

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

**MINUTES OF THE 474th MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 6th JANUARY, 2011.**

The 474th Meeting of the Commission was held on 6th January, 2011 in which the following were present:-

1. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat	Chairman
2. Prof. Ved Prakash	Vice Chairman
3. Mrs. Vibha Puri Das	Member
4. Mrs. Vilasini Ramachandran	Member
5. Prof. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam	Member
6. Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu	Member
7. Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J.	Member
8. Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar	Member
9. Prof. Achyutananda Samanta	Member

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Dr. N.A. Kazmi

Additional Secretary

Dr. K. Gunasekaran

Financial Adviser

Dr. C.S. Meena

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SECTION-1

The Chairman invited the attention of the Commission Members with regard to the letter dated 4th January, 2011 received from Deputy Secretary (Finance), MHRD regarding Item No. 2.02 of the minutes of the meeting held on 27th September, 2010 (copy enclosed as Annexure-I) wherein the MHRD has requested that the above decision may be put on hold till it is cleared by the Ministry from financial angle. Accordingly, the Commission decided that a Joint Committee consisting of a few Commission Members and MHRD officials may be set up to look into the issue and give the recommendations which may be brought before the Commission.

Action :JS(CPP-I)

- 1.01 (a)** To confirm the minutes of the 473rd meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **13th December, 2010.**

The comments received from Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar and Prof. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam (Annexure-III) on the minutes with regard to the Item No. 5.04 were circulated to the members. After a detailed discussion on the subject the minutes of the meeting held on 13th December, 2010 were confirmed.

Action :AS(I)/Director(Admn.)

- 1.01 (b)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 473rd meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **13th December, 2010.**

Noted.

- 1.02 (a)(i)** To report a note on the status of NET exemption.

The note placed before the Commission was deliberated upon in detail and it was decided that the report submitted by Prof. Thyagarajan Committee identifying universities which are awarding Ph.D degrees in compliance of the provisions under UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of M.Phil/Ph.D degree) Regulations, 2009 may be placed before the Commission along with the criteria adopted by the Committee in the identification of these universities. A comprehensive status note on NET exemption may be placed before the Commission at its next meeting.

Action: FA

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- 1.02 To receive the position of funds of UGC and Related Issues.
No item.

SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

- 2.01 To consider the issues arising out of the minutes of the Standing Committee on "UGC (Minimum Standards for award of M. Phil/Ph.D) Regulations 2009" held on 26th April, 2010 at UGC Office, Delhi.

This item was deferred.

- 2.02 To consider the guidelines on the norms for teacher to student ratio for various disciplines/programmes and teaching to non-teaching ratio in Central Universities and UGC maintained Deemed to be Universities.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Committee with regard to the teaching and non-teaching ratio in Central Universities and decided that the justification for having a higher ratio in respect of affiliating Central Universities viz 1:1.30 may be sought from the Committee and the same may be put up before the Commission at its next meeting.

Action :JS(CU)

- 2.03 To consider the approval of additional teaching positions in respect of Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar, Garhwal, a Central University under XI Plan.

The Commission considered the request for the approval of additional teaching positions in respect of Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar, Garhwal and observed that since 93 teaching positions are lying vacant in the University at various levels, the University may be asked to indicate along with the time frame (a) the strategy to be adopted to fill-up the vacant posts and (b) the justification for additional 110 posts. The Commission further decided that the Expert Committee's Report may also be placed before the Commission along with the above clarification of the university.

Action :JS(CU)

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SECTION-3

(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

(There is no item under this section.)

SECTION-4

(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC.)

4.01 To consider the issue of establishment of a “Centre on Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib” at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.

