

Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar

Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Executive Council of Central University of Gujarat held on 09.11.2015 at 11:00 am in the Conference Hall, Faculty Block –A, Sector – 29 Campus, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar

The following members were present in the meeting

| Sr. No. | Name | Designation | Capacity |
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| 1. | Prof. S. A. Bari | Vice Chancellor, Central University of Gujarat | Chairperson, |
| 2. | Prof. T. V. Kattimani | Vice Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, M.P. | A Central University Vice Chancellor or a serving University Professor of Eminence, nominated by the Executive Council on the recommendation of the Vice- Chancellor |
| 3. | Prof. Gita Bajpai (Retd.) | Professor & Head, Dept. of History, M. S. University, Vadodara | Visitor's nominee |
| 4. | Prof. S. C. Sahasrabudhe | Former Director, DAICT, Gandhinagar | Visitor's nominee |
| 5. | Prof. Dharvesh Gopal | Dept. of Political Science, SSS, IGNOU, New Delhi | One member each from the categories, namely, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Minorities, Women and Differently abled nominated by the Vice-Chancellor as members from the teachers of the University or other Central/State University |
| 6. | Prof. P. K. Yadav | SLS, JNU, New Delhi | |
| 7. | Prof. Deepak Sharma | SLS, JNU, New Delhi | |
| 8. | Prof. N. Rajaram | Dean, SSS, CUG | Five Deans of Schools of Studies of whom not more than three shall be from each of the groups specified below by the rotation according to seniority. Group-I Faculty of Social Sciences, Management and Humanities Group –II Faculty of Sciences, Technology and Health Sciences |
| 9. | Prof. M. H. Fulekar | Dean, SESD | |
| 10. | Prof. Alok Gupta | Dean, SLL&CS & DSW | |
| 11. | Dr. Sanjay K. Jha | Dean, SIS | |

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| 12. | Prof. Rachel K. Bari | Professor, CES, SLL&CS | One Professor, who is not a Dean, by rotation according to seniority, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor |
| 13. | Dr. Prakash Jha | Assistant Professor, SCS | One Assistant Professor, who is not a Dean, by rotation according to seniority, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor |
| 14. | Prof. S. L. Hiremath | Registrar | Secretary |

The following members could not attend the meeting.

| Sr. No. | Name | Designation | Capacity |
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| 1. | Prof. Rajan M. Welukar | Vice Chancellor, University of Mumbai | Visitor's nominee |
| 2. | Prof. Sudhir K. Jain | Director, IIT, Gandhinagar | Visitor's nominee |
| 3. | Prof. Virginius Xaxa | Deputy Director, TISS, Guwahati | One member each from the categories, namely, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Minorities, Women and Differently abled nominated by the Vice-Chancellor as members from the teachers of the University or other Central/State University |
| 4. | Prof. R.S. Ghuman | Professor, Nehru-SAIL Chair, CRRID, Chandigarh | |
| 5. | Prof. Ameena Kazi Ansari | Dept. of English, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi | |
| 6. | Prof. Man Singh | Dean, SCS | Five Deans of Schools of Studies of whom not more than three shall be from each of the groups specified below by the rotation according to seniority. Group-I Faculty of Social Sciences, Management and Humanities Group –II Faculty of Sciences, Technology and Health Sciences |
| 7. | Dr. Atanu Bhattacharya | Associate Professor, SLL&CS | One Associate Professor by rotation according to seniority, nominated by the Vice Chancellor. |

The following attended the meeting as special Invitees:-

1. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Jha, Finance Officer (Offg.)
2. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Dubey, Controller of Examinations (Offg.)

The meeting commenced with the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor welcoming the Members and wishing them a Happy and Prosperous Diwali on behalf of the University and on his own behalf as well as thanking the Hon'ble Members for sparing their valuable time to attend the meeting to take part in its deliberations.

To begin with, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor introduced the new Registrar to the members who had joined the University on deputation on 01.08.2015. He thanked Prof. N. Rajaram and placed on record the gratitude and appreciation of the University for serving the University as Registrar with dedication for over four years. Thereafter, he requested the members to introduce themselves to the House and for the acquaintance other members.

After self introduction by each of the members, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor presented a brief note on the major academic events, achievement and recent developments and activities organised by the University that could be viewed as pertinent and relevant in pursuance of the objectives of the University.

To begin with Hon'ble Vice Chancellor brought to the notice of the House that, the first meeting of the Court was held on 31.03.2015 chaired by Hon'ble Chancellor, Prof. Y. K. Alagh in which broad policy matters and policy measures initiated by the University were discussed. Numerous suggestions and recommendations were made by the members that have been kept in view and adhered to and complied with in the developmental and progressive measures initiated by the University since then.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor made specific and special reference to the Second meeting of the Court, scheduled to be held on 20th November, 2015 in which the following agenda will be discussed-

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of 1st Meeting of the Court held on 31.03.2015
2. Approval of Report on the Action Taken on the Minutes of 1st Meeting of the Court.
3. Consideration and Approval of Annual Report 2014-15 of the Central University of Gujarat prepared under the direction and recommended by Executive Council in its meeting held on 09.11.2015 to be placed before the Court for approval and for submission of Ministry of Human Resource Development for placing it before the Parliament.
4. Consideration and Approval of the Statement of Annual Accounts, Balance Sheet of University as on 31.03.2015, and Audit Report of Central University of Gujarat for the year 2014-15, prepared under the direction of the Executive Council, approved by the Finance Committee in its meeting held on 28.10.2016, approved by Executive Council in its meeting held on 09.11.2015 and recommended for submission before the Court for approval and for submission of Ministry of Human Resource Development for placing it before the Parliament.
5. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

The House endorsed and approved the submission moved by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, thereafter, presented various events organized and activities undertaken by the University, a few noteworthy among them were –

Online admissions to various P.G., M.Phil and Ph.D. courses in all the Schools and Centres, including online entrance test conducted from 17 centres, simultaneously – for the first time by the University, that was completed without a single complication. The House placed on record its appreciation with gratitude for the meticulous work and sincere efforts put in by Dr. Sanjay Jha, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Dubey and the team associated with the admission process. In view of the paucity of academic space and hostel facilities, the university had decided to restrict the admissions to various P.G. and integrated MPhil-Ph.D. courses and accordingly a total of 109 students were given admission out of which 65 were P.G. students and 44 were M. Phil./Ph.D. students.

He also expressed concern about the constraints of academic space, and residential facilities for the newly admitted students and reiterated his stand to restrict admissions to various courses, till the university moves to its own campus, particularly in view of most of the students being drawn from different parts of the country and required to be provided decent hostel and boarding facilities. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor brought to the notice of the House that the university has started 04 new P.G. courses and admitted students to MA Hindi, MA Economics and MSc Environment Science and since only four students had opted for MA in Gujarati, the course was deemed as not viable and feasible to be offered and hence could not be started.

He further appraised the House that he had the privilege to be the part of Indian delegation to Sweden and Belarus, led by His Excellency the President of India in the month of June 2015 during which, the Central University of Gujarat signed two MoUs which could prove to be monumental in projecting Central University of Gujarat worldwide and exposing its faculty and students to the frontier areas of research in the field of computational chemistry, applied biology and material science in the years to come through collaborative research and exchange programmes.

