

**CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF GUJARAT GANDHINAGAR-382030**  
**Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council held online**  
**through Microsoft Teams on 14.08.2020**

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The 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Executive Council of Central University of Gujarat was held online at 11:00 a.m. on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 to deliberate on the agenda items already circulated. 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. Rajneesh Kumar Shukla
4. Prof. A. M. Pathan
5. Prof. T. V. Kattimani
6. Prof. Y. C. Simhadri
7. Prof. Saket Kushwaha
8. Prof. Devendra Kumar Singh
9. Prof. Kavita Shah
10. Prof. H. B. Patel
11. Prof. Sarita Agrawal
12. Prof. Atanu Bhattacharya
13. Dr. Indrani Banerjee
14. Dr. Bhawana Pathak
15. Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Dubey
16. Mr. Prabhat Kumar

The following officials attended the meeting as Special Invitee: -

1. Prof. Sanjay Jha
2. Dr. Hemang Desai
3. Shri Jayaprakash M. Soni

After ascertaining the quorum required for the meeting, the Registrar (Offg.) started the meeting by welcoming all members of the Executive Council, especially the newly nominated external members who were attending the Council's meeting for the first time i.e. Prof. Rajneesh Kumar Shukla, Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi VishwaVidyalaya, Wardha and Mr. Prabhat Kumar, Asst. Professor, Centre for Chinese Studies, Central University of Gujarat. The Registrar gave brief introductions of these members to the House. He further informed the House that upon joining the university, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor had penned a beautiful Kulgeet which was later on set to music after the approval of Academic Council and Executive Council. The Kulgeet was adopted as invocation song to be recited in all academic events of the University. Members congratulated the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for this initiative. Then the University Kulgeet was recited.

After recitation of the Kulgeet, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor welcomed all the members and thanked them for joining the meeting online. At this juncture, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor presented 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 44 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 that the university faculty have published more than 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 after incorporating suggestions made by it. The fencing work at the designated site of permanent campus of the university has been completed. The House noted the introductory remarks of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and then Hon'ble Vice Chancellor took up the items on the agenda for deliberation

**Agenda No.01/32/EC/14.08.2020**

**To confirm the Minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Executive Council held on 21.02.2020**

**Resolution 1:** As no observations on the Minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council were received, the House confirmed the Minutes.

**Agenda No.02/32/EC/14.08.2020**

**To note and approve the report on Action Taken on Minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Executive Council held on 21.02.2020**

**Resolution 2:** The House noted and approved the Action Taken Report (ATR) on Minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Executive Council held on 21.02.2020

**Agenda No.03/32/EC/14.08.2020**

**To note the Authorisation to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to nominate three members under Statute – 17 (1) (iv) in the Finance Committee of the University.**

**Resolution 3:** The House noted the nomination of three members under university Statute-17(1)(iv) in the Finance Committee of the University. The members are:

1. Prof. A. N. Rai, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong
2. Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar
3. Prof. G. C. R. Jaiswal, Patliputra University, Patna

**Agenda No.04/32/EC/14.08.2020**  
**To ratify the submission of Revised Detailed Project Report (DPR) to MHRD.**

**Resolution No. 4:** The House ratified the submission of Revised Detailed Project Report (DPR) to MHRD.

**Agenda No.05/32/EC/14.08.2020**  
**To ratify estimate of Prefabricated Cabins / Temporary Shades to be used as Classroom and Seating arrangement for newly recruited faculty members at Sector – 29 Campus.**

**Resolution 5:** The House ratified the estimate of Prefabricated Cabins / Temporary Shades to be used as Classroom and Seating arrangement for newly recruited faculty members at Sector – 29 Campus.

**Agenda No.06/32/EC/14.08.2020**  
**To ratify hiring services of Shri S. Shanmuganathan as Consultant Executive Engineer.**

**Resolution 6:** The House ratified hiring services of Shri S. Shanmuganathan as Consultant Executive Engineer with monthly honorarium of Rs. 50,000 for preparing DPR and to monitor construction related activities for development of permanent campus of the university.

**Agenda No.07/32/EC/14.08.2020**  
**To ratify the Lien granted to Dr. Shankar Lal Bika, Assistant Professor, School of Education on appointment to CUP.**

**Resolution 7:** The House ratified the Lien granted to Dr. Shankar Lal Bika, Assistant Professor, School of Education on appointment to Central University of Punjab.

**Agenda No.08/32/EC/14.08.2020**  
**To ratify the resignation and waiving the one-month notice period of Dr. Ranjana Singh (On Contract).**

**Resolution 8:** The House ratified the resignation and waiving of the one-month notice period of Dr. Ranjana Singh who was working on contract in the university.

