

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF GUJARAT

GANDHINAGAR-382030

Minutes of the 26th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 27.09.2021 at 3:00 p.m. in online mode.

The 26th meeting of Academic Council of Central University of Gujarat was held at 03:00 p.m. on 27th September, 2021 in online mode to deliberate on the agenda items circulated earlier and to take decisions on the important academic matters. The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (Chairman-Ex-Officio)
2. Dr. Satya Prakash Upadhyay, Registrar, (Secretary, Ex-Officio)
3. Prof. Surya Pratap Singh, Head, Department of Biochemistry, Institute of Science, Banaras Hindu University
4. Prof. Vishwambhar Nath Mishra, Head, Department of Electronics Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University
5. Dr. Om Prakash Pandey, Former Scientific Advisor to Prime Minister
6. Prof. Sukhadev Bhoi, Professor, Department of Sahitya, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha
7. Prof. K. N. S Yadava, General Secretary, Advisory Committee, University of Patanjali
8. Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU) Rajouri, Jammu
9. Prof. Nisha Jha, Professor, University of Department of Music, Tilka Manjhi Bhagalpur University
10. Prof. Sanjay Kumar Satyarthi, Head, Department of Economics, Government College Daman
11. Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Dubey, Dean, SLL&CS & Chairperson, CHS
12. Prof. Sarita Agrawal, Dean, SSS
13. Prof. Manish, Dean, SIS & Chairperson, CIS
14. Prof. H. B. Patel, Dean, SoE & DSW
15. Prof. Prakash C Jha, Dean, SAMS
16. Prof. Bhawana Pathak, Dean, SESD
17. Prof. Atanu Mohapatra, Dean (I/c.), SLIS & Chairperson, CDS
18. Prof. Seema Rawat, Dean, SLS & Provost
19. Prof. Pallavi Sharma, Dean (I/c), SNS
20. Prof. Dinesh Kumar, Dean, SCS
21. Prof. Balaji Ranganathan, Chairperson, CL&TS & Chairperson (I/c), CES
22. Prof. J. P. Pradhan, Chairperson, CSEP
23. Prof. Rajesh Makwana, Chairperson, CGL&L
24. Dr. Jayendrakumar N. Amin, Associate Professor, SoE
25. Dr. Arun Vishwanathan, Associate Professor, CSS
26. Dr. Manasi Singh, Assistant Professor, SNSS
27. Dr. Rina Kumari, Assistant Professor, SESD
28. Dr. Sunita Patel, Assistant Professor, SLS
29. Dr. Saurabh Sharma, Assistant Professor, CIP
30. Prof. R. Hiranmai Yadav, Professor, SESD
31. Dr. Kshamanidhi Adabar, Associate Professor, CSEP
32. Dr. Shiju Sam Varughese, Assistant Professor, CSST&IP

33. Dr. Gavisiddappa R. Angadi, Associate Professor, SoE
34. Dr. Kunal Sinha, Warden
35. Dr. Ajaysinh Chauhan, Associate Professor, CGL&L

The following members could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence.

1. Mr. Satish Jacob, Senior Journalist, New Delhi
2. Shri. Anand Mohan Tiwari, Former Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Gujarat
3. Prof. Sureshbhai C. Padavi, Head, Department of Education, Sardar Patel University
4. Prof. Man Singh, Professor, SCS
5. Mr. Divyanshu Yadav, Students Representative
6. Mr. Kartikeya Dhar Dwivedi, Student Representative

After ascertaining the quorum required for the meeting, the Registrar started the meeting by welcoming all members of the Academic Council and requested the ICT team of university to recite the University Kulgeet. Thereafter, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor welcomed all the members and thanked them for making it possible to attend the 26th meeting of the Academic Council. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor then proceeded to recount a few seminal developments as well as the university's achievements since the last meeting of the Academic Council. He informed the House that subsequent to the sanction of funds by the Ministry of Education for the development of the permanent campus of the university at Kundhela, Vadodara, the university has held a series of meeting of the Building Committee and based on its recommendations, signed an MoU with CPWD for undertaking infrastructure projects. Later on, the university initiated the procedures, in conformity with the norms of Govt. of India, for hiring Consultant Architect and identified M/s. Planning Solutions, Vadodara for preparing structural design and lay-out of the permanent campus. The university also held a "Tree Plantation Ceremony" at the site which was graced by Dr. Has Mukh Adhia, Hon'ble Chancellor of the university.

