

CONFIDENTIAL

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

**MINUTES OF THE 493rd MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 10th MAY, 2013.**

The 493rd Meeting of the Commission was held on 10th May, 2013 in which the following were present:

1. Prof. Ved Prakash	Chairman
2. Sh. Ashok Thakur	Member
3. Smt. Anjuly Chib Duggal	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. V. S. Chauhan	Member
9. Prof. M.M.Ansari	Member

Leave of absence was granted to Prof. Yogendra Yadav and Prof. D. Narasimha Reddy, members who could not attend the meeting.

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Dr. Akhilesh Gupta

Financial Adviser

Shri Upamanyu Basu

While welcoming the Members of the Commission, the Chairman briefed the Members about the allocations made to the UGC by the MHRD. He told the Members that the UGC has been allocated only Rs. 19,800 crore as against Rs. 46,660 crore during the last plan period. He informed that he had written a letter to the Education Secretary, MHRD on 3rd April, 2013 expressing his concern and suggesting that allocation might be enhanced to at least Rs. 39,800 crore by transferring Rs. 20,000 crore from RUSA. He also shared the reply that he had received from the Education Secretary wherein the latter had also expressed his concern.

The Chairman also briefed the Commission about the progress made in the recruitment of Education Officers, Deputy Secretaries and Joint Secretaries. During the course of the discussion the Commission while agreeing to conduct the written examination for the recruitment of Education Officers suggested that for the Deputy Secretaries and Joint

Secretaries the Screening Committee may be asked to evolve appropriate criteria using Academic & Desirable qualifications and bring down the number of the candidates to be called for interview in the ratio of not more than 10 for a post.

The Chairman also briefed the Commission about the steps taken for the introduction of integrated finance management. This would require the Bureau Heads to put up their proposals in the proper format and get them vetted by the Financial Adviser before releasing any further grants.

The Chairman also shared the letters that he had written to all the Vice-Chancellors on two counts; one requesting them to identify 4-5 key areas for pursuing research and innovations and another for soliciting information about M.Phil and Ph.D awarded/pursued by the candidates in their respective institutions in the last three years.

After this, a Note received from Prof. Yogendra Yadav was circulated to all the Members and the agenda was taken up.

AGENDA

SECTION-1

1.01(a) To confirm the minutes of the 492nd meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 11th March, 2013.

The minutes of the 492nd meeting were confirmed with following amendments in items No 2.01 and 2.05.

***Item No 2.01: The revised minutes may be read as under-
“The Commission resolved that the rates prescribed by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare should be followed and the amount sought for by AMU and BHU may be released on account. Further, the Commission observed that the norms for funding medical colleges may be evolved.”***

***Item No 2.05: The revised minutes may be read as under-
“The Commission resolved that only those foreign institutions which are accredited with the highest grade in their homeland should be allowed to have twining arrangement with those Indian Institutions which are accredited by the nationally recognized accrediting agencies with a grade not less than B or its equivalent in respect of institutional accreditation or a threshold level of accreditation in respect of program accreditation, as the case may be.”***

Action: JS (CPP II) / FA

1.01 (b) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 492nd meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **11st March, 2013.**

Noted

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

- (i) To report the inclusion of 143 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.02.2013 to 31.03.2013 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

Approved

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- (ii) To ratify the matter with regard to the MoU entered into between University of Hyderabad and University Grants Commission for Implementation of UGC Faculty Research Promotion Programme (FRPP)

Approved

Action: JS (CU)

- (iii) To report the accreditation of Himachal Pradesh SET to the Commission.

Approved

Action: DS (NET)

- (iv) To report the matter of 8 Deemed to be Universities to utilize the part portion of internal Receipt of the year 2012-2013 to meet out the deficit on Non-Salary expenditure under Non-Plan.

Approved.

However, the Commission desired that these institutions should be asked to develop internal controls, especially towards incurring expenditure.

Action: JS (DU)

- (v) To ratify the action taken in regard to the allotment of subjects to the ASCs for organizing Orientation Programme (OPs), Refresher Courses (RCs) and Short-Term Courses (STCs) during 2013-14 under Academic Staff Colleges' scheme.

Approved.

However, the Commission advised that ASCs may be encouraged to organize Orientation Programs, Refresher Courses and Short-term Training Courses during vacation period.

Action: JS (ASC)

1.02(b) To receive the items of information.

- (i) 2nd amendment to UGC Regulations (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers, Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standard in Higher Education), 2010 not having financial implications.

Approved.

Action: JS (PS)

- (ii) To report the matter regarding preparation of a draft MoU to be signed between Central Universities for ensuring transferability of credits between them.

