



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
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Minutes of the 89th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on December 28th, 2018 at 12:00 Noon in UGC Office, New Delhi

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| 1. | Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe | - | Chairman, EC |
| 2. | Prof. Anunay Samanta | - | National Coordinator, FRPS |
| 3. | Prof. D.S. Joag | - | Associate Coordinator, DSKPDF |
| 4. | Dr. Surender Singh | - | Joint Secretary (BSR) |
| 5. | Mrs. Paramjeet | - | Deputy Secretary (BSR) |
| 6. | Dr. Ajay Kumar | - | Education Officer (BSR) |
| 7. | Mrs. Poonam Arora | - | Section Officer (BSR) |

Prof. Ashok Jhunjunwala, Member, Prof. Syed A Bari, Member and Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Member could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of the Committee welcomed all the members to 89th meeting of Empowered Committee.

Thereafter, the agenda was taken up for discussion.

Item No. 1	:	<i>Confirmation of the Minutes of the 88th meeting of Empowered Committee held on October 26th, 2018 in UGC Head office Delhi.</i> The minutes of 88 th Meeting were confirmed
Item No. 2	:	<i>Action taken on the Minutes.</i> The Committee noted with satisfaction the action taken by the UGC on the minutes of the 88 th meeting of the Empowered Committee.

<p>Item No 3</p>	<p>:</p>	<p><i>Discussion with Prof. D.S. Joag, Associate Coordinator of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship Cell regarding the progress of the scheme.</i></p> <p>The Committee approved the 79th list of 60 recommended candidates (including the 13 cases which were removed from 63rd non-recommended list due to large variation in grades). The committee also approved 23rd referee honorarium list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee accepted the resignations of 9 DSKPDF Fellows. • The Committee recommended the leave requests of Dr. Rane Niraj Rajendra from 01.03.2019 to 20.03.2019 (leave without fellowship and contingency) and Dr. Mohana Marimuthu (Maternity Leave for a period as per the rules). • The Committee did not recommend the leave request of Dr. Sunil Thomas to undertake the research project in UAE (leave without fellowship and contingency). • The Committee considered and accepted the request of Dr. Abhishek Mandal, DSKPDF, for change of work place to University of Madras, Department of Material Science as his mentor had shifted to the department of Material Science in the same University. • The Committee considered and approved the request of Dr. Sarika Dwarka Prasad Chaturvedi, DSKPDF for change of work place in the same University, i.e., Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, Department of Anthropology.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee did not recommend the request of Dr. Monisha Gopalani, Dr. Rekha Rani and Dr. Monidipa Das, DSKPDFs regarding extension in Joining under the scheme of UGC-DSKPDF. • The Empowered Committee requested Dr. D.S. Joag, Associate Coordinator to indicate, in future, the discipline-wise/ subject-wise breakup of recommended candidates of DSKPDF under the scheme of UGC-Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship. <p>The Empowered Committee noted that the present Memorandum of Understanding with Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune on the operation of the UGC - Dr. D.S. Kothari Postdoctoral Fellowship (DSKPDF) Cell from its premises is going to expire on 1st June, 2019. The Committee recommended that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) be renewed for a further period of three years with the earlier terms and conditions.</p> <p>Committee granted permission to DSKPDF Cell for communicating an article in Current Science on 11 years of Dr. D.S. Kothari PDF Scheme of the UGC.</p>
<p>Item No 4</p>	<p>:</p>	<p><i>Discussion with Prof. Anunay Samanta, National Coordinator, FRPS Cell regarding (i) Mid Career Award, (ii) UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship & (iii) Start up Grant.</i></p> <p>The recommendations for the Start-up Grant, made by the National Coordinator were considered and approved by the Empowered Committee, provided the proposed work place university is eligible to receive grants from UGC.</p> <p>The recommendations for the Mid-career Award and BSR-Faculty Fellowship Schemes made by the National Coordinator were considered and approved by the Empowered Committee.</p> <p>The requests for availing Faculty Fellowship at an Institute different from the parent Institute of the applicant/awardee were</p>

	<p>considered. After discussion the Committee resolved that this Fellowship must be availed at the parent Institute only and under no circumstances, the applicant/awardee is permitted to avail it elsewhere.</p> <p>The Empowered Committee noted that the present Memorandum of Understanding with University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad on the operation of the Faculty Research Promotion Scheme (FRPS) Cell from its premises expires on 11th April, 2019. The Committee approved renewal of this ongoing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a further period of three years as per the existing terms and conditions.</p> <p>The Committee in its 88th meeting revised the eligibility criteria for the Mid Career Award by reducing the required number of completed PhDs from 15 to 10 of which at least 3 are awarded during last five years. The FRPS Cell will be notified to implement the revised guidelines after obtaining approval of the Commission.</p>
<p>Item No.5</p>	<p><i>UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Committee considered the request of Dr. Basir Ahmad, UGC-Assistant Professor (Cycle-II) for transfer of position from University of Mumbai, Mumbai and recommended that the transfer may be allowed as per the norms under UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme after obtaining 'No Objection Certificate' from both the Universities as required for the same. ii. The Committee recommended the request of Dr. Swagat K. Mahapatra, UGC-Assistant Professor (Cycle-II) for transfer of position from University of Rajasthan, Jaipur to Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai as per the norms ('No Objection Certificate' has been received from both the Universities).

