

Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar

Minutes of the 17th meeting of the Executive Council of Central University of Gujarat held on 14/05/2016 at 11 A.M. in the Seminar Hall of Administrative Block, Sector-29 Campus, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar.

The 17th meeting of the Executive Council of Central University of Gujarat was convened on the 14th May, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. in the Seminar Hall of Academic Block, Sector-29 Campus, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar to deliberate on the agenda circulated among the members vide University communication dated 6th May, 2016.

The following members were present in the meeting

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Capacity
1.	Prof. S. A. Bari	Vice Chancellor, Central University of Gujarat	Chairperson,
2.	Prof. T. V. Kattimani	Vice Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, M.P.	A Central University Vice Chancellor or a serving University Professor of Eminence, nominated by the Executive Council on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor
3.	Prof. Rajan M. Welukar	Former Vice Chancellor, University of Mumbai	Visitor's nominee
4.	Prof. Gita Bajpai (Retd.)	Professor & Head, Dept. of History, M. S. University, Vadodara	Visitor's nominee
5.	Prof. Darvesh Gopal	Dept. of Political Science, SSS, IGNO, New Delhi	One member each from the categories, namely, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Minorities, Women and Differently abled nominated by the Vice-Chancellor as members from the teachers of the University or other Central/State University
6.	Prof. P. K. Yadava	SLS, JNU, New Delhi	
7.	Prof. Deepak Sharma	SLS, JNU, New Delhi	
8.	Prof. Viginus Xaxa	Deputy Director, TISS, Guwahati	
9.	Prof. R.S. Ghuman	Professor, Nehru-SAIL Chair, CRRID, Chandigarh	
10.	Prof. N. Rajaram	Dean, SSS, CUG	Five Deans of Schools of Studies of whom not more than three shall be
11.	Prof. M. H. Fulekar	Dean, SESD CUG	
12.	Prof. Alok Gupta	Dean, SLL&CS & DSW, CUG	

13.	Dr. Sanjay K. Jha	Dean, SIS, CUG	from each of the groups specified below by the rotation according to seniority. Group-I Faculty of Social Sciences, Management and Humanities Group – II Faculty of Sciences, Technology and Health Sciences
14.	Prof. Man Singh	Dean, SCS CUG,	
15.	Prof. Rachel K. Bari	Professor, CES, SLL & CS, CUG	One Professor, who is not a Dean, by rotation according to seniority, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor
16.	Dr. Atanu Bhattacharya	Associate Professor, SLL&CS, CUG	One Associate Professor by rotation according to seniority, nominated by the Vice Chancellor.
17.	Dr. Prakash Jha	Assistant Professor, SCS, CUG	One Assistant Professor, who is not a Dean, by rotation according to seniority, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor
18.	Prof. S. L. Hiremath	Registrar	Secretary

The following members could not attend the meeting

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Capacity
1.	Prof. S. C. Sahasrabudhe	Former Director, DAICT, Gandhinagar	Visitors nominee
2.	Prof. Sudhir K. Jain	Director, IIT, Gandhinagar	Visitors nominee
3.	Prof. Ameena Kazi	Dept. of English, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi	One member each from the categories, namely, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Minorities, Women and Differently abled nominated by the Vice-Chancellor as members from the teachers of the University or other Central/State University

The following attended the meeting as special Invitees-:

1. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Jha, Finance Officer (Offg.), CUG
2. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Dubey, Controller of Examinations (Offg.), CUG

The meeting commenced with the Hon. Vice Chancellor appreciating the presence of almost full House and welcoming the Hon'ble Members for their august presence in the meeting despite the meeting being convened at a short notice.

In his introductory remarks, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor briefed the House about various academic events which had taken place between the previous meeting, held on 29th March 2016 till the present meeting. He placed on record his appreciation for the support and guidance extended by the members in making the University truly vibrant. Further, he informed the House that in addition to deliberating on the important issues on the agenda, another reason for convening the meeting within short time after the previous meeting was to convey the gratitude of the University to the Hon'ble members in person since the term of the 2nd Executive Council was due to expire on the 16th of May 2016.

