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**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
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**MINUTES OF THE 485th MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 22ND MAY, 2012.**

The 485th Meeting of the Commission was held on 22nd May, 2012 in which the following were present:-

1. Prof. Ved Prakash	Chairman
2. Mrs. Vibha Puri Das	Member
3. Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar	Member
4. Prof. Achyutananda Samanta	Member
5. Prof. Dr. Seyed E. Hasnain	Member
6. Prof. Meenakshi Gopinath	Member
7. Dr. Indu Shahani	Member
8. Prof. Yogendra Yadav	Member
9. Prof. V.S. Chauhan	Member
10. Prof. D. Narasimha Reddy	Member

Smt. Anjuly Chib Duggal, Member could not attend the meeting and was given leave of absence.

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Dr. N.Adil Kazmi

Additional Secretary

Dr. K. Gunasekaran

Financial Adviser

Shri A.K. Dogra

At the outset, the Members of the Commission congratulated Prof. Ved Prakash, Vice-Chairman, UGC on getting another term as Vice-Chairman for three years w.e.f. 8th May, 2012. The Commission also noted that in pursuance to the decision conveyed by the MHRD through its letter No.7-1/2010-U1A dated 10.05.2012, he will act as the Chairman, UGC w.e.f.8th May, 2012 until the vacancy in the office of Chairman, UGC is filled up or until further orders, whichever is earlier. All the Members wished him all the best in his endeavour during the second term also. The Chairman, UGC thanked all the members for their kind words and indicated that due to the collective hard work of all the Members, he could complete many tasks during his previous term and that he would continue to do so with their continued support and cooperation in future as well.

After this, the Commission took up the Agenda slated for the day.

SECTION-1

1.01 (a) To confirm the minutes of the 484th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 27th April, 2012.

The Commission confirmed the minutes with the following amendments:

Item No. 1.02(a)(iv) – the following may be added after the last sentence:

“A separate scheme may be formulated and placed before the Commission for its approval.”

Item No.1.02(a)(v) - “The Commission ratified the decision to allow the reappropriation of grant from “Salary” Head to “Other Items” under General Development Grant Scheme of XI Plan in respect of Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai. Secretary (Expenditure), Government of India indicated that such reappropriation of grant from “Salary” Head to “Other Items” is not permissible. However, it was approved as per the convention of the UGC during the previous Plan periods.”

Item No. 1.02(a)(vi): The following may be added after the last sentence:

“The UGC may request MHRD for additional financial support for this activity.”

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Item No.1.02(a)(viii): The last sentence may be read as under:

It was decided to appoint a committee with Prof. Yogendra Yadav, Member of the Commission, to review all the existing schemes and provisions so as to help them overcome the problem that they have faced.

Item No.2.02: The minutes may be read as under:

“The Commission considered the proposal for requirement of Jamia Millia Islamia to strengthen its existing schools and also to establish new school complex at Jasola near Delhi and decided that a Committee may be constituted to examine the proposal to strengthen its existing schools.

The Committee may be requested to finalize its recommendations strictly as per the KVS Norms. It was further decided that while no amount be released for purchase of land to establish a new complex at Jasola, Delhi or to establish new schools, the existing schools of Central Universities shall continue to be supported by UGC. It was also decided to invite proposals for upgradation of existing schools from all other universities that have schools supported by the UGC.”

Item No.2.08: The minutes may be read as under:

“The Commission considered the Report of the Fact Finding Committee constituted by UGC – Head Office to Investigate into the allegations regarding sexual harassment and other unethical practices allegedly being indulged in by (i) Principal of Jamshedpur Women’s College Jamshedpur and (ii) Kolhan University, Chaibasa and decided that no further action be taken in the matter since the Inquiry Committee could not verify the allegation or even the existence of the complainant”

Item No.2.09: The following may be added after the last sentence:

“It was noted that this was only the first instalment and may be revised after the finalization of allocation.”

Item No.4.01 The second paragraph of the minutes may be read as under

“The Commission further decided that circumstances leading to not providing the correct details in respect of St. Anthony’s College, Bomfyle Road, Shillong before the Expert Committee meeting held on 31st March, 2011/13th May, 2011 may be enquired into and reported in the next meeting of the Commission.”

Item No. 4.03: The last paragraph of the minutes may be read as under:

“The Commission further decided that a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Yogendra Yadav, Commission Member, may be appointed to review the number, amount, and periodicity of revision in all the existing fellowship and scholarship schemes of UGC in time for implementation during the XII Plan.”

Item No. 6.02(i): The minutes may be read as under:

“Deferred. The Commission decided that any vigilance related complaint against any UGC official or Committee be also reported at the next meeting.”

Any other items (ii): The following may be added after the last sentence:

“The Commission decided that a provision to this effect may be introduced in the scheme.”

