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MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD HELD ON 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2017 AT 11:30 AM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACADEMIC BLOCK OF CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF JAMMU, RAHYA-SUCHANI (BAGLA), DISTRICT SAMBA, JAMMU.

1. The following members were present:

- a) **Prof. Ashok Aima**
Vice Chancellor
(Chairman, Ex-officio)
Central University of Jammu
- b) **Prof. Mehraj-ud-din Mir**
Vice Chancellor
Central University of Kashmir
- c) **Prof. Anil Kumar Gupta**
Indian Institute of Management,
Vastrapur, Ahmedabad
& Coordinator, SRISTI
- d) **Sh. Anil Raina**
Chief Town Planner
Jammu Development Authority, Jammu
- e) **Dr. Raashid Saiyed**
CEO Ashray Incubator,
Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- f) **Prof. Devanand**
Dean, School of Basic and Applied Sciences
Central University of Jammu
- g) **Prof. L.K. Verma**
Dean, School of Education
Central University of Jammu



- h) **Dr. Ravi Kumar**
Registrar
Central University of Jammu
- i) **Mohammed Iqbal**
I/c Finance Officer
Central University of Jammu

2. The following special invitee attended the meeting:

- a) **Prof. S.K. Sharma**
Chair Professor
Swami Vivekananda Chair
Central University of Jammu

3. The following members could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence:

- a) **Prof. B. R. Chahar**
Department of Civil Engineering,
Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- b) **Commissioner/Secretary,**
Department of Higher Education,
Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Introductory

4. At the outset, the Vice Chancellor extended a very warm welcome to all the members of the Planning Board and made a special mention of Prof. Anil Kumar Gupta, Dr. Raashid Saiyed and Sh. Anil Raina. The Vice-Chancellor thanked all the worthy members for sparing their valuable time to attend the first meeting of the Planning Board of the University.

5. The Vice Chancellor briefed the members about the logo, vision and mission of the Central University of Jammu. He also appraised about the authorities of the University and presented the profiles of the worthy external members of the Court, Executive Council, Academic Council and Finance Committee of the University.



6. Thereafter, the Vice-Chancellor made a detailed power point presentation highlighting the various academic, research, infrastructure and developmental initiatives undertaken by the University. Highlights of the presentation are as under:

6.1 **Schools:** The Vice Chancellor informed the members that out of 13 approved Schools, 08 are functional. Out of 82 approved Departments, 21 are functional. He also informed that 02 Centres, 12 Research Programmes, 04 Integrated programmes, 02 B. Voc. Programmes, and 02 Certificate/Diploma courses are functional in the University.

6.2 The Vice Chancellor also informed that the University got overwhelming response in the Under Graduate programmes in science streams started from the academic year 2016-17 as five year integrated M.Sc. course in four disciplines i.e. Zoology, Botany, Physics and Chemistry.

6.3 **Admissions:** The Vice-Chancellor informed that the admissions for various programmes (UG/PG/Research) are offered at national level through Central Universities Common Entrance Test (CUCET). A collegium of ten Central Universities are part of CUCET. The Central University of Rajasthan continued as nodal agency for conducting the entrance test for the last 5 years. The Vice Chancellor apprised the house about the seats available in each course, number of students admitted to various programmes of study, gender representation, category-wise representation, state wise representation of students/scholars. He also informed, that the process for online application forms for the session 2017-18 was started from 14th March to 19th April, 2017. The entrance test was conducted through offline mode on 17th & 18th May, 2017 by Central University of Jammu at three examination centres that is Jammu, Udhampur and Kathua. The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that in the current academic session 2017-18, a total number of 23500 (approx.) applications were received from pan India candidates which was a threefold increase since 2015-16. He also informed the members that the number of girl students (65%) outscored the boy students in the University.

6.4 The house appreciated the percentage of girl students (65%) and requested the Chairman to take additional steps for the safety and security of girls so as to maintain the faith of the parents of girl students in the Central University of Jammu.

