

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

Minutes of the 442nd Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 21st & 22nd January, 2008.

The 442nd Meeting was held on 21st & 22nd January, 2008 at 10.00 A.M. in which the following were present:-

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| 1. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Mool Chand Sharma | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Prof. Suranjan Das (*) | Member |
| 4. Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu | Member |
| 5. Prof. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam (*) | Member |
| 6. Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Rai | Member |
| 7. Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J., | Member |

(*) were present only on 21st January, 2008.

Shri R.P. Agrawal,, Dr. Sanjiv Misra,, Prof. Jalees Ahmed Khan Tareen, Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar and Prof. D.S. Chauhan, Members could not attend the meeting. They were granted leave of absence.

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Dr. R.K. Chauhan

Additional Secretary

Dr. (Mrs.) Niloufer.A. Kazmi

Director (Admn.)

Dr. K. Gunasekaran

Joint Secretaries/Joint Director

Dr.S.P. Dasthakur
Joint Secretary

Dr.Pankaj Mittal,
Joint Secretary

Shri A.K. Dogra
Joint Secretary

Dr. M.V. Krishnaswamy
Joint Secretary

Dr.C.S. Meena
Joint Secretary

Dr.Renu Batra
Joint Secretary

Dr.A.K. Parate
Joint Secretary

Dr.Dev Swarup
Joint Secretary

Dr.K.P. Singh
Joint Secretary

Shri Sharanjit Singh
Joint Secretary

Dr.(Mrs.) Urmila Devi
Joint Secretary

Dr. (Mrs.) H.K. Chauhan
Joint Director

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SECTION-1

1.01(a): To receive the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 30th November, 2007.

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th November, 2007 were confirmed with the following modification:

The resolution in respect of Item No. 5.03, 5.13 5.14 and 6.11 were modified as under:

(1) Item No. 5.03

The Commission considered the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC and agreed to recommend to MHRD for conferment of Deemed to be University status to Chettinad Academy of Research and Education, Padur, Kanchipuram Dt., Tamilnadu under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 under de-novo category for a period of 3 (three) years subject to review at the end of each year.

Action : JS(CPP-I)

(2) Item No.5.13

The Commission considered the report of the Committee constituted to consider the proposal of Balaji Vidyapeeth, Pillayarkuppam, Pondicherry for conferment of deemed to be university status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 and agreed to recommend to MHRD that Mahatma Gandhi Medical College & Research Institute, may be awarded the deemed university status under de-nova category subject to receiving no objection certificate from its affiliating university and review at the end of each year.

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The Commission further decided that Kasturba Gandhi Nursing College, Indira Gandhi Institute of Dental Sciences and Bharathiar College of Engineering & Technology, Kariakal may not be included under deemed university status.

Action : JS(CPP-I)

(3) Item No. 5.14

“With a periodic at the end of each year” at the end of the resolution may be read as “with a periodic review after three years.”

Action : JS(CPP-I)

(4) Item No. 6.11

Revised rate of Fellowship for JRF in Science, Humanities and Social Sciences may be read as “Rs.12,000/- instead of Rs.12,400/-.”

Action: JS (SA)

(5) & (6) recorded separately.

SECTION-1

1.01(b): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 441st Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **30th November, 2007.**

It was noted.

The Commission considered the items contained in Volume No.IV, V and VI and completed its discussion. The items in Volume II and III could not be discussed for want of time. The Commission further decided to consider the

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guidelines formulated by the various Expert Committee/Standing Committees in its next meeting. The Bureau Heads who were asked to prepare these guidelines may be requested to present the salient features of the guidelines and its comparison with X Plan guidelines.

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.)

There was no item under this Section.

SECTION-5 (GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

- 5.01:** (1) To consider the XI Plan UGC Guidelines for providing grants to Universities & Colleges under various programmes/schemes during Eleventh Five Year Plan Period (2007-2012).