1.01 (b) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 484th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 27th April, 2012.

The Commission, while noting the action taken on the minutes, decided that the following action be taken:

Item No. 2.01: A letter may be sent to Government of Rajasthan regarding the decision of the Commission.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

Item No. 6.01(ii): The Commission decided to constitute a committee with Prof. V.S. Chauhan, Commission Member as its Chairman to look into the issues

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relating to UGC Building at JNU Campus. Prof. Chauhan was authorized to co-opt other members as per requirement. The Commission decided that MHRD may be requested to intervene to ensure that Ed.Cil hands over to UGC all papers relating to UGC building. The Commission also emphasized that UGC should take all steps to construct its building at the earliest.

Action: Director (Admn)

Item No. 6.02(i): All vigilance related complaints against any UGC official from 1.4.2011 onwards may be reported at the next meeting of the Commission.

Action: CVO

Item No. 6.02(ii): Arising out of the Delhi High Court's order on this issue, a clarification may be issued to all the Universities regarding relaxation to the OBC students, which may also be displayed on the UGC website. While giving the relaxation, the example given in the Delhi High Court's order may be cited and sent to all Central Universities and Centrally funded Deemed to be Universities and Delhi Colleges. A status note on implementation of OBC reservation in admissions and utilization of funds in Central Universities may be placed before the Commission at its next meeting.

The issue relating to relaxation in eligibility criteria to OBC candidates for appearing for NET was also discussed. It was decided that an agenda item be brought before the Commission in this regard.

Action: JS (CU)/DS (NET)

Any other item: An agenda item relating to rationalization of the honorarium payable to guest faculty be placed before the Commission at its next meeting.

Action: JS (PS)

1.02(a) To ratify the action taken on certain matter

(i) To ratify the action taken by the Chairman. UGC, approving the recommendations of the Expert Committee with regard to the allotment of subjects to the ASCs for organizing Orientation Programmes (OPs) and

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Refresher Courses (RCs) during 2012 -13 under Academic Staff Colleges' scheme.

The Commission ratified the action taken by the Chairman, UGC in approving the recommendations of the Expert Committee with regard to the allotment of subjects to the Academic Staff Colleges for organizing Orientation Programmes (OPs) and Refresher Courses (RCs) for the year 2012-13 under Academic Staff Colleges scheme.

Action: JS (ASC)

- (ii) To report the inclusion of 72 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.04.2012 to 10.05.2012 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

The Commission ratified the decision taken by the Chairman, UGC in approving 72 Colleges under Sections 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.04.2012 to 10.05.2012 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

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

There was no item.

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

There was no item.

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AGENDA SECTION-2

(MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

- 2.01** To consider requests received from Vice-Chancellor, Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad and Registrar, Goa University, Goa for grant exemption to similarly placed cases for exemption from NET at par with that of the one granted to the Lecturers from the State of Maharashtra by the Commission.

The Commission decided that this item may be placed again before it explaining the basis on which exemption was granted to the non NET qualified teachers appointed from 19.09.1991 to 03.04.2000 in Maharashtra.

Action: JS (PS)

- 2.02** To consider award of work to Aman Satya Kachroo Trust, Gurgaon.

The Commission approved the award of work to Aman Satya Kachroo Trust, Gurgaon, an NGO, as the monitoring agency for the Anti Ragging Call Centre and related database work for a period of one year with effect from 2.6.2012 at a total cost of Rs.50,92,441/-, as an ad hoc arrangement till a new monitoring agency is appointed. The Commission decided that UGC should take timely action for appointment of the new monitoring agency before the expiry of the Aman Satya Kachroo Trust.

The Commission also felt that MHRD may appeal to the Hon'ble Supreme Court for making an alternate arrangement in place of UGC to curb the menace of ragging in higher education institutions.

Action: JS (Anti Ragging)

- 2.03** The National Programme for Health Care of Elderly (NPHCE) – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be signed between the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI, Banaras Hindu University and University Grants Commission – Draft MOU – regarding.

This item was deferred. It was decided that UGC should send a reminder to Banaras Hindu University to submit the required information to UGC. This item may be brought before the Commission after the information is received.

Action: JS (CU)

- 2.04 To consider the issue regarding inclusion of representative of state Government on the constitution of Search Committee for the appointment of Vice Chancellor of Universities.

The item was deferred. Further, it was decided that the item may be placed before the Commission again along with the recent judgment of the Mumbai High Court in relation to the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor of Pune University.

Action: JS (PS)

- 2.05 To consider the issue raised by some of the deemed to be universities in their Writ Petitions filed before Hon'ble Karnataka High court regarding notification dated 21.12.2010 issued by the Medical Council of India to conduct single eligibility cum entrance examination for MBBS course in the country.

