



Annexure - II

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI - 110 002**

**PROFORMA FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORT -
STATE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES**

Part -I- Preliminary

(i)	Constitute of the Expert Committee	1) Prof. Yogesh Singh Vice-Chancellor, Delhi Technological University, Delhi.	Chairman
		2) Prof. O. P Rai Pro Vice Chancellor, Central University of South Bihar, Bihar.	Member
		3) Prof. Jayant Sonwalkar Director, Directorate of Distance Education, Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore.	Member
		4) Prof. N.C. Shivaprakash Professor, Department of Instrumentation and Applied Physics, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.	Nominee from AICTE
		5) Dr.(Mrs.) Archana Thakur Joint Secretary, UGC, Delhi.	Co-ordinating Officer
		Further, the following Experts on the same day of the visit assisted the Nominee of AICTE	
6) Prof. Zaheeruddin Professor & Head, Department of Electrical Engineering Faculty of Engineering & Technology, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.	Member -AICTE		

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		<p>7) Prof. Raghuraj Singh Member-AICTE Professor, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Harcourt Butler Technology Institute, Kanpur.</p> <p>8) Ar. Ashutosh Kumar Agarwal Member- AICTE Architect, Delhi.</p> <p>ANNEXURE-1 (Composition of the visiting committee)</p>
(ii)	Date(s) of the visit	<u>6th - 7th April, 2018</u>
(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/difficulties relevant to report)	Nil

Part -II- Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University (Refer 1.1 of the format)	<p>GLS University came into the existence as statutory private university in accordance to the Gujarat State Private Universities (Amendment) Act, 2015 on April 15, 2015.</p> <p>The Sponsoring Body, Gujarat Law Society is reputed in the state of Gujarat. It is in existence since 91 years and was established by luminaries like Shri Sardar Vallabhdbhai Patel and Shri Ganesh Mavalankar.</p> <p>GLS University, GLS Campus, Opp. Law Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad – 380006.</p> <p>ANNEXURE-2</p>
(ii)	Date of Establishment of the University (Refer 1.4 of the format)	April, 15, 2015
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its facilities/courses	<p>GLS University is established in the year of 2015 with the objective of providing an ideal and creative learning environment and continuing the tradition of excellence in education of the sponsoring body of the University, viz., Gujarat Law Society (GLS)</p> <p>Courses Offered:</p>

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(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University	Gujarat Law Society, established in the year 1927, is one of the largest and oldest educational institutions in the State of Gujarat. GLS was promoted by luminaries Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first Home Minister of the country, Shri Ganesh Mavlankar, the first Speaker of the country and Shri I. M. Nanavati with the vision of Excellence in Education.																

Part -III- Summary Report

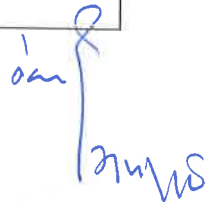
A. Legal Status

(i)	Is the University duly established under the law and as required in the UGC Regulation? (refer 1.10 and 1.11 of the format)	Yes. The University is established under the law and as per UGC regulations. It is established under Act No. 3 of 2015 Notification No.GH/SH/10/EPU/2014/329-Kh-1 dated 15 th April 2015 of the Government of Gujarat and the Gujarat Private Universities (Amendment) Act, 2015.
(ii)	Is the Trust/Society involved in promoting the University sufficiently focussed on educational activities and independent of their business or any other interest, if any?	Please refer to ANNEXURE-2 Yes. The trust is involved only in educational activities since last 91 years. The trust is involved to promote the educational activities in the University


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B. Organization Description

(i)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulation on off-campus centres? Yes No Not applicable	The University does not have any off-campus centres and therefore this aspect does not apply.
(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulation on off-Shore campus centres Yes No Not applicable	The University does not have any off-campus centres and therefore this aspect does not apply.
(iii)	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of competent authority of the Government of India? Yes No Not applicable	The University does not have any Distance Mode courses.

C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the Courses offered by the University narrowly focused or adequately diverse?	Yes, Adequately diverse in several disciplines as below: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Faculty</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Courses Offered</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Commerce</td> <td>B.Com, B.Com(Hons), M.Com</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Business Administration</td> <td>BBA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Computer Application & IT</td> <td>BCA, I-MSc.IT, MSc.IT, PGDCA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Computer Technology</td> <td>MCA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Management</td> <td>MBA, I-MBA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Design</td> <td>B.Design, I-M.Design</td> </tr> <tr> <td>School of Doctoral Research & Innovation</td> <td>Ph.D.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Faculty	Courses Offered	Commerce	B.Com, B.Com(Hons), M.Com	Business Administration	BBA	Computer Application & IT	BCA, I-MSc.IT, MSc.IT, PGDCA	Computer Technology	MCA	Management	MBA, I-MBA	Design	B.Design, I-M.Design	School of Doctoral Research & Innovation	Ph.D.
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(ii)	Are the list of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956?	Yes All the degrees awarded are as per UGC nomenclatures as per Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956. ANNEXURE-4																




