

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF GUJARAT

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Minutes of the 24th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 20.06.2020 at 3:00 p.m. on Microsoft Teams

The 24th meeting of Academic Council of Central University of Gujarat was held online on the 20th June 2020 at 03:00 p.m. to deliberate on the agenda items circulated earlier and to take decisions on the important academic matters. The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (Chairman-Ex Officio)
2. Prof. Alok Kumar Gupta, Registrar (Offg.), Secretary
3. Prof. Vishwambhar Nath Mishra
4. Dr. Om Prakash Pandey
5. Prof. K.N.S. Yadava
6. Prof. Surya Pratap Singh
7. Prof. Sanjay Kumar Satyarthi
8. Prof. Sureshbhai C. Padavi
9. Prof. Nisha Jha
10. Shri. Satish Jacob
11. Shri. Anand Mohan Tiwari
12. Prof. Man Singh
13. Prof. J. P. N. Mishra
14. Prof. Atanu Bhattacharya
15. Prof. Sanjay Kumar Jha
16. Prof. Sarita Agrawal
17. Prof. Manish
18. Prof. H. B. Patel
19. Dr. Indrani Banerjee
20. Dr. Bhawana Pathak
21. Dr. Prakash C Jha
22. Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Dubey
23. Prof. Balaji Ranganathan
24. Dr. Atanu Mohapatra
25. Dr. Arun Vishwanathan
26. Dr. R. Hiranmai Yadav
27. Dr. Umesh Chand Singh Yadav
28. Dr. Seema Rawat
29. Dr. Jayendrakumar N. Amin
30. Dr. Gavisiddappa R. Angadi
31. Dr. Anushka Gokhale
32. Dr. Saurabh Sharma
33. Dr. Parvathi K. Iyer
34. Dr. Shiju Sam Varughese
35. Dr. Manasi Singh
36. Dr. Rina Kumari
37. Dr. Sunita Patel
38. Mr. Kartikey Dhar Dwivedi
39. Mr. Divyanshu Yadav

Prof. Akbar Masood could not able to join the online meeting.

Dr. Hemang Desai and Shri Mukesh Parmar were also present to assist the council.

After ascertaining the quorum required for the meeting, the Registrar (I/c) started the meeting by welcoming all members of the Academic Council, especially the newly nominated external members who were attending the Council's meeting for the first time. The Registrar gave brief introduction of these members to the House. He further informed the House that upon joining the university, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor had penned down a beautiful Kulgeet which was later on set to music after the approval of Academic Council and Executive Council, the Kulgeet was adopted as invocation song to be played in all academic events of the University. Members congratulated the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for this initiative. Then the University Kulgeet was played.

After recitation of the Kulgeet, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor welcomed all the members and thanked them for joining the meeting online. He then made an informative power point presentation about the Central University of Gujarat, giving details about its establishment, number of Schools and Centres in operations and sanctioned, faculty and non-faculty positions, students and various courses on offer, thrust areas of research and research amenities at CIF, teaching learning processes and resources, outreach and extension activities, financial outlays and the status of work at the permanent campus of university at Kundhela, Vadodara. The members thanked the Chair for the presentation. Then, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor took up the following agenda items for deliberation.

Item No. 01/24/AC/20.06.2020

To confirm the Minutes of the 23rd meeting of the Academic Council held on 21.02.2020

Resolution 01: As no comments/ suggestions were received from members on the minutes, the House resolved to confirm and approve the minutes of 23rd meeting of Academic Council.

Item No. 02/24/AC/20.06.2020

To take note of the action taken report on the Minutes of the 23rd meeting of the Academic Council held on 21.02.2020.

Resolution 02: The action taken report on the resolutions of the 23rd Meeting of the Academic Council was noted by the members of the Academic Council.

Item No. 03/24/AC/20.06.2020

To note the extension of one semester (till December 2020) granted to the research students of Ph.D. and M.Phil. in batches of 2014-15 (integrated M.Phil.-Ph.D.), 2015-16 (direct Ph.D.) and 2018-19 (M.Phil. stand alone or integrated)

Resolution 03: The House noted the extension of one Semester (till December 2020) granted to the research students of Ph.D and M.Phil in batches of 2014-15 (integrated M.Phil-Ph.D.), 2015-16 (direct Ph.D.) and 2018-19 (M.Phil. stand alone or integrated)

Item No. 04/24/AC/20.06.2020

To note the extension of last date for submission of Online Application on CUCET portal for admission in AY 2020-21

Resolution 04: The House noted the extension of last date for online submission of application on CUCET portal for admission AY 2020-21 till 06th June 2020.

