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

Minutes of the 426th Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 16th February, 2006.

The following were present:-

1.	Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat	Chairman
2.	Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai	Vice-Chairman
3.	Prof. B.H. Briz-Kishore	Member
4.	Prof. Sureshwar Sharma	Member
5.	Dr. P.N. Tandon	Member
6.	Prof. Suranjan Das	Member
7.	Dr. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam	Member
8.	Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu	Member
9.	Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Rai	Member
10.	Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J.	Member

Dr. Adarsh Kishore, Shri Sudeep Banerjee, Members of the Commission and Prof. Damodar Acharya, Chairman, AICTE invited as special invitee could not attend the meeting.

Shri Sunil Kumar, Joint Secretary (HE) and Shri S.K. Ray, Financial Advisor, Ministry of Human Resource Development attended the meeting as special invitees.

Following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting:

Secretary

Prof. Mool Chand Sharma

Additional Secretaries

Dr. T.R. Kem

Dr. R.K. Chauhan

Financial Adviser

Sh. S.K. Singh

The Commission noted that Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat, an eminent Economist and Scholar of International repute has been appointed Chairman of University Grants Commission by Govt. of India. He has done pioneering work on agricultural development, rural poverty, institution and economic growth, problems of marginalized groups such as SC/ST and Human Right issues. He has published 10 books and another few books are under publication. The Commission congratulated him on his appointment and wished that the Commission would reach to its new heights under his dynamic leadership. The Chairman thanked the Members for their good wishes and mentioned that in view of radical changes globally on all fronts, we have a challenging task ahead to meet the aspirations of the Society at large. Although our schemes have been designed in five different parameters, yet, we have to take a stock of the likely changes required in our policies.

The Chairman informed the Commission that Dr. P.N. Tandon, Member of the Commission has been conferred Padma Vibhushan by the Govt. of India for his outstanding contribution to the public life. The Commission congratulated him for this.

The Chairman informed that the Govt. of India has appointed Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Rai and Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J. as Members of the Commission. Both the new Members are heading prestigious Colleges as Principals. The Commission welcomed their appointment.

SECTION-1

1.01(a): To receive the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 8th December, 2005.

The minutes are confirmed with the following modifications:

Item No. 5.09: The name of the College “Maharaja’s College Vuzuabagaram” may be read as “Maharaja’s College, Vijayanagaram”.

Action: JS (AC)

- 1.01(b): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December, 2005.

The minutes of 425th meeting held on 8.12.2005 were examined and confirmed.

Action: Director (Admn.)

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

- (i) Creation of supernumerary posts along with appropriate career advancement/consequential benefits for the displaced Kashmiri Migrant Teachers out of the Non-Plan grants, as a special case.

It was examined. The Commission approved the action taken by the Chairman for creation of supernumerary posts for displaced Kashmiri Migrant Teachers working in various Universities out of Non-Plan grants, as a special case.

Action: JS (CPP-II)

- (ii) To approve the action taken by the Chairman, UGC, on accepting the report of the UGC Expert Committee constituted to assess the proposal of Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences (Deemed University), Coimbatore (Tamilnadu) for starting 3 new B.Tech. courses.

It was examined. The Commission approved the action taken by the Chairman for introduction of three B.Tech. courses (Bio-technology, Bio-Informatics and Food processing Engineering) with an annual intake of 60 seats each.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

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.

It was examined and noted accordingly.

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

There was no item under this section.

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

There was no item under this section.

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

4.01: To consider the issue relating to the candidates who appear in UGC-NET without UGC specified Master's Degrees.

This was examined. It was noted that the proposal seems to be contrary to the provision of UGC Act. It was decided that legal advise may be obtained in the first instance.

Action: JS (NET)/SA

- 4.02: To consider the issue of inclusion of “Tribal Religions” in the syllabus of NET subject “Comparative Study of Religions”.

It was examined. The Commission approved inclusion of Tribal Religions as one of the core areas in the syllabus of NET subject “Comparative Study of Religions”.

Action: JS (NET)/SA

- 4.03: To consider the proposal for the setting up of an INTER UNIVERSITY CENTRE (Rural Higher Education).

It was examined and approved in principle. Chairman was authorized to finalize further details with the help of an Expert Committee to be appointed by him.

Action: JS (IUC)

- 4.04: To consider institution of an Award for Women Scientists.

The Commission deliberated on this issue in detail and decided that the request may not be agreed to.

Action: JS(NET/SA)

- 4.05: To consider the issue of disclosure of marks to the candidates appearing in UGC-NET.

