

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

**MINUTES OF THE 518th MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 2nd SEPTEMBER, 2016.**

The 518th Meeting of the Commission was held on 2nd September, 2016 in which the following were present:

1. Prof. Ved Prakash	Chairman
2. Shri Vinay Sheel Oberoi	Member
3. Shri Pramod Kumar Das	Member
4. Prof. V.S. Chauhan	Member
5. Prof. Mohammad Miyan	Member
6. Prof. K.N. Shanti	Member
7. Prof. Inder Mohan Kapahy	Member
8. Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar	Member
9. Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh Chander Kuhad	Member

Prof. Sanjay Govind Dhande could not attend the meeting and was granted leave of absence.

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Prof. (Dr.) Jaspal Singh Sandhu

Chairman, UGC welcomed the new Members and expressed hope that they would significantly contribute towards the development of higher education in the country. He apprised the Members that the UGC is going to organize a workshop for the proposed National Academy Depository on 9th September, 2016, in which the Vice-Chancellors of all Central and State Universities, and Heads of Institutions of National Importance have been invited. Further, the Chairman informed that as per the latest decision IGNOU and the State Open Universities may offer Ph.D. programs in the regular / part-time mode provided they submit an affidavit mentioning that they would strictly comply with all the stipulations of the UGC Regulations, 2016, governing Ph.D. The Chairman also apprised of the prestigious LIGO project which would be manned by the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune. He also informed the Members about the operationalization of the Direct-to-Home (DTH) channels as also about the progress of the MOOCs courses which would be made available on the SWAYAM platform. He said that the Director, CEC would be the Co-ordinator for these programs.

SECTION-1

1.01(a) To confirm the minutes of the 517th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **22nd June, 2016**.

Confirmed.

[Action : JS(Admn.)]

1.01(b) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 517th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **22nd June, 2016**.

Noted.

[Action : JS(Admn.)]

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

(i) To report the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted by the Commission in its 497th meeting held on 10.01.2014 with regard to approval of institutions under sections 2(f), 12 (B) and compliance under Section 13 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Noted and ratified.

[Action : DS(CPP-I)]

(ii) To report the modifications / revisions incorporated in the guidelines of various fellowship / scholarship schemes of UGC.

Considered and ratified.

[Action : DS(SA)]

(iii) To report the inclusion of 103 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.06.2016 to 31.07.2016 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

Noted.

[Action : JS(CPP-I/C)]

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

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

1.04 To consider the Annual Accounts of UGC for the year 2015-16. **(No item)**

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

2.01 To consider the issue of time gap between two cycles of accreditation by NAAC/NBA for carrying out periodical review as also for determining eligibility criteria of Institutions Deemed to be Universities under clause 11.2 & 4.1 of the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016 and the new application formats for applying for Deemed to be University status/off-campus/off-shore campus/Institutions under ambit.

Considered and resolved that in the case of institutions which apply for reaccreditation within the stipulated period of six months before the end of the cycle of accreditation, as per the guidelines of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), the gap period between two consecutive accreditations will be condoned. In case of other institutions which have not applied as per the guidelines mentioned above, the maximum period for Condonation would one year between the two consecutive accreditation cycles. The principles of Condonation mentioned above in case of NAAC accreditation will also be applicable in case of National Board of Accreditation (NBA).

If the institution is graded with A++ and A+ (3.51 and above out of 4) in currently enforced seven point scale of NAAC, then for the purpose of these Regulations, it would be considered as the highest accreditation.

[Action : DS(CPP-I)]

2.02 To consider the re-constitution of UGC Committee constituted by the Commission to look into all aspects of the issue of off-campus of Institutions Deemed to be Universities consequent upon the completion of the tenure of Prof. H. Devaraj as Vice-Chairman, UGC.

The following were substituted as Members in the aforementioned Committee:

- 1. Prof. V.S. Chauhan as Chairman in place of Prof. H. Devaraj.**
- 2. Prof. R.C. Kuhad as Member in place of Prof. Sanjay G. Dhande.**

[Action : DS(CPP-I)]

2.03 To consider constitution of a Committee for rationalization of the distribution of the Plan grant under various UGC schemes.

Considered and resolved to constitute a Committee consisting of the following:

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| 1. Prof. Mohd. Miyan | ... | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Inder M. Kapahy | ... | Member |
| 3. Prof. Jagadesh Kumar | ... | Member |
| 4. Prof. R.C. Kuhad | ... | Member |
| 5. Dr. Hemang Desai, EO | ... | Co-ordinating Officer |

[Action : JS(F)]

2.04 To consider the issue of NAAC accreditation in respect of the main campus of those Institutions Deemed to be Universities which have established off-campus centre(s) without prior approval/permission of the UGC/Ministry of HRD.

