

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF GUJARAT GANDHINAGAR

Minutes of the 25th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 04th December 2018 at 10:30 AM in the VLRC Conference of the University at Sec - 29 Campus

The 25th meeting of Executive Council of Central University of Gujarat was convened on the 04th December 2018 at 10:30 AM in the premises of the University to deliberate on the agenda items circulated earlier and to take decisions on the important academic matters.

The Meeting started with Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S. A. Bari welcoming the members who were present. The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. Alok Kumar Gupta
2. Prof. A.M. Pathan
3. Prof. B. A. Chopade
4. Prof. T.V. Kattimani
5. Prof. C.N. Patel
6. Prof. Pankaj Arora
7. Dr. Shekhar Chandratre
8. Prof. Amita Singh
9. Prof. Y. Narasimhulu
10. Dr. G. Gopa Kumar
11. Prof. Sanjay Kumar Jha
12. Prof. J.P.N. Mishra
13. Prof. H.B. Patel
14. Prof. Sarita Agrawal
15. Dr. Indrani Banerjee
16. Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Dubey
17. Dr. Vinai Kumar Donthula

The following members could not attend the meeting.

1. Prof. Atul Kumar Johri
2. Prof. M.K. Sridhar

The following officials attended the meeting as Special Invitees: -

1. Dr. Hemang Desai, Deputy Registrar
2. Mr. J. P. Soni, Deputy Registrar

Before the House took the items on the agenda for deliberations, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor brought to the notice of the House a few major events and developments that took place in the University since the last meeting of the Executive Council.

- (1) The university got possession certificate for 100 acres of land at Kundhela from Govt. of Gujarat. The University has already paid Rs. 78,42,803/- as Stamp duty, & Registration and Rs. 24,00,858/- as Conversion charges of agriculture land as demanded by Government of Gujarat and possession receipt has been obtained.
- (2) The First Convocation of university is scheduled for 18th December 2018. Hon'ble Governor of Gujarat will grace the occasion as the Chief Guest. Degrees to eligible students admitted in various UG, PG and Research Programmes offered at the university since AY 2009-10 to 2015-16 batches will be awarded at the event
- (3) The Admissions in various academic programs of university for AY 2018-19 have increased about 20% as compared to last year. The entrance examination was conducted by the University at All-India level at 32 exam centers across the country on 15th July, 2018 for 03 integrated M.Phil.- Ph.D., 08 M.Phil., 10 Ph.D. Programs, 18 Post-Graduate (M.A. / M.Sc. / M.Lib.Sc.) programs and 02 Under Graduate (B.A.) Programs. The admission process was totally online for the fourth year in a row. The university also conducted second round of admission for category students as per UGC Regulations 2018, First Amendment, regarding admissions in M.Phil and Ph.D programs.
- (4) In the period between the last and the present meetings of the Academic Council, different Schools/Centres of the university organized multifarious academic activities. Faculty members have attended seminars, conferences, workshops, refresher courses and orientation programs. The campus has been academically vibrant and now term-end examinations are going to start in the university.
- (5) The elections for the constitution of new students' council of the university have been completed peacefully and the members will take oath of office very soon.
- (6) The House had approved the hiring of hostel building at Infocity, Gandhinagar in the last meeting. In the process of reallocation of hostels subsequently, the girls residing at the existing hostel block in Pethapur were shifted to the newly-hired hostel block at Infocity. Accordingly, the hostel block falling vacant due to the transfer of girls at Pethapur was converted to boys' hostel of university.
- (7) On 12 October 2018, the Central University of Gujarat organized Annual Cultural Event and Garba to celebrate local culture of Gujarat. On the occasion, as every year the University hosted a dinner in which students, faculty and non-teaching staff are invited with their families. However, unfortunately a few students, who were allegedly in an inebriated state, had created disruptions during celebration. The students were immediately suspended and rusticated and an enquiry committee was constituted to give considered recommendations to the university with regard to action to be initiated against these students. The report of the Committee has been received and report of university's Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) is awaited which is looking into a complaint

of a lady faculty of the university against one of the students suspended in the context of Garba night disruptions.

