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

Minutes of the 416th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 13th April, 2004.

The following were present:-

1.	Prof. Arun Nigavekar	Chairman
2.	Prof. V.N. Rajsekharan Pillai	Vice-Chairman
3.	Shri S.C. Tripathi	Member
4.	Prof. B.H. Briz-Kishore	Member
5.	Prof. Vasant Gadre	Member
6.	Prof. Ashok Kumar Gupta	Member
7.	Dr. G. Karunakaran Pillai	Member
8.	Dr.(Ms.) Aruna Goel	Member
9.	Dr. P.N. Tandon	Member

Shri Dinesh Chander Gupta, Secretary (Expenditure), Prof. S.K. Joshi and Prof. Sureshwar Sharma could not attend the meeting.

Shri V.K. Pipersenia, Financial Adviser and Shri Ravi Mathur, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development attended the meeting as a special invitee.

While dealing with Administrative agenda items, all the Non-Commission Members were requested to withdraw from the meeting.

Following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting:

Secretary

Prof. Ved Prakash

Financial Advisor

Shri Pawan Agarwal

Additional Secretaries

Dr. T.R. Kem

Dr. R.K. Chauhan

Director (Admn./Meetings)

Dr. P.S. Rajput

The Chairman extended a very warm welcome to Shri S.C. Tripathi, Education Secretary, Department of Secondary & Higher Education, MHRD on his joining the Commission as its Member. He also extended a warm welcome to all the members of the Commission. Thereafter, he briefed the members about the initiatives taken by the UGC for the purpose of promoting India Higher Education Abroad (PIHEAD). He also briefed the members about the proposed participation of the UGC in the NAFSA Conference scheduled for May 23-28, 2004 at Baltimore. After that the Chairman asked Dr. Bhushan Patwardhan to make a presentation on exporting of higher education and internationalization of higher education. Dr. Patwardhan gave a detailed account of all that has gone into PIHEAD activities so far including its vision, strategies and operational plan of action. The presentation was followed by the discussion. During the course of discussion, certain suggestions were given. As regards the idea of developing an export zones, it was observed that since it was going to take a longer time, we might consider inclusion of some such universities which have great potential and have already established their names for India Education Fairs to be held in May/June 2004. On the issue of admission, it was observed that we ought to evolve a different policy for foreign students. Further, it was also opined that whilst carrying forward the PIHEAD activities, the recommendations of the Committee set up by the Government of India for the promotion of India education abroad be taken into account. Besides, it was also observed that colleges which have got good potential to attract foreign students be also included under the purview of the PIHEAD program. An overall word of caution was that while free flow of students might be a welcome idea, free flow of institutions should be seen with utmost care and that adequate preparation be made whilst promoting a product. As regards the pyramid structure, showing larger number of institutions at its base and very few at the middle, it was observed that it would be better to project them in a comprehensive manner.

SECTION-1

- 1.01(a): To receive the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 24th February, 2004.

The Commission Members confirmed the minutes of the last meeting.

Action: Director (Admn.)

- 1.01(b): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 24th February, 2004.

These were examined and noted. The Commission also suggested that decision taken by the Commission in its 415th meeting under Item No.6.04 be circulated to all the universities whereby the candidates are now required to write their answers in the language paper in the concerned language only.

Action: Director (Admn.)/DS(NET)

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

There was no item.

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

There was no item.

- 1.03: Review of Grants Position - Receipts and Payments – both under Plan and Non-Plan Heads for the year 2003-2004.

The Commission noted head-wise and scheme-wise statement of receipts and expenditure for the year 2003-04. This gave an opportunity to the Commission to analyze the expenditure and identify problem areas. Certain suggestions on presentation of the statements were received. It was decided that the statement with

necessary corrections & modifications might be included in the minutes for record purposes.

Action: FA

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

2.01: To consider the revision in the syllabus of Paper-I and in the structure of Paper-III for UGC-NET.

The Commission agreed to the recommendations of the Expert Committee that Paper-I of NET on Teaching and Research Aptitude should have 10 components and there should be 5 questions from each component carrying 10 marks. Besides, the Commission, in principle, agreed with the restructuring of Paper-III of the NET Examination but decided that a Committee be constituted to look into the various problems such as number of questions to be attempted, time to be allotted, marking etc. .

Action: DS (NET)

2.02: To consider revised regulations

- (i) UGC (Minimum Standards of Instructions for the Grant of First Degree through Non-formal education Regulations), 2004
- (ii) UGC (Minimum Standards of Instructions for the Grant of Master's Degree through Non-formal education Regulations), 2004.