The Commission considered the items contained in Volume No. I, IV, V and VI and completed its discussion. The items in Volume II and III could not be discussed for want of time. The Commission further decided to consider the guidelines formulated by the various Expert Committee/Standing Committees in its next meeting. The Bureau Heads who were asked to prepare these guidelines may be requested to present the salient features of the guidelines and its comparison with X Plan guidelines.

Action: (All Bureau Heads)

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- (2) Travel Grant Scheme for College Teachers/College Librarians/Vice-Chancellors/Commission Members and UGC Officers.

The Commission approved the scheme of Travel Grant for teachers and authorized the Chairman to finalize the same taking into account the comments of the Commission Members.

Action: JS (TG)

- (3) Research Funding Council for Major and Minor Research Project in Sc.,Hum. & Social Sciences.

The Commission approved the scheme of Research Project for teachers – Major and Minor and authorized the Chairman to finalize the same taking into account the comments of the Commission Members.

Action: JS (MRP)

- (4) Digital Repository in Universities & Colleges. (UGC Infonet e-Journal).

The Commission desired that the guidelines of the scheme may be revised in consultation with the Directors, INFLIBNET and CEC and may be brought before the Commission.

Action: JS (CT)

- (5) Internet Connective in Universities and Colleges.

The Commission desired that the guidelines of the scheme may be revised in consultation with the Directors, INFLIBNET and CEC. and may be brought before the Commission.

Action: JS (CT)

- (6) E-Content Development.

The Commission desired that the guidelines of the scheme may be revised in consultation with the Directors, INFLIBNET and CEC. and may be brought before the Commission.

Action: JS (CT)

- (7) ICT for Universities and Colleges.

- (i) Development Assistance to strengthen existing Management Department in the university.

The Commission decided that this scheme may be merged with the General Development Scheme of the Universities.

Action: JS (CT)

- (ii) Establishing/Up-gradation of Computer Centers in Universities during the X Plan.

The Commission approved the scheme of establishing/upgradation of Computer Centers in Universities and authorized the Chairman to finalize the same taking into account the comments of the Commission Members.

Action: JS (CT)

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- (iii) Establishment of UGC Network Resource Centre (UGC-NRC) in the Colleges during the XI Plan period.

The Commission approved the scheme of UGC Network Resource Centre (UGC-NRC) and authorized the Chairman to finalize the same taking into account the comments of the Commission Members.

Action: JS (CT)

- (8) PG Scholarship (MEM. Tech./ M.Pharm.)

It was brought to the notice of the Commission that AICTE is also giving PG Scholarships to GATE qualified candidates to pursue ME/M.Tech./M.Pharm Courses. Therefore the Commission decided that the scheme may be reviewed to avoid duplicacy with the AICTE scheme

Action: JS (SA)

- (9) Special Assistance Programme (SAP).

The Commission approved the scheme of Special Assistance Programme and authorized the Chairman to finalize the same taking into account the comments of the Commission Members. However, the tenure of DRS and DSA will be limited to maximum three tenures whereas there will be no upper limit for CAS.

Action: JS (SAP)

- (10) Fulfillment of Quality Gaps in Colleges.

This was deferred to be considered after the receipt of XI Plan allocation and Budget for the next financial year.

Action: JS (XI Plan)

- (11) Development Assistance to Colleges (including merged schemes).

The Commission considered the guidelines of the scheme for Development Assistance to Colleges and constituted the following Committee to consider it and the guidelines and may be brought before the Commission..

- 1.Prof. K.Ramamurthy Naidu, Member Commission*
- 2.Prof. Shashi Rai, Member Commission*
- 3.Dr.R.K. Chauhan, Secretary, UGC*
- 4.Shri A.K. Dogra, Joint Secretary, UGC*

Action: JS (SA)

- (12) Development Assistance to Colleges for Construction of Buildings during XI Plan.

The Commission approved the scheme of Development Assistance to Colleges for Construction of Buildings and authorized the Chairman to finalize the same taking into account the comments of the Commission Members.

