flows:

• Al: Network error → "Vote not recorded. Retry."

Card S6

Front

Title: Post-resolution feedback & rating

As a: student

I want: to rate and comment after closure

So that: committees can measure satisfaction

Back

Acceptance Criteria: Prompt after resolution; 1–5 rating + optional comment; feedback respects anonymity; aggregated into dashboard metrics.

Tests: Resolved complaint → feedback prompt; submit rating updates analytics.

Alternative Flows:

- Al: User skips feedback → no rating stored.
- **A2:** Anonymous feedback required but user opted identified → keep student identity per privacy rules.
- **A3:** Invalid rating value → validation error.
- A4: Feedback server error → "Failed to submit feedback. Retry later."

Card S7

Front

Title: Campus-wide public statistics

As a: user

I want: to view anonymized campus stats

So that: I have transparency on issues and outcomes

Back

Acceptance Criteria: Aggregated stats, top categories, trending complaints, time filtering, exportable summary.

Tests: Public dashboard shows totals and trends; no PII visible; filters work.

Alternative Flows:

• Al: No complaints in range → show "No data for selected period."

Card S8

Front

Title: User-friendly UI & onboarding

As a: first time user

I want: an intuitive interface and quick onboarding hints

So that: I can use the system without training

Back

Acceptance Criteria: Responsive layout, clear navigation, first-time hints/tours, basic accessibility (keyboard focus, alt text).

Tests: New user sees onboarding modal; accessibility checks pass basic rules.

Alternative Flows:

• Al: User skips onboarding → provide "Help" access in header.

Committee members / Handlers / Convener

Card C1

Front

Title: Automatic routing to a committee

As a: system

I want: complaints routed to the right handler automatically

So that: response time improves

Back

Acceptance Criteria: When a student submits a complaint, the system should automatically send it to the correct committee or handler based on its category. If needed, an admin or handler should be able to change the assignment. Every routing action should be recorded for tracking purposes.

Tests:

Submit complaint → verify routed handler matches rules. Manual reassign → confirm new assignment is saved.

- Al: No handler available for category → route to fallback/default handler.
- A2: Routing rule conflict → notify admin and hold complaint.

• A3: Routing service failure → "Routing unavailable. Please assign manually."

Card C2

Front

Title: View & manage assigned complaints

As a: committee member

I want: to view my committee's complaints and act on them

So that: I can resolve issues

Back

Acceptance Criteria: List/filter/search by status/priority/upvotes; view complaint details & attachments; change status, add internal/external comments, assign tasks. **Tests:** Handler logs in → sees assigned list; changes status → timeline updated.

Alternative Flows:

- Al: Attachment fails to load → show placeholder and retry action.
- **A2:** If two handlers edit the complaint at the same time, show a warning that another person has already made changes.
- A3: Insufficient permission for action → "You cannot perform this action."

Card C3

Front

Title: Email notifications for key events

As a: student / Handler / Admin

I want: email alerts for submit/assignment/resolution

So that: I'm informed of important updates

Back

Acceptance Criteria: Notifications are sent based on settings, use a set template, allow users to turn them off.

Tests: Trigger events → appropriate recipients receive templated email; opt-out respected.

Alternative Flows:

• Al: Invalid email on profile → bounce and notify admin.

• A2: Notification spam threshold reached → Limit how many messages are sent and keep a record of them.

Card C4

Front

Title: Department/committee analytics dashboard

As a: committee member

I want: department-level metrics (counts, average resolution time)

So that: I can monitor performance

Back

Acceptance Criteria: Graphs/tables for counts, backlog, avg time-to-resolve, filters by date/category, export to PDF.

Tests: Dashboard displays correct aggregates for date ranges; exports match displayed data.

Alternative Flows:

- Al: No data for selected filters → show "No results."
- **A2:** Export timed out → retry or provide partial export.
- A3: Access denied for non-committee member → "You cannot view this dashboard."

Card C5

Front

Title: Generate monthly committee reports (Convener)

As a: convener

I want: pre-built monthly reports for HMC/CMC

So that: I can submit reports to the Dean

Back

Acceptance Criteria: Report template includes received/resolved counts, avg resolution time, pending items; exportable PDF; publish option.

Tests: Generate month → PDF matches dashboard; published report marked in

history.

