

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF GUJARAT

Minutes of the 01st Meeting of the First Academic Council held on 07th November, 2009 at 11:00AM in the Conference Hall of Infocity Club & Resort, Gandhinagar

The following were present:

1. Prof. R. K. Kale , Vice-Chancellor	-	Chair
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. Sharit K. Bhowmik	-	Member
8. Prof. Arun Dalvi	-	Member
9. Prof. C. Manoharachary	-	Member
10. Prof. Anuradha Bhoite	-	Member
11. Prof. B. K. Punia	-	Member
12. Prof. Tapati Basu	-	Member
13. Prof. Jose Varghese	-	Member
14. Prof. M. H. Qureshi	-	Member
15. Prof. H. A. Ranganath	-	Member
16. Prof. A. S. Narang	-	Member
17. Col.(Retd.) S. K. Sharma	-	Officiating Secretary
18. Shri A. N. Kunjunny, OSD(Admn)	-	To assist

The following could not attend the meeting:

1. Prof. Dharmendra Kumar	-	Member
2. Prof. Riaz Shaikh Khan	-	Member
3. Prof. Surender S. Jodhka	-	Member
4. Prof. P. L. Vishweshwar Rao	-	Member
5. Prof. G. D. Yadav	-	Member

At the outset, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members present to the first meeting of the First Academic Council. Subsequently he introduced each member, giving a background of their academic and professional achievements and also their pursuits. This followed introduction to Committee of the Special Officer, who is also the Officiating Secretary to the Academic Council, and the Officer on Special Duty (Administration).

The Members were apprised of the progress made by the University in its various academic and administrative activities and the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in furtherance of the aims and objectives of the University as enshrined in the Central Universities Act, 2009 (No. 25 of 2009), through a power point presentation, including the vision, mission and objectives of the University; activities like celebration of the Independence Day on 15th August, 2009; the proceedings of the Subject Expert Committee an Ad hoc Board of Studies held on August 04th and 05th 2009, respectively; the inaugural function of the first M.Phil/Ph.D. academic programme for the year 2009-10; development activities at the temporary premises allotted to the University by the Government of Gujarat at Sector-30, Gandhinagar; and the visit of the Vice-Chancellor to the site suggested by the State Government.

The members individually and collectively offered suggestions, like M.Phil/Ph.D. programme in Internal Security in the School of International Studies may be made comprehensive Security Study covering all aspects; Starting a credit course in English Language Communication Skill for the benefit of the students particularly coming from rural background from next academic year and simultaneously imparting knowledge of other languages as well; introducing computer-internet

facility for the students and faculty; etc. The Vice-Chancellor assured the members that their views would be kept in mind while formulating policies and programmes in consonance with the aims and objectives of the University as enshrined in the Act.

The members unanimously resolved to place on record the valuable work done by the Vice-Chancellor during such a short period.

After the detailed overview as stated above, the agenda items were taken up for consideration as below:

ITEMS NOTED AND RECEIVED

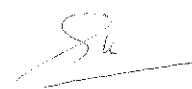
1. Noted and received the Notification published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, - Section-I, No. 27 dated 20th March, 2009 by the Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department), Government of India regarding Central Universities Act, 2009, as at Annexure I (p. 2 to 34) of the Agenda.
2. Noted and received the letter No. F.42-2/2009-Desk (U) dated 28th February, 2009 issued by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Higher Education), Government of India appointing Prof. R. K. Kale as the First Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Gujarat, as at Annexures I (p. 36) and II (p. 37) respectively of the Agenda.
3. Noted and received the letter No. F.42-2/2009-Desk(U) dated 30th July, 2009 issued by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Higher Education), Government of India regarding constitution of the First Academic Council and the First Executive Council of the Central University of Gujarat, as at Annexures I (p. 39 to 42), II (p. 43 to 44) and III(p. 45 to 46) respectively of the Agenda.