The Commission considered the issue of establishment of a “Centre on Studies in Sri Guru Grant Sahib” at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar and approved the same with the condition that expenditure on teaching positions be met out of Plan grant only. The Commission further approved the financial requirement of the Centre as per the details given below:

(Rs. In lakhs)

Recurring							
Sl. No.	Item	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Total
Recurring							
1.	Salary of Teaching, Technical, Library & Supporting Staff	173.14	199.14*	229.01*	263.36*	302.87*	1167.52
2.	(Material & Other Expenses)	117.00	134.55**	154.73**	177.93**	204.61**	788.82
Sub Total		290.14	333.69	383.74	441.29	507.47	1956.34
Non-Recurring							
1.	Equipment/ Infrastructure	110.00	--	--	--	--	110.00
2.	Construction of Buildings, Total Cost of Project	623.00	1278.00	737.50	--	--	2638.50
Sub Total		733.00	1278.00	737.50	--	--	2748.50
Grand Total (NR+R)		1023.14	1611.69	1121.24	441.29	507.48	4704.84

* It includes 15% increase on account of annual increment & enhancement in ADA

** It includes 15% annual increase on account of prices rise in material.

Action :AS(I)

4.02 To consider the award of Emeritus Fellowship to the teachers recommended by the Expert Committee.

The Commission considered the request for enhancement of slots under the “Emeritus Fellow” Scheme and decided that the status quo may continue. The present Expert Committees may be requested to recommend the candidates only upto the number of vacant slots.

Action :DS(NET/SA)

4.03 To consider and approve the modification in existing guidelines for the scheme of PG Merit Scholarship for University Rank Holder.

The Commission considered the modified guidelines for the Scheme of PG Merit Scholarship for University Rank Holders to be implemented from the Academic Session 2010-11 and approved the same. However, the Commission decided that the scheme may not be made available to students in private deemed and State private universities until a final decision is taken regarding funding of such universities under schemes benefiting teachers and students of such universities.

Action :JS(SR-III)

SECTION-5 (GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

5.01 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Shoolini University Of Biotechnology And Management Sciences, Solan, Himachal Pradesh (PRIVATE UNIVERSITY) to assess fulfillment of criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc., as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies.

The Commission considered the Report of the Inspection Committee of Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences, Solan, Himachal Pradesh (Private University) and approved the Report. However, the Commission decided that the words “it is a fit case for recognition by UGC....” may be deleted while placing the report on the UGC website. It was also

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decided that the University may be asked to send an Action Taken Report within three months on the suggestions of the Committee

Action :JS(CPP-I)

5.02

To consider 7 reports of the Expert Visiting Committees. **Fresh Autonomous Status** in respect of 4 colleges i.e. (1) Alagappa Chettiar College of Engineering and Technology, Karaikudi-630 004 affiliated to Anna University of Technology, Madurai (2) Government College for Women, Sambasiva Peta, Guntur-522 001 affiliated to Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar. (3) Vivekanandha College of Arts and Sciences for Women Elayampalayam, Tiruchengode affiliated to Periyar University (4) JNTU College of Engineering, Kukatpally, Hyderabad-500 085. A.P. affiliated to Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad and **Extension of Autonomous Status** in respect of Three college i.e. (1) St. Joseph's College, 36, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore affiliated to Bangalore University (2) Jyoti Nivas College, Koramangla, Hosur Road, Bangalore affiliated to Bangalore University. (3) Kunthavai Naacchiyaar Government Arts College (Women), Autonomous, Thanjavur-613007 affiliated to Bharathidasan University, Trichirappalli-620 024.

The Commission approved the fresh autonomous status in respect of the following four colleges:

S.No.	Name of the College/University to whom affiliated	Autonomous status tenure approved by the Commission.	
		From	To
1	Alagappa Chettiar College of Engineering and Technology, Karaikudi-630 004	2010-2011	2015-2016
2	Government College for Women, Sambasiva Peta, Guntur-522 001 affiliated to Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagarjuna Nagar	<i>The Commission decided that a copy of the Report of the Committee may be sent to the College and request the College and the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education, Hyderabad to take necessary further action on the deficiencies pointed out. After the receipt of the Compliance Report from the College/State Govt., the case may be brought to the Commission.</i>	

3	Vivekanandha College of Arts and Sciences for Women Elayampalayam, Tiruchengode affiliated to Periyar University	2010-2011	2015-2016
4	JNTU College of Engineering, Kukatpally, Hyderabad-500 085	2010-2011	2015-2016

