

**UNIVERSITYGRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI-110 002**

Minutes of the 452nd Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 7th & 8th October, 2008.

The 452nd Meeting of the Commission was held on 7th & 8th October, 2008 in which the following were present:-

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

(*) Attended only on 7th October, 2008.

Shri R.P. Agrawal, Secretary, MHRD could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence was granted to him.

Prof. R.A. Yadav, Chairman, AICTE and Shri Sunil Kumar, Joint Secretary (HE), MHRD attended as Special Invitees.

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Dr. R. K. Chauhan

Additional Secretary

Dr.(Ms) N.A. Kazmi

Director (Admn.)

Dr. K. Gunasekaran

Joint Secretary (Finance)

Dr. C.S. Meena

The Commission congratulated Mrs. Rita Menon on her elevation as Special Secretary (Expenditure), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, New Delhi.

SECTION-1

1.01 (a): To confirm the minutes of the 451st meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 10th September, 2008.

The minutes of the 451st meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 10th September, 2008 were approved subject to the following modifications:

(1) Page No.2. Item No.1.02(a)(i) :

The Commission ratified the decision taken by the Chairman in extending the term of Prof.Naresh Kumar Dadhich as Director, IUCAA upto 1st Sept., 2009, till he attains the age of 65 years.

Action : JS(IUC)

(2) Page No.3 Item No.1.02(a)(iii) :

The Commission approved the action taken by the Chairman, UGC for appointment of Prof. H.A. Ranganathan as Director, NAAC, Bangalore based on the recommendations of the Search Committee.

Action : JS(IUC)

(3) Page No.5 Item No.4.02 : (Last line)

The Commission further approved the proposal for construction of building of the INFLIBNET as per the procedure adopted for construction of NAAC building.

Action: JS (IUC)

(4) Page No. 7 Item No.5.06 :

It was decided that UGC should examine the proposal submitted by Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad based on Fatimi Committee Report and then send it to MHRD.

Action : JS(CU)

(5) Page No.9 Item No. 5.11 :

The Chairman, UGC may write a letter to all the Vice-Chancellors of the Universities not to treat the autonomous colleges on par with affiliating colleges. They may be requested to allow the autonomous colleges to function exactly as per the provisions of the “Autonomous College guidelines of UGC”.

Review of autonomous colleges should be done well before the completion of tenure of an autonomous college.

A status note on autonomous colleges be submitted to the Commission indicating the total proposals pending, visits approved by the Chairman and not conducted, approved autonomous colleges, period of autonomy, extension granted, pending requests for extension etc.

Action: JS (AC)

(6) The Deemed University Regulations along with comments received from the Ministry of HRD were circulated during the meeting. It was decided that the same would be considered in the next meeting.

Action : JS(CPP-I)

1.01(b): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 451st Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **10th September, 2008.**

This was noted

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

To report the decision regarding enhancement in the age of Vice-Chancellors of deemed universities from 65 to 70 years.

The Commission ratified the decision taken by the Chairman with regard to raising the age of superannuation of Vice-Chancellors of Deemed Universities from 65 to 70 years. It was further decided that the MoU/Rules may be suitably amended before implementing the decision.

Action : JS(CPP-I)

1.02 (a) (ii) To report the matter regarding enhancement of the admissible financial assistance from Rs.10.00 lakh to Rs.20.00 lakh for organizing XXXI Indian Social Science Congress by the S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai from 27th to 31st December, 2007.

The Commission approved the enhancement of the admissible financial assistance from Rs.10.00 lakh to Rs.20.00 lakh for organizing XXXI Indian Social Science Congress by the S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai from 27th to 31st December, 2007.

Action : JS(SR-III)

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

To report the Educational Exchange Programme between the Government of the India and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

This was noted.

1.03: To receive the position of funds of UGC and Related Issues.

This was noted.

There was a discussion regarding the need for changing the rules and guidelines for releasing the further instalment of grants in respect of the buildings. Mrs. Rita

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Menon, Member indicated that the GFR provides for liberalized procedure to be adopted in respect of buildings and suggested that the same may be adopted by UGC also so far as the release of grants to building project is concerned. The Commission decided that the provision of guidelines be modified in accordance with provisions of GFR and the F.A. was asked to prepare detailed norms for all UGC schemes in accordance with GFR provisions. Chairman was authorized to approve the same and implement.

Action : F.A.

SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

2.01 To consider the Recommendation of the UGC Standing Committee for Specification of Degrees.

The Commission examined and approved the recommendations of the Standing Committee for Specification of Degrees under Section-22 of the UGC Act, 1956, as given in the schedule (Appendix – I).

Action : JS (CPP- II)

SECTION-3 (REFERECNE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

3.01 To consider the report of Joint Cadre Review Committee (JCRC) on Reforms in the Cadre Recruitment Rules for various categories of posts in respect of 15 identified services / cadre structures.

The Commission decided that JCRC may be asked to review its report in the light of Sixth Pay Recommendations of the Government of India and submit the same in accordance with provisions of Sixth Central Pay Commission extended to the employees of universities.

Action : JS(JCRC)

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

There was no Item under this Section

SECTION-5 (GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

5.01 To consider the letter received from Dr. (Mrs.) Vidya Yervedekar, Member, UGC.

This was deferred

5.02 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to consider the proposal of Chh. Shahu Institute of Education & Research, Kolhapur, Maharashtra for conferment of Deemed to be University Status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

This was deferred

5.03 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of International College for Girls, Jaipur, Rajasthan for conferment of Deemed to be University status in the name of 'The I.I.S. University' under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the Expert Committee Report constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of the International College for Girls, Jaipur, Rajasthan and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956 in the name of 'The I.I.S. University' subject to review after five years.