ITEMS NOTED

4. Noted that the Central University of Gujarat has started functioning from the temporary premises allotted to it by the Government of Gujarat at Sector-30, Gandhinagar. The members appreciated the progress so far made in the repair and renovation work being carried out through Central Public Works Department (CPWD), Government of India. The members also appreciated that the furniture items being procured for furnishing the premises through the CPWD are from a recognized brand, namely, Godrej Company.
5. Noted that the Central University of Gujarat has launched its website and e-mail addresses for general information. The members also noted that the present University website (www.cug.org) and the two email accounts (cugujarat@gmail.com and cugadmissions@gmail.com) would be discontinued after the domain name www.cug.ac.in registered with National Informatics Center (NIC), Government of India becomes operational after getting the space domain form the NIC.
6. Noted action taken for appointment of the statutory positions of Registrar and Finance Officer.

ACTION TAKEN ITEMS RATIFIED

7. Approved the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor regarding creation of various teaching and non-teaching positions sanctioned by the University Grants Commission (UGC) vide letter No.D.O.No.F.24-36/2009(CU) dated 25th July, 2009.



The Council noted that the teaching and non-teaching positions (24 and 36 respectively), sanctioned by the UGC for four Schools namely (1) School of Social Sciences (SSS), (2) School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies (SLL&CS), (3) School of International Studies (SIS) and (4) School of Chemical Sciences (SCS) were created by the Vice-Chancellor in his capacity as the *ex officio* Chairman of the Executive Council under the provisions of Statutes 12(2) of the Central Universities Act, 2009.

The Vice-Chancellor informed that while 18 faculty positions created for the SSS, SLL&CS and SIS have already been advertised, those sanctioned for SCS are being advertised. The Council also took note of the UGC letter under reference, and copies of the two advertisements inserted in various news papers, including the Employment News/Rojgar Samachar, at Annexures I (p. 52 to 54), II (p. 55 to 57) and III (p. 58) respectively of the Agenda.

8. Noted and approved the admission related activities of the University for the current academic year 2009-10, as reported in the Agenda vide Annexures I (p.60 to 63), II (p. 64) respectively.
9. Considered and approved the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having made temporary appointments to various teaching and non-teaching positions in the University against the posts sanctioned by the UGC and others, duly created by the Vice-Chancellor in his capacity as the *ex officio* Chairman on behalf of the Executive Council.

The Academic Council also noted the list of faculty members, appointed on contract, and the non-teaching staff, as reported in the Agenda vide Annexure I (p. 67) respectively.

ITEMS CONSIDERED

10. Considered the draft Ordinances for the Central University of Gujarat, as reproduced below and reported in the Agenda vide Annexures I to XIII (p. 69 to p. 126), and noted that the draft Ordinances were prepared by Prof. K.P.S. Unny, former Registrar, and Dean, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, who headed the One-Man Committee appointed by the Vice-Chancellor for this purpose:
 1. Draft Ordinance Relating to Conditions of Service of Appointed Teachers of the University
 2. Draft Ordinance for Regulating Leave to Teachers of the University
 3. Draft Ordinance Relating to Selection Committee Procedure
 4. Draft Ordinance Relating to Terms and Conditions of Service of Pro Vice-Chancellor
 5. Draft Ordinance Relating to the Creation of Schools of Studies
 6. Draft Ordinance Relating to the School Board
 7. Draft Ordinance Relating to Department/Centre of Studies and Head/Chairperson of the Department/Centre
 8. Draft Ordinance Relating to the Powers and Duties of the Dean of the School of Studies
 9. Draft Ordinance Relating to the Powers and Functions of the Dean of Students Welfare
 10. Draft Ordinance Relating to Appointments made under Statute 19(2)
 11. Draft Ordinance Relating to the Award of Master of Philosophy/Doctor of Philosophy
 12. Draft Ordinance Relating to the Award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy
 13. Draft Ordinance Relating to the Powers and Duties of the Convener and Chairperson of the School Board

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Academic Council the circumstances which warranted appointment of Prof. K.P.S. Unny as the One-Man Committee to draft Ordinances given his vast experience in such matters. The Academic Council expressed its deep appreciation for



the invaluable service rendered by Prof. Unny to the University in drafting the Ordinances in such a short time.