To begin with, the Hon. Vice Chancellor apprised the House about the important developments and academic, research, outreach, extension and co-curricular activities undertaken by the University in the recent past. He briefed the members that the University had issued a notification inviting applications to the vacant faculty positions in the University for which 12th April was the last date for receiving application forms. The University had very good response and has received nearly 3000 applications for 88 positions in various Centres and Schools. He also expressed urgency of recruitment of Teaching Faculty especially in School of Education, since the approval of our M.Ed. course by the NCTE is pending on the issue of recruitment of faculty. He briefed the Members about the letter received from NCTE in this regard. Further, he added that the University has issued admission notification on 7th of May in the Employment News and in the leading National and regional newspapers on the 9th May, 2016, the same is also on the University website. He stated that the response is quite encouraging with over 300 applications having been received within couple of days of notification. He also mentioned that in courses such as Gujarati which was notified twice by the University in previous years with almost no applications is expected to receive some applicants this time. He informed the House that the University has been able to comply with MHRD and UGC directions on NAAC accreditation. The University having submitted the SSR, has received the tentative dates for the visit of the NAAC Peer Team between 26th and 29th of September 2016. He also briefed

the House that the University had submitted 2 Ordinances to the Ministry for obtaining assent of the Hon. Visitor. It was brought to the notice of the House that the Ordinance 21 relating to Convocation has been assented by the Hon'ble Visitor and hence the University is now in a position to hold its first Convocation. He expressed the desire to invite Hon. President, who is also the Visitor of the University, to preside over the First Convocation which is likely to be organized in the month of November, 2016. The House unanimously endorsed and approved the resolution moved by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to invite Hon. President to preside over the First Convocation. He extended a cordial invitation to all the Members of the Second Executive Council for the First Convocation Programme.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor appraised that the University Research and Publications Committee (RPC), under the Chairmanship of Prof. N. Rajaram, has published two books with financial support from the University. The House congratulated the authors and the Research and Publications Committee. Similarly, student's magazine named 'Mansa' is the first magazine providing scope for exhibiting student's creativity and talent, which was released on 12th of May, 2016. A book on Yoga, brought out by the Yoga Club, was also brought to the notice of the House. Prof. Darvesh Gopal appreciated and complimented Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for introducing the scheme of financial support for publications by the University as the University is known by its publications in the academic circles and dissemination of knowledge is best achieved by publishing the knowledge that is being created in the University. The issue of financial support for publication in professional journals which was raised by Prof. P.K. Yadava was discussed and was deferred for the time being, and to be taken up by the Research and Publications Committee.

The House placed on record its appreciation for the phenomenal progress and excellence achieved by the University and complimented the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and his team for providing much needed impetus and leadership in taking the University to greater heights of excellence and relevance.

With these introductory remarks the Hon. Vice Chancellor suggested to the Registrar to take up the Agenda for the House to deliberate upon. The Registrar thanked the Hon. Vice Chancellor for briefing the House on the significant academic achievements, activities and events

organized by the University since the last meeting and with permission of the Chair presented the agenda for the meeting before the House.

Confirmation of Minutes

Item No. 01/17/EC/14/05/2016

To confirm the Minutes of 16th meeting of the Executive Council held on 14/05/2016

The Registrar brought to the Notice of the House the comments received from Prof. Sudhir Jain on the Minutes of the 16th meeting of Executive Council. The House took note of the comments by Prof. Sudhir Jain on M.Sc. Programme in Climate Change which was stated as “House approved the course...” in the Minutes whereas as per his observation the House did not approve in view of no definite preparations for the commencement of course having been made including the curriculum.. This was deliberated at length by the members. The Vice Chancellor informed the House that M.Sc. Programme on Climate Change may be approved in principle however a detailed proposal on aspects such as requirement of faculty, Programme Curriculum, and Lab Equipment may be submitted to the University to be approved by the appropriate authorities including the Finance Committee, endorsing the financial implications if any as per recent Guideline issued by both MHRD and UGC on Financial Management.

Resolution: The House endorsed the view and clarification offered by the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor and approved the Minutes of the 16th meeting of the Executive Council held on 29/3/2016.

