

# CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF GUJARAT

Minutes of the 06<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on  
21<sup>st</sup> January, 2012 at 11:00 AM in the Conference Room  
of the University

The following were present:

1. Prof. R.K. Kale, Vice-Chancellor	-	Chairman
2. Prof. Sushma Yadav	-	Member
3. Prof. Tapati Basu	-	Member
4. Prof. Jose Varghese	-	Member
5. Prof. P.L. Vishweshwar Rao	-	Member
6. Prof. Arun Dalvi	-	Member
7. Prof. Riaz Shaikh Khan	-	Member
8. Prof. G.D. Yadav	-	Member
9. Prof. M.H. Qureshi	-	Member
10. Shri A.V. Rajasekhar, Finance Officer & Officiating Registrar	-	Officiating Secretary
11. Prof. E.V. Ramakrishnan, Dean, SLL&CS	-	Special Invitee
12. Prof. N. Rajaram, Dean, SSS	-	Special Invitee
13. Prof. Man Singh, Dean, SCS	-	Special Invitee
14. Prof. Rana P. Singh, Dean, SLS	-	Special Invitee
15. Prof. Ajay Dandekar, Dean, SIS	-	Special Invitee
16. Prof. M.H. Fulekar, Dean, SESD	-	Special Invitee
17. Dr. (Mrs.) Indira Dutta, Assistant Professor, SSS	-	Special Invitee
18. Col. (Retd.) S.K. Sharma, Special Officer	-	Special Invitee
19. Shri A.N. Kunjunny, OSD (F&A)	-	To Assist
20. Dr. Sanjay Negi, Asstt. Registrar	-	To Assist

The following could not attend the meeting:

1. Prof. B. Hanumaiah	-	Member
2. Prof. Tara Chandra Kandpal	-	Member
3. Prof. Dilip Mohite	-	Member
4. Prof. Ranjit Singh Ghuman	-	Member
5. Prof. C. Manoharachary	-	Member
6. Prof. B.K. Punia	-	Member
7. Prof. Dharmendra Kumar	-	Member
8. Prof. Sharit K. Bhowmik	-	Member
9. Prof. Surinder S. Jodhka	-	Member
10. Prof. H.A. Ranganath	-	Member
11. Prof. A.S. Narang	-	Member

At the outset, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed the members to the 06<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council (AC). Thereafter, the bilingually (Hindi and English) printed version of the

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Annual Report of the University for the year 2010-11 was placed on table for information of the members and the same was taken on record (Annexure-I to these Minutes). Subsequently, the Vice-Chancellor introduced the Special Invitees and the Officers present to assist. This was followed by a power-point presentation highlighting various achievements of the University on various fronts since the last meeting of the AC held on 16.07.2011. The contents of the power-point presentation were taken on record (Annexure-II to these Minutes).

Thereafter, the Agenda items were taken up for consideration.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

01. Considered confirmation of the Minutes of the 05<sup>th</sup> meeting of the AC held on 16.07.2011, and resolved to confirm the Minutes, as already circulated.

#### REPORT ON THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES

02. Noted the report on action taken on the Minutes of the 05<sup>th</sup> meeting of the AC held on 16.07.2011.

#### ITEMS NOTED

03. Noted the item considered by the AC through circulation vide letter F.No. 2-11/2011-Admn. dated 18.08.2011 as at Annexure-I of the Agenda.

The AC noted that the proposal for addition to Statute 40 of Central Universities Act, 2009 (No. 25 of 2009) for creation of a new School of Studies; School of Environment and Sustainable Development (SESD) and various Centres of Studies in some of the existing Schools of Studies; School of Social Sciences: (a) Centre for Gandhian Thought and Peace Studies and (b) Centre for Study of Diaspora; School Language, Literature and Culture Studies: (a) Centre for Chinese Language and Culture, (b) Centre for German Studies and (c) Centre for Studies in Hindi Language and Literature), as approved through circulation by the AC, was considered and approved by the Executive Council (EC) at its meeting held on 03.09.2011, vide Item No. 18. Thereafter, in terms of Section 27(3) of the Act, the proposed amendment/addition to Statute 40 was forwarded to the Government of India vide letter F.No. 2-2(5)/2011/Admn./4404 dated 07.10.2011 for assent of the Visitor.

04. Noted the creation of teaching posts by the AC in terms of the communication received from the UGC, as detailed in the Agenda item.
05. Noted amendment/additions to Statute 18(2) of the Central Universities Act, 2009 (No. 25 of 2009), as communicated by the Ministry of Human Resource Development

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(Department of Higher Education), Government of India regarding Selection Committees, as detailed in the Agenda item as also in Annexure-II of the Agenda. Further resolved that the amended provisions of Statute 18 may also be brought to the notice of the EC for information.

06. Noted appointments on contract on the posts of Assistant Professor for the Academic year 2011-12 as detailed in the Agenda item as also in Annexure-III of the Agenda.
07. Noted the appointment of Prof. M.H. Fulekar, University Department of Life Sciences, University of Mumbai as Professor in the SESD w.e.f. 20.10.2011 on two years' lien from that University.
08. Noted the appointment of Prof. M.H. Fulekar as Dean, SESD for the period 03.11.2011 to 19.10.2013.

#### ACTION TAKEN ITEMS RATIFIED

09. Finalization of essential and desirable qualifications prescribed for the faculty positions in various Schools of Studies of the University and consequent issuance of advertisements for filling these posts, including reservations for various categories as per the rosters of reservations of the University, as per details at Annexure-IV of the Agenda.
10. Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Central University of Gujarat and the University of Colorado, USA for academic collaboration and friendship, as mandated under Section 6(i) (x) of the Central Universities Act, 2009 (No. 25 of 2009), as at Annexure-V of the Agenda.

