



Annexure-II

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI-110 002**

**PROFORMA FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORT
STATE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES**

Part – I – Preliminary

(i)	Constitution of the Expert Committee: UGC Vide its letter no.D.O.No.F.8-17/2019(CPP-I/PU/SVU) dated 4 th December 2020 constituted a committee to visit Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai. (Private University)		
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(ii)	Date (s) of visit	23 rd & 24 th September 2021
(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/difficulties relevant to the report	Prof. A.S. Raghubanshi could not attend the meeting.

Part – II – Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University	Somaiya Vidyavihar University is established under the Maharashtra Private Universities Act No.V of 2019. The University is promoted by Somaiya Vidyavihar Society, K.J.Somaiya Trust and The Somaiya Trust.
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University	26 th August 2019 Vide Gazette Notification No SFU-2013/C.R.200/Uni.-4 dated 26 th August 2019
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses	Somaiya Vidyavihar University is established under Maharashtra State Act. Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai, Act 2019 (Mah. Act.No.V of 2019) dated June 29, 2019. Refer Appendix 9 for the List of Programmes/Courses offered. (Annexure-1)
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University	The Somaiya Vidyavihar University is promoted/sponsored by the following Society & Trust: i) Somaiya Vidyavihar Society ii) K. J. Somaiya Trust iii) The Somaiya Trust Refer Appendix – 2of (Annexure-1) For memorandum and Article of Association





Part – III – Summary Report**A. Legal Status**

(i)	Is the University duly established under the law and as required in the UGC Regulations? (Refer 1.10 and 1.11 of the format)	Yes
(ii)	Is the Trust/Society involved in promoting the University sufficiently focused on educational activities and independent of their business or any other interest, if any?	Yes, the promoting trusts are involved in promoting educational institutions and sufficiently focused.

B. Organization Description

(i)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-campus centers. Yes No Not applicable (Refer 2.4 of the format)	Not Applicable (No off campus centers)
(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-Shore campus centers. Yes No Not applicable (Refer 2.5 of the format)	Not Applicable (No off shore campus)
	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of competent authority of the Government of India? Yes No Not applicable (refer 2.6 and 2.7 of the format)	Not applicable (No distance learning courses offered)

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C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focused or adequately diverse?	Adequately diverse
(ii)	Are the list of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act. 1956?	Yes
(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake is as per the norms/intake sanctioned by the concerned Statutory Council (s)/UGC?	Yes
(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council (s)?	Yes
(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students? (Refer 4.5 of the format)	The University has students support facilities college-wise.
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed? (Refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format)	Yes, website of the University is regularly updated.
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working Properly?	Yes, the University has a Grievance redressal mechanism Which includes; 1. Anti-ragging Committee 2. Internal Complaints Committee 3. Students Grievances Redressal Committee.
(viii)	Is the University following proper procedure for formulation and revision of curriculum on periodic basis?	Yes, University formulates and updates curriculum through the Board of Studies.
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system? (Refer 5.7 to 5.14)	Yes on regular basis in a fair and transparent manner.



D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission? (Refer 6.1 and 6.7 of the format)	Yes, admissions are made in accordance with transparent admission policy & procedures.
(ii)	Does any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	University follows reservation norms as per the provisions under the act.

E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	Yes, the fee structure has been displayed on the University website and is also mentioned in the prospectus.
(ii)	Does the University follow its own declared policy in collecting any fees or charges or are some charges over and above the publicly stated fee structure?	There are no additional charges other than publicly stated fee structure.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	The mode of fee collection is Online through the payment gateway of the University. No complaint received during interaction with the students.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Fees charged are reasonable.
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	Fees for all courses are fixed by Fees fixation Committee which is constituted as per the guidelines laid down by the State Government.
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains?	No such indication.

F. Faculty

(i)	Does the University follow pay Scales and service conditions laid down by UGC?	University is paying to the faculty members Basic pay as per VIIth pay commission. Allowances are paid as per university own norms. No DA is paid at present. However, University informed that process of finalizing DA has been initiated.
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and are well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department)	Yes, faculty members are qualified and are trained for the courses offered by the university.
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty /guest faculty/ Part-time faculty?	University maintains adequate number of permanent faculty.