Action : JS(CPP-I)

- 5.04: To consider the UGC draft Regulations for Admission and Fee Structure in Professional Programmes of study in self Financing deemed to be universities.

This was deferred.

- 5.05: To consider reports of the Expert Visiting Committees for Conferment of **fresh Autonomous Status** in respect of (1) **Sree Saraswathi Thyagaraja College, Palani Road, Pollachi-642107(TN)** (2) **Adhiyamaan College of Engineering, Dr.M.G.R. Nagar, Hosur-635109 Krishnagiri District, Tamilnadu** (3) **Gayatri Vidya Parishad College of Engineering, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam-530048** falling in the States of Tamilnadu and Andhra Pradesh affiliated to Bharathiar University, Anna University and Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad respectively.

The Commission approved the recommendations of the Expert Committees for conferment of fresh Autonomous Status as per the details given below:

<i>S.NO</i>	<i>NAME OF THE COLLEGE</i>	<i>PERIOD OF AUTONOMY APPROVED</i>
<i>1.</i>	<i>Sree Saraswathi Thyagaraja College, Palani Road Pollachi (TN)</i>	<i>Six years w.e.f. the year 2008-09 to 2013-14</i>
<i>2.</i>	<i>Adhiyamaan College of Engg., Dr.M.G.R. Nagar, Hosur, Krishnagiri Dist., TN</i>	<i>Six years w.e.f. the year 2007-08 to 2012-13</i>
<i>3.</i>	<i>Gayatri Vidya Parishad College of Engg., Visakhapatnam</i>	<i>Six years w.e.f. the year 2008-09 to 2013-14</i>

Action : JS(CPP-I/AC)

- 5.06 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Engineering College, Chennai in the name of B.S. Abdur Rahman Institute of Science and Technology, Vandalur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu for conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of the B.S.Abdur Rahman

Crescent Engineering College, Chennai, report of the AICTE Expert Committee and its advice and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 to B.S.Abdur Rahman Crescent Engineering College, Chennai in the name of B.S. Abdur Rahman Institute of Science and Technology, Vandalur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu subject to review after five years.

Action : JS(CPP-I)

5.07 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to bring (1) Saveetha Medical College, Chennai (2) Saveetha School of Management, Chennai and (3) Saveetha School of Computer Application, Chennai under the ambit of Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences, Deemed University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

The Commission examined the recommendation of the UGC Expert Committee, AICTE Expert Committee and advice of the AICTE and agreed to recommend to Ministry of HRD to bring three Institutions namely, (1) Saveetha Medical College, Chennai (2) Saveetha School of Management, Chennai and (3) Saveetha School of Computer Application, Chennai under the ambit of Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences, Chennai, Tamil Nadu (Deemed to be University).

Action : JS (CPP-I)

5.08 To consider reports of the Expert Visiting Committees for Conferment of **fresh Autonomous Status** in respect of **Karpagam College of Engineering, Coimbatore - 641032 (T.N)** falling in the States of Tamilnadu affiliated to, Anna University respectively.

The Commission approved that the autonomous status to Karpagam College of Engineering, Coimbatore may be granted for a period of six years w.e.f. 2010-2011, as the College shall be completing 10 years of existence only in the year of 2010.

Action : JS(CPP-I)

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- 5.09 To consider the compliance submitted by Akruiti Citygold Institute, Mumbai, Maharashtra in respect of the deficiencies pointed out by the UGC Expert Committee and AICTE Expert Committee for conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 under de-novo category.

This was deferred.

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.

There was no item.

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

The next meeting of the Commission would be held on 6th November, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. in the office of UGC.

- 6.04 To consider the action points on the review report of the UGC Women's Studies Departments/Centres.

This was deferred.

6.05 To consider the Pay Review Committee Report on revision of pay scales, minimum qualifications for appointment, service and working conditions, promotional avenues, removable of stagnation and anomalies of teachers in Universities and Colleges as a measure for the maintenance of standards- 2008.

The Commission had detailed discussion on the Report of the Committee to Review Pay Scale and service conditions of Universities and Colleges teachers on 7th October, 2008. The Commission constituted a Sub-Committee of the Commission to study the all the recommendations in the light of the (a) discussion held on 7th October, 2008 and (b) the letters received from various Teacher Organizations, Physical Education Teachers and Librarians and make a presentation to the Commission on the next day. On 8th October, 2008 the Commission considered the recommendations of the Pay Review Committee Report along with oral presentation by Sub-Committee suggestion and finalized its recommendations to Government of India as given in APPENDIX – II. It was further decided that these recommendations may be sent to MHRD for its consideration and approval.

Action : JS(PRC)

6.06 To consider the specific requests received from various Universities for granting exemptions from NET for appointment as Lecturers.

The Commission examined the recommendations of the Exemption Committee and approved the same with the following conditions in respect of recommendations relating to candidates for appointment as lecturer in Colleges of Maharashtra State :

- (i) That the recommended exempted candidate should have been selected by a duly constituted Selection Committee.*
- (ii) The constitutional provisions of Reservation for SC/ST etc are followed in these selections.*

Action: JS (PS)

ANY OTHER ITEM

The Commission was informed about the organization of the Winter Schools for the benefit of teachers by the selected Academic Staff Colleges. The Commission welcomed this idea and decided that now onwards summer school and winter school may be conducted on a regular basis. The guidelines of the scheme may be modified accordingly.

(R.K. CHAUHAN)
Secretary

(SUKHADEO THORAT)
Chairman