6.5 **Teaching & Non-Teaching positions** : The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members that out of 158 sanctioned faculty positions, a total of 123 have been appointed (regular, deputation, contractual and tenure basis). He apprised the members that interviews for 20 faculty positions (Professors/Associate Professors/Assistant Professors) were held from 6th-14th June, 2017 and 03 Professors, 08



Associate Professors and 05 Assistant Professors were selected in various Departments. Many of them have joined the University recently and some will join sooner after completing formalities with their parent organisations. He also apprised the members about the state-wise faculty distribution. He informed the members that interviews through Skype were also conducted for the candidates from different parts of the country and outside the country. The Vice Chancellor also apprised about the vacant non-teaching posts advertised and informed the members that written/skill test have been scheduled in the month of October/November, 2017 for various Group A, B and C non-teaching posts.

6.6 Prof. Gupta appreciated the efforts of the Vice Chancellor for exploring the faculty from overseas. He enquired whether the foreign faculty are also being appointing in the University. The Vice Chancellor informed that the University is hiring only Indian nationals till date. Prof. Gupta informed that IIT Ahmedabad is planning to offer tenure based positions to foreign faculty. The Vice Chancellor assured that he will also work out the possibility for hiring them in future.

6.7 **Library** : The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members that the Central Library had been digitalised since 2015. The various Digital services available are as follows:

- i. E-Journals, print Journals, E-resources, etc.
- ii. Fully automated library with open source library automation software KOHA.
- iii. Computer lab with Wi-Fi,
- iv. Reprographic services;
- v. Member of DELNET and INFLIBNET.
- vi. Number of Books: 19,140
- vii. E-Books: 300
- viii. Print Journals: 100+
- ix. Theses and Dissertations: 900+
- x. E-Journals: 7,027

6.8 The members advised to subscribe more E-Journal in the Central Library and all the projects of faculty, PG students, M.Phil. and Ph.D. scholars need to be uploaded on the University website.

6.9 **Student Support Facilities** : The Vice Chancellor apprised the members about sports facilities (indoor/outdoor games), 02 newly opened Gymnasiums (at TAB and Main Campus), Yoga Centre, 03 Banks and ATM services, Wi-Fi enabled campuses, transportation services for students/scholars, separate hostel facilities for boys and girls, etc.



6.10 **JRF/NET/SET** : The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members that the University enrolled a total of **65 JRF/NET/SET** qualified candidates in various Departments (29 in Educational Studies; 12 in Travel and Tourism Management/Human Resource Management & Organisational Behaviour; 07 in Economics; 10 in Environmental Sciences; 03 in English; 01 in Mathematics; 01 in Mass Communication and New Media; and 02 in Public Policy and Public Administration).

6.11 **Language Labs** : The Vice Chancellor informed the members that 02 language labs comprising English and French languages have been established in the University.

6.12 **Uploading of Lecture on website** : Prof. Gupta asked about online courses available for students/scholars. The Vice Chancellor informed that 10 lectures of each Department have been uploaded on the website along with PPTs. He also informed that MooCs have also been initiated and shortly a meeting will be held with the faculty regarding uploading of video lectures by faculty on the website.

6.13 Members advised to motivate each Department to upload one to two video lecture on the University's website on monthly basis and elicit the comments/advice on the uploaded lecture from all over the world.

6.14 **MoU** : The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members that the University has signed 03 MoUs at International level; and 20 MoUs at National level which includes recently signed MoU with Hangyang University, Seoul, Korea and Vishwakarma Skills University, Haryana.

6.15 The Vice-Chancellor, informed about the recent MoU signed with Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. He apprised the members that J&K Bank will sponsor two Gold Medals (1 Male & 1 Female), one Ambulance, Institutional Chair, etc. at CUJ. He also informed the members that Smart Cards with latest features for students/scholars were issued free of cost by the J&K Bank.

6.16 Prof. Gupta appreciated the MoU signed with Central University of Kashmir and Central University of Himachal Pradesh for mobility of students, faculty, credit transfer, curriculum, etc. and further advised for joint venture with other academic institutions for mobility of students and faculty in common curriculum, it will provide for more experts on the subjects.

6.17 Prof. Gupta suggested that University should invite external experts (like alumni, business experts, IAS, etc.) to deliver lecture and to arrange Adjunct faculty



from Indian Institute of Integrative Medicines (IIIM), Jammu and other reputed institutions. The Vice Chancellor noted the suggestion of Prof. Gupta and assured that the same will be implemented soon.