The Commission considered the issue of Medical Council of India conducting a single eligibility cum entrance examination for admission to the MBBS course in the country and decided that all the constituent medical colleges of Deemed to be Universities may be asked to comply with the notification dated 21.12.2010 issued by the Medical Council of India in view of Article 6.1 in the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010, which states that "admission of students to all deemed to be universities, public or private, shall be made strictly on merit based on an All India examination as prescribed by the Regulations and in consistence with the national policy in this behalf, from time to time."

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 2.06** To consider the Colleges/Institutions running only M.Phil/Ph.D. programmes for inclusion under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the issue of including colleges/institutions offering only M.Phil/Ph.D. programmes under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956 and also the opinion of the UGC Legal Counsel and decided that such colleges/institutions may also be included under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 2.07** To consider and approve the final draft Regulations- UGC (Mandatory Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2011.

The Commission considered the draft Regulations – UGC (Mandatory Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012 and approved the same with some minor modifications. Prof. Syed E. Hasnain, Commission Member agreed to finalise the draft Regulations after incorporating the modifications suggested. The draft Regulations, with those minor modifications, may be sent to the MHRD.

Action: JS (CPP-II)

- 2.08** To consider the matter related to issuing of UGC letter to State Private Universities on receipt of copy of the Act and subsequent inclusion in the list maintained by the UGC in its website before the Universities are visited by UGC Expert Committees.

The Commission considered in detail the matter relating to UGC issuing a letter to State Private Universities and the subsequent inclusion of the State Private University in the list maintained by the UGC on its website. It was decided that the name of a State Private University be posted on UGC website after the University Act is examined by UGC and found to be as per the UGC norms. The information on UGC website should clearly indicate whether the university has been inspected by UGC, whether the university has submitted compliance of

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deficiencies pointed out by the UGC Committee, whether the compliance submitted has been accepted by UGC in addition to all other related information.

The Commission emphasized that all pending inspections to State Private Universities should be completed within six months time after the required information is received from the university. It was also decided that the criteria for nomination of experts on these committees should be laid down and a pool of experts should be created. All Commission Members agreed to send names of experts who could be nominated on such Visiting Committees to Private Universities.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

2.09

To consider the recommendations of the UGC Expert Committee for specification of B.Voc. Degree.

The Commission considered the recommendation of the Expert Committee for specification of B.Voc. Degree and approved its inclusion under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956.

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 approve the Budget Estimates for the year 2012-13 as recommended by the Standing Committee on Women's Studies at its meeting held on 17-02-2012.

The Commission approved the Budget Estimates for the year 2012-13 as recommended by the Standing Committee on Women's Studies as under:

	<i>Rupees</i>
<i>i. Budget for Women's Studies Centres</i>	<i>39,18,13,860/-</i>
<i>ii. Workshops/Trainings for Women Studies Centres</i>	<i>58,00,000/-</i>
<i>iii. Curriculum Development Committee</i>	<i>9,00,000/-</i>
<i>iv. One National Workshop for all Directors in 2012-2013</i>	<i>5,00,000/-</i>
<i>v. Collaborative Research Projects</i>	<i>30,00,000/-</i>
<i>vi. Material Production and Publication</i>	<i>50,00,000/-</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>40,70,13,860/-</i>

The Commission further decided that the Standing Committee on Women's Studies may be reconstituted during the XII Plan period.

Action: JS (WS)

4.02

To consider the issue related to selection of candidates under the scheme of JRF in Engineering & Technology for the years 2008-10.

The Commission considered the issue relating to selection of candidates under the scheme of JRF in Engineering & Technology for the years 2008-10 and also the legal opinion on the matter and decided that all the 545 candidates may be invited for an interaction with subject experts. The candidates may be asked to bring a copy of the original proposal.

The Commission further decided that the UGC may consider instituting a separate scheme under the Scheme of JRF in those subjects where NET is not being conducted. It was decided that the committee chaired by Prof. Yogendra Yadav, Commission Member, which is reviewing all fellowship schemes, may be requested to formulate a separate scheme of JRF in those subjects in which NET is not being conducted.

Action: JS (SA)

- 4.03** To consider the recommendations of the Expert Committee visited Dibrugarh University, Assam for establishment of New Media Centre.

The Commission approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee, which visited Dibrugarh University, Assam for establishment of a New Media Centre with an allocation of Rs.7.00 crore for 5 years.

Action: JS (IUC/MC)

- 4.04** To consider the recommendations of Expert Committee visited Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow (U.P.) for establishment of New Media Centre.

The Commission approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee, which visited Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow (UP) for establishment of a New Media Centre with an allocation of Rs.7.00 crore for 5 years.

Action: JS (IUC/MC)

- 4.05** To consider the recommendations of the Expert Committee in the subject Music under the scheme of Research Award over and above the available slots.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee in the subject Music under the scheme of Research Award and approved one additional slot over and above the 100 slots, which have already been allotted to the candidates recommended by the Selection Committees.

