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CIRCULAR

Sub:	Retention of original documents and refund of fees in case student leaves after joining the course.
Ref:	 Public notice of University Grants Commission F.No-1-3/2007 (CCP-II) dated: 23/04/2007 and reminder dated: 11/01/2016 Letter D.O.No.F.1-3/2007(CPP-II) dated: 5/05/2016
	 3. Hon'ble High court of Karnataka in WP.No-1054/2014 dated: 14/03/2014. 4. Letter dated: 16/12/2023

Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences is receiving several complaints from the student and their parents about the difficulties they fase in getting back their original documents on the ground that the students have to clear arrears of payments of fees etc. There are also complaints that the colleges are refusing to refund the fees in case student leaves after joining the course. The students and their parents represent to the University to intervene in these cases on their behalf.

In this context, the University is constrained to draw the attention of the colleges to the references cited above. In the public notice University Grant commission cited under reference, the commission has expressed the view that 'the institutions/University by way of retaining the certificate in original, force retention of admitted student which limits the opportunities for the candidates for exercising other options of joining other institutions of their choice. However, it would not be permissible for institutions and Universities to retain the school/institution Leaving certificate, marks sheet, caste certificate and other documents in original. The commission along with Human Resource Development has detailed the procedure to be adopted by the institutions under these circumstances.

Hon'ble High court of Karnataka in the reference cited above, has ordered that the college is not justified in withholding the testimonials of the student on the ground that she has failed to pay the fees which she was bound to pay. The Hon'ble court has felt that if any such. Obligation is present on the part of the student; it is open for the college to recover the same by means known to law. The Hon'ble court further added that it is not open for the institutions to "blackmail" as it were, to pay the fees by withholding the original documents.

In view of the above, it is advised to the Principals of all affiliated colleges of this University to follow the guidelines issued by the University Grants Commission and facilitate the students to leave their institution whenever they wish to, by returning the original documents and refund the fees wherever due without any undue delay and avoid situation that compels the students/parents to seek the intervention of University/Commission/court etc.

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