Similarly the MoU signed with Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation would open new vistas of collaboration in capacity building, ecosystem regeneration and research in the areas of generating rural livelihoods that could add considerably and boost the extension image and profile of Central University of Gujarat. MoU with Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry would enhance and accentuate University Industry Interfacing, the objective so vehemently cherished and emphasized by Hon'ble Visitor for institutions to render them socially relevant and economically productive

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor apprised the House that CUG was identified and assigned by UGC to organize a regional Workshop on Choice Based Credit System for all the universities in Gujarat and Orissa on 16th of April 2015. Nearly 60 Vice-Chancellors, Senior Officers and Deans of all the State, Private, Central and Deemed universities from the States of Gujarat and Orissa attended the workshop, which was lauded as a resounding academic success.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor also brought to the notice of the members that the University was called upon to organize a National Consultation Meet on “Improving State-public Universities” by MHRD, Government of India and the same was organized on 26th September 2015. Sitting and former Vice Chancellors from the States of Gujarat, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Kerala, Andhra-Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Tamil-Nadu, Uttar-Pradesh,

Jharkhand, Tripura, Madhya-Pradesh, West-Bengal and many other States attended and deliberated on the theme and several sub-themes identified throughout the day to formulate the Consultation Document on Improving the State Public Universities that would go into the formulation of New Education Policy of MHRD, GoI. Sri Bhupendrasinh Chudasama, Hon'ble Minister for Education, Civil Supplies and Legislative Affairs, GoG inaugurated the Consultation Meet, Prof Y. K. Alagh, the Chancellor of CUG delivered the Key-Note address and Smt. Ishita Roy, Joint Secretary, Higher Education, MHRD, GoI, appraised the delegates about NEP. The deliberations and panel presentations were moderated by Prof. A. M. Pathan and Resolutions, Decisions and Concluding Remarks were presented by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. A. Bari.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor brought to the notice of the members that the University in addition to the National Consultation Meet on NEP was also invited to organise a Regional Consultation Meet of New Education Policy on Teacher Education for the Western Region in collaboration with the National Council for Teacher Education on 27th October, 2015. Sixty Vice Chancellors, expert from the field of teacher education, Education Secretaries, and officers from NCTE took part in the deliberations which was inaugurated by Hon,'ble Vice Chancellor in the presence of Prof. Santosh Panda, Chairman, NCTE, Prof. Bimal Patel, Vice Chancellor of Gujarat National Law University, Padmashree Prof Rajput,, Prof. Jatin Soni, Vice Chancellor of Sports University, Prof. Kamalesh Joshipura and host of other dignitaries.

An International Seminar, "Debating Swaraj after One Hundred Years of Return of Gandhi from South Africa" was organised from 4th to 6th October, inaugurated by Prof. Y.K Alagh, Chancellor of the University and presided over by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor with Prof Akhil Bilgrami delivering the key-note address. The Seminar was very well attended and well received by one and all

The University organised a two week Capacity Building Workshop for Young teachers, Sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research from 26th October to 8th November 2015. Prof Kincha, noted scientist from Indian Institute of Science and former Vice Chancellor of Vishweshvariah Technological University, Karnataka delivered the key-note address and the workshop was inaugurated by Hon,ble Vice Chancellor.

The Centre for Studies in Society and Development, School of Social Sciences organised Research Methodology Course for Ph D students from 3rd to 12th August 2015, sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research. Prof Nandu Ram, senior Professor from JNU delivered the key-note address and inaugural address was delivered by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

The House was informed about the participation of Dr. Ishmeet Kaur, Assistant Professor, CES, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, participated in Inspired Teacher, "In Residence Programme" at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, for 4 days representing CUG and her participation in the programme was appreciated and well received.

Coming to providing exposure to the students, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor informed the House that Ms. Priti Raj Pandit, a research scholar from SESD was deputed to the interaction session with Hon'ble Minister for HRD at Delhi on 16th September 2015, representing CUG.

Microsoft Faculty Development Programme known as "*Saksham*" was organized on the campus from 8th to 14th September 2015 for the benefit of faculty and non-faculty staff of CUG, with resource persons from Microsoft.

Hindi Pakhawada was inaugurated on 16th Sept. and valedictory was held on 29.10.2015 Prof. Arun Kamal noted Hindi writer was the chief guest of Inaugural Programme and several noted Hindi Poets and writers were invited every day with valedictory presided by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, followed by *Kavi Sammelan*. Several literary and cultural competitions were held during the celebrations for the students, teaching and non-teaching staff who took active part in these events and won prizes. These competitions were organized separately for Hindi Speaking and Non-Hindi Speaking students and employees.

The university also organized a workshop on "Data Dissemination of Census 2011" in collaboration with Directorate of Census Operation (Gujarat), Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI on 23rd September 2015 with Dr. Indira Dutta, Associate Prof of CES of SSS as nodal officer from CUG. The workshop was inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

Hon,ble Vice Chancellor mentioned to the house that elections to the Students' Council of CUG were held on the 7th of November in a free and fair manner, for which he complemented the Dean of Student Welfare, Provost and all the faculty, staff and student representatives who were associated with conducting the elections.

The House noted all these academic events organized participated in by CUG and its achievements therein and placed on record its appreciation for the various academic programmes and reforms initiated by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and support and efforts put in by the teaching and non-teaching faculty in executing and implementing these programmes.

With these introductory remarks, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor called the Registrar to place the agenda before the House to be deliberated upon. The Registrar thanked the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for briefing the house on the significant academic achievements, activities and events organised by the University since the last meeting and before proceeding with the items on the agenda, offered an apology to the members on behalf of the University for inconvenience caused to the members on having to postpone the meeting twice owing to unavoidable circumstances.

Confirmation of Minutes

Item No. 01/15/EC/09.11.2015

To confirm the Minutes of 14th meeting of the Executive Council held on 25.03.2015

Resolution: In view of no comments, observations or suggestions for modifications having been received from the members on the minutes circulated, **the Executive Council confirmed and approved the minutes of the 14th meeting of the Executive Council held on 25.03.2015.**

To note the Report on Action Taken on the Minutes

Item No. 02/15/EC/09.11.2015

To note and approve the report on Action Taken on Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Executive Council held on 25.03.2015

Resolution: The Registrar presented the report on the Action Taken by the University on the Minutes of the 14th Meeting of Executive Council held on 25.03.2015. **The house considered and approved the actions initiated by the University.**

Items to Note

Item No. 03/15/EC/09.11.2015

To note the appointment of Dean, School of Life Sciences and Chairperson, Centre for Nano Sciences

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor apprised the House that these appointments were made in compliance with the provisions of the Central Universities Act and **the Executive Council noted and endorsed these appointments.**

Item No. 04/15/EC/09.11.2015

To note the establishment of various Cells and Programmes Launched by the University

The House was informed that keeping in view the objectives of the University and in pursuance of the suggestions made by the Court that the Central University of Gujarat should undertake and engage in socially relevant activities and strengthen its extension profile and record, the University had established various cells, centres and launched several schemes and programmes.

The House noted these developments with appreciation.

Item No. 05/15/EC/09.11.2015

To note various Academic Activities, Conferences and Seminars, organized by the University

The Registrar while drawing the attention of the House to the introductory note presented by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor in which many of these activities and events were highlighted, submitted the detailed report of other events and activities organized by the University since the last meeting and the academic distinctions achieved therein.

