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**CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF GUJARAT**

(Established by an Act of Parliament of India, No 25 of 2009)

**Dr. S. L. Hiremath**

**Registrar**

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Date: 14.05.2016

**Subject: Circulation of Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Academic Council**

Sir/Madam,

Greetings from Central University of Gujarat!

Please find enclosed herewith the Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council of Central University of Gujarat, held on Tuesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the University at Sector-29 campus, Gandhinagar, duly approved by the Hon'ble Chairperson.

You are requested to kindly send your comments/observations on the Minutes, if any, to the undersigned within seven days from the receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

  
Registrar  
14/5/16

**Encl: as above**

To  
All Members of the Academic Council.

**Copy to: AR-VC Office**



## Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Academic Council held on 22.03.2016 of Central University of Gujarat

The 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Academic Council of Central University of Gujarat was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in Conference Room (Faculty Block A), Central University of Gujarat, Sector-29, Gandhinagar to deliberate on the agenda circulated to take decisions on the important matters.

The following members were present in the meeting:

S. No.	Name	Designation	Capacity
1.	Prof. S.A. Bari,	Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor	Chairperson
2.	Prof. P.G. Jogdand	Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai	Rep. SC Category {as per Statute 13(xvii)}
3.	Prof. Arti Nanavati	Professor, Dept. of Economics, M.S. University of Baroda	Rep. Women Category {as per Statute 13(xvii)}
4.	Prof. Sushma Yadav	Pro-ViceChancellor PVC Office, New VC- Block IGNOU Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068	Rep. OBC Category {as per Statute 13(xvii)}
5.	Prof. Nisar-ul-Haq	Prof Nisar-ul HAQ Department of Political Science Jamia Millia Islamia New Delhi 110025	Rep. Minorities Category {as per Statute 13(xvii)}
6.	Prof. Sonajharia Minz	Professor, School of Computer & Systems Sciences, JNU, New Delhi	Rep. ST Category {as per Statute 13(xvii)}
7.	Prof. N. Rajaram	Dean, SSS	Dean of School of the Studies {as per Statute 13(iv)}
8.	Prof. Alok Kumar Gupta	Dean, SLL&CS	
9.	Prof. JPN Mishra	Dean, SLS	
10.	Prof. M.H. Fulekar	Dean, SESD	
11.	Dr. Sanjay Kumar Jha	Dean, SIS	
12.	Prof Man Singh	Dean, SCS	
13.	Prof. Alok Kumar Gupta	DSW	DSW {as per Statute 13(ix)}
14.	Prof. Rachel Bari	Professor, CES, SLL&CS	Professor {as per Statute 13 (VI)}
15.	Dr. Jaya Prakash Pradhan	Associate Professor	As Associate Professor & Provost {as per Statute 13(vii) & (xii)}
16.	Dr Vinod Sen	Assistant Professor	Warden {as per Statute 13(xiii)}

17.	Prof. T. Bagchi	Chairperson, CNS	Chairperson of the Centre of Studies {as per Statute 13(v)}
18.	Dr Indira Dutta	Chairperson, CSEP/SSS	
19.	Dr. Atanu Bhattacharya	Chairperson, CES/SLL&CS	
20.	Dr Balaji Ranganathan	Chairperson, CCLTS/SLL&CS	
21.	Prof. Muttayya K.	Chairperson CILS	
22.	Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Dubey	Chairperson, CSHLL, SLL&CS (& COE as Spl. Invitee)	
23.	Dr. Prakash Jha	Assistant Professor, SCS	Six Assistant Professors by rotations representing different academic discipline {as per Statute 13(viii)}
24.	Dr Mohandas Singh Nongmaitham	Assistant Professor, CSS/SIS	
25.	Dr Kunal Sinha	Assistant Professor, SSS	
26.	Dr Rajesh Singh	Assistant Professor, SED	
27.	Dr. Umesh CS Yadan	Assistant Professor, SLS	
28.	Shri Vinai Kumar Donthula	Assistant Professor	
29.	Shri Priya Ranjan Kumar	Assistant Professor	Rep. PWD Category {as per Statute 13(xvii)}
30.	Ms Nitin Gupta	Student, CNS	Student category {as per Statute 13(xv)}
31.	Ms Sushma Devi	M.Phil/Ph.D. Scholar, SIS, CUG.	
32.	Prof. S.L. Hiremath Registrar	Secretary	Secretary

The meeting commenced with the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor greeting all the members and welcoming them to the meeting.

In his introductory remarks, he apprised the members about the significant academic events organized by the University and important and pertinent developments in the University since the previous meeting of the Academic Council held on 28.09.2015 that could be viewed as of positive implications for the research, extension and outreach profile of the University.

Prominent among them were the inspection of University by the Visiting Team of National Council for Teacher Education on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 and approval of M.Ed course of CUG by the NCTE in principle and the efforts made by the University in fulfilling the conditions stated by the NCTE for formal recognition of M.Ed programme by NCTE. The House was informed about the approval of University Ordinances No. 13 and 19 relating to recruitment to Non-teaching and Teaching positions respectively by the Hon'ble Visitor and subsequent notification inviting applications for vacant faculty positions through advertisement Notification No. 18/2016 of 26.02.2016.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the House about progress made by the University on MoUs with Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (BRLF), National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language (NCPSL), B.Voc, Village Adoption under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, School Adoption programme and the like that could enrich the extension and outreach profile of the University significantly.

In the academic sphere, the House was informed about the approval received from UGC for upgrading the Centre for Security Studies of School of International Studies as Centre for National Security Studies, considering the proposal submitted by the University and sanction of Rs. 188 lakhs for the year 2016-17. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor apprised the House about the request from the Ministry of Defence, Directorate of Military Training for earmarking seats for admission to M.A. in Chinese course and certificate course in Chinese for Defence Personnel. He further informed the House about several national and international academic events organized by the Schools, and Centres of the University, notable among whom was the GIAN, the flagship innovative academic programme organized by School of Environment and Sustainable Development from 15<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2016. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor also explained to the House about numerous cultural and social events organized by the University to commemorate and celebrate occasions of national importance in compliance with instructions received from MHRD and UGC.

He also brought to the notice of the House that the University has prepared the Reservation Register, Reservation Roster Register, Vacancy Register, PWD Roster Register as statutory requirements and got them vetted by the DOPT recognized agency which was a prerequisite and precondition for proceeding with notification for recruitment.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the House that all these academic events could be organized and distinctions could be achieved owing to the sincere and dedicated efforts put in by the Faculty, Staff and Students and thanked them for their cooperation and contribution. He further stated that a detailed account of these academic events and achievements has been presented under Item No. 3.