Approved.

Action: JS (CU)

1.03 To receive the position of funds of UGC and Related Issues. **(No item)**

<p>SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)</p>
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2.01 To consider the draft amendment of “UGC Regulations on curbing the Menace of RAGGING in Higher Educational Institutions, 2nd Amendment, 2013”.

Approved.

Action: JS (SA)

2.02 To consider the decisions taken in the meeting of the Bureau Heads of UGC on 23.04.2013 on continuation/discontinuation/grouping of UGC schemes during the XII Plan period.

Approved.

The Commission resolved that the scheme of ‘Innovation Universities’ be revisited and possibly merged with the scheme of ‘University with Potential for Excellence (UPE)’

Action: JS (CPP-II)

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- 2.03 To consider XII Plan Allocation in respect of State Universities, Aided Colleges, Central Universities and Centrally Funded Deemed Universities.

Approved.

While approving the allocations in respect of all eligible Universities, the Commission observed that these allocations may be appropriately revised once the final decision on RUSA is known.

Action: JS (CPP-II)

- 2.04 To consider the matter arising out of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgment relating to Regulation of Technical and Professional Education

The Commission discussed and resolved that pending government's decision in the matter arising out of the recent judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, appropriate instructions may be issued to the affiliating Universities not to grant any further affiliation to any new college/course offering technical education, till further orders. The Commission further resolved that the Chairman may set up a Committee to prepare appropriate Regulations to this effect.

Action: JS (CPP-II)

- 2.05 To consider the report of the Committee constituted for revision of the Guidelines for grant of Study Leave to University and College Teachers and Guidelines for determination of admissibility of pay and allowances, etc.

Approved.

Action: FA

SECTION-3

(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

(There was no item in this section)

SECTION-4

(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

- 4.01 To consider the matter regarding setting up of an Inter-University Centre on Teacher Education.

Deferred.

Action: JS (CU)

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- 4.02** To consider the proposal of NAAC for strengthening of Headquarter and opening of five Regional Offices to meet out challenges of Mandatory Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Education Institutions.

Approved.

However, the Commission advised that the strengthening of NACC may be carried out in a phased manner and that efforts be made to locate the proposed Regional Offices on the campuses of Central Universities at Shilong, Delhi, Hyderabad, etc..

Action: JS (IUC)

SECTION-5 (GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)
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- 5.01** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Islamic University of Science & Technology (State University), Awantipora, Pulwama, Jammu & Kashmir on 4-5th April, 2013 for inclusion under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

Approved.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.02** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Solapur University (State University), Solapur (Maharashtra) on 1-2nd March, 2013 for inclusion under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

Approved.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.03** To consider the matter regarding enhancement of Financial Support to Autonomous Colleges for introduction of NCC as an Elective Subject with credit points from the academic year 2013-14.

Approved.

Action: JS (AC)

- 5.04** To consider the issue regarding admission of students under NRI Quota in excess of 15% by Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), (Deemed to be University) during the year 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 in its two constituent units – Kasturba Medical College, Manipal and Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore.

Deferred.

Action: JS (DU)

- 5.05** To consider the compliance report submitted by Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences, Solan (Himachal Pradesh) in

respect of the observations/suggestions given by UGC Expert Committee which visited the Private University on 18-19th October, 2010 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.

Approved.

Action: JS (DU)

- 5.06** To consider the recommendations of the 3rd Meeting of Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges held on 10.04.2013 for grant of Thirteen (13) fresh cases of autonomous status to the colleges.

Approved.

Action: JS (AC)

- 5.07** To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted to assess the proposal of Tata Institute of Social Sciences (Deemed to be University), Mumbai, Maharashtra to consider the inclusion of the off-campus in Hyderabad under its ambit.

Action: JS (CPP I)

Approved prospectively.

- 5.08** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Eternal University (Private University), Baru Sahib, Dt. Sirmour (Himachal Pradesh) to verify the compliance submitted by the Private University in respect of the suggestions given by the earlier UGC Expert Committee.

Approved.

Action: JS (DU)

- 5.09** To consider the recommendations of the 4th Meeting of Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges held on 01.05.2013 for grant of Two (2) Fresh and Twenty Seven (27) Extension cases of autonomous status to the colleges.

Approved.

Action: JS (AC)

**SECTION-6
(MISCELLANEOUS)**

6.01: To consider certain establishment matters of UGC.

Minutes recorded separately

6.02: To receive the status notes on UGC Programmes/Scheme. **(no item)**

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

**(AKHILESH GUPTA)
SECRETARY**

**(VED PRAKASH)
CHAIRMAN**