

**CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF GUJARAT**  
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**Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 31.01.2020 in the  
VLRC Board Room, Sector-29 Campus of the University**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Academic Council of Central University of Gujarat was convened on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 at 10:30 AM in the premises of the University to deliberate on the agenda items circulated earlier and to take decisions on the important academic matters.

The meeting started with Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey welcoming the members who were present. The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (Chairman-Ex Officio)
2. Prof. Alok Kumar Gupta, Registrar (Offg.), Secretary
3. Prof. M. Muniyamma
4. Prof. C. N. Krishna Naik
5. Prof. Malabika Deo
6. Prof. P. N. Gajjar
7. Prof. Man Singh, Dean, SCS
8. Prof. J. P. N. Mishra, Dean, SLS
9. Prof. Sanjay Kumar Jha, Dean, SNSS
10. Prof. Atanu Bhattacharya, Dean, SLL&CS and Dean SLIS (I/C)
11. Prof. H.B. Patel, Dean, SOE
12. Prof. Sarita Agrawal, Dean, SSS
13. Prof. Manish, Dean, SIS
14. Dr. Indrani Banerjee, Dean, SNS
15. Dr. Bhawana Pathak, Dean, SESD
16. Dr. Prakash Jha, Dean, SAMS
17. Prof. Balaji Ranganathan, CCL&TS
18. Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Dubey, CHL&L
19. Dr. Atanu Mohapatra, CDS
20. Dr. Arun Vishwanathan, CSS, SIS
21. Dr. Dinesh Kumar, SCS
22. Dr. Seema Rawat, Provost
23. Dr. L. Raju Chowhan, CAC
24. Dr. Parvathi K. Iyer, CST&IP
25. Dr. Paulami Sahu, SESD
26. Dr. Rajesh Vasita, SLS
27. Dr. K. B. Agadi, Librarian (I/C)
28. Shri. Prabhat Kumar, CCS

The following members could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence.

1. Prof. Uttam B. Bhoite
2. Prof. Santosh Panda
3. Dr. Chandraprakash Dwivedi
4. Prof. Shashi Bala Singh
5. Prof. R. G. Sonkawade

6. Prof. Ali Raza Moosvi
7. Prof. H. C. Sardar
8. Dr. Kishore Jose, CSS
9. Mr. Ashutosh Pandey (Student Representative)
10. Ms. Asha Humble (Student Representative)

The following official attended the meeting as Special Invitee: -

1. Dr. Umesh C.S. Yadav, Deputy Controller of Examination (Offg.)
2. Dr. Hemang Desai, Deputy Registrar- Academics

At the outset, Prof. Alok Gupta, Registrar (offtg) and Member Secretary of the Academic Council welcomed all the members to the 22nd meeting of the AC and informed the House about appointment of Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey as the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University through a communication from MHRD dated 19.11.2019. He further informed that Prof. Dubey joined the University on 22nd November 2019 and took charge of his office. While introducing the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Gupta pointed out that the University is fortunate in having its new leader from the realm of life sciences and it will be instrumental in making the University scale newer heights in academic research and development in years to come. He also thanked all the external members of the AC whose tenure is coming to an end for their contribution and guidance in last three years. He also expressed hope that even in future the University will turn to the esteemed members for their expertise and guidance.

Before the House took the agenda items for deliberations, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor brought to the notice of the House a few major events and developments that took place in the University since the last meeting of the Academic Council.

The Vice Chancellor informed the House that the University is in process of revising DPR in view of the observations received from MHRD and the revised DPR will be submitted in near future after the approval of competent authorities of the university. He also informed the House that all the Schools and Centres of the University had made powerpoint presentations describing the existing academic infrastructure and roadmap for future to a committee headed by Vice Chancellor on 08<sup>th</sup> and 09<sup>th</sup> January 2020. A similar exercise on a smaller scale is going to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 when Hon'ble Chancellor is going to visit the University. Referring to the Academic Calendar of the University, it was brought to the notice of the House that the existing calendar had anomalies pertaining to the permissible leave of absence to the teaching staff of the university among other issues related to the chronology of events and so on. In this regard, he informed the House, a Committee was constituted to review and revise the Academic Calendar so as to bring it in line with the UGC regulations 2018. The Committee had submitted its report which would be placed before the House for consideration in present meeting.

Further, the Vice Chancellor mentioned the recruitment of faculty in various Schools and Centres as a top priority of the university administration. With regard to admission of the students in the next academic year, he pointed out that University will make concerted efforts to ensure that maximum enrollment takes place in various programmes offered by the University. He informed that the University is working on the ways in which the space constrains faced by the faculty and the students at different sites can be address satisfactorily.

The House noted the introductory remarks and then with the approval of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the Registrar took up the agenda items for deliberation.

