

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF GUJARAT

Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the Executive Council
held on 21st November 2014 at 11:00 AM in the Conference Room
of the University

The following were present:

1. Prof. S.A. Bari, Vice-Chancellor	-	Chairman
2. Prof. Gita Bajpai	-	Member
3. Prof. P.K. Yadava	-	Member
4. Prof. R.S. Ghuman	-	Member
5. Prof. Deepak Sharma	-	Member
6. Prof. E.V.Ramakrishnan	-	Member
7. Prof. Man Singh	-	Member
8. Prof. M. H. Fulekar	-	Member
9. Prof. Alok Gupta	-	Member
10. Prof. Sanjay Jha	-	Member
11. Dr. Atanu Bhattacharya	-	Member
12. Prof. N. Rajaram Registrar (Offg,)	-	Secretary

The following could not attend the meeting:

1. Prof. Rajan Welukar	-	Member
2. Prof. Sudhir Jain	-	Member
3. Prof. S.C. Sahastrabudhe	-	Member
4. Prof. Virginius Xaxa	-	Member
5. Prof. Darvesh Gopal	-	Member
6. Prof. Ameena Kazi Ansari	-	Member
7. Dr. Prakash Jha	-	Member

The following attended the meeting as Special Invitees to assist:

1. Dr. Sanjeev Dubey, Controller of Examinations
2. Dr. Gitesh Joshi, Joint Registrar
3. Mr A.V. Rajasekhar, Chief Consultant (F&A)
4. Mr H.R. Pathak, Consultant (Admn.)
5. Mr Tarun Soni, S.O. (I/c)
6. Mr Mukesh Parmar, P.S.

At the outset, Prof. N. Rajaram, the Registrar welcomed all the members to the meeting. Thereafter he gave brief introduction about Professor S. A. Bari, former Vice-Chancellor of

01. To confirm the Minutes of 12th meeting of the Executive Council held on 17.07.2014.

Considered confirmation of the Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Executive Council held on 17.07.2014, as already circulated and resolved to confirm the Minutes with following amendments.

During the deliberation in the EC meeting dt. 17.07.2014 the issue raised by Prof. Man Singh and Prof. M. H. Fulekar on making provisions/rules for Seniority of teachers is in principle accepted and approved. Prof. P. K. Yadava also stated that every university has rules/regulations for seniority of teachers and non-teaching staff, accordingly the Central University of Gujarat may also take necessary steps to frame the rules of seniority for the employees. All the members' unanimously endorsed the view of Prof. Yadava. The Chairman assured EC to take necessary steps for framing the draft rules of seniority.

While considering items no.2 (Action taken report), item 9 (Amendment to Ordinance 13 & 19), item 16 (Confirmation of faculty members) and item 17 (fresh approval regarding ordinance 2 for maternity leave), the communication/instructions received vide Letter F.No.59-8/2011-Desk U dated 11.07.2013 and letter F.No.19-58/2014-Desk(U) dated 9th October 2014 from Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human resource Development, Government of India, New Delhi were taken in to the consideration and were being presented again in this EC.

Items to Note

02. To note the report on action taken on the Minutes of 12th meeting of the Executive Council held on 17.07.2014.

While considering the confirmation of the Report on the action taken of the minutes of 12th meeting of Executive Council Prof. M. H. Fulekar and Prof. Man Singh raised the question of legality of resolution no. 13, 17, 19 and 05+06 of "Items under any other items with the permission of the Chair" passed by previous Executive Council under the chairmanship of acting Vice-Chancellor, in the light of MHRD letter dt. 9th October 2014. Prof. P K Yadava informed that in the previous meeting 1) approval of no permanent appointment, 2) approval of no new ordinances/statutes 3) No major policy decision has been taken. However, if EC agreed then there is room to reconsider the above resolutions and this EC may modify the previous resolutions. Joining the discussion Prof. R S Ghuman expressed his views and said that this was a collective decision of the Executive Council and not a decision of Acting Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor also agreed with the views of Prof. Ghuman and Prof. Yadava and he informed that if any decisions has been taken by the previous EC which are not in compliance with the instructions of the Visitor and MHRD, they could be modified in this meeting. All the members supported the view of the Vice-

Chancellor and resolved to confirm the report on action taken with the following amendments in the resolution as shown below:

- 1) Resolution No. 13 (regarding to amendments to Ordinance 13 & 19):- To be considered with Item No. 9 of this agenda
- 2) Resolution No. 17 (regarding withdrawal of offer of appointment to Dr Priyankar Sen & to appoint Dr Sunita Patel, wait listed candidate):- as per action taken shown against the resolution
- 3) Resolution No. 18 (Confirmation of teaching staff):- Since the appointment has been made after following due procedure there is no need to modify
- 4) Resolution No. 19 (regarding maternity leave being extended from 135 days to 180 days, as per UGC guidelines):- To be considered with item No. 17 of this agenda

Items under any other item with the permission of the Chair

- 5) Resolution No. 05 (nomination of members on Selection Committee from among EC members):- Considered accordingly with Item No. 9 of this agenda
- 6) Resolution No. 06 (Purchase policy and delegation of financial powers):- University Administration will re-examine the provisions and place the revised policy in next meeting of the EC

03. To note appointment of Prof. S.A. Bari as Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Gujarat

EC members welcomed the appointment of Prof S.A. Bari as Vice Chancellor and resolved to note his appointment as Second Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Gujarat.

