Minutes of the 418th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 13th August, 2004.

The following were present:

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

Dr. R. Natarajan, Chairman, AICTE; Shri D. Swarup, Secretary (Expenditure) and Prof. S.K. Joshi could not attend the meeting.

Shri V.K. Pipersenia, Financial Adviser, Ministry of Human Resource Development attended the meeting as special invitee.

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

Joint Secretaries
Dr. K. Gunasekharan
Dr.(Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal
Shri A.K. Dogra
Dr. M.V. Krishnaswamy
Dr. C.S. Meena
The Chairman, UGC welcomed Shri B.S. Baswan who attended the Commission’s meeting for the first time after taking over as Secretary (Education), MHRD recently. Shri Sunil Kumar, Joint Secretary (HE), MHRD was also welcomed by the Chairman, UGC as a special invitee in absentia.

SECTION-1

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

Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed with slight changes in respect of the following items which may be read as under:

2.01: The Commission discussed and decided that clarification shall be sought from DoPT with regard to reservation for persons with disabilities in the posts of Reader and Professor or equivalent posts.

Action: JS(CPP/Plan)

7.01(iv): The Commission discussed and deliberated on the report of one-man Enquiry Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC. On the recommendation of this one-man Enquiry Committee, the Commission decided to exonerate Dr. T.R. Kem, Additional Secretary, UGC from all the charges with dignity and honour. The Commission further decided to communicate the decision of the Commission to all the concerned organizations as per rules of the enquiry.

Action: Director (Admn.)

7.02: The Commission deliberated on the recommendations of 2-member Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC on the recommendation of the Commission
to consider the proposal of NAAC, Bangalore for the construction of own permanent building and campus development and decided that 50% of the cost towards development of new campus be met by the UGC and balance 50% should come from the NAAC corpus fund (i.e. out of the total cost of Rs.9,73,92,694/-, UGC share shall be Rs.4,86,96,347/- (Rupees four crore eight six lakh ninety six thousand three hundred forty seven only) and matching share of NAAC shall be Rs.4,86,96,347/-.

Action: JS(T/IUC)

7.03: The Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee for the conferment of autonomous status to the following college for the period indicated against its name:

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Action: JS(PS/AC)

7.06: The Commission considered the recommendations of the Exemption Committee and approved the general criteria formulated by the Exemption Committee for giving exemption from NET and also decided to consider individual cases from NET exemption based on the criteria evolved. The Commission further considered the recommendations of the Exemption Committee taken on the specific requests received from various Universities for granting exemptions from NET for appointment as Lecturers and approved the recommendations given on all the individual cases. The Commission further decided that the cases of 191 teachers appointed as Lecturer in various subjects at various Colleges affiliated to Nagpur University, Nagpur may be considered individually on receipt of request from the University/Colleges and the office may grant exemption based on the criteria evolved. It was also decided that the same rule be applied to give exemption from NET in respect
of the teachers appointed by Pune University, Pune; Mumbai University, Mumbai; Shivaji University, Kolhapur; SRTM University, Nanded; Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar University, Aurangabad; North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon; Amravati University, Amravati and their affiliated Colleges.

Action: JS(PS/AC)

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

Keeping in view the slight changes as mentioned in Item No.1.01(a), the action taken on the minutes were examined and noted by the Commission.

Action: Director (Admn.)

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

(i) To report the final Expert Review Committees recommendations for continuation/discontinuation of assistance under SAP.

It was noted and approved.

Action: JS(SAP/ASC)

(ii) To report the action taken on the minutes of the 416th minutes of the Item No.7.04, regarding Commonwealth Programme

It was noted and approved.

Action: JS(SAP/ASC)

*It was noted and approved.*

Action: JS(T/IUC)

(iv) To report finalisation of guidelines of the scheme for Development Assistance to strengthen Existing and New Management Departments for Xth Plan

*It was noted and approved.*

Action: JS(T/IUC)

(v) To approve the action taken on the report of the Visiting Committee which visited Meenakshi Medical College and Research Institute, Enathur, Kanchipuram on 16th July, 2004 for its inclusion in the ambit of Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (Deemed University), Chennai (Tamilnadu).

