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

Minutes of the 435th Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 26th February, 2007.

The following were present:-

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| 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. Dr. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam | Member |
| 7. Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Rai | Member |
| 8. Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J. | Member |
| 9. Prof. Jalees Ahmed Khan Tareen | Member |
| 10. Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar | Member |
| 11. Prof. D. Singh Chauhan | Member |

Dr. Sanjeev Mishra, Secretary (Expenditure), could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence was granted to him.

Shri Shri S.C . Pandey, OSD, Ministry of Finance attended the meeting as special invitee.

Following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting:

Secretary

Dr. R.K. Chauhan

Dr. G.D. Sharma, Director, Consortium for Educational Communication made a power point presentation about the activities of CEC. He highlighted the various achievements of the Centre. He also presented his budget requirements and the projections for the XI Plan. The Commission appreciated the work being done by CEC and suggested that there should be coordination between CEC and IGNOU so that usage of EDUSAT could be to the maximum extent. There is also need for review of the working of CEC by an external agency.

Action: JS (IUC)

SECTION-1

1.01(a)(i): To receive the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 5th January, 2007.

The minutes of the 434th meeting held on 05.01.2007 were examined and confirmed.

1.01(a)(ii): To receive the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 23rd January, 2007.

The minutes of the meeting held on 23.01.2007 were examined and confirmed.

1.01(b)(i): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 27th December, 2006.

The Commission noted modification in the minutes in item No. 7.08 as “Amrita School of Arts & Science” instead of “Amrita College of Arts & Science”. The action taken on the minutes of meeting held on 27.12.2006 was examined and noted accordingly.

1.01(b)(ii): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 5th January, 2007.

The action taken on the minutes of meeting held on 05.01.2007 was examined and noted accordingly.

1.01(b)(iii): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January, 2007.

The action taken on the minutes of meeting held on 23.01.2007 was examined and noted accordingly.

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

(i): To report Additional Development Grant released to State Universities as “One Time grant” in the shape of block grant under ‘Plan Head’ during X Plan Period.

The Commission examined the release of one-time grant to the State Universities and ratified the same. The proposal of three new State Universities may also be considered under the scheme.

Action: JS (SU)

(ii) To report the matter regarding allocation of 10th Plan Development grant to Karnataka State Women’s University, Bijapur, for the remaining period of 10th Plan.

This was examined and the Commission ratified allocation of Rs.125 lakhs to Karnataka State Women’s University, Bijapur for the remaining 10th Plan period.

Action: JS (SU)

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 Australia on co-operation in the fields of Education & Training.

This was noted. The Commission desired that the implementation report of earlier Exchange Programme may be submitted to it for information. This report may invariably be submitted for all Exchange Programmes.

Action: JS (IC)

- (ii) Memorandum of Scientific and Educational Co-operation between the Ministry of Human Resource Development in the Republic of India and the Ministry of Higher Education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

This was noted. The Commission desired that the implementation report of earlier Exchange Programme may be submitted to it for information.

Action: JS (IC)

- (iii) To report the Exchange Programme between the Government of Republic of India and the Government of South Africa on co-operation in the fields of Educations

This was noted. The Commission desired that the implementation report of earlier Exchange Programme may be submitted to it for information.

Action: JS (IC)

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

This was examined and noted accordingly.

SECTION-2

(MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

There was no item in this Section.

SECTION-3

(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

There was no item in this Section.

SECTION-4

(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC.)

There was no item in this Section.

SECTION-5

(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

5.01: To consider reports of the Expert Visiting Committees for **Conferment of fresh Autonomous Status** to nine new Colleges of States of Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra, affiliated to Thiruvalluvar University, Bharathiar University, Tamilnadu State Physical Education and Sports University, Madurai Kamaraj University, Periyar University and University of Mumbai respectively.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committees and agreed for conferment of fresh autonomous status to

the following nine) colleges for a period of six years as indicated against each:-

| S.No. | Name of the college/university to which affiliated | Period of the autonomy conferred by the Commission. |
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| <u>Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore</u> | | |
| 1. | <i>Auxilium College, Gandhi Nagar, Vellore – 632006.</i> | <i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i> |
| 2. | <i>Dhanabagiyam Krishnaswamy Mudaliar College for Women Vellore – 632001 Vellore District, Tamil Nadu.</i> | <i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i> |
| <u>Bharathiar University, Coimbatore</u> | | |
| 3 | <i>Nirmala College for Women, Coimbatore.</i> | <i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i> |
| 4 | <i>CMS College of Science and Commerce Chinnavedampatti, Coimbatore</i> | <i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i> |
| <u>Tamilnadu State Physical Education and Sports University, Chennai</u> | | |
| 5 | <i>Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya Maruthi College of Physical Education, Coimbatore (**)</i> | <i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i> |