The Council, thereafter, took up for consideration the draft Ordinances as mentioned above. The members offered suggestions on some of the matters in the draft, like the desirability of retaining or modifying sub-clause 14.1 of the draft Ordinance Relating to the Award of Master of Philosophy/Doctor of Philosophy with the sole purpose of allowing the student some more time to clear the total prescribed course work; the possibility of deleting or modifying the proviso to sub-clause 18(a)(ii) regarding re-admission; to start an Academic Programme in Energy; to have an Ordinance for the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research (CASR); to have Ordinances for career advancement for the teachers; and the desirability of opening up consultancy to the faculty members.

The Academic Council authorised Vice-Chancellor to take note of the suggestions and also take necessary action in the light of discussion on draft Ordinances, wherever required. The Vice-Chancellor assured that the needful would be done.

In the light of the above, the Academic Council resolved to propose to the Executive Council for consideration the above mentioned 13 draft Ordinances.

11. Considered the proceedings of the meetings of the Subject Expert Committee and Ad hoc Board of Studies, held on 04th and 05th August, 2009 respectively regarding the academic activities proposed to be taken up during the academic year 2009-10, as placed on Table.

The Council approved the proceedings/recommendations of the Subject Expert Committee and Ad-hoc Board of Studies as mentioned above, as placed on Table, alongwith their Annexures, namely, the credit structure, weightage, and year-wise distribution (Annexure I); formation of subject-wise Committees (Annexure II); and the draft syllabus for the three Courses being offered in the first semester of the current academic year 2009-10, namely, (a) Science, Society & Development, (b) Comparative Literature, and (c) Internal Security. Further, the Council approved the Academic Calendar for the University from the Winter Semester, 2009-10, as stated below:

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| (i) | Monsoon Semester: | 22 nd July to 05 th December |
| (ii) | Winter Vacations: | 06 th December to 05 th January |
| (iii) | Winter Semester: | 06 th January to 12 th May |
| (iv) | Summer Vacations: | 13 th May to 21 st July |

The Council, while approving the Academic Calendar as above, noted that the Monsoon Semester, 2009-10 commenced late as the premises allotted to the University could be made functional and the classes could begin only on 09.09.2009. The Council accordingly authorized the Vice-Chancellor to adjust the Academic calendar for the current Monsoon Semester, 2009-10, if necessary.

12. Considered nominations for Selection Committees for various teaching positions sanctioned by the UGC.

The Academic Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to recommend to the Executive Council the panels of names of persons for the positions of Professor; and Associate Professor/Assistant Professor in terms of Statute 18(2) of the Statutes of the University.

13. Considered making Regulations concerning the conduct of meetings of the Academic Council consistent with the Central Universities Act, 2009 (25 of 2009), Second Schedule, Statute 38.

The Academic Council resolved to make Regulations concerning the conduct of meetings of the Academic Council consistent with the Central Universities Act, 2009 (No. 25 of 2009), Second Schedule, Statute 38 as at Annexure I (p. 130) of the Agenda.

The Council further resolved to recommend to the Executive Council that Statute 13 of the Statutes of the Central Universities Act, 2009 regarding quorum for a meeting of the Academic Council may be amended as below:

Existing Statute

Nine members of the Academic Council shall form a quorum for a meeting of the Academic Council.

Proposed Amended Statute

One-third of the members Academic Council shall form a Quorum for a meeting of the Academic Council.

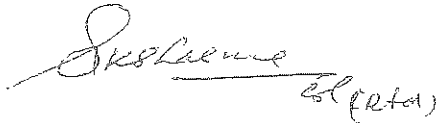
14. Considered the request of the Director, Centre for Social Studies, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University Campus, Surat for granting affiliation for the Ph.D. programme in Social Science of the Centre with the Central University of Gujarat.

The Council noted that there is no provision in the Act for granting affiliation to Colleges/Institutions. However, keeping in view Section 6(1)(vii) of the Central Universities Act 2009 (No. 25 of 2009), the University may prepared Guidelines in due course to recognize an institution of higher learning for such purposes as the University may determine and to withdraw such recognition.

15. Any other item with permission of the Chair

Under this, no item was raised.

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


Dr. K. S. Chaudhary