

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR MARG  
NEW DELHI-110 002**

Minutes of the 439<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2007.

The following were present:-

1. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat	Chairman
2. Prof. Mool Chand Sharma	Vice Chairperson
3. Shri R.P. Agrawal	Member
4. Prof. Suranjan Das	Member
5. Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu	Member
6. Prof.. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam	Member
7. Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Rai	Member
8. Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J.,	Member
9. Prof. Jalees Ahmed Khan Tareen	Member
10. Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar	Member
11. Prof. D. Singh Chauhan	Member

Dr. Sanjiv Misra, Secretary (Expenditure) could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence was granted to him.

Shri S.K. Ray, Financial Adviser, Ministry of Human Resource Development attended the meeting as a special invitee.

Following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

**Secretary**

Dr. Tilak R. Kem

**Additional Secretary**

Dr. R.K. Chauhan

**Director (Admn.)**

Dr. K. Gunasekaran

As per the decision of the Commission taken in its meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2007 under “Any other Item”, the Chairman, UGC invited Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J., to make a presentation on “Community Colleges”. The members of the Commission while appreciating the concept of **Community Colleges** in general, desired further clarification on the following points before a final decision is taken on the scheme of Community Colleges.

- The nature of lateral entry of students admitted in the Community Colleges need to be elaborated further.
- How to bring conformity in courses of Community Colleges with UG & PG courses in formal system of education.
- The role of AICTE and UGC needs to be spelt out clearly.
- How this system is different in comparison with the ITI and polytechniques?
- The system and experiences of Association of the Community Colleges in USA and Australia may also be studied and appropriately included in our scheme.

The Commission decided that the Chairman, UGC may set up an Expert Committee to consider the above issue and the recommendations may be brought before the Commission for its consideration.

**SECTION-1**

- 1.01(a): To receive the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2007.

*The minutes of the 438<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2007 were examined and confirmed*

- 1.01(b)(i): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2007.

*The action taken on the minutes of the 437<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2007 was examined and noted accordingly.*

- 1.01(b)(ii): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2007.

*The action taken on the minutes of the 438<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2007 was examined and noted accordingly. As per the decision of the Commission under item No.3.01, the Secretary, UGC informed that the Commission has received a letter from the VIth Central Pay Commission stating that UGC Officers are not covered under their ambit. Therefore, as per the decision taken in the Commission meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2007, the matter may be referred to the UGC Pay Review Committee.*

*Action : JS(XI Plan)*

1.02(a): To ratify the action taken on certain matters.

- (i) To consider the issue relating to the candidates who appear in UGC-NET without UGC specified Master's degrees.

*This was examined and Commission ratified the action taken on the recommendations made by the committee. It was further decided that all the Universities may be requested to send the details of such Master Degree Programmes being offered by them so that the Commission could consider these to include under specified Master Degree Programme.*

*Action: JS (NET)*

*JS(CPP-II)*

- (ii) To ratify the recommendations/ minutes of the DPC meeting held on 08.06.2007 for promotion of SO/PS to the post of Under Secretary in the scale of pay of Rs.10000-325-15200.

*The Commission examined the recommendation/minutes of the DPC for promotion to the post of Under Secretary and ratified the action taken.*

*Action: Director (Admn.)*

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1.02(b): To receive the items of information.

- (i) Exchange Programme between the Ministry of Human Resource Development of the Government of Republic of India and the Ministry of Education of the Government of People's Republic of China on cooperation in the field of education.

*It was noted.*

*Action: JS (IC)*

- (ii) Programme of Cooperation in the fields of Culture, Education, Youth Affairs, Sports and Mass Media between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Romania for the years 2007-2009.

*This was noted.*

*Action: JS (IC)*

- (iii) To report the IV Consortium Agreement between UGC, India and Teritary Education Commission (TEC), Mauritius.

*This was noted.*

*Action: JS (IC)*

1.03: To receive the position of funds of UGC and Related Issues. (P.146-153)

*It was noted. The Commission decided that the commitment made to three Universities viz., Mumbai, Calcutta and Madras which are commemorating 150 years of their establishment may be honoured out of UGC plan grants allocated during 2007-08. The Ministry of Human Resource Development may however be requested for additional grants for this purpose. It was further decided that UGC may review, through a Monitoring Committee, the work done by these Universities on Nanotechnology, which the Universities have undertaken as part of the commemoration of 150 years of establishment.*

*Action: F.A./JS(CPP-II)*

**SECTION-2  
(MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)**

- 2.01: To consider the report of the Review Committee for its visit to the Centre of Excellence in Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences at Allahabad University.

