

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF GUJARAT

Minutes of the 02nd Meeting of the Executive Council held on 07th August, 2010 at 11:00 AM in the Conference Room of the University

The following were present:

1. Prof. R. K. Kale, Vice-Chancellor - Chairman
2. Shri S.S. Mahlawat, Under Secretary,
Government of India, Department of Higher Education
Ministry of Human Resource Development,
representing the Secretary, MHRD - Ex-officio Member
3. Shri Victor Mecwan, Deputy Secretary
(Higher Education), Government of Gujarat,
Representing the Secretary in-charge of HE,
Government of Gujarat - Ex-officio Member
4. Prof. R.S. Deshpande - Member
Director
Institute of Social and Economic Change,
Bangalore
5. Prof. Chandra Krishnamurthy - Member
Vice-Chancellor
S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai
6. Prof. N. Rajaram, Dean, SSS, CUG - Officiating Secretary
7. Prof. E.V. Ramakrishnan, Dean, SLL&CS, CUG - Special Invitee
8. Col. (Retd.) S.K. Sharma, Special Officer - To assist
9. Shri A. N. Kunjunny, OSD(Admn) - To assist
10. Shri Ram Bajpai, Consultant (A/c) - To assist

The following could not attend the meeting:

1. Prof. Mrinal Miri - Member
Former Vice-Chancellor,
NEHU, Shillong
2. Prof. P. Balaram - Member
Director
Indian Institute of Science,
Bangalore
3. Shri P. Sainath - Member
Editor (Rural Editor)
The Hindu, Mumbai
4. Prof. T.K. Oommen - Member
Professor Emeritus,
Centre for the Study of Social Systems
School of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi
5. Prof. Jancy James - Member
Vice-Chancellor
Central University of Kerala, Kasargode
6. Prof. S.P. Thyagarajan - Member
Former Vice-Chancellor
University of Madras, Chennai

Prof. Man Singh, Dean, SCS, who was requested to be present as a Special Invitee, also could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed the members to the second meeting of the Executive Council (EC). He particularly thanked Prof. R.S. Deshpande, who could not attend the first meeting. After introduction of the members and the officials present, the members were apprised of the progress made in various academic and administrative activities of the University subsequent to the first meeting of the EC held on 16.01.2010 through a power point presentation. The power point presentation was well appreciated by the members and taken on record (Annexure I to these Minutes). Thereafter, the Agenda items were taken up for consideration.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

01. Considered confirmation of the Minutes of the 01st meeting of the First Executive Council held on 16.01.2010, already circulated, in the light of the response and suggestions received from Prof. T.K. Oommen vide his e-mail dated 02.02.2010. The members appreciated the suggestions offered by Prof. Oommen. With regard to the suggestion no. 1, it was, however, felt that it would be rather appropriate if we continue to follow the convention of listing the members as per the order nominations communicated by the Government of India vide their letter dated 30.07.2009. The suggestion regarding giving the designations alongwith the names was accepted. Similarly, the suggestion no. 2 regarding paragraphing was also accepted. Suggestions no. 3 and 4 were also accepted and, accordingly the para will read as below:

Insofar *Clause 4. Duty Leave (DL)* is concerned, it was felt that there was a need to give some flexibility in the number of Duty Leave admissible in a semester keeping in view the academic work of the teachers, in India or abroad, so that it does not in any way become a disincentive to the academic creativity. It was resolved that this matter may be discussed in detail at appropriate level.

With regard to the suggestions no. 5 and 6, it was noted that the ' / ' and ' laying ' are part of the Act/Statutes and, therefore, may be retained as such.

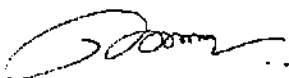
Thereafter, the Minutes were confirmed subject to the amendments as above.

REPORT ON THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES

02. Noted the report on action taken on the minutes of the 01st meeting of the EC held on 16.01.2010. With regard to item no. 25 of the Minutes, it was noted that the University has since decided to follow only GFR, 2005 instead of having separate purchase procedures.

