

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

Minutes of the 438th Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 7th May, 2007.

The following were present:-

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. Prof.. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam	Member
7. Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Rai	Member
8. Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar	Member
9. Prof. D. Singh Chauhan	Member

Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J., Prof. Jalees Ahmed Khan Tareen and Dr. Sanjiv Misra, Members could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence was granted to them.

Mrs. Rita Menon, Additional Secretary, Deptt. of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance attended the meeting as special invitee.

Following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting:

Secretary

Dr. Tilak R. Kem

Additional Secretary

Dr. R.K. Chauhan

SECTION-1

1.01(a): To receive the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 25th April, 2007.

The minutes of the 437th meeting held on 25th April, 2007 were examined and confirmed with modification that words 'under de-nova category' under item number 5.03 may be deleted. The Commission further desired that the issue relating to accreditation for grant of deemed to be university status of the existing institutions offering medical, dental and physiotherapy etc. may be discussed with Director, NAAC and the possibility of getting the same accredited by NAAC be explored.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

1.01(b): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2007.

The action taken on the minutes of the 437th meeting held on 25th April, 2007 was examined and noted accordingly.

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

- (i) To report the Induction of new Departments and recommendations of the Review Committee under SAP during 2006-07 in Sciences, Engineering & Technology, Humanities & Social Sciences.

The Commission ratified the action taken by the Chairman for providing financial assistance to 128 new departments recommended by the Induction Committee, 36 existing departments, on the basis of final review by the Review Committees for continuation at the same

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level for the next phase, 29 departments upgraded from DRS to DSA and DSA to CAS on the basis of the recommendations of the Review Committees and discontinuation of nine departments which were not found fit by the Review Committee for further financial support.

Additional Secretary, Ministry of Finance was of the view that the financial allocations under the Scheme may suitably be enhanced during the XI plan to promote quality and excellence.

Action: JS(SAP)

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 New Zealand.

This was noted.

1.03: To receive the position of funds of UGC and related issues.

This was examined and noted accordingly.

1.04: To consider the Non-Plan Budget estimates of UGC for the financial year 2007-2008 received from M/HRD.

The Commission examined and approved the Non-Plan Budget Estimates of U.G.C. for the year 2007-08 as recommended by the Finance Committee. The Commission further desired that the Ministry of Human Resource Development may be requested for enhancement of the non-plan budget of UGC for the year 2007-08 on account of the reasons recommended by the Finance Committee and considered by the Commission.

Action: FA

SECTION-2

(MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

2.01: To consider the matters related to the Academic Staff Colleges.

The Commission examined the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Academic Staff Colleges as modified by the internal Committee of the senior officers of UGC and approved the same.

It was suggested that some of the institutions are offering similar orientation and refresher courses for teachers. The Commission desired that the issue of relevance and equivalence of these courses may be examined by the Standing Committee on Academic Staff Colleges and may be submitted to the Commission for consideration.

Action: JS(ASC)

SECTION-3

(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

3.01: To constitute Pay Review Committee and to finalise its Terms of Reference.

The Commission examined and approved the proposal for constitution of UGC Pay Review Committee and authorized the Chairman to constitute the same. The Commission also approved the terms of reference for the UGC Pay Review Committee. However, with respect to UGC officers it was decided to get it confirmed that they are not covered under the Terms of the Reference of the VI Central Pay Commission.

Action: JS(PS)

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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 the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Sri Devraj Urs Academy of Higher Education and Research, Tamka, Kolar, Banagalore for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission examined the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed to recommend to Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of deemed to be university status to Sri Devraj Urs Academy of Higher Education and Research, Tamka, Kolar, Karnataka consisting of Sri Devraj Urs Medical College, Tamaka, Kolar, Karnataka under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

- 5.02: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of The ICFAI Foundation of Higher Education, Hyderabad, AP for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission examined the recommendations of the Expert Committee and noted that the ICFAI Business School, Hyderabad, established in the year 1995, has completed more than 10 years. Therefore the Commission agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for

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conferment of deemed to be university status to The ICFAI Foundation of Higher Education, Hyderabad consisting of the ICFAI Business School, Hyderabad for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. The Commission could not agree for inclusion of The ICFAI Institute of Science and Technology under the de-novo category.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

5.03: To consider reports of the Expert Visiting Committees for Extension of Autonomous Status (four) / Conferment of fresh Autonomous Status (four) in total 8 (eight) Colleges falling in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra & Tamilnadu; affiliated to Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, Acharaya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, University of Pune, Pune, Dr. Babasahab Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad and Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli respectively.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committees and agreed for extension of autonomous status to the four existing colleges and conferment of fresh autonomous status to four new colleges as under:

