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CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF GUJARAT

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Court held on 31st March, 2015 at 11:00 AM in the Conference Room of the University

The following were present:

1. Prof. Y.K. Alagh (Chairman)
2. Prof. S. A. Bari (Vice-Chancellor)
3. Dr. Harish Padh (Member)
4. Padmashri Shri Sitanshu Yashchandra (Member)
5. Shri Dinesh C. Patel (Member)
6. Shri Nitin H. Shah (Member)
7. Shri Lakhanbhai B. Bharwad (Member)
8. Dr. Dharam D. Kambalia (Member)
9. Dr. Bhanuben D. Patel (Member)
10. Shri Voleti Raya Bhaskara Rao (Member)
11. Shri Salman Sayeed (Member)
12. Dr. Shilin N. Shukla (Member)
13. Prof. D.R. Goel (Member)
14. Prof. Lalit Mohan Manocha (Member)
15. Prof. Anjana Desai (Member)
16. Dr. Jagdish Arora (Member)
17. Prof. P.V. Krishna Bhat (Member)
18. Prof. M.L.Chippa (Member)
19. Dr. Manoj Soni (Member)

The following could not attend:

20. Dr. Harshard Desai (Member)
21. Dr. Naresh Ved (Member)
22. Dr. Vijay R. Dave (Member)
23. Dr. B.S. Rawat (Member)
24. Prof. Sudhir K. Jain (Member)
25. Prof. Amita Shah (Member)
26. Prof. J.N. Goswami (Member)
27. Dr. Dinesh N. Awasthi (Member)
28. Prof. Pradyumna Vyas (Member)
29. Prof. Sarita S. Gupta (Member)
30. Dr. Sourendra Gupta (Member)
31. Dr. Timothy A . Gonsalves (Member)
32. Prof. Kamal Kishore Goenka (Member)
33. Dr. Meena Chandavarkar (Member)

1. Prof. N. Rajaram, Member Secretary & Registrar welcomed Prof. Y. K. Alagh, the Hon'ble Chancellor and all the esteemed members of the Court of Central University of Gujarat to the first meeting and requested them to introduce themselves. All the members introduced themselves including Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of the University. Thereafter, Prof. S. A. Bari, Vice-Chancellor requested the Hon'ble Chancellor to give his key note address.
2. Prof. Y. K. Alagh, the Chancellor extended his warm welcome to all the members and thanked them for sparing their valuable time for attending the first meeting of Court of Central University of Gujarat. In his introductory remarks, he expressed his happiness that the constitution of the Court is such that it consists of eminent educationalists, academicians and persons from various sections of the society. Hoping that the University shall immensely be benefited in making policy by getting their valuable inputs from their rich experience in the field of Higher Education, he expected their valuable guidance and support. He also expressed the need for University's own land. Thereafter, he requested Prof. S. A. Bari, Vice Chancellor to brief all the members about the progress of CUG.
3. Prof. S. A. Bari, the Vice Chancellor felt privileged and honoured to be in the first meeting of the Court of CUG under Chairmanship of Prof. Y. K. Alagh, Hon'ble Chancellor. On his personal behalf, he welcomed all the members and gave a presentation about the journey of CUG for the last five years in which he highlighted various developments that took place in CUG since its inception including recruitment of teaching and non-teaching staff, admissions of students, acquiring campuses at Sector 29 and 30, Gandhinagar, Student Support Services, Academic Exchange Programmes, Library facilities, Central Instrumentation Facilities, Hostel Facilities, Future Programmes, Outreach and Extension Activities. (Copy of the presentation is enclosed as Annexure -1).

After completion of the presentation, he outlined following priority areas for the development of CUG.

1. Acquisition of land for the University
2. Recruitment of personnel for teaching and non-teaching positions
3. To create infrastructure for research and academic activities, for starting outreach and extension activities so that the students, society and industries can be fully benefited by CUG
4. To introduce welfare programmes for students and employees
5. Assessment and Accreditation process through NAAC
6. Starting of Region Relevant Courses

He also appraised the members about the meeting with Smt. Anandiben Patel, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat and Shri Bhupendrasinh Chudasama, Minister of Education, Govt. of Gujarat, and Principal Secretary, Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Gujarat. He also informed about the meeting of Joint Secretary (CU) MHRD with representative of Govt. of Gujarat for getting land to the University. He requested all the members of the Court to contribute to the priority areas of work outlined above.

