

## Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar

### Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council of Central University of Gujarat held on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at 11:00 am in the Seminar Hall, Academic Block, Sector – 29 Campus, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar

The 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of Executive Council of Central University of Gujarat was convened on the 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Seminar Hall, Academic Block, Sector – 29 Campus to deliberate on the agenda circulated to take decisions on the important matters.

The following members were present in the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Capacity
1.	Prof. S. A. Bari	Vice Chancellor, Central University of Gujarat	Chairperson,
2.	Prof. Sudhir K. Jain	Director, IIT, Gandhinagar	Visitor's nominee
3.	Prof. Gita Bajpai (Retd.)	Professor & Head, Dept. of History, M. S. University, Vadodara	Visitor's nominee
4.	Prof. S. C. Sahasrabudhe	Former Director, DAIICT, Gandhinagar	Visitor's nominee
5.	Prof. Darvesh 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	
9.	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. <b>Group-I</b> Faculty of Social Sciences, Management and Humanities <b>Group –II</b> Faculty of Sciences, Technology and Health Sciences
10.	Prof. M. H. Fulekar	Dean, SESD	
11.	Prof. Alok Gupta	Dean, SLL&CS & DSW	
12.	Dr. Sanjay K. Jha	Dean, SIS	
13.	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

14.	Dr. Atanu Bhattacharya	Associate Professor, SLL&CS	One Associate Professor by rotation according to seniority, nominated by the Vice Chancellor.
15.	Dr. Prakash Jha	Assistant Professor, SCS	One Assistant Professor, who is not a Dean, by rotation according to seniority, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor
16.	Prof. S. L. Hiremath	Registrar	Secretary

**The following members could not attend the meeting.**

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Capacity
1.	Prof. Rajan M. Welukar	Provost, Somaiya Vidyavihar K.J Somaiya Institute of Management Studies and Research, Room No. 107, First Floor, Vidyanagar, Vidyavihar (East) Mumbai - 400 077	Visitor's nominee
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. Virginius Xaxa	Deputy Director, TISS, Guwahati	One member each from the categories, namely,
4.	Prof. R.S. Ghuman	Professor, Nehru-SAIL Chair, CRRID, Chandigarh	Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other
5.	Prof. Ameena Kazi Ansari	Dept. of English, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi	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

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 all the members and thanking in particular the nominated members for accepting the invitation and making it convenient to attend the meeting travelling long distances.

Thereafter, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor appraised the House about the important academic activities, events and achievements of the University and important developments that took place in the University since the last meeting of Executive Council held on 09.11.2015.

He informed the members that the Ordinance No. 13 and 19 relating to recruitment of non-teaching and teaching staff respectively have been assented by the Hon'ble Visitor and as assured on various fora, the University has notified all the vacant teaching posts through an advertisement issued on 26.02.2016 with last date for receiving applications being 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

He informed the House about progress made by the University in going for accreditation by NAAC and preparations being attended to for the visit of NAAC Peer Team, including the constitution of Academic and Administrative Audit Committee (AAA Committee), its visit to the University from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 and submission of the report based thereupon.

He informed the House about the efforts made by the University in getting the recognition of NCTE for its M. Ed. Programme, proposed to be offered from the academic year 2016-17. The NCTE Visiting Team conducted inspection of the University on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 and submitted the report to the NCTE. Subsequently, the NCTE has accorded its approval for the M. Ed. course of CUG in principle, requiring it to fulfil the condition of recruitment of faculty and purchase of books for which the University has already initiated necessary action.

He stated that much headway could not be made so far as allocation of land for the University Campus is concerned. Several sites have been identified so far but owing to one reason or the other allocation has not taken place yet. However, recently the Government of Gujarat has identified a site measuring 250 acres at Bakrol, near Baroda City for the Central University of Gujarat, which is found to be suitable and convenient and the matter is pending with Government of Gujarat.

He further explained to the House about the ongoing preparations for admissions to various courses for the academic year 2016-17 which will be completely on-line, as it was last year and as has been emphasized and insisted upon by the University Grants Commission and Ministry of Human Resource Development.

He stated that the academic milieu on the campus has been quite vibrant with more than 20 national and international conferences, seminars, workshops, training, orientation, refresher and capacity building courses and programmes having been organized during the year including the GIAN, the flagship programme of MHRD, organized by the School of Environment and Sustainable Development, with distinguished and accomplished scientists from reputed institutions having been roped-in as resource persons, including Prof. Andrew Ogram, a distinguished scientist from Department of Water and Soil Science of Florida University, USA as the key resource person. The House having viewed the events and achievements of the University as commendable, placed on record its appreciation for the administration led by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, faculty, staff and students for their sincere efforts and active involvement in these activities and thereby contributing to the enrichment of academic milieu of the University. Having briefed the House of the significant events organized by the University, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor called upon the Registrar to take up the agenda of the meeting for deliberation by the House.

The Registrar thanked the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for apprising the House about academic, research, outreach and extension profile in his introductory remarks and welcomed the members once again to the Executive Council meeting while placing the agenda of the meeting before the House.

**Item No. 1:**

**To confirm the Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Council held on 9.11.2015.**

The 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Council (EC) was held on 09.11.2016 at 11.00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the University (Sector-29 Campus). The minutes were duly circulated vide letters F.No.2-2(15)/2015-Admn./4067 to 4085 dated 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015.

In view of no comments, suggestions, observations for modifications having been received from any of the Hon'ble members, the Executive Council is requested to approve and confirm the Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Council held on 09.11.2015.

**Resolution No. 1:** In view of no comments, observations or suggestions for modification received from the members, the **House unanimously approved and confirmed the minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Executive Council meeting held on 09.11.2015.**

**Item No. 2:**

**To note and approve the report on Action Taken on Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Council held on 09.11.2015.**

The Executive Council (EC) in its meeting held on 09.11.2015 had passed several resolutions after deliberations on various issues presented in the agenda. Report on the action taken by the University on these resolutions is presented below for the perusal and approval by the EC

**Resolution No. 2:** The members perused the Action Taken Report. Prof. Man Singh, Dean, School of Chemical Sciences sought clarification on item No. 7 regarding the establishment of Central Instrumentation Facility (CIF). The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor assured him that whatever details required by him would be provided. Prof. P.K. Yadava inquired about the action taken on amendment to Ordinance No. 13 relating to recruitment of non-teaching posts and was informed that amendment as approved by the Executive Council in its meeting held on 09.11.2015 was submitted to the MHRD as required by the procedure and the same has been assented by the Hon'ble Visitor.

**With these clarifications, the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of Executive Council held on 09.11.2015 were approved.**

**Item No. 3:**

**Adoption and implementation of MHRD guidelines on Finance and Administrative matters issued for compliance.**

The Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi vide its communication F. No. 61-192015-Desk (U) dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016 on the subject "Improving Financial Management and Strict Compliance of rules/procedures in the Central Universities", has issued instructions to all the Central Universities to functions strictly in compliance with the Governments Rules and Procedures of Finance and Administration. Stressing the needs and significance of financial discipline and transparency and accountability in administration, the MHRD has suggested and prescribed specific mandatory procedural practices and guidelines which are to be observed and complied with scrupulously. The communication holds the statutory officers and other officials

responsible for violations and lapses and stipulates stringent penal actions against officers responsible for decisions in violation of the rules and procedures in finance and administrative matters.