*It was noted and approved.*

Action: JS(CPP/Plan)

(vi) To consider the action taken report regarding conversion of AVRC & EMRC to (Educational Multimedia Research Centre) – EMRC.

*It was noted and approved.*

Action: JS(T/IUC)
(vii) To report extension of time limit for completion of building projects approved in 9th plan under development grant up to 31-12-2004.

*It was noted and approved.*

Action: JS(CPP/Plan)

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

*There was no item.*

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

*The Commission noted the statement of receipt and expenditure both under Non-Plan and Plan for the year 2004-05. However, while noting and discussing detailed head-wise expenditure under Plan for the period up to 12.8.2004 under certain major heads, it was observed that the expenditure needs to be stepped up. An internal assessment be made by the office and concrete steps be taken to expedite the pace of expenditure.*

Action: FA

1.04: To receive the Annual Accounts of the year 2003-2004.

*The Commission noted and approved the Annual Accounts for the year 2003-2004 and decided that the copies of approved annual accounts be sent to the Director General of Audit, Revenue, New Delhi for conducting the audit of the accounts of the University Grants Commission for the year 2003-2004.*

Action: FA
SECTION–2
(MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

2.01: To consider the issue regarding fitness of private unaided/self-financing institutions/colleges for receiving central assistance in terms of rules framed under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

*The item was deferred.*

Action: JS(CPP/Plan)

SECTION–3
(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

There was no agenda under this section.

SECTION –4
(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC.)

4.01: To decide the future of University Department completed three phases of DSA under SAP scheme and unfit for up-gradation as CAS.

*The item was deferred.*

Action: JS(SAP/ASC)

4.02: To approve the schemes for implementation of National Common Minimum Programme of UPA Government.

The Commission approved the allocation of funds under various schemes for implementing the National Common Minimum Programme of Central Government. The Commission further approved the guidelines for the following two new schemes for implementation of National Common Minimum Programme:

(i) Special development grant for universities which are more than 50 years old.

(ii) Special development grant for colleges which are more than 50 years old.
It was pointed out that MHRD has allocated Rs.6.00 crores for financial support to four Central Universities and two State Universities located in the north-eastern region and an amount of Rs.1.00 crore per university has been allocated to each university. It was noted that one Central University namely Assam University, Silchar and one State University namely Arunachal University have been left out although they are also located in the north-eastern region. It was decided to give funds to Assam University, Silchar and Arunachal University, Arunachal Pradesh by suitably re-appropriating funds from the overall Rs.216 crore received from the MHRD under National Common Minimum Programme of the Government of India.

Action: JS(CPP/Plan)

4.03: To consider setting up of the National Institute(s) of Sciences.

_The item was deferred._

Action: Coordinator (New Initiatives)

4.04: To consider follow-up action taken on the Comprehensive Higher Education Information Systems Project (HISP).

_The item was deferred._

Action: Coordinator (New Initiatives)

4.05: To consider establishment of Centre of Biomedical Magnetic Resonance as an autonomous Inter-University Centre by the UGC.

_The item was deferred._

Action: Coordinator (New Initiatives)
5.01: To consider the revised guidelines for considering the proposals for declaring an Institution as Deemed to be university under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act. 1956.
(Deferred Item No.7.07 of the Commission meeting dated 24th June, 2004)

1. The Commission approved the revised guidelines with the following modifications:

   The no objection certificate shall be sought from the concerned State Government and the affiliated university. However, if no reply is received within three months, their acceptance shall be taken as granted and the Commission may proceed with the processing of the proposal for giving status of deemed to be university.

2. The Commission further decided that the old guidelines of the year 2000 for considering the proposals for declaring an institution as deemed to be university be continued till the new guidelines are approved.