(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	University follows process for recruitment by advertising in the newspapers and on the website.
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G. Infrastructure

(i)	<p>Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Land and buildings ➤ Classrooms ➤ Laboratories and equipment ➤ Library ➤ Sports facilities ➤ Residential accommodation including hostels 	<p>Yes, University has established and developed adequate infrastructural facilities.</p> <p>Excellent building & other infrastructure and sufficient land in the Mumbai city Sufficient for running existing programs Adequate number of Labs and equipments are available.</p> <p>Adequate books and facilities available</p> <p>Adequate</p> <p>Few quarters are available for the faculty and staff Two hostels are available for the students i.e. for boys and girls.</p>
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	Yes. University has independent and adequate funds.
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I. Governance System

(i)	Are various authorities and bodies responsible for the governance of the University in place and working regularly and properly?	Yes. Governing Body, Academic Council, Board of Management & Finance Committee and Board of Studies are in place and working.
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J. Research Profile

(i)	<p>How would you rate the research profile of the University in terms of Research orientation, environment, facilities, and output?</p> <p>(Please give comments separately on faculties and departments)</p>	<p>Presently faculty is encouraged to present research papers in conferences and students are also supported for development of projects with innovative ideas.</p> <p>Research facilities need improvement; budget allocation for R & D should be enhanced.</p>
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K. Miscellaneous

(i)	Is the Non-teaching staff adequate, well qualified and paid as per the	Yes, non-teaching staff is adequate and is qualified as per norms.
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	norms of the concerned State Government?	
(ii)	Do the academic result show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?	Yes, the evaluation is sufficiently rigorous.
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	Being newly established University not yet eligible for NAAC accreditation. The constituent colleges of the University were earlier affiliated to University of Mumbai and their programmes were accredited by NBA.

L. Strength and Weaknesses of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The colleges transitioned into the Somaiya Vidyavihar University have been the good Colleges of teaching and research affiliated to the University of Mumbai, SNDT University and Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University. The constituent colleges and institutions, were assessed and accredited. These were recognized by DTE, GoM, AICTE and NCTE. Autonomous Colleges / Institutes certified as high-performing institutions and placed in the State and National Level Rankings and NIRF. Strong and visionary management with commitment to Indian values and social upliftment Sufficient land and building including other infrastructure with the scope of expansion Qualified and experienced faculty in almost all colleges
(ii)	Weaknesses of University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visibility as an University is in nascent stage Research culture is moderate National level presence is missing due to newly established University Sports activities should be promoted with sports period in time table. New Administrative Building with the specific needs of the University is yet to be constructed

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Part – IV – Recommendations

A. General Observations and Suggestions of the Committee

i) Observations of the Committee

- There is a good diversity among the students who hail from different parts of the country.
- Sufficient land and buildings in the heart of the Mumbai city.
- Good practice of project based teaching and learning on innovative courses of B. Com and Science Branches.
- Well maintained boys and girls hostel
- College of education is shifted to another building.

ii) Suggestions

- Task group for the implementation of NEP 2020 should be constituted
- Approval should be taken from the NCTE for the new premises and faculty should be recruited to meet the NCTE 2014 regulations.
- University library should be established with digital resources, as at present departmental libraries are available.
- Research promotion grant in terms of Seed Money should be provided to the faculty.
- Research and development activities need impetus and also promote interdisciplinary research.
- Strengthen marketing & outreach in order to get visibility at the National level.

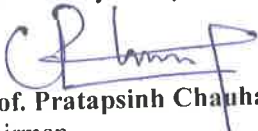
B. Operations recommendations which require satisfactory compliance by the University before issue of Approval Letter

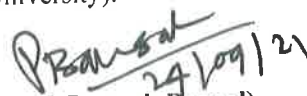
- At least 01 Smart Class Room should be developed in each college/department.
- Automation of the university Library through Library Management System is needed and suitable manpower should be recruited.
- Presently on the university campus college wise examination and administrative offices exist. However, university should setup university level examination branch with adequate secrecy and other central administrative offices in the existing buildings till the new administrative building comes up.


C. Final Recommendation

The Committee visited various facilities in the University campus during its visit on 23rd - 24th September 2021.

After visiting various infrastructure facilities, the academic and administrative units, verification of relevant documents pertaining to the academic programs, and taking into account the inputs received during interaction meetings with Faculty, Students and Non-teaching staff, and Management officials including Vice Chancellor and after careful evaluation of both direct and indirect information available and due consideration to the available facts, the Committee recommends granting approval to the Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai (Private University).


(Prof. Pratapsinh Chauhan)
Chairman


(Prof. Pratosh Bansal)
Member


(Prof. R. P. Dahiya)
Member-AICTE Nominee


(Shri. Naveen Malik)
Member-NCTE Nominee

Date: 24th September, 2021
Place: Mumbai (MH)