

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI-110 002**

**MINUTES OF THE 497TH MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 10TH JANUARY, 2014.**

The 497th Meeting of the Commission was held on 10th January, 2014 in which the following were present:

1. Prof. Ved Prakash	Chairman
2. Dr.H. Devaraj	Vice Chairman
3. Sh. Ashok Thakur	Member
4. Smt. Anjuly Chib Duggal	Member
5. Prof. Achyutananda Samanta	Member
6. Prof.Dr. Seyed E. Hasnain	Member
7. Prof. Meenakshi Gopinath	Member
8. Dr. Indu Shahani	Member
9. Prof. V. S. Chauhan	Member
10. Prof. D. Narasimha Reddy	Member
11. Prof. M.M. Ansari	Member
12. Prof. Sanjay Govind Dhande	Member

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Shri Upamanyu Basu

Director

Shri Vikram Sahay

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Prof Ved Prakash, Chairman, UGC welcomed the members and thanked them for their support in the successful organization of the Diamond Jubilee function held on 28th December, 2013.

Subsequently, the items of Agenda for the meeting were taken up.

SECTION-1

- 1.01(a) (i) To confirm the minutes of the 495th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 1st October, 2013.

The Minutes were confirmed with the following modification :

On Agenda Item No. 1.02 (a)(ii), relating to Continuation of the Scheme titled ‘Incentives for Resource Mobilization during XII Plan’, the Minutes may be read as “Approved, subject to availability of funds”, instead of “The Commission approved the scheme in universities during XIIth Plan. However, the Commission suggested that FA, UGC and representative of Finance Division of M/HRD may have meeting with Mrs Anjuly Chibb, Additional Secretary to discuss the operational part of the scheme.”

[Action : JS XII Plan]

- (ii) To confirm the minutes of the 496th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 29th November, 2013.

The Minutes were confirmed

- 1.01 (b) (i) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 495th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 1st October, 2013.

Noted

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- (ii) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 496th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **29th November, 2013.**

Noted

1.02(a) To ratify the action taken on certain matter

- (i) To report the matter regarding issue the approval of grant for financial assistance and sanctioned the posts for establishing/upgradation of Department of Hindi in Central/State/Deemed Universities who eligible to receive Assistance from the UGC during XII Plan.

Approved with the modification that the Head ‘others including Seminars and Conferences’ should be read as ‘seminars, conferences and related expenses’

[Action : JS (Rajbhasha)]

- (ii) To report the inclusion of 93 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.09.2013 to 30.11.2013 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

Approved

[Action : JS(CPP I)]

1.02(b) To receive the items of information.

(No item)

1.03 To receive the position of funds of UGC and Related Issues.

(No item)

**SECTION-2
(MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)**

2.01 To consider the inclusion of Urdu/Arabic/Persian sounding degrees for Specification under section 22 of UGC Act, 1956.

Approved.

[Action : JS (CPPP II)]

2.02 To consider the proposal to retain the internal receipts for the year 2013-2014 with the Central Universities to cover up the short-fall of non-salary component under Non-Plan Grant from the year 2013-2014 till the appropriate allocation is made by MHRD under non-salary components to meet out the short-fall under non-salary expenditure (Non-Plan).

Approved for 2013-14; However, it was suggested that for subsequent years, this matter may be discussed further with Additional Secretary (Expenditure) by FA, MHRD and Secretary, UGC

[Action : Director (Admn.)]

2.03 To consider the Scheme for Creation and Management of 'Reserve Fund' through Internal Receipts for Universities and Colleges maintained by the UGC.

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It was suggested that that this matter needs to be discussed further with Additional Secretary (Expenditure) by FA, MHRD and Secretary, UGC

[Action : Director (Admn.)]

2.04 To consider suggestions received for amendments to the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010.

Approved with the following modifications :

(a) The proposed clause 5.10 should be read as : *‘Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations, the governance system and management structure of a public funded institution Deemed to be University may be in accordance with the decision of the Central Government or the state Government, as the case may be.’* instead of *‘The provisions of clauses 5.1 to 5.9 shall apply to public funded deemed to be Universities in accordance with the decision of the Government, which may provide for alternate management structures.’*

(b) The following proposed amendments mentioned in Annexure D of the Agenda should not be incorporated :

- (i) S. No. 1 relating to appointment of Chancellor;
- (ii) S. No. 2 relating to procedure for approval for setting up off-campus centres by Institutions Deemed to be Universities;
- (iii) S. No. 3 relating to group of institutions being allowed to coalesce and be eligible for Deemed to be University Status;
- (iv) S. No. 5 providing for relaxation of the Regulations.