*The Commission examined the report of the review committee and approved the continuance of the centre during XIth Plan with an allocation of Rs.174.00 lakhs for 2007-2008.*

*Action: US (NS/PE)*

- 2.02: To consider the report of the Review Committee that visited the Centre of Excellence in Lasers and Optoelectronic Science at Cochin University of Science & Technology on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2007.

*The Commission examined the report of the review committee and approved to extend the tenure of the Centre and to utilize the unspent grant of Rs.2.35 Crores during the XI Plan.*

*Action: US (NS/PE)*

- 2.03: To consider the Report of the UGC Committee to look into the Promotional Avenues/Financial Up-gradation/Career Advancement for Deputy Registrar(s) and other equivalent isolated posts in the Central Universities / UGC maintained Deemed to be Universities.

*The Commission examined the report of the committee to look into the Promotional Avenues / Financial Up-gradation / Career Advancement for Deputy Registrar(s) and other equivalent isolated posts in the Central Universities / UGC maintained Deemed to be Universities and decided to refer the same to the UGC pay review Committee.*

*Action: Coordinator (JCRC)and  
JS (XI Plan)*

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## SECTION-3 (REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

- 3.01: To consider the report of the Inspection Committee which visited Vivekananda Polyclinic College of Nursing, Lucknow for the approval of 'Off Campus Centre' under the ambit of Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University, Howrah, WB (Deemed University)

*The Commission considered the recommendations of the expert committee and resolved to recommend to Ministry of Human Resource Development that the Vivekananda College of Nursing run by Ramakrishna Mission Sevashram, Lucknow, may be included as an "off-campus" centre under Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University, Kolkatta.*

*Action: JS (CPP-I)*



**SECTION-4**  
**(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC.)**

There was no item in this Section.

**SECTION-5**  
**(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)**

5.01: To consider reports of the Expert Visiting Committees for **Extension of Autonomous Status (one) Conferment of fresh Autonomous Status (two)** in total 3 (three) Colleges falling in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Tamilnadu and affiliated to Allahabad University & Bharathiar University respectively.

*I. The Commission considered the recommendations of the expert committee and agreed for the (a) Continuation of autonomous status to Ewing Christian College, Allahabad and (b) Ex-pot-facto approval for the period already gone by as per details given below:-*

<i>Name of the college/university to which affiliated</i>	<i>Dates of visit</i>	<i>Autonomy valid upto</i>	<i>Period of ex-post-facto approval given by the Commission</i>	<i>Approval given by the Commission for further extension and continuation of Autonomous status for the academic years given by the Commission</i>
<u><i>Allahabad University</i></u> <i>Ewing Christian College, Allahabad – 211003 (UP)</i>	<i>8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> June 2007</i>	<i>2003-2004</i>	<i>2004-2005 to 2006-2007</i>	<i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i>

*II. The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed for conferment of fresh Autonomous status to the following colleges:-*

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of the college/university to which affiliated</i>	<i>Date of visit</i>	<i>Period recommended by the Committee</i>
<i>1.</i>	<i><u>Bharathiar University</u> Vellalar College for Women, Thindal, Erode-638009, Erode Distt.</i>	<i>25-5-2007</i>	<i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i>
<i>2.</i>	<i>Park's College, Chinnakkarai, Tirupur, Tamilnadu</i>	<i>26-5-2007</i>	<i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013</i>

*Action: JS (AC)*

5.02: To consider the Report of the Review Committee which visited Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai.

*The Commission considered the recommendations of the expert committee and agreed to recommend to Ministry of Human Resource Development for continuance of Deemed to be University status granted to Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai.*

*Action: JS (CPP-I)*

- 5.03: To consider the report of the Visiting Committee for including Ravenshaw University, Cuttack (Orissa) under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 to make it eligible for Central Assistance.