Distinguished members appreciated the efforts made by the University with regard to academic activities and development of infrastructure. The members had a detailed deliberation about the future road map of the University and were impressed by the academic vision of the University.

- Prof. D. R. Goel (Retd.), MS University of Baroda expressed the need of immediate appointment of Registrar and Finance Officer in the University and also felt that the courses introduced by the University must have global level content.
- Prof. M. L. Chippa, Vice Chancellor of Atal Bihari Vajpayee Hindi University, Bhopal agreed with the suggestion and stated that the vision envisaged in the University Act will be achieved only through this type of courses.
- Dr. Manoj Soni, Vice Chancellor of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad raised a question about the Annual Report of the University. He said that according to the provision of Section 30 of Central Universities Act and Statutes, Annual Report prepared under direction of Executive Council be approved by the Court of the University and only thereafter should it be submitted to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for placing it before the Parliament. He wanted to know whether Annual Report 2013-14 is given for consideration of the Court or has it been sent to MHRD.
- Dr. Manoj Soni also proposed to prepare policy documents for the following subjects of the University.
 1. MoU and Academic collaboration
 2. Intellectual Property Right Management
 3. University Industry Interface Cell
 4. Placement Cell
 5. Digital Documentation
 6. E-content study material
- Prof. Anjana Desai, Professor Emeritus, M. S. University of Baroda showed her concern over the vacant positions of Professors in School of Life Sciences. She also outlined that School of Life Sciences also co-relates with pharmaceuticals /Pharmacy subject. The State of Gujarat has many pharmaceutical industries and so, if required, R&D activities with the support of research institutions/ universities like CUG can be conducted through

consultancy. Therefore, CUG should prepare a policy document –on Research and Consultancy and also create active mechanism for Industry-University interaction.

- Prof. Lalit Mohan Manocha, Sardar Patel University also suggested to start courses of inter disciplinary nature with industry, like Energy, Automobile, Material Sciences etc.
- Padmashri Shri Sitanshu Yashchandra, former Vice Chancellor of Saurashtra University informed that one of the visions behind establishing Central University of Gujarat in the State of Gujarat is also to make special provisions for integrated courses in humanities, social sciences, science and technology in its educational programmes.

As CUG is in the Gujarat State, he suggested to start Centre of Gujarati Language and Literature in a systemic way so that students and faculties from all over India learn Gujarati language.

He added that the University has to play a major role for creating employability through designing courses of industries' demand and also providing skilled personnel. He also suggested that the University should focus on very important areas of Astrophysics since Gujarat has various national level institutes like ISRO, PRL, IPR etc. The course of Astrophysics in collaboration with these institutes must be started by the University, whenever feasible.

- Prof. Harish Padh, Vice Chancellor, Sardar Patel University suggested that since the University has highly sophisticated science instruments, the benefit of this facility should be extended to the students of State Universities in the state of Gujarat through providing research platform in the University campus or in the laboratory of CUG.

Prof. N. Rajaram, with the permission of chair informed that as per the directions of MHRD, the University has to submit its Annual Report to the Ministry on or before October, 2014 for placing it before the Parliament of India. The complete constitution of the court of the University came into existence only in January 2015. Therefore, to follow the direction of MHRD, Annual Report for the year 2013-14 had been submitted before Executive Council and after approval of Executive Council (because the Court was not fully constituted) sent to MHRD. The members of the Court agreed with the clarification of Prof. N. Rajaram, Member Secretary and Registrar.

Prof. S. A. Bari with due respect to suggestions of Padmashri Shri Sitanshu Yashchandra submitted that the University had already initiated a process of

establishing Centre of Gujarati Language and Literature and a Centre has already been approved by the Hon'ble Visitor of the University in Statute No. 40. The Executive Council in its last meeting also considered establishment of School for Earth Sciences and Remote Sensing. Once the suspension of ordinances is revoked and new ordinances for Recruitment of teaching and non-teaching staff gets the approval of the Hon'ble Visitor, the University will start new Centres.