**Agenda No.09/32/EC/14.08.2020**  
**To ratify the Extension of Joining of Prof. Rajesh Makwana, CGLL, SLL&CS due to Lockdown.**

**Resolution 9:** The House ratified the extension given to Prof. Rajesh Makwana, CGLL, SLL&CS for joining the university due to lockdown.

**Agenda No.10/32/EC/14.08.2020**

**To ratify the submission of information on Budget Estimates for 2020-2021 under Salary & Recurring heads and Budget Estimates for Non-Recurring-35 for the year 2020-21 in respect of Central University of Gujarat**

**Resolution 10:** The House ratified the submission to UGC of information on Budget Estimates for 2020-2021 under Salary & Recurring heads and Budget Estimates for Non-Recurring-35 for the year 2020-21 in respect of Central University of Gujarat

**Agenda No.11/32/EC/14.08.2020**

**To consider the Honorarium/Remuneration towards services as experts, teaching & non-teaching staff in the recruitment process.**

**Resolution 11:** The House deliberated on the matter in detail. The esteemed members like Prof. Rajneesh Kumar Shukla, Prof. Saket Kushwaha brought to the notice of the House that the rates of honorarium for external experts who offer services of various kinds to university have been fixed by the UGC and that the university should follow the UGC norms in this regard. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor endorsed the opinion of the experts that the university has to conform to the UGC rates regarding external experts. He further pointed out that since the matter involves in-house teaching and non-teaching staff, it would be in the fitness of things to constitute a committee in the university with a mandate to study similar practice in other central universities and submit a comprehensive report. The report of the Committee will be placed before the Executive Council in its subsequent meetings. All the members unanimously agreed to the observation of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

**Agenda No.12/32/EC/14.08.2020**

**To consider the appointment of Shri Shamsheer Singh, Section Officer as Assistant Registrar (Additional Charge).**

**Resolution 12:** The House Considered the matter and approved Additional charge of Assistant Registrar to Mr. Shamsheer Singh beyond three months till the time the post is filled up on regular basis or till further orders.

**Agenda No.13/32/EC/14.08.2020**

**To consider entering into MoU with CPWD, Mumbai for construction of Permanent Campus of CUG.**

**Resolution 13:** The House considered the matter of the university's proposed MoU with CPWD and noted that the matter has already been approved by the Building Committee and Finance Committee of the university. Keeping the prospect of infrastructure projects to be undertaken at the permanent campus of the university, the House approved the proposal of the university regarding an MoU with CPWD, Mumbai.

**Agenda No.14/32/EC/14.08.2020**

**To consider the Honorarium payable towards additional administrative responsibilities given to Faculty Members.**

**Resolution 14:** The House considered the matter of honorarium that can be paid to faculty members towards additional administrative responsibilities they discharge in the university. After due deliberation, it was resolved that Hon'ble Vice Chancellor is authorized to constitute a Committee to look into the matter. The report of the Committee with considered opinion and reasonable recommendations may be placed before the House, when submitted.

**Agenda No.15/32/EC/14.08.2020**

**To consider the case of Dr. Jaya Prakash Pradhan, Associate Professor, CSEP, SSS.**

**Resolution 15:** Hon'ble Vice Chancellor gave elaborate account of the four-year long case history of Dr. Jaya Prakash Pradhan detailing the nature of allegations against him, disciplinary actions taken by the university and the operative part of the recent judgement of Gujarat High Court in his case against the university. He also placed before the House the undertaking that Dr. Pradhan has given to the university and read out its contents. After considering the details of the case, Prof. Kushwaha observed that the judgment of the Hon'ble High Court is very explicit and thus Dr. Pradhan should not be penalized further in conformity with the principle of natural justice. Seconding the observations of Prof. Kushwaha, Prof. Kavita Shah opined that no person can be punished for the same crime twice and that Dr. Pradhan has undergone enough punishment till date. She also proposed that in view of the undertaking given by him, all charges may be dropped against Dr. Pradhan and CAS promotion due to him may be accorded to him. Prof. Pathan had also similar views in the matter. All the members of the House agreed to the above observations and then the envelop carrying recommendations of selection committee was opened by the Registrar and recommendations were read out wherein Dr. Pradhan was found eligible for promotion under CAS. As per the recommendations of Selection Committee and with the approval of House, the following was resolved:

***“Resolved that the actions initiated against Dr. Jaya Prakash Pradhan, pursuant to various resolutions passed by the Executive Council, are dropped subject to the adherence to the undertaking given by Dr. Jaya Prakash Pradhan vide his letter dated 07/08/2020 and he may be considered for CAS promotion as per the University rules.***