	<p>iii. The request of Dr. Dipak Vitthal Pinjari, UGC-Assistant Professor (Cycle-IV) was recommended by the Committee for change of position from University of Mumbai, Mumbai to Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune as per the norms. The 'No Objection Certificate' from both the Universities is required for the same.</p> <p>iv. The Committee requested to Prof. D.S. Joag to submit a note in the next meeting of Empowered Committee regarding non-recommendation of review of performance in respect of Dr. Subhra Bhattacharya, UGC-Assistant Professor (Cycle-I).</p> <p>v. The Committee considered the request of Dr. Ratika Srivastava, UGC-Assistant Professor for Medical Reimbursement under CSMA and recommended that the UGC would write a letter to the Registrar of the concerned University to consider her request as per the norms.</p> <p>vi. The Committee considered the request of Dr. Mohan Chandra Joshi, UGC-Assistant Professor (Cycle-III) for accepting the Research Grants (i.e., Welcome Trust/DBT India Alliance Intermediate grant (IA Grant) and (b) SERB Early Career Research Grant. The Committee resolved that the candidate can accept either 'Research Grant' or 'FRP' as he can draw salary from one source only. He may decide whichever better one is and withdraw from the other.</p> <p>vii. Regarding the request of UGC-FRP-Faculties placed at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, the Committee stuck to its earlier decision in its 73rd and 87th meeting that the selectees availing other fellowships need to resign from their fellowship before joining as UGC-faculty under the Faculty Recharge Programme.</p>
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	<p>viii. The Committee discussed the issue regarding joining of FRPs after 30.06.2018. The Committee recommended that FRPs are required to obtain acceptance from the University latest by 31.03.2019 and can join the University latest by 30.06.2019. No further extension regarding this will be considered and the Selection cycle will lapse.</p> <p>ix. The Committee accepted the request of Dr. Sivahari Prasad Gorantla (Cycle-IV) for granting extension for joining upto March, 15th 2019.</p> <p>x. The Committee recommended that Dr. Kishore Sridharan, UGC-Assistant Professor (Cycle-IV) may be requested to submit the preference of the Universities and other details for placement in other University under the scheme of UGC-FRP.</p> <p>xi. The Committee considered and approved the request of Dr. Anindya Basu, UGC-Assistant Professor (Cycle-III) for No-Cost extension to utilize the UGC-FRP-Start up Grant by another year upto 27.06.2020.</p> <p>xii. The Committee agreed to the request of Dr. Kanan Kumar Datta, UGC-Assistant Professor (Cycle-II) regarding No-Cost extension to utilize the UGC-FRP Start up Grant upto 30th September, 2019.</p> <p>xiii. The Committee considered and agreed to the request of Dr. Bharat Bajaj, UGC-Assistant Professor (Cycle-IV) for transfer of position from Delhi Technological University, Delhi to Panjab University, Chandigarh as per the norms under UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme. ('No Objection Certificate' from both the Universities is required for the same).</p>
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		<p>It was again brought to the notice of the Empowered Committee many FRP faculty, mainly in state universities, are facing problems at their workplace regarding a) delay in payment of salary, b) enrolment in CGHS & NPS, facilitating LTC claim and payment of permissible Allowances, c) teaching work load particularly for UGC-Assistant Professors, d) guidance of Ph.D. students by UGC-Assistant Professors and e) providing basic infrastructure facilities to UGC Faculty, i.e., office room & lab space, furniture, and internet etc. The Committee reiterated that the UGC faculty is entitled for all the benefits, facilities available to the permanent faculty of the university. The host university shall ensure that UGC-FRP faculty will be provided the academic, administrative, co-curricular facilities (e.g. departmental transfer, work load, leave, health centre, NOC etc.) at par with the permanent faculty of the university. The decisions regarding day-to-day administrative/ academic matters pertaining to the UGC-FRP faculty lies with the host University only. The Committee also felt that some of the host universities are not adhering to the MoU in respect of Faculty Recharge Programme. A letter is to be written to these universities by the Chairman UGC, for strict compliance of the norms of Faculty Recharge Programme and adhering to the MoU by them.</p>
<p>Item No.6.</p>	<p>:</p>	<p><i>UGC-BSR –Start up Grant to newly recruited faculty</i></p> <p>The Committee considered and approved the request of Dr. Supriya Singh, Assistant Professor, Gargi College, New Delhi to utilize the Start up Grant for availing RNA extraction, Viral Genome Amplification and Whole Genome Deep Sequencing Services.</p>

Item No 7	:	<p>i. The Committee rejected the request of Prof. S.K. Sengupta (BSR Faculty Fellowship Awardee), DDU Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur to avail the Contingent grant of ₹5.00 lakh before joining the BSR Faculty Fellowship.</p> <p>ii. The Committee considered and approved the request of Prof. Chowdoji Rao, BSR Faculty Fellow for extension of tenure with 'No Cost Extension' for one year w.e.f. 01.07.2019 to 30.06.2020.</p>
Item No 8	:	<p>Any other items:</p> <p>i. The Committee decided to discontinue the Infrastructure Grants to CPE Colleges and Autonomous Colleges under the scheme of Basic Scientific Research. No further instalments in this regard will be released. BSR Bureau to settle the accounts of the grants already released.</p> <p>ii. The Committee considered the request of Administrative Assistant working in UGC-BSR Bureau and decided that the salary of Administrative Assistant be fixed at Rs.35000.00 p.m. (consolidated) w.e.f. 1st January, 2019 onwards. Also, there shall be an annual increment of 10% in the salary of Administrative Assistant.</p> <p>iii. The Committee recommended that the evaluation of progress of FRPs of cycle 1 and 2 who have completed or will be completing 5 years shortly, be started. BSR Section may obtain ACRs and progress reports of these candidates at appropriate time and send these data to DSKPDF Cell for evaluation by experts, which normally requires about 2 months.</p>
Item No 9	:	<p>Budget of BSR:</p> <p>The Committee noted with satisfaction the Expenditure incurred under the Basic Scientific Research Programme.</p>
Item No 10	:	<p>It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Committee on 7th February, 2019 at UGC, Head Office.</p>

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.