    Action: JS(CPP/Plan)

5.02: To consider the Xth Plan allocation of Kannur University, Kannur (Kerala).

The recommendations of the Expert Committee proposing Rs.461.20 lakhs as X Plan allocation to the Kannur University, Kannur (Kerala) were approved with the following break-up:

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<td>3.</td>
<td>Staff</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Books &amp; Journals</td>
<td>80.00</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Others (Campus Development)</td>
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Action: JS(CPP/Plan)

## SECTION –6
(MISCELLANEOUS)

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

*Recorded Separately.*

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 will be held on 21st September, 2004 in the UGC Office, New Delhi.*

Action: Director (Admin.)

6.04: To consider recognition of Sree Shankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

*The Commission after due deliberations authorized the Chairman to constitute a fresh 2-Member Committee of the Commission Members, other than those who have already visited, for consideration of proposal of Sree Shankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady for inclusion under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.*

Action: JS(CPP/Plan)
6.05: To consider Specification of Degrees under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956.

I. The Commission approved the revised list of degrees specified by the UGC under Section 22 of its Act.

II. The Commission approved the phasing out of following degrees which are no longer in use after sending a letter to all the universities, enquiring about the availability of these degrees:

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<td>AMBS</td>
<td>Ayurvedacharya</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>B.S.Sc.</td>
<td>Bachelor of Sanitary Science</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>B.Tel.E.</td>
<td>Bachelor of Telecommunication Engineering</td>
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<td>B.Text</td>
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<td>BEE</td>
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<td>Bhasha Parveena</td>
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<td>BMBS</td>
<td>Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>BME</td>
<td>Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering</td>
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<td>9.</td>
<td>B.Nurs.</td>
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<td>10.</td>
<td>BPE</td>
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<td>11.</td>
<td>BPP</td>
<td>Bachelor of Physical Planning</td>
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<td>12.</td>
<td>BT</td>
<td>Bachelor of Training</td>
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<td>16.</td>
<td>DHV</td>
<td>Doctor of Hygiene</td>
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<td>DL</td>
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<td>19.</td>
<td>M.Ch.E.</td>
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<td>M.Text</td>
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<td>26.</td>
<td>MO</td>
<td>Maser of Obstetrics or Maser of Obstetrics and Gynecology</td>
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III. The Commission approved the nomenclature of the following new degrees for specification under the provision contained in Section 22 of the UGC Act:

- M.Sc.B.Ed. 5 years integrated course
- BA.LLB 5 years integrated course
6.06: To consider the change of per diem rates admissible to college teachers/Vice-Chancellors & Commission Members for visits abroad for participation in International Conferences.

*After due deliberation, the Commission decided that the item shall be placed before the Commission after collecting per-diem rates admissible in other organizations like DST, DBT, CSIR, ICSSR etc.*

Action: DS(TG)

**SECTION -7**
(SUPPLEMENTARY)

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

*There was no item.*

7.02: To consider the Reports of Private Universities submitted by Inspection Committees constituted by Chairman.

*The Commission after due deliberations on the reports of the Private Universities submitted by Inspection Committees constituted by the Chairman authorized the Chairman to constitute a 3-Member Committee of the Commission Members to look into the inspection reports submitted by the Committees and to give recommendations for placing the same before the Commission.*

Action: AS-II
7.03: To consider promotion of Entrepreneurship and Knowledge Based Enterprises in Institutions of Higher Learning through partnerships.

The item was deferred.

Action: Coordinator (New Initiatives)

7.04: To consider the report of the Visiting Committee for inclusion of 4 Centres at Salem and 1 Off-Centre campus at Paiyanoor, Kanchipuram District (TN) under the ambit of Vinayaka Mission Research Foundation (Deemed University).