6.18 **Industry Academia collaboration** : The Vice Chancellor informed the members about the Industry-Academia Collaboration of the University for periodical review of curricula, apprenticeship and placements with reputed organizations like, CII, AIMA, VLCC, HDFC, ITC, etc.

6.19 **Workshop/Conference/Seminar/Lecture** : The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the details of conferences/ workshops/ seminars/meets/lectures held in the University and informed the members that most of the events are externally funded by various organisations/agencies (Rs.2366.934 Lakhs for Resource Mobilization for Academic Activities).

6.20 Prof. Gupta appreciated the resource mobilization and further suggested that the University may tie-up with North East Universities for opening of research centres at both the Universities and to concentrate on resource mobilization for academic activities, which will benefit both the Universities.

6.21 **Major and Minor Research Projects** : The Vice Chancellor apprised the members about the major and minor projects undertaken by the faculty (**especially science streams**) funded by the UGC and internal minor projects funded by Central University of Jammu. The Vice-Chancellor also apprised the members that Department of Mathematics has been able to get FIST in less than one year and appreciated the efforts of the new faculty. He also informed that the projects were vetted by the external experts before submission. Prof. Gupta appreciated the Vice Chancellor for this remarkable achievement and enquired about timeframe for reviewing of internal projects and suggested that the time frame to sanction the internal MRP may be reduce to one month.

6.22 **Friday Club** : The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members about Friday Clubs, where students make presentations on the topics and fields out of their curriculum. This helps the students to have sufficient knowledge and exposure. As most of the students are from rural areas, special emphasis is being laid on their language skills (English) to make them confident in the urban and corporate society.

6.23 **Promoting Research** : The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members about the financial rewards offered by the University to promote and encourage research among faculty and research scholars:



- i) Best Teacher Award – Rs.1.00 Lakh;
- ii) Best Innovative idea by University student - Rs.25000.00;
- iii) Best Innovative idea by female entrepreneur/student of the region- Rs.25000.00;
- iv) Minor Research Project – Rs.2.00 Lakh (for each Deptt.);
- v) Best Researcher award – Rs. 1.00 Lakh;
- vi) Financial support for participation in National Rs 10000/-; and International Conferences Rs 35000/-.

6.24 Prof. Gupta suggested that Best Teacher Award should be nominated by the students and faculty. The member also suggested to increase the amount of Best Researcher Award to Rs. 02 Lakh.

6.25 He also suggested that the financial support for participation in national and international conferences should be increased to Rs.20000/- and 70000/- respectively.

6.26 **Fellowship/Visiting Fellow** : The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members about the achievements of faculty for fellowship, details as follows:

- i. 02 faculty of Department of Environmental Sciences have been selected for prestigious fellowship, a) Dr. Anita Singh, for Raman Fellowship (2016); and b) Dr. Shweta Yadav for Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship (October, 2016);
- ii. 01 faculty of Department of Computer Sciences & IT, Mr. Narinder Kumar, has been selected for Hungarian Fellowship (2015);
- iii. 01 faculty of Department of National Security Studies, Dr. J. Jeganathan, was awarded Visiting Fellow to Fudan University China, 2016.

6.27 **Kendriya Vidyalaya** : The Vice-Chancellor was delighted to inform the house about the sanction of Kendriya Vidyalaya by the MHRD to Central University of Jammu in 2016. The Kendriya Vidyalaya was inaugurated by Sh. N.N. Vohra, Hon'ble Governor of J&K State, and Chancellor of the University on 26th April, 2017. The admissions for the academic session 2017-18 for classes 1st to 5th was undertaken in the months of June & July 2017 and the classes has been started.

6.28 **Incubation and Innovation** : The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members about the achievements of the University Incubation Centre (UIC). UIC has started Innovation lecture series, first lecture of the series was held on 20th January, 2017 and 08 incubates have been identified for incubation support. Prof. Gupta enquired about the field of innovations of candidates. The Vice Chancellor apprised that



Incubation and Innovation Cell was established in last year and the projects are still under progress.

6.29 Prof. Gupta suggested the members of the Innovation Club to visit IIM Ahmedabad or any other institution of repute.

6.30 **NAAC Visit** : The Vice Chancellor informed the members that team comprising of seven worthy members visited the University during 21st-23rd September, 2017.