To note the Report on Action Taken on the Minutes

Item No. 02/17/EC/14/05/2016

To note and approve the report on Action Taken on Minutes of the 16th meeting of the Executive Council held on 29/3/2016

The Members perused the report on the action taken by the University on the various resolutions passed and the decisions taken in the meeting of the Executive Council held on the 29th March, 2016

Resolution:

The House considered and approved the action initiated by the University on the Minutes of 16th meeting of the Executive Council held on 29/03/2016.

Items to Note**Item No. 03/17/EC/14/05/2016**

The Registrar apprised the House that the ordinance No. 21 and 22 relating to Convocation and Alumni Association submitted by the University have been assented by the Hon. Visitor. The University may hold its First Convocation in the month of November, 2016.

Resolution:

The House noted and as resolved earlier in the meeting, unanimously endorsed the proposal to invite The Hon. President of India for the first Convocation of the University.

Item No. 04/17/EC/14/05/2016

To note the receipt of Rs. 1 crore from National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language by the University as corpus fund for establishment of Centre for Sindhi Language & Literature.

The Registrar informed the House about the ceremony that was held on the 12th of April for signing the MoU with the National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language (NCPSL), MHRD GoI, at the Central University of Gujarat, The ceremony was preceded by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. S.A. Bari and Prof. Aruna Jethwani, the Vice Chairperson of NCPSL, Dr. Ravi Prakash Tekchandani, Director, NCPSL were present along with several dignitaries, litterateurs as well as the Deans and faculty of the University. The Demand Draft for rupees one crore was handed over to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor soon after the signing of the MoU

Prof. Rajan Welukar suggested that the corpus fund should keep on increasing by depositing a portion of interest earned into the corpus fund in order to render the programmes/activities of the Centre for Sindhi Language and Literature self-sustained. The Registrar informed that as per the Terms and Conditions of MOU 10 per cent of the interest earned will be added to the corpus fund every year and in order to enable the University to

undertake activities during the first year in which interest will not be available the NCPSL had agreed to consider proposals submitted by the University for separate funds. The House noted these developments with appreciation.

Resolution:

The House noted with appreciation the receipt of corpus fund from National Council for Promotion on Sindhi Language and its investment.

Item No. 05/17/EC/14/05/2016

To note the communication received from National Council for Teachers Education about approval of M.Ed. Course of CUG.

The House was informed that the NCTE has conveyed its stand on the request made by the University for approval of M.Ed. Course from the Academic Year 2016-17. It was informed to the House that NCTE, based on the report of Visiting Team has approved our M.Ed. Course in principle with a condition that the University should provide a list of Teaching Staff appointed to consider grant of regular approval to the programme. The House was further informed that the University needs to take up recruitment of teaching staff for this programme on priority and the House was requested to approve the action of the University submitting proposal to the U G C seeking sanction of three additional teaching posts for M.Ed. course as per the suggestion made by the NCTE Visiting Team since the recent guidelines of NCTE prescribe in all minimum ten posts for starting M. Ed. Course.

Resolution:

The House noted these developments and authorized the Vice Chancellor to take all the necessary steps, including recruitment, in order to commence the M.Ed. programme from academic year 2016-17.

Item No. 06/17/EC/14/05/2016

To note the communication received from UGC on proposal submitted by CUG for amendment of Statute-40.

The Registrar briefed the House on the developments with regard to amendment of statute-40 and the action taken by the University to get the existing independent Centres upgraded into School. It

was stated that these proposals were submitted after following due process as per the provisions of the Act for amendment of Statutes and with the approval of all the authorities the proposal was forwarded for the assent of the Hon'ble Visitor. However the University received a communication proposal was returned from the UGC stating that the proposals having financial implications have to be submitted with explicit approval of the Finance Committee. Prof. P.K. Yadava expressed concern about the curtailing the academic and administrative autonomy of the Universities and reducing the Universities to the subordinate offices of the Ministry and the UGC and as such the Universities need to seek clarification on these issues at some higher forum. Prof. R.S. Ghuman insisted that there is no need for any clarification from UGC since the Act is quite clear that in case of academic matters the Universities have the autonomy. Prof. Rajan M. Welukar expressed his concern about the UGC interfering in the University affairs beyond their powers and as such suggested that the matter should be communicated to the UGC and if need be should be taken up with the Hon'ble Visitor during the Review Meeting. He further moved a resolution on behalf of the Executive Council stating that agenda of Academic Council, Executive Council and Finance Committee cannot be decided by the UGC or MHRD but should be decided by the authorities concerned and particularly the academic matters should be left to the University's discretion and decision to decide keeping in view the local contexts and need.

