

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF GUJARAT

Minutes of the 03rd (Emergency) Meeting of the Academic Council held on
31st July, 2010 at 11:00AM in the Conference Room of the University

The following were present:

1. Prof. R.K. Kale , Vice-Chancellor	-	Chairman
2. Prof. B. Hanumaiah	-	Member
3. Prof. Tara Chandra Kandpal	-	Member
4. Prof. Dilip Mohite	-	Member
5. Prof. Sharit K. Bhowmik	-	Member
6. Prof. Anuradha Bhoite	-	Member
7. Prof. Tapati Basu	-	Member
8. Prof. Jose Varghese	-	Member
9. Prof. M.H. Qureshi	-	Member
10. Prof. H.A. Ranganath	-	Member
11. Prof. A.S. Narang	-	Member
12. Prof. P.L. Vishweshwar Rao	-	Member
13. Prof. N. Rajaram, Dean, SSS	-	Officiating Secretary
14. Prof. Man Singh, Dean, SCS	-	Special Invitee
15. Col.(Retd.) S.K. Sharma	-	To assist
16. Shri A.N. Kunjunny, OSD(Admn)	-	To assist

The following could not attend the meeting:

1. Prof. Sushma Yadav	-	Member
2. Prof. Dharmendra Kumar	-	Member
3. Prof. Ranjit Singh Ghuman	-	Member
4. Prof. Arun Dalvi	-	Member
5. Prof. C. Manoharachary	-	Member
6. Prof. Riaz Shaikh Khan	-	Member
7. Prof. B.K. Punia	-	Member
8. Prof. Surinder S. Jodhka	-	Member
9. Prof. G.D. Yadav	-	Member

Prof. E.V. Ramakrishnan, Dean, SLL&CS, who was requested to be present as a Special Invitee, also could not attend the meeting.

In the first instance, after welcoming the members present at the meeting, the Vice-Chancellor explained the circumstances which necessitated convening an emergency meeting of the Academic Council (AC) at short notice. The Vice-Chancellor informed that the University Grants Commission (UGC) had convened a meeting of Vice-Chancellors of the newly created Central Universities at UGC in New Delhi on 23.06.2010 to discuss the Annual Plan for the year 2010-11 and action points for expediting full operationalization of new Central Universities, including fixing of a time frame for finalization of Statutes on establishment of Schools/Departments so that the process of recruitment of faculty could be started at the earliest. At that meeting, it was decided that the Universities may accord top priority for having in place the necessary Statutes and Ordinances for the purpose. It was also decided that the matter may be expedited by the end of August, 2010. It was for

this reason that the emergency meeting was convened to consider establishment of Centers of Studies in the Schools of Studies of the University, as stated vide item no. 03 of the Agenda.

The members pointed out that by convention only emergent items are considered at emergency meetings and routine items like confirmation of Minutes of the previous meeting(s) and, noting the report on action taken on the Minutes of the previous meeting(s) are not required to be included on the Agenda of emergency meeting. The Vice-Chancellor appreciated and endorsed the views of the members and, accordingly, item no. 01 and 02 were withdrawn for consideration at the next (regular) meeting.

After the introductory remarks as above, the Vice-Chancellor made a power-point presentation about various activities of the University subsequent to the second meeting of the AC held on 01.05.2010. These included a brief review of the entrance examinations held on 06.06.2010, the proposed instrumentation facility and additional class rooms, sanction and creation of 36 additional faculty positions etc. The successful conduct of entrance examinations and subsequent admissions were appreciated by the members. The members also appreciated the work of Prof. Man Singh who invented "Mansingh Survicemeter". The Mansingh Survicemeter will be manufactured and marketed by the Borosil Company throughout the world. This instrument will be useful to measure surface tension, interfacial tension, wetting coefficient and viscosity, which was not possible earlier as one has to use separate instrument for these parameters. Because of the accuracy of the instrument it is going to have a qualitative impact on the research in the above mentioned fields of research. Most importantly, the instrument is financially affordable and is also eco-friendly.

The power point presentation was taken on record (**Annexure I** to these Minutes). Thereafter, the Agenda item were taken up for consideration.

ITEMS CONSIDERED

03. Considered establishment of Centres of Studies in various Schools of Studies and resolved to approve and propose to the Executive Council for adoption the draft Ordinance, as amended, i.e. Ordinance No. 13: Ordinance Relating to Establishment of Centres of Studies in the Schools of Studies of the University (Section 28(1)(j), Statute 15(1)(5)(a) of the Central Universities Act, 2009 (No.25 of 2009)), (as at **Annexure II** to these Minutes).

ITEM CONSIDERED WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

- i. Considered the recommendations of the Committee constituted by the University for looking into the request of Shri Dushyant Joshi, M.Phil/Ph.D. student in Science, Society and Development, School of Social Sciences, admitted in the academic year 2009-10, for granting him Zero Semester (Monsoon Semester-first semester as at **Annexure III** to these Minutes), and resolved to approve the recommendations of the Committee.
- ii. Considered authorizing the Vice-Chancellor to take necessary follow up action on the draft academic Ordinances to be submitted by Prof. K.P.S. Unny, former Registrar as

well as former Dean, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, and resolved to authorise the Vice-Chancellor to do the needful accordingly.

- iii. The AC at its meeting held on 01.05.2010 vide item no. 12, Annexure VI of the Agenda, had considered the Minutes of the first meeting of the Core Group for Five Year Integrated M.A. in Social Management Programme, and noted that the course curriculum was being prepared by the Sub-Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. N. Rajaram. The semester wise distribution of credits for semester I to semester VI alongwith the tentative credits for the fourth and fifth year, were placed on table (as at **Annexure IV** to these Minutes), and the AC resolved to approve the same. Further, the AC authorized the Vice-Chancellor to consider and approve the course contents on receiving the recommendations from the Sub-Committee.
- iv. The Vice-Chancellor informed the AC about the meeting organized by the office of the Commissioner, Higher Education, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar of the Vice-Chancellors of the Universities located in the State of Gujarat to discuss the issue of legal literacy through a course on "Law for non-Law students". The members welcomed the suggestion and authorised the Vice-Chancellor to work out the details in this regard.
- v. The AC authorized the Vice-Chancellor to examine the feasibility of introducing admissions to the direct Ph.D. Programme from Winter Semester 2010-11 in terms of Ordinance No.12. ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY THROUGH DIRECT ADMISSION.

The members placed on record their deep appreciation and congratulated the Vice-Chancellor and his team of Officers for the fast pace of infrastructural development work being carried out on the temporary University campus.

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