6.31 **Digital Initiatives** : The Vice-Chancellor informed the members about the initiation of digitalisation by the University such as; *Biometric Attendance, File Tracking System, Official e-mail id for employees, Intranet server set-up, Student Smart Cards*, etc. He also informed the members that MHRD is going to implement e-office very soon in all the Universities/ offices and we are also moving in the direction of paperless office.

6.32 The Vice Chancellor informed that laptops and wi-fi/dongles have been provided to all faculty free of cost.

6.33 Prof. Gupta enquired about Wi-Fi facility in the campus. The Vice Chancellor informed that Wi-Fi facility is provided in both the campuses (TAB and Main Campus) & Hostels. He also informed that project for Wi-Fi enabled campus is in full swing in the University.

6.34 **Other outreach programme** : The Vice-Chancellor highlighted various outreach activities, the main activities are as follows:

- i. General Orientation Course conducted for 185 newly appointed Asst. Prof. in Higher Education Department, Govt. of J&K, during Jan and Mar, 2017.
- ii. Community College conducted the Training Programme for the Officers of Department of Horticulture Marketing and Planning, Jammu, Govt. of J&K during 18th-19th March 2017.
- iii. Community College conducted placement drive for students of various disciplines i.e. Computer Electronics, Information Technology, Engineering Colleges of BGSBU, IUST, UOK, JU , MIET in collaboration with industry Partner Planet Ganges. 20 students shortlisted after online assessment during February 2017.
- iv. Campus Employability Programme was initiated by Community College in collaboration with NASSCOM Foundation, New Delhi in Jan, 2017, for final year students.



- v. Yoga Centre conducted Yoga Classes for Civil Society, Students and Faculty in May, 2017.

6.35 **Convocation** : The Vice Chancellor informed the members that 1st Convocation of the University is likely to be held in 3rd week of March, 2018.

6.36 The Vice Chancellor informed that the deep drilling was carried out in the campus of the University for meeting the water requirements. He informed that Rs.1.02 crores has been spent on deep drilling in the campus and approx. 40% of the amount has been recovered from the construction agencies by selling water to them. Prof. Gupta was concerned over declining of level of ground water and suggested to conserve urgently and to set-up plants to recycle water for major purposes.

6.37 He also requested Sh. Anil Raina, for setting-up a plant for recycling water and other measures like waterless toilets, etc. may be explored for the University.

6.38 The Vice Chancellor informed the house that the Central University of Jammu has already established one Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) and one more plant is planned in the campus.

6.39 Prof. L.K. Verma informed about Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission of Teacher Training (PMMMNMTT) activities carried out by the Department of Educational Studies at Govt. Schools of Boys & Girls in the adjoining areas of the University to train the teachers in academics, evaluation, computer training, etc. He also presented the phase wise future plans of this scheme, covering all districts of J&K. Prof. Gupta suggested free available software on net may be downloaded for online teacher training programmes.

6.40 Prof. Gupta suggested that online teaching courses should be started and for familiarisation, the University may send a team to IIM, Ahmedabad for training.

6.41 Thereafter, the house was requested to offer suggestions for the future planning of the University.

Suggestions by the members

7. Prof. Gupta asked about availability of databank of academicians/alumni settled outside state/country, in the University. The Vice Chancellor informed that no such databank is available with the Central University of Jammu till now. Prof. Gupta suggested that academicians/alumni settled outside may be requested to come and

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join the University in their own native place as visiting faculty to teach/supervise students/scholars in different fields of education. The Vice Chancellor informed that the University has an Office of International Affairs (OIA), this responsibility shall be assigned to this office.

8. Prof. Gupta enquired about University's ranking on the NIRF portal. The Vice Chancellor informed that the University stood in the band of 150-200 in last year's ranking (2016-17). During the ranking year, the faculty and number of research projects were quite less, whereas after joining of new faculty, this number has been increased tremendously. He assured that the University will get better rankings in 2017-18.

9. Prof. Gupta enquired about Centre for Craft & Heritage in the University. The Vice Chancellor informed that a proposal has been submitted to the Education Department, Govt. of J&K, for establishing a Centre for Culture, Heritage and Museum Management in the Central University of Jammu. He also informed that the University has signed a MoU with Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), New Delhi, to establish a Regional Centre at the University to promote, accelerate & coordinate research in history.

