

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

**MINUTES OF THE 526TH MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 29TH SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

The 526th Meeting of the Commission was held on 29th September, 2017 in which the following were present:

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| 1. Prof. V.S. Chauhan | Chairman (Acting) |
| 2. Mr. Kewal Kumar Sharma | Member |
| 3. Mr. Pramod Kumar Das* | Member |
| 4. Prof. Inder Mohan Kapahy | Member |
| 5. Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh Chander Kuhad | Member |
| 6. Dr. G. Gopal Reddy | Member |
| 7. Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar | Member |
| 8. Dr. (Ms.) Sushma Yadav | Member |

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary (Officiating)

Mr. P.K. Thakur

* Represented by Shri Dilip Kapur, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Finance.

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AGENDA

SECTION-1

- 1.01(a)** To confirm the minutes of the 525th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 4th September, 2017.

The minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

- 1.01(b)** (i) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 524th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 24th August, 2017.

Action Taken Reports were noted. However, it was observed that against some items where it is mentioned that action is being taken, the precise action that has been taken/contemplated be indicated.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

- (ii) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 525th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 4th September, 2017.

Action Taken Reports were noted. However, it was observed that against some items where it is mentioned that action is being taken, the precise action that has been taken/contemplated be indicated.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

1.02(a) To ratify the action taken on certain matter

- (i) To report the inclusion of 39 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.08.2017 to 31.08.2017 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

Considered and Approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-I/C)]

- (ii) To report the Status of the implementation of the National Academic Depository (NAD).

Noted.

[Action: JS(NAD)]

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

2.01 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Deccan College Post Graduate and Research Institute (Deemed to be University), Pune, Maharashtra to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and Approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

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- 2.02** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education (Deemed to be University), Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and Approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

- 2.03** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Kerala Kalamandalam (Deemed to be University), Vallathol Nagar, Cheruthurithy, Thrissur (Kerala) to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and Approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

- 2.04** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and Approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.05 To approve the revision in the Guidelines for Autonomous Colleges and to consider the draft UGC (Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2017. (Deferred item nos. 2.09 & 2.04 of 524th & 525th Meetings of the Commission dated 24.08.2017 & 4.09.2017 respectively).

Considered and Approved, with the following additional changes in the Draft Regulations:

- (i) Eligibility clause 6.4 of the Regulations, may be replaced as follows:**

The Colleges must be accredited by either NAAC with minimum 'A' grade or by NBA for atleast three programmes with a minimum score of 675 individually. However, if the number of programme(s) being run by the Institution is less than three, then each of the programmes should secure 675 or more marks.

- (ii) Extension clause 10.3 of the Regulations, may be replaced as follows:**

If the College under consideration has obtained a score of 3.5 and above on a 4 point scale from NAAC or a minimum of three programmes have been accredited by NBA with a minimum score of 750 individually, the College shall be granted extension of autonomous status for further ten years without the visit of the UGC Expert Committee, after placing the report of the NAAC/NBA team and the reports of the External Peer Team of IQAC of the College before the Standing Committee constituted by the UGC.

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- (iii) Under clause 10.4 on page 302, in the second line it be read **clause 8.1** and not clause 9.1.
- (iv) Under clause 13.2 on page 303, in the third line Sexual Harassment Committee be replaced with **Internal Complaints Committee**.
- (v) Term: The Governing Body shall be reconstituted every **three years** except in the case of UGC nominee who shall have term of five years. (Refer Page 304).
- (vi) Meetings: Meetings of the Governing Body shall be held at least **twice a year** (Refer Page 304).
- (vii) Under clause 13.4 ACADEMIC COUNCIL (page 305), the term of the nominated members shall be **three years**.
- (viii) Under clause 13.5 BOARD OF STUDIES (page 306), the term of the nominated members shall be **three years**.
- (ix) Under clause 13.6 FINANCE COMMITTEE (page 307), the term of the Finance Committee shall be **three years**.
- (x) Under clause 16.1 (page 308), the last sentence, "All UGC directives shall be strictly followed" be deleted.
- (xi) A new Clause 18 to be added as below:
"All UGC directives shall be strictly followed, failing which UGC may take appropriate actions, as it deems fit, against the defaulting Autonomous College".

(xii) Removal of Difficulties clause to be added as below:

University Grants Commission reserves the right to remove difficulty/difficulties in the course of implementation of these Regulations in consultation with the Government of India/Ministry of Human Resource Development.

The existing Guidelines for Autonomous Colleges shall be treated as deemed amended to the extent of the provisions of the approved draft UGC (Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2017. Till the proposed Regulations are duly notified in the Gazette, the scheme for Autonomous Colleges will continue to be implemented with the amended Guidelines.