The House noted these activities with appreciation.

Item No. 06/15/EC/09.11.2015

To note various Appointments and Resignations.

In addition to the appointments on deputation and invitations, resignations of three teachers as well as repatriation of Dr. Gitesh Joshi to the parent institution, presented in the item, the Registrar brought to the notice of the House that ten Assistant Professors, on contract basis, 2 each in School of Life Sciences, School of International Studies, Centre for Studies in Social Management, Centre for Chinese Language and Culture and Centre for Library and Information Sciences have been appointed through duly constituted Selection Committees as per provision of Act and UGC Regulations.

The House noted the appointments, resignations and repatriation.

Items for Ratification

Item No. 07/15/EC/09.11.2015

To ratify the establishment of Central Instrumentation Facility as an Independent Centre and appointment of Nodal Officer for CIF

Resolution: Hon'ble Vice Chancellor explained to the House the sorry state of affairs with regard to the functioning, access and maintenance of CIF in the recent past and several representations and complaints received from faculty, research scholars and students since he assumed office as the Vice Chancellor. Having invested about Rs. 35-40 crores by the previous Administration in procuring the state of art scientific equipments, which no other Universities can afford and even the prestigious National Research Laboratories may be finding difficult to procure, the faculty and researchers were constrained to visit other labs for such services paying huge fees, since the facilities available on the campus were not accessible owing to monopolistic attitude of a few faculty in charge of the CIF. These faculty were trained abroad for months at huge cost to the University, whereas in the same cost the entire faculty and batches of research scholars could have been trained by inviting technicians from the firms supplying equipments to the University. Huge quantities of chemicals and consumables were purchased and stacked while the equipment were kept idle and in some cases, not even installed and the students and faculty were not issued chemicals compelling to purchase on their own. Thus the CIF established at huge cost, instead of becoming an asset, was proving to be a liability. Several efforts made by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to find a workable solution to the situation were not responded and received in the right spirit and several instructions and words of caution went unheeded constraining him to intervene and initiate measures to put the things in order. He further stated that he would not mind or hesitate initiating stern disciplinary actions if required against the faculty deliberately and intentionally sabotaging the functioning of CIF and misusing or abusing it or instigating the students working under them. It is presently owing to these reasons and circumstances, the University decided to establish CIF as an independent central facility like library or learning resource centre and appoint a nodal officer to manage, maintain and monitor CIF and report periodically to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on the satisfactory working of the CIF. Prof.

Man Singh who was holding charge of most of the equipment under his School was replaced and Prof. M. H. Fulekar was appointed as Nodal Officer until further orders vide Notification No. 47/2015-16 Dtd 01.09.2015.

While endorsing the concern of Hon'ble Vice chancellor, Prof. T. V. Kattimani stressed the need for technical staff for maintenance and operation of the sophisticated instruments. Prof. P. K. Yadava, while appreciating the concern of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor emphasized on the optimum utilization of the facilities. Prof. M. H. Fulekar appraised the House about efforts initiated by him after he took over as the Nodal Officer to train and orient the staff and research scholars in using the instruments by arranging demonstrations and lectures by experts, which were proving to be beneficial for the faculty and researchers. Prof. Deepak Sharma and Dr. Prakash Jha suggested that by offering technical services by CIF, University can generate resources that can take care of its maintenance expenses and render CIF self sustaining and the University should not allow a few individuals and centres monopolising use of CIF.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor reiterating his resolve to elevate CIF to a genuinely premier centre for advanced research and a much sought after destination for cutting edge research, stated that he will not spare any effort to promote it and at the same time will not hesitate to initiate action against anybody who so ever trying to sabotage and subvert this University asset and sought the Executive Council to support and stand by him.

Prof. Deepak Sharma suggested that workshops and training programmes should be conducted for acquainting the faculty and students with the state of art facilities. Prof. P. K. Yadav considered it a criminal waste of resources if the benefits of investment are not being harnessed by the faculty and students. Prof. Dhavesh Gopal appreciated the concern of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for the faculty and students and stated that they in turn should reciprocate by reinforcing his efforts. Prof. Gita Bajpai endorsed the remedial measures initiated by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and suggested that stringent action should be initiated against those with such divisive and recalcitrant attitudes, outlook and conduct.

Prof. S. C. Sahasrabudhe and Prof. T. V. Kattimani stated that it is an administrative matter and it is the prerogative of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to initiate action against such staff whose actions and behaviour is detrimental to the academic atmosphere and healthy growth of the University. Dr. Prakash C. Jha while hailing the CIF as the best science establishment in Western India expressed his dismay about passwords to many instruments not being made available to the end users.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor expressed his confidence that going by the trend of allocation of funds for science infrastructure by the University Grants Commission, the Central University of Gujarat may receive further grants if its case and claim is well presented and he is confident of presenting and pursuing the case through justification at appropriate bodies, for release of the grant to Central University of Gujarat

The House unanimously approved the efforts initiated and actions taken by Hon,ble Vice Chancellor as appropriate and warranted and authorized him to initiate any action against anybody that he deems as necessary if he finds them to be disrupting the interests of institution, faculty and students in augmenting and streamlining CIF facilities and in the larger interest and academic well being of the University

Item No. 08/15/EC/09.11.2015

To ratify the Establishment of Internal Quality Assurance Cell in the University for NAAC Accreditation

Resolution: The House took note of uploading the Self Study Report (SSR) of the University and submission of LOI online to NAAC. **While appreciating the efforts put in by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. J.P.N. Mishra, the Director, IQAC and his team, ratified the establishment of IQAC.**

Item No. 09/15/EC/09.11.2015

To ratify the signing of Memorandums of Understanding

The Registrar presented the list of organizations and institutions with which the Central University of Gujarat has signed MoUs in pursuance of research and extension objectives for the realization of which the University is established. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor brought to the notice of the House that CUG has been quite active in collaborative research and exchange programmes through MoUs and mentioned about two International MoUs signed during his visit to Sweden as a member of Indian Delegation to Sweden led by Hon'ble President of India. One was between Computation Chemistry Group of SCS of CUG with Division of Theoretical Chemistry and Biology (Theochem), KTH Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) Stockholm, Sweden and the other was a MoU between CCG of SCS CUG. With Condensed Matter Theory Group (CMT) of Dept. of Physics and Astronomy of Uppsala University (UU) Uppsala, Sweden. He mentioned about other MoUs like one with Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation, McMaster University, Canada, and Gujarat, Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the like. He opined that these MoUs would provide much needed exposure and access to scientific facilities in these reputed institutions to our faculty and students on the one hand and improve the image and repute of CUG in the academic and scientific circles in India and abroad on the other.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor explained the salient features and objectives of each MoU and explained how Central University of Gujarat stands to gain through these linkages and collaborative efforts.

With regard to MoU with Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Prof. S. C. Sahasrabudhe and Prof. P. K. Yadav mentioned their apprehension about the curriculum being influenced by the extraneous considerations leading to its dilution. However, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor assured that autonomy of University in evolving curriculum and course structure will not be compromised and the main thrust of this MoU is to find opportunities for internship and block placements for the students of CUG in addition to placement opportunities and identifying faculty from industry for in-house and hands-on training for students to sharpen their productive skills and entrepreneurial aptitude. Prof. T. V. Kattimani was of the opinion that these MoUs should culminate in University Industry interfacing and full-fledged collaborations.