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(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake is as per the norms/intake sanctioned by the concern Statutory Council(s)/UGC?	Yes Intake of technical Courses like MBA & MCA are sanctioned by the AICTE. ANNEXURE-5
(iv)	Weather courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council(s)?	Yes, courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council(s).
(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged student? (refer 4.5 of the format)	GLS University is offering substantial support to procure scholarship to the deserving and under privileged sections of the society, especially the Schedule Caste (SC), Schedule Tribe (ST) and Socio Economically Backward Class (SEBC) and Physically handicapped students through various government schemes.
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed? (refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format)	Yes, by the website given below, http://www.glsuniversity.ac.in/ & it is regularly updated. University regularly brings out print advertisements, online campaigns and social media as well as on outdoor media. The admission process of the university is a combination of online and on shore activities, which is done through a concentrated effort in the above media. The admission process is also regularly updated on the website of the university which is widely publicized through online campaigns as well.
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly? (refer 4.9 of the format)	The GLS University has a grievance redressal cell.
(viii)	Is the University following proper procedure for formulation and revision of curriculum on periodic basis? (refer 5.1 to 5.4 of the format)	The curriculum review is done periodically on course to course basis. The curriculum review process consists of proposals and updates by Board of Studies in each faculty and formal approval from Academic Council. The system of reviewing curriculum is held for every three years or earlier. The first round of setting up curriculum was in the year of 2015. Approval of Board of Studies and Academic Council of the University has been taken for all courses.


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<p>(ix)</p>	<p>How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system? (refer 5.7 to 5.14 of the format)</p>	<p>The Examination system is regular, fair and transparent. The course outlines for the respective courses have a clearly laid out examination system along with the weightages and academic goals to be attained by the examination system.</p> <p>GLS University follows Examination system which is based on three components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Internal Exam (Mid-Semester Exam)2. Continuous Evaluation (Quiz, Assignments, Project Reports, Class Participation, Presentation, Viva, Seminars, etc.)3. External Exam (University Exam) <p>GLS University uses Letter Grades and Grade Points for evaluation. Examinations are conducted and evaluations of answer scripts are done by the internal experts as well as by the external experts as and when required.</p> <p>Question papers include conceptual, application based, analytical and case study based questions as per the objectives of the course design.</p> <p>Question papers are set by the appointed paper setters. In addition, Controller of Examinations / Provost / Director General is required to select from three question papers of each subject. These set of question papers are drawn by the internal as well as external subject experts.</p>
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D. Admission Process


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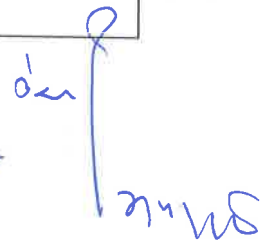
(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission? (refer 6.1 and 6.7 of the format)	Yes, University has fair and transparent merit based admission procedure. For technical programmes like MBA & MCA, GLS University participates in Centralized Admission Process undertaken by Admission Committee for Professional Courses (ACPC) of Government of Gujarat. For Undergraduate programmes like B.Com., B.Com(Hons), BBA, BCA etc. the admission is granted on inter-se merit basis.
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	Yes, GLS University is following the norms of Gujarat Government for reservation.

E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the student sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	Yes, Fees information is displayed on the official website and notice boards of concern faculties Students are informed about the fees and charges through the admission broucher of the University.
(ii)	Does the University follow its own declared policy in collecting any fees or charges or are there some charges over and above the publically stated fee structure?	University follows its declared policy and there are no other charges over and above the publically stated fee structure.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payment without receipts?	Mode of fees Collection is Transparent. Cheque/Demand Draft and online Mode of Payments are accepted by the University.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to cost involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Yes, The fees are reasonable and affordable by the student community. Moreover, the fees are lower than the Gross expenditure per student.
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	Yes , The Fees of GLS University are as per guidelines of Government as the MBA & MCA programme fees are determined by the Fee Regulatory Committee appointed by the Government of Gujarat.
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains?	No, there is no indication to state that the University is being run solely or primarily for commercial gains.

F. Faculty


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(i)	Does the University follow Pay Scales and service condition laid down by the UGC?	Yes. GLS University follows UGC / Government norms with regards to 6 th Pay Scales structure for the faculty. Scale of Pay: Professor: 37400 – 67000 with AGP Rs.10000 Associate Professor: 37400 – 67000 with AGP Rs. 9000 Assistant Professor: 15600 -39100 with AGP Rs. 8000
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (If required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department)	Yes, The University has qualified faculty including Ph.D holders.
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty/guest faculty/Part-time faculty?	Yes, GLS University appoints all faculty members on full time basis only. GLSU does not have any contractual or part time faculty but it invites Guest Faculty / Industry Experts from time to time as per requirements.
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	Yes ANNEXURE-6