**The mandatory guidelines (directives) issued by MHRD have to be adopted for compliance and implemented and the matter is placed before the Executive Council to take note of and endorse.**

**Resolution No. 3:** The Registrar apprised the House about gist of the communication received from MHRD. The members expressed their concern about the words “Scrupulously” and “stringent penal actions” in the text of item on the agenda proposed, but it was brought to their notice that these words have been taken verbatim from the letter received. Hon’ble Vice Chancellor asked the Registrar to circulate the letter among the members. He further stated that the communication is placed before the House to be taken note of the fact that the University is required to follow these mandatory procedures – which are in the form of directives and are being followed by the University. Prof. Man Singh, Dean, SCS stressed on having Annual Rate Contract for all purchases of chemicals, glassware and consumables. The House endorsed his views.

**With the observations stated above, the House took note of the directives received from MHRD for adoption by the University**

#### Item No.04

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

1. The University celebrated Constitution Day on 26 November, 2015 as a part of One Hundred and Twenty Fifth Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. S. A. Bari had presided the celebrations and there was a distinguished lecture by Prof. Bimal Patel, Director, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar.
2. A Skill Empowerment Programme on Office Communication was organized by Dr. Ishmeet Kaur under Writing Skill Enhancement Programme from 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2015 to 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 for non-teaching staff of the University.
3. In pursuance of the direction of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Central University of Gujarat has commemorated the 140<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, on 31.10.2015, and weeklong celebration from 30.10.2015 to 05.11.2015 was organized, wherein various activities had been conducted such as Book fair, Visit to Sardar Patel Museum, Essay, Paintings, Rangoli and Quiz competition. Week long competition was concluded with prize distribution to the participants.
4. In pursuance of the direction of Ministry of Human Resource Development, the University has celebrated the Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekanand on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2016. Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. S. A. Bari inaugurated the event. Dean of Students’ Welfare, Prof. Alok Kumar Gupta had organized the programme.

5. The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India has initiated the Global Initiative for Academic Network (GIAN) in Higher Education. The MHRD has sanctioned GIAN Programme on Bioremediation Technology of Hazardous Waste Management to School of Environment and Sustainable Development, Central University of Gujarat. This programme was conducted from 15<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2016. Prof. Andrew Ogram, an eminent Micro ecologist from the Department of Soil and Water Science, University of Florida USA was the core faculty of this programme. The inauguration of the programme on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 was presided over by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. S.A. Bari and Prof. Y.K. Alagh, Hon'ble Chancellor of CUG delivered the Key Note address.
6. A Workshop on Social Surfing was organized jointly by Centre for Library and Information Science and Centre for Studies and Research in Society and Development on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 regarding Safe Social Surfing, intending to initiate dialogue on how the user has complete control over the security and access to his /her profile.
7. Under Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan, the flagship programme of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Eco-Village Development (Transfer of Technology from Lab to Land) Programme has been under taken by the School of Environment and Sustainable Development Central University of Gujrat and the Government of Gujarat has allocated the village Kaka nu Tarapur near Gandhinagar for adoption to develop as Eco village by transferring technology from Lab to Land for Sustainable Development. The several activities for development of Kaka nu Tarapur village near Gandhinagar as Eco village, to transfer environment friendly technology for maintaining the ecology and the environment for sustainable growth have been envisaged.

Adoption of Kaka-nu-Tarapur, for Eco-Village Development was inaugurated on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016, Presidential address was delivered by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Shri K.M. Bhimaniyani, District Development Officer, Gandhinagar graced the occasion as Chief Guest and other distinguished guest were Shri Harshad N. Barot, Sarpanch, Kaka-nu-Tarapur, Prof. Andy V. Ogram, University of Florida, Prof. S.L. Hiremath, Registrar, Prof. M.H. Fulekar, Dean, SESD were present.

8. School of Chemical Sciences organized National Science Day in the form of One Day National Seminar entitled "Science Speaks" on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 in Sector – 30 campus of Central University of Gujarat. Eminent Science C.V. Raman was remembered for his contribution to the field of science.
9. School of Life Sciences organized National Seminar on Advances in Life Sciences Research on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2016. The seminar was aimed at bringing together Researchers, Scientists and Academicians together and provide a platform to exchange and share their exciting research findings in the area of life science. The platform is inscribed as "BiYom" by the School of Life Sciences. Prof. K. K. Sharma, Former Vice Chancellor of Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati, Ajmer delivered key-nots address and Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. S.A. Bari Presided the inauguration. Prof J.P.N. Mishra, the Organizing Secretary, gave introductory remarks.

10. "Matrubhasha Divas" was celebrated by the University on 03<sup>rd</sup> March 2016, wherein number of students participated enthusiastically. Drama and speech were delivered in their mother tongue by the students of the University.
11. International Women's Day was celebrated on 08<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 by the University. Students and faculty members participated and delivered speeches. Significant contributions of women to the society, their courage, determination, and their support were main points of their speeches.
12. The School of International Studies, Central University of Gujarat conducted Ten day Research Methodology workshop for ST Ph.D. students in Social Sciences from 10<sup>th</sup> March to 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Applications are also invited from students belonging to SC/OBC/Minority/Women/General categories. The workshop was aimed at training students in theoretical approaches and methodological challenges in social science research. The Workshop was sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi. The workshop was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor S.A. Bari.
13. The Centre for Nano Science organized two days' National Conference on "Nanotechnology in Agriculture, Energy and Medicine" jointly with University Industries Interface Cell on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. S.A. Bari delivered the presidential address and Inaugural talk was delivered by Prof. Rajeev Ahuja of Uppsala University, Sweden.
14. Centre for Gandhian Thought And Peace Studies organized an International Conference on the theme "Philosophy of B.R. Ambedkar in Contemporary Period" from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Prof G. Haragopal, ICSSR National Fellow, Hyderabad delivered key-note address and Prof Valerian Rodrigues, ICSSR Fellow, Department of Political Science, Mangalore University delivered inaugural address, Guest of Honour was Shri Prakash Ambedakar, Senior Advocate, and Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. S.A. Bari presided the inaugural function.

**Resolution No. 4:** The members perused the report on various Academic Activities and Events organized by the University **and in the light of introductory remarks made by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, noted the activities with appreciation.**

#### **Item No.05**

#### **To note the assent of Hon'ble Visitor to the University Ordinances No. 13 & 19**

Ministry of Human Resource Development vide its letter No. F. No. 59-4/2015-CU.III dated 04<sup>th</sup> January 2016 has communicated to the University that Ordinance No. 13 governing recruitment, appointments and emoluments of non-teaching and other posts (Employees other than Teachers and Academic Staff) of the Central University of Gujarat (Recruitment Rules) and Ordinance No. 19 Governing Conditions of Service of Appointed Teachers of the University and the Selection Committee procedures for their appointment have been assented by the President, in his capacity as the Visitor of Central University of Gujarat, which were suspended by the Hon'ble Visitor on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 in the light of observations made by University Grants Commission, New Delhi.