With these introductory remarks, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor invited the Registrar to present the items on the agenda for the meeting before the House. The Registrar, while thanking the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for his introductory remarks, welcomed the members to the meeting once again and with the permission of the Chair, took up the agenda for deliberation.

**Item No.01:**

**To confirm the Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 28.09.2015**

The 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council (AC) was held on 28.09.2015 at 11:00 A.M. in the Conference Room of the University. The Minutes were duly circulated vide letter F.No.2-3(12)/2015-Admn./3702-3731 dated 02.11.2015. A copy of the minutes is placed at **Annexure-I (pp. 02 to 18)**. No comments/suggestions on the circulated minutes were received from the members, except an observation made by Prof. N. Rajaram that the ICSSR Research Methodology Workshop organised by the Centre for Studies and Research in Society and Development was not mentioned in the report on academic events organised by the University, and the same has been incorporated.

***Resolution: 1: The members having perused the minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council circulated and the observations made by Prof. N Rajaram having been incorporated, approved and confirmed minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council.***

**Item No.02:**

**To take note and approve the action taken report on the Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 28.09.2015.**

The Academic Council (AC) is requested to kindly note and approves the report of action taken on the Minutes of its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 28.09.2015.

**Resolution: 2:** The Registrar informed the House that action has been initiated on almost every decision taken by the Academic Council in its previous meeting and the same has been presented before the House for perusal and approval. **The House approved the Action Taken Report on the minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 28.09.2015.**

**Item No. 03**

**To note various Academic Activities, Conferences and Seminars, organized by the University**

1. Centre for Studies and Research in Gandhian Thought and Peace, School of Social Sciences organised an International Seminar on “Debating Swaraj after 100 years of Gandhi’s Return to India from South Africa” held from October 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) sanctioned Rs. 2,50,000/- (Rs. Two lakhs fifty thousand only) for this Seminar. Prof. S.A. Bari, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, presided over the inauguration, Prof Bilgrami delivered the key-note address and , Prof Y.K. Alagh, Hon’ble Chancellor delivered the inaugural address)
2. A two weeks’ Capacity Building Workshop for “Young Faculty” sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi was organised from 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015 to 08<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Prof. Kincha, Former Vice-Chancellor of Vishveshwariah Technological University, Karnataka delivered inaugural address and Prof. Muni, Expert in International Affairs and Security Studies delivered the Key Note address. Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor S.A. Bari presided over the inauguration.
3. The University organised the Regional Consultation Meeting for Western Region on the theme “New Education Policy-Teacher Education” in collaboration with National Council for Teachers Education (NCTE) on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015, at Gujarat National Law University. Dr. Santosh Panda, Chairman NCTE, Prof. (Padmashree) J. S. Rajput, Former Chairman NCTE and Director NCERT, Prof. Bimal Patel, Director Gujarat National Law University, Prof. Kamlesh Joshipura, Former Vice-Chancellor, Saurashtra University and Dr. Jatin Soni, Vice-Chancellor Sports University were the guests and resource persons. Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. S.A. Bari delivered the inaugural address.
4. NCTE Visiting Team led by Prof. Kamlesh Joshipura and Prof P.K. Sahoo visited Central University of Gujarat on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 for inspection to accord NCTE recognition for M.Ed. Course proposed to be offered from academic year 2016-17.
5. The University celebrated Constitution Day on 26 November, 2015 as a part of One Hundred and Twenty Fifth Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. S. A. Bari had presided the celebration and there was a distinguished lecture by Prof. Bimal Patel, Director, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar.
6. A Skill Empowerment Programme on Office Communication was organized by Dr. Ishmeet Kaur under Writing Skill Enhancement Programme from 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2015 to 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 for non-teaching staff of the University.
7. In pursuance of the direction of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Central University of Gujarat has commemorated the 140<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, on 31.10.2015, and weeklong celebration from 30.10.2015 to 05.11.2015 was organized, wherein various activities had been conducted such as Book fair, Visit to Sardar Patel Museum, Essay, Paintings, Rangoli and Quiz competition. Week long competition was concluded with prize distribution to the participants.

8. In pursuance of the direction of Ministry of Human Resource Development, the University has celebrated the Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekanand on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2016. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. S. A. Bari had inaugurated the event. Dean of Students' Welfare, Prof. Alok Kumar Gupta had organized the programme.
9. The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India has initiated the Global Initiative for Academic Network (GIAN) in Higher Education. The MHRD has sanctioned GIAN Programme on Bioremediation Technology of Hazardous Waste Management to School of Environment and Sustainable Development, Central University of Gujarat. This programme was conducted from 15<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2016. Prof. Andrew Ogram, an eminent Micro ecologist from the Department of Soil and Water Science, University of Florida USA was the core faculty of this programme. The inauguration of the programme on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 was presided over by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. S.A. Bari and Prof. Y.K. Alagh, Hon'ble Chancellor of CUG delivered the Key Note address.
10. A Workshop on Social Surfing was organized jointly by Centre for Library and Information Science and Centre for Studies and Research in Society and Development on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 regarding Safe Social Surfing intends to initiate the dialogue on how the user has complete control over the security and access to his /her profile.
11. Under Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan, the flagship programme of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Eco-Village Development (Transfer of Technology from Lab to Land) Programme has been under taken by the School of Environment and Sustainable Development Central University of Gujrat and the Government of Gujarat has allocated the village Kaka nu Tarapur near Gandhinagar for adoption to develop as Eco village by transferring technology from Lab to Land for Sustainable Development. The following activities for development of Kaka nu Tarapur village near Gandhinagar as Eco village to transfer environment friendly technology for maintaining the ecology and the environment for sustainable growth.  
  
Adoption of Kaka-nu-Tarapur, for Eco-Village Development was inaugurated on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016, Presidential address was delivered by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Shri K.M. Bhimaniyani, District Development Officer, Gandhinagar was graced the occasion as Chief Guest and other distinguished guest were Shri Harshad N. Barot, Sarpanch, Kaka-nu-Tarapur, Prof. Andy V. Ogram, University of Florida, Prof. S.L. Hiremath, Registrar, Prof. M.H. Fulekar, Dean, SESD were present.
12. School of Chemical Sciences has organized National Science Day in the form of One Day National Seminar entitled "Science Speaks" on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 in Sector – 30 campus of Central University of Gujarat. Eminent Science C.V. Raman was remembered for his contribution to field of science.
13. School of Life Sciences has organized National Seminar on Advances in Life Sciences Research on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2016. The seminar aimed to bring together Researchers, Scientists and Academicians together and provide a platform to exchange and share their exciting research findings in the area of life science. The platform is inscribed as "BiYom" by the School of Life Sciences. Prof. K. K. Sharma, Former Vice Chancellor of Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati, Ajmer delivered key-nots address and Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. S.A. Bari Presided the inauguration. Prof J.P.N. Mishra, the Organizing Secretary, gave introductory remarks.
14. Matrubhasha Divas was celebrated by the University on 03<sup>rd</sup> March 2016, wherein number of students participated enthusiastically. Drama and speech were delivered in their mother tongue by the students of the University.