[Action : Director (Admn.)]

2.05 The consider the UGC (Affiliation of colleges offering Technical Education by Universities) Regulations, 2014.

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The Commission deliberated at length on the matter and approved Regulations, and decided to refer the Regulations to the Ministry of HRD for its approval.

[Action : JS (CPPP II)]

2.06 To consider and approve the UGC (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2014

The Commission decided to refer the Regulations, after incorporating the following modifications, to the Ministry of HRD for its approval:

- (i) The Regulations would not apply to Certificate programmes/courses; the Regulations would, however, apply to diploma programmes of a duration of nine months and above, and not six months as proposed;
- (ii) Standalone institutions offering distance education programs shall be excluded from the purview of these Regulations.

[Action : Director (Admn.)]

2.07 To consider the request made by Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Dayalbagh, Agra (Uttar Pradesh), a Deemed to be University for exemption in the clauses related to Governance in its MoA/Rules.

The proposal was approved to the extent it is compatible with the newly inserted clause (clause 5.10) proposed in the amendments to the Regulations of 2010 pertaining to Deemed to be Universities.

[Action : JS (CPP I)]

2.08 To consider the roll-out plan, %age caps of API cumulative score and modification in the tenure of College Principals in UGC (Minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers, other academic staff in universities and colleges and other

measures for the maintenance of **7** standards in higher education) Regulations, 2010 and its 2nd amendment

Approved with the following modifications :

(i) With regard to proposed amendment to the Second Amendment Regulations, 2013 on the subject of percentage Cap for API for promotion under CAS, the Commission approved that the requirement may be modified to the extent that the incumbent may choose either of the two options – a) adopt the existing %age cap for API claim of each of the sub-categories in Category III (Research and Publications and Academic contribution) or b) adopt %age API in any three of the five sub-categories with a cap of 35% in each sub-category when calculating the total API score for CAS. However, this option shall be available only up to the stage of Associate Professor.

(ii) With regard to the proposal for amending clause 5.1.6(d) of the UGC Regulations of 2010 relating to tenure of appointment of Principal of College, the Commission approved the proposal to extend the tenure, wherever applicable, of the Principal from 5 years to 10 years.

[Action : JS(PS)]

SECTION-3

(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

3.01 To consider the proposal of the Ministry of HRD for establishment of an Institution by UGC for setting a platform for Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs).

The Commission decided that the matter requires further examination and suggested to refer the proposal to a Committee consisting of Prof VS Chauhan, Prof Meenakshi Gopinath and Sanjay Dhande for closer examination.

[Action : Director (Admn.)]

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SECTION-4 (SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

- 4.01** To consider the Guidelines and Modules for the promotion of sports during the XII Plan and integration of high performance sports facilities in Universities and Colleges.

Approved.

[Action : JS (CPP II)]

- 4.02** To consider amendments in the Guidelines for Colleges with Potential for Excellence (CPE)/College of Excellence (CE) for XII Plan Period (2012-2017).

Approved

[Action : JS (CPP II)]

- 4.03** To consider the Guidelines of Community Colleges for Universities and Colleges (2012-2017).

Approved.

[Action : JS (CPP II)]

SECTION-5 (GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

- 5.01** To consider the compliance report submitted by Jaypee University of Engineering & Technology (Private University), Guna (Madhya Pradesh) in respect of the observations/suggestions given by UGC Expert Committee which visited the Private University on 10-11th February, 2012 to assess fulfillment of criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc., as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies.

The Commission accepted the Report of the Expert Committee.

[Action : JS (CPP I)]

- 5.02** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Sir Padampat Singhania University (Private University), Bhatewar, Udaipur (Rajasthan) on 16-17th August, 2013 to assess fulfillment of criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc., as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies.

The Commission decided to seek the comments of the University on the report of the AICTE Visiting Team.

