

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF GUJARAT
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**Minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the Academic Council held on 21.02.2020 in the
VLRC Board Room, Sector-29 Campus of the University**

The 23rd meeting of Academic Council of Central University of Gujarat was convened on the 21st February 2020 at 03:00 PM 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. K. N. S. Yadava
4. Prof. Akbar Masood
5. Prof. Sureshbhai C. Padavi
6. Prof. Sanjay Kumar Satyarthi
7. Prof. Sukhadev Bhoi
8. Prof. Nisha Jha
9. Prof. Man Singh, Dean, SCS
10. Prof. J. P. N. Mishra, Dean, SLS
11. Prof. Atanu Bhattacharya, Dean, SLL&CS
12. Prof. Sanjay Kumar Jha, Dean, SNSS
13. Prof. Sarita Agrawal, Dean, SSS
14. Prof. Manish, Dean, SIS
15. Prof. H.B. Patel, Dean, SOE
16. Dr. Indrani Banerjee, Dean, SNS
17. Dr. Bhawana Pathak, Dean, SESD
18. Dr. Prakash Jha, Dean, SAMS
19. Prof. Balaji Ranganathan, CCL&TS
20. Dr. Arun Vishwanathan, CSS, SIS
21. Dr. R. Hiranmai Yadav, SLS
22. Dr. Umesh Chand Singh Yadav, SLS
23. Dr. Seema Rawat, SLS
24. Dr. Jayendrakumar Amin, SoE
25. Dr. G. R. Angadi, SoE
26. Dr. Saurabh Sharma, CIP
27. Dr. Shiju Sam Varughese, CSSTIP
28. Dr. Manasi Singh, SNSS
29. Dr. Sunita Patel, SLS
30. Dr. Parvathi K. Iyer, Warden

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

1. Dr. Atanu Mohapatra, CDS
2. Dr. Anushka Gokhale, CGS

3. Dr. Rina Kumari, SESD

The following official attended the meeting as Special Invitee: -

1. Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Dubey, Controller of Examination (Offg.)
2. Dr. Hemang Desai, Deputy Registrar- Academics

At the outset, Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Gujarat welcomed all the members of the newly-constituted 4th Academic Council of the university in its first meeting. He informed the in-house members of the Academic Council that all the external members to the Council have wide experience of academics and university administration. He expressed confidence in the fact that their observations and inputs on various issues and matters that will be brought to the House will serve the university in good stead. All the external members then were introduced to the House, followed by the self-introduction of the in-house members of the Council. At this juncture, Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey proffered a brief historical background and academic achievements of the university for the benefit of the external members. Set up in 2009 through an act of Parliament, the Central University of Gujarat was headed by Prof. R. K. Kale and Prof. S. A. Bari as its first and second Vice Chancellors respectively. At present, the university offers 66 academic programs through its Schools and Centres located in two campuses at 29 and 30 sectors. Housing about 97 faculty members and 967 students at present, the university's focus is on high-end research and postgraduation degree programs as per the mandate of Central Universities Act, 2009. He informed the House the the university faculty have published 560 research papers in reputed, peer-reviewed journals so far and have around 15 patents to its credit, out of which two patents have been commercialized.

As regards the permanent campus of the university, the Vice Chancellor informed that the Government of Gujarat has allotted 100 acres of land at Kundhela, Vadodara to the university. HE added that the university has submitted DPR to MHRD for approval and the fencing work at the designated site is going on at the moment. Then the Chairperson informed the House about the specific purpose of convening the meeting and apprised the members that all preparations for the 2nd Convocation of the university have been made. He had been in constant touch with the Chancellor of the university in the run-up to the 2nd Convocation and appreciated the help he so kindly extended to the university in various activities connected to this solemn event. The House noted the introductory remarks of the Vice Chancellor and then the Registrar took up the items on the agenda for deliberation.

Item No. 01/23/AC/21.02.2020

To confirm the Minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Academic Council held on 31.01.2020

Resolution 1: As no comments/ suggestions were received from members on the minutes, the House resolved to confirm and approve the minutes of 22nd meeting of Academic Council.