Resolution:

The House noted the communication between the University and UGC/MHRD and resolved that the University should firmly take up the issue of establishment of Schools/Centres and Programmes in accordance with the provisions of the Central University Act, Statutes and Ordinances as these are the prerogatives of the University. Since in this case there are no financial implications, the House resolved that the issue may be taken up once again with the UGC emphasizing the resolve of the Executive Council to have these amendments assented and implemented in the larger interest of the students, the University and the higher education at large. As this involves nominations of Professors or Deans as well.

Item No. 07/17/EC/14/05/2016

To note the release of Salary Grants to CUG by the University Grants Commission.

The House noted the communication received from the UGC releasing Salary Grants for the year 2015-16 on 31st March, 2016 which reached the University on 04.04.2016 and the grant was also

received in the University Accounts on 04.04.2016. However it was decided to take the salary grant as for the year 2015-16, as the communication from UGC explicitly mentioned it as salary grants for the year 2015-16

Item No. 08/17/EC/14/05/2016

To note and approve the academic events organized by CUG

The Registrar informed the House about the establishment Yoga Club, Celebrations of Yoga Fest, organizing of National Seminar on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Philosophy in 21st Century and also the 7th Annual Day of the University as well as Cultural Evening celebrated on 12th of May, 2016. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the House that the University has been vibrant in true sense of the word with numerous events having been organized by the University which could enrich the academic and cultural milieu on the campus. He invited Prof. M.H. Fulekar to brief the House on the National Seminar on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Philosophy in 21st Century organized on 14th and 15th April, 2016.

Prof. M.H. Fulekar briefed the House about the themes and the resource persons who participated in the Seminar and expressed his gratitude to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for providing him opportunity to organize the National Seminar on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Philosophy in 21st Century wherein eminent Social Scientists were invited to deliver lectures on various subjects and for extending all the support as the Nodal Officer for GIAN Programme. Prof. N. Rajaram thanked Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for instituting cash prizes for students in essay, elocution and drawing competition. Prof. Darvesh Gopal suggested that the University should approach Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to establish Dr. Ambedkar Study Centre for which University may get two to five crores of rupees. Prof. T. V. Kattimani suggested that such an institute, if seriously pursued, can be a reality by Ambedkar Birth Anniversary next year and he also proposed instituting a Chair for Study of Social Change and Development and bring out high quality publications that could bring recognition to the University and faculty. He also suggested that in view of higher concentration of tribal population in the State of Gujarat, the Indira Gandhi National Tribal University can have a MoU with Central University of Gujarat for promoting tribal studies in the areas of tribal culture, art and literature.

Prof. Darvesh Gopal was of the opinion that the University should submit a proposal to the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Foundation for instituting Ambedkar Chair at the Central University of Gujarat which was appreciated as an important suggestion by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor who assured Prof. Daravesh Gopal that the proposal will be submitted. Prof. Ranjit Singh Ghuman requested the House to think of instituting a chair in the name of eminent Social Reformers and Social Scientists under which many renowned academicians can be invited to enlighten the students and the faculty. Prof. Rajaram endorsed the idea and informed the House that the University has entered into MOU with BRLF and many other institutes and agencies with whom the University can explore the possibility of receiving endowments for instituting the chairs.

Resolution: The EC noted the academic events with appreciation.

Item No. 09/17/EC/14/05/2016

To note and approve the participation of the University Faculty in various conferences, seminars and training programmes.

The members noted the report on participation of the University Faculty and Officers in various academic and administrative training events such as international conferences, national/international seminars and training programmes in the recent past as well as approved the deputation of faculty and officers to participate in such events in India and abroad in the near future.