[Action : JS (CPP I)]

- 5.03** To consider the Report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited O.P. Jindal University (Private University), Sonipat (Haryana) to consider the proposal for recognition under Section 12-B of the UGC Act, 1956 to become eligible to receive central assistance.

The Commission accepted the Report of the Expert Committee and accordingly decided not to grant 12B status to the University.

[Action : JS (CPP I)]

- 5.04** To consider the Report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences (Private University), Solan (Himachal Pradesh) to consider the proposal for recognition under Section 12-B of the UGC Act, 1956 to become eligible to receive central assistance.

The Commission accepted the Report of the Expert Committee and accordingly decided not to grant 12B status to the University.

[Action : JS (CPP I)]

5.05 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Bahra University, Wagnaghat, VPO – Kiarighat, Distt – Solan – 173215 (Himachal Pradesh), Private University on 28-29th October, 2013 to assess fulfillment of criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc., as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies.

The Commission decided to seek the comments of the University on the report of the AICTE Visiting Team.

[Action : JS (CPP I)]

5.06 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Maharaj Vinayak Global University, Dhand, Amer, Jaipur-Delhi Highway No. 11C, Jaipur (Private University) (Rajasthan) on 7-8th September, 2013 to assess fulfillment of criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc., as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies.

The Commission accepted the Report of the Expert Committee.

[Action : JS (CPP I)]

5.07 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited **Jagadguru Ramanandacharya Rajasthan Sanskrit University (State University), Jaipur (Rajasthan)** for inclusion under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission accepted the Report of the Expert Committee and accordingly decided to grant 12B status to the University.

[Action : JS (CPP I)]

5.08 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Ansal University, Sector-55, Gurgaon (Haryana) (Private University) on 26-27th October, 2013 to assess fulfillment of criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural

facilities, financial viability, **11** etc., as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies.

The Commission decided to seek the comments of the University on the report of the AICTE Visiting Team.

[Action : JS (CPP I)]

5.09 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited University of Technology and Management (Private University), Bijni Complex, Laitumkhrah, Shillong (Meghalaya) on 20-21st September, 2013 to assess fulfillment of criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc., as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies.

The Commission decided to seek the comments of the University on the report of the AICTE Visiting Team.

[Action : JS (CPP I)]

5.10 To consider the Report of the UGC Expert Committee constituted to assess the proposal of Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning (Deemed to be University), Prasanthi Nilayam, Dt. Anantapur (Andhra Pradesh) to start a new Department of Music under the Faculty of Music and Performing Arts in the main campus.

The Commission accepted the Report of the Expert Committee and decided to accord approval to start a new Department of Music under the Faculty of Music and Performing Arts in the main campus of the University.

[Action : JS (CPP I)]

5.11 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited **Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore (Tamilnadu) (State University) on 28-29th November, 2013** for inclusion under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission accepted the **12** report of the Expert Committee accordingly decided to accord 12B status to the University.

[Action : JS (CPP I)]

5.12 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Assam Don Bosco University, Azara, Guwahati (Assam), a Private University on 29-30th October, 2013 to assess fulfillment of criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc., as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies.

The Commission decided to seek the comments of the University on the report of the AICTE Visiting Team.

[Action : JS (CPP I)]

5.13 To consider the recommendations of the 5th & 6th Meeting of Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges held on 07.11.2013 & 06.01.2014 for grant of 16 (Sixteen) Fresh and 16 (Sixteen) Extension cases of autonomous status to the colleges.

The Commission approved grant of autonomous status to 16 colleges and approved extension of autonomous status to 16 existing autonomous colleges.

[Action : DS (Autonomous Colleges)]

**SECTION-6
(MISCELLANEOUS)**

(Recorded separately)

Any other Item

- a. With regard to proposals for approval of institutions under sections 2(f), 12(B) and compliance under section 13 of the UGC Act, the Commission decided that henceforth, the proposals may, instead of being brought before the Commission for approvals, should be placed before a Committee consisting of Prof VS Chauhan and Dr MM Ansari for approval, and subsequently brought before the Commission for reporting.
- b. The Commission decided that the next meeting of the Commission may be held on 27th February, 2014.

(UPAMANYU BASU)
SECRETARY

(VED PRAKASH)
CHAIRMAN