15. International Women's Day was celebrated on 08<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 by the University. Students and faculty members were participated and delivered speech. Significant importance and contribution of women in home and society, their courage and determination, their support were main points of their speech.
16. The School of International Studies, Central University of Gujarat conducted Ten day Research Methodology workshop for Ph.D. students for ST category in Social Sciences from 10<sup>th</sup> March to 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Applications are also invited from students belonging to SC/OBC/Minority/Women/General categories. However, preference would be given to students belonging to the ST category and applications of students from other categories would be considered only in the event of non-availability of ST research students. Preference would also be given to students from Gujarat and neighboring states. The workshop aims at training students in theoretical approaches and methodological challenges in social science research. The Workshop is sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi.
17. The Centre for Nano Science has organized Two-day National Conference on "Nanotechnology in Agriculture, Energy and Medicine" organized by the Centre for Nano Sciences and University Industries Interface Cell on 11<sup>th</sup> March and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. S.A. Bari delivered the presidential address and Inaugural talk had been delivered by Prof. Rajeev Ahuja of Uppasala University, Sweden.
18. Centre for Gandhian Thought And Peace Studies has organized an International Conference on the theme "Philosophy of B.R. Ambedkar in Contemporary Period" from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Prof G. Haragopal, ICSSR National Fellow, TISS, Hyderabad delivered key-note address and Prof Valerian Rodrigues, ICSSR Fellow, Department of Political Science, Mangalore University delivered inaugural address, Guest of Honor was Shri Prakash Ambedkar, Senior Advocate, and Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. S.A. Bari presided the inaugural function.

**Resolution: 3:** The House noted the important academic events organized and the notable distinctions achieved by the University since the last meeting of Academic Council and endorsed the same, while placing on record its appreciation for University administration, faculty, staff and the students for active involvement and cooperation in organizing these events.

**Item No. 04:**

**To note the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Central University of Gujarat and University of Tasmania**

To promote academic collaboration for research, learning and teaching and community service and cooperation in strategic areas in the field of Humanities and Literature, a Memorandum of Understanding between Central University of Gujarat and University of Tasmania has been signed on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016. A copy of MoU is placed at **Annexure-I, pp 44 to 58.**

**Resolution: 4:** The House noted the MoU signed between Central University of Gujarat and University of Tasmania for academic collaboration and collaborative research.

**Item No. 05: New Courses approval to be offered by the Ministry of Human Resource Development**

The Schools and Centres proposed to be established by Central University of Gujarat with the approval of Academic Council and Executive Council through an amendment to the Statute 40 were

submitted to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for obtaining the assent of the Hon'ble Visitor for the said amendment. The Ministry of Human Resources Development has communicated to the University vide F. No. 59-4/2015-CU.III dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016, the assent of Hon'ble Visitor to the said amendment and for the establishment of the following Schools and Centres:-

S. No.	School/Centre
1.	Centre for Health, Culture, and Personality Development
2.	School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
3.	School of Management
4.	School of Technology
5.	School of Earth Sciences and Remote Sensing

The University has requested the University Grants Commission to sanction teaching and non-teaching positions for these newly approved Schools and Centres vide its letter No. F. No. 2-1/2009-Admn./5800 dated 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016. The sanction of posts is awaited, so that the courses proposed to be offered through these Schools and Centres can be notified.

**Resolution: 5:** The Academic Council noted the approval accorded by MHRD for establishment of new Schools and Centres with the suggestion that the University should expedite and pursue the sanction of additional posts for these Schools and Centres for which the proposal has already been sent.

**Item No. 06:**

To note 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.).

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.) is placed at Annexure-I (pp. 61 to 65).

**Resolution: 6:** The House noted the list of students who were awarded M.Phil and Ph.D. degrees since the last meeting and approved the same with the suggestion that factual information regarding P.G., M.Phil and Ph.D. degrees awarded by each of the Schools and Centres may be provided separately in a tabular form faculty wise, gender wise and category wise.

**Item No. 07:**

To note the extension of semester has been granted to the students

Extension of semester has been granted to the following students on the recommendation of a duly constituted Committee on the request of the students:-

S. No.	Name of the Students	Enrolment No.	School	Extension Remarks
1.	Ms. Anushree Pandey M.A. in English	CUG/2015/1188	SLL&CS	1 <sup>st</sup> Monsoon Semester (from July, 2015 to Dec, 2015)
2.	Mr. Hariram Godara M.A. in German Studies (Five Year Integrated)	CUG/22014/1015	SLL&CS	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monsoon Semester (from July, 2015 to Dec, 2015)
The Zero Semester Committee Granted Zero Semester in its meeting Dt. 18.01.2016				



**Resolution: 7:** The House noted and ratified the extension of semester granted to the students as recommended by the duly constituted committee.

**Item No. 08:**

**Change of nomenclature of the Centres in the Central University of Gujarat**

It was observed by the University that various Centres of the University were named, known and addressed in different patterns leading to ambiguity and confusion in addressing them properly and listing them in the Statute. It was also noted that in correspondence, centres were known by different names on different occasions and in different documents. Hence the University recently notified the standard nomenclature of all the Centres in order to bring about uniformity in addressing these Centres in correspondence as well as in assigning codes of identity in the documents like marks cards, question papers, identity cards, name boards etc. The uniform pattern was to prefix the discipline of the centre with caption "Centre for Studies and Research in ....." as far as possible, without giving scope for ambiguity or distortion of meaning. However, a few Centres have written to the university to reconsider assigning the uniform nomenclature to the Centres on the ground that the changed nomenclature misrepresents the nature of activity and focus of the Centres.

Hence to arrive at a consensus decision that could be termed as obligatory, the matter is placed before the Academic Council for deliberation and resolution.