Further, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the House that the university had started operating in offline mode in view of the fact that the pandemic situation had eased up appreciably in the country, especially in Gujarat. The classes and practical sessions were being held in accordance with the protocols prescribed by the GoI and Covid-19 appropriate behaviour. Concomitantly, the university has initiated the procedures for admitting students in UG and PG programs through a national level test to be conducted National Testing Agency (NTS). Finally, in last six months, despite the pandemic constraints, the university has been throbbing with a variety of academic and research activities as well as events under the Govt. of India's flagship initiatives like *Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat*, *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav* and so on. Such vibrant climate in the university has been instrumental in sustaining the zeal and enthusiasm of all

the stakeholders. Then, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor requested the Registrar to take up following agenda items for deliberation.

Item No. 01/26/AC/27.09.2021

To confirm the Minutes of the 25th meeting of the Academic Council held on 22.02.2021

Resolution 1: As no comments/ suggestions were received from members on the minutes, the House resolved to confirm and approve the minutes of 25th meeting of Academic Council.

Item No. 02/26/AC/27.09.2021

To take note of the action taken report on the Minutes of the 25th meeting of the Academic Council held on 22.02.2021.

Resolution 2: The Action Taken Report (ATR) on the resolutions of the 25th Meeting of the Academic Council was noted by the members of the Academic Council.

Item No. 03/26/AC/27.09.2021

To note the constitution of Research and Development Cell of the University.

Resolution 3: The Academic Council noted the constitution of Research and Development Cell of the University as per the mandate of the UGC.

Item No. 04/26/AC/27.09.2021

To note the constitution of Planning and Monitoring Board of Central University of Gujarat.

Resolution 4: The Academic Council noted the constitution of Planning and Monitoring Board of Central University of Gujarat in accordance with the provisions of its ordinance.

Item No. 05/26/AC/27.09.2021

To note the reopening of the university campus for offline academic activities.

Resolution 5: The Academic Council noted reopening of the university campus for offline academic activities from 6th September 2021 onwards for students of 3rd and 5th Semesters of PG and UG programs respectively.

Item No. 06/26/AC/27.09.2021

To note the conduct of Online Examination of Winter 2021 (04th and 06th Semester Final Year Students) and 2nd Semester Students

Resolution 6: The Academic Council noted the successful conduct of Online Examination of Winter 2021 (04th and 06th Semester Final Year Students) and 2nd Semester Students.

Item No. 07/26/AC/27.09.2021

To note list of students who have successfully completed the programs and fulfilled the requirements for the Award of Degrees of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.).

Resolution 7: The Academic Council noted the list of students who had successfully completed the programs and fulfilled the requirements for the Award of Degrees of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.).

Item No. 08/26/AC/27.09.2021

To note the receipt of proposals for various Endowment.

Resolution 8: The Academic Council noted the receipt of proposals for various endowment initiatives and expressed its sense appreciation and gratitude to the donors who had shown keen interest in the academic advancement of the university.

Item No. 09/26/AC/27.09.2021

To note the UGC Communication about the decision of the commission in its 558th meeting stating that “CA/CS /ICWA qualification be considered equivalence to PG degree.”

Resolution 9: The Academic Council noted the UGC Communication about the decision of the University Grants Commission, taken in its 558th meeting, stating that “CA/CS /ICWA qualification be considered equivalence to PG degree.”

Item No. 10/26/AC/27.09.2021

To ratify the submission of Tri-partite MoU between CUG, MoE and UGC

Resolution 10: The Academic Council ratified submission of Tri-partite MoU between CUG, MoE and UGC, projecting the performance indicators on given parameters for the current Academic Year.

Item No. 11/26/AC/27.09.2021

To ratify the nomination of Academic Council member in Planning and Monitoring Board of CUG.

Resolution 11: The Academic Council ratified the nomination of Academic Council member in Planning and Monitoring Board of the Central University of Gujarat as per Clause-1 (iv) of the Ordinance No. 39 of the university.

Item No. 12/26/AC/27.09.2021

To consider and approve the procedure for Admission in Ph.D. Programmes for AY 2021-22

Resolution 12: The Academic Council considered the procedure for Admission in Ph.D. Programs offered at the university for AY 2021-22 and unanimously approved it.