10. The members suggested to put in place cyberoam to check the data downloaded from net and uploaded on website. Further, they suggested to motivate the faculty to increase the uploading volume to downloading.

11. The house advised that all the faculty should upload their exposure/learning undertaken during attending any seminar/workshop or from any other academic platform on web/internet platforms.

12. Prof. Gupta suggested to tie up with IIFT for vocational courses. The Vice Chancellor informed that the University is running a Diploma course in Beauty & Wellness coordinated by VLCC under Community College. He also informed that two vocational courses i.e. Tourism Management and Retail Management are running under B.Voc. Students from outside the state like Rajasthan, have come to the Central University of Jammu for studying B.Voc. courses. The Vice Chancellor noted the suggestions made by Prof. Gupta.

13. Prof. Gupta enquired about Inter-disciplinary courses offered by the University except their program specialisation. The Vice Chancellor informed that IDCs are



being offered by all the Departments to the students. Students can opt for IDC according to their preferences.

14. The members advised to establish a design developmental research centre in craft and heritage which will provide better job opportunities to the students and development of local area.

15. Prof. Gupta enquired about faculty feedback system. The Vice Chancellor informed that University has introduced feedback system from this year and will further improve the system.

16. Prof. Gupta enquired about review of courses by faculty regularly after every semester. The Vice Chancellor informed that such is done in the periodic Board of Studies and School Boards. Prof. Gupta also suggested that a Consultative Committee may be constituted at Department level for review of syllabus/curriculum after regular interval of time. He also suggested that atleast 20% of the curriculum should be updated after every PG/UG semester and at Ph.D. level.

17. The University should invite the personalities who are at top in their field to motivate the students. Further, he informed that IIM has developed teachers data, which can be used for various purposes including research.

18. Prof. Gupta suggested that rural engagement community should be part of curriculum. The Vice Chancellor informed that the University has signed an MoU with National Council of Rural Institutes (NRCI), Hyderabad for capacity building in rural academic activity, entrepreneurship, promotion of education and employability of unemployed rural and tribal youth, etc. Dr. Jeganathan, Assistant Professor, Department of National Security Studies, has been designated as Engagement Officer from Central University of Jammu for conducting activities under NRCI. The Vice Chancellor informed that the Department of Social Work is also carrying out field surveys in rural areas of District Samba under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan along with the Divisional office, Samba.

19. Prof. Gupta suggested to assign more responsibility to NSS in true spirit, which will serve the local community.



20. Prof. Gupta suggested that University should start to take up initiatives to recognise and encourage outstanding work done by the employees (Teaching & Non-Teaching).
21. The house resolved to review the syllabus and update on yearly basis with the consultation of external experts, faculty and students. Further, it advised to upload the entire syllabus on the University website. The house also advised to start students feedback system for faculty.
22. The house advised that the projectors are to be provided in each class room and explore possibility of online rating/voting/feedback by students and faculty.
23. Prof. Gupta suggested that waste generated by hostel mess should be recycled and to be used for other purposes in field and herbal garden.
24. Prof. Gupta suggested to devise topics/courses in such a way that the students will connect with the country in general and to the local area in particular.
25. Prof. Gupta observed that the ratio of downloading the e-content is higher than the uploading content. He suggested that faculty/scholars/students should develop their own lectures, topics, reports and upload on the internet to share their knowledge/experience with others.
26. Prof. Gupta suggested that out of the University area some pieces of land should be left in natural shape (untouched & virgin) in the campus for future research projects in the field of ecology, biology, climatology, etc.
27. Prof. Gupta suggested that Sanitary Napkin Dispensing Machine should be installed in the Ladies Washrooms for girl students.
28. The Vice Chancellor informed the meeting about Solar Power Consumption Models. The member suggested to go for a power purchase model instead of capital investment by the University.
29. Dr. Saiyed suggested that Department of Supply Chain Management should attract more students and increase employability by bringing it under bigger canvas.



30. Dr. Saiyed also suggested that Guides/Co-Supervisors from industry background with requisite qualification and experience should also be considered for supervising Ph.D. scholars.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.

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