**Resolution: 8:** The House deliberated on the issue of uniform nomenclature for Centres at CUG. After discussion at length, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor suggested that the Chairpersons and Deans of the concerned Schools and Centres may suggest to the University the preferred nomenclature of their Centres with justification so as to enable the University to issue an official notification regarding the establishment of Centres and Schools of the University which is mandatory and long overdue. **The Deans and Chairpersons were requested to submit their suggestions on the issue within a week's time.**

**Item No. 09:**

**To Consider the Award of B.A. and M.A. Degrees to the students of Integrated M.A. Courses.**

The Dean, School of Language, Literature & Culture Studies has submitted a proposal based on the request received by him from the Coordinators of the Centre for Chinese Studies and Research and the Centre for German Studies and Research to make provision for issuing separate marks cards for B.A. (Hon's) and M.A. Degrees when they complete five year integrated M.A. degree course. At present the students who leave the course after three years (six Semesters) are awarded B.A. degree and issued a marks card accordingly. Whereas the students who continue and complete the course are issued only the M.A. Degree, calculating the FGPA based on all the ten semesters, which is disadvantageous to the students as compared to those who complete only two year P.G. Course in these, both in appearing for NET-JRF as well as in applying for the jobs.

**Resolution: 9:** The matter was discussed at length and the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor was of the opinion that a 2 year P.G. course will be more feasible as the University will not have to admit the students soon after 10 + 2 stage and also since the graduates will be in a better position to take a judicious decision having completed their degree. The Dean, SLL&CS was of the opinion that the students must be given separate marks cards for graduation and post-graduation so that they can avail advantage depending on their need. However, the Controller of Examinations, while drawing

the attention of the House to the relevant Ordinance stated that there is no provision for issue of separate marks cards for degree and P.G. Course whereas only those who discontinue after three years can be issued a degree marks cards. The CoE further mentioned that provision can be made in the marks card being issued to mention the CGPA scored at U.G. and P.G. Courses separately for the benefit of students. **The House finally decided to invite specific recommendations from all the School and Centre Boards to enable the University to take uniform decision.**

**Item No. 10:**

**To consider the proposal to offer and earmark seats in Two year M.A. degree course and Certificate Course in Chinese for the defence personnel.**

Director General of Military Training, Directorate of Military Training, GS Branch, Integrated HQ of Ministry of Defence (Army) vide letter No. A/8505/1/GS/MT-15, dated 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, has requested the Central University of Gujarat to reserve 5 seats in M.A. Course and 25 Seats in Certificate Course for the personnel (Officers and men) from the Indian Army. At present the University offers only five year integrated M.A. degree course and if the University has to accept this assignment from the Indian Army, which could prove to be a meaningful and significant outreach and extension programme, apart from the five year integrated M.A. course, a standalone M.A. degree course of two years' duration and a certificate course of suitable length need to be devised and offered. Specific reference is made in the communication to coverage of tailor-made course content meeting the specific requirement of the Indian Army. Hence the matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

**Resolution: 10:** The Registrar apprised the House about the proposal received from the Ministry of Defence for admission to 2 year M.A. course in Chinese Studies for the officers of Defence who are graduates and have completed Advanced Diploma/Interpreter course of 1 year and 9 months duration and also a customized Diploma/Certificate course for the Defence personnel. The Academic Council welcomed the proposal of Ministry of Defence and decided to provide admissions to the Defence personnel as sought and also suggested that the matter may be referred to the Equivalence Committee for establishing equivalence of the qualification possessed by Defence Personnel with qualification required for admission to M.A. course. **The House accorded its approval for offering these courses from the Academic Year 2016-17 after following due process through concerned Board of Studies and authorized the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to initiate any action deemed necessary to facilitate the admission of Defence Personnel to these courses.**

**Item No. 11:**

**To consider the proposal to start M.Sc. in Nano Science and Standalone Ph.D. in Nano Science**

Subsequent to action initiated for upgrading the Centre for Nano Science to the School of Nano Science through an amendment to the Statute 40, the University has received the minutes of the Centre Board of Studies in Nano Science recommending to introduce and offer two year M. Sc. in Nano Science or M.Sc. in Nanotechnology and a standalone Ph.D. Programme in Nano Science after required infrastructure and faculty are in place.

**Resolution: 11:** The House approved M.Sc in Nano Science course and the curriculum prepared by the Board of Studies to be offered from the Academic Year 2016-17 and in case of standalone Ph.D Programme in Nano Science, it was decided to keep it in abeyance till common Ordinance pertaining to stand alone Ph.D. Programme is evolved and implemented.

**Item No. 12:**

**To consider Admissions to Five Year Integrated M.A. Courses in Chinese Studies and German Studies.**

The Students of Centres for Chinese Studies and Research and German Studies and Research have submitted a memorandum requesting the University to start admissions to Integrated Five Year M.A. courses in the above centres which were suspended last year. The students have given justification stating that there is huge demand for the graduates in these foreign languages in trade, industry, commerce particularly in the corporate world in the wake of globalisation.

**Resolution: 12:** The House discussed about the feasibility and advisability of admitting students to 5 year integrated M.A. course in German Studies and Chinese Studies. In view of the University having already initiated process of phasing out 5 year integrated M.A. course to eventually settle with 2 year P.G. Programme, **it was decided to keep the admissions to 5 year M.A. course in German and Chinese Studies in abeyance till such time the University is left with only two batches.**

**Item No. 13:**

**To consider change of nomenclature of M.A. (Integrated Programme) at CSRSM from M.A. in Social Management to M.A. in Social Work (Social Management and Governance) and introducing a two years' P.G. Programme with the nomenclature of M.A. in Social Work (Social Management and Governance) at CSRSM SSS**

The students of the Centre for Studies and Research in Social Management, through a representation dated 12.2.2016 have requested for change of nomenclature of the course being offered at present from M.A. in Social Management to M.A. in Social Work (Social Management and Governance) with retrospective effect, on the grounds that this would benefit them in seeking job opportunities as well as in appearing for the NET-JRF examinations of the UGC to pursue careers in teaching and research. They also have made a reference to the UGC Notification requiring the Universities to adhere to the nomenclatures of the degrees and courses approved by the UGC so as to have uniform and compatible patterns across the Universities. The matter is, hence placed before the Academic Council for deliberation and decision.

