

August 18, 2017

Ushakant Thakkar, M.D.
Chairman
Dharma Civilization Foundation
c/o Jeffrey Abrams
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132 S. Rodeo Drive, Fourth Floor
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Dear Dr. Thakkar:

This letter shall confirm and clarify that the University of California, Irvine (UCI) continues to have an ongoing interest in building upon and expanding its relationship with Dharma Civilization Foundation, Inc. (DCF) to enhance the study of Hindu literature and philosophy, working with faculty to consider including the possibility of creating Endowed Chairs in Hinduism at UCI.

While UCI and DCF continue to discuss creating Endowed Chairs in Hinduism, both parties recognize that this process will take time, due in part to the fact that UCI is currently in the process of recruiting and hiring a new Dean of the School of Humanities to succeed Dean Georges Van Den Abbeele as well as due to the need to ensure faculty engagement. UCI anticipates that this new Dean will join the UCI community in early 2018. In light of this, DCF's proposed endowment will be further considered once our new Dean takes office.

UCI regrets any misunderstanding within the donor and DCF community regarding the relationship between UCI and DCF. We hope that this letter helps to clarify that UCI remains interested in exploring possibilities for areas of collaboration with DCF as it continues to pursue its goal of establishing Endowed Chairs in Hinduism at UCI and other universities throughout the country.

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