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Subject: Report on Complaint of Plagiarism against the Vice Chancellor, KFUEIT Rahim Yar Khan

This is with reference to your letter dated 30th October, 2025 wherein the request is made for provision of an update on the status of the appeal filed by Mr. Farrukh Iqbal for further action in this matter.

2. *It is apprised that the Higher Education Commission constituted an Expert Committee to review the plagiarism complaint against Prof. Dr. Suleman Tahir, former Vice Chancellor, KFUEIT. The Committee undertook a thorough and diligent examination of the complete record, including the complaint, responses, and the earlier committee report, and held five detailed meetings in this regard. Throughout this extensive process, both the complainant and the accused were invited to submit written statements and were also given full opportunity to be heard.*
3. *After detailed scrutiny of the theses, retracted research papers, and all supporting evidence, the Committee concluded that plagiarism was established, as significant portions of the published material were found to originate from the thesis of Mr. Farrukh Iqbal. In accordance with the HEC Anti-Plagiarism Policy (Minor Penalty), the Committee recommended the imposition of the following penalties on all authors:*
 - (i) *issuance of a warning, and*
 - (ii) *debarment from supervision of postgraduate students for a period of three years.*
4. *The matter has accordingly been finalized by the Commission in line with the Committee's recommendations. A detailed report is **attached** & shared with your office for record and further information.*

With kind regards


(Afeefa Irshad)

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- Secretary to Chancellor/Governor Punjab.
- PS to Consultant, QAA/QAD, Higher Education Commission, H-9, Islamabad.
- PS to Vice Chancellor, Khwaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology, (KFUEIT), Rahim Yar Khan.
- PS to Vice Chancellor, University of Gujrat, Gujrat City.
- Mr. Farrukh Iqbal (Former PhD at RMIT University, Melbourne)
- Mr. Suleman Tahir (Former Vice-Chancellor Khwaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology, (KFUEIT), Rahim Yar Khan.
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