**Resolution: 13:** The House discussed about the request from students of Centre for Studies and Research in Social Management for changing the nomenclature of M.A. in Social Management with retrospective effect as M.A. in Social Work (Social Management and Governance) and introduce two year course in Social Work from the Academic Year 2016-17. The House, after having discussed the pros and cons of proposal from the students, came to the conclusion that on an important issue like this, a concerted and judicious decision needs to be taken by senior faculty from the discipline. **In view of the above, the matter was dropped for the time being to be taken up for deliberation and decision by senior faculty joining the Centre at a later date.**

**Item No. 14:**

**Consideration of granting permission to Compile and submit the Ph.D. thesis in language other than English in Social Sciences.**

A Ph.D. student from the Centre for Studies and Research Gandhian Thought and Peace has submitted a representation seeking permission to submit his Ph. D thesis compiled in Hindi

language. The Ordinance relating to Ph.D. course of the University is silent about the medium of language in which the Ph. D thesis could be submitted in various Schools and the Centres. Hence, in order to evolve uniform language policy for Ph. D courses being offered in the University, the matter is placed before the Academic Council for deliberation and decision.

**Resolution: 14:** The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the House that the UGC has issued a communication suggesting that the Universities should adopt multi-lingual policy in academic matters by allowing teaching and research to be undertaken in English, Hindi and regional language depending on the need or requirement of students. It was further, noted that since the Ordinance relating to Ph.D course of the University is silent about the medium or language in which Ph.D thesis could be compiled and submitted, **the House decided to permit the students to submit their thesis either in English or in Hindi as stated above, depending on the availability of the supervisors and referees for evaluation/adjudication.**

**Item No. 15:**

**To consider Evolving Uniform policy regarding direct admission to Ph. D. course**

The Dean of School of Social Sciences has forwarded, with recommendations, a request from Sri A.M. Tiwari, who was given admission to direct Ph.D. programme in the year 2013, to permit him to pay the semester fees. It is stated in his request that he could not pay the registration fees for a few semesters, of late, in view of his having been transferred to Vadodara. However, on having been referred this case, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor deemed it proper to resolve the issue of admission to direct Ph.D. course first so as to evolve a uniform policy with regard to this issue as there are other candidates in other Centres and then take up the matter of condoning the delay in paying the fees.

**Resolution: 15:** As per the decision taken under Item No. 11, **the matter was dropped to be considered once common Ordinance governing standalone Ph.D is evolved and implemented.**

**Item No. 16:**

**To consider introduction of new courses in the Centre for Studies and Research in Gandhian Thought and Peace**

The Coordinator of Centre for Studies and Research in Gandhian Thought and Peace has submitted a proposal based on the decision taken in the meeting of the faculty of the Centre to offer two new P.G. Courses in the Centre from the academic year 2016-17 namely, M.A. in Political Science and M.A. in Peace Studies, in view of the areas of specialisation of the existing faculty in the Centre.

**Resolution: 16:** In the light of decision taken in Item No. 13, **the matter was dropped to be taken up once the senior faculty joins the Centre.**

**Item No. 17:**

**To consider and approval of the Academic and Administrative Committee Report**

The University vide its Notification No. 113/2015-16 dated 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 has constituted the Academic and Administrative Audit Committee consisting of distinguished Academicians and academic administrators as a preparatory exercise and as a requirement of NAAC visit to the University for accreditation. The Academic and Administrative Committee visited the University on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2016 coordinated by the Director IQAC and after visiting all the Schools,

Centres, Central Facilities and interacting with the faculty, students and Non-Teaching staff as well as with the directors and coordinators of various Cells and Centres has submitted the Academic and Administrative Report consisting of observations, commendations and recommendations for improvement of overall performance and efficiency of academics and administration of the University. The University is expected to take cognisance of observations and recommendations of the AAA Committee for compliance and appraise the NAAC Peer Team about the same.

Hence, the report of the Academic and Administrative Audit Committee is placed before the Academic Council for perusal and endorsement for placing it before the Executive Council for its implementation.

**Resolution: 17:** The Registrar apprised the House about the constitution of Academic and Administrative Audit Committee (AAA Committee) and its visit to the University from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> of March, 2016 as well as submission of its report consisting of observations, commendations and recommendations. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor invited Dr. J.P.N. Mishra, Director, IQAC to explain to the House the focus, the main thrust and summary of the report. Prof. J.P.N. Mishra apprised the House about the salient features and the thrust areas emphasized in the report for improving the overall teaching, research, extension profile and administrative performance of the University. **The House, while appreciating the initiative taken by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and thanking the AAA Committee for its meticulous report, approved the recommendations of the AAA Committee to be adopted for implementation. The House placed on record its appreciation for the efforts initiated by Director IQAC and cooperation extended by the faculty, staff and students during the visit of AAA Committee.**

**Item No. 18:**

**Approval of Notification of Admission and Registration of M.Phil and Ph.D. Students with retrospective effect**

It has been observed that the University has not notified admissions and registrations of Students to M.Phil. and Ph.D. courses, since inception of the University, owing to which the University has no authentic and reliable data pertaining to students pursuing these courses in different Schools and Centres. The University is required to present/provide data pertaining to students enrolled in different programmes in response to Parliament questions, RTI queries, in Annual Reports and the University Grants Commission and Ministry of Human Resource Development every now and then. Hence, the Admission Department was assigned to compile data pertaining to admissions and registrations of students pursuing M.Phil. and Ph.D. students and needs to notify the same to authenticate and regularize all these admissions with retrospective effect.

**Resolution: 18:** The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor brought to the notice of the House that the admissions for M.Phil and Ph.D courses made hitherto have not been formally notified, required as per rules. In view of the same, an exercise was undertaken by the COE to obtain details pertaining to admissions to M.Phil and Ph.D. course from all the Schools and Centres to maintain authentic list of students registered for these courses and notify the same on the University website. **The House, while appreciating the efforts of CoE, approved the initiative and notification of admissions to M.Phil and Ph.D. courses.**

**Item No. 19:**

**Introduction of M.Ed. Course from the academic year 2016-17**

The School of Education has been established with approval of Ministry of Human Resource Development and seven posts have been sanctioned along with a grant of Rs. 5 crore by University

Grants Commission for the said courses. The University had submitted the letter of intent to National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) for grant of recognition to the proposed M.Ed. course of Central University of Gujarat. The Visiting Team of NCTE headed by Prof. Kamlesh Joshipura conducted the inspection of University on 30<sup>th</sup> October and submitted the report recommending grant of recognition of NCTE for the M.Ed. course of Central University of Gujarat. The NCTE vide its communication No. WRC/APP2495/M.Ed/234<sup>th</sup> /Guj/2015/156268 dated 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 has accorded in principle specifying certain conditions to be fulfilled. The University has attended to all these conditions except recruitment of teacher for which the University has issued notification insisting applications and is confident of being granted final approval by NCTE and starting M.Ed. Course from the academic year 2016-17.

