



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI

Minutes of the 83rd meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on August 9, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. in UGC Office, New Delhi.

The 83rd meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on ***August 9, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. in UGC Office, New Delhi.*** List of participants is at ***Annexure - I.***

Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of the Committee could not attend the meeting. Prof. Ashok Jhunjhunwala Chaired the meeting in his absence. He welcomed all the members to 83rd meeting of the Empowered Committee. Thereafter the Agenda was put up.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 82nd meeting of Empowered Committee held on June 20, 2017 in UGC Head office Delhi.

The minutes were confirmed.

Item No. 2 : Action taken on the Minutes.

The Committee noted with satisfaction the action taken by the UGC on the minutes of the 82nd meeting of the Empowered Committee.

Item No. 3: Discussion regarding the Faculty Recharge Programme

(i) Merger of FRP Cell with BSR

Joint Secretary, BSR informed that as per the decision of the Chairman, UGC, the FRP Cell has been merged with BSR Bureau of UGC. She also informed that the extension to the Cell has been given up to 31.07.2017. After that it will be supervised directly by UGC. It was also told that the Cell shall continue to function from the current office only and the asset required shall remain in the FRP Office Cell. Prof. Jhunjhunwala suggested that the handover of Cell from the National Coordinator to the UGC should be made at the earliest. The salary of the staff engaged in the Cell should be paid up to 25.08.2017 or date of the handover the Cell to the UGC, whichever is earlier.

The Committee appreciated the contribution of Prof. Sudesh Nangia towards the smooth implementation of the Faculty Recharge Programme (FRP). The Committee further requested the Chairman, UGC to send a letter of appreciation to Prof. Sudesh Nangia for her efforts.

- (ii) The National Coordinator apprise the Committee that the Performance Review and Appraisal Form for UGC-Faculty Promotion/Review has been sent to 12 UGC faculty who have completed 4 years of service by July, 2017.

It was also informed that online API Form for UGC faculty those who have completed 3 years of service is under process and will be sent shortly to the eligible UGC faculty.

- (iii) The Committee considered the individual requests for change of host university of Cycle-IV selectees and approved the request of the following candidates:

S.No.	Name of the Faculty	Revised placement
1.	Hemlatha Muthulingam	Institute of Chemical Technology
2.	Rakhi Raghavan Baby	University of Kerala
3.	Savitha S Pillai	University of Kerala
4.	Shilpy Sharma	University of Pune
5.	Devleena Mani Tiwari	University of Hyderabad
6.	Jyoti Thati	Osmania University
7.	Rajani Panchang	University of Pune

- (iv) The following two candidates: Dr. Amit Roy (FRP selectee, Cycle-III) and Dr. Sangita Venkataraman (FRP selectee, Cycle-III) claimed that they have not received their appointment letter and have requested for reissue of the same. The Committee approved their request.

- (v) The Committee further decided to the candidates for which the concurrence from the proposed universities is not yet received may be placed in some other universities as per the norms of placement decided in the 74th Empowered Committee meeting held on February 20, 2016.
- (vi) The Committee in principle approved the request of Dr. Swagat Mohapatra, UGC Assistant Professor at University of Rajasthan for availing study/extra ordinary leave for one year starting from January, 2018 to take up visiting Professorship for Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, USA. However, Dr. Mohapatra should avail the financial assistance from the host institute as per norms.

Item No 4 : Discussion with Prof. S R Gadre, National Coordinator of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship Cell and regarding the progress of the scheme.

The Committee approved the 72nd list of recommended candidates and 57th list of not recommended candidates. The Committee also approved the requests made by DSK Fellows regarding extension in joining and leave applied.

Item No. 5: Discussion with Prof. Anunay Samanta, National Coordinator, UGC-Faculty Research Promotion Schemes regarding the review of three schemes.

The recommendations for the Start-up Grant, Mid-career Award and Faculty Fellowship Schemes proposed by the National coordinator were considered and approved by the Empowered Committee.

Item No 6: Any other item.

- (i) The committee approved the request of the following candidates, regarding extension in utilizing the start up grant given to them:
- a. Dr. Bindu Sharma (extension for 6 months)
 - b. Dr. Garima Kaushik (extension for 9 months)

(ii) JS (BSR) informed that the commission is in the process of reviewing all its schemes. Following has been proposed in respect of Schemes pertaining to BSR:

- i. Dr. DS Kothari PDF is to be merged with UGC-Post Doctoral Fellowship scheme
- ii. BSR Faculty Fellowship/ Mid Career Award/ Start-up Grant are to be merged with UGC-Faculty Research Awards

Item No 7: Budget of BSR:

The Committee noted with satisfaction the Expenditure status under the Basic Scientific Research Programme.

It was decided by the Empowered Committee to hold its meeting once in every three months. However, the routine approval of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship and Faculty Research Promotion Schemes may be done by circulating them online. Accordingly the next meeting of the Empowered Committee will be held in November, 2017 at Savitri Bai Phule Pune University along with 3 days conference of BSR scheme beneficiaries. It was also decided to invite Honourable Minister for Human Resource Development for the conference.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Annexure- I

List of Participants who attended the 82nd meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) held on August 9, 2017 in UGC, New Delhi

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| 1. Prof. Ashok Jhunjunwala | - | Member, EC |
| 2. Prof. Vijay Bhatkar | - | Member, EC |
| 3. Prof. Jawaharlal Kaul | - | Member, EC |
| 4. Prof. Shridhar Gadre | - | National Coordinator, DSKPDF |
| 5. Prof. Anunay Samanta | - | National Coordinator, FRPS |
| 6. Prof. Sudesh Nangia | - | National Coordinator, FRP |
| 7. Dr. Sunita Siwach | - | JS(BSR) |
| 8. Mrs. Pramjit | - | US(BSR) |
| 9. Dr. Shalini | - | EO(BSR) |