Having been convinced of the positive academic orientation and applied implications of these MoUs, the House unanimously ratified their signing by the Central University of Gujarat.

Item No. 10/15/EC/09.11.2015

To ratify the appointment of Prof. S. L. Hiremath as Registrar

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor explained to the House the circumstances under which he took the decision. He stated that paucity of Administrative Staff, suspension of ordinance No. 13, growing pressure of need for expansion and growth necessitated the decision as the University required an efficient and experienced Registrar to streamline the administration. Further he also pointed out that his salary and other allowances should be suitable protected and compensated in accordance with his entitlements at parent institutions without any financial loss to him by sanction of suitable compensation wherever possible.

The House unanimously endorsed the motion of thanks moved by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor while ratifying the appointment of Registrar on deputation.

Item No. 11/15/EC/09.11.2015

To ratify the amendment in University Ordinance No. 13

Resolution: The Registrar explained to the House the developments that took place since the approval of Ordinance No. 13 by the Executive Council in its 14th meeting held on 25.03.2015 and need for further amendments as suggested by the University Grants Commission through Ministry of Human Resource Development. These observations and suggestions have been incorporated and submitted to the MHRD on 30.09.2015 for having the Ordinance processed to obtain the assent of Hon'ble Visitor.

The Executive Council ratified the amendments made to Ordinance No. 13 and the action initiated by the University in the matter.

Item No. 12/15/EC/09.11.2015

To ratify the reliving of Dr. Chhagan Lal

Resolution: The Registrar explained to the House antecedents of the case and situation under which Dr. Chhagan Lal had to be relieved, waiving off the condition of one month notice.

The House ratified reliving of Dr. Chhagan Lal and decision of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to wave off the condition of one month notice.

Item No. 13/15/EC/09.11.2015

To ratify the re-appointment of Provost

Resolution: The house having considered the re-appointment of Provost as being in order and as per the provisions of the Central Universities Act, 2009, unanimously **ratified the appointment of Prof. Sanjay Jha as the Provost for a period of two years from 17.09.2015.**

Item No. 14/15/EC/09.11.2015

To ratify the Extra Ordinary Leave Sanctioned to Prof. Man Singh

Resolution: The Registrar explained to the House the provisions under Act for sanction of Extra Ordinary leave.

The Executive Council ratified the Extra Ordinary Leave sanctioned by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to Prof. Man Singh.

Item No. 15/15/EC/09.11.2015

To ratify the approval of In-house Project Proposal of Digitization of Documents proposed by the Centre for Library and Information Science under Dr. K. Muttayya.

Resolution: Hon'ble Vice Chancellor explained to the House the utility of the project in refining and streamlining the administrative and academic processes and in the creation as well as on-line retrieval of digital archive of the University, necessitated by RTI applications as well as requirement of furnishing factual information to various agencies including University Grants Commission and Ministry of Human Resource Development every now and then.

The Executive Council ratified the sanction of a grant of Rs. 10, 17000 to the project proposal by Dr. K. Muttayya.

Item No. 16/15/EC/09.11.2015

To ratify the procurement of Maruti Suzuki EECO

Resolution: The Registrar explained to the house the urgent need for in-house transport facilities and the hardship University is facing owing to the same. This was pronounced in cases of transfer of students in medical emergencies, particularly in case of girl students, who are housed in hostels that are scattered and also located in the outskirts of Gandhinagar. Prof. S. C. Sahasrabudhe and Prof. P. K. Yadav suggested that University should procure Ambulances also on priority. The suggestion was accepted and the Executive Council recommended the purchase of Ambulances as early as feasible.

The House ratified the procurement of Maruti Suzuki EECO CNG a small economy (CNG) Utility vehicle which was already approved by the Finance Committee in its meeting held on 28.10.2015

Item No. 17/15/EC/09.11.2015

Ratification of grants sanctioned for organizing National Consultation Meet.

Resolution: The Executive Council congratulated the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and University on having been identified and assigned to host such a prestigious Consultation Meet by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The House was informed that expenditure to be incurred by the University on this event was suggested to be met out of the

UGC General Development Assistance grants available with the University by Ministry of Human Resource Development and an estimated expenditure of Rs. 30 lakhs was submitted to the MHRD and the Finance Committee had approved the same in its meeting held on 21.09.2015

The House unanimously ratified the allocation of funds to the tune of Rs. 30 lakhs from the General Development Assistance grant of UGC,

Item No. 18/15/EC/09.11.2015

Ratification of sanction of grant for organizing an International Seminar on Debating Swaraj

The Executive Council acknowledged and appreciated the contextual and locational relevance and importance of the International Seminar on the theme stated above which was also evident from the grant of assistance from ICSSR and **hence ratified the sanction of financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 10.5 lakhs from the General Development Assistance of University Grants Commission available with the University.**

Item No. 19/15/EC/09.11.2015

To ratify procurement of designated vehicle

The Registrar appraised the house about the condition of the vehicles purchased by the University in the year 2009 and 2010 and the inconvenience and hardship (Embarrassment) caused by breaking down of these vehicles every now and then as well as efforts made by the University to dispose of these vehicles as per Government rules. In the month of September and October, 2015, the University was without any designated vehicle for use by statutory officers, with national events being underway, hosted by the University.

Since the Finance Committee has already accorded approval for disposing of old vehicles and procurement of designated vehicles as replacements of these vehicles disposed of, the University having already initiated the process of disposing off Tata Indigo GLX car by issuing notice of auction twice, decided to procure one Maruti Suzuki Ciaz as a designated vehicle.

The Executive Council unanimously ratified the procurement of Maruti Suzuki Ciaz as a designated vehicle in replacement of Tata Indigo GLX in the process of being disposed off since long.

Items to Consider

Item No. 20/15/EC/09.11.2015

To consider the draft Annual Accounts, Balance Sheet and Audit Report of the University for the year 2014-15

The Hon'ble members of the Executive Council had been provided a copy of Draft Annual Accounts, Balance Sheet as on 31.03.2015 and the Audit Report of CAG for the year 2014-

15. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor invited the Finance Officer to present the highlights of the Accounts, Balance Sheet and Audit Report. It was noted that the Annual Accounts as reported were in order, Balance Sheet was found to be reflecting the true financial status of the University.

The Audit Report submitted by the CAG office stated that Central University of Gujarat has successfully shifted over to the new accounting practice which is praiseworthy and the report also had remarked that the financial transactions of the University were in compliance with the finance rules prescribed by the Govt. and the records were found in order and up-to-date. The Finance Committee had approved all these statements and reports of account in its meeting held on 28.10.2015,

In view of the positive remarks made by the CAG, **the Executive Council placed on record its appreciation for the sincere efforts put in by the Finance Officer and his staff and approved the Annual Accounts, Balance Sheet as on 31.03.2015 and the Audit Report of the University for the year 2014-15, and further resolved recommend the same to be placed before the Court of the University for approval and submission to MHRD to be placed before the Parliament.**

Item No. 21/15/EC/09.11.2015

To consider the draft Annual Report of the University for the year 2014-15

Resolution: The Draft Annual Report of the University for the Year 2014-15 was placed before the House which was circulated along with agenda and the Registrar presented the highlights of the same stating that it presents a bird's eye view of the achievements and the activities of the University during the year under report. The report comprises of the admissions to various courses in different schools and centres, publications of faculty and students, conferences, seminars, workshops organized by the University and its schools and centres as well as attended by the faculty and research scholars in India and abroad. In addition to the profiles of schools and centres, it also comprises information on the ongoing and completed projects including the participation of university in various events.