It was examined. The Commission decided that the existing practice maybe followed. However, this issue may be referred to the Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. B.L. Mungekar, along with other issues relating to NET examination.

Action: JS (NET/SA)

**SECTION -5
(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)**

- 5.01: To consider the guidelines on UGC Scheme on “Capacity Building for Women Managers in Higher Education” under the scheme of Women’s Studies.

The Commission approved the guidelines on Capacity Building for Women Managers in Higher Education under the overall scheme of Women’s Studies.

Action: JD (NFE)

- 5.02: To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Anjuman-I-Islam Academy of Higher Education, Mumbai on 4th & 5th July, 2005 to assess the proposal for grant of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission noted that the Institute has withdrawn its request for conferment of Deemed to be University status. Accordingly, the Expert Committee recommended that the case may be treated as closed at present. The Commission approved the recommendation of the Committee

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.03: To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Madhya Pradesh Bhoj Open University, Bhopal to evaluate its proposal for declaring the University eligible to receive Financial Assistance under Section 12 (B) of UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission examined the report and approved Madhya Pradesh Bhoj Open University, Bhopal to receive central assistance under

Section 12(B) of UGC Act, 1956. The University shall receive developmental assistance from Distance Education Council, IGNOU, New Delhi.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

5.04: To consider revised guidelines for the Scheme of Professors of Eminence.

The Commission examined the revised guidelines for the scheme of Professors of Eminence. The Commission approved the scheme with the modification that the nominations be invited by the Head of institutions and also alternatively nominations from eminent academicians be entertained by the institutions. The Chairman was authorized to make suitable modification in the scheme to be sent to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for concurrence.

Action: JS (SA)

5.05: To consider the interim report submitted by the Expert Committee for the development of central universities of North Eastern region.

It was examined. The recommendations of the Expert Committee were approved. The Commission decided that the recommendation be sent to Ministry of Human Resource Development for providing additional allocation as per recommendation of the Committee. The Committee may be requested to finalize its final report at the earliest possible and also consider many important issues relating to North-East Region such as Peace Studies, Tribal Culture, Conflict Resolution etc.

Action: AS-II

- 5.06: To consider the issue of inclusion of Deemed to be Universities under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 to make them eligible for receiving central assistance.

This was discussed in detail. The Commission authorized the Chairman to constitute an Expert Committee to deliberate on this issue in detail and the recommendation of this Committee may be discussed in the Conference of Deemed to be Universities.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.07: To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Jai Prakash University, Chapra (Bihar) on 6th & 7th January, 2006 to evaluate its proposal for declaring the University eligible to receive Central Financial assistance under Section 12(B) of UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission examined the report and approved Jai Prakash University, Chapra to receive central assistance under Section 12(B) of UGC Act, 1956.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.08: To consider the question of release of grant of due installment on the basis of Utilization Certificate received upto 70% of the grant released.

It was discussed in detail. The Commission decided that wherever there is no specific percentage of utilization mentioned in the guidelines of the schemes, the next installment may be released on receipt of utilization certificate for 50% of the grant sanctioned in the current financial year. From the next financial year onwards, next installment may be released on receipt of utilization of 70% of the grant sanctioned.

Action: JS (CPP-II)/FA

- 5.09: To consider the 10th Plan allocation to Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, Kerala.

The Commission approved the allocation of Rs. 80 lakhs to Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, Kerala as developmental assistance for the remaining X Plan period.

Action: JS (CPP-II)

**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 would be held on 7.4.2006 at 10 A.M. in the UGC Headquarters, New Delhi.

Action: Director (Admn.)

- 6.04: To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted to prepare the feasibility report for establishing uniform academic calendar in the universities at National Level.

It was deliberated in detail. The Commission decided that the draft regulations may be circulated to the Universities for their feedback. It may also be placed on the UGC website for having feedback from students, teachers and general public.

Action: JS (CPP-II)

- 6.05: To consider the promotion of Indian Higher Education Abroad by facilitating Indian Universities to offer Programmes Abroad – Matter relating to Recognition of such Programmes in the Indian system.

The Commission after detailed deliberations authorized the Chairman to constitute a Committee to consider this issue in detail. The Professional Councils such as AICTE, MCI, DCI, NCTE etc. may also be associated in the deliberations of this Committee.

Action: JS (NIC)

- 6.06: To revise the honorarium of Emeritus Fellowship from the existing honorarium of Rs. 10,000/- p.m. under the UGC Scheme of Emeritus Fellowship award – Xth Plan period.

The Commission decided that the Honorarium and contingency of Emeritus Fellow be enhanced from Rs. 10,000/- and Rs. 20,000/- to Rs. 20,000/- p.m. and Rs. 50,000/- p.a. respectively. The Emeritus Fellow shall also be eligible to apply for Major Research Project.

