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WHICH RIGHT IS MORE IMPORTANT: STUDENT'S RIGHT TO EDUCATION OR DEAN'S RIGHT TO EXPELL A STUDENT?

Centre for Civic Education (CCE) informs employees and students of the University of Montenegro that, according to the response received from the Rector Predrag Miranović, the expulsion of a student of Law Faculty Koča Đurišić by the dean Ranko Mujović is "not valid".

CCE had yesterday sent a request to the Rector Miranović to engage in solving problems at the Law Faculty, as well as the suggestion to officially meet with the expelled student Koča Đurišić, which is due to arbitrary behavior of the Dean Ranko Mujović first attacked, and then removed from the faculty, without any legal and factual basis, in order to hear his side, as well.

In the memo that was sent to us by the Rector is stated that **only the Senate of the University of Montenegro can decide on temporary exclusion from faculty. Further, a student at the beginning of the study signs the Study Agreement, which provides for exclusive jurisdiction of the Senate in disciplinary cases.**

Contrary to this, dean Ranko Mujović temporarily removed student Koča Đurišić, based on the Regulations on disciplinary proceedings and disciplinary responsibility of students of the University of Montenegro, abusing the institute of temporary suspension. According to the Regulations, by urgent decision and without conducting disciplinary proceedings, a student is removed from the faculty when he/she is in custody and when the criminal proceedings against him/her is initiated for criminal offenses committed at the University, and not when carrying out reprisals against the regular student, who was employed at the Faculty due to the decision of the Dean.

Now the essential question imposes: **What is valid - the Study Agreement between a student and the University of Montenegro, according to which what is done by the Dean is "not valid", as Rector replies; or the decision of dean Mujović, which is also not valid because it lacks both the factual and legal basis, and by which a student has the right to appeal to Council, which is, as we know, in the blockade caused by Mujović's controversial activities.**

Does in this case greater legal force have Contract or Regulations, the question for the heads of the University? The fact is that because of this a student suffers a damage, and tomorrow perhaps more of them will also, and therefore this issue must be urgently resolved, so it would not be subject to indirect threats to other students.



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CCE urges Rector Miranović to initiate proceedings to impeach the dean Mujović, after his confession that the dean had excluded a student without legal basis. We consider the decision of the Rector to repeat the conversation with the student praiseworthy, because that is currently the best solution and we express the hope that this will represent the beginning of involvement of the University of Montenegro into the process of normalization of the situation at the Law Faculty.

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