The Commission approved the extension of autonomous status in respect of the following three Colleges:

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Name of the College/University to whom affiliated</i>	<i>Autonomous status tenure approved by the Commission</i>	
1	St. Joseph's College, 36, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore affiliated to Bangalore University	2010-2011 to 2015-2016 <i>This is subject to the Commission that the College should not run any course leading to the award of a Degree which is not specified by UGC under Section 22 of UGC Act from the Academic Session 2011-2012 onwards.</i>	
2	Jyoti Nivas College, Koramangla, Hosur Road, Bangalore affiliated to Bangalore University	2010-2011 to 2015-2016 <i>This is subject to the condition that the College should not run any course leading to award of a Degree which is not specified by UGC under Section 22 of UGC Act from the Academic Session 2011-2012 onwards.</i>	
3	Kunthavai Naacchiyaar Government Arts College (Women), Autonomous, Thanjavur-613007	2010 - 2011	2015-2016

The Commission further decided that a copy of the Expert Committee Report be sent to all the Colleges for their information and guidance.

Action :JS(AC)

5.03

To consider the ex-post facto approval of autonomous status in respect of (1) Government College of Engineering, Amaravati affiliated to Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University (2) Govt. College of Engineering, Aurangabad affiliated to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad (3) B.M.S. College of

Engineering, Bangalore ⁸ affiliated to Visvesvarya Technological University, Belgaum. respectively.

The Commission considered the request for ex-post-facto approval of autonomous status in respect of (1) Government College of Engineering, Amaravati affiliated to Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University (2) Govt. College of Engineering, Aurangabad affiliated to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad (3) B.M.S. College of Engineering, Bangalore affiliated to Visvesvarya Technological University, Belgaum and did not agree to the request of the Colleges, as the UGC alone is authorized to award autonomous status to the colleges as per the Autonomous College Guidelines.

Action :JS(AC)

5.04 To consider the matter to put up the Reports of the 124 Deemed to be Universities reviewed by the UGC Expert Committees on the directions of the MHRD on the UGC website to disclose the information under Section 4 of RTI Act, 2005.

The Commission considered the issue of placing the Reports of the 124 Deemed to be Universities reviewed by the UGC Expert Committees and decided that the views of MHRD may be obtained in this regard in the first instance.

Action :JS(CPP-I)

5.05 To consider the matter regarding seeking comments of the respective State Governments on the proposal of the Institutions for Deemed to be University Status sponsored by the Central Government.

The Commission decided that UGC (Institution Deemed to be Universities) Regulation 2010 may be followed in respect of the institutions sponsored by the Central Government also.

Action :JS(CPP-I)

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SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

6.01 To consider certain establishment matters of the University Grants Commission.
(no item)

6.02: To receive the status notes on UGC Programmes/Scheme.

- (i) To report the status of implementation of scheme for additional assistance to universities and colleges presently declared fit to receive grants under section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

Noted.

Action :DS(SU)

- (ii) To report the status of implementation of scheme for one-time support to colleges and universities presently not declared fit to receive funds under section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

Noted.

Action :DS(SU)

- (iii) To report the status on the action taken on the scheme for providing financial assistance to new 374 Model Degree Colleges in identified educationally backward districts (EBDS) of the country during XI plan period.

Noted.

Action :DS(SU)

- (iv) To review the Status of implementation of the recommendations of the Empowered Committee for Basic Scientific Research in Indian Universities for XI Plan period.

Noted.

Action :JS(SA-III/SR-III)

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- (v) To Report the Status of implementation of the i) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship; ii) Post Doctoral Fellowship for Women; iii) Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship; iv) Dr. Radhakrishan Fellowship and v) Emeritus Fellowship.

Noted.

Action : JS(SA-III/SR-III)

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 3rd February, 2011 at 3.00 p.m. in New Delhi.

(N.A. KAZMI)
SECRETARY

(SUKHADEO THORAT)
CHAIRMAN