



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI

Minutes of the 81st meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on April 19, 2017 at 10:30 A.M. in UGC Office, New Delhi.

The 81st meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on **April 19, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in UGC office, New Delhi.** List of participants is at **Annexure-I.**

At the outset Chairman Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe welcomed all the members to the 81st meeting of the Empowered Committee. Prof. Sahasrabudhe and other members released the booklet of the Faculty Recharge Programme of the IV cycle. There after agenda was taken up for discussion.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 80th meeting of Empowered Committee held on March 2, 2017 in UGC Head office Delhi.

The minutes were confirmed.

Item No. 2 : Action taken on the Minutes.

The Committee noted with satisfaction the action taken by the UGC on the minutes of the 80th meeting of the Empowered Committee.

Item No. 3 : Discussion regarding the Faculty recharge programme.

(i) Report of the Three member committee to review the programme.

The Report of the three members committee with Prof. Sudesh Nangia, Prof. Gadre & Prof. Anunay Samantha as members (**Annexure-II**), constituted to review the performance of the host universities based on Feed-back information from 124 UGC-Faculty placed in 42 universities, and suggest ways for improvement were discussed at length. Committee approved the same and recommended for approval by the commission.

(ii) Promotion of faculty under FRP.

The committee recommended that the promotion process of the UGC-Faculty may be based on the evaluation codes in Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and IITs and other such institutions. These institutes may be consulted for drafting the promotion process for UGC faculty.

(iii) Placement of UGC-faculty selected in IV cycle.

The recommendations for placement of successful candidates of the IV cycle were approved. The Committee reiterated that the selected candidates should be placed in the Universities from outside the Home-State of the candidate. Further, the placement of the selectee should not be in the university where he/she has obtained Ph.D.

(iv) Placement of 18 candidates from III cycle for whom concurrence is not yet received from proposed Universities.

To expedite the process of placement the committee recommended that the candidates be asked whether they are in touch with any university and if any University has given its concurrence to the candidate, UGC may approach that university to process the appointment. (Within the framework of Norms for Placement as indicated in item 3(iii))

(v) Regarding grievances of UGC-faculty placed at Panjab University.

The committee discussed the grievances reported by the UGC-faculty placed at Panjab University. The committee directed UGC to send a letter to Vice Chancellor of Panjab University to address the grievances of the faculty. The Empowered committee was also concerned over delays in the payment of salary to the UGC faculty. The committee proposed the concerned universities may be requested to provide salaries to the UGC-faculty in time which can be reimbursed later by UGC.

Item No 4: Discussion with Prof. SR Gadre, National Coordinator of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship Cell regarding the progress of the scheme.

- (i) The Committee approved the 70th list of recommended candidates and 55th list of not recommended candidates. The Committee also approved the requests made by DSK Fellows regarding extension in joining and leave applied.
- (ii) As per past practice it was decided that the website of DSKPDF cell shall remain closed from June 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017 for maintenance, completion of pending applications and system up-gradation.

Item No. 5: Discussion with Prof. Anunay Samanta, National Coordinator, UGC-Faculty Research Promotion Schemes regarding the review of three schemes.

- i) The recommendations for the Start-up Grant, Mid-career Award and Faculty Fellowship Schemes proposed by the National coordinator were considered and approved by the Empowered Committee.
- ii) The Empowered Committee also approved the request of 2 additional subordinate staff for the FRPS cell.
- iii) The committee decided that journals enlisted in the web of science should be considered.
- iv) The committee withheld the recommendation for Prof. Pati for BSR Faculty Fellowship and requested the National Coordinator to get clarification from the applicant regarding the discrepancies in the application form.

Item No 6: Any other item.

- (i) The Empowered committee approved the request of Ms. Rachna Mishra, BSR fellow, ICT Mumbai, to continue her Ph. D. without disruption of fellowship as a special case. She may avail fellowship up to December 15, 2018 or date of submission of thesis, whichever is earlier.
- (ii) The Committee also approved the request of UGC-FRP selectee (cycle III) Dr. Sivaprakash Ramalingam for extension is joining Pondicherry University by 8 months. He should join the University latest by 13.08.2017.
- (iii) The committee dismissed the request of Dr. Trinadh Venkatesh Satish Tamanna (UGC FRP selectee Cycle II) to join the host University now. It was further decided the offer letters for the selectees of Cycle I and II stand withdrawn w.e.f. 01.04.2017.
- (iv) The committee approved the request from Dr. D Sathisekharan (BSR Faculty Fellow) University of Madras for transfer from Department of Medical Biochemistry to Department of Microbiology of the same University.
- (v) The Empowered Committee approved the request Dr. B. C Tripathy (BSR Faculty Fellow, JNU) for extension in joining the fellowship by 6 months i.e. upto 01.08.2017 .
- (vi) The committee also approved the request UGC-Faculty Dr. Partha Ghosh and Dr. Sandeep Kumar Chaudhri Bhattachaya for extension of tenure for utilization of the startup grant by one year.
- (vii) The committee declined to approve the request of Dr. Aparna Dixit (FRP selectee cycle III), to Join Netaji Subhash Institute of Technology as it is not recognized under section 12B of UGC act and the institute does not have facilities in the domain of research of Dr. Aparna. However she may approach any other university as per item 3(iii) for her placement within 3 months.
- (viii) The request of Dr. Gagandeep Singh regarding revision of his basic pay in view of his past teaching experience was not accepted.

Item No 7: Budget of BSR:

The Committee noted with satisfaction the Expenditure status under the Basic Scientific Research Programme.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on **June 20, 2017** at UGC Head Office. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Annexure- I

List of Participants who attended the 81st meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) held on April 19, 2017 in UGC, New Delhi

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| 1. Prof. Anil D Sahasrabudhe | - | Chairman, EC |
| 2. Prof. Ashok Jhunjunwala | - | Member, EC |
| 3. Prof. S A Bari | - | Member, EC |
| 4. Prof. Vijay P Bhatkar | - | Member, EC |
| 5. Prof. Anunay Samanta | - | National Coordinator, FRPS |
| 6. Prof. Sudesh Nangia | - | National Coordinator, FRP |
| 7. Dr. Sunita Siwach | - | JS(BSR) |
| 8. Mrs. Paramjit | - | US(BSR) |
| 9. Dr. Shalini | - | EO(BSR) |