**Item No. 01/22/AC/31.01.2020**  
**To confirm the Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on**  
**18.10.2019**

**Resolution 1:** As no comments/ suggestions were received from members on the minutes, the House resolved to confirm and approve the minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of Academic Council.

**Item No. 02/22/AC/31.01.2020**

**To take note of the action taken report on the Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 18.10.2019**

**Resolution 2:** The action taken report on the resolutions of the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council was noted by the members of the Academic Council.

**Item No. 03/22/AC/31.01.2020**

**To note the appointment of Dean in the School of Applied Material Sciences**

**Resolution 3:** The House noted the appointment of Dr. Prakash C. Jha, Associate Professor, School of Applied Material Sciences as the Dean of School of Applied Material Sciences as per university rules.

**Item No. 04/22/AC/31.01.2020**

**To ratify the names of Experts from Central/State Universities/reputed laboratories/Institutions for the Selection Committees for Faculty /Officers/Non-teaching recruitments.**

**Resolution 4:** The Academic Council ratified the names of Experts for Central/State Universities/reputed laboratories/Institutions for the Selection Committees for Faculty /Officers/Non-teaching recruitments.

**Item No. 05/22/AC/31.01.2020**

**To ratify specialization of all Schools/Centres for including in Recruitment Notification.**

**Resolution 5:** The Vice Chancellor pointed out that in the previous recruitment notification there were certain anomalies in the broader specializations mentioned against the vacancies in different Schools and Centres. Accordingly, a Committee was constituted to revise and broaden these specializations. However, to his mins, these specializations notified in the Recruitment Notification dated 25.01.2020 could be re-looked to attract talents from far and wide. Further, he said, it would be a good idea to identify specializations vis-à-vis the cadres to which appointments are to be made. For example, at the level of the Assistant Professor specializations could be avoided keeping in mind the diverse courses/papers that an Assistant Professor is called upon to teach at UG and PG programmes. Specializations can make some sense at higher cadres of Associate Professor and Professor if so desired because faculty in these cadres may be responsible to drive research and development of the School/Centre concerned in years to come. The members of the House unanimously endorsed the Vice Chancellor's observations and authorized the Vice Chancellor to constitute a committee of experts to revise specializations in different Schools and Centres at the cadres of Associate Professor and Professor if so desired. The House resolved that such a committee may consist of Deans, Professor and outside Experts from relevant Departments and having relevant experience. The House also resolved unanimously that there would be no specialization for the posts of Assistant Professor.

**Item No.06/22/AC/31.01.2020**

**To consider the amendment of panels of examiners of various research degree**

**programs offered at University by Vice-Chancellor as and when required.**

**Resolution 6:** The Vice Chancellor pointed out that he has been receiving panels of Examiners from various Schools/Centres carrying either insufficient names or names of Assistant Professors as examiners of students for the award of Ph.D. degree programmes. In his opinion, such a panel should have a list of at least 10 academics, preferably from the cadre of Professor or equivalent position so that an element of academic rigor can be injected into the examination process. It was agreed that in order to address such a situation, the Vice Chancellor could be authorized to amend the panel of examiners by putting fresh names in the panel as and when required. The House considered the agenda and unanimously resolved to authorize the Vice Chancellor for amending the panels of examiners by putting fresh names as and when required.

**Item No.07/22/AC/31.01.2020**

**To consider the proceedings of meetings for organization of Second Convocation of the University.**

**Resolution 7:** The Registrar invited the CoE to brief the House about the proceedings of the meetings held so far for organization of Second Convocation of the University. The CoE informed the House that as resolved in the Dean's meeting university is proposing to award University Medals to toppers in UG and PG programmes in its 2<sup>nd</sup> convocation. Further, various committees constituted to oversee and execute different jobs related to Convocation have been working in consultation with the Vice Chancellor for successful organization of the Convocation. The House considered the proceedings and approved it.

**Item No.08/22/AC/31.01.2020**

**To consider Kulgeet of Central University of Gujarat**

**Resolution 8:** The Registrar informed the House that Vice Chancellor felt that like other universities, Central University of Gujarat too should have a Kulgeet of its own. Accordingly, the Kulgeet of the university was penned by Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey and subsequently its music was set by Pandit Bholanath Mishra of Varanasi Gharana. The rendition of the Kulgeet was played before the House. The House put on record its admiration for this initiative of the University and approved the Kulgeet for being played as invocation song during all academic and cultural events of the University. The House also directed the University to inform all concerned that there should be no clapping after the recital of Kulgeet in such events as a way of respecting its dignity and solemnity.

**Item No.09/22/AC/31.01.2020**

**To consider the Chief Guest and the Special Guest for 2<sup>nd</sup> Convocation of University**

**Resolution 9:** The Vice Chancellor informed the House that he had consulted Hon'ble Chancellor for identifying the Chief Guest for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Convocation of university. Accordingly, through his good offices, Shri Vijay Rupani, the Chief Minister of Gujarat and the Shri Bhupendrasinh Chudasama, the Education Minister, GoG have kindly consented to be the Chief Guest and Special Guest respectively for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Convocation of the University scheduled on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2020. The House congratulated the university for having the Chief Minister and Education Minister to grace the Convocation and unanimously approved the agenda item.