**Resolution No. 5:** Hon'ble Vice Chancellor while apprising the House about assent of Hon'ble Visitor to University Ordinances No. 13 and 19, also informed the House that the Notification inviting applications for all the vacant teaching posts has also been issued. **The Executive Council noted the matter with appreciation.**

**Item No.06:**

**To note the proposal submitted to the UGC for upgrading B. Voc. Programme to M. Voc. Programme**

The Central University of Gujarat has been sanctioned the B. Voc. Programme by the UGC with a grant of Rs. 90 lakhs. The University vide resolution No. 23 of Executive Council Meeting dated 09/11/2015 has made a provision for allocation of Rs. 30 lakhs from GDA for equipment and laboratory furniture since the grant earmarked for these in the UGC allocation was insufficient. The University has allocated space for classrooms, and laboratory and has procured some equipment and lab furniture and has floated tenders for others. The University has issued Notification inviting applications for admissions to the B.Voc. course as well as applications for faculty and technical staff for appointed on contractual basis. University has received large number of applications for these posts but could not attract applications for admissions to B.Voc. Course, may be owing to the timing of notification and also due to the nature of programme itself.

Considering the facts and circumstances stated above and also in view of the science infrastructure and facilities created by investing huge funds, and also keeping in view the nature and focus or main thrust of the Programme as well as the nature of the courses for which the University is established and known for, the University has submitted a proposal to the University Grants Commission to upgrade B. Voc. Programme of CUG to M. Voc. Programme.

**Resolution No. 6:** The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor explained to the House the efforts made by the University so far in launching the B. Voc. Programme. He further informed the House that University Grants Commission is also considering upgrading B. Voc. courses to M. Voc. courses. **The Vice Chancellor explained in detail the reasons for submitting the proposal and the House noted the matter.**

**Item No.07**

**To note the direction received from MHRD regarding discontinuation of Interviews for Junior Level Posts in the Government of India Institutions for Compliance**

The Ministry of Human Resource Development vide its communication No. 19-50/2015-Desk(U) dated 02/02/2015 has issued directions to discontinue interviews in recruitment for Junior Posts in Central Universities. These directions have been issued in pursuance of Office Memorandum of Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Government of India No. 39020/01/2013-Estt(B)-Part dated 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2015, which stipulates that interview for recruitment to Group 'C' and non-gazetted posts of Group 'B' category in Government of India Ministry/Departments/Autonomous Bodies/ Public Sector undertakings should be discontinued by revising the scheme for selection for such posts through requisite amendments to the relevant Ordinance and Recruitment Rules immediately. The University is required to submit the status report on the implementation of these directives to the MHRD.



The Central University of Gujarat has adopted these directives pending amendment to the Ordinance No. 13 relating to recruitment of non-teaching posts.

**Resolution No. 7:** Prof. Sudhir Jain inquired about the Modus Operandi for recruitment to these posts. It was clarified that the directives from MHRD are mandatory in nature and are issued in concurrence with Department of Personnel and Training (DOPT) decision regarding which the Government institutions have no choice but to comply with these directives and submit the status report on the implementation of these directives to MHRD. Prof. Darvesh Gopal informed the House that the Hon'ble Prime Minister has directed all the Government institutions to do away with interview in the process of recruitment for junior posts which is being followed by UPSC. **The House noted the matter of adoption of these directives in recruitment process at CUG and authorized the University to revise and amend the relevant Ordinance accordingly and initiate needful action in the matter.**

#### **Item No. 08**

**To note the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Central University of Gujarat and University of Tasmania**

To promote academic collaboration for research, learning and teaching and community service and cooperation in strategic areas in the field of Humanities and Literature, a Memorandum of Understanding between Central University of Gujarat and University of Tasmania has been signed on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016.

**Resolution No. 8:** The House noted the signing of MoU with University of Tasmania.

#### **Item No. 09**

**New Schools and Centres approved by MHRD to be established at CUG.**

The Schools and Centres proposed to be established by Central University of Gujarat with the approval of Academic Council and Executive Council through an amendment to the Statute 40 were submitted to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for obtaining the assent of the Hon'ble Visitor for the said amendment. The Ministry of Human Resources Development has communicated to the University vide F. No. 59-4/2015-CU.III dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015, the assent of Hon'ble Visitor to the said amendment and for the establishment of the following Schools and Centres:-

S. No.	School/Centre
	Centre for Health, Culture, and Personality Development
	School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
	School of Management
	School of Technology
	School of Earth Sciences and Remote Sensing

**Resolution No. 9:** The House noted the approval of MHRD for establishment of new Schools and Centres.

### Item No. 10

**To note the proposal received from Ministry of Defence seeking admissions in Two year M.A. degree course and Certificate Course in Chinese for the Defence personnel.**

Director General of Military Training, Directorate of Military Training, GS Branch, Integrated HQ of Ministry of Defence (Army) vide letter No. A/8505/1/GS/MT-15, dated 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, has requested the Central University of Gujarat to reserve 5 seats in M.A. Course and 25 Seats in Certificate Course for the personnel (Officers and men) from the Indian Army. At present the University offers only five year integrated M.A. degree course and if the University has to accept this assignment from the Indian Army, which could prove to be a meaningful and significant outreach and extension programme, instead of the five year integrated M.A. course, a standalone M.A. degree course of two years' duration and a certificate course of suitable length can be devised and offered. Specific reference is made in the communication to coverage of tailor-made course content meeting the specific requirement of the Indian Army.

**Resolution No. 10: The House noted with appreciation the proposal received from the Ministry of Defence and the courses the University proposes to offer in Chinese Language for Defence Personnel.**

### Item No.11:

**To ratify agreement with Apollo Hospital for medical treatment at CGHS Rates for the employees of the CUG**

Executive Council in its meeting dated 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015 vide Resolution No. 21 considered and resolved to extend the medical treatment and reimbursement facilities to the teaching and non-teaching staff of the University strictly as per rates and provision of Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) rules. The Vice-Chancellor was authorized to add names to the list of doctors & list of Pharmacists.

In pursuance of the above Resolution of Executive Council, the University has signed an agreement with Apollo Hospitals Ltd. for medical treatment of University employees and their dependents for all the ailments approved and listed by the Central Government. As per the agreement signed, all the University employees and their dependents will be entitled for medical treatment for all the ailments listed by Central Government at CGHS rates and such ailments which are not listed, treatment will be offered at 25% discount over normal charges levied by Apollo Hospitals for general patients. However, according to this agreement, Apollo Hospitals will provide treatment on cashless basis for inpatients for which an amount of Rs. 2.00 lakhs has been deposited and the outpatient treatment will be provided on cash basis at CGHS rates as well as discount as stated above, the bills on which have to be reimbursed by the University to the employee. The agreement has been signed by the Registrar which came into effect from 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2015 and is in operation at present.

**Resolution No. 11:** Prof. Deepak Sharma suggested that the University should go for Smart Card for employees that include the names and identity of the dependent family members, so as to avoid misuse of services as well as delay in treatment. The House endorsed the suggestion of

Prof. Deepak Sharma and suggested that all the possible care and caution should be taken to see to it that the facilities and provision for medical treatment are not misused.