Item No. 02/23/AC/21.02.2020

To take note of the action taken report on the Minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Academic Council held on 31.01.2020.

Resolution 2: The action taken report on the resolutions of the 22nd Meeting of the Academic Council was noted by the members of the Academic Council.

Item No. 03/23/AC/21.02.2020

To consider the list of students eligible for award of degree and CUG Medals in the 2nd Convocation of Central University of Gujarat

Resolution 3: As the brief of the agenda along with the initiative of the university to present medals to topper-students was placed before the House, the members placed on record its appreciation for the Vice Chancellor who organized a seminal event like Convocation within a few months of his joining the university. The House also appreciated the initiative of offering CUG medals to topper-students of the university as a way of encouragement and incentive.

The House then went through the list of students eligible for award of degree and CUG Medals in the 2nd Convocation of Central University of Gujarat and approved it.

Item No. 04/23/AC/21.02.2020

To consider nomination of Central University Vice Chancellor or a serving University Professor of Eminence under Statute-13 (iii) to sit as a member in the 4th Academic Council

Resolution 4: The Registrar informed the House that the University has constituted 4th Academic Council vide Notification No. 2-3/2020/A & A/731 dated 04.02.2020. As per the provisions contained in Statute-13(iii) of Statutes of the University, a Central University Vice Chancellor or a serving University Professor of Eminence on the recommendation of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor in the 4th Executive Council is to be nominated to sit as a member on the Council.

The House considered the matter and authorized the Vice chancellor to nominate a member as per provisions of Statute-13(iii) of the university.

Item No. 05/23/AC/21.02.2020

To consider co-option of four members not in service of the University for their special knowledge by the Academic Council under Statute-13 (xiv)

Resolution 5: The Registrar informed the House that as per the provisions contained in Statute-13(xiv) of Statutes of the University, the Academic Council is to co-opt four members not in service of the University to sit as members in the Council for their special knowledge.

The House considered the matter and authorized the Vice chancellor to nominate members on behalf of Academic Council as per provisions of Statute-13(xiv) of the university.

Item No. 06/23/AC/21.02.2020

To consider the revised Ceremonial Procedures for the Second Convocation of the University

Resolution 6: The House considered the revised Ceremonial Procedures for the Second Convocation of the University and unanimously approved it. The House further authorized the university to make required amendments to the rules wherever and if required.

After the discussion on the agenda items was over, the external members of the

House desired to place on record their gratitude for being nominated on the Academic Council of the university. Prof. Akbar Masood felicitated the university for getting a new Vice Chancellor whose academic and administrative credentials are impeccable and impressive and expressed hope that under the leadership of Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey, the university is set to scale newer heights of excellence. Prof. K.N.S. Yadav reminisced the way in which Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey developed the Dept. of Biochemistry at Banaras Hindu University (BHU) after its split from Dept. of Chemistry. He added that Prof. Dubey institutionalized the best practices and research orientation at BHU and CUG is going to benefit immensely from his vast experience and research acumen. While Prof. Nisha Jha and Prof. S. C. Padavi expressed their heartfelt gratitude for nomination and wishes for the future development of the university, Prof. Sanjay Kumar Satyarthi underscored the seminal role of the Academic Council in charting out the academic map of the university. He laid stress on the character building of the students of the university alongside the development of their academic and research orientation. To him, one of the ways in which this can be done was by promoting expansion of knowledge specific to Bharat as well as the world. He emphasized the need for institutional collaborations between CUG and other state universities as a way of knowledge sharing and effective resource management. At this juncture, the Vice Chancellor pointed out that the university is contemplating establishment of "Bharat Adhyayan Kendra" on its campus which will focus research and pedagogic attention on the exploration of indigenous traditions in science, humanities and in the field of culture. The House endorsed the academic plan of the university and congratulated the Vice Chancellor for the same.

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

Alok Gupta
Registrar (Offg.)