Considered and resolved that the NAAC may be asked to delink the accreditation of the main campus from that of their off-campus and carry out the accreditation process of the main campuses.

[Action : DS(CPP-I)]

2.05 To consider modification in the format approved by the Commission used for Report Writing by the UGC Expert Visiting Committees visiting State Private Universities.

Considered and approved.

[Action : DS(CPP-I)]

2.06 To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges for grant of fresh/extension of autonomous status to colleges.

Considered and approved. The period of autonomous status would, however, remain six years as provided for in the guidelines governing the scheme.

[Action : JS(AC)]

2.07 To consider the matter for issuing Degrees and Mark sheets obtained under Open and Distance Learning mode.

Considered and approved that all Universities may be asked to reflect the mode of delivery on the Degree Certificates.

[Action : JS(DEB)]

2.08 To consider the issue of time gap between cycles of accreditation by NAAC for grant of fresh / extension of Autonomous Status without the mandatory Committee visit.

Considered and resolved that in the case of Autonomous Colleges which apply for reaccreditation within the stipulated six months before the end of the cycle of accreditation as per the guidelines of National Assessment and Accreditation Council, the gap period between two consecutive accreditations will be condoned. In case of other institutions which have not applied as per the guidelines mentioned above, the maximum period for Condonation would be one year between the two accreditation cycles.

If the institution is graded with A++ and A+ (3.51 and above out of 4) in currently enforced seven point scale of NAAC, then for the purpose of these guidelines, it would be considered as the highest accreditation.

[Action : JS(AC)]

SECTION-3

(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

(There is no item in this section)

SECTION-4

(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

4.01 To consider granting accreditation to University of Mysore, Mysore, Karnataka for conducting SET on behalf of Karnataka State.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(NET)]

4.02 To consider granting accreditation to Chhattisgarh Vyavsayik Pariksha Mandal (CGVYAPAM), Raipur, Chhattisgarh for conducting SET on behalf of Chhattisgarh State.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(NET)]

4.03 To consider the extension of time for utilization of funds released under the OBC expansion scheme for implementation of OBC reservation in admissions as per Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006 in respect of Constituent Colleges of University of Allahabad.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(CU)]

4.04 To consider extension of time for utilization of funds released under OBC expansion scheme for implementation of OBC reservation in admission as per Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006 in central universities and UGC maintained deemed to be universities.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(CU)]

4.05 To consider inclusion of Shri Guru Gobind Singh and Swami Dayanand Saraswati chairs in the list of Chairs approved by the Commission.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(SU)]

4.06 To consider the issue regarding difficulties faced by the UGC faculty appointed through the faculty recharge programme under BSR.

Considered and resolved to withdraw the FRP programme, prospectively

[Action : DS(BSR)]

4.07 To consider the decisions of the Empowered Committee of Basic Scientific Research.

Considered and approved the decisions of the Empowered Committee.

[Action : DS(BSR)]

4.08 To consider both the introduction of National Eligibility Test (NET) in the subject of Yoga and the proposed syllabus.

Considered and approved.

[Action : DS(SA)]

4.09 To consider the recommendations of the Joint meeting of the Standing Committee on “Centres with Potential for Excellence in Particular Areas” (CPEPA) and “Universities with Potential for Excellence” (UPE) held on 8th June and 23rd June, 2016.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(NS/PE)]

4.10 To consider amendment in Clause 5.5, 5.6 and 5.11 of the UGC guidelines for General Development Assistance to Central, State Universities and Institutions Deemed to be Universities during XII Plan.

Considered and approved. The UGC Standing Committee may visit the Institution for physical verification, if it deems fit.

[Action : JS(SU) & JS(CU/DU)]

SECTION-5
(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

- 5.01** To consider the Report of the UGC Expert Committee for academic and financial review of Central Universities and consider allocation of Plan Grant (General Development Assistance) for the XII Plan period to the Central Universities.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(CU)]

- 5.02** To consider the matter of Composite Colleges under the CPE Scheme.

Considered and approved that the Colleges would be considered for grant of CPE/CE status provided they give an undertaking in an affidavit that the funds so provided under the scheme will not be used for the Junior College, i.e. 10+1 and 10+2 classes.

[Action : JS(NS/PE)]

SECTION-6
(MISCELLANEOUS)

- 6.01** To consider certain establishment matter of University Grants Commission

Recorded Separately.

(JASPAL SINGH SANDHU)
SECRETARY

(VED PRAKASH)
CHAIRMAN