Item No. 13/26/AC/27.09.2021

To consider and approve Admission process in UG & PG Programmes for AY 2021-22

Resolution 13: The Academic Council considered the admission process undertaken by the university for admitting students in UG & PG Programs being offered in various Schools/Centres of the university in AY 2021-22 and unanimously approved it.

Item No. 14/26/AC/27.09.2021

To consider and approve the Academic Calendar for AY 2021-22

Resolution 14: The Academic Council considered the Academic Calendar for AY 2021-22, prepared in accordance with the UGC “Guidelines on Examination and Academic Calendar in view of the COVID-19 pandemic – July 2021” and unanimously approved it.

Item No. 15/26/AC/27.09.2021

To consider and approve Fee Structure for the AY 2021-22 batch onwards

Resolution 15: The Academic Council noted that the university’s fee structure had not been revised since its inception. Further, on scrutiny the Council found that the revision in the fees, both program and hostel fees, was moderate. The considered the matter and approved the revised fee structure, consisting of both program fees and hostel fees, for implementation in AY 2021-22, subject to the condition that the revised fee structure would be applicable only to the freshly admitted students of the university and not the existing students.

Item No. 16/26/AC/27.09.2021

To consider and approve Additional Examination for students to backlog and un-cleared courses

Resolution 16: The Academic Council deliberated over the issue of Additional Examination of students, having backlog and un-cleared courses, and unanimously approved it. Further, the Academic Council directed the university to incorporate the provision in the relevant ordinance of the university.

Item No. 17/26/AC/27.09.2021

To consider and approve the registration of university students in various SWAYAM Courses for the Semester spanning July-December, 2021

Resolution 17:The Academic Council lauded the fact that the university students were opting for instruments of online learning like MOOCs which had been excellently put in place on various portals by the Ministry of Education and University Grants Commission. The Council considered the list of university students who had registered in various online courses available on SWAYAM portal for the semester spanning July-December, 2021 and unanimously approved it.

Item No. 18/26/AC/27.09.2021

To consider and approve the amendments in existing Ordinance No. 02 & Ordinance No.12 and draft amendment Statute-40 of the university.

Resolution 18:Hon'ble Vice Chancellor briefed the esteemed members that the Statutes and Ordinances Committee of the university had reviewed (1) Ordinance for Regulating Leave to Admissible to the Teachers of the University (2) Ordinance for the award of Degree of Philosophy and brought them in line with provisions of the latest, relevant UGC Regulations. Further, the university had constituted a committee to amend its existing Statute 40 on "Schools and Centres in the University" in conformity with the provisions of CU Act, 2009 and its scheduled statutes. The House is perused the amended ordinances and statutes and unanimously approved them for further necessary action.

Item No. 19/26/AC/27.09.2021

To consider and approve the draft of new Ordinances prepared by the university

Resolution 19:Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the Academic Council that various Schools/Centres in the University wanted to offer cutting-edge Certificate / Diploma / Advance Diploma Programs. So, it was desirable that an ordinance in this regard was formulated. Further, he referred to the endowment proposals being received in the University for Institution of medals, memorial lectures and so on. To receive these endowments, the university had framed an ordinance under the statute 28(m) scheduled to CU Act, 2009. The Academic Council perused and considered the draft ordinances and unanimously approved them for further necessary action.

Item No. 20/26/AC/27.09.2021

To consider and approve the curricula of Compulsory Non-CGPA Courses on Holistic Education as prepared by Task Force Committee for implementation of NEP, 2020, to be offered to PG Students from AY 2021-22.

Resolution 20: Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the Council that in order to facilitate the implementation of NEP-2020, the university had constituted a Task Force Committee (TFC). The Committee had finalized the curricula of courses inculcating Holistic education, to be offered to the UG/PG students from AY 2021-22 in first and second semesters as compulsory, non-CGPA courses. The Academic Council scrutinized the curricula of the following papers.

Paper-1: Ethics, Human Values and Personality Development.

Paper-2: Indian Knowledge Traditions, Communication Skills and Yogic Practices.

After deep deliberation, the Council put on record its commendation for the initiative of the university and termed it the need of the times. The House then accorded a unanimous approval to the same.