G. Infrastructure

(i)	<p>Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Land and Building ➤ Class rooms ➤ Laboratories and equipment ➤ Library ➤ Sports facilities 	<p>Currently, the University is running its allprogrammes at its campus located in the heart of the city of Ahmedabad with the academic spaces utilizing approximately 3 lacs sq.ft. of construction.</p> <p>The infrastructure facilities comprise Auditorium, Computer Centers, Amphitheatre, Playground, sports facilities, Gymnasium, Cafeterias, Bank within a campus, Seminar halls, Conference halls.</p> <p>There are sufficient class rooms with LCD</p>
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	<p>➤ Residential accommodation including hostel</p>	<p>Projector, A.C, and Multimedia Equipments.</p> <p>University has provision for Residential accommodation in arrangements with Master Crest Girls Hostel and Man Mandir Boys Hostel.</p>
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	<p>Does the University have adequate and independent funds?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>GLS University has adequate funds as held in Fixed Deposit amounting Rs. 5 Crores with Gujarat State Financial Services Limited, Ahmedabad</p> <p>Amount : Rs. 5 Crores</p> <p>Period of Deposit: 1096 days</p> <p>FDR No.: 48984</p> <p>Gujarat Law Society has approximately Rs. 35 Crores worth Fixed Deposits held with Central Bank of India in its branch within the campus of the University to support and adequately meet with any financial requirements.</p> <p>Amount : Rs. 35 Crores</p> <p>FDR No.:</p> <p>3038354445, 3653976294, 3196202309, 3057606491, 3057606242, 3057605975, 3058158628, 3058158786, 3058158877, 1013125203, 1013125214, 3204077335, 3084771496, 3084771804, 3020716199, 3000654496, 1013117746, 1013117757, 3050869128, 3259729651, 3292180735, 3456334852, 3119592821, 3055044341, 3055696874</p>
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I. Governance System

(i)	<p>Are various authorities and bodies responsible for the governance of the University in place and working regularly and properly?</p>	<p>Yes, various authorities and bodies responsible for the governance of the University in place.</p>
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J. Research Profile

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(i) How would you rate the research Profile of the University in terms of Research orientation, equipment, facilities and output? (please give comments separately on faculties and departments)	Research Details for Last 3 Years:																																		
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K. Miscellaneous

(i)	Is the Non-teaching staff adequate, well qualified and paid as per the norms of the concerned State Government?	Yes , Non-teaching staff is adequate, well qualified and paid as per the norms of the concerned State Government.
(ii)	Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degree?	Yes, Academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degree.
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	As the University has not completed five years, the NAAC accreditation is not applicable. However, several programmes of the university have gone through the NAAC process. MBA: Awarded Date of Accreditation: 12 th May 2015 Period: 5 Years Grade: B CGPA: 2.72 MCA: Awarded Date of Accreditation: 14 th September 2015 Period: 5 Years Grade: B

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		<p>CGPA: 2.66</p> <p>B.Com. : Awarded Date of Accreditation: 15th November 2015 Period: 5 Years Grade: B CGPA: 2.81</p> <p>ANNEXURE-8</p>
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L. Strength and Weaknesses of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GLS University is promoted by Gujarat Law Society founded by Shri Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and has a rich legacy of more than 91 years' worth existence. • The University has a vision, strategies and operations in place. • The University is located in the central business district in the heart of the city, which is easily accessible by the students and other stakeholders such as corporate, alumni etc. • The University has modern infrastructure, with a majority of air-conditioned classrooms, state of art auditorium, Labs, library, sports ground, open air theatre etc. The entire campus is digital and enabled with Wi-Fi. • Students and staff has access to the state of the art Learning Management System. • The University has a sound IT infrastructure which consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3D Printer and Laser cutting machine ○ Apple LAB ○ IoT LAB at the Incubator ○ Microsoft Edvantage Solutions ○ Corel & Adobe Subscriptions ○ Quick Heal Anti Virus
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Several e-resources, which ensure furtherance of research initiatives and creation of better outputs.○ University has put UMS – University management System in place enabling all stakeholders to an access on 24 x 7 basis.
(ii)	Weaknesses of the University	There is no accommodation for faculty and students on campus

Part-IV-Recommendation

A. General Observation and suggestions

The University has been established by an old and reputed society of Gujarat. Promoters have adequate experience for running education . Society has adequate funds to support the University.

The University is located in the heart of Ahmedabad city with adequate infrastructure to run the existing programmes.

University has well defined systems and processes. The faculty and staff are paid as per norms.

Documentation has been meticulously organised.

Faculty, employees and students appeared to be satisfied as evidenced during interactions.


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- University should establish day care centre, stationary and photocopy shop.
- University should create barrier free environment.
- University has a good library and good e resources.
- University should take steps to create enabling research environment.
- University should install fire and safety equipments as per government norms.


B. Operation recommendation which require satisfactory compliance by the University before issue of Approval Letter


Overall, the University has all the possible facilities and potential to be considered by the UGC. Since there is another technical Committee of AICTE, its report may be taken into consideration for compliance required if any.

C. Final Recommendations

(Whether the University should be granted Approval Letter/ Approval Letter subject to compliance/ Should not be granted Approval Letter)

Based on the presentation and interaction with stakeholders and visit to academic departments, the expert committee unanimously resolves to recommend that the university fulfils the criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructure facilities and financial viabilities as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies.


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