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**UNIVERSITYGRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI-110 002**

Minutes of the 437th Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 25th April, 2007.

The following were present:-

1. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat	Chairman
2. Prof. Mool Chand Sharma	Vice Chairperson
3. Shri R.P. Agrawal	Member
4. Prof. Suranjan Das	Member
5. Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu	Member
6. Prof.. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam	Member
7. Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Rai	Member
8. Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar	Member
9. Prof. Jalees Ahmed Khan Tareen	Member
10. Prof. D. Singh Chauhan	Member

Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J. and Dr. Sanjeev Mishra, Members could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence was granted to them.

Shri S.K. Ray, Joint Secretary & FA, Ministry of Human Resource Development attended the meeting as special invitee.

Following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting:

Secretary

Dr. Tilak R. Kem

Additional Secretary

Dr. R.K. Chauhan

SECTION-1

- 1.01(a)(i): To receive the modified minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission with the Hon'ble Human Resource Development Minister, Shri Arjun Singh, held on 14th November, 2006.

This was withdrawn as the amended minutes of the meeting with Hon'ble HRM held on 14th November, 2006 were confirmed in the meeting held on 12th March, 2007.

- 1.01(a)(ii): To receive the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 12th March, 2007.

The minutes of the 436th meeting held on 12th March, 2007 were examined and confirmed with the following modifications:

(i) *Item No. 6.01 (ii) - the word "Joint Secretary" in the second line of resolution may be read as "Deputy Secretary".*

(ii) *Item No. 7.02 (i) may be read as under:*

The building projects for which the grant has been sanctioned on or before 31st March, 2007 may be allowed an extension of two years w.e.f. 01.04.2007 to 31.03.2009.

The decision in respect of this item will apply to Universities, Deemed Universities, Colleges, Inter University Centres and Mass Media Centres.

(iii) *Item No. 7.03 – The earlier resolution is modified as under:*

The Commission examined the issue of grant of Deemed to be University status and resolved that institutions accredited by NAAC with at least 'B' Grade or NBA accredited institutions may only be considered for Deemed to be University status. This

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will, however, not apply to the cases where Expert Committee have already visited the institutions or where there is no accreditation mechanism available such as Medical, Dental, Nursing, Physiotherapy etc., where the approval of respective council will be adequate.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 1.01(b)(i): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 26th February, 2007.

The action taken on the minutes of meeting held on 26.02.2007 was examined and noted accordingly.

- 1.01(b)(ii): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 12th March, 2007.

This was deferred.

- 1.02(a): To ratify the action taken on certain matters.

- (i) National Seminar cum Workshop on “Higher Education for Life – Long Learning: Retrospective Review and Prospective Profile in the Context of ACEEFO Programme of the UGC” held from 10.11.2006 to 12.11.2006.

This was examined and the action taken by the Chairman was ratified. The Commission further decided to enhance the delegation of Chairman

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for approval of seminar/symposia and workshops from the existing ceiling of Rs.5.00 lakhs to Rs.10.00 lakhs

- (ii) To report the Induction of new Departments and recommendations of the Review Committee under SAP during 2006-07 in Sciences, Engineering & Technology, Humanities & Social Sciences.

This was deferred.

1.02(b): To receive the items of information.

- (i) To report the Exchange Programme between the Government of Republic of India and the Government of New Zealand.

This was deferred

1.03: To receive the position of funds of UGC and related issues.

This was deferred

SECTION-2

(MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

2.01: To consider the issue of the inter-se seniority of Directly recruited Readers & Professors vis-a-vis the Readers & Professor promoted under Career Advancement Scheme.

(Deferred Item No.2.01 of 12th March, 2007 meeting).

The Commission examined the report and decided to get it examined afresh by a Committee. The Chairman, UGC was authorize to reconstitute the present Committee.

Action : JS(PS)

SECTION-3

(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

There was no item in this Section.

SECTION-4

(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC.)

- 4.01: To consider the recommendations of the Expert Committee on the pay anomalies of Junior Engineer/Technical Staff of the IUCs.

This was examined. The Commission noted that the matter is sub-judice and decided to await the decision of the court.

Action: JS (IUC)

SECTION-5

(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

- 5.01: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred to Dr. M.G.R. Research Institute, Maduravoyal, Chennai, Tamilnadu.

The Commission examined the report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on Dr. M.G.R. Research Institute, Maduravoyal, Chennai, Tamilnadu comprising of Dr. M.G.R. Engineering College, Chennai and Thai Moogamgigai Dental College and Hospital, Chennai and agreed for its continuation and the review of Dental College after a period of two years.

Action : JS (CPP-I)

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- 5.02: To consider the Report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited the Sido Kanhu Murmu University, Dumka, (SKMU) Jharkhand on 27th February, 2007 to evaluate its proposal for inclusion under Section 12-B of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission examined the report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman to evaluate the proposal of Sido Kanhu Murmu University, Dlumka (SKMU) Jharkhand and approved it to declare fit to receive assistance under Section 12-B of the UGC Act, 1956. A copy of the report of the Committee may be sent to the University and the State Government for follow-up action on the suggestions of the Committee.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.03: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Nehru Gram Bharati, Kotwa-Jamunipur, Dubawal, Dt. Allahabad, UP for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status to Nehru Gram Bharati, Kotwa-Jamunipur, Dubawal, Dt. Allahabad, UP under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956 under de novo category for a period of three years in view of the fact that the institute is catering to the rural and backward area and also to the disadvantageous group of the society such as SC/ST and physically challenged persons. Its further continuation would be decided after review of the institute in the third year..

