

# **CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF GUJARAT GANDHINAGAR**

## **Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 04<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 11:00 AM in the VLRC Conference of the University at se – 29 campus.**

The fifteenth meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> Academic Council of Central University of Gujarat was convened on the 04<sup>th</sup> of October 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the premises of the University to deliberate on the agenda circulated earlier and to take decisions on the important academic matters.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Academic Council (AC) of Central University of Gujarat (CUG) started with Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S. A. Bari welcoming the members present. The following members could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence.

1. Prof. Shashi Bala Singh
2. Dr. Chandraprakash Dwivedi
3. Prof. P. N. Gajjar
4. Prof. Ali Raza Moosvi
5. Prof. Malabika Deo
6. Prof. H. C. Sardar
7. Dr. Atanu Mohapatra
8. Shri Prabhat Kumar

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

1. Dr. Hemang Desai, Deputy Registrar,
2. Mr. Jayprakash Soni, Deputy Registrar
3. Mr. Mukesh Parmar, Assistant Registrar

Dr. Jayaprakash Pradhan whose membership to the Council has been kept in abeyance pending inquiry was allowed to remain present in the meeting as a Special Invitee by the Vice Chancellor since he had turned up at the venue of meeting with a Notice for Academic Council meeting which was dispatched by oversight.

Before the House took the items on the agenda for deliberations, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor brought to the notice of the House a few major events and achievements of the University since the last meeting of AC.

1. The University successfully conducted All-India Entrance tests for AY 2017-18. All admissions starting from filling the application forms till the final enrolment and completing the folio cards were done online. Exams were conducted at 26 centres across India wherein 2622

candidates had applied and 1568 candidates appeared for the entrance test against intake of 506 seats. Total 264 students were admitted to various programmes of studies.

2. As per the direction of MHRD and UGC, the University entered into a service level agreement with NSDL Data Management Limited (NDML) under which the University would upload the certificates of students in digital form as pilot project. Further, the University started issuing degree certificates.
3. The University appointed 43 teachers and 2 officers at the level of Deputy Registrars under Direct Recruitment. At the same time, the University has also considered Promotions of eligible faculty members under CAS promotions.
4. Prof. N. Rajaram who had served this University in various capacities such as Registrar & Dean, SSS superannuated from the services on 31.08.2017. Prof. S.L. Hiremath, who served as Registrar on deputation for two years, from 01 August 2015 to 31 July 2017 was repatriated to his parent institution in Karnataka upon completion of his term. Prof. Rachel Bari, who served as Professor, on deputation, in CES, SLL&CS repatriated to her parent institution upon completion of her term for two years March 2015 to March 2017.
5. Lt. Gen. J. S. Cheema, Deputy Chief of Army visited the University on 08 August 2017. The objective of this visit was to discuss existing and proposed collaboration between CUG and Integrated HQ of MoD (Army). Under the MoU, the University admitted Army Officers for the Chinese programme. He also delivered a talk on current situation in Jammu and Kashmir to the students of Central University of Gujarat
6. A delegation led by Prof. Alok Kumar Gupta visited China under existing MoU with the Jinan University.
7. The University was sanctioned an NSS Unit of 200 strength and University appointed a Nodal Officer for the same to undertake various activities.
8. The University prepared for entering into all mandatory agreements/registration such as between MHRD-UGC and CUG, CU Portal and GeM and other government institutions.
9. The University celebrated and undertook all activities such as Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan, Hindi Pakhwada, and others.

The House noted all these updates and placed on record its appreciation for the various academic programmes and reforms initiated by the university and efforts put in by the teaching and non-teaching faculty in executing and implementing these programmes. While complimenting and thanking Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for these initiatives and the introductory remarks,

the Registrar invited the House to take up the items on the agenda for deliberation.

**Item No. 01/15/AC/04.10.2017**

**To confirm the Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 06.03.2017**

**Resolution 1:** As no comments/suggestions were received from members on the minutes, the House resolved to confirm and approve the minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council.

**Item No.02/15/AC/04.10.2017**

**To take note of and approve the action taken report on the Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 06.03.2017.**

**Resolution 2:** The action taken report on the resolutions of the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council were noted by the members of the Academic Council.

**Item No.03/15/AC/04.10.2017**

**To note various academic events organized and participated in by the University**

**Resolution 3:** The House noted with appreciation the record of various academic activities carried out by the university. A few members suggested that the item could also incorporate details of publication, research projects and individual honours. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor endorsed the observation and resolved to act upon in subsequent meetings of the Council.