The Commission approved the recommendations of the Visiting Committee for inclusion of the following five institutes under the ambit of Vinayaka Mission Research Foundation (Deemed University), Salem (TN):

2. Vinayaka Mission’s College of Physiotherapy, Salem (TN).
3. Vinayaka Mission’s Kirupananda Variyar Arts and Science College, Salem (TN).
4. Vinayaka Mission’s College of Pharmacy, Salem (TN).
5. Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, Paiyanoor, Kanchipuram (TN).

Action: JS(CPP/Plan)

7.05: To consider the inclusion of Medical College, Sangli and Dental College and Hospital, Navi Mumbai under the ambit of Bharti Vidyapeeth.

On the recommendations of the Visiting Committee, the Commission approved
1. the inclusion of Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University Medical College, Sangli under the ambit of Bharti Vidyapeeth provisionally subject to the following conditions:

   a) The Medical College, Sangli of Bharati Vidyapeeth shall not admit any students without obtaining prior approval from the Medical Council of India.

   b) Any advertisement/public notice issued by Bharati Vidyapeeth in the interim period shall specifically state that their inclusion in Bharati Vidyapeeth is provisional and subject to the approval by the Medical Council of India.

2. the inclusion of Dental College and Hospital at Navi Mumbai under the ambit of Bharti Vidyapeeth provisionally subject to the following conditions:

   a) The Dental College, Navi Mumbai of Bharati Vidyapeeth shall not admit any students without obtaining prior approval from the Dental Council of India.

   b) Any advertisement/public notice issued by Bharati Vidyapeeth in the interim period shall specifically state that their inclusion in Bharati Vidyapeeth is provisional and subject to the approval by the Dental Council of India.

Action: JS(CPP/Plan)

7.06: To consider concrete measures in the higher education sector in the State of Jammu & Kashmir.
The Commission noted and approved the suggestions for improvement in the functioning of educational institutes in the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

Action: JS(CPP/Plan)

7.07: To consider the report of the Expert Visiting Committee for the conferment of autonomous status to the new Colleges affiliated to Bharathiar University, Tamil Nadu viz.,

1. SNR Sons College, Coimbatore
2. Kongunadu Arts and Science College, Coimbatore
3. R.V.S. College of Arts & Science, Coimbatore
4. PSGR Krishnammal College for Women, Coimbatore
5. Dr. G.R. Damodaran College of Science, Coimbatore.

The Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee for conferment of autonomous status to the following Colleges for the period indicated against its name:

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Action: JS(PS/AC)
7.08: To consider the report of the Expert Visiting Committee for the conferment of autonomous status to the new Colleges affiliated to Madras University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, viz.,

1. Govt. Arts College (Men), Chennai
2. MOP Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai
3. Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda College, Mylapore, Chennai

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<td>3.</td>
<td>Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda College, Mylapore, Chennai</td>
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Action: JS(PS/AC)
7.09: To consider the Recommendations of the Standing Committee on “Colleges with Potential for Excellence” (CPE) for the award of CPE status to 47 Colleges in Phase-I.

The Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the Standing Committee on “College with Potential for Excellence” (CPE) for the award of CPE status to the following 47 colleges in the first lot:

Osmania University
1. Osmania University College for Women, Koti, Hyderabad
2. Nizam College, Hyderabad
3. St. Francis College for Women, Begumpet, Hyderabad

Sri Venkateswara University
4. Jawahar Bharti College, Kavali, Distt. Nellore-524 201 (AP)

Kakatiya University
5. University Arts & Science College, Subedare, Hanamkonda, Warangal-506 001 (AP)

Nagarjuna University
6. Andhra Loyola College, Vijawada, Distt. Krishna-520 008 (AP)

Patna University
7. Patna Women’s College, Patna-800 001

Magadh University
8. AN College, Patna-800 013

Delhi University
9. Gargi College, Delhi
10. Sri Venketeswara College, Delhi

Goa University
11. St. Xavier College, Mapusagoa, Goa

Kurukshetra University

Bangalore University
13. St. Joseph’s College of Arts & Science, Bangalore-560 001
14. Jyothi Nivas College, Hosur Road, Bangalore-560 095
Mangalore University
15. SDM College, Ujire, Distt. Dakshin Kannada, Karnataka