**The House while acknowledging the benefits of the arrangement, ratified the agreement signed by CUG with Apollo Hospital, Gandhinagar.**

**Item No.12:**

**Ratification of the Acceptance of Resignation of Dr. Reji Joseph**

Dr. Reji Joseph who was serving as Asst. Professor in the Centre for Studies and Research in International Politics, School of International Studies had been appointed as Associate Professor at the Institute of Studies and Industrial Development (ISID), New Delhi w.e.f. 31/07/2015. On his request for grant of lien for a period of two years, the Central University of Gujarat had sanctioned him lien for six months and relieved him w.e.f. 30/07/2015. His request for extension on lien for another year and a half was not considered by the Executive Council in its meeting held on 09/11/2015. Subsequent to being communicated the decision of the University on extension of lien, Dr. Reji Joseph has submitted his resignation to the post of Assistant Professor in the Centre for Studies and Research in International Politics, School of International Studies w.e.f. 30/01/2016 which has been accepted by the CUG as communicated vide letter F. No. 4-62/2012-Admn./5387 dated 04/02/2016.

**Resolution No. 12: The House ratified the acceptance of resignation of Dr. Reji K. Joseph.**

**Item No.13:**

**Ratification of Leave granted on Medical Grounds to Dr. Jayashree Ambewadikar, Asst. Professor, CSRSD, SSS**

Dr. Jayashree Ambewadikar, Asst. Professor, Centre for Studies and Research in Society and Development, School of Social Sciences was on deputation to Human Resource Development Centre, JNU from 16<sup>th</sup> November to 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 for attending Refresher Course. During the Refresher Course, she took to serious illness and was forced to withdraw herself from the course on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 and could not report to her duties as well in view of illness. She could not join her duties to apply for leave due to illness and she was under medical treatment till 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 which was the date of commencement of vacation and in view of the same, she has requested the University to consider her absence from 16<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November as on duty as she was attending the Refresher Course **and condone her absence from 30<sup>th</sup> November to 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 on medical grounds.** Since there is no provision in the Ordinances for leave on medical grounds, some provision is required to be made to deal with cases of medical emergency.

**Hence, the matter relating to condoning the absence of Dr. Jayashree Ambewadikar, is placed before the Executive Council for consideration and also for making provision for leave on medical grounds in cases of emergency.**

**Resolution No. 13:** Prof. N. Rajaram, Dean, School of Social Sciences gave the details of the case to the House and explained the circumstances under which the decision was taken by the University.

**The decision taken by the University to consider number of days spent attending Refresher Course as on duty and to consider absence from 13<sup>th</sup> November to 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 as leave granted on medical grounds was ratified.**

**Item No. 14:**

**To ratify the grant of “Leave not due” to Ms. Dhara Chotai**

Ms. Dhara Chotai, Assistant Professor, Centre for Studies and Research English has requested for grant of “Leave not due” for completion of her Ph.D. The Ordinance (**2. ORDINANCE FOR REGULATING LEAVE TO TEACHERS OF THE UNIVERSITY**) of leave states that

**“9. Leave not Due (LND)**

- (i) *Leave not due may, at the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor, be granted to a permanent teacher for a period not exceeding 360 days during the entire period of service, out of which not more than 90 days at a time. Such leave shall be debited against the half pay leave earned by him/her subsequently.*
- (ii) *Leave not due shall not be granted unless the Vice-Chancellor is satisfied that the teacher will return to duty on the expiry of the leave and earn the leave granted.*
- (iii) *A teacher granted ‘Leave not Due’, shall not be permitted to tender resignation from service as long as the debit balance in leave account is not wiped off by active service, or the teacher refunds the amount paid to him/her as pay and allowances for the period not so earned:*

*Provided that in case where retirement is unavoidable on account of reason of ill health, incapacitating the teacher for further service, refund of leave salary for the period of leave to be earned may be waived by the Executive Council.*

*Provided further the Executive Council may, in any other exceptional case, waive, for reasons to be recorded, the refund of leave salary for the period of leave still to be earned”.*

The “Leave not due” can be granted to an employee only when all other leave have been exhausted and the employee seeks to go on leave for an approved purpose. In case of Dr. Dhara Chotai, 23 days of Earned Leave and 08 days of Half Pay Leave have been sanctioned and over and above these, leave not due of 2 months has been considered which will be adjusted against the leave accruing to her credit in future.

**Resolution No. 14: The House ratified the grant of Leave Not Due sanctioned to Ms. Dr Dhara Chotai**

**Item No. 15:**

**To ratify the proposal submitted to the UGC for sanction of Teaching and Non-teaching posts for New Schools and Centres approved by MHRD to be established at CUG**

While accepting the proposal submitted by CUG in pursuance of Executive Council resolution No. 11 dated 25.03.2015, the MHRD vide its communication No 59-4/2015-CU-III dated 12.10.2015 has approved the establishment of the following Schools and Centres:-

S. No.	School/Centre
	Centre for Health, Culture, and Personality Development
	School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
	School of Management
	School of Technology
	School of Earth Sciences and Remote Sensing

In order to enable the University to establish these Schools and Centres a proposal for sanction of additional teaching and non-teaching posts as per UGC staffing pattern has been submitted to the UGC by the Central University of Gujarat vide communication No 2-1/2009-Admn./5800 dated 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

***Resolution No. 15: The House ratified the proposal submitted by the University for the sanction of additional teaching and non-teaching posts for the new Schools and Centres approved by the MHRD to be established at the Central University of Gujarat.***

**Item No. 16:**

**Establishment of Centre for Promotion of Sindhi Language and Literature at Central University of Gujarat**

National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language (NCPSL) is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Human Resource Development established by Govt. of India with Ministry of HRM as the Chairperson. NCPSL is an organization set up for promoting Sindhi language and literature in all forms. The NCPSL has approached the Central University of Gujarat with a proposal to establish the Centre of Promotion of Sindhi Language and Literature (CPSL) at CUG with the entire country being its sphere of operation for which it has offered a corpus fund of Rs. 1.00 crore. The CUG has submitted a proposal for establishment of CPSL specifying the objectives, activities, finance and monitoring which has been approved by the NCPSL and a MoU is in the process of being signed. The CPSL will be organizing Orientation and Refresher courses to the teachers of Sindhi language and literature to begin with and eventually offer certificate, diploma, advance diploma, degree and Post Graduate courses in the years to come. The Centre also proposes to undertake translation studies and translation of books in the subjects into Sindhi to make available knowledge in different domains available in Sindhi language. A memorandum of understanding between and CUG and NCPSL has been finalized and is scheduled to be signed shortly.

***Resolution No. 16:*** Prof. Deepak Sharma suggested that the Central University of Gujarat should also think of starting Courses on Rural Development to strengthen the outreach and extension programmes. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor while accepting the suggestion mentioned that the space has been a constraint and once the CUG has its own campus, expansion of academic programmes

can be thought of and taken up. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor explained the terms of reference, objectives, rationale, activities and the salient features the proposed Centre for Promotion of Sindhi Language and Literature.

