

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF GUJARAT

Minutes of the 04th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 26th
February, 2011 at 11:00 AM in the Conference Room of the University


The following were present:

1. Prof. R.K. Kale, Vice-Chancellor	-	Chairman
2. Prof. B. Hanumaiah	-	Member
3. Prof. Tara Chandra Kandpal	-	Member
4. Prof. Dilip Mohite	-	Member
5. Prof. Sushma Yadav	-	Member
6. Prof. Ranjit Singh Ghuman	-	Member
7. Prof. C. Manoharachary	-	Member
8. Prof. B.K. Punia	-	Member
9. Prof. Tapati Basu	-	Member
10. Prof. Jose Varghese	-	Member
11. Prof. P.L. Vishweshwar Rao	-	Member
12. Prof. N. Rajaram, Dean, SSS	-	Officiating Secretary
13. Prof. E.V. Ramakrishnan, Dean, SLL&CS	-	Special Invitee
14. Prof. Man Singh, Dean, SCS	-	Special Invitee
15. Prof. Rana P. Singh, Dean, SLS	-	Special Invitee
16. Prof. Ajay Dandekar, SSS	-	Special Invitee
17. Dr. (Mrs.) Indira Dutta, SSS	-	Special Invitee
18. Col. (Retd.) S.K. Sharma, Special Officer	-	To Assist
19. Shri A.N. Kunjunny, OSD (Admn.)	-	To Assist
20. Dr. Sanjay Negi, Asstt. Registrar	-	To Assist
21. Shri Arun Kumar Singh, Section Officer	-	To Assist

The following could not attend the meeting:

1. Prof. Dharmendra Kumar	-	Member
2. Prof. Sharit K. Bhowmik	-	Member
3. Prof. Arun Dalvi	-	Member
4. Prof. Riaz Shaikh Khan	-	Member
5. Prof. Anuradha Bhoite	-	Member
6. Prof. Surinder S. Jodhka	-	Member
7. Prof. G.D. Yadav	-	Member
8. Prof. M.H. Qureshi	-	Member
9. Prof. H.A. Ranganath	-	Member
10. Prof. A.S. Narang	-	Member

At the outset, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed the members to the 04th meeting of the Academic Council (AC). Thereafter, he introduced the Special Invitees, and the new officials who joined the University recently. This followed a power-point presentation highlighting various achievements of the University on various fronts since the last meeting of the AC.

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ie contents of the power-point presentation were taken on record (Annexure-I to these Minutes).

The Annual Reports of the University for the years 2008-09 and 2009-10 in print, both in their English and Hindi versions, which were submitted to the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Government of India as required in terms of Section 30(1) of the Central Universities Act, 2009 (No. 25, 2009), were placed on table and these were taken on record (Annexure-II and III to these Minutes). The Vice-Chancellor informed that the Annual Reports would be forwarded also to the members who could not attend the meeting.

The details of the proposed courses to be started during the academic year 2011-12, the intake of students which could be flexible, for these courses and the Schools/Centres which would offer these courses were placed on table and these were taken on record (Annexure-IV to these Minutes). The Vice-Chancellor informed that the proposals in this regard were submitted to the University Grants Commission (UGC) after detailed deliberations at the meetings of the Deans of the Schools.

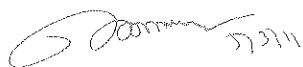
The printed write-up on 'Mansingh Visionmeter', an invention of Prof. Man Singh, Dean, SCS, for the visually challenged, was placed on table and taken on record (Annexure-V) to these Minutes).

The members appreciated the Vice-Chancellor for the concerted efforts made in the preparation of the Annual Reports (2008-09 and 2009-10) in a concise and precise manner as also for proposing to the UGC innovative courses to start from next academic year. There were suggestions from some members to introduce courses in Mass Communication and Journalism, and Energy Studies. Vice-Chancellor assured that the suggestions would be considered as and when the necessary infrastructure for starting the courses is available. The members placed on record their appreciation for the vast progress made by the University particularly in the development of academic infrastructure in a short time.

Thereafter, the Agenda items were taken up for consideration.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

01. Considered confirmation of the Minutes of the 02nd meeting of the AC held on 01.05.2010, and resolved to confirm the Minutes, as already circulated.
02. Considered confirmation of the Minutes of the 03rd (Emergency) meeting of the AC held on 31.07.2010, and resolved to confirm the Minutes, as already circulated.

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REPORT ON THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES

03. Noted the report on action taken on the Minutes of the 02nd meeting of the AC held on 01.05.2010.

Further noted with reference to Item No. 1, para 3, that Prof. K.P.S. Unny since forwarded his comments stating that he re-examined clause 7 of Ordinance No. 12: 'Ordinance Relating to the Award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy through Direct Admission' and found that there was absolutely no ambiguity in this regard.

