

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

Minutes of the 440th Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 24th September, 2007.

The following were present:-

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| 1. Prof. Mool Chand Sharma | Vice Chairperson |
| 2. Shri R.P. Agrawal | Member |
| 3. Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu | Member |
| 4. Prof. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam | Member |
| 5. Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Rai | Member |
| 6. Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J., | Member |
| 7. Prof. Jalees Ahmed Khan Tareen | Member |
| 8. Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar | Member |
| 9. Prof. D. Singh Chauhan | Member |

Leave of absence was granted to Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairman, UGC. Prof. Mool Chand Sharma, Vice-Chairman chaired the meeting of the Commission in the absence of the Chairman, UGC.

Prof. Suranjan Das, Commission Member was also granted leave of absence.

Dr. Sanjiv Misra, Secretary (Expenditure) could not attend the meeting. However, Mrs. Meena Agarwal, Joint Secretary (Personnel) Deptt. of Expenditure attended on his behalf.

Following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Dr. Tilak R. Kem

Additional Secretary

Dr. R.K. Chauhan

Director (Admn.)

Dr. K. Gunasekaran

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SECTION-1

1.01(a): To receive the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 2nd July, 2007.

The minutes of the 439th meeting held on 2nd July, 2007 were examined and confirmed with the following modifications:

Item No.5.04 “The Commission considered the matter regarding accreditation of the Institutions applying for deemed to be university status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 and resolved that (a) NAAC accreditation with B Grade shall remain one of the essential eligibility criteria for general Institutions seeking deemed to be university status, (b) in respect of Engineering and Management Institutions accreditation with B or equivalent grade by NAAC or NBA for at least 75% of the total eligible courses, which are eligible,(c) NAAC should have a MOU with other Statutory Bodies viz. MCI, DCI, INC, PCI, NCTE, etc. to assess their institutions (d) the condition of accreditation by NAAC or NBA in respect of institutions applying for Deemed to be University status under de-novo category, under (a), (b) & (c) above, will not apply”.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

Item No.6.01 Conferment of minutes with regard to item relating to E-governance was deferred.

ANY OTHER ITEMS

(ii) Whenever the main objective of the Trust/Society running the deemed university relates only to higher education then, in that case, there is no need for creation of a separate Trust/Society to transfer the assets as required in the guidelines.

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1.01(b): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July, 2007.

The action taken on the minutes of the 439th meeting held on 2nd July, 2007 was examined and noted.

Action : JS (CPP-II)

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

- (i) To ratify the decision of the Chairman UGC on the request of Banasthali Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) for not availing any maintenance grant from the UGC w.e.f. 1st April, 2007.

This was noted. It was further decided that (1) the University should settle all the accounts for the previous years and (2) it shall continue to be governed by the UGC Regulations.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

- (ii) To report the directions received from Government of India, MHRD with regard to the matters relating to changes/amendments in Memorandum of Association (MoA) and Rules of Deemed to be Universities.

The Commission noted the directions received from Government of India, MHRD with regard to the matters relating to changes/amendments in Memorandum of Association (MoA) and Rules of Deemed to be Universities to be done by UGC level without referring to MHRD.

Action: JS(CPP I)

- (iii) To report the matter relating to exemption of registration of a separate society to manage the affairs of Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai, a deemed to be a university.

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The Commission examined and ratified the decision of the Chairman for exemption of registration of a separate society to manage the affairs of Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai, a deemed to be a university, in the light of the decision taken at the meeting of the Commission held on 2nd July, 2007 (vide Item No.(ii) under Any Other Item) . It was further decided that fee structure should be as per the UGC Rules & Regulations.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

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

- (i) To report the Cultural Educational and Scientific Cooperation between the Government of Republic of India and the Government of Egypt.
- (ii) Indo-French Cultural Exchange Programme.
- (iii) Indo-French Educational Exchange Programme.

These were noted. It was, however, decided that a status Report be given regarding circulation of the above information to the Universities .The Report may contain, among other things, the status regarding number of beneficiaries under these Exchange Programmes. These information may be included invariably whenever such items are brought before the Commission in future.

Action : JS(IC)

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

This was examined and noted.

Action : FA

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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.)

- 4.01: To consider the report of the Expert Review Committee relating to Deptt. of Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology, HNB Garhwal University Srinagar at the level of DSA, Phase-IV.

The Commission examined the recommendations of the Expert Review Committee relating to Deptt. of Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology, HNB Garhwal University Srinagar and decided that no extension for SAP Phase-IV be given to the Department, as it is not provided for in the guidelines.