**Item No.04/15/AC/04.10.2017**

**To note the appointment of teachers through Direct Recruitment in various Schools and Centres and in Administrative positions of the University**

**Resolution 4:** The House noted the appointment of academic and administrative staff in the university.

**Item No.05/15/AC/04.10.2017**

**To note promotions of teachers under CAS in various Schools and Centres of the University**

**Resolution 5:** The House noted the promotion of university faculty under CAS.

**Item No.06/15/AC/04.10.2017**

**To note the admissions in the University for AY 2017-18.**

**Resolution 6:** The House noted the admission in university for AY 2017-18. The House appreciated and felicitated the Admission Committee led by its Chairperson Prof. Sanjay K Jha, CoE Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Dubey and all faculty members involved in carrying out the exercise of online entrance exam at twenty-six centres across the country without any glitch or grievance.

**Item No.07/15/AC/04.10.2017**

**To note appointment of Dean in the School of Social Sciences**

**Resolution 7:** The House noted the appointment Prof. Indira Dutta as the Dean of School of Social Sciences and wished her well.

**Item No.08/15/AC/04.09.2017**

**To note the issuance of degree certificates to CUG students.**

**Resolution 8:** The Academic Council noted the action of the university and felicitated the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and CoE for streamlining the process of degree award that had been long overdue. A few members reiterated the significance of a Convocation in a university and observed that the ceremony be undertaken at appropriate point of time in future, adding further that the students who have been granted degree certificates now may also be invited to share in the privilege and pride of attending the first Convocation of the university. While agreeing completely to the suggestion, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor expressed his keen desire and hope to hold the Convocation as and when the Visitor agrees to grace the occasion.

**Item No.09/15/AC/04.10.2017**

**To note the list of students who have successfully completed the programme and fulfilled the requirements for the Award of Degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.),**

**Resolution 9:** The House noted and approved the list of students eligible for award of M.Phil and Ph.D degrees.

**Item No.10/15/AC/04.10.2017**

**To note the list of students having successfully completed the programme and fulfilled the requirements for the Award of Degree of M.A. /M.Sc**

**Resolution 10:** The House noted and approved the list of students eligible for award of M.A and M.Sc degrees.

**Item No.11/15/AC/04.10.2017**

**To note the List of students having successfully completed the program and fulfilled the requirements for the Award of Degree of B.A. (Hons.) under 5-year integrated MA programme.**

**Resolution 11:** The House noted and approved the list of students eligible for award of B.A (Hons.) degree under 5-year integrated MA programme

**Item No.12/15/AC/04.10.2017**

**To note the completion of deputation tenure of the Statutory Officer and Faculty member.**

**Resolution 12:** The House noted the completion of deputation tenure of Prof. Rachel Bari and Prof. S. L. Hiremath with a sense of appreciation for their services to this University

**Item No.13/15/AC/04.10.2017**

**To note the faculty who has superannuated from Central University of Gujarat**

**Resolution 13:** The House noted the superannuation of Prof. N. Rajaram with a sense of appreciation for his services to university.

**Item No.14/15/AC/04.10.2017**

**To note (a) Study leave granted to the faculty member (b) Extra ordinary leave granted to the faculty member**

**Resolution 14:** The House noted the study leave granted to Mr. Prabhat Kumar and extraordinary leave granted to Dr. Atul Mishra.

**Item No.15/15/AC/04.10.2017**

**To note the initiation of academic program in Centre for Gujarati Language & Literature and School of Environment and Sustainable Development**

**Resolution 15:** The House noted the commencement of M.Sc. in Climate Change and Sustainable Development and M.A in Gujarati in university.

**Item No.16/15/AC/04.10.2017**

**To note the receipt of fund under NCRI Fellowship for Ph.D. scholars**

**Resolution 16:** The House noted the receipt of funds from NCRI for instituting fellowship for Ph.D scholar of university.

**Item No.17/15/AC/04.10.2017**

**To ratify Extension given to students for submission of their M.Phil/PhD Dissertations/Theses by the University on recommendation of various Schools/Centres.**

**Resolution 17:** The House ratified the extension granted to students and authorized Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to take appropriate action in cases which require further extension.

**Item No.18/15/AC/04.10.2017**

**To ratify various MoUs signed by the University.**

**Resolution 18:** The House ratified the MoUs the university has signed with NCRI and University of Florida and congratulated the university team for its keenness to engage into interinstitutional collaborations.

**Item No.19/15/AC/04.10.2017**

**To ratify new academic programs started from AY 2017-18.**

**Resolution 19:** The House ratified the commencement of Masters programmes in Social Work and Political Science at the university from AY 2017-18.