ITEMS NOTED AND RECEIVED

03. Noted and received the communication No.F.42-26/2009-Desk(U) date 12.04.2010 from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher



Education regarding amendment to Statute 11 relating to the quorum for the meeting of the Executive Council, as at Annexure I (p. 22) of the Agenda.

04. Noted and received the communication/notification regarding constitution of the first Finance Committee of the Central University of Gujarat, as at Annexure I (p. 25) of the Agenda, and the Notification issued by the University in this regard, as at Annexure II (pp. 26 to 27) of the Agenda.
05. Noted and received letter No. F.50-1/2009(CU) dated 17.06.2010 from the Deputy Secretary, University Grants Commission (UGC) communicating sanction of Rs. 15 crore towards general development scheme during XI Plan for the year 2010-11, as at Annexure I (pp. 29 to 30) of the Agenda. Further, the EC noted that the UGC has subsequently communicated their approval for the tentative total Annual Plan allocation (2010-11) of Rs. 25.00 crore for the University under General Development Grant including Merged Scheme and Fellowship to Non-NET Ph.D. and M.Phil.
06. Noted and received letter No. TU/V/RG-CDE(1123)/2010 dated 25.06.2010 from the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, New Delhi intimating the "Certificate of Registration" of the University for the purposes of availing of Customs/Central Excise Duty exemption and constitution of Research Advisory Committee for guiding the scientific research activities, as at Annexure I (pp. 33 to 34) and Annexure II (p.35) respectively of the Agenda.

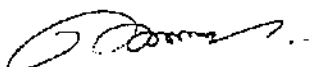
ITEMS NOTED

07. Noted the Regulations Concerning the Conduct of Meetings of the Finance Committee consistent with the Central Universities Act, 2009 (No. 25 of 2009), Second Schedule, Statute 38 of the Statute, as at Annexure I (p. 37) of the Agenda.
08. Noted the appointment of Deans of Schools of Studies as stated below:

Sr. No.	Name	Appointment	Tenure of appointment
1.	Prof. Man Singh	Dean, School of Chemical Sciences	10.05.2010 to 07.12.2011
2.	Prof. E.V. Ramakrishnan	Dean, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies	10.05.2010 to 09.05.2013
3.	Prof. N. Rajaram	Dean, School of Social Sciences	10.05.2010 to 09.05.2013
4.	Prof. N. Rajaram	Officiating Dean, School of International Studies	08.07.2010 till further orders
5.	Prof. Man Singh	Officiating Dean, School of Life Sciences	08.07.2010 till further orders

09. Noted sanction of teaching positions as conveyed by the UGC, as at Annexure I (pp. 40 to 41) of the Agenda.

Further resolved that the matter regarding creation of these teaching positions may be considered under the category "Action Taken Items for Ratification".



10. Noted payment of one instalment of Dearness Allowance (DA) to the University employees at the revised rates from 01.01.2010, raising the DA from 27% to 35% per month. The EC noted that the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 26.06.2010, vide item no. 03(ii), resolved to authorize the Vice-Chancellor to sanction future increase(s) of DA to the University employees as and when released by the Government of India/UGC.

