

**CONFIDENTIAL**

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

**MINUTES OF THE 478<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2011.**

The 478<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission was held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2011 in which the following were present:-

1. Prof. Ved Prakash	Chairman (Actg.)
2. Mrs. Vibha Puri Das	Member
3. Prof. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam	Member
4. Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu	Member
5. Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J.	Member
6. Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar	Member
7. Prof. Achyutananda Samanta	Member
8. Prof. Dr. Seyed E. Hasnain	Member
9. Prof. Meenakshi Gopinath	Member

Mrs. Vilasini Ramachandran, Special Secretary, Ministry of Finance could not attend the meeting due to her prior engagements. Shri S.K. Ray, Financial Advisor, M/HRD also attended the meeting.

The following officers of the UGC attended the meeting.

**Secretary**

Dr. N.A. Kazmi

**Additional Secretaries**

Dr. P. Prakash

**Financial Adviser**

Shri A.K. Dogra

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### AGENDA

#### SECTION-1

- 1.01 (a)** To confirm the minutes of the 477<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2011.

*The Minutes of 477<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 were confirmed.*

*Action: Director (Admn.)*

- 1.01 (b)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 477<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2011.

*The action taken on the minutes of the 477<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 were approved.*

*Action: Director (Admn.)*

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

(i) To ratify the decision taken by the Chairman, UGC regarding i) approval of the Modalities for the establishment of Centres of Classical Languages- Kannada & Telugu in select Central Universities and ii) approval of the financial assistance conveyed to Central University of Karnataka and University of Hyderabad.

*The Commission ratified the decision taken by the Chairman, UGC.*

*Action: JS (CU)*

- 1.02(b)** To receive the items of information.

To report the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Govt. of the Republic of India and the Govt. of Canada concerning cooperation in higher education on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2010 for a period of 5 years at which time it will be reviewed for possible renewal for a further five year period.

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*The Commission noted the MoU signed between the governments of the Republic of India and Canada.*

*It was resolved that a status report of the last three years may be brought before the Commission at its next meeting, giving details of the number of Indian scholars who visited the countries with which MoUs were signed by the Government of India. The details of foreign scholars who visited India may also be placed before the Commission. The status report should indicate the progress made in the internationalization of higher education by UGC.*

*It was also decided that the Commission be kept informed about the visiting study teams sent by UGC to various countries under the programme from time to time.*

*Action: JS (IC)*

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

*There was no item.*

*Action: JS (CPP-II)*

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

2.01 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 approved 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. Further, it was decided that these norms may be made applicable to all universities in the country in order to ensure uniformity and to alleviate the problem of shortage of staff and financial constraints which is being faced by universities all over the country.*

*Action: JS (CU/DU) / DS (SU)*

- 2.02 To consider the interim report of the Expert Committee containing the draft regulations and draft syllabus for one year LLM. Course.

*The Commission accepted the report of the expert committee for restructuring of the LLM. course from two years to one year. The Commission has agreed in principle to restructure the two year LLM. program into one year LLM. program. It was decided that, in order to operationalise the recommendations of the expert committee, a three member committee may be constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. Madhav Menon. The two other members of the committee may be appointed in consultation with Prof. Madhav Menon. The draft UGC (LL.M. Degree I-Year Duration) Regulations, 2011 may also be finalized by the Committee.*

*It was also decided that UGC (Minimum Standards of Instruction for the Grant of the Master's Degree through Formal Education) Regulations 2003 be amended so that there are no inconsistencies between the Regulations of 2003 and the proposed Regulations for the restructured LL.M Program.*

*Action: JS (CPP-II)*

### SECTION-3

**(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)**

**There was no item under this section**

### SECTION-4

**(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)**

- 4.01 To consider the Guidelines of the scheme of Maulana Azad National Fellowships for Minority students provided by Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India.

*The Commission approved the guidelines of the scheme of Maulana Azad National Fellowships for Minority Students being implemented by UGC on behalf of Ministry of Minority Affairs. It was decided that UGC should take up the matter with the Ministry of Minority Affairs for doubling the number of fellowships being offered under the scheme as it was felt that the present*

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*number of 756 fellowships being offered per year is very small as compared to the total population of all minority communities in the country. The need for increase in the number was also felt due to the fact that many meritorious students are left out due to the small number of fellowships being offered at present.*

*Action: JS (SA-III)*

- 4.02 To consider the Development and hosting of a new website and web-based interface(s) for grants management for the UGC by Information and Library Network Centre (INFLIBNET), an Autonomous Inter-University Centre of UGC.

*The Commission considered and approved the development and hosting of a new UGC website and web-based interface(s) for grants management for the UGC by Information and Library Network Centre (INFLIBNET). The Commission felt that the budget projected appeared to be inadequate and thus unanimously recommended that UGC should meet the expenditure incurred on the project on actuals basis as INFLIBNET happens to be one of the autonomous organizations of the UGC.*

*Action: JS (Website)*

- 4.03 To consider the suggestions made by the Representatives of Universities (where Rajiv Gandhi Chair in contemporary studies was established) regarding continuation of the scheme for “Establishment of Rajiv Gandhi Chair” during the XII Plan Period.