Resolution: The House noted and approved the participation of faculty and officers in various conferences, seminars and training programmes held in the recent past and also approved the financial assistance for deputation of faculty and officers who have been selected or nominated to participate in such events to be held.

Item No. 10/17/EC/14/05/2016

To note relative position of the University under ranking Universities in India under NIRF

The House was informed about the initiative of Ministry of HRD, Government of India, to rank the institutions of Higher Education under National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) and

the ranking of CUG among the participating Universities and institutions. The University is at No. 60 in all India ranking and second in the State of Gujarat, ahead of and above several reputed old Universities in the States and other States of the country. Further, among the newly established Central Universities, CUG is placed second. The Hon. Vice Chancellor further briefed the House about the criteria on which the ranking is made by the Ministry for the first time. While complimenting and appreciating the entire CUG fraternity for the ranking about which every CUGian should be proud of, he advised to take it cautiously and not to be complacent as the ranking is based on only participating Universities and not the total number of institutions and Universities in the country and not many of the reputed Universities had taken part in the ranking process. However he stated that CUG will spare no efforts to be on par with the best and the most reputed Universities at National and global level and excel on all parameters of excellence. He acknowledged and placed on record the dedication of faculty, students and staff, the present and the former members of the statutory bodies and the Authorities of the University, the present Officers, Registrar, COE, FO and the Former Vice Chancellor and Officers of the CUG.

The House whole-heartedly appreciated the ranking achieved by the University in the country and in the State and also among the newly established Central Universities and placed on record the appreciation for the Former Vice Chancellor and the Leadership, dedication and dynamism of the present Vice Chancellor, his dedicated team of academicians and administrators. The House also appreciated University's effort to participate and achieve a commendable ranking in spite of several constraints especially that of land for campus of its own and paucity of faculty.

Resolution: The EC noted the ranking of the University under NIRF with appreciation and congratulated the University, Faculty, Officers and the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

Item No. 11/17/EC/14/05/2016

To note the purchase of Ambulance by the University

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the House that the University had requested the MHRD and the UGC to accord approval to purchase two buses to provide much needed convenient and safe transport to the students but the University has been permitted to purchase an Ambulance and a car for the Vice Chancellor. He stated that he will continue to impress upon the UGC and the MHRD to realize the need for buses in view of scattered accommodation provided for the students and the incessantly searing weather conditions at Gandhinagar. However, keeping in

view the requirement of transport facilities for students and staff in case of medical emergency, the University has purchased an Ambulance and purchase of car is being processed.

Resolution: The House noted the procurement of Ambulance for the use of students and staff under DGS&D rate contract and car for Vice Chancellor to be purchased.

Item No. 12/17/EC/14/05/2016

To note orders of Promotion issued under Career Advancement Scheme. (CAS)

Resolution: The House noted the promotion Orders issued to Dr. Balaji Rangnathan, Dr. Atanu Bhattacharya, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Dubey, Dr. Sanjay Kumar Jha, under Career Advancement Scheme as resolved in the 16th meeting of the EC and congratulated Prof. Balaji Rangnathan, Prof. Atanu Bhattacharya, Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Dubey, Prof. Sanjay Kumar Jha on their promotion.

Item No. 13/17/EC/14/05/2016

To note the Constitution of Inquiry Committee to look into the case of discrimination/bias alleged by research scholar from Centre for Studies & Research in Economics and Planning.

The House was informed that as resolved by the Executive Council at its 16th meeting held on 29/3/16 the University had constituted an Inquiry Committee under Chairmanship of Liaison Officer SC/ST with Prof. Darvesh Gopal as a member nominated from EC wide its notification No. 6/2016-17 dated 13/04/2016. The inquiry committee had its preliminary meeting on 13/05/2016. The House was further informed that after receiving the Report from the Committee the same will be placed before the Executive Council.

Resolution: The Executive Council noted the constitution of the Inquiry Committee and its first meeting held on 13.5.2016.