- (8) The C&AG has successfully conducted its annual audit of the university in the first phase and will conduct the IR Audit in December 2018.
- (9) Hon'ble Visitor has cleared Statute 40 of the university about the Schools and Centres of the university and it has been notified in gazette of India. Similarly, Statute 10 concerning the university court has also been notified in the official gazette after the assent of the Visitor.
- (10) The university has been conducting some of its administrative affairs in Raj Bhasha as per directions received time and again from UGC and Govt. of India. The UGC Committee on implementation of Raj Bhasha may visit the university in near future and the university is fully prepared for it.
- (11) As per the directions of the EC, the university had constituted a Committee to look into matters related to establishment, approvals and procedures, UGC norms for purchase, funds and functioning of Central Instrumentation Facility (CIF) housed in Sector-30 campus of CUG. The first meeting of the Committee under the Chairpersonship of Prof. B.A. Chopade was held on 03rd December 2018 in Board Room, Administrative Block, Sector-29, Gandhinagar. The Committee has undertaken a rigorous exercise over the terms given to it and hopefully it will be in a position of give concrete recommendations in near future.
- (12) In compliance of provisions contained Statute 11(v), three new members have been nominated to the Executive Council of university. They are (1) Prof. H. B. Patel, Dean, School of Education (2) Prof. Sarita Agarwal, Dean, School of Social Sciences and (3) Dr. Indrani Banerjee, Dean, School of Nano Sciences.
- (13) Different Schools/Centres of the university organized multifarious academic activities. Faculty members have attended seminars, conferences, workshops, refresher courses and orientation programs. The campus has been academically vibrant and now term-end examinations are going to start in the university

The House noted all these updates and then at the direction of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the Registrar took up the items on the agenda for deliberation.

Agenda No.01/25/EC/04.12.2018

To confirm the Minutes of the 24rd meeting of the Executive Council held on 16.07.2018

The Registrar pointed out that observations of Prof. C. N Patel were received on the minutes of the 24th meeting of the Executive Council in reference to use of the word 'deferred' instead of 'abeyance' in Agenda Item No. 16 and accordingly the observation was incorporated and circulated amongst the members.

Resolution 1: The House noted the report of the Registrar and resolved to confirm and approve the minutes of the 24th Executive Council.

Agenda No.02/25/EC/04.12.2018

To note and approve the report on Action Taken on Minutes of the 24th meeting of the Executive Council held on 16.07.2018

While perusing the Action Taken on Minutes of the 24th meeting of the Executive Council held on 16.07.2018, Prof. A. M. Pathan pointed out the difference in the Resolution No. 16 and the action taken by the university. While the former uses the term 'defer', the action of the university is reflected by the term 'abeyance'. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor clarified that upon the receipt of observation on the Minutes from Dr. C. N. Patel, the resolution was amended and circulated to all members. Prof. Pathan observed that the decision of the Executive Council taken in its 20th meeting was very clear and that just a mention of Prof. Hiremath's name in the PIL should not withhold the university from implementing the decision of EC. Further, that no charges have been proved by any verdict of the Hon'ble Court and the matter is still *sub judice*. Prof. Amita Singh took issue with the language of the resolution to the agenda item and found it very hollow. She said it's very unfortunate that despite resolution of EC and finishing all procedures, an academic of the merit of Prof. Hiremath has not been allowed to join the university on flimsy grounds. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor asked the opinion of every member of the Executive Council on the matter. All the members strongly endorsed the observations made by Prof. Pathan and Prof. Amita Singh and insisted that a decision may be taken immediately on this matter which has been delayed for more than a year after the direction of EC given in its 20th meeting. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor asked the opinion of the two external members Prof. Gopa Kumar and Prof. C. N. Patel who were present in the 24th meeting of the EC. Prof. Gopa Kumar said, he endorses the opinion of all the other EC members and that he, in his university (Central University of Kerala), has invited Professor under 19(1) as faculty in some subjects where it was required. Prof. T. V. Kattimani also said that he has invited scholars under the same section of Central University Act, 2009 in several subjects in his university (Indira Gandhi National Tribal University). Prof. C. N. Patel referred the SLP filed by MHRD in the apex court and subsequent directive to all universities to put teachers' recruitment on hold until the verdict of the apex court and said that the matter may be examined in the light of this development. Prof. Amita Singh pointed out that the invitation under section 19(1) of the Central University Act, 2009 doesn't fall under the category of appointment/recruitment which presupposes formalities starting from notification of vacancy to interview by selection committee. All the other members seconded the clarification and insisted that there is no substantial ground for holding back the implementation of the decision of EC now. The Dean of Social Sciences was asked about the situation of and need of a senior faculty in Social Sciences. The Dean pointed out that under School of Social Sciences subjects like Social Management, Society and Development and now Social Work are offered at master's and research degree levels and that the entire faculty consists of only Assistant Professors and a senior professor would be helpful. Finally, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor pointed out that the university undertook the entire exercise under section 19(1) of Central Universities Act, 2009 on the recommendations of Executive Council in its 20th meeting dated 26/07/2017 and not on its own.

