

Central University of Jammu

8/8, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Executive Council held on 25th May, 2013 at 10.30 AM in the Committee Room, Administrative Block of Central University of Jammu, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Present

1. Vice Chancellor (in the chair)
2. Dr. Mehmood-ur-Rehman,
(Former Vice Chancellor-AMU)
D-2, Amir Apartments, Opp. Telecom
Factory, Chembur, Mumbai-400088.
3. Air Commodore (Retd.)
Jasjit Singh, AVSM. VrC, VM,
P-284, Arjanpath, Suboroto Park,
New Delhi-110010.
4. Prof. A.M. Pathan,
(Former Vice Chancellor-CU Karnataka)
75/4, Ranoji Rao Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004.
5. Prof. S.P. Singh,
(Former Vice Chancellor-GNDU)
49-Ground Floor, Raj Guru Nagar,
Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana.
6. Sh. K.B. Aggarwal, IAS
Principal Secretary to Govt.,
Higher Education Department,
Civil Sectt. Srinagar.
7. Prof. Rajive Gupta,
(Former Dean Research Studies
Jammu University),
224/7, Channi Himmat, Jammu.

8. OSD (Administration)

The following members of the Executive Council could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence:-

1. Sh. Ashok Thakur, IAS
Secretary to Govt. of India,
Department of Higher Education,
MHRD, New Delhi.
2. Sh. Wajahat Habibullah,
Chairman,
National Commission for Minorities,
Lok Nayak Bhawan, 5th Floor, Khan Market,
New Delhi-110003.
3. Dr. Prakash Chandra Updhayay,
Pro-Vice Chancellor,
Guru Ghasidas University,
Bilaspur, Chhatisgarh.
4. Prof. Peter Ronald De Souza,
Director, IAS, Rashtrapati Niwas,
Shimla-171005.

At the outset Vice Chancellor extended very warm welcome to the members to the 3rd meeting of the Executive Council. Thereafter, members were briefed about the admission process initiated by the University and the tests which are being conducted in line with last year through Central Universities Common Entrance Test (CUCET). This time 10 Central Universities are part of the CUCET Collegium against seven in the last year. University is not subscribing the UG integrated programmes in view of available infrastructure. For the Academic Session 2013-14 Admission has been advertised for eight Post Graduate Academic Programmes and 8 Research Degree Programmes. Four additional Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D programmes have been added for admission during the Academic year 2013-14. In the discipline of Public Policy and Public Administration and National Security Studies only Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D programmes will be started, as a top down approach to establish the departments which was also appreciated by the Academic Council. The last date for submission of applications for the Post Graduate and Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D. programmes is May, 30, 2013 and tests shall be conducted on 15th of June, 2013 for P.G. programmes and on 14th July for M.Phil-Ph.D. Courses.

Last year the faculty was engaged on contract basis. However with the sanction of faculty positions and appointment of Visitor's nominees in August, 2012, faculty positions were advertised and University has received good response from the candidates for the posts of Assistant Professors. But to the posts of Associate Professors, the response is not good. In the event of non availability of Associate Professors, University contemplates to engage Assistant Professors on contract basis for academic support as the situation demands.

Informing the members about the appointment of First Registrar and First Finance Officer, for which the advertisement was made, the Vice Chancellor informed that 20 applications have been received for the post of Registrar and interview for the same has been scheduled for 29th May, 2013. However, for Finance Officer, the response is very poor and after scrutiny only one eligible candidate is left in the field. Since no interview can be held for a single candidate, there is no alternative to advertising the post once again. Prof. A.M. Pathan suggested to write to various Corporations and Autonomous bodies in addition to State and Central Accounts Department. This way, the University may find suitable candidates for the post of Finance Officer.

Discussing the support from UGC, it was informed that University is getting good support and adequate funds are available with the institution for the projects in hand at present. However, we would need much larger flow of financial resources during the current year as construction activity at the Campus site is likely to start in August/September; and is expected to substantially pick up towards later part of the year.

On the Status of transfer and acquisition of land for the Central University of Jammu, Vice Chancellor gratefully acknowledged the support of Sh. K.B. Aggarwal, Principal Secretary to Govt. Higher Education Department, J&K for handing over the possession of 3000 kanal of land to the University and further with continued support, he hoped to get the possession of entire land by ending June, 2013.

As regard development of road connectivity, supply of water and electricity, University has requested the State Govt. for four lanning of the road from National Highway to the Campus area. For providing electricity and water supply, Principal Secretary, Higher Education informed that during meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development last month, it was decided that the issue regarding water supply and electricity will be taken care of by the Higher Education Department for both Central University

of Jammu as well as Central University of Kashmir and asked the Universities concerned to submit the proposal with estimates of its requirements accordingly to the Higher Education Department for further necessary action.

While participating in the general discussion, opinions expressed by worthy members on various issues are reproduced as follows:-

Prof. A.M Pathan raised issue about the continued relevance of Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D. programme in view of UGC regulations 2009 wherein course work has been introduced and in view of that a candidate can directly enrol for the Ph.D. programmes in the Universities. However, Prof. S.P. Singh opined that M.Phil Degree still has its advantages and many institutions have their own regulations to give this degree due weightage.

In response to this, Vice Chancellor assured the members to place the issue of relevance of M.Phil Degree Programme in the Academic Council for detailed deliberations. Prof. Pathan also apprised the members about recommendations of UGC related to API score desirability, pension portability, which is pending with the Ministry of Human Resource Development as also sanction of deputation period upto 10 years to address the issue of non-availability of faculty position in the new Central Universities. He felt that Central University of Jammu should carefully take note of these issues and monitor future developments for its benefit.