Prof. Dharvesh Gopal appreciated the practice of including the publications of the research scholars which boosts their moral and confidence. (Prof. M.H. Fulekar opined that the Deans should approve the information provided by the Centres before it is included in the Annual Report. He was advised by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to suggest any changes required to be incorporated in the Annual Report, pertaining to his school for the University to look into the matter)

The House placed on record its appreciation for the efforts put in by the Deans, Chairpersons and the Coordinators in promoting teaching, research and extension and the Editorial Committee for an impressive compilation of the report.

Further, the Executive Council endorsed the Draft Annual Report for the year 2014-15 and recommended it to be placed before the Court of the University for its approval and submission to MHRD to be placed before Parliament.

Item No. 22/15/EC/09.11.2015

To consider and approve the Notification for recruitment of various Teaching positions.

Resolution: Hon'ble Vice Chancellor appraised the House about the urgency of recruitment to various vacant faculty positions, which has been emphasized and insisted upon by the UGC and MHRD in all their review meetings and above all by the Hon'ble Visitor who views adequacy of qualified and regular faculty as the most essential precondition for University to discharge their duties and obligations to higher education properly. He brought to the notice of Executive Council that Ordinance No. 19 has been cleared by the MHRD and UGC and the University is likely to receive Ordinance assented by Hon'ble Visitor any time and University would not like to lose any time after that and as such would like to go ahead with notification inviting applications, complete the process of scrutiny and conduct meetings of Selection Committees only after receiving the Ordinance assented by the Hon'ble Visitor. He also appraised the House that University has already prepared the Reservation Register and Reservation Roster Register and Vacancy Register of teaching and non-teaching posts, inviting experts in reservation matters from DOPT and other Public Administration Institutions and as such seeks the approval of Executive Council to the Draft Notification of Teaching Posts to begin with.

Prof. S. C. Sahasrabudhe raised the issue of changing the application fee and processing fee for applicants stating that it has been done away with at IITs. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor clarifying the issue stated that, the rules regarding the same will be looked into and if doing away with application fees and processing fees is not violation of such rules of procedure then the University may decide to do away with this practice. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor appraised the House and pointed out that the Executive Council needs to take a stand in the case of many candidates who had applied for various non-teaching posts in response to the University Notification No. 03/2013-14 dated 15.06.2013 and were eligible at that point of time in terms of age limit/criterion. The selection process could not be taken up owing to suspension of Ordinances and as such these candidates may have crossed the age limit prescribed in the Ordinance and may not be eligible to apply under criterion of age, if the notification is reissued now for no fault on their part.

The House discussed about issue and was of the unanimous opinion that, to consider such candidates as not eligible would be denying natural justice to them and hence the issue needs to be addressed and redressed to protect the legitimate claim of such candidates. It was also noted that considering not holding interviews as a lapse on the part of University, the Executive Council had decided earlier to refund the application fee/processing fee to the candidates who had applied to these post. In view of the above, the House unanimously decided to grant relaxation of age to such candidates who were eligible as per the eligibility condition of age stipulated in the previous notification. It was further resolved that, application/processing fees should not be levied from those who had applied for both non-teaching and teaching posts against University notifications, if they have not claimed the refund. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor further assured the House that the UGC regulations and reservation rules of Government of India would be strictly adhered to in the recruitment process.

The Executive Council having been convinced of the situation and importance of the matter, approved the draft Notification for various teaching posts and also approved relaxation of age in case of those who had applied in response to earlier notification for non-teaching posts. It was further resolved to not levy application/processing fees from such candidates in case they are applying again.

Item No. 23/15/EC/09.11.2015

To consider starting the B. Voc. Programme in the University and sanction of additional grants from the University

Resolution: The House congratulated Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for being instrumental in getting the B. Voc. programme sanctioned to Central University of Gujarat and having made all the prepared to launch the programme despite several constraints. The House was informed about the faculty positions sanctioned under the programme and grants received for recurring and non-recurring expenditure as well as approval of the course by the Academic Council in its meeting on 28.09.2015 vide Resolution No. 13.

However, in view of the type of programme proposed to be offered in the field of Rational Approach to Drug Design, Dr. Prakash Jha, the Nodal Officer has requested additional non-recurring grant for establishment of computational lab. The UGC has sanctioned a non-recurring grant of Rs 25 lakhs out of which Rs. 15-20 lakhs only could be spared for establishing a lab, which is considered as inadequate and as such has sought an additional grant of Rs. 30 lakhs from the General Development Assistance grant of UGC. Prof. Sahasrabudhe opined that the pharmaceutical industries, who are the beneficiaries could be approached for laboratory facilities at their R&D establishments which was accepted by the members to be explored into.

The Executive Council having convinced of the applied and vocational significance of the programme approved the sanction of additional non-recurring grant up to Rs. 30 lakhs from the General Development Assistance grant of UGC available with the University.

Item No. 24/15/EC/09.11.2015

To consider Establishment of Independent School of Applied Material Sciences.

The House was appraised by the Registrar about the approval of the proposal to establish an independent school of Applied Material Sciences by upgrading the Centre for Applied Chemistry, by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 28.09.2015 vide Resolution No. 14 through an amendment to Statute 40. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor offered need for the move based on the recent trends in material science research and the credentials and capabilities of the centre for Applied Chemistry to foraying into this emerging area with potential for wider applications. He stated that the School will have seven faculty positions to begin with that are already sanctioned to centre for Applied Chemistry and additional faculty could be sought to be created if need be with the growth of the school in due course.

The Registrar pointed out to the House that in the agenda it is proposed to transfer Dr. Prakash Jha and Mr. Raju Chowhan along with seven posts sanctioned to the Centre of

Applied Chemistry by the UGC considering their credentials and specializations, but it has to be read as “Dr. Prakash Jha and Mr. Raju Chowhan be transferred to the proposed School of Applied Material Science by **adjusting their posts against** seven posts sanctioned to the centre of Applied Chemistry by the UGC.” The House noted and approved the correction, to be incorporated in the minutes. At present, the School of Chemical Sciences, there are two centres i.e. a) Centre for Studies in Chemistry and b) Centre for Applied Chemistry, both having posts of one Professor, two Associate Professors and four Assistant Professors each. It is proposed that the **new School of Applied Material Sciences which is going to be carved out of the existing School of Chemical Sciences will have two centres i.e. a) Centre for Industrial Chemistry with seven posts already sanctioned and b) Centre for Applied Material Sciences for which UGC will be requested for sanction of additional posts.** Dr. Prakash Jha who is Assistant Professor in Centre for Applied Chemistry and Mr. Raju Chowhan who is Assistant Professor in the Centre for Studies in Chemistry will be transferred to the proposed School of Applied Material Sciences by adjusting against the posts sanctioned to the erstwhile Centre for Applied Chemistry and at present proposed to be in School of Applied Material Sciences. Thus after the establishment of new School of Applied Material Sciences, the School of Chemical Sciences will have seven positions of which one Professor filled and two posts of Associate Professor and four Posts of Assistant Professors vacant and accordingly the proposed School of Applied Material Sciences will have one posts with Profesor, two posts of Associate Professor and two posts of Assistant Professors vacant with other two posts of Assistant Professor adjusted by the posts of Dr. Prakash C. Jha and Mr. Raju Chowhan. **The erstwhile School of Chemical Sciences will have two centres i.e. a) Centre for Studies in Chemistry and the proposed b) Centre for Analytical Chemistry for which additional posts will be sought to be created by submitting the proposal to the University Grants Commission.**