ACTION TAKEN ITEMS RATIFIED

11. Resolved to ratify the appointment of Prof. E.V. Ramakrishnan as Officiating Finance Officer and Prof. N. Rajaram as Officiating Registrar with powers to sign cheques jointly with OSD(Admn).
12. Resolved to ratify the appointment of Dr. (Mrs.) Indira Dutta, Lecturer (Selection Grade) L.D. Arts College, Ahmedabad as Assistant Professor in Economics in the School of Social Sciences on deputation basis w.e.f. 13.07.2010 initially for a period of two years.
13. Resolved to ratify the budget estimates for the financial year 2010-11, as at Annexures II (pp. 59 to 74) and III (p. 75) of the Agenda, as approved by the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 26.06.2010 vide item no. 03(vi).
14. Resolved to ratify opening of a savings bank account in the name of 'Student Account, CUG' (A/c. No. 3066332199) with the Central Bank of India, Gandhinagar branch, noting that the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 26.06.2010, vide item no. 03(iii), already ratified the action taken as above.
15. Resolved to ratify investment of surplus funds of the University out of the grants received from the UGC for the year 2010-11 on the recommendations of the Investment Committee of the University, as at Annexure I (pp. 78 to 79) of the Agenda.
16. Resolved to ratify delegation of certain limited financial powers to OSD(Admn) as stated in the Agenda, noting that the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 26.06.2010, vide item no. 03(iii), already ratified the action taken as above by noting that the expenditures are incurred as per provisions of GFR, 2005.
16. (a) Resolved to ratify the creation of the teaching posts sanctioned by the UGC vide its letter F.No.57-2/09(CU) dated 09.04.2010, as at Annexure I (pp. 40 to 41) of the Agenda Item No.09.

ITEMS CONSIDERED

17. Considered the recommendations of the Selection Committee for giving appropriate and adequate incentives to Prof. N. Rajaram, appointed as Professor in the School of Social Sciences; and to consider giving similar incentives to Prof. E.V. Ramakrishnan, appointed as Professor in the School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, both under Statute 19(1) of the Statutes of Central Universities Act, 2009; and resolved to authorise the Vice-Chancellor to look into the matter to ensure that any financial loss that they may have suffered may be compensated by giving them



adequate number of advance increments so that their pay and allowances in the University are brought at par with the pay and allowances drawn by them in their respective parent University.

18. Considered D.O. Letter D.O.No.F.20-1/2010-Desk.U dated 27th January, 2010 of the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Government of India suggesting to amend Statute 2(4) of the Central Universities Act, 2009 (No.25 of 2009), and resolved to recommend to the Visitor amendment of Statute 2(4) of the Central Universities Act, 2009 (No. 25 of 2009) as below:

Existing Statute

Proposed amended Statute

<p>2(4) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office, or until he attains the age of seventy years, whichever is earlier, and he shall not be eligible for re-appointment:</p>	<p>2(4) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office, or until he attains the age of seventy years, whichever is earlier, and he shall be eligible for re-appointment for a second term.</p>
<p>Provided that notwithstanding the expiry of the said period of five years, he shall continue in office until his successor is appointed and enters upon his office:</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>Provided further that the Visitor may direct any Vice-Chancellor after his term has expired, to continue in office for such period, not exceeding a total period of one year, as may be specified by him.</p>	<p>No change</p>

19. Considered adoption of UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2010, and resolved to approve adoption of these Regulations.

While approving adoption of the Regulations, the EC also noted the contents of the UGC letter No.F.3-15/2009(PS) Pt. file dated 19.07.2010 of the Deputy Secretary, UGC regarding appointment of UGC observer for promotion from the post of Reader (Associate Professor) to Professor under CAS.

20. Considered D.O. Letter No.F.20-19/2009-Desk.U dated 30.12.2009 from Shri R.D. Sahay, Director, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Government of India, New Delhi regarding Audit report of CAG relating to non-installation/idling of equipments, and resolved to take note of the contents of the letter under reference, also noting that the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 26.06.2010, vide item no. 04(ii), already resolved to note the contents for compliance.

21. Considered the Annual Report of the University for the period 01.04.2009 to 31.03.2010, and resolved to approve the Annual Report.



Further resolved to authorize to Vice-Chancellor to form a Committee to prepare a more elaborate and comprehensive Annual Report before submission to the Court.

22. Considered the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet of the University for the period 01.04.2009 to 31.03.2010 (2009-10), and resolved to approve the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet, noting that the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 26.06.2010, vide item no. 04(iii), approved the same.
23. Considered implementing (1) New Pension Scheme, (2) Rules regarding Mobility of Personnel amongst Central/State Autonomous Bodies under the CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 and (3) LIC Savings-linked Group Insurance Scheme, 1980 for the employees of the University; and resolved to approve implementation of these Schemes/Rules.

