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

**MINUTES OF THE 503rd MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS
COMMISSION HELD ON 22nd September, 2014.**

The 503rd Meeting of the Commission was held on 22nd September, 2014 in which the following were present:

1. Prof. Ved Prakash	Chairman
2. Dr. H. Devaraj	Vice Chairman
3. Prof. V. S. Chauhan	Member
4. Prof. D. Narasimha Reddy	Member
5. Prof. M.M. Ansari	Member
6. Prof. Sanjay Govind Dhande	Member
7. Prof. Mohammad Miyan	Member
8. Dr. K.N. Shanti	Member
9. Mr. Patanjali (Patu) G. Keswani	Member

Shri Ashok Thakur, Secretary (HE) MHRD and Smt. Anjuly Chib Duggal could not attend the meeting due to pre-occupation and were granted leave of absence.

Shri Ashok Thakur, Secretary (HE) MHRD conveyed his comments on the Agenda, in writing, which were circulated to all the Members of the Commission prior to the commencement of the Meeting.

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Prof. (Dr.) Jaspal Singh Sandhu
Secretary

Prof. Ved Prakash, Chairman, UGC welcomed the Members. He apprised them of the following developments :

1. He informed that the MHRD vide its Order dated 30th July, 2014 constituted a 4-Member UGC Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Hari Gautam, Former Chairman of UGC. He further informed that the Committee had its meeting on 5th and 6th September, 2014 wherein Secretary UGC made a presentation on the role and functions and major initiatives undertaken by the UGC in the recent past.
2. He informed that extension of deputation of both Shri Upamanyu Basu, Financial Adviser and Shri Vikram Sahay, Director (Admn.) did not come through and hence they had to be repatriated to their parent cadres.

The Chairman also informed the Commission that since both the FA and Director (Admn.) are key posts in the day-to-day functioning of the UGC Office, the Commission may kindly accord permission to fill-up both the positions. The Commission took note of the situation and urged the Chairman to fill in the posts at the earliest.

3. The Chairman, apprised the members of the Retreat of the Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities organized at Chandigarh on 12-13 September, 2014 which was chaired by the Hon'ble HRM. He briefed the Commission of the Agenda discussed at the Retreat and its final outcome.
4. He also informed that a Consultative Meeting of Vice—Chancellors of Central and State Universities and State Education Secretaries on '*Reforms in Teacher Education*' was held on 15th September, 2014, in which the morning session was chaired by the Hon'ble HRM. He briefed the Commission of the Agenda discussed in the consultative meet and its outcome.

SETION-1

- 1.01(a)** To confirm the minutes of the 502nd meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 22nd July, 2014.

Confirmed.

[Action : JS (Admn.)]

- 1.01 (b)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 502nd meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 22nd July, 2014.

While noting the action taken on Item No.4.05, the Commission resolved to constitute a Committee to coordinate with the CBSE on all matters relating to pre-conduct, conduct and post-conduct activities of the NET.

[Action : JS (NET)]

While noting the action taken on Item No.4.09 of the 502 Meeting of the Commission, it was resolved to limit the minimum number of participants in the Refresher / Orientation Courses to 30 (Thirty).

[Action : JS (ASC)]

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

- (i) To report the inclusion of 35 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.07.2014 to 31.07.2014 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

Considered and approved.

[Action : DS(CPP-I)]

- (ii) To report the pendency of cases in various Courts/Tribunals relating to UGC.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS (Admn.)]

- (iii) To inform the matter regarding inclusion of “Transgender” as “Third Gender” under various Scholarship/Fellowships schemes of UGC.

Considered and approved.

[Action : DS (SA)]

1.02 (b) To receive the items of information (**no item**)

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

2.01 To consider the Role of UGC in the Policy Mechanism for Higher Education.

Deferred.

[Action : JS(CPP-II)]

2.02 To consider the report of the Sub-Committee constituted by the Commission to undertake assessment of the 41 Category 'C' Institutions Deemed to be Universities.

Prof. H. Devaraj, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, placed the report of the Sub-Committee in a sealed envelope before the Commission. The Commission asked Prof. Devaraj to open the sealed envelope and present the contents of the report of the Sub-Committee. The contents of the report were noted by the Commission. Further, the Commission resolved that the report of the Sub-Committee be forwarded by Prof. H. Devaraj to the MHRD for further necessary action at their level.

[Action : DS(CPP-I)]

2.03 To consider modifications in the UGC (Promotion and Maintenance of Standards of Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012.

After due deliberations the Commission resolved to approve the proposed amendment in the Regulations except a minor modification in clause 5 (c) which will be read as under:

“The application, complete in all respects, shall be placed before the Commission for approval. If approved, the commission will convey its approval within two months”.

