

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

Minutes of the 449th Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 21st July, 2008.

The 449th Meeting of the Commission was held on **21st July, 2008**, in which the following were present:-

1. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat	Chairman
2. Prof. Mool Chand Sharma	Vice Chairperson
3. Shri R.P.Agrawal	Member
4. Mrs. Rita Menon	Member
5. Prof. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam	Member
6. Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu	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
12. Prof. Achyutananda Samanta	Member

Prof. R.A. Yadav, Chairman, AICTE, invited as Special Invitee, could not attend the meeting.

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Dr. R. K. Chauhan

Director (Admn.)

Dr. K. Gunasekaran

Joint Secretary (Finance)

Dr. C.S. Meena

SECTION-1

- 1.01 (a) To confirm the minutes of the 448th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 18th & 19th June, 2008.

The minutes were confirmed subject to the following modifications:

1. *Page No.7, Item No.5.03*

The Commission reviewed the heading of the Agenda as under :

“To consider the request received from the Principal, Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai to keep the issue relating to composition of the Selection Committee in the minority institutions outside the purview of the “Regulations on minimum qualifications for appointment of teaching staff” to enable minority institutions protect minority institution rights.”

Action: JS-CPP-II

2. *Page No.17, Item No. A(i) under Any Other Item*

A(i) The last sentence is modified as under :

“The compliance report as received from Akruti Citygold Institute, Mumbai, Maharashtra may be placed before the Commission for final decision.”

Action: JS-CPP-I

3. *The Commission noted that the minutes of the Commission meeting are being sent to the local Members through special messenger and by speed post to the outside Members. The Members agreed that the comments on the minutes be sent to the Director (Admn.) within 8 days from the date of issue of the minutes. If no comments are received within above stipulated time, the minutes may be treated as confirmed.*

Action : Director (Admn)

- 1.01(b) (i): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 447th Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 21st May, 2008.

Page No.25, under Any Other Item (1)

A date may be fixed to convene a meeting of the AICTE, MCI, DCI, TCI and NCT etc. It was also decided to invite Chairman, DEC in the proposed meeting. The Secretary (HE), MHRD or his representative may be invited for the proposed meeting.

Action: JS-CPP-I

Page No.26, under Any Other Item (2)

The Secretary (HE), MHRD agreed to organize a meeting of NAAC and NBA to come together so as to prepare a strategy for accrediting the Institutions and Departments. He further agreed to hold a meeting of the INFLIBNET and INDEST for extension of facility of INFLIBNET for the user group of the INDEST and vice-versa. A communication to this effect may be sent to the Secretary (HE), MHRD immediately.

Action: JS-CPP-I

Page No.26, under Any Other Item (5)

The Commission decided that pending finalization of the Regulations by the Commission, the Chairman, UGC may write a letter to all the State Govt. as per decision taken in the last meeting relating to NOC for deemed to be university.

Action: JS-CPP-I

- 1.01 (b) (ii): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 448th Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 18th & 19th June, 2008.

This was noted with the approval with the following modifications:

Recorded Separately.

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

- (i) To rectify the date of 29th meeting of the Distance Education Council in the minutes of the Commission.

The Commission ratified the date of the meeting as 29th June instead of 20th June of the Distance Education Council held on 20th June, 2007.

Action: JS-CPP-I

1.02(b) To receive the items of information.

There was no item under this section.

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

This was noted. The Commission also considered the statement of expenditure circulated as on 18th July, 2008 and noted with satisfaction the expenditure of 91.67% of funds.

Action: FA

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

There was no item under this section.

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

There was no item under this section.

SECTION-5
(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

- 5.01: To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee for considering the proposal of Martin Luther Christian University, (Private University), Shillong for assessment of its physical and academic infrastructure in terms of UGC (Establishment of and maintenance of standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003.

The Commission resolved that the report of the Expert Committee alongwith deficiencies pointed out by the Committee be communicated to Martin Luther Christian University, (Private University), Shillong and a compliance report may be called for. The University may be again inspected within one year of the last inspection and in the mean time the University should create necessary infrastructural facilities, teaching and non-teaching posts, in accordance with our Regulations.