*The House approved the MOU proposed to be signed by the University and the proposal to establishment of the Centre for Sindhi Language and Literature at Central University of Gujarat.*

**Item No. 17:**

**Appointment of Dr. Sunita Patel as Assistant Professor in SLS, held up due to suspension of Ordinance which has now been assented by the Hon'ble Visitor.**

The Central University of Gujarat had conducted interviews for appointment of Assistant Professors (Reserved for OBC) on Regular Basis in School of Life Sciences, CUG on 17/07/2013. The Selection Committee had recommended Dr. Priyankar Sen for appointment as Assistant Professor and Dr. Sunita Patel was kept in Wait List. Dr. Priyankar Sen did not join the University and therefore Dr. Sunita Patel was offered the post of Asst. Professor in School of Life Sciences vide University letter F.No.9-3/(SLS-3)/2013-Admn./4870 dated 19/08/2014. Further on her request, Dr. Sunita Patel was granted extension of time till 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014 to join her duties on the grounds that she had to take care of her 2 months old baby. In the meanwhile, the Ordinance No. 19 of the University relating to the appointment of Teaching Staff was suspended and owing to this, the University could not permit her to join her duties. However, she was offered the post of Asst. Professor on contract in the existing vacancy notified which she accepted and reported to her duties on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2015. Subsequent to reporting to her duty as Assistant Professor on contract, she has requested the University to regularize her services as Assistant Professor in the School of Life Sciences since she was offered a regular post by the University and was also granted extension of time to report to her duties by the University on the grounds of maternity leave.

**Resolution No. 17:** Hon'ble Vice Chancellor requested Prof. N. Rajaram to explain to the House the details of the case as he was the Registrar at that time. Prof. N. Rajaram explained to the House the details of the case. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor clarified the circumstances owing to which Dr. Sunita Patel's appointment was kept on hold and in abeyance and the reasons for which her appointment deserves to be regularized. Prof. M.H. Fulekar expressed his reservation against the regularization on the ground that the appointments made and offered have a limited period of validity and cannot be regularized after the lapse of such period. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor explained that he had to deal with two types of cases, those who had reported to duties prior to suspension of the Ordinance which could be taken as being in order and those who had reported after the suspension of Ordinance, the validity of which could be questioned. But he had not raked up these cases, since the University was already under staffed and could not afford to lose hands. But these cases had taken place before his assuming office and in case of Dr. Sunita Patel, he had taken a decision to keep it in abeyance, pending approval of Ordinance and since the Ordinance has now been assented and she was granted extension of time by the University on maternity grounds, her request to regularize her services deserves to be considered. ***The House agreed with the justification provided by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and approved the appointment of Dr. Sunita Patel as Assistant Professor in School of Life Sciences and initiate needful action as per rules.***

**Item No. 18:**

**To consider the acceptance of resignation and relieving Shri S. Sivanandam, OSD (F&A) of his appointment as Finance Officer at NIPER, Ahmedabad**

Shri S. Sivanandam (Asst. Registrar), University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad who was on deputation to University of Delhi as Deputy Registrar (Procurement and Stores) was appointed as Officer on Special Duty (Finance and Accounts) at CUG on deputation in the Pay Band of Rs. 37400-67000 with Grade Pay of Rs. 8700 for a period of two years w.e.f. 23/03/2015 vide this Office order No. 4-97/2015-Admn./7395 dated 27/03/2015. In the meanwhile, he has been offered an appointment as Finance Officer at NIPER, Ahmedabad vide letter No. NIPERA/Staff/2016/721 dated 29/02/2016 and Shri S. Sivanandam has requested to accept his resignation for the post of Officer on Special Duty (Finance and Accounts) and relieve him from his duties w.e.f. 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016.

**Resolution No. 18:** The Registrar explained to the House the details of the case. Prof. Dharvesh Gopal opined that since Shri S. Sivanandam is an employee of University of Hyderabad, he should be relieved back to University of Hyderabad without reference to the appointment by NIPER, Ahmedabad. Prof. Sudhir Jain sought clarification on the terms and conditions of his appointment at CUG. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor explained that he was appointed as Officer on Special Duty (F&A) on deputation for two years and since it is an elevation for him in terms of pay scale and status, he has opted to accept the appointment as Finance Officer at NIPER, Ahmedabad.

***The House, in the light of clarification given by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, approved relieving of Shri S. Sivanandam to enable him to join as Finance Officer at NIPER, Ahmedabad.***

**Item No. 19:**

**To consider grant of Study Leave to Dr. Tulika Tripathi, Asst. Professor, CSEP, to enable her to avail Raman Fellowship awarded by UGC**

Dr. Tulika Tripathi, Assistant Professor, CSEP, SSS has been awarded Raman Fellowship by UGC for Post-Doctoral Research at USA for the year 2015-16 for 12 months. The terms and conditions of the award state that the rules governing payment of Salary, Study Leave, Medical Allowances, Gratuity, GPF, Pension etc. of the University to which the fellow belongs would continue to be applicable. The University Grants Commission guidelines for grant of Study Leave communicated vide letter No. F. 1-6/2012(PS) dated 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 stipulate that Study Leave may be granted to entry level appointees as Asst. Professor, Asst. Librarian, Asst. Director of Physical Education and scholarship or stipend will not be linked to the recipient's pay/salary paid by the parent institution. Dr. Tulika Tripathi has requested the University to grant her permission to accept the fellowship with leave for 12 months so as to enable her to avail Raman Fellowship.

**Resolution No. 19:** ***The Executive Council having considered the merit of the case and finding it in order as per the Ordinance of the University, approved the grant of study leave to Dr. Tullika Tripathi for 12 months to enable her to accept Raman Fellowship awarded by UGC as per the terms and conditions governing the grant of study leave.***

**Item No. 20:**

**To consider grant of study leave to Ms. Niveditha Kalarikkal, CCL&TS, SLL&CS**

Ms. Niveditha Kalarikkal, Asst. Professor, CSEP, SLL&CS has submitted an application to the University requesting grant of study leave to complete her Ph.D. work. The Ordinance relating to grant of study leave states that:

10. Study Leave (SL)

(i) *Study leave may be granted by the Executive Council on the recommendation of the Head of the Department/Centre concerned to a teacher after a minimum of 3 years of continuous service with the University, to pursue a special line of study or research directly related to his/her work in the University or to make special study of the various aspects of University organization and methods of education (Annexure-I, pp 50 to 52).*

***Resolution No. 20: The House having found application of Mr. Nivedita Kalarikkal, Asst. Professor, CCL&TS, SLL&CS in order as per Ordinance, approved grant of study leave for six months to pursue her Ph.D with conditions as per Ordinance governing grant of study leave.***

**Item No. 21:**

**To consider subscribing to the membership of Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU)**

The Association of Commonwealth Universities is one of the oldest International University Network established in 1913 with over 500 member institutions in developed and developing countries across the Commonwealth. The ACU awards fellowships, provides academic research opportunities and issues relating to leadership in higher education and promotes inter-universities cooperation. Most of the Indian Universities are members of ACU and recently the University has received an invitation for membership of ACU from its secretariat. The membership of ACU will be of relevance and significance for Central University of Gujarat to be in the mainstream and University affairs and availing the advantages of being in network of reputed Universities. It would add to the recognition and visibility of the University and opens up opportunities for faculty to be considered for fellowships and exchange programmes. The University proposes to subscribe to membership of ACU by paying prescribed fee as per ACU norms.

