



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI

Minutes of the 46th meeting of the empowered committee on Basic Scientific Research held on 12th December, 2011 at 11:00 am in UGC Office, New Delhi.

The 46th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on 12th Decemberr, 2011 at 11:00 AM in UGC Office, New Delhi. List of participants is at **ANNEXURE - I**.

At the outset Prof. M.M. Sharma, Chairman of the Committee welcomed all the members to the 46th Meeting of the Empowered Committee. Prof. Sharma also shared his experience with the members of the Committee about his visits to Anna University, Chennai, Birla College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Kalyan that the faculty from these institutes were very appreciative of the programmes launched under BSR Scheme like BSR-FF, One-Time Grant, Meritorious Fellowships etc.

There after the Agenda was taken up for discussion.

Item No.1:- Confirmation of the Minutes of the 45th meeting held on 8th November, 2011 at UGC Office, New Delhi.

The minutes of the 45th meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 8th November, 2011 at UGC, New Delhi were confirmed.

Item No.2:- Action taken on the Minutes.

The Committee noted with satisfaction the action taken by the UGC on the minutes of the 45th meeting of Empowered Committee.

Item No.3:- Discussions with Prof. R.P. Gandhi, National Coordinator, and Prof. Sudesh Nangia, Associate Coordinator, regarding Faculty Recharge Programme.

Following the letter from the UGC-Chairman, addressed to Vice-Chancellors of Indian Universities, regarding the faculty positions under Faculty Recharge Programme, the following committee was constituted to draft a tripartite Agreement relating to 'Service Conditions', to be signed by the selectees under UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme, the UGC and the Universities where the selectees get placed.

1. Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan
2. Shri Vij, Ex-Registrar, Hyderabad University, Hyderabad
3. Dr. (Mrs.) Renu Batra
4. Prof. R.P. Gandhi

The Committee can co-opt the member, if required with the approval of the Chairman of the Empowered Committee. The work of the Committee will be co-ordinated by Faculty Recharge Cell.

Concerning the composition of selection committee for faculty positions under Faculty Recharge Programme, the Empowered-Committee permitted Prof. R.P. Gandhi, National Coordinator, to include experts (in such committees), in exigent situations, from outside the current 'subject expert panels' on approval of the

Chairman, Empowered-Committee on behalf of the Empowered Committee.

ItemNo.4:- Discussions with Prof. Dilip Joag, Associate Co-ordinator for “Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowships” Scheme.

Prof. Joag, Associate Co-ordinator, Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship submitted the 30th list of successful candidates for Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship (**ANNEXURE-I**) for approval of the Empowered Committee. The same was discussed and approved except in case of candidates mentioned at Sl.No.571&579 where guide and mentor happens to be same. The Committee recommended that these candidates may be requested to change their mentor.

Item No.5:- Request of Prof. S. Sugunan, Deptt. of Applied Chemistry, Cochin University of Science & Technology(CUSAT) Kochi, Kerala for consideration his candidature for UGC BSR Faculty Fellowship.

Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan was requested to look into the factual position & make recommendation.

Item No.6:- Lists of Candidates for “One-Time Grant” and “UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowships recommended by Prof.S.P. Thyagarajan for approval by Empowered Committee.

This item was withdrawn as it was not recommended by Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan

Item No.7- Budget of BSR

The Committee noted the expenditure status under the Basic Scientific Research Programme.

Item No.8:- Any other Item

1. In order to give further boost to the CPE Colleges for bringing quality in Science Education and also to promote Basic Science Research, the Committee recommended that additional grant of Rs. 40.00 lakhs for infrastructure development may be provided to CPE Colleges. However, it would be subject to submission of self-appraisal for the entire grant received under BSR and a specific proposal for additional grant by the College. The Committee will consider these specific proposals.
2. The Committee clarified that the existing policy of allocation of BSR Meritorious Fellowship be continued. The additional fellowship may be allocated based on the number of Ph.D. as was decided in the meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 23rd November, 2010:-
“The Committee recommended that those SAP Departments which have produced 15 Ph.Ds. during the last three years will be allocated five fellowships, those who have produced 30 Ph.Ds. will be allocated 10 fellowships and those who have produced 45 Ph.Ds. will be allocated 15 fellowships.”
3. The beneficiaries Universities/Colleges/Departments under BSR should be requested to put on their website the achievements made, facilities developed, programme started out of BSR grant.

4. While discussing the online payment of fellowships under BSR programme, the Empowered Committee recommended that this to be done in a phased manner and to start with modalities for Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship may be worked out.
5. The Committee recommended that under the scheme of start-up grant the Assistant Professor can apply within one year from the date of appointment instead of six months as mentioned in the guidelines. Committee, therefore, recommend that this provision in this guidelines may be amended accordingly.
6. The Committee also suggested that a comprehensive document may be developed on various initiatives/programmes introduced under BSR scheme.
7. The next meeting of the Committee may be held on 17th January, 2012 in the UGC Office.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annexure I

List of Participants who attended the 45th Meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 12th December, 2011 in UGC office New Delhi

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