Action: JS-CPP-I

- 5.02: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to consider the proposal of Lingya's Institute of Management & Technology, Faridabad for deemed to be university status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the Expert Committee Report constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of the above Institute, report of the AICTE Expert Committee and its advice and agreed to recommend to the MHRD for conferment of Deemed to be University status to Lingya's Institute of Management & Technology, Faridabad subject to review after five years.

Action: JS-CPP-I

5.03: To consider the XI Plan UGC guidelines for Development Assistance to Colleges including merged schemes during the Eleventh Plan period (2007-2012).

The Commission considered the XI Plan UGC guidelines for development assistance to Colleges including merged schemes and approved the guidelines subject to the following modifications:

1. *Apart from the SC/ST/OBC/Minorities “other students upto 20%” may also be considered under the Remedial Coaching Scheme.*
2. *Under coaching for NET/Set for SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer and Minorities scheme at S.No.k at Page No.147). The need for having atleast 50 students belonging to SC/ST/OBC for Remedial Coaching Scheme need not be insisted upon.*
3. *The 2nd paragraph modified as given below:
“The UGC will not insist on a permission letter from the State Govt. when Colleges including Govt. colleges purchase Equipment/Books under any scheme of the UGC, provided that the purchase is strictly as per laid-down norms. However, Colleges should submit a list of Equipment/Books purchased from UGC funds to the concerned UGC Regional office with a copy to the State Govt. at the end of each financial year.”*
4. *The Govt. College may be advised to send audited statement of expenditure and Utilization Certificate from the Chartered Accountant so that they could be sanctioned next installment of the grant. The statutory audit by Accountant General or by the State Govt. may be done in due course.*
5. *As given in S.No.4 the minimum number of 10 disabled persons (Page No.153) to be enrolled in the College for availing the assistance under scheme may not be insisted upon.*

5.04: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Noorul Islam Centre for Higher Education,

Kumaracoil, Thuckalay, Kanyakumari District, Tamilnadu for conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the Expert Committee Report constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of the above Institute, report of the AICTE Expert Committee and its advice and agreed to recommend to the MHRD for conferment of Deemed to be University status to Noorul Islam Centre for Higher Education, Kumaracoil, Thuckalay, Kanyakumari District, Tamilnadu subject to review after five years.

Action: JS-CPP-I

5.05:

To consider reports of the Expert Visiting Committees for Extension of Autonomous Status in respect of (1) D.N.R. (AUTONOMOUS) College, Bhimavaram (A.P.) (2) Shri Durga Prasad Saraf College of Arts & Applied Sciences, Sheeramnagar (A.P) (3) Government Model Science College, Civil Lines, Jabalpur (MP) and (4) Govt. Mahakoshal Arts & Commerce College, Jabalpur (MP) falling in the States of Andhra Pradesh and M.P affiliated to Andhra University, and Rani Durgavati University, Jabalpur respectively.

The Commission considered the report of the Expert Committees for extension of autonomous status in respect of the above Colleges and agreed to extend the tenure of autonomous status as per the details given below:

S.NO.	Name of the College/University to which affiliated	Autonomy tenure approved by the Commission
1.	D.N.R. College, Bhimavaram (A.P.)	2006-07 to 2012-2013, including ex-post-facto extension of autonomy status for the years 2006-07 and 2007-08.
2.	Shri Durga Prasad Saraf College of Arts & Applied Sciences, Sheeramnagar (AP)	2006-07 to 2012-2013, including ex-post-facto extension of autonomy status for the years 2006-07 and 2007-08.
3.	Govt. Model Science College, Civil Lines, Jabalpur (MP)	2007-08 to 2013-2014
4.	Govt. Mahakoshal Arts & Commerce College, Jabalpur (MP)	2007-08 to 2013-2014

The Commission further decided that the autonomy for one go may not exceed six years. All the Expert Committees may be informed accordingly.

Action: JS-AC

5.06: To consider the UGC draft Regulations for Admission and Fee Structure in Professional Programmes of study in self Financing deemed to be universities.