***Resolution No. 21: Hon'ble Vice Chancellor explained to the House the advantages of subscribing to the membership to Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) and almost all the members of AIU are also the members of ACU.***

***The House approved CUG subscribing to the membership of Association of Commonwealth Universities.***



### Item No. 22:

#### **Consideration and adoption of Report of the Academic and Administrative Audit Committee.**

The University vide its Notification No. 113/2015-16 dated 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 has constituted the Academic and Administrative Audit Committee of CUG consisting of distinguished academicians and academic administrators as a preparatory exercise and requirement of NAAC visit to the University for accreditation. The Academic and Administrative Audit Committee visited the University on 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016, coordinated by the Director IQAC. After visiting all the Schools, Centres, Central Facilities and interacting with the faculty, students and non-teaching staff as well as with the directors and coordinators of various Cells and Centres has submitted the Academic and Administrative Audit Report consisting of observations, commendations and recommendations for improvement of the overall performance and efficiency of academics and administration of the University. The University deems it advisable and imperative to implement the recommendations of the AAA Committee in the academic and administrative interest of the University and in the interest of the students and faculty at large. Further efforts made by the University in implementing the recommendation of AAA Committee may be looked into and taken into account by the NAAC peer team during its visit to the University. The said Report was placed in the Academic Council in its meeting held on 22.03.2016 for its endorsement.

**Resolution No. 22:** The Registrar explained to the House about the constitution of the Academic and Administrative Audit Committee (AAA Committee), its visit to CUG from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 as well as the salient features of its report consisting its observations, commendations and the recommendations for the overall improvement in the academic and administrative performance of the University (Copy of the report was placed before the House).

***The House considered the report and its recommendations as crucial in view of the visit of NAAC to CUG and approved its adoption and implementation for improving the academic and administrative performance and profile of the University.***

### Item No. 23:

#### **To approve the upgradation of Centre of Security Studies in School of International Studies as Centre for National Security Studies**

The School of International Studies had submitted a proposal to University Grants Commission for upgrading the School of Security Studies and the Committee constituted by University Grants Commission to examine this proposal has recommended the establishment of Centre for National Security Studies at Central University of Gujarat by upgrading the Centre for Security Studies. The University Grants Commission vide their letter No. D.O. No. F. 10-2/2015(SR-III) dated 11/02/2016 has sanctioned a special grant of Rs. 188 lakhs for said Centre for academic year 2016-17. The University has submitted the plan of action and budget proposal seeking creation of teaching and non-teaching posts and non-recurring grant for requisite office equipment and furniture and expects the release of grants to commence the courses from academic year 2016-17. To enable the University to accept the offer made by UGC and establish the Centre for National Security Studies, the Statute 40 is required to be suitably amended.

**Resolution No. 23:** The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor appraised the House that the School of International Studies had submitted a proposal to the University Grants Commission (UGC) under the scheme for upgradation of its Centre for Security Studies as School for National Security Studies and a Committee constituted by the UGC had approved the proposal and in pursuance of the same, the UGC has sanctioned a special grant of Rs. 188 lakhs for implementing the proposal from the academic year 2016-17. The Central University of Gujarat has submitted an action plan as per the proposal for utilization of grants under recurring and non-recurring heads, so that the programme can be implemented from the academic year as per the sanction order. Prof. N. Rajaram, on behalf of the House, placed on record the gratitude with appreciation for the efforts put in by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and School of International Studies (SIS) for submitting the proposal.

***The House while thanking the UGC for considering the proposal of CUG, approved the upgradation of the Centre for Security Studies of School of International Studies as per the proposal approved by the UGC and authorized the University to initiate necessary procedural formalities in the matter.***

**Item No. 24:**

**To consider and approve the Annual Budget of Central University of Gujarat for Financial Year 2016-17**

By the direction of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the Finance and Accounts Department has prepared the annual budget of Central University of Gujarat for the financial year 2016-17, keeping in view perspective plans and developmental needs of the University. The recurring and non-recurring expenditure proposed to be incurred and the requirement of grants for meeting this expenditure is reflected in the annual budget proposed (**Annexure-I, pp 57 to 59**). The draft annual budget incorporating the above details was approved by the Finance Committee in its meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

**Resolution No. 24:** The Registrar placed the item on Annual Budget of CUG for the Financial Year 2016-17 before the House. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor called upon Dr. Sanjay K. Jha, Finance Officer to explain in brief the salient features of the Annual Budget of CUG. Dr. Sanjay K. Jha explained about the allocation of grants from UGC for the XII Plan Period and FY 2016-17 being the last year of the XII Plan Period, the estimates of expenditure and financial requirements of the University has been prepared keeping in view the upper limits of allocation of CUG in XII Plan. Further the University would approach the UGC for additional grants depending upon the number of teaching and non-teaching posts getting filled and the allocation of land to CUG for its own campus.

***The House, while accepting the rationale and justification provided by the Finance Officer, approved the Annual Budget of Central University of Gujarat for the Financial Year 2016-17.***

## Table Agenda

### Item No.01:

#### **To consider the appointment of Yoga Instructor on contract.**

The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and University Grants Commission (UGC) are keen on promoting Yoga in Institution of Higher Educations by establishing Centre for Yoga Studies. By the direction of MHRD 21<sup>st</sup> June is being celebrated as International Yoga Day in all the Central Universities. The communication from UGC dated 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016 states that during the review of proposed Plan of Action the Hon'ble Prime Minister has emphasized the need for popularizing Yoga, celebration of Yoga fest and training for Common Yoga Protocol and several other theme based activities to be organized in the Central Universities. In pursuance of this cause of promoting Yoga at Central University of Gujarat, Prof. J.P.N. Mishra was assigned to start Yoga Training Club for the benefit of students, faculty member and staff.

As a part of the action plan for implementing the programme a full time Yoga Instructor is required to be appointed and on the recommendations of Prof. J.P.N. Mishra, Dean, School of Life Sciences, Mr. Alok Kumar Pandey, who is a Post Graduate in Yoga Studies with Diploma in Naturopathy, having long and rich experience and exposure and also pursuing doctoral studies in Yoga is being considered for appointment as Yoga Instructor on consolidated salary of Rs. 30,000/- per month for a period of six months.

***Resolution No. 1: The House, endorsing the need for Yoga Education and promotion of Yoga among the students, faculty and staff, approved the appointment of Yoga Instructor on Contract.***

### Item No.02:

#### **To consider recommendations of the Committee constituted for suggesting honorarium.**

In pursuance of the Resolution No. 35 of Executive Council dated 09<sup>th</sup> November 2015, a Committee was constituted to recommend honorarium to the faculty members assigned and discharging various additional responsibilities in the University like Finance Officer, Controller of Examinations, and Dean of Students' Welfare etc. The Committee having met on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 has submitted a report to the University recommending honorarium to faculty member for holding various positions and discharging duties along with their routine responsibilities, terms and conditions governing such honorarium.