04. To note various appointments and resignations in various

Noted Various appointments and resignations from various positions along with the suggestion to correct the date mentioned in the agenda paper which has crept owing to typographical error, inadvertently.

05. To note signing of Memorandum of Understanding

Noted the Signing of MOU between Central University of Gujarat- Mc-Master University, Canada- Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad to start a new Diploma programme on "Women, Education and Social Development"

Kuvempu University, Karnataka and a Professor of History, who took charge as Second Vice-Chancellor of this University on 25.08.2014. On behalf of the EC members and on his own behalf, he congratulated Professor Bari and extended warm greetings and best wishes to him as a Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Gujarat. At the request of the Secretary the members and the officials present in the meeting introduced themselves. They assured the Vice-Chancellor that the members, some of whom were attending the meeting for the first time, that they would extend their full co-operation for the development of Central University of Gujarat.

In his self-introduction Prof. S. A. Bari the Chairman and Vice-Chancellor stated that he felt honoured to chair the first meeting of the Executive Council (EC) after he took charge of the office of Vice-Chancellor. He thanked all the members and, in particular, the outside members Professor Gita Bajpai, Professor P. K. Yadava, Prof. R S Ghuman and Prof. Deepak Sharma for making it convenient to attend the meeting. He reciprocated the assurance given by the members and said that it will be his endeavour to take all aboard while discussing and formulating policies and programmes for overall development of the Central University of Gujarat. He outlined the following as his priority area of work:

- 1) Acquisition of land for the University
- 2) Recruitment of persons for Statutory, Teaching, Non-Teaching positions in the University
- 3) To create an infrastructure which promotes Research and Academic activities
- 4) Streamlining the University administration.
- 5) To start Extension and Outreach activities so that the students, society and Industries can avail the benefit of Central University of Gujarat
- 6) To start need based Society, Industry, employment related programmes
- 7) To Introduce welfare programmes for student and employees

He also apprised the members about the meeting with Smt. Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendrasinh Chudasama Minister of Education, and the meeting with Secretary Higher Education, Government of Gujarat, where in amongst other issues, the allocation of land for CUG was also raised and discussed. The members were also informed about the signing of MOU and the starting of Canara Bank, CUG branch. They were also informed about the various facilities to be provided by the Canara bank including the Campus card for students, where in the card acts as an I-card and can be used for bank transactions, a facility offered only by Canara Bank. This would aid university administration and students as well. The members, in turn, placed on record their great appreciation for the vision and efforts made by the Vice-Chancellor. After these initial remarks, the Chairman requested Secretary to take up agenda of the meeting.

06. To note hiring of private accommodation in Pethapur township and appointment of two caretakers for the same

Noted Hiring of Private Accommodation for the use of students hostel in Pethapur township and the appointment of two care takers (one male, one female) for the same.

07. To note the payment of three instalments of Dearness Allowance (DA) to the University employees at the revised rates from 01.07.2013, 01.01.2014 and 01.07.2014.

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08. To note the incorporation of the name of University in Hindi and English under the Logo.

Noted and approved the incorporation of the name of University first in Hindi and then English under the Logo.

Items for Information:

09. Information about the review being carried out on the Ordinance No.13 and Ordinance No. 19.

At the beginning of the subject Prof. N. Rajaram Secretary read out the letters dt. 9th October 2014 and 7th August 2014 of Ministry of Human Resource Development New Delhi received by the University. Prof. Man Singh and Prof. M H Fulekar requested the Chairman to relook in the previous EC resolution of approving the Ordinance No. 13 and 19 in light of Visitor's order of suspension and power of Acting Vice-Chancellor. Prof. E. V. Ramakrishnan said that item for the approval of ordinance no. 13 and 19 put before last EC in good faith and accordingly the university also informed the MHRD about the starting of the process of modifying both ordinances. The Vice-Chancellor briefed the members about the reason behind this to reintroduce in this meeting. He said that this is a very serious matter in nature because once the Visitor, the supreme authority of the University suspended the Ordinances then all the action taken under this ordinances should be treated as null and void. He also suggested that while going through the provisions of the ordinances, suggestions of MHRD, provisions of UGC /MHRD / JCRC /Other CU and present availability of staff in the University, the provisions of both the Ordinance i.e. Ordinance No. 13 and Ordinance No. 19 are required to be relooked. In this regard the Registrar also informed that the present draft of ordinance No. 13 and 19 have some anomalies in aspects of direct recruitment and promotion, Constitution of DPC, Constitution of Selection Committee, Minimum Qualifications and Experience of the posts and absence of Recruitment Rules for newly sanctioned XII plan non-teaching posts. All this need to be addressed and corrected. Therefore, after further