The Commission decided that this may be discussed in the next meeting to be held on 8th August, 2008. The Members were requested to send their written comments by 30th July, 2008 so as the same could be compiled.

Action : Director (Admn.)

5.07: To consider UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2008.

The Commission was informed that the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Viplav Sharma Vs Union of India and Others (Writ Petition (Civil) No. 142 of 2006) has expressed its concern and taken a serious view regarding state of affairs on the issue of finalization of these Regulations. The Court has directed to list the above writ petition for final disposal on 25th August 2008 and has observed that in the mean time Union of India and UGC may file their counter affidavit /additional affidavit.

In view of the above, the Commission decided that this may be discussed and finalized in the next meeting of the Commission to be held on 8th August, 2008. The Members were requested to send their written comments by 30th July, 2008 so as the same could be compiled.

Action : Director (Admn.)

5.08: To consider the explanation submitted by Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Deemed University, Mumbai, Maharashtra with regard to the establishment of five constituent units at its Mumbai Campus without the approval of MHRD/UGC.

The Commission considered the explanation/clarifications submitted by the Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Deemed University, Mumbai, Maharashtra and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development to accord ex-post-facto approval for the establishment of following five constituent units at its Mumbai Campus:

- (i) *Mukesh Patel School of Technology Management & Engineering*
- (ii) *School of Pharmacy & Technology Management*
- (iii) *Balwant Sheth School of Architecture*
- (iv) *School of Science*
- (v) *School of Commerce*

Action : JS -CPP-I

SECTION-6

(MISCELLANEOUS)

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

Recorded Separately.

Action : Dir (Admn.)

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 8th August, 2008 at 10.00 A.M. at New Delhi.

Action : Dir (Admn.)

6.04: To consider the final report of the NET Review Committee headed by Dr. B.L. Mungekar and the reports of UGC Pay Review Committee and the Empowered Committee for Strengthening of Basic Science Research.

The Commission considered the final reports of NET Review Committee headed by Prof. B.L. Mungekar and reports of the Empowered Committee for strengthening of Basic Science Research and UGC Pay Review Committee and resolved as under :

(A) 1. *NET/SLET or Ph.D shall remain the minimum eligibility condition for recruitment of lecturers in Universities / Colleges / Institutions.*

2. *The candidates, who are already registered for M.Phil and complete the same upto 30th June, 2009, be exempted from NET for UG teaching. However, NET/SLET shall be compulsory for the candidates completing their M.Phil on or after 1st July, 2009.*

3. *All the Universities shall be required to follow new procedure of standardization of Ph.D by 30th June, 2009 for which UGC shall issue Regulation within three months.*

4. *The following guidelines may be kept in view while formulating Regulations for (3) above.*

GUIDELINES FOR M.Phil/Ph.D PROGRAMME FOR UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Institutions eligible for conducting M.Phil./Ph.D. programmes

All Universities and Colleges/Institutions of national importance, except an Open University and Distance Education mode in any University. In this regard, separate Regulations shall be issued for M.Phil./Ph.D. in Open University and Distance Education Mode in Universities.

Eligibility Criteria for Ph.D Supervisor

1. Institutions should lay down the criteria for the faculty to be a Ph.D supervisor.
2. Institutions should lay down and decide, on annual basis, a predetermined and manageable number of doctoral students depending on the number of the available eligible faculty supervisors. A supervisor should not have, at any given point of time, more than six to eight Ph.D scholars.
3. The number of seats for Ph.D. should be decided well in advance and notified in the University website or advertisement. Institutions should widely advertise the number of available seats for Ph.D studies and conduct admission on regular basis.

Procedure for Admission

1. Institutions should admit doctoral students through Entrance Test conducted at the level of individual institutions. The University may decide separate terms and conditions for those students who qualify UGC/CSIR (JRF) Examination or teacher fellowship holder or have passed M.Phil programme. It should be followed by an interview to

be organized by the School/Department/Institution/University. Only the predetermined number of students may be admitted to Ph.D programme.