***Further resolved that Dr. Jaya Prakash Pradhan, Associate Professor be promoted from Stage-4 (Associate Professor) to Stage-5 (Professor) w.e.f. 06/09/2015 as per the recommendations of the Selection Committee.”***

**Agenda No.16/32/EC/14.08.2020**

**To consider and approve the Draft Annual Accounts for the F.Y 2019-20**

**Resolution 16:** While initiating discussion on the agenda item, Hon'ble VC invited the Finance Officer to lay out the features of university's annual account. The Finance Officer gave a brief presentation about the internal

receipts, expenditure incurred and strengthening of internal audit mechanism in the university. He also informed the House that the draft Annual Accounts for the F.Y 2019-20 have already been approved by Finance Committee of the university. Considering all facts and information provided, the House approved the draft Annual Accounts for the F.Y 2019-20 for further necessary action in the matter.

**Agenda No.17/32/EC/14.08.2020**

**To consider and approve the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) of the Year 2019-20 for forwarding to NAAC**

**Resolution 17:** The House considered and approved the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) of the Year 2019-20 for forwarding to NAAC.

**Agenda No.18/32/EC/14.08.2020**

**To consider and approve Proposal for setting up new School, School of Media Studies as resolved by Academic Council.**

**Resolution 18:** The House went through the proposal from Dr. Atanu Mahapatra, Associate Professor and Coordinator of Centre for Diaspora Studies regarding setting up of School of Media Studies in the university. Further, the resolution of the Academic Council too was noted. After due deliberation and in view of the merit of the proposal, the House approved the proposal and directed the university to do further needful in this regard.

**Agenda No.19/32/EC/14.08.2020**

**To consider and approve Proposal for setting up School of Indic Studies as resolved by Academic Council**

**Resolution 19:** The House went through the proposal from Prof. Sanjay Kumar Satyarthi, Member of University's Academic Council, regarding setting up of School of Indic Studies in the university and noted the resolution of the Academic Council in this regard. Prof. Rajneesh Kumar Shukla expressed his reservations about the nomenclature of the school as "India Studies" and proposed that the name should carry "Bharat" or any other appropriate name as the core of the School to be set up. Prof. Kavita Shah endorsed the observation and proposed that the House should authorize Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to amend the nomenclature of the School provided the core term "Bharat" or any other appropriate word is retained therein as central concern. The House approved the proposal of Prof. Kavita Shah and directed the university to do further needful in this regard. The house approved the proposal for setting up the school after appropriate amendment in the name of the school.

**Agenda No.20/32/EC/14.08.2020**

**To consider and approve non-hiring of guest faculty in AY 2020-21 due to insufficient students-teacher ratio**

**Resolution 20:** The House went through the agenda and perused the resolution of Academic Council of the university in this regard. Prof. Kushwaha pointed out that as per the UGC guidelines, the expenditure on guest faculty would now be deducted from the recurring head of the university budget. So,

the university has to be cautious in making such appointments. Other members endorsed the observation. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor explained that the university is going to constitute a committee to examine the existing workload of faculty members in different Schools and Centre. After such an exercise, if any School/Centre falls short of human resources, the university will go ahead with appointment of guest faculty. The House unanimously approved the agenda and directed the university to higher guest faculty only under such cases where it is extremely necessary, after properly ascertaining the teaching load.

**Agenda No.21/32/EC/14.08.2020**

**To consider and approve of hostel accommodation policy**

**Resolution 21:** The House considered and approved the hostel accommodation policy formulated by the DSW and his team and duly approved by the Academic Council of the university.

**Agenda No.22/32/EC/14.08.2020**

**To consider and approve the Draft Code of Conduct for the Students of the University**

**Resolution 22:** The House considered and approved the Draft Code of Conduct for the Students of the University, prepared by the Committee comprising of DSW, Provost and Proctor for implementation in the university.

**Agenda No.23/32/EC/14.08.2020**

**To consider conduct of interview for the recruitment of Teaching and Non-Teaching posts through Online/Offline/Blended Mode**

**Resolution 23:** In view of the communication from the MHRD to different universities on the matter, the agenda was withdrawn with the approval of the House.

**Table Agenda No.01/32/EC/14.08.2020**

**To consider for grant of 'Lien' to Dr. Umesh Chand Singh Yadav, Associate Professor, School of Life Sciences on appointment as Professor at JNU, New Delhi.**

**Resolution TA-01:** The House considered the matter and approved the grant of Lien (01 year) to Dr. Umesh Yadav, Associate Professor, School of Life Sciences, Central University of Gujarat as per GoI norms.

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**Registrar (Offg.)**