Padmashri Shri Sitanshu Yashchandra thanked Prof. S. A. Bari for providing inputs and hoped that under the able leadership of Prof. Y. K. Alagh, the Chancellor and Prof. S. A. Bari, Vice-Chancellor, the University will definitely become a premier higher educational institution of the country.

In the end, the Hon'ble Chancellor thanked the members for their valuable suggestions and inputs made by them and assured that the University will give due cognizance to the suggestions of Hon'ble members and it will be taken into consideration for the development profile of the University for the next 5 years. Since the University has physical constraint like non-availability of own campus, less space on temporary campus, some of the valuable suggestions cannot be implemented immediately.

4. Dr. Sanjay Jha, F.O. briefed the members about the total grants received from the Government and expenditure incurred since the inception of the University till 2014-15.
 - Dr. Manoj Soni pointed out a sharp fall of receiving grants in the year 2014-15. He requested to know the reason behind sharp fall of the grants.
 - Shri Dinesh C. Patel suggested that the grant received which was not utilized should be placed in Fixed Deposit or Flexi Deposit, so that the University can earn more interest on the grant instead of leaving it in Savings Account or Current Account.

Prof. S. A. Bari Vice-Chancellor informed that the closing balance of the year 2013-14 is around Rs. 33.71 crores and in the year 2014-15 till 18th March, the University has got Rs. 9.9 crores grant from the Government. It means, the University has total available fund of Rs. 43.61 crores out of which Rs. 5 crores has been earmarked exclusively for the School of Education under which the University will start M. Ed programme after getting approval of NCTE. The University has projected requirement of Rs. 40 crores grants during financial year 2014-15 and expect that before end of the financial year 2014-15 the University will receive at least a sum of Rs. 10 Crores from the Government. Prof. S. A. Bari also informed that for the financial year 2015-16, the University has projected budget requirement of Rs. 128.65 crores from

the Government. The suggestions of Mr. Dinesh C. Patel will be taken into consideration and accordingly the University will work out a plan of investment on received grant subject to the financial rules and norms of GFR, UGC or MHRD.

The members noted the total grant received and total expenditure incurred during the financial year 2008-09 to 2014-15.

5. Prof. N. Rajaram, Member Secretary briefed the members about the procedure followed for the preparation and submission of Annual Reports and Accounts of the University for the year 2013-14. He also briefed that the University has to strictly adhere the direction of MHRD for submission of Annual Reports and Annual Accounts. The Annual Report of the University for the year 2013-14 was prepared under the direction of Executive Council and sent to the Ministry of Human Resource Development on 1st December, 2014 for laying the same before the Parliament and also to the Hon'ble Visitor of the University, In the same way, for annual accounts and audited financial accounts for the financial year 2013-14 along with comments of Finance Committee and after the approval of Executive Council, the same has been sent to the Ministry of HRD on 4th December, 2014 for laying the before Parliament and to the Hon'ble Visitor of the University. Mr. Dinesh C. Patel showed concern over the depreciation method and asked about the information of accounting system followed by the University. During the discussion, Chairperson informed that all the Central Universities are presently following MHRD norms for preparing annual accounts. However, when the norms of accrual accounting system will be notified by the MHRD, the same will be implemented and followed by the CUG.

The Court perused the Annual Report, audited Annual Account together with audited report for the year 2013-14 of the University.

6. During the discussion and deliberation, Prof. S. A. Bari requested the Chancellor to inform all the members about the constitution of the Finance Committee and requested them for nomination of one member of the Court to Finance Committee of the University. After detailed discussion and concurrence of the members, the court authorized Chancellor to nominate one of the members from the Court for the Finance Committee of the University.

In the end, Chancellor once again thanked all the members for the keen interest taken in the development of the various aspects of the University and also for the valuable suggestions made by them.

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



Registrar (Offg.)