***Resolution No. 2:*** It was brought to the notice of the House that in the last meeting of Executive Council, it was decided to constitute a Committee to recommend honorarium for various honorary posts in the University and the report submitted by the Committee was perused. Prof. Man Singh was of the opinion that there should not be any capping. Prof. Sudhir Jain was of the opinion that these additional responsibilities should not be at the cost or come in the way of discharging the primary duties and responsibilities of the teachers.

The House was informed by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor that the faculty discharging additional duties are already being paid honorarium. But there is no uniformity or rational basis for fixing the amount of honorarium with some of the faculty being paid two or even three honorariums which needs to be streamlined on rational basis to ward off sense of discrimination, bias or heart burn among the faculty. Several opinions regarding the powers and prerogatives of Executive Council vis-à-vis Finance Committee were expressed to decide whether the decision taken by the Executive Council on the issue of honorarium, or for that matter any decision

involving financial implications, be subject to the approval or review of the Finance Committee. It was also suggested by Prof. Deepak Sharma that instead of Executive Council deciding the quantum of honorarium and then seeking approval of Finance Committee, it would be proper to have it endorsed by the Finance Committee first and then bring it before the Executive Council for its approval as the Executive Council should not be viewed as subservient to the Finance Committee. However, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor suggested that let the recommendations be approved with whatever modifications suggested by the House and as far as the quantum is within the reasonable limits, it may be implemented as the University owing to paucity of staff is constrained to assign additional responsibilities to the Staff who need to be paid some reasonable honorarium.

*The House finally decided that for additional positions held that call for experience and responsibilities on par with those of a Professor may be paid an honorarium of Rs. 5000/- p.m. those on par with Associate Professor be paid an honorarium of Rs. 4000/- p.m and those on par with Assistant Professor be paid an honorarium of Rs. 3000/- p.m with a capping of Rs. 8000/- p.m irrespective of number of positions held.*

### Item No.03:

**To consider conducting online Entrance Examinations for admissions to various courses in the University for academic year 2016-17.**

The Central University of Gujarat conducted all India Entrance Examinations exclusively on-line for the academic year 2015-16, which was commended as a huge success. The University Grants Commission (UGC) and Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) have been insisting that all the Central Universities should go on-line for admission as well as admission examinations on priority, and in a review meeting held at UGC the efforts of Central University of Gujarat were appreciated for going completely online for all admission related activities including the entrance examinations. The University had assigned this work to M/s Logisys last year and the examination were conducted totally hassle free without any complaints or complications. A Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to look into the preparations for admission this year, going by the experience and performance of admission process last year, has recommended that the same agency may be assigned conducting online entrance examinations for the academic year 2016-17 also. The Admissions Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has already commenced the preparatory work and has proposed to have the online admission application forms to be made available w.e.f. 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

**Resolution No. 3:** The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor requested Prof. Sanjay K. Jha and Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Dubey, who had taken responsibility of conducting online entrance examination and coordinated admission process last year to explain to the House the modalities and proposal presented before the House. Dr Sanjeev Kumar Dubey and Dr. Sanjay Jha explained to the house the methods and modalities of the entrance Examinations conducted last year and the experience of working with agency engaged for this task last year and the expertise of agency.

*The House having been convinced about the credentials and the credibility of the agency which was assigned to conduct online entrance examination and admission process last year for University, approved the recommendations of the Admission and Expert Committees to assign the work to the same agency and also approved the plan of action submitted before the House for conduct of entrance exam and admission process.*

**Item No.04:**

**To consider and approve construction work assigned to CPWD.**

The Central University of Gujarat which is functioning from two transit campuses has been facing acute shortage of academic space and space for administrative and allied activities. Hence, it was proposed to have an extension of administrative block and constructions of a temporary building to house Browsing Centre, Cyber Library Language Lab and faculty blocks on Sector-29 Campus. The University Building Committee in its meeting held on 23/04/2015 approved this proposal and the work has been to be assigned to CPWD. The CPWD has submitted the estimates for extension of Administrative Block amounting Rs. 76,82,595/- and the proposed building for Browsing Centre, Cyber Library and Language Lab etc. amounting Rs. 1,68,01,594/-

The tenders were issued for above work by CPWD and after due process the work orders were issued to the successful bidders by the CPWD. The extension of Administrative Block has already been completed and the work on the other project is nearing completion. The total amount released so far is as under:-

S. No.	Nature of Work	Administrative Block	Browsing Centre, Cyber Library, Language Lab.
1	Civil	74,86,044	1,51,99,230
2	Electrical	22,91,730	39,85,000
	Grand Total	97,77,774 + 1,91,84,230 = 2,89,62,004	

The expenditure proposed and the amount released have been within the allocation made in the budget for the year 2015-16.

**Resolution No. 4:** The House perused the Statement of Expenditure on the extension of Administrative Block and Building to house Browsing Centre, Language Lab, Cyber Library etc. Prof. Sudhir Jain sought clarification on the difference between initial estimate and the amount released. It was clarified that the initial estimate was only for Civil Works and estimate for Electrical Installations were not included in the initial estimate, requiring the University to release the funds as and when requested on the basis of estimate and tendered value of electrical work.

**The House while suggesting to have greater clarity in preparing and presenting the factual information in the agenda, approved the release of funds to CPWD as presented for the above works.**

**Item No.05:**

**To consider the commencement of M.Sc. Programme in Climate Change.**

The Dean, School of Environment and Sustainable Development (SESD) has submitted proposal for commencing M.Sc. course in Climate Change from the academic year 2016-17 in the SESD. The proposal was approved in principle by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 22.03.2016 with the condition that the School will not request for additional faculty, staff, budget allocation and space.

**Resolution No. 5:** The House deliberated upon the proposing to commence M.Sc Programme in Climate Change and felt that it requires a little more thinking and planning. Prof. S. C. Saharastrabudhe was of the opinion that Climate Change could be a part or a major theme within M.Sc Environment Science Programme already being offered. Prof. Sudhir Jain and Prof. Dharvesh Gopal inquired about the syllabus for the said Programme. Prof. M. H. Fulekar informed the House that he is submitting the proposal prepared by the Advisory Committee constituted by the University which met recently and if the proposal is approved the syllabus will be prepared and depending on the preparations required, the course will be offered either from the academic year 2016-17 or from the year 2017-18. Prof. Man Singh was of the opinion that Climate Change is a multidisciplinary subject requiring association and input from all the Science Centres in CUG, which was endorsed by the house to be taken up by the Advisory Committee when it meets next.