The Commission considered the revised regulations (i) UGC (Minimum Standards of Instructions for the Grant of First Degree through Non-formal Education Regulations), 2004 and (ii) UGC (Minimum Standards of Instructions for the Grant of Master's Degree through Non-formal Education Regulations), 2004 and approved it,

in principle, and recommended that these be referred to the MHRD for their opinion which be placed before the Commission in the next meeting for its consideration.

Action: JS (CPP)

**SECTION-3
(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)**

There is no agenda under this section.

**SECTION -4
(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC.)**

4.01: To consider the Report and Recommendations of the Standing Committee on “Promotion of Indian Higher Education Abroad” (PIHEAD).

The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the Standing Committee on “Promotion of Indian Higher Education Abroad” (PIHEAD) and, in principle, agreed with the recommendations of the Expert Committee. The Commission further agreed that, in the first phase, the UGC may initiate action on recommendations 2 & 4 relating to:

- (i) *Organisation of India Education Fairs in select countries in Africa, Middle East, Gulf, South East Asia as would be decided by the Chairman later based on the response from respective embassies in collaboration with Ed.CIL and/or FICCI/CII, and*
- (ii) *Participation in the Exhibition organized during the 56th Annual Conference of National Association of Foreign Students’ Advisory (NAFSA) to be held at Baltimore, Maryland, USA, from May 23-28, 2004 and visit of the Indian delegation led by the Chairman, UGC.*

The Commission further decided that for implementing the other recommendations of the Expert Committee, be sent to Ministry of Human Resource Development to seek

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their views. It was also decided that UGC should act as a catalyst to facilitate Promotion of Indian Higher Education Abroad

Action: JS (NS)

SECTION –5 (GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

5.01: To consider the X Plan guidelines for the scheme of Human Rights and Value in Education.

The Commission considered and deliberated on the X Plan guidelines for the scheme of Human Rights and Value in Education and approved the guidelines.

Action: JS (SR-III)

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 may be scheduled during the inter-session of the budget session of the parliament. The date may be decided by the Chairman.

Action: Director (Admn.)

- 6.04: To consider the request of Dr.(Miss) Kalpana Joshi, Reader in Electronics, Sir Parashurambhau College, Pune for relaxation of age limit under the UGC Scheme of Research Award-X Plan period.

The Commission considered the request of Dr.(Miss) Kalpana Joshi, Reader in Electronics, Sir Parashurambhau College, Pune for relaxation of age limit under the UGC Scheme of Research Award-X Plan period and did not agree to the relaxation of age limit.

Action: DS (SA)

- 6.05: To consider proposed action points on the report and recommendation emerged at a 2 day Retreat for Vice-Chancellors and other functionaries of Central Universities at Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Lucknow, held on September, 29-30, 2001.

The Commission looked into the report and recommendation emerged at a 2 day Retreat for Vice-Chancellors and other functionaries of Central Universities at Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Lucknow, held on September 29-30, 2001 and took note of it and decided that no further action was required.

Action: AS (I)

- 6.06: To consider the report of Central Hindi Committee regarding opening of Hindi Departments in the Universities of Non-Hindi Speaking States.

The Commission considered the report of Central Hindi Committee regarding opening of Hindi Departments in the Universities of Non-Hindi Speaking States and decided that the UGC Committee visiting various universities for mid-term review of the X Plan may discuss with the university authorities of the South Indian Universities and then decide regarding opening of Hindi Departments in the Universities of Non-Hindi Speaking States.

Action: JS (CPP)

SECTION -7
(SUPPLEMENTARY)

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

Recorded Separately.

7.02: To consider case for Tied Upgradation Grants for Higher Education for Recommendation by the 12th Finance Commission.

The Commission appreciated the initiative taken by the Chairman in approaching the 12th Finance Commission for tied upgradation grants for the higher education system in the country. The Commission felt that this move would go a long way in addressing the resource problems of the state funded higher education institutions.

Action: FA

7.03: To consider relaxation in qualification for the post of Professor in Defence and Strategic Studies in the Centre for Defence and National Security Services at Punjab University, Chandigarh.

The Commission considered the request of Punjab University, Chandigarh for relaxation in qualification for the post of Professor in Defence and Strategic Studies in the Centre for Defence and National Security Services and decided that the present UGC Regulations on minimum qualifications for appointment and career advancement of Professors in the universities are adequate enough to address any special needs/contingencies.

Action: JS(PS/PES)

7.04: To consider the proposal of Commonwealth Youth Programme: Asia Centre, Chandigarh to have collaboration with the Academic Staff

Colleges and Universities in the northern region for training programmes for teachers.

The Commission considered the proposal of Commonwealth Youth Programme: Asia Centre, Chandigarh to have collaboration with the Academic Staff Colleges and Universities in the northern region for training programmes for teachers and deliberated in detail about the various aspects. The Commission Members gave various view points such as to look into the capability of Commonwealth Youth Programme, financial liability on the UGC and also initially exploring the feasibility for opening of 4 such centres in different parts of the country. The Commission also authorized the Chairman to take decision on the basis of the view points expressed by various Members.