Alternative Flows:

- Al: Missing mandatory fields in template → prompt to fill.
- A2: Report generation error → "Failed to generate report. Retry later."
- A3: Partial data due to delayed ingestion → show warning and timestamp.

Card C6

Front

Title: Escalation workflow & deadline alerts

As a: Committee member / Admin

I want: automatic escalation when complaint deadlines are close or missed

So that: critical issues receive attention

Back

Acceptance Criteria: A deadline is defined for each complaint category; when the deadline is near or missed, alerts are sent to handlers/admins; escalation happens automatically with logs and notifications.

Tests: Create a complaint with a short deadline → alerts and escalation trigger as expected.

Alternative Flows:

- Al: Handler unavailable → escalate to next level authority.
- A2: Deadline rule misconfigured + notify admin to fix.
- A3: Alert not delivered → fallback to email.

Card C7

Front

Title: Search & bulk actions for handlers/admins

As a: Handler / Admin

I want: to search complaints and perform bulk operations

So that: I can process many items quickly

Back

Acceptance Criteria: Search by ID/status/keyword/attachment; select multiple

results; bulk assign/close/export with confirmations.

Tests: Multi-select → bulk assign updates selected items; search returns relevant hits.

Alternative Flows:

- Al: Bulk action partially fails → show per-item failure list and retry options.
- A2: Insufficient permission on some items → skip those and report which are available.
- A3: Search timed out → suggest narrower query.

Card C8

Front

Title: Privacy-preserving public report publishing

As a: Convener / Admin

I want: to publish public reports that hide personal information

So that: transparency is balanced with privacy

Back

Acceptance Criteria: Reports automatically remove personal information before publishing; approval is required; publish history is recorded.

Tests: Generate a public report → confirm no personal information is shown; approval is needed to publish.

- Al: Attempt to publish with personal information → block and show how to fix.
- **A2:** Approver unavailable → send to alternate approver.
- A3: Automatic removal misses some info → allow manual removal with audit log.
- A4: Publish fails → "Publish failed. Retry later."

Admins / Auditors

Note: admin cards numbered sequentially A1–A7 as in your prior version; content unchanged.

Card Al

Front

Title: Committee/Admin registration & secure login

As a: Admin / Committee member

I want: an elevated signup with extra security

So that: sensitive access is protected

Back

Acceptance Criteria: When creating a new admin or committee account, a role is assigned and admin approval is required. Accounts for privileged roles must have extra security (like a second verification step). All role assignments are logged.

Tests: Admin creates a committee member → role assigned; extra security enforced where required.

Alternative Flows:

- Al: Signup without required details → validation error.
- **A2:** Admin approval denied → "Account creation denied."
- A3: Extra security setup fails → allow temporary bypass with higher verification and log.
- A4: Duplicate admin account → "Account exists; contact support."

Card A2

Front

Title: Status timeline & audit trail **As a:** student / Handler / Admin

I want: to see a timestamped timeline of actions

So that: I know who did what and when

Back

Acceptance Criteria: All status changes, assignments, comments, and important operations logged with actor and timestamp; logs immutable and exportable for audits.

Tests: Make changes → timeline entries created; export audit log for a complaint.

Alternative Flows:

- Al: Audit export fails → "Export error. Retry later."
- A2: If someone tries to tamper with a record → lock it and notify security.
- A3: If a removal is requested → handle it through the approved legal workflow.

Card A3

Front

Title: Admin dashboard — system management

As a: Admin

I want: a central panel to manage users, roles, and complaints

So that: I can maintain and operate the system

Back

Acceptance Criteria: Admins can add, edit, and remove users, departments, and roles; search and export complaints; view audit logs; and access maintenance tools. **Tests:** Create or edit a user → role changes are applied; verify role-based access works correctly.

Alternative Flows:

- **Al:** Admin lacks permission for an action → show permission error.
- **A2:** Dashboard data is outdated → show last-updated timestamp and allow refresh.

Card A4

Front

Title: NLP model lifecycle & tuning (Admin)

As a: Admin / ML owner

I want: to manage and tune the auto-categorization model

So that: routing accuracy improves over time

Back

Acceptance Criteria: Model versioning, retraining schedule, confidence threshold control, rollbacks, monitoring of precision/recall.

Tests: Deploy new model → monitor metrics; simulate low-confidence → fallback to manual triage.

Alternative Flows:

• Al: New model underperforms -> automated rollback to previous version.