**Resolution: 19:** The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the House about the progress made hitherto in getting the M.Ed. course of the University approved by National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) and appraised status with regard to preparations for introducing the course. The House was informed that, except filling up of faculty positions, all other requirements have been fulfilled and even this condition is being attended on priority and the University is confident of commencing M.Ed. course on schedule i.e. from academic Year 2016-17 for which approval of Academic Council is being sought. **The Academic Council, placing on record its appreciation for all the efforts made by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and the staff, approved the M.Ed. course of CUG proposed to be introduced from the Academic Year 2016-17.**

**Item No. 20:**

**To consider and approve upgrading of Centre of Security Studies as School of National Security Studies**

The School of International Studies had submitted a proposal (**Annexure-I, pp 80 to 85**) to University Grants Commission for upgrading the School of Security Studies and the Committee constituted by University Grants Commission to examine this proposal has recommended the establishment of School of National Security Studies at Central University of Gujarat by upgrading the Centre for Security Studies. The University Grants Commission vide their letter No. D.O. No. F. 10-2/2015(SR-III) dated 11/02/2016 (**Annexure-II, pp 86**) has sanctioned a special grant of Rs. 188 lakhs for said Centre for academic year 2016-17. The University has submitted the plan of action and budget proposal seeking creation of teaching and non-teaching posts and non-recurring grant for requisite office equipment and furniture and expects the release of grants to commence the courses from academic year 2016-17.

**Resolution: 20:** The House was informed by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor about the submission of the proposal by the University to UGC for upgrading the Centre for Security Studies as School of National Security Studies and approval accorded by the UGC for the said proposal sanctioning Rs. 188 lakhs. The House was also informed about the plan of action submitted by the University for establishment of the said School utilizing the grants under recurring and non-recurring heads. **The House approved the upgradation of Centre for Security Studies as School of National Security Studies and placed on record appreciation with gratitude toward Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for his initiative and guidance and Dr. Sanjay Kumar Jha, Dean, SIS for his efforts in preparing the proposal.**

**Item No. 21:**

**To consider Memorandum of Understanding between BRLF & CUG**

Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (BRLF) has been set up by Govt. of India as an independent society under the aegis of Ministry of Rural Development to upscale civil society action in partnership with Government.

BRLF has been set up to foster and facilitate civil society action in partnership with Government for transforming the livelihood and lives of rural people and particularly those in tribal areas. BRLF is operating in the areas of water and land resource development local governance, livestock development, irrigation management, women empowerment, improve agriculture, leveraging government programmes for sustainable livelihoods, capacity building programmes and skill development programme.

The Central University of Gujarat (CUG) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with BRLF for collaboration in capacity building, ecosystem regeneration and research in order to build rural livelihoods. The main theme and thrust of the MoU is to promote education, training, research, capacity building, knowledge development and exchange in the areas of rural development, local governance and rural and tribal livelihoods.

One of the areas of collaboration is multi-location multi-thematic multi-partnered Academic Programmes for Scheduled Tribes, De-notified tribes, Nomadic tribes and other marginal social groups to the special focus on youth and women with an aim to develop them as rural livelihoods professionals for which BRLF and CUG proposes to undertake joint research, education and training programmes on livelihoods and local governance. The Steering Committee has been constituted with Hon'ble Vice Chancellor as the Chairperson. Under this MoU, the CUG has to provide suitable space and basic infrastructure for the Secretariat, logistic support, provide academia and subject matter resources and provide certification and accreditation.

In pursuance of this MoU, the BRLF has approached the CUG to organize training programme with specific training modules developed for a set of vocations identified with rural and tribal as participants and beneficiaries. After the training and on hand and on spot skill acquisition programmes, the University is required to provide accreditation and certification to these trainings to work as partners as well as to be hired by potential employers. For running these programmes, the University is required to constitute Board of Studies with experts from technical and manufacturing organization and academia to evolve required curriculum and practical manuals to be adopted for these training programmes and undertake accreditation and certificate after the completion of these programmes.

**Since the University is required to offer certificate of the training courses, the matter is placed before the Academic Council for approval.**

**Resolution: 21:** The Registrar briefed the House about the relevance and objectives of MoU signed with the Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (BRLF), New Delhi which could prove to be flagship outreach and extension programme of CUG. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor briefed the House about the credentials and reputation of BRLF and its sphere of operation which could enable the University to meaningfully collaborate with BRLF which is one of the most accomplished and sought after Government agency in the area of rural and tribal livelihoods. As per the terms and conditions of the MoU, CUG has to provide facilities for teaching, evolve training modules, undertake the assessment and evaluation of the trainees and offer them certification to lend legitimacy to the programme which involves constitution of Board of Studies, development of training modules, conducting teaching programmes and the evaluation of the participants. It was also brought to the notice of the House that apart from classroom teaching, hands on training programme would be provided by the reputed technical institutions and renowned NGOs who have established credentials in vocational training in diverse spheres of livelihood in the rural and tribal context.

The House congratulated the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and the University for being able to establish collaborative linkages with BRLF through an MoU that could enrich the extension and outreach

profile of the University considerably. **The House unanimously approved the constitution of BoS, conducting the training programmes and certification of the participants in the training through evaluation.**

**Item No. 22:**

**To consider establishment of Centre for Promotion of Sindhi Language and Literature at Central University of Gujarat**

National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language (NCPSL) is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Human Resource Development established by Govt. of India with Ministry of HRM as the Chairperson. NCPSL is an organization set up for promoting Sindhi language and literature in all forms. The NCPSL has approached the Central University of Gujarat with a proposal to establish the Centre of Promotion of Sindhi Language and Literature (CPSL) at CUG with the entire country being its sphere of operation for which it has offered a corpus fund of Rs. 1.00 crore. The CUG has submitted a proposal for establishment of CPSL specifying the objectives, activities, finance and monitoring which has been approved by the NCPSL and a MoU is in the process of being signed. The CPSL will be organizing Orientation and Refresher courses to the teachers of Sindhi language and literature to begin with and eventually offer certificate, diploma, advance diploma, degree and Post Graduate courses in the years to come. The Centre also proposes to undertake translation studies and translation of books in the subjects into Sindhi to make available knowledge in different domains available in Sindhi language.

