

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

**MINUTES OF THE 514th MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 12th April, 2016.**

The 514th Meeting of the Commission was held on 12th April, 2016 in which the following were present:

1. Prof. Ved Prakash	Chairman
2. Prof. H. Devaraj	Vice Chairman
3. Sh. Vinay Sheel Oberoi	Member
4. Sh. A. N. Jha	Member
5. Prof. V.S. Chauhan	Member
6. Prof. Mohammad Miyan	Member
7. Prof. K.N. Shanti	Member
8. Prof. Inder Mohan Kapahy	Member

Mr. Patanjali (Patu) G. Keswani and Prof. Sanjay Govind Dhande could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupation.

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Prof. (Dr.) Jaspal Singh Sandhu

The Chairman, University Grants Commission welcomed the Members and apprised them of the fact the University Grants Commission is organizing five Regional Conferences of the Vice-Chancellors and other Senior Officers of the Central Universities with the help of Indian Institutes of Management starting from 15th April, 2016. He also informed the Members that the University Grants Commission is about to launch a Mobile App for the benefit of the students for registering complaints against ragging.

SECTION-1

1.01(a) To confirm the minutes of the 513th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **29th February, 2016.**

Confirmed.

[Action : Director (Admn.)]

1.01(b) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 513th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **29th February, 2016.**

Noted and approved.

[Action : Director (Admn.)]

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

- (i) To report the matter regarding utilization of Internal Receipts by fully funded Deemed to be Universities to cover up the short-fall in Non-Salary component under Non-Plan grant.

Ratified with the condition that the issue of utilization of internal receipts by the Deemed to be Universities may continue until further orders.

[Action : JS(CU/DU)]

- (ii) To report the matter regarding release of additional grant of Rs.1941.44 lakh to Dr. H.S. Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar to complete their ongoing XI Plan building projects.

Noted and approved.

[Action : JS (CU)]

- (iii) To report the creation of UGC Travel Desk in the office of University Grants Commission.

Noted and approved.

[Action : Director (Admn.)]

- (iv) To report the inclusion of 49 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.02.2016 to 29.02.2016 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

Noted and approved.

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

- (v) 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 approved.

[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**)

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

- 2.01** To consider the Amendment in Leave prescribed For Teachers and Non-Vacation members of Teaching Staff as prescribed in UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2010. **(Deferred Item No.2.07 of 21.12.2015 meeting) & (Deferred Item No.2.02 of 04.02.2016 meeting)**

Deferred.

[Action : JS (PS)]

- 2.02** To consider the report of the Committee for granting accreditation to Andhra University, Vishakhapatnam to hold SET Examination(s).

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(NET)]

- 2.03** To consider and approve modifications in the proposed UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2014.

After detailed deliberations, the clause 12.1 was approved as under:

“12.1

Award of degrees to candidates registered for the M.Phil/Ph.D. programme prior to July 11, 2009 shall be governed by the provisions of the then existing Ordinances / Bylaws / Regulations of the Institution awarding the degrees and the Ph.D. candidates shall be exempted from the requirement of the minimum eligibility condition of NET/SLET/SET for recruitment and appointment of

Assistant Professor or equivalent positions in Universities/Colleges/ Institutions subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:

- a) Ph.D. degree of the candidate awarded in regular mode only;**
- b) Evaluation of the Ph.D. thesis by at least two external examiners;**
- c) Open Ph.D. viva voce of the candidate had been conducted.**
- d) Candidate has two research publications from his/her Ph.D. work out of which at least one must be in a refereed journal;**
- e) Candidate has made at least two presentations in conferences/seminars, based on his/her Ph.D. work;**

(a) to (e) as above are to be certified by the Vice-Chancellor/ Pro-Vice-Chancellor/ Dean (Academic Affairs)/Dean (University Instructions)”

The remaining clauses were approved provided for in the agenda.

[Action : JS(PS)]

2.04 Report of the Committee constituted by MHRD to examine issues related to attracting and retaining talented and quality manpower in the teaching profession.

After detailed deliberations, the item was approved with the following observations.

A. The following additions were approved to be incorporated in clause 3.3.1 of the “UGC Regulations on minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers and other academic staff in universities and colleges and measures for the maintenance of standards of higher education, 2010”:

“Award of degrees to candidates registered for the M.Phil/Ph.D. programme prior to July 11, 2009 shall be governed by the provisions of the then existing Ordinances /

Bylaws / Regulations of the Institution awarding the degrees and the Ph.D. candidates shall be exempted from the requirement of the minimum eligibility condition of NET/SLET/SET for recruitment and appointment of Assistant Professor or equivalent positions in Universities/Colleges/ Institutions subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:

- a) Ph.D. degree of the candidate awarded in regular mode only;**
- b) Evaluation of the Ph.D. thesis by at least two external examiners;**
- c) Open Ph.D. viva voce of the candidate had been conducted.**
- d) Candidate has two research publications from his/her Ph.D. work out of which at least one must be in a refereed journal;**
- e) Candidate has made at least two presentations in conferences/seminars, based on his/her Ph.D. work;**

(a) to (e) as above are to be certified by the Vice-Chancellor/ Pro-Vice-Chancellor/ Dean (Academic Affairs)/Dean (University Instructions)”

- B. The modified Academic Performance Indicator (API) scheme was approved, with dissent from one of the Members, Dr. Inder Mohan Kapahy.**
- C. These modifications, as approved, will be incorporated in the University Grants Commission Regulations.**

[Action : JS(PS)]

SECTION-3
(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

- 3.01** To consider the letter received from Government of India, MHRD for amendment in Clause 5.7, Clause 4.3 of Annexure I & Clause 3.1 of Annexure II and insertion of an additional Clause (Clause 5.0) in the Annexure I of the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010 as amended in the year 2014, 2015 & 2016.

Considered and approved.

[Action : DS(CPP-I/P)]

SECTION-4
(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

- 4.01** To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee on “Universities with Potential for Excellence” (UPE) held on 17th December, 2015.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(NS/PE)]

- 4.02** To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee:-
1. To identify fresh CPE Colleges during XII Plan period under the CPE Scheme.
 2. To consider the report of the Expert Committee which visited the Jamshedpur Women’s College, Jharkhand under the CPE Scheme.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(NS/PE)]

**SECTION-5
(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)**

5.01 To consider the grant of autonomous status to colleges accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) without on-the-spot inspection by the Expert Committee.

Considered and approved with the condition that a College which is accredited with the highest grades in two consecutive cycles and also secures the highest accreditation grade in the third cycle from NAAC will be granted autonomous status provided it obtains No Objection Certificate from the affiliating University and provided it also adheres to University Grants Commission's Regulations like (a) Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Education Institutions Regulations, 2012; (b) UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulation 2012; (c) UGC (Grievance Redressal) Regulations 2012 etc. in letter & spirit.

The UGC Guidelines for Autonomous Colleges be changed incorporating the above decision of the Commission.

[Action : JS (AC)]

5.02 To consider the matter regarding extension of the validity of the accreditation period in the third cycle by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

Considered and approved. The matter may be referred to NAAC for consideration.

[Action : JS (IUC)]

5.03 To consider new draft University Grants Commission (Fitness of Colleges for Receiving Grants), Rules, 2016 in place of the earlier draft Rules, 2014 forwarded to Ministry of HRD for concurrence and approval.

Considered and approved that the colleges which are affiliated to a University continuously without any break for a period of 10 years and are accredited by NAAC may be granted 12B status under the “University Grants Commission (Fitness of Colleges to Receive Grants) Rules” provided they adhere to University Grants Commission’s Regulations like (a) Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Education Institutions Regulations, 2012; (b) UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulation 2012; (c) UGC (Grievance Redressal) Regulations 2012 etc. in letter & spirit.

[Action : DS (CPP-I)]

5.04 To consider an additional allocation of Rs.50.00 crore to the Central University of South Bihar (CUSB) for the remaining period of XII Plan over and above the XII Plan Allocation.

Approved in principle with the condition that a Committee consisting of Prof. H. Devaraj, Vice-Chairman, University Grants Commission and Prof. Mohd. Miyan, Member Commission will visit the Central University of South Bihar for on-the-spot assessment of the requirement and the works already undertaken by the University and submit the report to the Commission.

[Action : JS (CU)]

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

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS (AC)]

5.06 To consider making of Campuses of Central Universities wi-fi enabled and introduction of University Management System.

In order to give effect to this decision, the Commission has constituted a Committee of the following:

- 1. Prof. Me'raj Ud Din Mir, VC, CU of Kashmir ..Chairman**
- 2. Prof. H.C.S. Rathore, VC, CU of South Bihar ..Member**
- 3. Prof. R.C. Kuhad, VC, CU of Haryana ..Member**

The aforesaid Committee will be at the liberty to co-opt members from the IT sector for effective implementation of the project. It will prepare the tender documents, finalize the tender documents, call for tenders, make comparative statement, negotiate with companies/vendors and place orders on behalf of Central Universities. The Committee will seek the requirements for implementing this from the Vice-Chancellors of respective Central Universities. The Committee will send bi-monthly report to the University Grants Commission and will also be responsible for all follow-up action. The Committee will also submit to University Grants Commission the timelines for the implementation of this task.

[Action : JS (CU)]

**SECTION-6
(MISCELLANEOUS)**

6.01 To consider certain establishment matter of University Grants Commission

Recorded separately.

(JASPAL SINGH SANDHU)
Secretary

(VED PRAKASH)
Chairman