04. Noted the report on action taken on the Minutes of the 03rd (Emergency) meeting of the AC held on 31.07.2010.

ITEMS NOTED

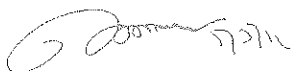
05. Noted and received the statistical information in respect of the students admitted for various programmes in the year 2009-10 and 2010-11, as at Annexures-I and II (pp. 16-23) of the Agenda. The members pointed out certain inconsistencies in the data pertaining to the qualifications (Col.no.6) and observed that it was apparently an inadvertent error. The Vice-Chancellor assured that the matter would be looked into and necessary corrections would be incorporated. The members were appreciative of the social diversity among the students. Further, the members expressed their happiness about the substantial increase in the number of girl students from last year.

Further resolved that while submitting similar statistical information, salient features of the available data may also be brought to the notice of the AC in future.

06. Noted the award of Marga Schulze Merit Scholarship to Ms. Zarana Dilipkumar Maheshwary, M.Phil/Ph.D student in Comparative Literature (2010-11) by All India Confederation of the Blind, New Delhi, as at Annexures-I, II and III (pp. 25-27) of the Agenda.
07. Noted the arrangements made for providing hostel facility for the students of the University including the details in this regard, as at Annexure-I (p. 29) of the Agenda.
08. Noted that the University has been granted provisional membership of Association of Indian Universities w.e.f. the year 2010-11, including Annexure-I (pp. 31-32) of the Agenda.

ACTION TAKEN ITEM RATIFIED

09. Approval accorded by the Vice-Chancellor for the grades awarded to the students admitted to various programmes in the years 2009-10 and 2010-11, as placed on table, noting that this action of the Vice-Chancellor was in accordance with Section 11(3) of the Act.



ITEMS CONSIDERED

10. Considered the draft Ordinances and Guidelines for the University, and resolved to propose to the Executive Council (EC) the Ordinances, as at Annexures-I to VI (pp. 36-55) of the Agenda, for their adoption.

Further resolved to authorize the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Sub-Committee of the AC to fine-tune the Ordinances/Guidelines before these are considered by the EC.

11. Considered allowing the students admitted to various M.Phil/Ph.D programmes in the academic sessions 2009-10 to enable them submit their M.Phil dissertation during the 4th consecutive Semester from the date of their admission, and resolved to allow them to do so in terms of the relevant clause of Ordinance No. 11: 'Ordinance Relating to Award of Degree of Master of Philosophy/Doctor of Philosophy'.

Further resolved that in future such a matter may be considered and decided, keeping in view the interest of the University, by the Vice-Chancellor by virtue of the powers vested in him under Section 11(3) of the Act.

12. Considered assignment of research topics of and appointment of supervisors for the M.Phil/Ph.D students (2009-10), as at Annexure-VI to these Minutes, and resolved to approve the same.

Further resolved to authorize the Vice-Chancellor to consider and approve the research topics and the supervisors for the M.Phil/Ph.D students in future till such time the concerned Authorities are constituted.

Further resolved that appointment of external examiners for the M.Phil/Ph.D dissertations of the students admitted in the year 2009-10 may be deferred.

13. Considered the matter regarding admissions for the ensuing academic session 2011-12.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India has constituted a Committee to consider the feasibility of having Common Entrance Tests for all the Central Universities and that in that Committee he is also a member. The Committee is expected to submit its recommendations in this regard shortly. However, the members of the AC were of the unanimous view that the University has already successfully conducted two entrance examinations till date. The Vice-Chancellor briefed the members about the meeting of some of the newly started Central Universities at Bangalore on 19.02.2011 to discuss the feasibility of holding common entrance tests. This meeting was attended by Prof. E.V. Ramakrishnan. Considering these aspects in detail, the



members felt that it would not be in the interest of the University to put off a decision in this regard as any delay would jeopardise the attempts to complete the process of admissions on time. Accordingly, the AC resolved that the entrance examinations for the coming academic session 2011-12 may be conducted by the University on its own.

14. Considered providing interim medical facility for the students of the University, and resolved to recommend to the EC for engagement of medical specialists to function as part-time Consultants in addition to the existing facility of providing medical assistance through the Government Civil hospitals.

Further resolved that the EC may discuss and consider framing the modalities in this regard.

15. **OTHER ITEM CONSIDERED WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR**

1. Considered introducing the optional courses entitled 'Contemporary Security Issues in South Asia' with 03 credits for M.Phil/Ph.D programme in Internal Security in the School of International Studies during Winter Semester, and resolved to approve the optional course as placed on table, as at Annexure-VII to these Minutes.
2. Considered approving the course syllabi for 'Introduction to Human Rights' during the Winter Semester as compulsory (value-based) courses for M.A. programmes in the School of Social Sciences and School of International Studies, and resolved to approve the course syllabi as placed on table, as at Annexure-VIII to these Minutes.
3. Considered ratifying the approval accorded by the Vice-Chancellor in terms of powers vested in him under Section 11(3) of the Act for the course syllabi on 'An Introduction to Gender Studies and Analysis' during the Monsoon Semester for M.A. programmes in the School of Social Sciences and School of International Studies, and resolved to approve the course syllabi as placed on table, as at Annexure-IX to these Minutes.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Handwritten signature and date: 5/3/11