*The Commission approved continuation of the scheme “Establishment of Rajiv Gandhi Chairs” in the XII Plan. It was decided that the implementation of the scheme in the ten selected universities should be reviewed. The Commission further recommended that ten more universities should be added in the XII Plan and that UGC should ensure that there is equal representation of State and Central Universities in the ten newly added universities.*

*Action: JS (CU) /DS (SU)*

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4.04 To consider the issue of appointment of the Director, Inter University Accelerator Centre (IUAC), New Delhi (Formerly, Nuclear Science Centre, New Delhi).

*Minutes of this item were separately recorded and placed with the office of the Secretary UGC.*

*Action: JS (AS-II)*

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

5.01 To consider the report of the Expert Visiting Committee. **Fresh Autonomous Status** in respect of one college i.e. (1) Annamacharya Institute of Technology and Sciences affiliated to Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Anantapur Andhra Pradesh.

<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>Name of the College/University to whom affiliated</i>	<i>Tenure for Autonomous status approved</i>
<i>1.</i>	<i>The Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee for fresh Autonomous status to Annamacharya Institute of Technology and Sciences affiliated to Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Anantapur, A.P.</i>	<i>2011-12 to 2016-17</i>

*Action: JS (AC)*

5.02 To consider the report of the Expert Visiting Committees. **Fresh Autonomous Status** in respect of college i.e. (1) Government Girls College, Vidisha (M.P.) affiliated to Barkatullah University, Bhopal.

*The Commission considered the report of the Expert Visiting Committee and, based upon its observations and recommendations, recommended immediate withdrawal of autonomous status granted to Government Girls College, Vidisha (M.P.) affiliated to Barkatullah University, Bhopal.*

*Action: JS (AC)*

5.03 To consider the Restoration of Autonomous Status of Saraswathi Narayanan College, Madurai affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai (TN).

*The Commission decided to restore autonomous status to Saraswathi Narayanan College, Madurai from the academic year 2011-12 to 2012-13. It was further decided that undertakings may be obtained from the college management and the staff association stating that in future the college would be allowed to implement autonomy in the right spirit and in accordance with UGC guidelines.*

*The Commission expressed concern over the fact that many autonomous colleges have not constituted their governing bodies and decided that UGC should call for information from all autonomous colleges with regard to composition of the Governing Bodies, dates on which meetings were held in the last three years and minutes of all such meetings.*

*Action: JS (AC)*

5.04 To consider 1 (One) report of the Expert Visiting Committee. **Extension of Autonomous Status** in respect of 1 (One) college i.e. Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya College of Education, SRK Vidyalaya (PO), Coimbatore affiliated to Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University, Chennai.

*The Commission agreed to grant autonomy ex post facto for the period 2006-07 to 2011-2012. Extension of autonomy for the period 2012-13 to 2017-18 was also approved.*

*It was also decided that, henceforth, any college, which has undergone three successive reviews with no adverse comments by expert committees after being granted autonomy, should be allowed to function independently and there should be no further reviews by the UGC visiting committees. However, having a UGC nominee on the Governing Board of such colleges should be made a mandatory requirement.*

*It was also decided that henceforth concerned Regional Offices should be kept informed whenever an expert committee is to visit a college for granting fresh autonomy or for extension of autonomous status.*

*Action: JS (AC)*

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**5.05** To consider the issue of Autonomous Status to be granted to Constituent Colleges which are maintained by State/ Central Universities.

- 1. The matter was discussed in detail by the Commission and it was decided that a constituent college may be asked to undergo a separate accreditation by NAAC for the purpose of granting autonomy to it unless the NAAC report specifically mentions the names of the constituent colleges that have been covered along with the accreditation of the parent university.*
- 2. The matter relating to College of Technology, which is a constituent college of G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar was discussed in detail and it was decided that UGC alone is authorized to award autonomous status to any affiliated or constituent college and no university can declare its constituent or affiliated college to be autonomous.*

*Action: JS (AC)*

### 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.

(i) To report the status 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.

*This was noted by the Commission.*

*Action: JS (CU) /DS (SU)*



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(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.

*This was noted by the Commission.*

*Action: JS (RO) /DS (SU)*

(iii) To report the decision taken on issue reg. additional funds to all the eligible State Universities under the Scheme for providing “Additional Assistance to Universities declared fit to receive assistance under the scheme has been raised from Rs.1.00 crore to Rs.2.00 crore to each University.

*This was noted by the Commission.*

*Action: JS (RO) /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.

*This was noted by the Commission.*

*Action: (AS-II)*

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

*It was decided that the next meeting of the Commission may be held on any day between 11 to 13 June, 2011.*

**(N.A. KAZMI)  
SECRETARY**

**(VED PRAKASH)  
CHAIRMAN**