Action JS (CPP-I)

- 5.04: To report the directions received from Government of India with regard to the inspection by UGC and AICTE of the Institutions who have applied for 'Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission noted the directions issued by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India vide letter No. F.1-31/2006.TS II dated 7th March, 2007 to AICTE with regard to the inspection of the institutions who have applied for Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Action : JS (CPP-I)

- 5.05: To consider the Report of the Expert Committee to examine the service conditions of various categories of posts like Workshop Superintendent, Training & Placement Officer etc. in view of Norms and Standards prescribed by AICTE for similar positions.

The Commission examined and approved the report of the Expert Committee for service conditions of various categories of posts like Workshop Superintendent, Training & Placement Officer etc. in view of norms and standards prescribed by AICTE for similar positions.

Action: Coordinator (JCRC)

SECTION-6
(MISCELLANEOUS)

- 6.01: To consider certain establishment matters of the University Grants Commission.

There was no item.

6.02: To receive the status notes on UGC Programmes/Scheme.

There was no item.

6.03: To note the date and place of the next meeting of the Commission.

The next meeting of the Commission would be held on 7th May, 2007 at New Delhi.

Action: JS(Meeting)

6.04: To consider the report of the Review Committee that visited the Centre of Excellence in Genomic Sciences at Madurai Kamaraj University.

The Commission examined the report of the Committee to review the Centre of Excellence in Genomic Sciences at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai and agreed to extend assistance to the Centre during XI Plan with an allocation of Rs.5.00 crores for the Plan period.

Action: JS (NS/PE)

6.05 To consider the report of the Review Committee that visited the Centre of Applied Genomics Sciences at Jawaharlal Nehru University and take a policy decision regarding extension of Centres during XI plan.

The Commission examined the report of the Committee to review the Centre of Applied Genomics Sciences at Jawaharlal Nehru University and agreed to extend assistance to the Centre during XI Plan with an allocation of Rs.3,20,70,000 inclusive of staff for the Plan period.

Action: JS (NS/PE)

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- 6.06: To consider the issue of disclosing the cut-off marks and the marks secured by the candidate in Paper-I, Paper-II and Paper-III in UGC-NET.

The Commission examined the issue and agreed to disclose the marks of the NET examination as ordered by the Central Information Commission. Action may be taken on priority.

Action: JS (NET)

SECTION-7 (SUPPLEMENTARY)

- 7.01: To consider certain establishment matters of the University Grants Commission.

There was no item.

- 7.02: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Sri Devraj Urs Academy of Higher Education and Research, Tamka, Kolar, Banagalore for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

This was deferred.

- 7.03: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of The ICFAI Foundation of Higher Education, Hyderabad, AP for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

This was deferred.

7.04: To consider and approve Model Guidelines for Re-employment of Superannuated Teachers.

This was deferred.

7.05: To consider reports of the Expert Visiting Committees for **Extension of Autonomous Status (four) / Conferment of fresh Autonomous Status (four)** in total 8 (eight) Colleges falling in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra & Tamilnadu; affiliated to Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, University of Pune, Pune, Dr. Babasahab Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad and Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli respectively.

This was deferred.

7.06: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Santosh Trust, Ghaziabad, UP for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

This was deferred.

7.07: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Maharishi Markandeshwar Education Trust, Mullana, Ambala for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 under de-novo category.

This was deferred.

7.08: To constitute Pay Review Committee and to finalise its Terms of Reference.

This was deferred.

Any other item:

- (i) *The Commission resolved that the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held with Hon'ble HRM on 14th November, 2006 may be reviewed periodically and the status may be intimated to the Hon'ble HRM and the Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development (Deptt. of Higher Education) accordingly. The present status was reviewed and the Chairman was authorized to send an appropriate report to Hon'ble HRM.*

Action: JS (Meeting) & JS (XI Plan)

- (ii) *The issue relating to review of Autonomous Colleges came up for discussion. It was decided that a status report on the review of autonomous colleges may be submitted to the Commission.*

Action: JS (AC)

- (iii) *A status note on Deemed to be Universities indicating the proposals received, proposals recommended by the UGC, proposals approved by the MHRD, Number of Deemed to be Universities due for review indicating due date, actual date of review conducted, along with other important issues relating to Deemed to be Universities may be submitted to the Commission.*

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- (iv) *Annual plan of activities of the Commission may be prepared which may be reviewed on quarterly basis.*

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- (v) *It was resolved not to bring in supplementary agenda in the Commission's meeting except in a very special and emergent situation.*

Action: AS(I)/Director(Admn.)

(TILAK R. KEM)
Secretary

(SUKHADEO THORAT)
Chairman