ITEM TO RATIFY

Item No. 14/17/EC/14/05/2016

To ratify contractual appointments made by the University

The House was informed that Sri S. Sivanandam OSD (F&A) was relieved with effect from 31.03.2016 and there was need to appoint a qualified and experienced person in F&A Department of Central University to take up the responsibilities which were assigned to Sri S. Sivanandam. Hence, the University appointed Ms. Nisha Dhanawani, who is M.Com. Graduate with CA as Account Assistant on a consolidated salary of Rs. 30,000/- Per Month.

Further the House was apprised about the Browsing Centre and Language Lab being established on the Campus and the need to appoint a Computer Engineer with requisite expertise as Technical Assistant. The University has appointed Ms. Krishna Vrajlal Pilojpara, a graduate in Computer Engineering, as Technical Assistant with a consolidated salary of Rs. 21,000/- per month.

Resolution: The Executive Council noted the contractual appointments and appreciated the action taken by the University appointing crucial and essential staff on contract and ratified the appointments made in view of the human resource needs of the University for providing quality services to the students and the faculty, particularly in view of the paucity of the non-teaching staff. The EC further noted with appreciation the fact that the University is proposing to issue its notification for non-teaching positions.

ITEMS TO CONSIDER

Item No. 15/17/EC/14/05/2016

To consider appointment of Dean Student Welfare

The House was informed about the expiry of the term of the Dean Students Welfare (DSW). The Hon. Vice Chancellor placed on record appreciation on behalf of the University for the Commendable Service rendered by Prof. Alok Kumar Gupta as DSW during the last three years. Further, the House was informed about the participation of the students in various Regional and National Sports and Cultural Activities and securing several medals and awards.

As per the Ordinance NO. 9, the Hon. Vice Chancellor proposed the name Prof. Sanjay Kumar Jha for appointment as the Dean Students Welfare (DSW) and since he was holding the position of Provost at present, suggesting that he may be relieved from that responsibility, he proposed Prof. Atanu Bhattacharya to be appointed as the Provost of the University.

Resolution: The House unanimously appreciated the services rendered by Prof. Alok Kumar Gupta, the outgoing DSW and approved the appointment of Prof. Sanjay Kumar Jha as Dean Students Welfare (DSW) and Prof. Atanu Bhattacharya as Provost as recommended by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

Item No. 16/17/EC/14/05/2016

To consider relieving and lien to Dr. Vinod Sen, Assistant Professor, Centre for Studies and Research in Economics and Planning.

The House was informed about the request made by Dr. Vinod Sen, Assistant Professor to relieve him from the Services in Centre for Studies and Research in Economics and Planning of School of Social Sciences in view of his appointment as Assistant Professor at Indira Gandhi National Tribal University and also grant him lien for two years. The matter was deliberated at length and resolved as:

- 1) Dr. Vinod Sen may be relieved with effect from 4th July, 2016, waiving off one month from the requirement of three months' notice to be given by the employee seeking to be relieved.
- 2) Lien for a period of 6 months, as granted to Dr. Reji Joseph in the past, may be granted as the University cannot afford to have the post blocked for two years.

Item No. 17/17/EC/14/05/2016

To consider and approve creation of Faculty and Non-Teaching positions in the School of National Security Studies sanctioned by UGC.

The House was informed about the sanction of Rs. 188 Lakhs by the UGC for establishment of School of National Security Studies for the Year 2016-17. With the approval of the Finance Committee an action plan for utilization of this grants was submitted to the UGC which has a component of creation of Teaching and Non-Teaching Posts under recurring expenditure.

Resolution: The House resolved to approve creation of following Teaching and Non-Teaching Posts for the School of National Security Studies and following it up with University Grants Commission for formal sanction so that the University can notify the posts:

Teaching Posts: 01 Professor, 02 Associate Professors and 04 Assistant Professors.

Non-Teaching: 01 Assistant Registrar, 01 Section Officer, 02 Upper Division Clerk, 01 Technical Assistant for Lab, 01 Data Assistant and 01 Office Attendant.

Item No. 18/17/EC/14/05/2016

To consider reviewing the norms/rules for sanction of travel grants to Faculty.