Item No. 05/24/AC/20.06.2020

To note the successful completion of 2nd Convocation of Central University of Gujarat held on 22nd February 2020 in Sector 29 Campus of the university

Resolution 05: The House noted the successful completion of 2nd Convocation of Central University of Gujarat held on 22nd February 2020 in Sector 29 Campus of the university

Item No. 06/24/AC/20.06.2020

To note the revision of Guidelines for submission of M.Phil. /Ph.D. dissertation in view of COVID-19 as per recommendations of COVID-19 cell and as decided in the Deans meeting in accordance with the UGC guidelines issued dated 29-04-2020

Resolution 06: The House noted the revised guidelines for online submission and evaluation of dissertation/thesis, evolved by the university in accordance with the UGC guidelines issued dated 29.04.2020.

Item No. 07/24/AC/20.06.2020

To note the revised Academic Calendar for A.Y. 2019-20 & A.Y. 2020-21 and guidelines on safety measures in university as per UGC Guidelines issued on 29-04-2020

Resolution 07: The House noted the revised Academic Calendar for A.Y. 2019-20 & A.Y. 2020-21 and guidelines on safety measures in university. The House further authorized the Vice Chancellor to amend the Academic Calendar in accordance with evolution of pandemic situation in future.

Item No. 08/24/AC/20.06.2020

To note continuous online teaching to students enrolled in various programs during the lockdown period

Resolution 08: The House noted the continuous online teaching to students enrolled in various programs during the lockdown period.

Item No. 09/24/AC/20.06.2020

To note Tripartite MoU of University with UGC and MHRD for the Year 2020-21

Resolution 09: The House noted the submission of Tripartite MoU of the University with UGC and MHRD for the year AY 2020-21 to MHRD.

Item No. 10/24/AC/20.06.2020

To consider and approve non-hiring of additional hostels in current FY

Resolution 10: The University was planning to hire an additional hostel building for university students. However, in view of the pandemic situation, the university proposed to drop the idea for the time being. The House considered the matter and approved the proposal of non-hiring of additional hostels in the current FY.

Item No. 11/24/AC/20.06.2020

To consider and approve the duration of hostel accommodation for a Ph.D. student as per UGC norms

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Item No. 12/24/AC/20.06.2020

To consider and approve revision of hostel accommodation policy

Resolution 11 and 12: Agreeing to the rationale given by Hon'ble Member of AC Shri Anand Mohan Tiwari, the Council considered agenda items 11 and 12 together. The House went through the draft Hostel Accommodation Policy of the university clause by clause and found it in accordance with UGC norms and prevalent policies in other higher educational institutions. After detailed deliberations, the House unanimously approved the Hostel Accommodation Policy for implementation prospectively i.e. from AY 2020-21. It was also resolved that maximum duration of hostel accommodation for M.Phil students for be a period of 2 years. The House also directed the university to amend its existing Ordinance/Guidelines accordingly, if any.

Item No. 13/24/AC/20.06.2020

To consider abiding by the UGC Regulations on finalization of research topic and allocation of research supervisor

Resolution 13: The House was unanimous on the mandatory nature of UGC regulations, 2016 and its subsequent amendments and resolved that provisions of the Regulations governing the allocation of Research Supervisor and finalization of research area should be followed in letter and spirit subject to the condition that allocation of supervisor is done at the time of admission (interview/viva voce) in accordance with the seniority of faculty in School/Centre concerned, available expertise/vacancy and the applicant's research interest. It was resolved that within one month of registration of the Ph.D. research scholar, Ph.D. thesis topic and the supervisor be assigned.

Item No. 14/24/AC/20.06.2020

To consider and approve non-hiring of guest faculty in AY 2020-21 due to insufficient students-teacher ratio

Resolution 14: After perusing the policy circular issued by the UGC governing the appointment of Guest faculty and other relevant documents, the House unanimously approved the proposal not to appoint fresh contractual faculty in

the university. Further house resolved that depending on teaching load requirements Guest faculty be appointed as per UGC norms. The House also directed the university to undertake need-assessment exercise before hiring Guest faculty in AY 2020-21 through a three-member Workload Committee to be constituted by the Vice Chancellor.

Item No. 15/24/AC/20.06.2020

To consider and approve six-days a week pattern as per UGC Guidelines

Resolution 15: In view of the UGC guidelines and the need to cover the academic loss due to pandemic situation, the House approved the proposal to follow a six-days-a-week pattern of functioning from the commencement of theory and practical sessions in the AY 2020-21.