EXTENSION OF AUNOMOMY TO EXISTING COLLEGES

	<i>Name of the college/university to which affiliated</i>	<i>i. Period of ex-post facto approval</i> <i>ii. Period recommended by the Committee from the academic year</i>
1.	<u>Andhra University, Visakahapatnam</u> Govt. College (Auto.) Rajahmundry, East Godavari, A.P. -533105.	i)2005-2006 to 2006-2007 ii)2007-2008 to 2012-2013

2	Ch. S.D.St. Theresa's Autonomous College for Women, Gavaravaram, Sanivarapupet Post, Eluru – 534003 West Godavari Distt. A.P.	i)2006-2007 ii)2007-2008 to 2012-2013
3	<u>Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar, Guntur</u> Andhra Loyola College (Auto.) Govt. Polytechnic Instt. (PO), Vijayawada, Krishna (Dt.) Andhra Pradesh 520008.	i)2006-2007 ii)2007-2008 to 2012-2013
4	Parvathaneni Brahmayya Siddhartha College of Arts & Science, Siddharthanagar, Mogalrajpuram, Venkateswarapuram Post, Vijayawada, A.P. 520010.	i)2006-2007 ii)2007-2008 to 2012-2013

CONFERMENT OF FRESH AUTONOMOUS STATUS

<i>Name of the college/university to which affiliated</i>		<i>Period of autonomy approved</i>
1.	<u>University of Pune, Pune</u> St. Mira's College for Girls's 6, Koregaon Road, Pune – 411001.	2007-2008 to 2012-2013
2.	<u>Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Nagesenvan, University Campus, Aurangabad – 431004.</u> Govt. College of Engineering, Station Road, Osmanpura, Aurangabad – 431005 Maharashtra	2007-2008 to 2012-2013
3.	Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli Sarah Tucker College, Tirunelveli-627007 (TN)	2007-2008 to 2012-2013
4.	Holy Cross College, Nagercoil – 629004 (TN)	2007-2008 to 2012-2013

Action: JS(AC)

- 5.04: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Santosh Trust, Ghaziabad, UP for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission examined the recommendations of the Expert Committees and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of deemed to University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 to Santosh University, Ghaziabad (U.P.) consisting of i) Santosh Medical College, Ghaziabad, ii) Santosh Dental College, Ghaziabad and iii) Santosh Para-medical College, Ghaziabad.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

- 5.05: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Maharishi Markandeshwar Education Trust, Mullana, Ambala for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 under de-novo category.

The Commission examined the recommendations of the Expert Committee as well as the recommendations of the AICTE. The Commission noted that AICTE has not recommended the case of M.M. Engineering College under de-novo category. It was felt that the AICTE's views should be obtained whether the said Engineering College being run by the Trust would meet the requirement under the usual guidelines for grant of deemed to be university status, as it had completed more than 10 years of its existence. The Commission authorized the Chairman UGC to take appropriate decision regarding recommendation of deemed to be university status to Maharshi Markandeshwar Education Trust, Mullana, Ambala for its nine other institutions and inclusion of M.M. Engineering College based on AICTE's views within a week.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

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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 Chairman was authorized to fix the date of the next meeting of the Commission.

Action: JS (Meetings)

6.04: To consider and approve Model Guidelines for Re-employment of Superannuated Teachers.

The Commission examined and approved the Model Guidelines for Re-employment of Superannuated Teachers and desired that the same may be sent to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for their concurrence.

Action: JS (PS)

ANY OTHER ITEM

- i) *The Commission desired that the Director, NAAC may be requested to make presentation on the activities of the NAAC including new system of accreditation.*

Action: JS (IUC)

- ii) *The Commission decided that the Chairman, UGC may be requested to constitute a committee to examine the issue relating to fixation of fee structure of deemed to be universities.*

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- iii) *The Commission requested Mrs. Rita Menon, Additional Secretary, Deptt. of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance to be a Member on the Finance Committee of the UGC.*

Action: FA

- iv) *The Plan Budget Estimates of UGC for the year 2007-08 may be placed before the Finance Committee immediately.*

Action: JS (CPP-II)

- v) *The information relating to condition of grant, purpose for which the grant is sanctioned, actual release of grant including date of sanction, date on which the money was transferred/sent to the Institutions, utilization status of the same may be placed on the UGC website and similarly the universities, colleges and IUCs etc. should also place similar information pertaining to their Institute on their website. The Chairman may appoint a nodal officer for this purpose. Similarly, the Finance Officer may work as nodal officer for the concerned Institutions.*

Action: All Bureau Heads

(TILAK R. KEM)
Secretary

(SUKHADEO THORAT)
Chairman