deliberations, it was resolved to authorise the University Administration to set right the above anomalies after following due process in light of ordinances and resubmit the amended ordinances 13 and 19 for approval in the next EC.

Items to Ratify:

10. To ratify the appointment of Dr. Gitesh Joshi as Jt. Registrar

Ratified the appointment of Dr. Gitesh Joshi, Deputy Registrar, Saurashtra University Rajkot as a Deputy Registrar in the University with the designation of Joint Registrar on the terms of deputation of Government of India in the Pay Band Rs.37400-67000 with Grade Pay of Rs.8700/, initially for two years (as per provisions of MHRD letter to UGC vide no.F.19-16/2008-Desk(U) dated 07.05.2014 and communicated by UGC to the University vide letter No.6-7/97(JCRC) Vol. IV dated 04.10.2014) and noted his joining as a Joint Registrar w.e.f. 30.10.2014.

Items to Consider:

11. To consider the recommendation of the Academic Council dt. 26.10.2013 to change the nomenclature of M.Phil./Ph.D. programme in "Science, Society and Development to M.Phil./Ph.D. in Studies in Science, Technology and Innovation Policy"

Considered and approved the recommendation of the Academic Council to change the nomenclature of M.Phil/Ph.D programme in "Science, Society and Development" to M.Phil/Ph.D in "Studies in Science, Technology and Innovation Policy" from the academic year 2014-15

12. To consider the recommendations of the Academic Council on the report of Fellowship Committee regarding tenure of fellowship to full time M.Phil/Ph.D scholars who are not in receipt of any other fellowship (non-NET fellowship).

While considering the recommendation of the Academic Council on the report of Fellowship committee regarding tenure of fellowship to full time M.Phil/Ph.d. scholars funded by UGC, the Chairman of the Fellowship Committee Prof. M. H. Fulekar, and members Prof. E V Ramkrishnan and Prof. Man Singh briefed the EC about the question relating to disbursing of fellowship to students who got admission in integrated M.Phil-Ph.D programme of this University. Prof. P K Yadava suggested to send this recommendation to the funding agency i.e. University Grants Commission for modification in the Non-Net Fellowship Guidelines. Prof. Deepak Sharma agreed with the view of the Fellowship Committee and suggested that there is need to work more on the recommendation. After due deliberation, EC appreciated the work done by the committee. Further EC authorised the Vice-

Chancellor to constitute a committee consisting of all Deans and also authorised the Vice-Chancellor to send the reports/recommendation of said committee to UGC.

13. To consider the recommendations of the Academic Council dated 26.10.2013 under the provisions contained in University Ordinance No.14 (para 9:6) for improvement of performance of PG students and its resolution to extend the same provisions for M.Phil students.

Before considering the subject Prof. N Rajaram informed the members that the subject had been discussed in the last Academic Council held on 28.10.2014 and Academic Council resolved to withdraw the said recommendation. During the deliberation, Prof. A. Bhattacharya proposed that window should be open for the student to improve their performance in terms of grades in UG and PG. Prof. P K Yadava also agreed with the view of Prof. Bhattacharya and proposed to send back the item to academic council for reconsideration. The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that M. Phil is basically a research degree; and it is quite different from UG/PG programme. The UG/PG programme includes class work aspect while M.Phil has a research and field work aspect. Therefore, provision of UG and PG programme cannot be extended to the M.Phil. Programme. Thereafter the Executive Council resolved to refer back this item to Academic Council for reconsideration.

14. To consider the recommendations of the Academic Council regarding fee structure for (a) foreign students and (b) Indian students for admission in UG/PG or Research Programmes.

Before considering the subject (recommendation of Academic Council) Prof. N Rajaram informed the members that the Finance Committee in its meeting dt. 12.07.2014 did not approve this recommendation. The Executive Council deferred the recommendation of Academic Council considering the view of Finance Committee.

15. To consider the requests of faculty members for grant of advance increments at the time of initial appointment in the University.