Further resolved to approve opening of three new savings bank accounts with the Central Bank of India, Gandhinagar Branch as below to enable operationalisation of the Schemes/Rules as also regulating the money received for the research projects of faculty members:

- i. New Pension Scheme Account, CUG
- ii. General Provident Fund Account, CUG
- iii. Project Account, CUG

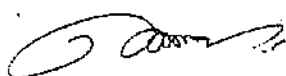
24. Considered adoption of Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme (MACPS) to the non-teaching employees of the University of the Central Universities/UGC-maintained Deemed to be Universities, and resolved to approve the Scheme for the benefit of the University employees.
25. Considered constituting a Building Committee to regulate construction activities in the University, and resolved to authorise the Vice-Chancellor to do the needful in this regard, noting that the Building Committee would be overseeing the construction activities of the University on the land to locate the permanent campus after the possession is received from the Government of Gujarat.

Further resolved that the temporary and portable construction work on the existing campus may continue to be regulated and supervised by the Project Steering Committee already constituted by the University.

26. Considered the cases of deviation from the orders issued by the Government of India with regard to air travel, both domestic and international, by Air India only, because of operational or other reasons or on account of non-availability of Air India flights, and resolved to authorize the Vice-Chancellor to examine and decide such cases on the merit of each case.

27. **ITEM CONSIDERED WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR**

- (1) Considered addition to Statute 40 of the Statutes of the Central Universities Act, 2009 (No.25 of 2009) for creation of a new School of Studies, namely, School of Life Sciences, as proposed by the Academic Council, vide item no. 08, at its 2nd meeting held on 01.05.2010, and resolved to approve addition to Statute 40 as below:



Existing Statute

- i. School of International Studies
- ii. School of Social Sciences
- iii. School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies
- iv. School of Chemical Sciences

Statute after Amendment

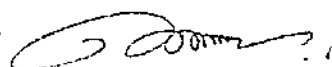
- i. School of International Studies
- ii. School of Social Sciences
- iii. School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies
- iv. School of Chemical Sciences
- v. **School of Life Sciences**

(2) Considered the draft Academic Ordinance No. 13 relating to establishment of Centres of Studies in the Schools of Studies, proposed by the Academic Council vide item no. 03 at its (emergency) meeting held on 31.07.2010.

The EC noted that the Academic Council has proposed the draft Ordinance under Section 28(1)(j), Statute 15(1)(5)(a) of the Central Universities Act, 2009 (No. 25 of 2009). However, Section 26(k) of the Act provides that the Statutes may provide for the establishment and abolition of Schools, Departments, Centres, Halls, Colleges and Institutions. Accordingly, the EC was of the opinion that instead of the proposed Ordinance, the establishment of Centres of Studies may be proposed under the Statutes.

At its first meeting held on 16.01.2010, vide item no. 20, the EC has already resolved to make a new Statute No. 40, below Statute 39, providing for creation of Schools of Studies. Accordingly, the EC resolved to make addition to Statute 40 to provide for establishing Centres of Studies as below:

Existing Statute 40	Proposed amended Statute 40
<p>40. The Central University of Gujarat shall have the following Schools of Studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. School of International Studies ii. School of Social Sciences iii. School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies iv. School of Chemical Sciences 	<p>40. The Central University of Gujarat shall have the following Schools of Studies and Centres of Studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. School of International Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Centre for Security Studies (b) Centre for Studies in Politics and Governance ii. School of Social Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Centre for Studies in Society and Development (b) Centre for Studies in Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (c) Centre for Studies in Social Management (d) Centre for Studies in Economics and Planning



	<p>iii. School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies</p> <p>(a) Centre for Comparative Literature and Translation Studies</p> <p>(b) Centre for English Studies</p> <p>iv. School of Chemical Sciences</p> <p>v. School of Life Sciences</p>
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The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

