



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI

Minutes of the 80th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on March 2, 2017 at 10:30 A.M. in UGC Office, New Delhi.

The 80th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on **March 2, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in UGC office, New Delhi.** List of participants is at **Annexure - I.**

At the outset Prof. Ashok Jhunjunwala who chaired the meeting welcomed all the members to the 80th Meeting of the Empowered Committee. Prof. Sahashrabudhe could not attend the meeting. There after agenda was taken up for discussion.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 79th meeting of Empowered Committee held on February 3, 2017 in UGC Head office Delhi.

The minutes were confirmed with the following observation:

Under Item no.7, the minutes should be read as:

Rank	Name of the Centre	Performance	Remarks
1.	UGC-NRC in Biological Science, Madurai Kamaraj University	Outstanding	Recommended for II phase
2.	UGC-NRC in Chemistry, University of Hyderabad	Outstanding	Recommended for II phase
3.	UGC-NRC in Pharmaceutical Sciences, Panjab University	Very Good	Recommended for II phase
4.	UGC-NRC in Biological Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University	Very Good	Recommended for II phase
5.	UGC-NRC in Biological Science, Indian Institute of Science	Good	To be re-evaluated based on the comments given by the experts in the meeting
6.	UGC-NRC in Radio Physics, University of Calcutta	Good	To be re-evaluated based on the comments given by the experts in the meeting
7.	UGC-NRC in Physics, Banaras Hindu University	Satisfactory	Not-recommended

The committee decided to extend the tenure of the NRCs for the II phase, without any additional financial liability for now.

Item No. 2 : Action taken on the Minutes.

The Committee noted with satisfaction the action taken by the UGC on the minutes of the 79th meeting of the Empowered Committee.

Item No. 3: Discussion regarding the Faculty recharge programme.

- (i) The report of the Sub-committee constituted by the Empowered Committee to grade universities on the basis of Feedback information from UGC-faculty was submitted.
- (ii) The redressal mechanism based on Feedback information was discussed
- (iii) The Empowered Committee reiterated its stand that UGC-faculty is considered at par with Regular faculty of the university and is entitled to guide Ph.D scholars. It was decided that a letter should immediately be written to all the concerned universities clarifying the same.
- (iv) The issue of Promotion procedure for UGC-faculty who are about to complete five years was discussed. The decision was postponed to the next meeting of the Empowered Committee.
- (v) The Committee approved the request of Dr. Parul Mishra regarding transfer from Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi to University of Hyderabad.
- (vi) The committee also approved the request UGC-Faculty Dr. Dilbagh Singh and Dr. Subhra Bhattachaya for extension of tenure for utilization of the startup grant.

Item No 4 : Discussion with Prof. S R Gadre, National Coordinator of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship Cell and regarding the progress of the scheme.

- (i) The Committee approved the 69th list of recommended candidates and 54th list of not recommended candidates. The Committee also approved the requests made by DSK Fellows regarding extension in joining and leave applied.

- (ii) The Committee also recommended that the tenure of service of Prof. Shridhar Gadre (National Coordinator, DSKPDF Cell) and Prof. D S Joag (Assoc. National Coordinator, DSKPDF cell) may be extended for one year w.e.f. 31.05.2017.

Item No. 5: Discussion with Prof. Anunay Samanta, National Coordinator, UGC-Faculty Research Promotion Schemes regarding the review of three schemes.

- (i) The recommendations for the Start-up Grant, Mid-career Award and Faculty Fellowship Schemes proposed by the National coordinator were considered and approved by the Empowered Committee.
- (ii) The Committee recommended that the tenure of service Prof. Samanta as National coordinator FRPS cell may be extended for a period of one year w.e.f. 12.04.2017.
- (iii) Discussion regarding sanction of two (2) additional staffs (1 technical & 1 clerical) was deferred for the next meeting.
- (iv) Discussion regarding Prof. Uttam Pati's application for Faculty Fellowship was deferred for the next meeting.

Item No 6: Networking Resource Centres (NRC).

It was decided that the Coordinators NRCs that have submitted the proposal late shall be invited to give their proposal presentation for extension of activities along the centres which are to reviewed again as per **Item no 1**. The date of the meeting will be decided in the next meeting of the Empowered Committee.

Item No 7: Any other item.

- (i) The Empowered committee approved the request of Dr. PK Bhatnagar (BSR faculty fellow) regarding extension in the tenure of fellowship by 6 months to complete the project. However, no additional financial assistance shall be provided.
- (ii) The Committee also approved the request of Dr. Umar Farooq regarding extension in utilizing the Startup grant by 6 months.

- (iii) The committee accepted the resignation of Ms. Deepjyoti Konwar from BSR fellowship w.e.f. 01.04.2016.and directed her to refund the amount of fellowship availed as on date.
- (iv) Discussion regarding BSR fellowship in Engineering and Pharmacy was deferred for the next meeting

Item No 8: Budget of BSR:

The Committee noted with satisfaction the Expenditure status under the Basic Scientific Research Programme.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on **April 19th, 2017** at UGC Head Office. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Annexure- I

List of Participants who attended the 80th -meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) held on March 2, 2017 in UGC, New Delhi

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| 1. Prof. Ashok Jhunjunwala | - | Chairman (i/c), EC |
| 2. Prof. S A Bari | - | Member, EC |
| 3. Prof. Shridhar Gadre | - | National Coordinator, DSKPDF |
| 4. Prof. Anunay Samanta | - | National Coordinator, FRPS |
| 5. Prof. Sudesh Nangia | - | National Coordinator, FRP |
| 6. Dr. Sunita Siwach | - | JS(BSR) |
| 7. Mrs. Paramjit | - | US(BSR) |
| 8. Dr. Shalini | - | EO(BSR) |