Item No. 21/26/AC/27.09.2021

To consider and approve the curricula of the courses on Multidisciplinary Education (Minor Elective Course of 02 Credits each) prepared by Task Force Committee for implementation of NEP, 2020 to be offered from AY 2021-22.

Resolution 21: Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the members' that National Education Policy-2020 laid immense stress on the importance of multidisciplinary education as a tool to afford diversity and vibrancy to the knowledge base of the students. Accordingly, the university had taken a decision to introduce 02-credit Minor Elective Courses from Academic Year 2021-22. Each School of the university had designed multidisciplinary minor elective course of 02 credits each consisting of a basic principles and premises of the specialization of the School. The Council perused the curricula of all such courses and unanimously approved them for offering in AY 2021-22.

Item No. 22/26/AC/27.09.2021

To consider Minutes of Meeting of various School Boards of the University.

Resolution 22: The Academic Council considered the Minutes of Meeting of various School Boards of the University and approved them. Further, the Council authorized Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to approve all such MoMs that are submitted at a later date.

Item No. 23/26/AC/27.09.2021

To consider and approve the introduction of new programs and shifting programmes from School to Centre level and vice versa.

Resolution 23: Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the members that the university has been offering programs mainly at the level of Centre.

However, there were a few programs which were being offered at School level for some years now. This dichotomy created administrative issues and adversely affected multiple procedures including the inscription on the award of degree. For instance, the university degree mentioned the name of the Centre under which a degree for the specific program was awarded, something which was not possible under School-level program. Further, in view of the recommendation of the Committee constituted to look into the amendment in the Statute 40, the university had already prepared a draft of a new Ordinance governing the “Departments under Schools of Studies” and circulated it to all Deans for amendment in nomenclatures of existing Centres under their respective Schools, if required. In order to bring about uniformity in degrees for all programs offered at the university, an exercise of standardization had been initiated whereby all programs of the university were required to be brought under the existing Centres.

The Academic Council deliberated over the matter and unanimously resolved that all programs of the university should be offered under Centre/Department. Further, it resolved that the proposed new programs being introduced from AY 2021-22 as well as any other School-level program already on offer should be brought under a Centre/Department in which its coordinator is appointed. Further, the House resolved that in Schools where there are no Centres/Departments, they should be created through the above-mentioned ordinance which has already been circulated to Deans.

Item No. 24/26/AC/27.09.2021

To consider and approve the revision of syllabi of various programmes run by Schools/Centres.

Resolution 24: The Academic Council considered the revised syllabi of various programs run by Schools/Centres and approved them. Further, the Council authorized Hon’ble Vice Chancellor to approve all such program syllabi that are submitted at a later date.

Item No. 25/26/AC/27.09.2021

To consider the specializations as well as relevant and allied subjects for the post of Teaching Staff.

Resolution 25: Hon’ble Vice Chancellor informed the House that the Ministry of Education had directed all Central Universities to fill the vacant post of teaching staff on priority basis and the Central University of Gujarat was in the process of issuing recruitment notification shortly. In Deans’ meeting dated 07/09/2021 vide Resolution No. (5), it was resolved that each School should specify specification as well as relevant allied disciplines for the purpose of faculty recruitment in their School/Centres. Accordingly, all Deans had furnished the specializations as well as relevant/allied disciplines vis-à-vis the vacant teaching posts in their respective Schools/Centres. Subsequently, the recommendations of Deans were vetted by a Committee was constituted by

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. The Academic Council perused the report of the committee and unanimously approved it.

Item No. 26/26/AC/27.09.2021

To consider and approve the draft Admission Policy and Procedure for Foreign Students

Resolution 26:The Academic Council considered and approved the Policy and Procedure for admission of Foreign Students in different programs offered at the university.

Item No. 27/26/AC/27.09.2021

To consider and approve the adoption of Government of India Policy prescribed in percentage of Reservation in Admission of PwD candidates.

Resolution 27:The Academic Council considered the matter of implementing the provisions of Section 32 (1) of the RPWD Act, 2016 and unanimously approved it.

Additional Agenda No.1/26/AC/27.09.2021

To note the MoU signed by the University

Resolution AA-01:The Academic Council congratulated the university for signing MoUs with following institutions.

1. Research for Resurgence Foundation, Nagpur
2. Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motihari
3. Naval War College, Goa

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


Registrar