Resolution 2: In view of the above discussion and unanimous recommendation of the members of the House and as there is presently no faculty of either the

rank of Associate Professor or Professor for three Centres offering courses in Social Management, Society and Development and Social Work and as Prof. S. L. Hiremath holds two Ph.Ds one in Sociology and other in Social Work, it was resolved to send invitation to Prof. S. L. Hiremath to join School of Social Sciences of the university as a Professor as per the terms and conditions laid down by the university in this regard.

The House confirmed the action taken by the university on all other resolutions taken in the 24th meeting of the Executive Council.

Item No.03/25/EC/04.12.2018
To note the handing over of Land Allotment Letter to University
by Govt. of Gujarat

Resolution 3: The House noted the handing over of land allotment letter to the University for the permanent campus by Govt. of Gujarat and felicitated the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and university administration for the achievement.

The House also placed on record its appreciation and gratitude to the Govt. of Gujarat for allotting the land to the university and directed the university to request the Govt. of Gujarat to consider allocation of a stretch of around 126 acres adjoining the lot of land already allotted to the university.

Item No.04/25/EC/04.12.2018
To note admissions in various programs of the university
in A.Y. 2018-19

Resolution 4: The House noted the admissions in various Programs offered by university in AY 2018-19 and appreciated the significant increase in enrollment in university in AY 2018-19.

Item No.05/25/EC/04.12.2018
To note the gazette notifications of Statute 10 and Statute 40
of the university

Resolution 5: The House noted the assent of the Hon'ble Visitor to the Statute 40 i.e. Schools and Centers of University and Statute 10 i.e. Constitution of University Court and their Gazette notification.

Item No.06/25/EC/04.12.2018
To note the joining of the teaching and non-teaching staff of the
university in their respective promotion posts

Resolution 6: The House noted the joining of the teaching and non-teaching staff of the university in their respective promotion posts.

Item No.07/25/EC/04.12.2018

To note the notification calling for application from eligible faculty members for promotion under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS)

Resolution 7: The House noted the issuance of the call for applications under CAS for the faculty.

Item No.08/25/EC/04.12.2018

To note the adoption of UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) (1st Amendment) Regulations 2018 by university

Resolution 8: The House ratified the adoption by university of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure of Award for M.Phil.-PhD Degrees) Regulations, 2018 (1st amendment).

Item No.09/25/EC/04.12.2018

To note the adoption of UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018 by university

Resolution 9: The House ratified the adoption by university of the UGC (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and other measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2018.

Item No.10/25/EC/04.12.2018

To note the adoption of UGC (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and other Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2018 by university

Resolution 10: The House ratified the adoption by university of the UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018

Prof. Pathan advised the university that the adopted UGC Regulations, as at agenda items 08, 09 and 10 above, may be made as Statutes and Ordinances of the university.

Item No.11/25/EC/04.12.2018

To note the sanction by UGC of non-teaching posts for establishment of special Cell for SCs and STs in the university

Resolution 11: The House noted the sanction of non-teaching posts (Assistant Registrar-01, Section Officer-01, Statistical Assistant-01, Lower Division Clerk-01) to the university for establishment of special cell for SCs and STs vide its letter dated 2nd November 2018.

Item No.12/25/EC/04.12.2018

To note and approve the superannuation of Prof. Indira Dutta from the university and appointment of new Dean in School of Social Sciences

Resolution 12: The House noted the superannuation of Prof. Indira Dutta, former Dean, School of Social Sciences from the university and placed on record its appreciation for the services she rendered to the university in various capacities.