Dr. Prakash Jha appraised the House about the main thrust and salient features of the courses proposed to be offered by the proposed school as discussed in the Academic Council. He explained the outline of the courses, dominant streams and expected outcome of this exercise. Prof. S. C. Sahasrabudhe considering the focus of the School on computational chemistry and its scope for applications in Applied material sciences, stated that the proposed school could require huge investments in the computational and allied infrastructure, which could run into couple of crores. Hon’ble Vice Chancellor while responding to this observation stated that funds can be procured for good cause in deserving cases and the University would be able to provide required funds when necessary. Prof. S. C. Sahasrabudhe while appreciating the stand of Hon’ble Vice Chancellor suggested that the cost of infrastructure could also be cut down by outsourcing high performance computational services as a economy measure.

The House after deliberations approved the establishment of independent school of Applied Material Sciences, as recommended by the Academic Council, through amendment of statute 40 and approved transfer of Dr. Prakash Jha and Mr. Raju Chowhan to the proposed School of Applied Material Sciences by adjusting their posts against the seven posts sanctioned to the centre of Applied Chemistry by the UGC. It was further resolved to approach the UGC for additional posts for the newly proposed Centre for Material Science in the School of Applied Material Sciences and for the Centre for Studies in Analytical Chemistry proposed to be established in the School of Chemical Sciences.

Item No. 25/15/EC/09.11.2015

To consider the establishment of School of Education

Resolution: Hon'ble Vice Chancellor appraised the house that Teacher Education has of late come to be viewed as priority area in higher education owing to its role, implications and applications in improving quality of education per se and knowledge delivery systems in particular and all the newly established Central Universities have been mandated to offer M.Ed. course. In Central University of Gujarat, it has been long overdue owing to extraneous factors but all the preparations having been now attended, the Central University of Gujarat is set to start M.Ed. Courses from the academic year 1016-17. Requisite posts and grants have been sanctioned by UGC, the University has identified space, the notification for recruitment is prepared, NCTE Visiting Team has submitted its report after inspection of University on 30.10.2015 and the Academic Council has approved establishment of School of Education to offer M.Ed. courses from Academic Year 2016-17.

The Executive Council while taking note of the efforts made by the University with appreciation, approved the establishment of School of Education at Central University of Gujarat by suitably amending the Statute 40.

Item No. 26/15/EC/09.11.2015

To consider the proposal for Establishment of School of Library and Information Science by upgrading the existing Centre for Library and Information Science

The Registrar placed before the House the proposal for establishment of School of Library and Information Science by upgrading the existing centre for Library and Information Science through an amendment to the statute 40 which has been approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 28.09.2015 vide Resolution No. 21. The Registrar pointed to a typographic error in the Draft Statute at Serial No. VII and rectified it as "School" in place of "Centre". Further, it was decided to have two centres in the proposed School of Library and Information Science, a) Centre for Library and Information Science and b) Centre for Digital Library and Information Management.

The Executive Council having perused the justification and the need for such a school at CUG, approved the proposal and the amendment to Statute 40 to facilitate establishment of School of Library and Information Science with two centres, a) Centre for Library and Information Science and b) Centre for Digital Library and Information Management.

Item No. 27/15/EC/09.11.2015

To consider the Ordinance No. 21"Convocation"

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the House that two batches of students have rolled out of Central University of Gujarat who need to be conferred the degrees and an ordinance is

essential to hold the Convocation of the Central University of Gujarat which has been approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 28.09.2015 vide Resolution No. 20 (c). He extended invitation to all the members to attend the First Convocation which would be held at the earliest possible date in future.

The House unanimously approved the Ordinance No. 21 relating Convocation of CUG.

Item No. 28/15/EC/09.11.2015

To consider the Ordinance No. 22 relating to Alumni Association of Central University of Gujarat

The Registrar brought to the notice of the House that in view of batches of graduates having started rolling out of CUG, an Alumni Association is thought of to keep track of such graduates so as to establish linkages with the organizations in which they are absorbed for the benefit of future graduates to harness placement opportunities endowments and donations for which the Central Universities Act 2009 makes provision under section 35 (1&2)

The Executive Council approved the Ordinance No. 22 relating to the establishment of Alumni Association of CUG.

Item No. 29/15/EC/09.11.2015

To consider the Ordinances of the Central University of Gujarat

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor was of the opinion that some of the Ordinances proposed need to be looked into in a greater detail so as to not to face stalemate or difficulties at later stage having approved and adopted them and suggested that the matter relating approval of various Ordinances may be deferred to be taken up in the next meeting after careful study and scrutiny of each of them.

The House unanimously endorsed the view expressed by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and decided to defer the item relating to approval and adoption of Ordinances of Central University of Gujarat.

Item No. 30/15/EC/09.11.2015

To rectify appointment of Dr. Muttayya K. as Professor on re-employment at Centre for Library and Information Science

The Vice Chancellor appraised the House the case of Dr. Muttayya currently designated as Visiting Faculty at Centre for Library and Information Science. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor requested Prof. N. Rajaram to explain the case to the House since he was the Registrar during the period when Dr. Muttayya's case came up for consideration and decisions were taken by the University. Prof. N. Rajaram explained the case beginning from the request made by the University to TISS (22.10.2012) to spare the service of Dr. K. Muttayya based on the recommendation of an expert committee and approval of Executive Council (27.08.2012), later a Deans Committee in its proceedings recommended a designation of Dr. K. Muttayya

as Visiting Faculty. This resolution of the Deans Committee was not placed before the Executive Committee in any of its subsequent meetings. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor pointed out as the Deans Committee resolution can not supercede the decision of the Executive Council of 27.08.2012 unless the Executive Council itself resolves to revise or relook into the decisions taken by it in its previous meetings.

The Hon'ble members noted that request was sent to TISS to spare the services of Dr. K. Muttayya as "Professor on Deputation" based on the recommendation of experts' Committee and approval of Executive Council. The issue involved was, on availing VRS, whether Dr. K. Muttayya could be on deputation or should be appointed on invitation, as has been done in case of several senior Faculty serving as Professors after superannuating or availing VRS from their parent institutions. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor was of the opinion that since it is a matter to be decided by the Executive Council and since Executive Council was presented with all the facts and antecedents of the case, the issue may be decided by the House. Prof. Gita Bajpai was of the opinion that since the matter pertains to the service conditions of a senior faculty who had responded to the invitation extended by the University and had single handedly managed the affairs of the Centre for three years, the University is obliged to take a stand in the matter as per merit and the decision taken by the Executive Council.