Action: Vice-Chairman

7.05: To provide the assistance of an additional grant of Rs.20.00 lakhs under the development grant to the Gulbarga University for the institution of a 'Centre for Studies in Vijnaneshwara's Mitakshara and Human Rights in India' in Gulbarga University.

The Commission considered and agreed, in principle, to the request of Gulbarga University, Karnataka for providing additional grant for establishment of a Chair in the name of Vijnaneshwara's Mitakshara and Human Rights. The Commission further decided that there should not be any permanent liability on the UGC and authorized the Chairman to decide one time seed money for establishment of this Chair.

Action: Vice-Chairman

7.06: To consider the report of the Expert Committee regarding the extension of autonomy tenure of six existing autonomous Colleges viz. (1) Osmania University College for Women, Hyderabad (2) Nizam College, Hyderabad (3) RBVRR Women's College, Hyderabad (4) Anwarul-Uloom College, Hyderabad (5) St. Francis College for Women (Autonomous), Begumpet, Hyderabad (6) Loyola Academy, Alwal, Secunderabad from 1998-99 to 2002-03 and 2003-04 to 2008-

09 and grant of autonomy to three new Colleges, viz. (1) P.G. College, S.P. Road, Secunderabad of Osmania University (2) Girraj Government College, Nizamabad, A.P. (3) Government City College, Hyderabad from 2004-05 to 2009-2010 affiliated to Osmania University.

The Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee for the extension of autonomous status to the following colleges for the period indicated against their names.

S.No.	College	Period of extension
1.	<i>Osmania University College for Women, Hyderabad</i>	<i>Ex-post facto approval from 1998-99 to 2002-03 and extension from 2003-2004 to 2008-2009</i>
2.	<i>Nizam College, Hyderabad</i>	<i>Ex-post facto approval from 1998-99 to 2002-03 and extension from 2003-2004 to 2008-2009</i>
3.	<i>RBVRR Women's College, Hyderabad</i>	<i>Ex-post facto approval from 1998-99 to 2002-03 and extension from 2003-2004 to 2008-2009</i>
4.	<i>Anwarul-Uloom College, Hyderabad</i>	<i>Ex-post facto approval from 1998-99 to 2002-03 and extension from 2003-2004 to 2008-2009</i>
5.	<i>ST. Francis College for Women, Hyderabad</i>	<i>Ex-post facto approval from 1998-99 to 2002-03 and extension from 2003-2004 to 2008-2009</i>
6.	<i>Loyola Academy, Alwal, Secunderabad</i>	<i>Ex-post facto approval from 1997-98 to 2001-02 and extension from 2002-2003 to 2007-2008</i>

The Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee for the conferment of autonomous status to the following colleges for a period indicated against their names:

S.No.	College	Period of conferment of autonomous status
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1.	<i>Government City College, Hyderabad</i>	<i>From 2004-2005 to 2009-2010</i>
2.	<i>PG College, S.P. Road, Secunderabad</i>	<i>From 2004-2005 to 2009-2010</i>
3.	<i>Girraj Government College, Nizamabad</i>	<i>From 2004-2005 to 2009-2010</i>

Action: JS(IC/AC)

7.07: To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted to examine the proposal of Vinayak Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed University) for inclusion of medical college under its ambit.

The Commission considered the report of the Expert Committee constituted to examine the proposal of Vinayaka Mission's Kirupananda Variyar Medical College, Salem under Vinayak Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed University) and agreed with the recommendations of the Committee to include Vinayaka Mission's Kirupananda Variyar Medical College, Salem under the ambit of this deemed university. It was further decided that the matter be referred to the MHRD with the recommendations of the Commission for further necessary action.

Action: JS(CPP)

7.08: To consider fee structure for various professional courses in private unaided deemed to be universities for the year 2004-2005.

The Commission considered and agreed with the recommendations of the Expert Committee for fixing the following fee structure for various professional courses in private unaided deemed to be universities for the year 2004-2005:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Fees approved</u>
MBBS	Rs.1,30,000/- p.a.
BDS	Rs.1,00,000/- p.a.
BE/B.Tech./B.Arch./B.Pharma	Rs.40,000/- p.a.
ME/M.Tech./M.Arch./M.Pharma	Rs.40,000/- p.a.

MBA

Rs.50,000/- p.a.

MD/MS/MDS

Rs.1,30,000/- p.a.

This fee structure be made applicable only for the year 2004-2005.

Action: JS(CPP)

(VED PRAKASH)
Secretary

(ARUN NIGAVEKAR)
Chairman