**Hence the matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval for offering certificate and diploma courses and conducting training Orientation and Refresher courses for teachers in Sindhi Language.**

***Resolution: 22:*** The Registrar explained to the House the antecedents of the proposal and salient features and contemporary relevance and significance of MoU. He apprised the House that the matter is being placed before the Academic Council as the proposed Centre would also offer Certificate, Diploma, Advanced Diploma degree and even higher courses in due course of time for which explicit approval of the Academic Council is mandatory. **The House while appraising the initiative taken up by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, approved the establishment of Centre for Sindhi Language and Literature for organizing various training programmes and offering Certificate, Diploma and Degree courses in Sindhi language and literature.**

**Item No. 23:**

**To consider the agenda items received from the Office of Controller of Examinations**

The following agenda items are submitted by the Office of Controller of Examinations for consideration and approval:-

1. To conduct All-India Entrance Exam for the University in completely On-line mode for academic year 2016-17. Since University has already successfully conducted All-India Entrance Exam in the previous academic year 2015-16 in completely On-line mode with the help of an agency, the Logisys, the members of the Committee constituted in this regards by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, recommended that the same company may be engaged for conducting On-line Entrance Exam for the academic year 2016-17 as well.
2. To consider total intake in various programmes of studies for admission in the new academic year 2016-17.



3. Certain exceptions of UGC (Minimum Standard and Procedure for Awards of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulation, 2009, regarding the award of M.Phil. Degree by the University.

**Exceptions to the Award of M.Phil. Degree by CUG in accordance with the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Awards of M.Phil./Ph.D./Degree) Regulation, 2009**

At present CUG offers an integrated M.Phil.-Ph.D. programme and the Ph.D. Degree awarded by the University is totally in accordance with the UGC Regulation, 2009.

However, for the award of M.Phil. Degree, although University follows most part of the regulation. Certain provisions of UGC regulation 2009 are not followed due to the integrated nature of the programme for award of M.Phil. Degree of the University. Consequently, a few exceptions have been evolved and followed which are given below.

- a) Only one examiners is appointed from either outside or from the state to evaluate the submitted dissertation. The supervisor of candidate act as second examiner of dissertation.
- b) On receipt of satisfactory evaluation report M.Phil. student does not undergo a viva voce examination, although a pre-M.Phil. presentation in the department, open to all faculty members and research students is conducted for getting feedback and comments to be incorporated in the draft dissertation.
- c) There is no compulsion of publishing a research article related to the title of research work for the award of M.Phil. degree.
- d) Further, to address the subjectivity and biasness in the evaluation process, an amendment is being submitted as an item for consideration that “the grade awarded by the external examiner to be made final for the consideration of award of the M.Phil. degree” as part of clause 11.4 of ordinance 11. The amendment will replace the last sentence of the said clause and read as: “The grade awarded by the external examiner shall be the final grade for the M.Phil. dissertation.”

It is being requested to AC (March 2016) to consider the above exceptions.

A number of students have demanded that they be given a certificate that their M.Phil. Degree is in accordance with the UGC regulation 2009. Upon AC's Consideration University may provide such certification regarding M.Phil. Degree stating that “the degree is in compliance with UGC regulation 2009 as approved by Academic Council, CUG with certain amendments”.

4. To consider adopting an Exam Manual regarding the conduct of examinations of the University for various PG programmes of studies (**Annexure-I, pp 96 to 100**).
5. To consider amendment to the Ordinance 14 dealing with the award of M.A, M.Sc., B.A. (Hons) degree with regards to re-examination for those students who could not appear in the main exam for some unavoidable reasons, verifiable by a committee, if needed, and with due permission from the competent authority. This amendment will be inserted as clause 10 (k) in the ordinance 14.

10(k). In some special cases the School Dean/Centre Chairperson can take special measure to conduct re-exam of such student who fails to appear in the end semester exam due to unavoidable reasons such as medical or other similar exigencies. Such decisions to conduct re-exam will be taken on the basis of merit of individual case with due permission from competent authority and in consultation with COE office. In such cases valid documentary evidence, e.g. medical certificate, must be verifiable by special committee, if needed.

6. An amendment is also being proposed with regard to “allowed to continue” (in short ‘ATC’) in semesters of a programme to those students who may fail in a few subjects, but have otherwise secured required CGPA as mentioned in the clause 9.5(a) and (b), and 10.1 of ordinance 14. This amendment will be inserted as clause 9.8 in the ordinance 14.

9.8 A student can only be “allowed to continue” (ATC) to the next semester if he fails only in less than 50% credits/papers in previous semester courses. Also, if student fails again in less than 50% credits/papers in subsequent semester courses but meets the required CGPA of 3 (minimum grade D), he can be “allowed to continue”. However, the student cannot carry more than 50% credit backlog of previous semester to the subsequent semesters.

**Resolution: 23: (1)**

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor invited Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Dubey and Dr. Sanjay Kumar Jha, who were incharge of conducting the entrance examinations and finalizing admission process for the year 2015-16 to explain the preparations being made for admissions this year. Dr. Sanjay Jha and Dr. Sanjeev Dubey explained the experiences of last year and preparations being attended to this year through committees constituted for the purpose. The Committee constituted for inviting tenders and identifying agency this year for conducting online entrance examination, keeping in view the confidential nature of work, the experience of last year, had recommended to continue with the same agency, that is Logysis, this year also. The Committee consisted of Dr. Sanjay Jha, Dr. Sanjeev Dubey, the Registrar, Officer on Special Duty (Finance &Accounts) and the Internal Audit Officer, who after considering pros and cons had recommended for continuation of Logysis as the agency to which the online Entrance Examination work could be assigned for 2016-17 at the same fees for providing services as of last year. **The House, after deliberations, approved the recommendations of the Committee and placed on record its appreciation for good work done by all those associated with admission process in general and Dr. Sanjay Jha and Dr. Sanjeev Dubey in particular.**

**Resolution: 23: (2)**

The Academic Council discussed about the proposed intake for various courses this year. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor explained to the House that in view of paucity of academic space, student accommodation and the UGC regulations restricting the intake of M.Phil and Ph.D. students per supervisor and also as per the decision taken in the meeting of Deans and Chairpersons the University would restrict the intake to feasible and viable limits and admissions to M.Sc course in Nano Science and M.Ed course with approval of NCTE will be taken up for the first time.

**The House approved the proposal and authorized Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to take decisions, he deems fit in admission matters at the time of notification as well as at the time of admissions.**

**Resolution: 23: (3)**

Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Dubey explained to the House the rationale behind the resolution. **The House approved issuing a Certificate to this effect, suffixing it as “with amendments as approved by the Academic Council of CUG”.**

**Resolution: 23: (4), (5) and (6)**

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor was of the opinion that since the Examination Manual is an important document, it needs to be carefully looked into and elicit inputs in the form of additions, deletions and modifications based on the views of Hon'ble Members. Further, the amendments proposed to Ordinance No. 14, dealing with award of Graduate and Post-Graduate degrees through item 23(5) and 23 (6) need to be look into carefully. Hence, he suggested that the members may submit their comments, suggestions and observations on the Examination Manual and amendments to Ordinance No. 14 within a week's time to the Registrar to enable the University to take decision on these issues.