2. The admission to the Ph.D programme would be either directly or through M.Phil programme.

Allocation of Supervisor

The allocation of the supervisor for a selected students will be decided by the Department in a formal manner depending on the number of students per faculty member, the available specialization among the faculty supervisors, and the chosen topic of research by the student. The allotment/allocation of supervisor should not be left to the individual student or teacher.

Course Work

On going admitted, each M.Phil/Ph.D student will be required by the Institution/University to undertake course work for a maximum of two semesters. The course work should be treated as pre-Ph.D preparation and must include a course on research methodology. The individual Institution/University will decide the minimum qualifying requirement for allowing a student to proceed further for writing the dissertation.

Evaluation and Assessment Methods

1. On satisfactory completion of course work and research methodology, which will form part and parcel of M.Phil / Ph.D. programme, the Ph.D scholar will undertake research work and produce a draft thesis in a reasonable time.
2. Before submitting the thesis, the student may make a pre-Ph.D presentation in the Department, open to all faculty members and research students, for getting feedback and comments, which may be suitably incorporated into the draft thesis under the advice of the supervisor.

3. The thesis produced by the Ph.D students in the Institutions/Department and submitted to the University will be evaluated by two or three experts, out of which at least one will be from outside the State. It is upto the University concerned to have one examiner from outside the country.
4. On receipt of satisfactory evaluation reports, Ph.D students will undergo a viva voce examination which will also be open to all faculty members of the Department.

Depository with UGC

1. Following the successful completion of the evaluation process and announcement of the award of Ph.D, the University will submit a soft copy of the Ph.D thesis to the UGC for hosting the same in INFLIBNET, accessible to all Institutions/Universities.
2. The degree awarding Institution/University will issue a certificate incorporating the afore-mentioned conditionality to the (non-NET/SLET) awardees who will, in turn, enclose a copy of the same alongwith other testimonials while applying for the post of lecturer in a University or College/Institution.

Action : JS -PS

(B) The Mungekar's Committee made the following major recommendations for improving the existing NET examination:

1. A committee will be constituted to revise the syllabus of Paper-I so that it is made more general in nature with equal weightage to various disciplines.
2. The Committee shall also look into the revision of syllabi of Paper-II and Paper-III.
3. A Committee would be constituted by UGC to restructure Paper I, II and III on the pattern suggested by Mungekar Committee.

4. Necessary steps will be taken to publish the reference books.
5. The UGC provide financial assistance to certain universities and institutions for holding coaching classes for NET for the benefit of candidates belonging to SC/ST and Minorities. Mungekar Committee recommended to strengthen this scheme and other under-privileged groups will also be included among the beneficiaries of this scheme.
6. The UGC would constitute a separate SET Review Committee to review the requirement of and the standards of the Set across the country. The UGC would also lend adequate support to the SETs in terms of technical expertise so that State Eligibility Test continues to maintain the standards equivalent to NET, in case they are accredited by the UGC.
7. UGC-NET-Bureau may be converted into an independent autonomous institute on the lines of Inter University Centre in order to perform its functions effectively. The Bureau should have a full fledged Computer Centre with adequate technical personnel including programmers for processing of application, tabulation, analysis and preparation of data etc.
8. UGC will develop a strong resource centre with specialized personnel in the field of library science in the NET Bureau to manage the centre along professional lines.

The Commission approved these recommendations, in principle, and authorized the Chairman to constitute committees for operationilising the same and also for detailed examination of recommendation in respect of Sl. No. 7 above.

Action: JS -NET

6.05: To consider the report of Review of UGC Women's Studies Departments / Centres.

The Commission decided that the review report of the UGC Women's Department/ Centre may be internally reviewed and action point may be brought before the Commission.

Action : JD-WS

ANY OTHER ITEM:

1. The Commission decided that the implementation report in respect of EEP / CEP and other IC programmes implemented by UGC be prepared and submitted to the Commission within two months for the year ending 31st March, 2008 and similar reports be submitted in future every year by 30th June.

Action: JS-IC

2. A meeting of the State Councils of Higher Education may be convened immediately.

Action : JS-CPP-II

(R.K. CHAUHAN)
Secretary

(SUKHADEO THORAT)
Chairman