*(**) This College was earlier (at the time of application) affiliated to Bharathiar University but now has been transferred to Tamilnadu State Physical Education and Sports University, Chennai as such the grant of autonomy will be subject to the condition that the College would provide 'no objection' from the Tamilnadu State Physical Education and Sports University, Chennai to which presently it is affiliated.*

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| <u>Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai (T.N.)</u> | | |
| 6 | <i>Saraswathi Narayanan College, Madurai 24-01-2007</i> | <i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i> |
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| 7 | <i>Nadar Mahajana Sangam S. Vellaichamy Nadar College, Madurai. 25-01-2007</i> | <i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i> |
| | <i>Periyar University, Salem – 636011. (Tamil Nadu)</i> | |
| 8 | <i>Government Arts College, Salem – 636007. (Tamil Nadu)</i> | <i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i> |
| | <i>University of Mumbai, Mumbai</i> | |
| 9 | <i>H.R. College of Commerce & Economics, 123, Dinshaw Wachha Road, Churchgate, Mumbai – 400020. 21st & 22nd December 2006</i> | <i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i> |

Action: JS (AC)

**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 12th March, 2007
at UGC Headquarters, New Delhi.***

Action: JS(Meeting)

6.04: 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.

It was decided that this item may be placed before the Commission in its next meeting to be held on 12th March, 2007 along with detailed norms and criteria of cut off marks adopted for the NET during the last five years.

Action: JS (NET)

SECTION-7

(SUPPLEMENTARY)

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

Recorded Separately.

7.02: To consider the report of the Expert Committee on Uniform Academic Calendar.

The Commission examined the report of the Expert Committee on uniform academic calendar and approved the same as under:

“Every university shall ensure that the classes for courses in subjects other than professional courses for the first year students shall commence by not later than the first week of August and for the students of second year onwards by no later than the third week of July. The results for all the courses shall be declared by not later than last week of June.

A flexibility of up to two weeks may be allowed for professional courses in commencement of classes for students of 2nd year and later keeping in

view the requirement of project work summer schools and internship, etc. in professional courses.”

Action: JS (CPP-II)

- 7.03: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Swami Rama Vidyapeeth, Swami Rama Nagar, PO Doiwala, Dt. Dehradun, Uttarakhand 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 Swami Rama Vidyapeeth, Swami Rama Nagar PO Doiwala, Dt. Dehradun, Uttarakhand consisting of medical college only under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956.

Action JS (CPP-I)

- 7.04: To consider the Report of the Inquiry Committee on Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages (CIEFL), Hyderabad.

This was deferred.

- 7.05: 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.

This was deferred.

- 7.06: To consider the matters related to the Academic Staff Colleges.

The Commission decided that the report of the Standing Committee of Academic Staff Colleges may first be examined administratively.

Action: JS (ASC)

7.07: To consider the specific request received from various Universities for granting exemptions from NET for appointment as Lecturers.

The Commission examined the recommendations of the Exemption Committee held on 5th January, 2007 and approved the same.

Action: JS (PS)

7.08: To consider the matter relating to signing of MoU for the year 2006-07 between UGC & Ministry of Human Resource Development.

This was deferred.

Any other item

(i) *The Commission approved the creation of a post of Chief Vigilance Officer on full time basis in the scale of pay of Joint Secretary or Additional Secretary according to its requirement.*

Action: JS (Admn.)

(ii) *The Commission authorized the Chairman to constitute an Expert Committee to discuss the issue relating to withholding of original certificates of students by universities and colleges, non refund of full fee and also other related issues to formulate a policy for compliance by all educational institutions.*

Action : JS (CPP-II)

(R.K CHAUHAN)
Secretary

(SUKHADEO THORAT)
Chairman