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## **SUBJECT: REPORT ON COMPLAINT OF PLAGIARISM AGAINST THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, KFUEIT**

A complaint of plagiarism was received from Mr. Farukh Iqbal, PhD candidate at RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia alleging that his Master's thesis data was plagiarized by the Vice Chancellor, of Khwaja Fareed University of Engineering & Information Technology (KFUEIT).

In order to review the matter, as provided in the policy, a committee of experts was constituted. A series of meetings of the Committee of Experts were held. The Committee provided the opportunity of presenting the case to both parties and after reviewing all the documents, made the following recommendations.

- The available evidence was reviewed and the written statement of the Vice Chancellor, (KFUEIT) was received that he was not aware of the publication and his name was added without his consent. He approached the editor of the Journal for retraction of the alleged paper and the retraction was done on his request. The committee found nothing contrary to what he has presented in his letter/ written statement. Therefore, he was not found responsible for the publication of the alleged plagiarized paper.
- The committee firmly established that the paper was plagiarized, and the source of the data is the thesis which is submitted by Mr. Numair to the University of Gujrat. It was established that thesis is completely plagiarized as claimed by Mr. Farukh Iqbal. The Plagiarized paper has been retracted and is no more part of the literature. Moreover, the Vice Chancellor has not taken any benefit based on the alleged paper.
- Since this the complaint was against the Vice Chancellor, (KFUEIT) and the committee after detail deliberation and investigation did not find him responsible for the said plagiarized paper and recommend no penalty against him.

  
(Zafar Ali Sial)

1. **Mr. Farukh Iqbal,**  
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2. **The Vice Chancellor**  
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