Action: JS (XI Plan)

- (13) Faculty Development Programme.

- i. Award of Teacher Fellowship for doing M.Phil/Ph.d
- ii. Award of Teacher Fellowship for doing Ph.D. while working.
- iii. Participation of Teachers in Academic Conferences in India (PTAC).
- iv. Short-term visit of Young Faculty members to reputed institutions.

The Commission approved the above four schemes under Faculty Development Programme and authorized the Chairman to finalize the same taking into account the comments of the Commission Members.

Action: JS (XI Plan)

- (14) Special Scheme for Construction of Women's Hostel.

The Commission approved the Special Scheme for Construction of Women's Hostel and authorized the Chairman to finalize the same taking into account the comments of the Commission Members.

Action: JS (XI Plan)

- (15) Special Grant to Colleges for overcoming Damages caused by Natural Calamities/Disasters.

The Commission approved the scheme of Special Grant to College for overcoming Damages caused by Natural Calamities/Disasters and authorized the Chairman to finalize the same taking into account the comments of the Commission Members.

Action: JS (XI Plan)

- (16) Introduction of Career Oriented Courses in Universities and Colleges.

This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.

- (17) Sports facilities in Universities/Colleges
1. Development of Sports Infrastructure and Equipments in Universities.
 2. Development of Sports Infrastructure and Equipments in Colleges.
 3. XIth Plan Guidelines Promotion of Yoga Education and Practice and Positive Health in Universities.
 4. XI Plan Guidelines Organisation; of Adventure Sports/activities by Universities/Colleges.

This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.

- (18) Introduction of Career and Counseling Cell in Universities.

This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting

5.02: To consider the XI Plan UGC Guidelines for providing grants to Universities & Colleges under various programmes/schemes during Eleventh Five Year Plan Period.

(01) Academic Staff College

This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.

(02) Facilities for Differently-abled Persons

- Teacher Preparation on Special Education (TEPSE)
- Higher Education for Persons with Special Needs (HEPSN)

This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.

(03) Assistance for strengthening of infrastructure for Science & Technology (ASIST)

This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.

(04) Assistance for strengthening of infrastructure for Humanities & Social Science (ASIHSS).

This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.

(05) Universities with Potential for Excellence (UPE)

This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.

(06) Colleges with Potential for Excellence (CPE)

This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.

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- (07) Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies.

The Commission approved the scheme of Peace and Conflict of Resolution Studies and authorized the Chairman to finalize the same taking into account the comments of the Commission Members.

Action: JS (XI Plan)

- (08) Area Study Programmes in Universities.

The Commission approved the scheme of Area Study Programmes in Universities and authorized the Chairman to finalize the same taking into account the comments of the Commission Members.

Action: JS (IC)

- (09) Adult Continuing Education and Extension.

This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.

- (10) Development of Women's Studies in Indian Universities and Colleges.

This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.

- (11) Capacity Building for Women Managers in Higher Education.

This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.

- (12) Epoch Making Social Thinkers of India.

This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.

- (13) Basic Facilities for Women in Universities and Colleges.

This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.

- (14) Scholarships for Women in Professional Programmes.

This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.

- (15) PG Scholarships for students belong to SC/ST/Minorities/Poor.

This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.

- (16) Post Doctoral Fellowship
This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.
- (17) Research Award
This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.
- (18) Emeritus Fellowship
This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.
- (19) Establishment of Centres in Universities for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy.
This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.
- (20) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC/ST Candidates.
This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.
- (21) Post-Doctoral Fellowship to SC/ST candidates.
This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.
- (22) Post Doctoral Fellowship to Women Candidates.
This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.
- (23) General Development Grant for Universities including merged schemes.
This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.
- (24) Resource Mobilization
This was deferred to be taken up in the next meeting.
- (25) Autonomous Colleges.

The Commission approved the scheme of Autonomous Colleges and authorized the Chairman to finalize the same taking into account the comments of the Commission Members.

