

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF GUJARAT

Minutes of the 10th Meeting of the Academic Council
held on 28th October 2014 at 11:00 AM in the Conference Room
of the University

The following were present:

S. No.	Name	Designation	Capacity
✓ 1.	Prof. S.A. Bari,	Vice-Chancellor	Chairperson
✓ 2.	Prof. Sushma Yadav	Pro-ViceChancellor PVC Office, New VC-Block IGNOU Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068	Rep. OBC Category {as per Statute 13(xvii)}
✓ 3.	Prof. Nisar-ul-Haq	Prof Nisar-ul HAQ Department of Political Science Jamia Millia Islamia New Delhi 110025	Rep. Minorities Category {as per Statute 13(xvii)}
✓ 4.	Shri Priya Ranjan Kumar	Assistant Professor	Rep. PWD Category {as per Statute 13(xvii)}
✓ 5.	Prof. E.V. Ramakrishnan	Dean, SLL&CS	Dean of School of the Studies {as per Statute 13(iv)}
✓ 6.	Prof. Man Singh	Dean, SCS & SLS	
✓ 7.	Prof. M.H. Fulekar	Dean, SESD	
✓ 8.	Dr. Sanjay Kumar Jha	Dean, SIS	
✓ 9.	Prof. Alok Kumar Gupta	DSW	DSW {as per Statute 13(ix)}
✓ 10.	Dr Sanjeev Kumar Dubey	COE	COE (Special Invitee)
✓ 11.	Dr. Jaya Prakash Pradhan	Associate Professor	Provost {as per Statute 13(xii)}
✓ 12.	Dr Vinod Sen	Assistant Profesor	Warden {as per Statute 13(xiii)}
✓ 13.	Dr Indira Dutta	Chairperson, CSEP/SSS	Chairperson of the Centre of Studies {as per Statute 13(v)}
✓ 14.	Dr. Atanu Bhattacharya	Chairperson, CES/SLL&CS	
✓ 15.	Dr Balaji Ranganathan ,	Chairperson, CCLTS/SLL&CS	
✓ 16.	Dr Sony Kunjappan	Chairperson, CSSM/SSS	
✓ 17.	Dr. Parvathi K. Iyer	Chairperson, CSSTIP/SSS	
✓ 18.	Dr Kishore Jose	Chairperson, CSS/SIS	
✓ 19.	Dr Saurabh Sharma	Chairperson, CSIPG/SIS	
✓ 20.	Dr Jayashree Ambewadikar	Chairperson, CSSD/SSS	

✓ 21.	Mr Vinai Kumar	Chairperson, CGS/SLL&CS	
✓ 22.	Mr Prabhat Kumar	Chairperson, CCLC/SLL&CS	
✓ 23.	Dr Dhananjay Kumar	Chairperson, CGTPS/SSS	
✓ 24.	Dr. Prakash Jha	Assistant Professor, SCS	Six Assistant Professors by rotations representing different academic discipline {as per Statute 13(viii)}
✓ 25.	Dr Mohandas Singh Nongmaitham	Assistant Professor, CSS/SIS	
✓ 26.	Dr Anuska Gokhale	Assistant Professor, CGS/SLL&CS	
✓ 27.	Mr L. Raju Chowhan	Assistant Professor, SCS	
✓ 28.	Mr Roshan Lal Jahel	Assistant Professor, CGS/SLL&CS	
✓ 29.	Ms Feba David	M.Phil/Ph.D. Scholar, SSS	Student category {as per Statute 13(xv)}
✓ 30.	N. Rajaram, Dean & Registrar (Offg.)	Secretary	Secretary

Dr Chaganlal

The following could not attend the meeting:

S. No.	Name	Designation	AC Composition
* 1.	Prof. P.G. Jogdand	Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai	Rep. SC Category {as per Statute 13(xvii)}
* 2.	Prof. Sonajharia Minz	Professor, School of Computer & Systems Sciences, JNU, New Delhi	Rep. ST Category {as per Statute 13(xvii)}
* 3.	Prof. Arti Nanavati	Professor, Dept. of Economics, M.S. University of Baroda	Rep. Women Category {as per Statute 13(xvii)}
✓ 4. 1	Mr. Rohit Patel	M.Phil/Ph.D. Scholar, SLS	Student category