Prof. Alok Gupta sought permission of the Chair to explain fixation of pay in his case vis-à-vis the case of other Professors similarly reemployed on invitation and requested Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to look into such cases. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor responding to his appeal, stated that these appointments and fixation have been made prior to his assuming the office of the Vice Chancellor and would prefer not to rake up these issues on his own and would take up only such cases that have been observed by the Audit Team as objectionable anomalies and suggest for rectification. He referred to couple of such cases that have already been identified by the Audit Team recently and the University is looking into these cases, and if need be will be referred to UGC or DOPT as the case may be. He also suggested that it is not a matter relevant to the case of Dr. K. Mutthyya. But in case of Dr. K. Mutthyya, only the question of re-designation as his pay has been protected and the Executive Council has to decide as to whether it's initial decision of inviting Dr. K. Mutthyya as Professor of Library Science is to be upheld or it has to be relooked into and revised. Responding to this Prof. P. K. Yadava categorically stated that the question of revising the decision does not arise and it is not tenable as the same Executive Council has passed this resolution. Prof. Deepak Sharma, Prof. Dharvesh Gopal and Prof. S. C. Sahasrabudhe endorsed the opinion of Prof. P. K. Yadava.

In view of the consensus opinion having been arrived at with regard to the case of Dr. K. Muttayya, the Executive Council resolved to adhere to Executive Council decision 27.08.2012 and designate Dr. K. Muttayya as "Professor of Library Science" with monetary benefits, if any, accruing prospectively with effect from the date of this meeting of Executive Council.

Item No. 31/15/EC/09.11.2015

To consider the re-imburement of Medical bills in respect of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor

The Executive Council noted the contents of the item and resolved that since Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and his dependents are entitled for reimbursement of medical expenses in full, regardless of the type of treatment taken, **the reimbursement of medical expenses referred to in the item were approved and it was further resolved that all the medical expenses of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor are deemed to be approved for reimbursement as he is entitled to the actuals.**

Item No. 32/15/EC/09.11.2015

To consider the Incidental Allowances for Hon'ble Vice Chancellor

Before the item was presented for consideration by the House, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor suggested to drop the item since the item was prepared by the office in his absence and without his knowledge and he would not endorse or approve any expenses by anybody without having to submit accounts.

However, Prof. T. V. Kattimani submitted that there could be several expenses that Vice Chancellors may have to incur on official tours and visits as a matter of courtesy or etiquette that are incidental in nature and as such are unpredicted and unforeseen and could be met out of what we may call as sundry expenses admissible under sundry allowance which can be drawn by the Secretariat of the Vice Chancellor to the extent estimated depending on the nature and purpose of travel and submit the accounts to the Finance periodically.

The Executive Council endorsed the views of Prof. T. V. Kattimani and approved sundry allowance for unforeseen expenses incidentally incurred by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on official tours and visits.

Item No. 33/15/EC/09.11.2015

To consider the Seniority lists of Associate Professors and Assistant Professors of CUG.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor brought to the notice of the House that in view of several professors having been appointed on diverse basis like deputation, invitation, reemployment, absorption and direct recruitment, the University intends to have the seniority of Professors fixed by a competent agency like UGC or DOPT and in case of Associate Professors and Assistant Professors, all of them having been appointed through direct recruitment, there is no ambiguity in fixing the seniority and as such, in compliance with service rules in force and as per guidelines issued by UGC, the draft seniority lists of Associate Professors and Assistant Professors have been prepared to be approved by the Executive Council. Prof. M. H. Fulekar suggested that a committee may be constituted to look into the matter and prepare the seniority list of Professors for approval of EC. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor responding to his suggestion stated that any committee to be constituted would have to have the Deans who are also the Professors whose seniority is required to be decided by the same Committee raising the issue of conflict of Interest and hence, it would be proper and prudent to have the matter referred to UGC or DOPT. The House accepted this suggestion and decided to refer the matter accordingly.

Further, having found, in principle, the lists of seniority of Associate Professors and Assistant Professors in order, resolved to approve the same, subject to corrections if any.

Item No. 34/15/EC/09.11.2015

To consider the request for Extension of Lien by Dr. Reji K. Joseph.

The Registrar presented the case before the House and the request made by Dr. Reji Joseph, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor appraised the House about the tendency among the faculty to keep applying for posts elsewhere and keep accruing benefits and privileges from this University at the cost of the University and its students which is an injustice to the University. He expressed his concern over the commitment and loyalty, among the junior faculty, to the University which has supported them and has provided opportunity to build a career. Dr. Reji Joseph though has been appointed as Associate Professor at ISID being an Assistant Professor here, has kept lien on this post, preventing CUG from advertising that post and it is not a healthy practice to avail lien on a lower post being in a higher cadre. Prof. Sahasrabudhe suggested that Central University of Gujarat should follow the practice that is in vogue at IITs where the faculty have to earn lien by service and they earn one year of lien by serving for five years and two years lien is the limit irrespective of length of service. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and the members welcomed the suggestion and proposed to incorporate the same in the Ordinance governing the terms and conditions of service of teachers of the University in due course and decided to turn down the request of Dr. Reji Joseph, viewing it as against the academic interest of the University and the students.

However, Dr. P. K. Yadav suggested that instead of outrightly rejecting the grant of lien, the University may issue him a month's notice to report to his duties coinciding with the end of his lien period failing which his appointment stands terminated. The House agreed with his suggestion and decided to resolve accordingly.

Hence, the request of Dr. Reji Joseph for extension of lien by one and half years was rejected and it was decided to send him a recall notice one month in advance asking him to report to his duties at CUG by 29th January, 2016, and informing him that in the event of not doing so his appointment at CUG as Assistant Professor stands terminated.

Item No. 35/15/EC/09.11.2015

To consider procurement of two Buses

Resolution: The Registrar explained to the House the difficulty University is facing in providing transport facilities to the students who are accommodated in hostels scattered in Gandhinagar and also at the locations on its outskirts. In addition to this, the growing strength of students has constrained the University to hire private bus services paying huge sums that has been objected by the Audit team in its report for the year 2014-15. Hence, purchase of two more buses would be a viable solution to the transport needs of the students as well as to ward off audit objections being raised.

The Executive Council having been convinced of the need and justification based thereon approved purchase of two buses by CUG.

Item No. 36/15/EC/09.11.2015

To consider Honorarium to Finance Officer (Offg.), Controller of Examinations and Nodal Officer (CIF) and such other officials.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor brought to the notice of the House that owing to suspension of Ordinance 13, several statutory positions have not been filled up. In addition to these posts, the University is required to appoint coordinators, nodal officers, Directors to various cells, Committees and Centres established by the University in compliance with instructions received from UGC, MHRD under diverse schemes and programmes. In addition to such positions, there are the posts of DSW, Provost, Proctor and Wardens and presently that of Nodal Officer of CIF that have been assigned to the regular faculty to be looked after in addition to their routine duties in their respective schools and Centres.

He further stated that fixing of Honorarium has been done arbitrarily in an ad-hoc manner without regard for the nature of the duties and extent of responsibility required of the post.

The Registrar mentioned that the issue regarding honorarium to the Finance Officer and Controller of Examinations came up for discussion in the last meeting and Hon'ble Vice Chancellor was authorized by the Executive Council to take a decision in the matter but inadvertently the matter was not included in the minutes and as such has been pending.