Action: JS (AC)

- 5.03: To consider inclusion of minorities sub-component in the XI plan guidelines and introduction of new schemes for welfare of minority communities.

The Commission considered the sub component plan for minorities and noted that as per Government of India norms there is no provision of such a component in all the schemes. However, the Commission has to take pro-active action in matters wherever this is possible as per Government norms. The Commission accordingly approved guidelines for Junior Research Fellowship for Minorities with annual 100 slots. The Commission also approved PG Scholarship for Minority Students in Professional Courses with annual slot of 200.

The Commission further decided that other schemes proposed by the Committee may be sent to Prof. J.A.K. Tareen, Member UGC for reconsideration in the light of norms on the subject.

Action: JS (XI Plan)

- 5.04: To consider inclusion of SC/ST sub-component in the XI plan guidelines and introduction of new schemes for welfare of SC/ST.

The Commission desired that this may be reexamined by the office in the light of Government of India's instructions on the subject and a revised item may be brought before the Commission in the next meeting.

The Commission further decided that Equal Opportunity Office to be created in the Universities and Colleges to run and operate all schemes programs and facilities related to students may be made as one of the merged schemes in respect of Universities and Colleges.

JS (SCT)

- 5.05: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred to Jaypee Institute of Information Technology (JIIT), Noida, UP.

The Commission considered the report of the Committee for continuation of Deemed to be University status to Jaypee Institute of Information Technology, Noida (UP) and decided to recommend to the M/HRD for its continuation. The performance of the Deemed University be reviewed after 5 years. The suggestions made by the Committee may be sent to the Deemed University for compliance and further follow-up action.

JS(CPP-I)

- 5.06: To consider UGC (Affiliation of Colleges by Universities) Regulations, 2008.

The Commission considered the UGC (Affiliation of Colleges by Universities) Regulations, 2008 and decided to send a copy of the Regulation to all the Secretaries of Education of State Governments, affiliated Universities for their comments within three weeks. A copy of the draft Regulations may be posted on the UGC website for feedback from the public. The State Govts. and the Universities may also be requested to give their views regarding the maximum number of colleges/students to be affiliated with a university, fee for temporary and permanent affiliation to be charged by the universities and the maximum number of years existence to be allowed under temporary affiliation.

The Commission further decided that Dr.(Mrs.) Shashi Rai and Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J., Commission Members may be included in the Expert Committee already constituted for the purpose. The feedback received from the universities, State Governments and public may be referred to the above Committee for consideration and finalization of the Regulations within one month.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

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SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

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

There was no item.

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 Commission authorized the Chairman to fix its next meeting to consider all the pending Schemes contained in Volume II and III.

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

The Commission examined the recommendations of the Exemption Committee and agreed to grant the exemptions from NET to the candidates as recommended by the Exemption Committee.

Action: JS (PS)

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

The Commission approved the guidelines for re-employment of superannuated teachers with the modification that the re-employment of superannuated teachers may be made only against regular sanctioned posts which could not be filled up and not against supernumerary posts.

ANY OTHER ITEM

- (1) *The Commission decided that suitable secretariat and contingent expenditure not exceeding Rs.5000/- per month may be provided to the members of the Commission based on the certificate to be submitted by the Members.*

Action: Director (Admn.)

- (2) *The Commission observed that there is acute shortage of staff in the UGC at various levels. Considering the fact that the Commission is in the process of implementing various schemes during the XI Plan period. There is a need to maintain atleast a core minimum staff for each bureau so that the schemes formulated by the Commission could be implemented effectively. Accordingly, the Commission appointed the following Committee to look into this issue and submit a report for the consideration of the Commission:*

Prof.Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam, Commission Member

Dr.(Mrs.) Shashi Rai, Commission Member

Prof.Xavier Alphonse, S.J., Commission Member

Action: Director(Admn.)

(R.K. CHAUHAN)
Secretary

(SUKHADEO THORAT)
Chairman