[Action : JS(CPP-II)]

2.04 To consider and approve the draft of the UGC (Minimum standards and procedure for award of M.Phil/Ph.D) Regulations, 2014.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(PS)]

2.05 To consider the modifications in UGC's 12 B Rules and application formats.

Considered and approved.

[Action : DS(CPP-I)]

2.06 To consider the matter regarding clarification on fixation of pay of re-employed superannuated teachers / pensioners in Central Universities.

Resolved to refer the matter to the DOPT in order to ascertain the correct rule position in this regard.

[Action : JS (Admn.)]

2.07 To consider the matter regarding establishment of Regional Geriatric Centre in the Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University under 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.

After due deliberations the Commission resolved not to approve the proposal.

[Action : JS(Admn.)]

2.08 To consider the XII Plan guidelines for General Development Assistance (GDA) for Central, Institutions deemed to be Universities and State Universities.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(Admn.)]

- 2.09** To consider cases of fresh proposals pending for approval of programmes under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(DEB)]

SECTION-3

(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

- 3.01** To consider Feasibility of Formulating New Schemes and / or Expanding / Strengthening Existing Schemes in respect of Ideas/Points mentioned in PMO's Communication.

Considered and resolved to initiate the action.

[Action : JS (CPP-II)]

SECTION-4

(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

- 4.01** To consider Expert Committee's Report on National Initiative for Fostering Social Responsibility in Higher Education and Guidelines for Establishment of Centre for Fostering Social Responsibility and Community Engagement in Universities during XII Plan (2012 - 2017).

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS (XII Plan)]

4.02 To consider the matter regarding to include the Establishment of Diaspora Chair in Goa University in the Guidelines for the UGC Chairs in Universities during XII Plan (2012-2017).

Considered and approved.

[Action : DS(SU)]

4.03 To consider the XII plan Guidelines of Swami Vivekananda Single Girl Child Scholarship for Research in Social Sciences.

Considered and approved.

[Action : DS (SA)]

4.04 To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee on “Universities with Potential for Excellence” (UPE).

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(UPE)]

4.05 To consider payment of Pension & Family Pension to the UGC Research Scientists directly to the Pensioner’s by the Finance Division, UGC, as done in case of UGC Pensioners/family pensioners cases.

Considered and approved.

[Action : DS (SA)]

4.06 To consider the matter regarding review of the guidelines for the UGC Chairs in Universities during XII Plan (2012-17) amendment with regard to remuneration provided to Chair Professors.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS (Admn.)]

4.07 To consider the XII Plan guidelines of the schemes 'Development of Women Studies in Indian Universities and Colleges' & 'Capacity Building of Women Managers in Higher Education'.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS (CPP-II)]

4.08 To consider the guidelines for Knowledge Upgradation centres for Skilled Human Action and Learning (KUSHAL).

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS (UPE)]

4.09 To consider the XII plan Guidelines for Swachh Bharat-Swasth Bharat Scheme of the UGC

Considered and approved.

[Action : DS(SA)]

SECTION-5
(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

- 5.01** To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted to assess the proposal of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (Deemed to be University), New Delhi to establish off-campus centre at Agartala (Tripura).

Considered and approved.

[Action : DS (CPP-I)]

- 5.02** To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted to examine the funds required for 'Centre for Policy Research in Higher Education' established by National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) (Deemed to be University), New Delhi.

After due deliberation the commission resolved to approve the proposal with the condition that the progress of the Centre be reviewed on annual basis and that the Centre will undertake projects, on priority, which would be referred to it by the Commission from time to time.

[Action : JS (SAP)]

- 5.03** To re-consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted to assess the proposal of Symbiosis International (Deemed to be University), Pune (Maharashtra) to establish off-campus centre at Mamidpally, District, Mahabubnagar Near Hyderabad, Telangana, as directed by Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 15.09.2014.

The Commission reconsidered the matter in the light of the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, and keeping in view the deficiencies pointed out in the UGC's Expert Committee Report and the accreditation based on temporary injunction of the Hon'ble Court and not on the basis of re-accreditation by NAAC, as mandated in UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010 resolved not to recommend the proposal of Symbiosis International

(Deemed to be University) to set up an off-campus Centre at Mamidpally, District Mahabubnagar, Telengana.

[Action : DS (CPP-I)]

**SECTION-6
(MISCELLANEOUS)**

6.01: To consider the certain establishment matters of UGC

Recorded separately

**(JASPAL SINGH SANDHU)
SECRETARY**

**(VED PRAKASH)
CHAIRMAN**