Card A5

Front

Title: Audit logs & compliance reporting

As a: Admin / Auditor

I want: secure audit logs and reports

So that: compliance requirements are met

Back

Acceptance Criteria: All important actions like login, data access, role changes, and decryption are recorded in logs that cannot be changed. Logs can be exported with filters for date or type, and old logs are kept according to a retention policy.

Tests: Simulate data access → log entry is created; export logs for a selected time range.

Alternative Flows:

- Al: Export too large → provide chunked export or async job.
- **A2:** Required log missing → flag for investigation.
- A3: Unauthorized audit log access attempt → alert security.
- **A4:** Retention policy change → apply to future logs only.

Card A6

Front

Title: Manage notification templates

As a: Admin

I want: to create and manage email templates

So that: messages sent are consistent and controlled

Back

Acceptance Criteria: Admins can create and edit templates for different events,

limit how often messages are sent, prevent unwanted recipients, and preview messages before sending.

Tests: Edit a template → preview shows changes; sending limits work to prevent repeated messages.

Alternative Flows:

- Al: Template contains invalid placeholder → show validation error.
- A2: Template save fails → "Failed to save templates. Retry later."

Card A7

Front

Title: Bulk export & data portability

As a: Admin / Convener

I want: to export complaint data for offline analysis

So that: I can prepare reports and audits

Back

Acceptance Criteria: Export filters by date/department/status; PDF formats.

Tests: Request export → job queued → downloadable file delivered.

- Al: Export request missing permissions → "You cannot export this data.
- **A2:** Export job fails → "Export failed. Retry."
- A3: Partial export due to quota → deliver partial file with warning.
- **A4:** Data format change requested → provide schema mapping.

DevOps / System

Card D1

Front

Title: Auto-categorization suggestion on submit **As a:** System (benefits submitters & handlers)

I want: the system to suggest a department/category using NLP

So that: complaints route faster and reduce manual triage

Back

Acceptance Criteria: NLP suggests category with confidence score; low-confidence flagged for manual review; user/handler editable suggestion.

Tests: Sample inputs produce suggestions; low confidence triggers manual queue.

Alternative Flows:

- Al: Low confidence → present "Suggest manual category" and queue.
- A2: Suggestion wrong → handler overrides and correction logged for retraining.
- A3: NLP inference latency high → show "Suggestion may take longer" spinner.
- A4: Model API down → skip suggestion and mark for later processing.

Card D2

Front

Title: Logging, metrics & alerts

As a: Admin

I want: centralized logs and metrics with alerts So that: we detect and respond to issues quickly

Back

Acceptance Criteria: Central log store (with retention), dashboards for latency/errors, alerting on thresholds, incident runbooks.

Tests: Simulate error → alert triggers; logs searchable for trace.

- Al: Log ingestion throttled → sample logs and alert on loss.
- **A2:** Alert storms → automated suppression and dedupe.

- A3: Dashboard access denied → "You cannot view this dashboard.
- **A4:** Metrics delayed → show last-sample timestamp warning.

Card D3

Front

Title: Protection of Sensitive Data

As a: Developer / Admin

I want: sensitive complaints and user data (like names, emails, anonymous

complaints) to be stored securely and transmitted safely.

So that: privacy is maintained and unauthorized access is prevented.

Back

Acceptance Criteria: All complaint/user data is encrypted in DB; all API communication uses HTTPS; anonymous complaints stay masked in reports; DB access is restricted by role.

Tests: Verify encrypted fields in DB; check all API calls use HTTPS; confirm anonymous complaints remain masked; attempt unauthorized access is blocked and logged.

- Al: Encryption fails → block new submissions.
- **A2:** Unauthorized access attempt → log and alert admin.
- **A3:** Anonymization fails → block report generation.

General / All users

Card G1

Front

Title: Help & support channels (in-app)

As a: Any user

I want: quick access to help docs and contact support

So that: I can resolve issues and ask questions

Back

Acceptance Criteria: In-app help center/FAQ, contextual help links, contact form creating support ticket routed to queue with SLA, searchable knowledge base.

Tests: Open help → view articles; submit support ticket → assigned to support queue and get ticket ID.

- Al: Help article not found → show fallback contact form.
- A2: Support queue full → auto-reply with estimated SLA and escalation option.
- A3: Attachment included in support ticket fails to upload → allow email-to-support alternative.
- A4: User requests data deletion via support → route to admin data-privacy workflow.