Item No. 16/24/AC/20.06.2020

To consider Remuneration/honorarium and TA of external examiners, School of Education, CUG.

Resolution 16: After due deliberation and discussion, the House accorded in-principle approval to the agenda item of honorarium and TA to the external examiners, subject to the condition that rates in this regard are examined and reasonably fixed by a Committee to be constituted by Vice Chancellor.

Item No. 17/24/AC/20.06.2020

To consider and approve adoption of SWAYAM Courses with Credit Transfer for the UG & PG Programmes run by various Schools/Centres of the University

Resolution 17: The House considered the matter of adoption of SWAYAM Courses with Credit Transfer for the UG & PG Programmes run by various Schools/Centres of the University and unanimously approved it. The House further directed the university to abide by UGC Regulations notified in this regard.

Item No. 18/24/AC/20.06.2020

To consider the issue of attendance of students during the lockdown period

Resolution 18: The House considered the issue of attendance of students during the lockdown period and resolved that since online teaching was conducted and the students attended lectures from home, in view of this 100% attendance should be given to the students in lieu of lectures they attended from home.

Item No. AA01/24/AC/20.06.2020

To consider and approve the syllabus for M.A. in Defence and Strategic Studies proposed to be initiated by School of National Security Studies

Resolution AA001: The House approved and considered the syllabus for M.A. in Defence and Strategic Studies proposed to be initiated by School of National Security Studies, subject to the condition that the Dean, SNSS incorporates the suggestions made by Hon'ble members Prof. Pandey and Shri A.M. Tiwari in the syllabus.

Item No. AA02/24/AC/20.06.2020

**To consider and approve Proposal for setting up new School, School of Indic Studies
by Hon'ble Member of the Academic Council Prof. Sanjay Kumar Satyarthi**

Resolution AA02: In view of the elaborate and strong justification given by Prof. Satyarthi, the House approved the proposal for setting up a new School of Indian Studies (School of Bharat Bodh) or with any other appropriate name in the university with four constituent Centres i.e. (1) Centre for Indian Culture and Heritage Studies (2) Centre for Philosophy (3) Centre for Yoga Sciences (4) Bharat Adhyayan Kendra. The House directed the university to do further needful in this regard.

Item No. AA03/24/AC/20.06.2020

**To consider and approve Proposal for setting up new School, School of Media Studies
by Hon'ble Member of the Academic Council Dr. Atanu Mohapatra**

Resolution AA03: The House critically examined the proposal for setting up a School of Media Studies in the university and listened to the justification and academic implications provided by Dr. Atanu Mohapatra. After due deliberation and in view of the merit of the proposal, the House approved the proposal in principle and directed the university do further needful in this regard.

Item No. TA01/24/AC/20.06.2020

To approve and consider Resolutions related to Examination in the Deans' meeting.

Resolution TA01: The House approved the decision taken in the Deans' Meeting with regard to the evaluation of students enrolled in intermediate semesters along with the formula of calculation of marks. Further, the House approved the proposal to conduct off-line examination of the final year (passing-out) students of university from the second week of August, 2020 and authorised the Vice Chancellor to take suitable decision depending upon the pandemic situation and advisories issued by UGC at that time.

Item No. TA02/24/AC/20.06.2020

**To approve and consider the request of 2013-14 batch students for extension of date of
thesis submission till December 2020.**

Resolution TA02: The House unanimously approved the proposal of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to grant extension to students of 2013-14 batch beyond 31st July, 2020 on case to case basis depending upon the strength of justification from the student and supervisor/Dean concerned and subject to the condition that such an extension will be granted only upto 31st October, 2020 and not beyond that deadline under any circumstances.

Item No. 03/24/AC/20.06.2020

**To consider authorizing Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to nominate members for the
constitution of School Board.**

Resolution TA03: The House considered the matter of nominating five members by the Council to the School Boards of university as per Section 1(v) of Ordinance No.6 of the university and unanimously authorized the Vice Chancellor to nominate members on School Boards of University.

Item No. TA04/24/AC/20.06.2020

To consider and approve the revised syllabus for M.A. in Politics and International Relations of School of International Studies

Resolution TA04: The House considered and approved the revised syllabus for M.A. in Politics and International Relations offered by the School of International Studies.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor thanked all the members for participating the meeting in online mode and for their valuable guidance and directions in academic affairs of the University. He further thanked all those University staff involved in making this meeting successful especially the ICT Team of the University.

The meeting ended with recitation of the Kulgeet.

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Registrar (Offg.)