Action: JS (SA)

- 4.06** To consider the scheme for introducing Vocational Education in Higher Education under the National Vocational Education Qualification Framework (NVEQF).

Dr. Sharda Prasad, Joint Secretary, Department of Training & Employment, Government of India made a presentation before the Commission regarding the concept of vocational education.

The Commission considered the guidelines on Introduction of Vocational Education in Higher Education under the National Vocational Education Qualification Framework (NVEQF) and approved the same.

The Commission authorized the Chairman, UGC to finalise the guidelines after incorporating the suggestions made by Secretary, MHRD in her letter D.O.No.4-15/2012-UIA dated 21st May, 2012. A copy of the letter is at ANNEXURE-A.

Action: JS (COC)

- 4.07** To report the contents of agreement to be made between UGC and Canara Bank towards disbursement of grant for fellowship, contingency & HRA etc. to selected candidates through e-payment under various schemes.

The Commission noted the contents of the agreement to be made between UGC and Canara Bank for the disbursement of grants for fellowship, contingency & HRA etc., to selected candidates under various fellowship schemes of UGC through e-payment and approved the same. The Commission further decided that UGC should take steps to operationalise its other schemes in electronic mode.

Action: JS (SA)

SECTION-5 (GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

- 5.01** To consider the Report of the UGC Expert Committee to consider a proposal received from Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology (State University), Dwarka, Delhi for recognition under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission approved the report of the UGC Expert Committee, which visited Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology (State University), Dwarka, Delhi to consider its inclusion under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956. The Commission decided that the university should be reassessed by another committee for inclusion under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 after it shifts its own campus.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

5.02 To consider enhancement of fellowship to full time M.Phil / Ph.D scholars in Central Universities who are not in receipt of any other fellowship.

The Commission approved the enhancement of fellowship as under to full time M.Phil/Ph.D. scholars in Central Universities, who are not NET qualified and are not receiving fellowship grant under any other scheme.

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Old rate</i>	<i>New rate</i>
<i>Fellowship to full time Ph.D. scholars</i>	<i>Rs.5000/- per month</i>	<i>Rs.8000/- per month</i>
<i>Fellowship for full time M.Phil scholars</i>	<i>Rs.3000/- per month</i>	<i>Rs.5000/- per month</i>
<i>Contingency</i>	<i>Rs.10,000/- per annum for Science subjects and Rs.8,000/- per annum for Humanities and Social Sciences subjects</i>	<i>No change</i>

The Commission further decided that the above fellowship scheme to M.Phil/Ph.D. scholars may be extended to all the Universities which have been awarded the status of “Universities with Potential for Excellence”.

The Commission also decided that the committee which is reviewing all fellowship schemes under the Chairmanship of Prof. Yogendra Yadav may also consider rationalization of fellowship under the above scheme.

Action: JS (CU)

5.03* To enhance the UGC share of maintenance grant to Zakir Husain College (D) from 95% to 100%.

*The Commission considered the issue of increasing the UGC’s share of maintenance grant to Zakir Husain College (D) from 95% to 100% and approved the same.**

Action: JS (DC)

**Prof. V.S. Chauhan, Commission Member excused himself from the meeting while this item was considered*

- 5.04** To consider the the matter regarding approval for writing off the amount of Rs.50,000/- being grant-in-aid for MRP to a college teachers who passed away before completion of the Project.

The Commission approved writing off the amount of Rs.50,000/- released to Dr. J. Madhu Sudhana, Loyola Degree College (YSRR), Pulivenda who passed away before the minor research project could be completed.

The Commission further authorized the Chairman, UGC to take a decision on such matters in future.

Action: JS (RO)

- 5.05** To consider the matter relating to Establishment of Baba Satguru Ram Singh Chair in Central University of Punjab, Bhatinda.

The Commission approved establishment of Baba Satguru Ram Singh Chair in Central University of Punjab, Bhatinda. The Commission decided that since there are no general guidelines for establishment of Chairs, the same guidelines for establishment of Rajiv Gandhi Chair may be followed in this case.

The Commission further decided that a Committee consisting of Prof. Seyed E. Hasnain and Prof. D. Narasimha Reddy, Commission Members may be constituted to work out the general guidelines for establishment of Chairs in Universities. The Committee was authorized to co-opt other members as per requirement.

Action: JS (CU)/JS(CPP-II)

- 5.06** To consider the status of funding of Deemed to be Universities.
This item was deferred.

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SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

6.01: To consider certain establishment matters of UGC.

Recorded separately.

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

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

This item was noted.

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

The next meeting of the Commission has been scheduled for 2nd June, 2012 at 9.30 a.m. in the UGC Office.

(N. ADIL KAZMI)
SECRETARY

(VED PRAKASH)
CHAIRMAN