The issue was discussed at length and the Executive Council took a stand that there should be no sense of injustice felt by anybody taking additional responsibilities and discharging duties for the University. Prof. Dharvesh Gopal suggested that a Committee may be constituted to look into the matter. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stated that though it could be a good idea but it would again give raise to conflict of interest. The Registrar proposed that the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor may be authorized to look into the matter and fix honorarium to these positions, which could be brought into effect prospectively from the date of this EC meeting. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor suggested that this can be done in consultation with the Registrar the Finance Officer and Internal Audit Officer.

The Executive Council accepting the suggestions of the Registrar, authorized the Vice Chancellor to decide honorarium to all the positions held by the staff in addition to their routine duties by consulting Registrar, Finance Officer and Internal Audit Officer.

Item No. 37/15/EC/09.11.2015

To consider adoption of Career Advancement Scheme of UGC for the Teaching Faculty of Central University of Gujarat

The Registrar submitted to the notice of the House that several faculty members have approached the administration seeking approval to apply for promotion under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) of UGC for the teachers. The House was of the unanimous opinion that since CAS is a scheme introduced by the UGC and has been in vogue in all the Central and State Universities, the Central University of Gujarat may also adopt and introduce the scheme for the benefit of its teachers.

The Executive Council unanimously approved the adoption of Career Advancement Scheme for the benefit of the teachers in CUG and approved implementation of the CAS scheme as per UGC CAS Regulations and subject to amendments issued by the UGC from time to time.

Item No. 38/15/EC/09.11.2015

To consider and Approve, Panel of Experts of Constitution of Selection Committees for recruitment of faculty positions in various subjects/disciplines

The Registrar brought to the notice of the House that the panels of subject experts for the constitution of Selection Committees in various disciplines for appointment of faculty in operation were approved in 2009-10 and need to be revised and updated. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stated that recently when the selection committees were required to be constituted for the appointment of faculty on contractual basis, he had difficulty in choosing the experts as many experts mentioned in the panels had retired or changed the organization since the these panels were prepared and approved owing to considerable lapse of time.

He informed the House that since University proposes to take up recruitment of faculty through notification once the Ordinance 19 is assented by the Hon'ble Visitor, as well as take up promotion of teachers under CAS, as the same have been approved by the EC, the University has taken up revising and updating of panels of experts by obtaining and incorporating suggestions from the Deans and Chairpersons of various Schools and Centres in the University.

The Registrar provided the revised and updated draft panels of subject experts for circulation among the members. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor requested the external members to suggest additions to the panels of subject experts if they have any or even send the names of the experts to the Registrar later by mail for inclusion in the panel.

Prof. T. V. Kattimani and Prof. Sahasrabudhe suggested that since it would be difficult to find experts fulfilling all the criteria of reservation for constitution of Selection Committee as per UGC guidelines, at any given time the Vice Chancellor may be authorized to add any name required as per UGC guidelines to constitute the Selection Committee. The suggestion was accepted by all the members of the Executive Council.

In view of the above, **the Executive Council approved the draft panel of subject experts presented to the House for constitution of Selection Committee for the appointment of faculty in various Schools and Centres. Further, while requesting all the external members to suggest additional names, the House authorized the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to include names of experts depending on need at any given point of time as required by the UGC regulations for constitution of Selection Committees obtaining post-facto approval of the Executive Council wherever required.**

Any other Matter with the Permission of the Chair

Item No. 39/15/EC/09.11.2015

Approval of Amendments to the Ordinance 11 and Ordinance 14 of Central University of Gujarat.

Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Dubey, Controller of Examinations brought to the notice of the House that amendments to Ordinance No. 11 and Ordinance No. 14 relating to the M.Phil and Ph.D. degree courses of the University that were approved and recommended for adoption by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 28.09.2015 and the same might be taken to approval of Executive Council. Dr. Sahasrabudhe and Dr. P. K. Yadav also mentioned that Academic Council has the prerogative and precedence over other authorities in matters of pure academic nature and may not require the endorsement or approval of Executive Council which is predominantly administrative authority.

The Registrar appraised the House that the amendment pertains to adoption of new grading system incorporated in UGC XII Plan guidelines for introduction of CBCS scheme and the Central University of Gujarat has adopted the same with minor modification with regard to minimum grade for passing and the same has been approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 28.09.2015.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor called for the proceedings of the Academic Council and the same were provided by the Registrar. On considering the content and nature of amendment, he recommended that the said amendment may be approved by Executive Council, if required as per the provisions of the Act.

The Executive Council approved the amendments to the Ordinance No. 11 and Ordinance No. 14 relating to award of M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees as recommended by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 28.09.2015.

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Item No. 40/15/EC/09.11.2015

Creation of Teaching Posts for M. Sc Environment Science.

Prof. M. H. Fulekar requested Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to grant him permission to propose creation of posts for M. Sc. Environment Science course. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor suggested him to prepare a formal proposal providing the workload as distributed to the existing staff and justification for creation of additional posts which could be taken up with UGC with recommendations from Executive Council.

The Executive Council resolved to defer the matter relating to creation of teaching posts for the M.Sc Environment Science Course and take it up for consideration if submitted in the form of a formal proposal with justification in its next meeting.

Item No. 41/15/EC/09.11.2015

Anomalies in the fixation of pay

Prof. Alok Gupta sought permission to raise the issue of anomalies observed in the fixation of pay of several faculty. He referred to the cases in which benefits were extended to some and withheld from some others pleading to sense of injustice.

After discussion and deliberation, the House resolved to accept the suggestion made by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor that the issue of fixation of pay of Prof. Alok Gupta may be referred to administration to consider relooking into the case to make sure that he was not under financial loss in comparison with his earlier pay at the joining of Central University of Gujarat.

Before the meeting was concluded the Vice Chancellor apprised the Executive Council on the position of allocation of land to the University. As the things stand now, it is given to understand that Govt. of Gujarat is considering to provide land in a location near Baroda, in lieu of Padra region as earmarked earlier. The University is pursuing the matter both with Govt. of Gujarat and Ministry of Human Resource Development, GoI. However, notwithstanding nor deterred by these concerns over allocation of land, he stated that the University will concentrate on pursuit of academic excellence and striving for socially relevant existence.

The meeting was concluded with the Registrar thanking Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for presiding over the meeting and guiding the deliberations through to arrive at important resolutions. He thanked all the external members, Prof. T. V. Kattimani, Vice Chancellor, IGNTU, Amarakantak, Prof. Gita Bajpai, Retd. Professor and Head, Dept. of History, MS University Baroda, Prof. S. C. Sahasrabudhe, Former Director, DAIICT, Gandhinagar, Prof. P. K. Yadava, School of Life Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Prof. Dharvesh Gopal, Dept. of Political Sciences, School of Social Science, IGNOU, New Delhi and Prof. Deepak Sharma, School of Life Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, for making it all the way to the Central University of Gujarat, sparing their valuable time to take part in the deliberations of the meeting and for offering valuable insights and inputs to enable the Executive Council to resolve and take judicious decisions on the important issues on the agenda. He thanked all the Deans, Professors, Associate Professor as well as Finance Officer and Controller of Examinations who attended the meeting as special invitees.


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