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The following attended the meeting as Special Invitees to assist:-

1. Mr A.V. Rajasekhar, Chief Consultant (F&A)
2. Mr A.N. Kunjunny, Consultant (Estb. & HR)
3. Mr H.R. Pathak, Consultant (Admn.)
4. Mr Tarun Soni, S.O. (I/c)
5. Mr Mukesh Parmar, P.S.

At the outset, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed the members to the meeting. He stated that he felt honoured to chair the first meeting of the Academic Council (AC) after he took charge of the office of Vice-Chancellor on 25th August 2014. He thanked the members and, in particular, the external members Professor Sushma Yadav and Professor Nisar-ul-Haq for making themselves convenient to attend the meeting. He assured the members that it will be his endeavour to take all aboard while discussing and formulating policies and programmes for overall academic enrichment. He expressed the hope that the members

will equally and wholeheartedly extend their cooperation in the decision-making process at AC meetings as mandated by the Act, Statutes and Ordinances. He particularly welcomed the member representing the Students Council for making it convenient to attend the meeting and hoped that participation of students' representatives will be full and complete in the future meetings.

After the above introductory remarks, Prof. N. Rajaram, Secretary of the AC, initiated the proceedings. On his request, the members and the officials present introduced themselves. On his personal behalf and also on behalf of the members of the AC, he extended warm greetings and welcome to the Vice-Chancellor. He assured the Vice-Chancellor that the members, many of whom were attending the meeting for the first time, would extend full co-operation to him to make the proceedings an enriching academic experience. After these remarks, he proceeded to take up agenda items for consideration.

01. Considered confirmation of the Minutes of the 09th meeting of the AC held on 26.10.2013, and resolved to confirm the Minutes, as already circulated.

ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES

02. Noted the report on action taken on the Minutes of the 09th meeting of the AC held on 26.10.2013. On one item (item No. 15) the AC revised its earlier decision. Its considered view was that item No. 15 (decision taken in meeting held on 26.10.2014) to extend the provision contained in Ordinance No. 14 (para 9.6) for improvement of performance of PG students to M.Phil. students is academically not feasible as M.Phil. is a research course; so this recommendation was not accepted.

ITEM NOTED

03. Noted the appointment of Professor S.A. Bari as Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Gujarat w.e.f. 25.08.2014 for a period of five years after his appointment was approved by the Hon'ble Visitor, the President of India, as communicated by the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi vide letter No.59-2/2014-Desk U dated 21.08.2014.

The members felicitated the Vice-Chancellor and assured that they will extend all help and cooperation so as to enable the Vice-Chancellor to conduct the meetings of the AC smoothly.

04. Noted the report on the admissions carried out for the academic year 2014-15.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed his concern that the students who have already passed out from the University have not yet been issued their final grade sheets and degrees and he has been receiving complaints from the students in this regard. While instructing the Controller of Examinations (Offg.) to ensure that the efforts to prepare the grade sheets and degrees should be expedited without any further delay, he requested the Deans of the Schools and Chairpersons of the Centres to ensure that grades awarded to the students at mid and end-semester examinations are communicated to the Controller of Examinations in a time-bound manner so as to enable the CoE to announce the results and distribute grade sheets to the students. In this connection he referred to agenda item No.09, proposing to introduce an Academic Calendar for various academic activities in the University and hoped that, once adopted by the AC, it would introduce a sense of urgency and responsibility, apart from accountability, on the concerned functionaries to complete the evaluation process in a time-bound manner which in turn would benefit the students.

05. Noted the award of M.Phil and Ph.D degrees to the students of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed his appreciation that in a short time of its existence a large number of students completed their M.Phil programme and a few of them their Ph.D in the University. He congratulated the faculty for their efforts in this direction, but advised them to ensure that quality of research is not compromised.