- 4.02: To consider appointment National Coordinator designating Pune University as nodal University for implementing the UGC Scheme entitled, "Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowships.

The Commission examined the recommendation of the Empowered Committee and approved (1) designating University of Pune as the nodal University for implementing the UGC Scheme entitled, "Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowships; (2) the appointment of a National Coordinator at Pune University to implement the scheme and (3) An amount of Rs.47.20 lakhs for implementing the project in the first year.

Action: JS(PLAN)

- 4.03: To consider a scheme for resolution of grievances of the existing Research Scientists in the light of recommendations made by Prof. C.N. Rao committee and keeping in view the discussions held in between the UGC and some of the Research Scientists in the UGC office on 22.11.2006 and 29.12.2006, in order to arrive at a amicable solution to resolve the long pending issue.

Deferred

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

- 5.01: To consider the Report of the Expert Committee which visited Symbiosis Institute of Management, Bangalore for the approval as off-campus Centre under the ambit of Symbiosis International Educational Centre (SIEC), now proposed as Symbiosis International University (Deemed University) as its constituent unit.

Dr.Vidya Yervdekar, Commission Member withdrew from the consideration and discussions of this item.

The Commission examined the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed to (1) recommend to Ministry of Human Resource Development for the Symbiosis Institute of Management, Bangalore as an off-campus Centre of Symbiosis International Educational Centre (SIEC), (2) maintain the current intake capacity viz 150 only. The Commission further decided that in future, a minimum of five experts may be sent to the Institutions. Also, the University be asked to follow the fee structure as per Rules and Regulations of UGC.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

5.02 To consider the request of Symbiosis Society for approval of following:-

- (i) Amalgamation of Symbiosis International Education Centre Trust into Symbiosis Trust.
- (ii) Exemption from separate and dedicated trust or society for managing the affairs of the deemed to be University
- (iii) To grant approval to continue the same name as Symbiosis International University.

Deferred.

5.03: To consider the proposal of Vel Tech Rangarajan Dr. Sagunthala R & D Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai, Tamilnadu for conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the recommendations of UGC Expert Committee, AICTE Committee, and the compliance report of the institute and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status to Vel Tech Rangarajan Dr. Sagunthala R & D Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai, Tamilnadu under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

5.04: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for on spot assessment of infrastructure of the off campus of Institute of Advanced Studies in Education (IASE), Sardarshahr, Rajasthan (Deemed University) at Bhubaneswar for one time permission to conduct Engineering courses in regular mode for the students already enrolled under distance education mode as per the direction of the Hon'ble High Court of Orissa, Cuttack.

The Commission examined and approved the recommendations of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for an on-the-spot assessment of infrastructure of the off-campus of Institute of Advanced Studies in Education (IASE), Sardarshahr, Rajasthan (Deemed University) at Bhubaneswar for one time ex-post-facto approval to 181 students of Engineering, MCA and M.Sc. (Computer Science) already enrolled under distance education mode upto academic year 2005-06, as per the direction of the Hon'ble High Court of Orissa, Cuttack.

It was further decided that (1) the University be advised not to make any fresh admission at the Bhubaneswar off-campus centre without the prior approval of UGC and DEC, (2) the Deemed University shall hold the examinations for the students of Bhubaneswar off-campus centre in a University/College recognized under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956 or any Government School premises under the supervision of the observers to be nominated by UGC; and (3) After completion of the courses in respect of all the existing students enrolled up to academic year 2005-2006, the Bhubaneswar off-campus center shall cease to exist.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

5.05: To consider the proposal of Hindustan Institute of Technology & Science, Padur, Kancheepuram, TN for conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the recommendations of UGC Expert Committee, AICTE Committee and the compliance report of the institute and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status to Hindustan Institute of Technology & Science, Padur, Kancheepuram, TN under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

5.06: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Yenepoya University, Mangalore, Karnataka for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 under category.

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 Yenepoya University, Mangalore, Karnataka under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

5.07: Action taken report on the decision of the Commission taken in its meeting held on 23.6.2006 regarding the report of the Fact Finding Committee appointed by the Ministry of Human Resource Development in respect of unauthorized distance education programmes and related activities of Allahabad Agricultural Institute, Allahabad, a Deemed to be University.