Considered the request of the faculty members of the University. While considering Prof. M. H. Fulekar and Prof. Gita Bajpai requested the Registrar to provide details of cases in which an advance increment has been granted. The details of advance increment already granted was provided to all members by the Registrar. After examining the details, it was brought to the notice of the EC that advance increment granted to the faculty after they joined the University. Prof. P K Yadava, Prof. R S Ghuman were of the opinion to protect Basic Pay as per Government of India rules

and question of protecting allowances does not arise because of different rate of allowance in different places. The Vice-Chancellor said that we should treat all the staff equally therefor the best solution should be found out to sort the demand of the faculty. This needs a case by case examination. The Executive Council resolved to authorise the administration to examine, verify and check all the cases raised by the faculty for protecting total pay and place it in the next EC on case to case basis.

16. To consider confirmation of the faculty members who have completed their probation period on their respective post

Considered the confirmation of following three faculty members after taking in to consideration of their Annual Performance Confidential Report, with effect from the date of completion of their one year of service.

- (1) Prof. Man Singh Professor, School of Chemical Science
- (2) Shri Prabhat Kumar Assistant Professor, Centre for Chinese Language & Culture, School of Language, Literature and Cultural Studies.
- (3) Dr. Indira Dutta, Associate Professor, Centre for Studies in Economics and Planning, School of Social Sciences

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It was also informed to the members that in case of Dr. Sudeep Basu's the C & A verification for the one year period he was in Ahmedabad has been received, but for the period earlier is yet to be received. The Vice Chancellor was authorised to confirm once the C & A verification of remaining period was received. The Executive Council also authorised the Vice-Chancellor to consider the confirmation of remaining faculties (where appointment was made after suspension of Ordinance 19 by the Visitor) only after the assent is given by the Visitor to revised Ordinance 19.

17. To consider according fresh approval to the revised ordinance No. 02 –Ordinance for regulating leave to teachers of the University

MHAJ
Considered the approval of amendment in the Ordinance No. 02 and approved amended ordinance to revise upward the maternity leave from 135 days to 180 days, in accordance with UGC guidelines.

18. To consider the superannuation of Professor E.V. Ramakrishnan, Professor in the Centre for Comparative Literature and Translation Studies, SLL&CS, on 30th November 2015, after office hours.

*Noted
& follow*
The Executive Council noted the superannuation of Prof. E. V. Ramakrishnan after office hours on November 30, 2015 and took note of contributions made by him during his service in the CUG.

19. To consider entering into Public-Private partnership

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The Executive Council in principle approved the proposal to start courses in collaboration with other institutions and organisations in Public Private Partnership mode.

20. To consider establishing a Community College

in other course
The Executive Council in principle approved the proposal to start Community College by the university or to adopt an existing institution as a community college as per UGC Guidelines and MHRD policy

21. To consider appointment of Chairpersons of Centres and their tenure

The Executive Council discussed the appointment of Chairpersons of Centres and their Tenure, as per the interim arrangement made earlier. While discussing the provision of ordinance for appointment of Chairperson of Centres, Prof. Deepak Sharma informed that logically Professor/Associate Professor should be the Chairperson of a Centre by rotation for tenure of 2 years. However, in absence of Professor/Associate Professor a Dean of the School can perform the duties of Chairperson of a Centre, while an Assistant Professor can be appointed as a Co-ordinator of a Centre to look after and co-ordinate day to day activities under guidance of the Dean. The Executive Council authorised the Vice-Chancellor to make provisions for appointment of Chairperson of a Centre and the Co-ordinators and to specify their powers, duties, tenure etc.

22. To consider the recommendation No. 2 and 3 of the Finance Committee meeting held on 17.10.2014 regarding procurement of vehicle and starting of CUG branch of Canara Bank

Noting
Considered the recommendation No. 2 (regarding procurement of vehicle) and 3 of the Finance Committee (regarding starting of branch of Canara Bank, with the proviso to extend all existing facilities provided by Central Bank of India) and resolved to approve the same.

23. To consider the recommendation of the Academic Council to reduce the intake of students from the academic year 2015-16

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Considered the proposal of reducing intake of students in various academic programmes recommended by the Academic Council from the academic year 2015-16. The Executive

Council was made aware by Dean of Student Welfare about the present condition of hostels. The Vice-Chancellor also informed the EC about the present situation of Teacher Student Ratio, availability of Class Room/Laboratory/Hostel etc. Thereafter, looking at the present infrastructure and considering academic view of the Deans of Schools, the Executive Council endorsed the recommendation of the Academic Council to reduce the intake of students in various academic programmes from the Academic Year 2015-16 and authorised the Vice-Chancellor and Registrar on behalf of the Executive Council to take necessary decision on case to case basis for the admission in various programme from the academic year 2015-16.

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

K. Rajam
Registrar (Offg)

cc: To All Members of EC