Kerala University
16. University College, M.G. Road, Thiuvananthpuram-645 034 (Kerala)
17. Mar Ivanios College, Bethany Hills, TVPM Thiruvaananthapuram-695015

Calicut University
18. Farook College, Farook, Distt. Calicut, Kerala-673 003

Mahatma Gandhi University
19. CMS College, Kottayam, Kerala—686 001
21. Sacred Heart College, Thevara, Cochin-13, Distt. Eranakulam, Kerala

Rani Durgavati University
22. Govt. Science College, Jabalpur (Auto), MP-482 001

Mumbai University
24. Vinayake Ganeshverze College of Arts & Commerce, Mumbai-400 081

Nagpur University
25. Shri Shivaji Education Society, Amravati’s Science College, Nagpur-440012

Pune University
26. St. Mira’s College for Girls, Pune-411 001
27. Brihan Maharashtra College of Commerce, Pune-411 004
28. KTHM Arts, Science & Commerce College, Nasik-422 002

Dr. B.A. Marathwada University
29. Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji College, Omerga, Dist. Osmanabad-413 606

Amravati University
30. Vidya Bharati Mahavidyalaya, Amravati-444 602

North Maharashtra University
31. K.C.E. Society’s MJ College, Jalgaon-425 002

SRTM University
32. Yeshwant Mahavidyalaya, Nanded-431 602

Utkal University
33. Ravenshaw Autonomous College, Cuttack-753 003
Sambalpur University
34. Govt. Autonomous College, Bhawanipatna, Distt. Kalahandi (Orissa)
35. GM College, Sambalpur-768 004

Rajasthan University
36. S.S. Jain Suboth PG College, Jaipur

Madras University
37. Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai-600 008
38. Loyola College, Nungambakkam, Madras-600 034

Madurai Kamraj University
39. Lady Doak College, Madurai-625 002
40. Ayya Nadar Jamaki Ammal College, Sivakasi-626 124
41. Fatima College, Madurai-625 018

Bharathiar University
42. PSG College of Arts & Science, Combatore-641 014

Bharathidasan University
43. St. Joseph’s College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli-620 002

Manonmaniam Sundarnar University
44. St. Xavier College, Palayaamkotai-627 002

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Agra
45. R.B.S. College, Agra
46. St. John’s College, Agra

Calcutta University
47. Presidency College, 86/1, College Street, Kolkata-700 073

The assistance would be provided to above colleges as per the norms prescribed in the guidelines.

Action: JS(DC/DU)
7.10: To approve the report of the Visiting Committee which visited Srinivasa Ramanujan Centre of SASTRA on 29th July, 2004 for its inclusion within the ambit of Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology and Research Academy (SASTRA), Thanjavur (Tamil Nadu).

The Commission considered and approved inclusion of Srinivasa Ramanujan Centre within the ambit of Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology and Research Academy (SASTRA), Thanjavur (Tamil Nadu). The Commission further decided that:

1. SASTRA may be permitted to operate its Srinivasa Ramanujan Centre at Kumbakonam, as an Off-Campus Centre for conducting programmes in higher education and research leading to the award of UG/PG Degrees as proposed. However, Srinivasa Ramanujan Centre shall strictly follow the intake as proposed by SASTRA in its proforma.

2. SASTRA may continue to take steps to enhance the quality of Mathematics education and research at the proposed Off-Campus Centre, as this will be of great significance in keeping alive the memory of Srinivasa Ramanujan, the great Indian Mathematical Genius, so that the focus of this centre is not drowned in the offering of multiplicity of courses.

Action: JS(CPP/Plan)

(VED PRAKASH) Secretary

(ARUN NIGAVEKAR) Chairman