Prof. A.M. Pathan also suggested for framing of various Statutes, especially the one regarding constitution of subsequent Executive Council which should be in place before the term of the current Executive Council expires. Thus, it would be prudent to initiate the exercise of preparing the Statute (s) and getting these through from the University Bodies during the current year for onward transmission to the Govt. of India.

Air Commodore Jasjit Singh persuasively recommended early start of Ph.D. programmes for in service Officers, especially those belonging to Defence Services. In response, Vice Chancellor informed that a Committee of Academic Council members has been constituted for framing a model Ordinance for enabling in-service candidates to join research programmes and that it shall be put in place at the earliest.

Dr. Mehmood-ur-Rehman while describing the University as a place of deep seated learning and exploring new ideas, emphasized the need to provide for great opportunity for students and scholars to achieve/realize their intellectual potential.

Thereafter agenda items were taken up for discussion.

Item No.1

Perused the report of the Vice Chancellor about the University since January, 2013.

Resolved that in view of the discussion held herein above, the matter be placed on record.

Item No.2

Considered the confirmation of minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Executive Council held on 14-01-2013.

Resolved that the minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Executive Council circulated vide No.CUJ/OSD(A)/EC-Meet/2013/3240-3249 dated 31-01-2013 be confirmed.

Item No.3

Perused the action taken report in respect of decisions taken by the Executive Council and observations/suggestion made by its members in its meeting held on 14th January, 2013.

Resolved that the action taken report be recorded.

Item No.4.

Considered various Draft Ordinances as recommended by the Academic Council.

Resolved that Draft Ordinances No.41 to 46 and No.48 to 53 Annexures I to VI and VIII to XIII respectively of the agenda be approved as recommended by the Academic Council.

Resolved further that Draft Ordinance No.47 (Annexure VII) of the agenda be approved with the following amendments;

In Clause 4 of Draft Ordinance the figures 1500/- be replaced by 2500/- and 30,000/- by 50,000/-. Clause 4 as amended will read as under:

"They will be offered a token honorarium of upto Rs.2500/- per teaching hour/session, subject to a maximum of Rs.50,000/- per month."

Prof. S.P. Singh suggested certain amendments in Draft Ordinance No.41, Annexure-I of the agenda as follows:

He raised the question of procedure for appointment and term of Dean, Students' Welfare and wanted this to be made a part of the Ordinance. However, Prof. A.M. Pathan suggested that such relevant details are to be covered in the Statute to be prepared for the purpose. It was, therefore, decided that an exercise be undertaken simultaneously to get the Statute prepared and put through University Bodies.

Item No.5.

Considered addition of names to expand the panel of experts for nomination to the Selection Committees.

Resolved that Academic Council's recommendations for addition of experts to the Selection Committees for the posts of Assistant Professors, Associate Professors and Professors, in the subjects mentioned in the agenda to the existing panel of experts be approved.

Further resolved that the Vice Chancellor be authorised to add any name to the expert list or invite the expert outside the approved panel list according to his felt requirements.

Item No.6.

Considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee on the Annual Accounts for the year 2012-13.

Resolved that the Annual Accounts for the year 2012-13, Annexure-XIV of the agenda, as recommended by the Finance Committee be approved.

On the suggestion of Prof. A.M. Pathan, the Executive Council placed on record its appreciation for getting the Annual Accounts approved by the Finance Committee after the close of the financial year and bringing these before the Executive Council much before the schedule circulated by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Item No.7

Considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee for fixation of emoluments of Contractual teaching faculty.

Resolved that the recommendations of the Finance Committee regarding fixation of emoluments of contractual faculty be approved.

Item No.8

Considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee for creation of non-teaching positions.

Resolved that creation of 20 non-teaching positions as described in the agenda and recommended by the Finance Committee be approved.

Item No.9

Perused the status of land earmarked for construction of Central University of Jammu and release of payment for development activities in favour of Architect and Project Management Consultancy (PMC).

The Executive Council was briefed about the overall construction plans of the University for phase-I as also the immediate need to go for construction activities of sub-Phase-I which includes Directorate of Distance Education Block as well as 60 residential units of Professors, for starting at least four new P.G. Programmes in the Campus by July, 2014. A power point presentation was also made to apprise the members about the development activities of the University. The Executive Council appreciated this initiative and hoped that it would be completed in time.

Prof. A.M. Pathan pointed out that according to the latest instructions from the U.G.C regarding issue of sanctions for undertaking construction Projects, proposals need not to go to the U.G.C. and projects can be taken up after approval of Finance Committee and Executive Council. In emergent cases, the Vice Chancellor may accord approval for undertaking the construction project and place the action taken report for ratification before the bodies subsequently.

After this discussion, it was resolved that the recommendations of the Finance Committee as contained in the agenda be approved.

Item No.10.


Considered recommendations of the Selection Committee for selection of Assistant Registrar and Deputy Registrar.

Resolved that the recommendations of the Selection Committee to the post of Assistant Registrar and Deputy Registrar be approved.

Further resolved that Vice Chancellor be authorized to make appointments as recommended by the Selection Committees for Assistant Professors and equivalent positions in anticipation of approval of the Executive Council.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the chair.


31/5/13
Vice Chancellor


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