**Item No.20/15/AC/04.10.2017**

**To ratify CUG Ordinances No.24, 26, 27, 11, 11(A) and 12 reframed in the light of UGC observations.**

**Resolution 20:** The House ratified the ordinances reframed in the light of UGC observations.

**Item No.21/15/AC/04.10.2017**

**To consider signing Tri-partite Memorandum of Understanding among CUG, MHRD and UGC**

**Resolution 21:** Hon'ble Vice Chancellor apprised the House of the terms of MoU adding further that on the eve of Academic Council meeting, UGC has sent a revised format of MoU to university with a request to sign and send it back at the earliest. In view of the urgency of the matter, the House authorized the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to take appropriate action in the matter.

**Item No.22/15/AC/04.10.2017**

**To consider nominating a Central University Vice Chancellor or a serving University Professor of Eminence to the 3rd Academic Council under Statue 13(ii) of the Statutes of the University**

**Resolution 22:** On the request of the House, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor proposed the name of Prof. Santosh Panda, currently Professor of Distance Education, Staff Training & Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE) at the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) to be a

member of 3<sup>rd</sup> Academic Council of university. The House seconded the proposal and approved the nomination.

**Item No.23/15/AC/04.10.2017**

**To consider and approve the syllabi for various programmes**

**Resolution 23:** The House considered and approved the syllabi of various programmes offered at university

**Item No.24/15/AC/04.10.2017**

**To consider and approve draft guidelines of Non-NET Fellowship for notification.**

**Resolution 24:** The House considered and approved the Guidelines of Non-NET fellowship prepared by the university Committee.

**Item No.25/15/AC/04.09.2017**

**To consider and approve initiating new Post Graduate Diploma in Translation in SLL&CS.**

**Resolution 25:** The House considered and approved the proposed course with a suggestion that it be called Diploma in Translation and the fee structure for the course be fixed at Rs.1000-/ for CUG students and Rs.3000 for outside students.

**Item No.26/15/AC/04.09.2017**

**To consider and approve Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC) of Environmental Studies under CBCS for UG programmes**

**Resolution 26:** The House considered and approved the university's proposal for introducing Environmental Studies at all undergraduate programmes of university as per UGC direction.

**Item No.27/15/AC/04.09.2017**

**To consider students' issues pertaining to eligibility for progression from M.Phil to Ph.D under integrated M.Phil-Ph.D program offered by university: Case of Raghvendra Yadav.**

**Resolution 27:** Hon'ble Vice Chancellor invited Controller of Examination (CoE) of university to lay before the House the plea of Mr. Raghvendra Yadav along with the background pertaining to this case. The CoE read out and elaborated upon the various provisions of university Ordinance 11 which was framed in line with UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Awards of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2009 and by which the admission of Mr. Yadav was governed. Further, some of the members also underscored the relevant provision of UGC 2009 Regulations by which he is governed and which empowers the university to decide the minimum

qualifying requirement for allowing a student to proceed further with writing of dissertation. It was also pointed out during discussion that the Supreme Court judgement invoked by Mr. Yadav to grant him reservation at par with SC/ST and Differently-abled students is applicable to fresh admission and not to a programme of study which is a progression in an integrated programme of M.Phil-Ph.D.

A couple of members of the Council observed that Mr. Yadav may be granted progression to Ph.D on humanitarian grounds especially when UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Awards of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2016 provides for reservation to OBC students at par with SC/ST and Differently-abled students. Some other members pointed out that application of rules with retrospective effect would amount to giving selective benefit to the candidate and would set a wrong precedent. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor explained to the House that the case of Mr. Yadav, along with other such students, was considered on humanitarian grounds in previous meeting of AC and grace point of 0.07 was accorded to him to make him eligible to obtain the degree of M.Phil. without which he would have failed and had to leave without even an M.Phil. It would amount to giving double advantage if a failed candidate is considered as pass in the first place through an instrument of grace marks so that he at least gets a degree instead of going empty handed and then is further accorded the advantage of taking up Ph.D which is linked to fellowship under Non-Net Ph.D fellowship programme. He emphasized the extent of university's and Academic Council's concern for students like Mr. Yadav by mentioning the fact that the award of grace was considered by university despite clause 31 of CUG Ordinance 11 in this regard. He also pointed out that UGC Regulations, 2016 cannot be given retrospective effect and brought to the notice of the House that Regulation 12.1 therein categorically articulates this fact. Considering all the facts of the case and observations made by the members of the Council, the House unanimously resolved that Mr. Yadav's plea for progression shall not be considered as ordinances of university along with UGC regulations in force at that point of time do not permit such consideration and concession. Moreover, this will also lead to students who have left the University in similar cases claiming the same benefit in their respective cases and years.

  
**Registrar**