**Item No.10/22/AC/31.01.2020**

**To consider the revised Rules for Ceremonial Procedure for the Second Convocation of the University**

**Resolution 10:** The Vice Chancellor observed that the Academic Dress in a solemn event like Convocation should reflect quintessential Indianness and rich cultural traditional of the nation. Further, the MHRD too had issued directions about enhancing the use of Khadi as preferred fabric of academic dress in Convocation of universities. Accordingly, the University had revised rules for ceremonial procedure for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Convocation which included the suitably revised code of dress as well. The House perused the revised rules for Ceremonial Procedure for the Second Convocation of the University and approved them.

**Item No.11/22/AC/31.01.2020**

**To consider the list of students having successfully completed the Programme and fulfilled the requirements for the Award of Degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)**

**Resolution 11:** The House considered and approved the list of students who successfully completed the programmes and fulfilled the requirement of the Award of Degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

**Item No.12/22/AC/31.01.2020**

**To consider the Minutes of BoS meeting of various Schools/Centres**

**Resolution 12:** The Registrar invited the Deans/Chairpersons of Schools and Centres, whose Minutes of BoS were under consideration, to brief the House about the major decisions taken therein. The Deans and Chairpersons concerned briefed the House accordingly upon which the House approved Minutes of BoS held in their respective Schools/Centres. Further, the House authorized the Vice Chancellor to approve such other minutes of the BoS that may be submitted at a later date by Schools/Centres.

**Item No.13/22/AC/31.01.2020**

**To consider the revised Academic Calendar for AY 2020-21**

**Resolution 13:** The Vice Chancellor invited Prof. H. B. Patel to brief the House about the agenda under consideration. Prof. Patel pointed out that the Academic Calendar Review Committee had been constituted by Vice Chancellor vide Notification No. 81/AA-2019 dated 06<sup>th</sup> December 2019 to review the existing Academic Calendar of the university and align it with relevant clauses of UGC Regulations, 2018 like number of teaching days, schedule of examination, period of vacation and so on. The Committee had consulted UGC Regulations, calendars of other Central Universities and held a series of meetings to fulfil the mandate given to it. The revised Academic Calendar, he pointed out, came pretty close to the provisions of UGC Regulations in all respects except the period of vacation. At this juncture, Prof. P.N. Gajjar pointed out that the present draft still overshoots the ceiling of vacation prescribed by the UGC Regulations, 2018, though by a comparatively lesser margin. He pointed out that in previous years, he had raised the issue of excess vacation in Academic Calendar of the university, but it was neither heeded nor recorded in the minutes. However, he insisted that his observations should be minuted in the proceedings of the present meeting. Upon this, the Vice Chancellor assured Prof. Gajjar as well as the House that the university is committed to the strict observance of UGC Regulations in all matters

and accordingly the Academic Calendar will also be aligned with the UGC prescriptions in a phased manner. Since the semester had already commenced, he proposed, the calendar prepared by the Committee may be approved for implementation. The House endorsed the opinion of the Vice Chancellor and approved the Academic Calendar, as presented, for implementation.

**Item No.14/22/AC/31.01.2020**

**To consider the list of courses notified by SWAYAM Credit Transfer Framework for offering in the Winter Semester**

**Resolution 14:** The Registrar pointed out that UGC (Credit Framework for Online Learning Courses through SWAYAM) Regulation, 2016 mandate adoption of courses, notified by SWAYAM and approved by Academic Council, for credit calculation and transfer in every semester. Accordingly, the list of courses notified by SWAYAM on offer in the Winter Semester was placed before the House so that they could be opted by students of various Schools/Centres as per their requirements. The House considered the list of courses and approved it for implementation.

**Item No.15/22/AC/31.01.2020**

**To consider awarding CUG Medal to the topper of each UG/PG Programmes.**

**Resolution 15:** The Vice Chancellor informed the House that in the series of meetings of the Convocation Core Committee conducted in the run-up to Second Convocation of the University, it was unanimously decided to offer University Medal to the topper in each UG & PG Programmes offered by university even if such a student has scored an FGPA of less than 7.00 as mandated by Academic Council in its 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting in 2015. Accordingly, the House considered and approved the proposal to award University Medal at UG & PG Programmes offered by different Schools and Centres to toppers (1<sup>st</sup> Rank only) even if their score is less than 7 FGPA from A.Y 2016-17 onwards. The House also directed the CoE to formulate guidelines for these medals outlining the modalities of operation and selection of candidates for such awards.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks by the Registrar to the Chair.

*Alok Gupta*  
**Registrar (Offg.)**