[Action: JS(AC)]

2.06

To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited S.R.M. Institute of Science and Technology (Deemed to be University), SRM Nagar, Kattankulathur, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and Approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.07

To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology (Deemed to be University), Thapar Technology Campus, Bhadson Road, Patiala – 147004, Panjab to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016

Considered and Approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

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

- 3.01** To consider the recommendations of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to examine the issues relating to reservation raised by Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad in its order dated 07-04-2017.

Considered and Approved.

[Action: JS(CU)]

SECTION-4
(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

- 4.01** To consider and approve University Grants Commission (Categorization of Universities (Only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations – 2017. **(Deferred item nos. 4.05 & 4.05 of 524th & 525th Meetings of the Commission dated 24.08.2017 & 4.09.2017 respectively).**

Considered and Approved, with the following modifications:

(i) Clause 4.7 to be replaced as:

Universities, subject to the Rules, Regulations and Guidelines of Government of India, may hire, without approval of the Commission, foreign faculty having taught at any institution appearing in top five hundred of any of the world renowned ranking frameworks, such as the Times Higher Education World University Rankings or the QS Rankings, upto twenty percent over and above of their total sanctioned faculty strength. Universities will have the freedom to hire foreign faculty on “tenure/contract” basis as per the terms and conditions approved by their Governing Council/Statutory bodies.

(ii) Clause 4.8 to be replaced as:

Universities shall be free to admit foreign students on merit, subject to a maximum of twenty percent, over and above of the strength of their approved domestic students. Universities would be free to fix and charge fees from foreign students without any restriction.

(iii) Clause 5.5 to be replaced as:

Universities, subject to the Rules, Regulations and Guidelines of the Government of India, may hire, without approval of the Commission, foreign faculty having taught at any institution appearing in top five hundred of any of the world renowned ranking frameworks, such as the Times Higher Education World University Rankings or the QS Rankings, upto twenty percent over and above of their total sanctioned faculty strength. Universities will have the freedom to hire foreign faculty on “tenure/contract” basis as per the terms and conditions approved by their Governing Council/Statutory bodies.

(iv) Clause 5.7 to be replaced as:

Universities shall be free to admit foreign students on merit subject to a maximum of twenty percent, over and above of the strength of their approved domestic students. Universities would be free to fix and charge fees from foreign students without any restriction.

(v) Clause 5.4 is to be deleted.

(vi) Clause 9 (REMOVAL OF DIFFICULTIES) to be added as below:

UGC reserves the right to remove difficulty/difficulties in the course of implementation of these Regulations in consultation with the Government of India /Ministry of Human Resource Development.

[Action: JS(CPP-II)]

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4.02 To consider inclusion of the Sindhi Language as a subject in UGC-NET.

Considered and Approved.

[Action: JS(NET)]

4.03 To consider University Grants Commission (Recognition and Monitoring of Assessment and Accreditation Agencies) Regulations – 2017. **(Deferred item nos. 4.04 & 4.07 of 524th & 525th Meetings of the Commission dated 24.08.2017 & 4.09.2017 respectively).**

Deferred.

[Action: JS(CPP-II)]

4.04 To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges for grant of fresh/extension of autonomous status to colleges.

Considered and Approved.

[Action: JS(AC)]

4.05 To consider and ratify the minutes of 5th meeting of High Powered Distance Education Committee (HPDEC) Meeting held on 31.08.2017.

Considered and Approved.

[Action: JS(DEB)]

- 4.06** To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted by UGC to finalise the guidelines for implementation of Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) and Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) in University Grants Commission.

Deferred.

[Action: JS(SCT)]

SECTION-5 (GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

- 5.01** To consider permitting Utilization of Grant-in-Aid under the scheme of Community College and B.Voc. degree programme beyond XII Plan Period. **(Deferred item nos. 5.02 & 5.02 of 524th & 525th Meetings of the Commission dated 24.08.2017 & 4.09.2017 respectively).**

Considered and Approved. However, the Commission decided to permit the Institutions under the scheme of Community Colleges and B. Voc. Programme to utilize the already allocated grant beyond XII Plan period up to 31.03.2018 only.

[Action: JS(NSQF)]

SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

- 6.01** To consider certain establishment matter of University Grants Commission.

Recorded Separately.

Any Other Item

- (i) It was resolved that agenda items for future Commission Meetings may be sent to the Members through mail (soft copy) as well as by post (hardcopy) at least ten days in advance.

[Action : JS (Meeting)]

- (ii) All PG courses' model syllabi need to be revised as soon as possible.

[Action : JS(CPP-II)]

**(P.K. THAKUR)
SECRETARY**

**(V.S. CHAUHAN)
CHAIRMAN**