***With these observations, the House approved the course to be introduced either from the academic year 2016-17 or from 2017-18 depending on the preparations required to be made as well as subject to the terms and conditions with which the Academic Council had approved the proposal.***

**Item No.06:**

**To consider procuring hardware and furniture for Language Lab from an agency on proprietary basis.**

A Language Lab has been a long standing need of Central University of Gujarat (CUG) which can cater to the needs of not only students of foreign languages in general by also enhance language and articulation skills of students of CUG at large. A provision has been made in the budget for Rs. 50 lakhs for Language Lab and Browsing Centre (non-recurring 35/5.3). A Committee constituted by the University with ICT Chairperson as Coordinator has surveyed the service providers and based on the clients profile, performance review and the requirement of Language Lab has identified M/s. Young India Films, an ISO 19001:2008 company which develops proprietary language lab software and provides compatible hardware and furniture for the language lab on turnkey basis. The Committee after a presentation by the representative of firm recommended purchase of software, hardware and furniture worth Rs. 19,20,000/- (taxes extra as applicable and transportation Rs. 50,000/- extra) from M/s. Young India Films. Only basic software have been recommended so that other can be procured later depending on need.

**Resolution No. 6:** The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor explained to the House about the need for procuring the software, hardware and furniture for the proposed Language Lab on proprietary basis from M/s Young India Films, an ISO 9001:2008 certified company which was selected from among many vendors in the field in view of their expertise in this field and considering their client profile as well as performance record.

***The House approved the proposal.***

**Item No.07:**

**To consider procuring Computer hardware and furniture for the Browsing Centre through DGS & D Rate Contract.**

A provision has been made in the budget for Rs. One Crore for ICT hardware and computers (non-recurring 35/5.2) and Rs. One Crore for furniture (non-recurring 35/5.1). Hence requisite furniture and computer hardware required for the browsing centre are being procured from the provision made in the budget allocation through DGS&D rate contract following General Financial Rules.

**Resolution No. 7:** The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor also explained to the House about the need for procuring computer hardware and furniture for Browsing Centre proposed to be established at Sector – 29 campus and also stated that the budget provision has specifically been made in the budget of the University. It was proposed to procure these computer hardware and furniture through DGS&D rate contract.

***The House approved the proposal for procurement of computer hardware and furniture for Browsing Centre through DGS&D rate.***

**Item No.08:**

**To consider recommendations of Selection Committees for promotion under Career Advancement Scheme.**

The University has adopted Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) of University Grants Commission (UGC) as approved by Executive Council in its meeting held on 09/11/2015 and in pursuance of the same University had issued Notification No. 109 dated 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 inviting applications from the eligible faculty for promotion under CAS. The last dated for receiving application forms was 19/02/2016.

In the first phase University took up the promotions from Associate Professors to Professors. Applications were received from the Associate Professors from Centre for Studies in Comparative Literature and Translation Studies, Centre for English Studies, Centre for Studies in Hindi, School for International Studies and Centre for Studies in Economics and Planning.

The Selection Committees constituted by the Central University of Gujarat as per the UGC Regulations met on 19.03.2016 and 21.03.2016, interviewed the candidates and submitted their recommendations, which need to be approved by the Executive Council. Hence the matter was brought before the House.

**Resolution No. 8:** Before taking up the recommendations of the Selection Committee for consideration of the House, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor requested Dr. Sanjay Jha, Dr. Atanu Bhattacharya and Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Dubey, who were the candidates for promotion under CAS, to abstain from the meeting and other administrative and supporting staff to leave the meeting hall.

Thereafter the Registrar submitted before the House the details of the CAS Notification, the applications received and the meetings of Selection Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March,

2016. Then he opened the sealed envelopes containing the recommendations of the Selection Committee on in the order in which the interviews were held.

**The House having gone through the recommendations of the Selection Committees in Centre for Comparative Literature and Translation Studies, Centre for English Studies and Research, Centre for Studies in Hindi and Centre for Security Studies and Research, approved the promotion of the following Associate Professors as Professors under Career Advancement Scheme:**

S.N.	Name	School	Centre	Recommendations of Selection Committee	Decision of the Executive Council of 29.03.2016
1.	Dr. Balaji Ranganathan	School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies	Centre for Studies and Research in Comparative Literature and Translation Studies	Recommended for promotion as Professor w.e.f. 04/09/2015 (DOE)	<b>Approved</b>
2.	Dr. Atanu Bhattacharya	School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies	Centre for English Studies and Research.	Recommended for promotion as Professor w.e.f. 16/08/2015 (DOE)	<b>Approved</b>
3.	Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Dubey	School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies	Centre for Studies and Research in Hindi	Recommended for promotion as Professor w.e.f. 30/08/2015 (DOE)	<b>Approved</b>
4.	Dr. Sanjay Kumar Jha	School of International Studies	Centre for Security Studies and Research	Recommended for promotion as Professor w.e.f. 28/08/2015 (DOE)	<b>Approved</b>

\* DOE (Date of Eligibility)

Before opening the sealed cover containing the recommendations of Selection Committee constituted for Centre for Studies and Research in Economics and Planning, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor brought to the notice of the House the recent incident in which a complaint of discrimination based on caste and bias in evaluation of M.Phil. Dissertation was alleged against Dr Jaya Prakash Pradhan by research student working under his supervision and the case has been referred to the Liaison officer for SC/STs to hold an inquiry in to the representation against Dr Jaya Prakash Pradhan alleging caste based discrimination, harassment and bias received from the aggrieved student. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor apprised the House that on receiving the representation from the student, he convened the meeting of Dean SSS, the Chairperson of Centre, the Liaison Officer (SC/ST) and Dr. Jaya Prakash Pradhan and in the meeting it was decided to have the dissertation re-evaluated by different examiner/s to ward off injustice to the



student caused, if any. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor informed that, he has already initiated needful action to get the dissertation re-evaluated. The members viewed the matter as of serious nature, particularly in the wake of recent incidents and developments on the University campuses across the nation. The House after deliberations at length decided to keep the recommendations of Selection Committee in respect of Dr. Jaya Prakash Pradhan in abeyance in view of the complaint of caste discrimination and bias alleged against him is being inquired into. The House further resolved that a member of Executive Council be nominated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor as member of the Inquiry Committee looking into the matter and the report submitted by the inquiry Committee be placed before the Executive Council for taking a decision on his promotion. The House, further authorized the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to nominate a member of Executive Council to the Inquiry Committee.

Further, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor brought to the notice of the House the case of Dr. Indira Dutta in which the Selection Committee was not convinced about her having the required length of service as Associate Professor which is one of the criteria for promotion and as such she was not recommended for promotion by the IQAC and the Selection Committee. In view of the above, the Executive Council decided to approve the recommendations of the Selection Committee and put her promotion on hold till she fulfills the service criterion.

With no other matter being raised by any of the Hon'ble Members, the meeting was declared as concluded by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. Thereafter, the Registrar thanked the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for presiding over the deliberations over the meeting and enabling the House to arrive at important conclusions and decisions. He further thanked, in particular, the nominated external members, Prof. Sudhir Jain, Prof. Darvesh Gopal, Prof. S.C. Sahasrabudhe, Prof. Gita Bajpai, Prof. P.K. Yadava, and Prof. Deepak Sharma for having spared their valuable time to attend the meeting and providing valuable insights into and suggestions on issues deliberated on in the meeting. He thanked all the Deans and senior faculty members who attended the meeting and enriched the deliberations by their valuable inputs. He thanked the Finance Officer and Controller of Examinations who attended the meeting as special invitees and provided essential support and assistance. He finally thanked the administrative and secretarial staff for providing all logistical and secretarial assistance in conducting the meeting.

  
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