The House approved the resolution moved by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and authorized him to initiate needful action in the light of the observations and suggestions received from the members.

**Item No. 24:**

**To consider and approve the Minutes of the Board of Studies of various Schools and Centres**

The Board of Studies of various Schools and Centres have been convened by the respective Chairpersons to deliberate upon and take decisions on academic matters like Revision of Curriculum, Panel of Examiners, Approval of Ph.D. topics, Allotment of Ph.D. Supervisors, Introductions of new courses, change of courses etc. The important academic matters like introduction of new courses and revision of existing curriculum and evolving new curriculum needs to be considered and approved by the Academic Council, before being implemented. Hence the Chairpersons will be requested to present before the Academic Council such matters that require explicit approval of the Academic Council.

**The respective Chairpersons could move such resolution in the House for deliberation and decision.**

**Resolution: 24:** The Registrar brought to the notice of the House that Schools and Centres had submitted the minutes of the meetings of their respective Boards of Studies and stated that only important academic matters like introduction of new courses, change in course structure, change of curriculum etc. that require explicit approval of Academic Council may be moved before the House by the respective Chairpersons of BoS to be deliberated upon. **Having no such issues to be deliberated upon, the House approved all the routine minutes of School and Centre Boards of Studies.**

## **Table Agenda**

**Item No.01 (TA)**

**To consider creation of Centre for Climate Change in the School of Environment and Sustainable Development**

In pursuance of the Resolution No. 2 of any other item matter with permission of Chair of 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015, Professor M.H. Fulekar has submitted a proposal for developing a "Centre for Climate Change" for inducting M.Sc. programme in Climate Change. A meeting of Advisory Committee for developing of "Centre for Climate Change" held on 18/03/2016 and Committee resolved to start M.Sc. programme in Climate Change under the Centre for Climate Change of School of Environment and Sustainable Development. The Resolution of Advisory Committee is placed at Annexure-I of this agenda.

**Resolution: 1 (TA):** The Registrar informed the House that the University has constituted an Advisory Committee for evolving course on Climate Change in the SESD and the Committee met on 18.03.2016 and submitted its recommendations for establishment of Centre for Climate Change in SESD to offer M.Phil, Ph.D and P.G. courses in Climate Change.

The members appreciated the initiative of the University in view of the applied and contemporary significance of the course but expressed their concern about the faculty, space and availability of

funds. The House also inquired about the curriculum and course structure. Prof. M.H. Fulekar, who is the Chairman of the Advisory Committee stated that the P.G. course could be offered from 2016-17 or 2017-18 depending on the preparation of curriculum and its approval and availability of faculty. **Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stated that approval for the proposed course could be considered without requiring University to sanction additional faculty and provide space and funding.** The House approved the proposal with conditions suggested by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

## Item No.02 (TA)

**To consider to provide extension to Ph.D. students of School of Life Sciences (2010-11 batch) for submission of Ph.D. thesis**

The following students who enrolled in the M.Phil.-Ph.D. integrated programme in the Academic Year 2010-11, and after completing the course work they were promoted for direct Ph.D. in accordance to ordinance no. 11 clause 14 (b). The students (as listed below) have completed Five years (one year course work and 4 years in research) in May 2015 in Ph.D. but have not yet submitted their Ph.D. thesis. The School Board of Studies of School of Life Sciences has approved and granted one year extension in its meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 for submission of their Ph.D. theses till May 2016 (**Annexure A**).

With the permission of the chair, this is being put as a tabled item for consideration to give one year extension till 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 on case to case basis for submitting Ph.D. thesis.

### List of the Students; M.Phil.-Ph.D. in Life Sciences (SLS)

Name of the Students	M.Phil. Period (One Academic Year)	Ph.D. Period (Four Academic Years)	Extension required till
Sh. Vijay Mohan, CUG/2010/0073	2010-11 to 2011-12	2011-12 to 2014-15	May 2016
Ms. Anitha B. Kartha, CUG/2010/0074	2010-11 to 2011-12	2011-12 to 2014-15	May 2016
Sh. Viral Surati, CUG/2010/0077	2010-11 to 2011-12	2011-12 to 2014-15	May 2016

It is being proposed that the University will strictly adhere to the provisions as provided in the ordinance in this regards, that only in exceptional cases and for reasons to be recorded in writing will a student be allowed to submit his/her thesis with clear recommendations from the supervisor, Chairpersons of Centre, Dean of the school and approved by the competent committees.

**Resolution: 2 (TA):** The Controller of Examination explained to the House the details of three cases referred to in the agenda. The House was of the opinion that the provisions stipulated in the Ordinance governing M.Phil and Ph.D courses must be strictly adhered to and the School Boards or Centre Boards cannot approve or grant concessions and relaxations of conditions laid down in the Ordinance which amounts to breach of privilege and a serious lapse.

The House after deliberations decided to authorize the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to take decision based on the nature and merit of each case.

Item No. 03 (TA)

To consider minutes of the Centre for Studies and Research in Social Management

**Resolution: 3(TA):** The House was informed about the minutes of the meeting of Centre for Studies and Research in Social Management about the change of nomenclature of the course being offered as M.A. in Social Work (Social Management and Governance) and change name of Centre.

The House having already discussed the issue under Item No. 13, decided to keep the matter in abeyance to be taken up by the senior faculty in the Centre once they are appointed.

With no other matter having been raised by any of the members, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor declared the meeting as concluded.

The Registrar thanked the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for presiding over the deliberations of the meeting and enabling the House to arrive at important decisions and conclusions on significant issues concerning the University. He thanked all the external members Prof. P.G. Jogdand, Prof. Arti Nanavati, Prof. Sushma Yadav, Prof. Nisar-ul-Haq and Prof. Sonajharia Minz for making it convenient to attend the meeting and providing their valuable insights and inputs into the issues deliberated upon. He thanked all the Deans and the nominated members for participating and enriching the deliberations of the meeting. He thanked the Students Representatives for attending the meeting and finally thanked the office staff for all the arrangements made for the meeting and for all the logistic and secretarial assistance provided to the administration in conducting the meeting successfully.

Minutes may kindly be perused and approved  
with modifications required if any

Registrar

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Hon'ble Vice Chancellor