

5. Perusal of the record reveals that the petitioner has been expelled from the Riphah International University, Islamabad by respondents No.2 & 3 vide impugned letter dated 27.03.2019, wherein the petitioner was student of Master of Science in Engineering Management, Faculty of Management Sciences (FMS), which was near to completion. I have gone through the complaint filed by respondent No.4/Tayyaba Mushtaq, in which she has alleged the creation of fake account on face book by the petitioner to defame her

in her family and friends. The matter was inquired and an Inquiry Committee was constituted, even explanation has been called from the petitioner, whereby the petitioner has taken the stance that all the acquisitions are false rather it has been stated before this Court that disciplinary action is required against respondent No.4. The respondents university has taken specific stance that the university has adopted policy guidelines notified by HEC against sexual harassment and all necessary steps have been taken, whereby the petitioner and his father have extended explanation in writing and participated in the disciplinary proceedings, even appeal has been filed by the petitioner before Vice Chancellor, which was also dismissed and the university has found both the petitioner and respondent No.4 in activities against the rules and regulations of the university as a result whereof admission of both the students have been cancelled.

6. The record of university reflects that they have cancelled the admission of both the students only on the ground that *“the current strained relationship between the two is likely to create ugly scene on the campus if they are allowed to continue”*. The said view was given by the committee of five senior professors.

7. While considering the above position of record, it is trite law that the universities have their independent authority to regulate its internal affairs and Courts should not interfere with the policy matters of the educational institutions. Reliance is placed upon *2011 SCMR 1021 (Muhammad Ishfaq Ahmed Sial vs. Bahauddin Zakariya University)*, *PLD 2006 SC 564 (Syeda Muhammad Arif vs. University of Balochistan)*, *2015 SCMR 445 (Government College University, Lahore vs. Syeda Fiza Abbas)*, *2016 SCMR 134 (University of Health Science, Lahore vs. Arslan Ali)* & *2005 SCMR 961 (Muhammad Ilyas vs. Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan)*.

8. Besides the above referred legal position, learned counsel for the respondents university under the instructions of the university authorities has made categorical stance that the university authorities are willing to issue the results and credit hours, which have been achieved by the petitioner for his future admission in order to utilize the same for future studies but despite the said offer, the petitioner has refused the same. In the given circumstances, this Court considers that fair opportunity of hearing has already been given to the petitioner as well as to respondent No.4, necessary steps have been taken, even inquiry committee has given proper hearing to the petitioner and

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requirements of Article 10-A of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 have been complied with.

9. In view of above discussion, the instant writ petition bears no merits, therefore, the same stands **dismissed**. The petitioner may receive the certificates of his passed subject for utilization of his credit hours from the respondents university for his future admission in other university, which will be issued by the respondents university within 15 days from the date of receipt of copy of this judgment.

(MOHSIN AKHTAR KAYANI)
JUDGE

R.Anjam