The Commission examined the recommendations of the (1) the Fact Finding Committee of MHRD, (2) the Expert Committee and (3) Expert (Inspection) Committee appointed earlier and decided as follows :-

(1) Based on the recommendation of the Fact Finding Committee and in the larger interest of the students, Ministry of Human Resource Development may be advised to grant ex-post-fact approval to Allahabad Agricultural Institute(AAI), Allahabad and Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth for students already enrolled under distance mode upto August, 2005, after receipt of approval from Distance Education Council, New Delhi.

(2) That all the distance education programmes of AAI's should be abandoned forthwith even for those students who have been currently enrolled in these programmes.

(3) Wherever professional courses are to be run on Distance Education mode then the approval of the respective professional Bodies/DEC may be obtained.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

5.08: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Babu Banarasi Das Northern India Institute of Technology, Lucknow, UP for the conferment of Deemed to be University status (*De-novo* category) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Deferred.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

- 5.09: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Chettinad Academy of Research and Education, Padur, Kanchipuram Dt., Tamilnadu for the conferment of Deemed to be University status (*De-novo* category) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Deferred.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

- 5.10: To consider the proposal of St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research, Avadi, Chennai, TN for conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the recommendations of UGC Expert Committee, AICTE Committee and the compliance report of the institute and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status to St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research, Avadi, Chennai, TN under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

- 5.11: To consider reports of the Expert Visiting Committees for **Conferment of fresh Autonomous Status** to two (02) new Colleges of States of Andhra Pradesh, affiliated to Kakatiya University, Warangal respectively.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed for conferment of fresh Autonomous status to the following two (02) colleges for a period of six years as indicated against each are as under:-

| <i>S.No.</i> | <i>Name of the college/university to which affiliated</i> | <i>Date of visit</i> | <i>Period recommended by the Committee</i> |
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| | <u><i>Kakatiya University, warangal</i></u> | | |
| <i>1.</i> | <i>Chaitanya Degree College, # 5-11-43, Kishanpura, Hanamkonda, Warangal-506001 (A.P).</i> | <i>16-08-2007</i> | <i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i> |
| <i>2.</i> | <i>Chaitanya P.G.College, # 5-11-43/1, Kishanpura, Hanamkonda, Warangal-506001 (A.P).</i> | <i>17-08-2007</i> | <i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i> |

Action: JS(AC/SU)

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 (No items).

6.03: To note the date and place of the next meeting of the Commission.

The date of next meeting of the Commission shall be decided in due course and intimated to the members.

Action: Director (Admn.)

6.04: To consider the Guidelines for setting up of State Council of Higher Education.

The Commission authorized the Chairman, UGC to constitute a Committee of the Commission Members to revise the Guidelines.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

6.05: To consider the Budget Estimates for the year 2007-08.

This item was considered and approved.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

6.06: Composition of the UGC Pay Review Committee & Terms of Reference

This item was withdrawn.

Action: JS(PS)

ANY OTHER ITEM

Arising out of discussion, the Commission desired that action on the following may be taken.

- (1) *The Universities may be asked to send the necessary details regarding Master Degree Programmes being offered by them so as to enable UGC to include them in the list of Degree being maintained under section 22 of UGC Act..*

*Action : JS(CPP-II)/
JS(NET)*

- (2) *The Commission desired that the following information may be provided at the next meeting:*

- (1) *A status note regarding review of autonomous Colleges.*
(2) *A status note regarding release of autonomy grants to the autonomous colleges.*
(3) *A status note regarding introduction of PG autonomy in AP autonomous colleges in the light of the recommendations of the seminar organized by SERO, Hyderabad.*

Action: JS(AC/IC)

(3) *The Commission Members expressed several views regarding declaring Institutions under DE-NOVO category. The Commission was informed about the constitution of an Expert Committee headed by Prof.K.Ramamurthy Naidu, Commission Member to frame regulations for declaring Deemed University which had several meetings in this regard. Considering the above facts, the Commission finally decided the following:-*

(1) Members are requested to send their comments, if any, to Prof.K. Ramamurthy Naidu, Chairman of the Committee for considering the same by the Expert Committee.

(2) If found necessary, the Committee may induct Special Invitees to assist the Committee in its work.

(3) DE-NOVO category may be allowed only in such Institutions, preferably Government, which has real potential for doing work in the “innovative and emerging areas”.

(4) The above Expert Committee may be requested to complete its work within one month.

Action : JS(CPP-I)

(4) *It was decided that the Regional Offices should be instructed to send information to the Commission Members regarding release of funds in respect of Women Hostel Scheme.*

Action : JS(RO)

(TILAK R. KEM)
Secretary

(MOOL CHAND SHARMA)
Vice-Chairman