*The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and approved the inclusion of Ravenshaw University, Cuttack (Orissa) under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 to make it eligible for Central Assistance*

*Action: JS (CPP-I)*

- 5.04: To consider the matter on accreditation of the Institutions applying for Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

*The Commission considered the matter regarding accreditation of the Institutions applying for deemed to be university status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 and resolved that (a) NAAC accreditation with B<sup>+</sup> Grade shall remain one of the essential eligibility criteria for general Institutions seeking deemed to be university status, (b) in respect of Engineering and Management Institutions, the accreditation by NBA for at least 75% of the courses will be essential, (c) NAAC should have a MOU with other Statutory Bodies viz. MCI, DCI, etc. to assess their institutions (d) the condition of accreditation by NAAC or NBA in respect of institutions applying for Deemed to be University status under de-novo category, under (a), (b) & (c) above, will not apply.*

*Action: JS (CPP-I)*

- 5.05: To consider the Report of the Review Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Periyar Maniammai Institute of Science & Technology (PMIST), Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

*The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert and Review Committees and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status to Periyar Maniammai Institute of Science & Technology (PMIST), Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.*

*Action: JS (CPP-I)*

- 5.06: To constitute an expert committee to examine the aspect of de-novo institutions in the emerging areas with the promise of excellence in the proposals received under de-novo category for conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

*The Commission examined the proposal and decided that the UGC Chairman may constitute an Expert Committee to identify the parameters which constitute “Innovative and Emerging Areas.”. After the approval of the Commission, necessary guidelines may be provided to the Expert Committees which are sent to evaluate the Institutions under “denovo” category of the Deemed to be University under section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.*

*Action: JS (CPP-I)*

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## SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

6.01: To consider certain establishment matters of the University Grants Commission.

*Recorded separately.*

6.02: To receive the status notes on UGC Programmes/Scheme.

(i) Status note on the review of Autonomous Colleges.

*The Commission noted the status on the review of Autonomous Colleges.*

*Action: JS (AC)*

(ii) Status note on Deemed to be Universities.

*The Commission noted the status on Deemed to be Universities.*

*Action: JS (CPP-I)*

6.03: To note the date and place of the next meeting of the Commission.

*The next meeting of the Commission would be held in UGC Office at New Delhi in August, 2007.*

*Action: Director (Admn.)*

6.04: To consider the minutes of the meeting of the UGC Standing Committee for Specification of Degrees.

*The Commission examined and approved the recommendations of the standing Committee for Specification of Degrees. It was decided that the Committee may meet atleast twice in a year so as to include new degrees. It was further decided that all the Commission Members may be requested to send information relating to new degrees to be considered by the Standing Committee for specification of the degree.*

*Action: JS (CPP-II)*

6.05: To consider the suggestion of Additional Secretary, WRO, Pune to provide building grant to colleges where the land is owned not by the college but by the Trust.

*This item was withdrawn.*

*Action: JS (RO)*

6.06: To consider the Final Report of the UGC Committee constituted to deliberate on the concept of setting up of a Tribal University.

*The Commission examined the report of the Committee constituted to deliberate on the concept of setting up of a Tribal University and approved the recommendations of the Committee, which may be sent to Ministry of Human Resource Development.*

*Action: JS (CU)*

6.07: To consider guidelines for D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowships.

*The Commission considered the guidelines for D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowships and approved the same.*

*Action: JS (XI Plan)*

6.08: To consider the specific request received from various Universities for granting exemption from NET for appointment as Lecturers.

*The Commission considered the recommendations of the Exemption Committee and approved the same.*

*Action: JS (PS)*

6.09: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM), Visakhapatnam, AP for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

*The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status to Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM), Visakhapatnam, AP under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.*

*Action: JS (CPP-I)*

**ANY OTHER ITEM:**

*Arising out of discussions held in respect of item concerning Deemed to be Universities, following suggestions emerged as consensus:-*

- (i) The UGC Expert Committee shall be constituted with more members so as to have different shades of expertise. It was further suggested that wherever subsequent Committees are constituted for the same Institution for review, it is preferable to have one member of the previous Committees so as to have continuity in the review process.*
- (ii) Wherever the main objective of the trust running the Deemed University relates only to education then in that case there is no need for creation of a separate trust to transfer the assets, as required in the Guidelines.*
- (iii) The Institutions which are being considered for Deemed to be University status shall explore possibilities to open an ESCROW account, which will ensure that the bank in which the funds are kept shall be released only for the purpose for which it has been deposited.*

*Action: JS (CPP-I)*

**(TILAK R. KEM)**  
Secretary

**(SUKHADEO THORAT)**  
Chairman