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**Election of Deans of Faculties and Appointment of Heads of Departments of Universities under the Purview of the UGC**

The Commission, at its 1160<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 03/12/2025, noted that the Cabinet of Ministers, at its meeting on 11/06/2025, decided to publish the amendments proposed to the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978, as amended, for the election of Deans of the Faculties and the appointment of Heads of Departments of the universities in the government gazette to present them to Parliament for approval, and they have been tabled in Parliament on December 3, 2025.

Accordingly, the Commission, at its 1160<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 03/12/2025 decided to inform all universities and Higher Educational Institutions/institutes to postpone any arrangements or actions on the election of Deans of Faculties and the appointment of Heads of Departments until further notice.

This decision was taken by the Commission to give more opportunities for academics to be involved in administrative activities and to select the most suitable candidate for such positions.

The respective Council may make appropriate acting arrangements if the terms of the incumbent Deans of Faculties or Heads of Departments of the Universities expire during this period.

Please take action accordingly.

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