The House also noted the appointment of Prof. Sarita Agarwal as the new Dean of School of Social Sciences.

Item No.13/25/EC/04.12.2018

To note and approve the superannuation of Prof. T. Bagchi from the university and appointment of new Dean in School of Nano Science

Resolution 13: The House noted the superannuation of Prof. T Bagchi, former Dean, School of Nano Science from the university and placed on record its appreciation for the services he rendered to the university in various capacities.

The House also noted the appointment of Dr. Indrani Banerjee as the new Dean of the School of Nano Science.

Item No.14/25/EC/04.12.2018

To ratify conversion of Girls hostel block in Pethapur to Boys hostel of university

Resolution 14: The House ratified the ratify conversion of Girls hostel block in Pethapur to Boys hostel of university.

Item No.15/25/EC/04.12.2018

To ratify the grant of lien to Dr. Asima Jena

Resolution 15: The House ratified the lien of six months granted to Dr. Ashima Jena by the university.

Item No.16/25/EC/04.12.2018

To ratify re-fixation of pay of university employees as per the recommendations of 7th Pay Commission

Resolution 16: The House ratified the re-fixation of pay of university employees as per the recommendations of 7th Pay Commission.

Item No.17/25/EC/04.12.2018

To ratify enhancement of remuneration / salary of the Non-Teaching Contractual Staff of university

Resolution 17: The House ratified enhancement of remuneration / salary of the Non-Teaching Contractual Staff of university.

Item No.18/25/EC/04.12.2018

To consider and approve the draft Annual Report of the university for the year 2017-18

Resolution 18: The House perused the draft Annual Report of the university and observed that it had been prepared very well. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor pointed out the diligence and efficiency with which the University committee headed by Prof. Sanjay Jha and Prof. Sarita Agarwal has worked on it. The House placed on record its appreciation of the efforts made by the Annual Report Committee and approved the Annual Report of the university for the year 2017-18 for onward transmission.

Item No.19/25/EC/04.12.2018

To consider and approve the confirmation of eligible Teaching and Non-teaching staff of the university after successful completion of probation period

Resolution 19: The House considered and approved the confirmation of the eligible Teaching and Non-teaching staff of the university who have successfully completed their probation period and directed the university for further needful in this regard.

Item No.20/25/EC/04.12.2018

To consider and approve the Recruitment Rules framed as per UGC directives and 7th CPC recommendations by a Committee of Experts

Resolution 20: The House perused the Recruitment Rules for non-teaching staff of the university framed as per UGC directives and recommendations of 7th CPC and approved them. Further, the House directed the university to send the Ordinance on the CRRs to the MHRD for seeking assent of the Hon'ble Visitor.

Item No.21/25/EC/04.12.2018

To consider and approve the Recommendations of Expert Committee constituted to look into pay fixation matters of university employees

Resolution 21: The House considered, looked into and approved the recommendations of Expert Committee constituted to look into pay fixation matters of university employees.

Item No.22/25/EC/04.12.2018

To consider and approve the university Regulations for convocation procedures framed under the Ordinance 20 of university as

Resolution 22: Hon'ble Vice Chancellor pointed out that the convocation rules, as circulated by the university by email, have been approved by the Academic Council in its meeting dated 30.11.2018. The House considered the Ceremonial Procedures and Rules for Convocation framed under Convocation Ordinance No. 20, as circulated by email and approved them.

Item No.23/25/EC/04.12.2018

To consider and approve submission of Annual Accounts and Final SAR for FY 2017-18 to MHRD

Upon the request of the Registrar, the Finance officer informed the House that C&AG audit team visited the University between 17 Sep. 2018 and 05 Oct. 2018 for Audit of Annual Accounts of the university for the F.Y. 2017-18. The audit was conducted successfully, and issues raised by the audit team were replied by the CUG during the audit. The draft SAR issued by AG Office Ahmedabad was received by the University on 26.10.2018 and subsequently replies were given on 13.11.2018. Now University is waiting for final SAR to be issued by C&AG office, Ahmedabad. Upon the receipt of the final SAR, the Annual Accounts of the university along with the SAR will be sent to MHRD for further submission to the Parliament.