06. Noted the various officiating appointments made since the last meeting of the AC and acceptance of resignations from the University service by some faculty members. In this connection, the AC resolved to add to the list the name of Prof. E.V. Ramakrishnan who functioned as Vice-Chancellor In-charge during the period 01.03.2014 to 24.08.2014.
07. Noted signing of Memorandum of Understanding by the Centre for Gandhian Thought and Peace Studies, School of Social Sciences with McMaster University, Canada and Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad to start "a new Diploma Programme in Women Education and Social Development".
08. Ratified declarations of Zero Semester to five M.Phil/Ph.D students and one M.Sc student in various Schools/Centres, as listed in the agenda, noting that the declarations were made in accordance with the relevant Ordinances (No.11 and 14) of the University.

ITEM CONSIDERED

09. Considered the proposal of the University to introduce Academic Calendar for various activities in the University, as per draft placed at Annexure (pp.24 to 25 of

the agenda). The Vice-Chancellor requested the members to give their views on the draft Academic Calendar. There was a suggestion to relook into the dates for re-valuation and improvement of grades in the Calendar, which was accepted. Consequently, it was resolved that this suggestion may be considered by Deans of the Schools in consultation with their colleagues in the Centres in their respective School and, thereafter, sent to the Registrar for implementation.

The Academic Calendar, amended as below, was approved:

Entrance Examination Schedule		
		Approved by AC
1.	Date of advertisement	First week of March
2.	Deadline for receipt of duly filled in application forms	First week of May
3.	Issue of admit card for entrance examination (candidates may also download their admit card from University website: www.cug.ac.in)	Second and third week of May
4.	Date of entrance examination	Last week of May and first week of June
5.	Announcement of result for PG Courses and date of enrolment begins from	Third week of June
6.	Schedule of Viva-Voce and merit list announcement for M.Phil/Ph.D	First and second week of July
7.	Commencement of classes	22 nd July

Academic Calendar		
		Approved by AC
1.	Reopening after Summer vacation	22 nd July
2.	Commencement of classes	22 nd July
3.	Deadline for registration of continuing students	First week of August
4.	Deadline for submission of M.Phil Dissertation/Ph.D Thesis to Office of the Controller of Examinations by	Last week of July

	the students who have completed the course	
5.	Deadline for registration of fresh entrants	Second week of August
6.	Adding/Dropping of courses upto	First week of September
7.	Mid-semester/sessional examinations	By Fourth week of September
8.	End-semester examination	Between last week of November and first week of December
9.	Deadline by which end-semester results are required to be forwarded By respective Centres/Schools to the Office of the Controller of Examinations	15 th December
10	Date by which results are to be sent by the Office of the Controller of Examinations to the respective Schools/Centres for screening	30 th December
11.	Result announcement	First week of January
12.	Date for result submission after evaluation by respective Centres/Schools to the Office of the Controller of Examinations	20 th January

Winter Semester: 6 th January to 12 th May		
		Approved by AC
1.	Reopening after Winter vacation	6 th January
2.	Commencement of classes	6 th January
3.	Deadline for registration of continuing students	First week and Second week of January
4.	Adding/Dropping of courses upto	Third week of February

5.	Mid-Semester/sessional examinations	Between first and second week of March
6.	End-semester examination	Between first week and second week of May
7.	Date by which end-semester results are required to be forwarded by respective Centres/Schools to the Office of the Controller of Examinations	22 nd May
8.	Date by which results are to be sent by the Office of the Controller of Examinations to the respective Schools/Centres for screening	05 th June
9.	Result announcement	15 th June
10.	Date for result submission after revaluation by respective Centres/Schools to the Office of the Controller of Examinations	30 th June

10. Considered the requests of the students for granting them extension to the 5th (2012-13 batch) and 6th (2011-12 batch) semester who have not yet submitted their dissertations, and resolved to approve the recommendations in this regard, as a one-time measure. In respect of those students of 2011-12 batch who have not yet submitted their dissertations in the 7th consecutive batch, a one-time extension is approved wherever recommendations in this regard are already accorded.