In this connection the Vice-Chancellor informed that MoUs with two other Universities in the USA, namely, University of Georgia and Wayne State University, are in the process of being finalized and the AC will be apprised of in due course. The members congratulated the Vice-Chancellor for entering into academic and research collaboration with other Universities which would eventually benefit the faculty and students of the University.

11. Award of M.Phil Degree to five students admitted to various M.Phil/Ph.D programmes in the academic year 2009-10, as detailed in the Agenda.

#### ITEMS CONSIDERED

12. Reconsidered Clause 9.5 of Ordinance No. 14 Relating to Award of M.A., M.Sc, B.A.(Hons.) Degrees, being a referred back item of the EC at its meeting held on 03.09.2011, vide Item No. 13, and unanimously resolved to approve the referred back item.

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Further resolved that the Clause, as had been referred back by the EC, may be sent back to the EC for adoption.

13. Considered draft Ordinance No. 19 Relating to Conditions of Service of Appointed Teachers of the University and the Selection Committee Procedures for Their Appointment, as recommended first by the Committee headed by Prof. E.V. Ramakrishnan, Dean, SLL&CS (as at Annexure-I to these Minutes) and subsequently by the One-Man Committee headed by Dr. Ramesh P. Gangurde, former Secretary, UGC (Annexure-III to these Minutes), and resolved to approve the draft Ordinance No. 19 proposed by Dr. Gangurde.

Further resolved that in consequence of the above, Ordinances No. 1 and 3 shall become inoperative and, accordingly, stand repealed.

Further resolved that as recommended by the Gangurde Committee, a fresh draft Ordinance in place of Ordinance No. 2: Ordinance for Regulating Leave to Teachers of the University may be considered, if required, at its next meeting.

Further resolved that Ordinance No. 19 as approved by the AC may be placed before the EC for consideration and adoption.

14. Considered holding of entrance tests for admission to various academic programmes in the ensuing academic year 2012-13.

The matter was discussed at great length in the background of successful conduct of entrance tests in the first three academic years since inception of the University in the year 2009. The AC noted that the University has gained considerable experience in holding entrance tests at various Centres all over the country. Over these years the University has been able to evolve a transparent and efficient system for holding the tests. The Vice-Chancellor assured to consider independently conducting the tests for the year 2012-13 at a much larger scale with emphasis on holding the tests in more test venues in the State of Gujarat. He also informed that the Government of India has not yet issued any advisory to Central Universities for holding joint entrance tests.

In the light of the above, the AC unanimously resolved that the entrance tests for the year 2012-13 may be conducted by the University on its own. The AC felt that the University may consider advertising the admission notice in vernacular languages also in addition to English, Hindi and Gujarati so as to enlarge its reach. The AC authorized the Vice-Chancellor to take all the necessary action in this regard.

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**OTHER ITEM CONSIDERED WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR**

1. Considered the joint recommendations of the Deans of Schools of Studies for allowing the students admitted to various M.Phil/Ph.D Programmes in the academic session 2010-11 to submit their M.Phil dissertation during the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive semester from the date of their admission, and resolved that in terms of the relevant provision under Ordinance No. 11 Relating to Award of Degree of Master of Philosophy/Doctor of Philosophy, the students as per the list at Annexure to the Item (**Annexure-III** to these Minutes) may be allowed to submit their M.Phil dissertation in their 4<sup>th</sup> Semester (Winter Semester, 2011-12).

Further resolved that till suitable amendment is made in the Ordinance, the Vice-Chancellor is authorised to allow the students to submit M.Phil dissertation in the 4<sup>th</sup> Semester.

2. Considered the syllabus for Semester-II of the M.Phil/Ph.D Programme in Diaspora Studies (as at **Annexure-V** to these Minutes) in the Centre for Study of Diaspora, SSS, and resolved to approve.
3. Considered the syllabus for Semester-II of the M.A. Programme in German Studies (as at **Annexure-VI** to these Minutes) in the Centre for German Studies, SLL&CS, and resolved to approve.
4. Considered the proposals of the Officiating Dean, School of International Studies (SIS) for changing the nomenclature of the Centre for Studies in Politics and Governance (CSPG) and for introducing new academic programmes at the School (as at **Annexure-VII** to these Minutes) and resolved as under:

- (i) In the light of the recommendations of the Officiating Dean, the AC proposes amendment of Statute 40 as below:

Existing Statute 40	Statute 40 after amendment
i. School of International Studies (b) Centre for Studies in Politics and Governance	i. School of International Studies (b) Centre for Studies in International Politics and Governance

- (ii) A new **M.Phil/Ph.D Programme in International Politics and Governance** may be offered by the renamed Centre for Studies in International Politics and Governance (CSIPG) instead of the existing M.A. Programme in Politics and Governance.
- (iii) The SIS may introduce a generic **M.A. Programme in Politics and International Relations** from the Monsoon Semester, 2012-13 which

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would then become a feeder for all the School's research Centres of Studies.

- (iv) The existing M.Phil/Ph.D Programme in Internal Security may be converted into **M.Phil/Ph.D Programme in Security Studies** at the Centre for Security Studies, SIS.
5. Considered the syllabus for Semester-II of the M.Phil/Ph.D Programme in Gandhian Thought and Peace Studies (as at **Annexure-VIII** to these Minutes) in the Centre for Gandhian Thought and Peace Studies, SSS, and resolved to approve the same.
6. The AC desired for creation of Alumni Association in terms of Statute 35 of the Central Universities Act, 2009 (No. 25 of 2009) and authorized the Vice-Chancellor to explore the possibility.
7. The AC was of the opinion that wherever feasible web references may also be incorporated in all the academic syllabi as it would facilitate the faculty and the students in their academic work.

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

  
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Officiating Registrar

  
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