Resolution 23: The House considered the matter and authorized the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to do the further needful in this regard and submit the same to MHRD for their further transmission to Parliament.

Item No.24/25/EC/04.12.2018

To consider and approve response of AG office with regard to Audit Paras of Inspection Report (IR) for the F.Y. 2016-17

Upon the request of the Registrar, the Finance officer informed the House that the last audit of the University was conducted for the F.Y. 2016-17 by the C&AG team between 27th November and 06th December 2017. In response to replies furnished by the CUG with regard to Audit Paras of Inspection Report (IR) for the F.Y. 2016-17, the University received response from AG office vide letter dated 20.07.2018. In the response, out of 14 audit paras, ten paras have been dropped by the C& AG. In two paras, it has been pointed out that decision will be taken after the current year's IR audit and in other two paras, it has been intimated that steps taken by the university may be intimated.

Resolution 24: The House appreciated the fact that majority of audit paras have been dropped and approved the report sent to university by the AG office.

Item No.25/25/EC/04.12.2018

To consider and approve the requirement of funds under Non-Recurring (35) for pre-construction activities for CUG new campus at Vadodara

Resolution 25: The House considered the immediate necessity of funds for the pre-construction activities like levelling, fencing and other such requirements. In view of the fact that pre-construction activities on the land allotted to the university by Govt. of Gujarat will be started in near future, the House approved the proposal of fund requirement under Non-Recurring (35) head and directed the university to write to the UGC for making fund allocation of Rs. 25 crores in this regard.

Item No.26/25/EC/04.12.2018

To consider and approve Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) of the Year 2017-18 for forwarding to NAAC

Resolution 26: The House considered and approved Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) of the Year 2017-18 prepared by IQAC for forwarding to NAAC.

Item No.27/25/EC/04.12.2018

To consider nomination of a member of Executive Council to be the member of University Court

Resolution 27: The House considered the matter of the nomination of a member of Executive Council to be the member of University Court under sub-section 10(1)(xviii) of Statute 10 of university. Prof. C. N. Patel proposed the name of Prof. Shekhar Chandratre and the proposal was seconded by Prof. Pankaj Arora. The nomination of Prof. Shekhar Chandratre was unanimously approved by the House.

Discussion with the Permission of the Chair:

Clarifying the position of the university in case of the appointment of Prof. S.L Hiremath as the Registrar from 2015-17, the Registrar pointed out that there has been a spree of baseless and fabricated complaints against the university and its officers addressed to the Govt. of India. The complainants have invoked all sorts of issues which, at times, are extremely trivial and personal in nature. In last couple of years, the grievances have followed a set pattern. First of all, they make selective targeting of persons and issues which, in the judgement of the complainants, are smeared with malpractices and irregularities. The imagined nature of the allegations shoot from the desire for personal vendetta and settling of personal scores on the part of certain disgruntled elements in the university. Again, invariably the complainants hail from cities like Kanpur and Delhi who are used by these elements in the university as puppets for realizing their personal, malicious ends. Noteworthy is the fact that, these complainants haven't ever asked for information, that they reproduce in their complaints, either through RTI or any other mode. Also, they are neither from CUG not Gujarat. The matter remains the same only the approach is different every time. As they have nothing new to say, they repeat the same complaints with new tactics. It is clear from their approach that as they have no evidence for blaming on issues of corruption, misappropriation or embezzlement of public funds by anyone in the university they stoop to such indirect references. They also conveniently hide uncomfortable facts of selections of other faculty and purchases made earlier which are against the rules. This amounts to theft of information and records against which the university is contemplating legal action.

Prof. Amita Singh suggested that the university can file an FIR against such elements who have been spreading rumors about the university. The members of the House strongly condemned the eruption of such baseless grievances and

dirty personal allegations against university and its officials and unanimously directed the university to take legal action wherever required, against such elements.

The House also suggested that now that the land has been allotted, work of infrastructure development should commence at the earliest. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor pointed out that UGC has already nominated EdCil and the university is closely working with them. In this context, Prof. Amita Singh pointed out for efficient and fast execution of work, agencies that have knowledge of university construction and development should be preferred and was curious to know whether EdCil could deliver fast and efficient execution of work within stipulated time.

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

Alok Gupta

Registrar (Offg.)

