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## UGC Circulars to be rescinded

By letter dated 15.10.2012 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, Secretary to the President had requested to revisit, amend and / or rescind, if appropriate, certain Commission Circulars / Circular Letters as per the discussion held between the Government headed by Hon. Basil Rajapaksa, Minister of Economic Development, Hon. S B Dissanayake, Minister of Higher Education and FUTA with a view to create a conducive environment in the universities. Accordingly, the University Grants Commission appointed a Sub Committee, to review the said Circulars/Establishment Circular Letters mentioned by the FUTA.

The report submitted by the above Committee was placed before the Commission at its 861<sup>st</sup> Meeting held on 12.11.2012. The Commission approved the recommendations made therein.

Accordingly,

- the Commission letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2010 on Unauthorised entrance of Media to the premises of Universities/Higher Educational Institutions is hereby withdrawn.
- Commission Circular No. 956 of 03<sup>rd</sup> May 2011 on Clarification regarding the position of the Head of Department of Study in Universities, Campuses and the Heads of Departments in Higher Educational Institutions has already been withdrawn by Commission Letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

Establishment Circular Letter No. 10/2011 of 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011 on the same subject too is hereby rescinded.

- Commission Circular No. 991 of 6<sup>th</sup> August 2012 on UGC Nominees appointed to serve on the Selection Committees is hereby rescinded.

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- (d) Commission Circular No. 896 of 8<sup>th</sup> July 2008 on Sabbatical leave to Teachers and Officers.

Paragraph 2 (a) of the Circular is amended to read as follows;

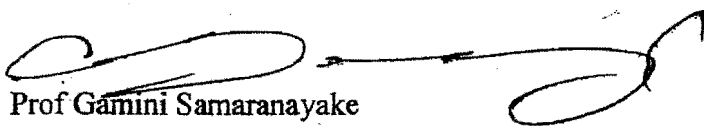
'Letter/Letters of Placement or a personal letter of intent stating the purpose of leave for the entire period should be submitted by the applicant along with the request for sabbatical leave.'

- (e) Provisions of Commission Circular No. 959 of 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011 on Granting of study leave to Teachers should be made effective only for those who are recruited after the effective date of the Circular.

Arising from this, it was decided to re-designate the Post of Lecturer (Transitional) grade as Senior Lecturer (Transitional)

- (f) The Commission decided that there is no reason to rescind the Circular No. 890 of 7<sup>th</sup> June 2007 on Trade Union Action. It was noted that the Supreme Court did not grant leave to proceed when the validity of this circular was challenged before the Supreme Court by a Trade Union.
- (g) The Commission decided to refer the issues raised with regard to Commission Circular No. 805 of 10<sup>th</sup> July 2002 on Utilization of income derived from violation of agreements and bonds entered into with universities by teachers who have gone on study leave for observations of the General Treasury.
- (h) The Commission decided to refer the issues raised with regard to Commission Circular No. 955 of 28<sup>th</sup> April 2011 on Reckoning of allowances for the purpose of computation of Universities Provident Fund, Employees Trust Fund and Payment of Gratuity and Commission Circular No. 990 of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012 on Payment of Research Allowance for Academic Staff who are on Study Leave to the General Treasury and the Commissioner General of Labour for approval.

Submitted for information.

  
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