The House was apprised that, the University follows XII Plan UGC Guidelines for Travel Grants as adopted and notified wide University Notification F.No. 1-6/2014-Admn./293 since 30th April, 2015 which provides for 50% of economy airfare, registration fees up to a maximum of US\$200, per diem as per GoI rules, once in three years. Repeated requests have been received from the University Faculty for enhancement of registration fees and also frequency of international travel for academic purposes.

After deliberation on the matter at length by the members, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor proposed the revision of norms relating travel assistance to faculty by the University and adopt and implement the following norms with immediate effect:

- 1) A regular faculty will be entitled for travel assistance to the tune of 50% of air fare by economy class twice in a period of three years or 100% air fare once in three years.
- 2) Registration Fees/Charges up to a maximum of US\$ 300
- 3) Per Diem, local travel and VISA charges as per Govt. of India Rules.
- 4) University may develop dedicated webpage listing all the papers presented/published overseas and recognition and awards conferred on the Faculty, as an outcome of visits so supported.

Resolution: The House approved the proposal to review the present norms relating to travel grants in view of the escalation in the cost of international travel and enhanced registration fees being levied, of late, by the host institutions and agreed to revise the norms so as to provide Financial Assistance to the tune of 50% of economy class air fare twice in a period of 3 years or 100%

once in every 3 years and enhance the entitlement of Registration Fees from US \$ 200 to a maximum of US\$ 300 and as well as per-diem, visa charges and local travel as per GOI rules to the regular faculty of the University subject to prior approval of the Competent Authority.

Item No. 19/17/EC/14/05/2016

To consider establishment of Centre for Sanskrit & Modern Knowledge Systems.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor explained to the House that MHRD and UGC are keen on harnessing the traditional knowledge resources and integrating them into modern knowledge systems and Sanskrit is one such classical language which is the grate repository of knowledge encompassing every walk of life, be it science, technology, medicine, agriculture or management. Hence, it is felt necessary to harness the treasure of knowledge available in Sanskrit literature from scientific prospective. He proposed that University which has Centres for Studies in English, German, Chinese, Gujarati and Hindi can provide an ideal setting for establishment of "Centre for Sanskrit and Modern Knowledge Systems" at CUG for which University might receive funding from MHRD and UGC.

Resolution: The House unanimously approved the proposal to establish Centre for Sanskrit and Modern Knowledge System at CUG.

Table Agenda

Table Agenda No. 01/17/EC/14/05/2016

To Consider MoUs to be signed during the State Visit of the Hon. President of India to China during 24-27 May, 2016.

The House was informed about the invitation from the Secretariat of Hon'ble President of India to the Hon. Vice Chancellor to join as a member of Educational Delegation accompanying Hon. President of India on his State Visit to China during 24-27 May, 2016. Further the House was also apprised about the approval of MoU to be signed with two Universities in China, one

with Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing, China and Jinan University, Guangzhou, China during the State Visit of the Hon. President.

Resolution: The House congratulated the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on being invited, for the second time, to be a member of the educational delegation, accompanying the Hon'ble President of India, who is also the Visitor of the University, on his State visit this time to People's Republic of China and approved the following MoUs to be signed by him during his visit to China:

- 1) MoU for promotion of education and academic exchange in academic programs, faculty and administrative staff, academic materials and jointly exploring research and other scholarly activities between Central University of Gujarat, India & Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing, China.
- 2) MoU to promote educational and academic exchange between Central University of Gujarat & Jinan University, Guangzhou.

With no other matter raised by the Hon'ble Members, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, before concluding the meeting, thanked each of the members for having stood with the university in all its achievements all through their term, guiding, supporting and advising the University in its quest for academic excellence and socially relevant existence and hoped that the members will continue to be associated with the University to guide and inspire it to scale still greater heights of academic excellence and intellectual stature.

Each of the members thanked the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and the University for providing them an opportunity to be associated with an institution of great potential and promise and also thanked the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and the Staff of the University for the warm and affectionate hospitality extended to them on every visit to the University.

The meeting ended with the Registrar proposing the formal vote of thanks.


Registrar
30/5/16