However, they will be eligible to draw honorarium from one source at a time only.

Action: JS (SA)

6.07: To consider the recommendation of the Expert Committee constituted to modify the guidelines of the UGC scheme of Career Oriented Programmes at first degree level in Universities and Colleges.

It was examined. The Commission approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee. However, the fee to be charged from students will remain unchanged.

Action: JS (COE)

6.08: To consider the revival of UGC's scheme of 'Preparation of University Level Books by Indian Authors'.

It was examined and approved in principle. The Chairman was authorized to constitute an Expert Committee to finalise further details such as books by Indian authors & translation of books etc. Adequate budget provision may be made in the next year's budget for this scheme.

Action: JD (NFE))

**SECTION-7
(SUPPLEMENTARY)**

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

Recorded separately.

- 7.02: To consider recommendations of the Task Force for Humanities and Social Sciences.

It was examined and approved in principle. The Chairman was authorized to constitute a Committee to finalise further details.

Action: JS (Task Force)

- 7.03: To consider the report of UGC Expert Committee which visited Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering & Technology, Longowal, Distt. Sangrur (Punjab) on 30th – 31st January, 2006 to assess the proposal for granting Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the recommendation of the Expert Committee and agreed to recommend to Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University Status to Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering & Technology, Longowal, Distt. Sangrur (Punjab) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. The Commission further decided that this recommendation may be provisional for a period of 5 years after which the institute would be reviewed with the help of an Expert Committee.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 7.04: To consider the report of the Committee appointed by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of K.L.E Academy of Higher Education and Research, Belgaum (Karnataka) for grant of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the recommendation of the Expert Committee and agreed to recommend to Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University Status to K.L.E Academy of Higher Education and Research, Belgaum (Karnataka) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. The Commission further decided that this recommendation may be provisional for a period of 5 years after which the institute would be reviewed with the help of an Expert Committee.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 7.05: To consider withdrawal of autonomous status of four colleges of Madhya Pradesh state affiliated to Awadesh Pratap Singh University, Rewa (M.P).

The Commission considered the proposal in detail and decided that these four Colleges may be issued show-cause notice for withdrawal of their autonomous status and the matter may be brought before the Commission after receiving the feedback from Colleges.

Action: JS (AC)

7.06: To consider the report of the Expert Visiting Committee for the conferment of autonomous status to the three new Colleges of Tamilnadu State affiliated to Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai.

The Commission considered the recommendation of the Expert Committee and approved conferment of autonomous status to the following three colleges affiliated to Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai for the period from the year 2006-07 to 2011-12:-

- i) Yadava College, Madurai – 625 014*
- ii) E.M.G. Yadava Women's College, Thirumalpuram, Madurai – 625 014*
- iii) Subhalakshmi Lakshmiathy College of Science, Madurai – 625 022*

Action: JS (AC)

7.07: To consider the report of the Visiting Committee for including Karnataka State Women's University, Bijapur, Karnataka under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 to make it eligible for central assistance.

The Commission examined the report and approved Karnataka State Women's University, Bijapur, Karnataka to receive central assistance under Section 12(B) of UGC Act, 1956.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

7.08: To consider a proposal received from Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development to give permission to Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan(Deemed University), New Delhi to affiliate Sanskrit Institutions.

This was deferred.

7.09 To approve the Plan budget Revised Estimates for the year 2005-06.

This was examined. The Commission approved re-appropriation of Rs. 92.90 crores and authorized the Chairman to further re-appropriate as per the requirement specially in view of communication from Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Action: JS (CPP-II)

7.10 To consider the proposal of Kerala Kalamandalam, Cheruthuruthy, Thrissur, Kerala, for the grant of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the proposal in detail and keeping in view the unique work the Kerala Kalamandalam is doing agreed to recommend to Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University Status to Kerala Kalamandalam, Cheruthuruthy, Thrissur, Kerala under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. The Commission further decided that this recommendation may be provisional for a period of 5 years. The institute be reviewed with the help of an Expert Committee immediately after conferment of Deemed to be University status.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

Any other Item

One of the Members pointed out that an Expert Committee for inclusion of Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, a Deemed to be University under Section 12(B) of UGC Act, has already visited and recommended assistance to the Institute. The Commission authorized the Chairman to consider this issue and sanction ad-hoc grant.

Action: JS (CPP-I/II)

The meeting ended with a Vote of thanks to the Chair.

(MOOL CHAND SHARMA)
Secretary

(SUKHADEO THORAT)
Chairman