Further resolved that, henceforth, the University will strictly adhere to the provisions in the Ordinance in this regard, that only in exceptional cases and for reasons to be recorded in writing will a student be allowed to submit his/her dissertation during the 5th consecutive semester from the date of admission only if there are clear recommendations from the Supervisor, Chairperson of Centre, if applicable, Dean of the School and CASR in that order.

Further resolved to delegate the powers to consider and decide similar requests to the Vice-Chancellor in future

11. Considered the proposal for introducing two-year Masters' programmes in place of the existing five-year integrated Masters' Programmes, as an interim arrangement.

Vice-Chancellor mentioned that this item is linked with Item No.14 and discussions on Item No.11 would facilitate taking a uniform view in respect of the subject to be considered under Item No.14. He explained the rationale behind the proposal, like inadequate infrastructure, shortage of faculty and non-availability of administrative support, which are presently impeding the successful conduct of five-year integrated programmes. It was acknowledged that in spite of their popularity, due to the inadequacies mentioned above, running of these programmes has become unviable. The Vice-Chancellor informed that the matter was discussed at considerable length at the Deans' Committee meetings held on 14th and 21st October, 2014 and there was a unanimous view that there should be some kind of an 'embargo' on admissions in these courses in the coming year(s) to limit the intake of students to realistic levels. Accordingly, the AC resolved to –

- i. hold back admissions in the existing five year integrated Masters Programmes till infrastructure and faculty are made available; and
- ii. start two year Masters Programmes wherever feasible.

The AC further resolved to start a two-year Masters' programme in Social Management from the academic year 2015-16, as recommended by the Faculty of the Centre.

12. & 14. Item No.12 - to consider the proposal of reducing intake of students in various academic programmes, and Item No.14 - to consider the proposal for having Stand Alone M.Phil/Ph.D Programme were considered together.

The AC reiterated that all admissions to M.Phil./Ph.D. and direct Ph.D. must be as per the UGC norms regarding teacher-student ratio. Accordingly, the AC resolved that only the vacant seats with eligible guides in the University only be advertised from next academic year so that the UGC Guidelines are not violated and academic standards are not compromised.


With regard to the Stand Alone M.Phil./Ph.D. Programme, since Ordinance No. 12 relating to the award of degree of Doctor Of Philosophy through direct admission is already in place, the AC decided that admissions to direct Ph.D. may begin from the next academic year 2015-16 wherever feasible.

13. Considered the report of the Grading Committee on method/format for conversion of marks into grade and related issues.

In the first instance, the Vice-Chancellor congratulated the Committee for examining the issue comprehensively and for giving constructive suggestions. He invited the members to give their independent views in this regard. There was broad consensus that the matter requires detailed study and the UGC/MHRD directions in this regard will have to be complied with. Accordingly, the AC resolved to defer the item for consideration at the next meeting and, in the meantime the Schools/Centres may initiate discussions in the matter and submit their suggestions to the Vice-Chancellor.

Any other Item with Permission of the Chair.

Under this category, no item was placed on table for consideration.

At the end, the AC placed on record its deep appreciation of the former Vice-Chancellor Prof. R.K. Kale for his contribution for disseminating and advancing knowledge in furtherance of the objects of the CUG as laid down in the Central Universities Act, 2009, and the former Vice-Chancellor Incharge Prof. E.V. Ramakrishnan for successfully carrying out the tradition set by Prof. Kale. The members unanimously endorsed their observations. 

Professor N. Rajaram, Secretary of AC expressed profound thanks to all members for making it convenient to attend the meeting and for giving constructive suggestions which were academically enriching.

Finally, the Vice-Chancellor once again thanked the members for their positive approach at the meeting. He assured that all efforts are being made to provide the necessary academic and administrative support to the faculty as early as possible and requested them to involve actively in the academic and constructive development of the University.

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


Registrar (Offg.)

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