

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF GUJARAT GANDHINAGAR

Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 28th September 2015 at 11:00 AM in the Conference Room of the University at sector – 29 campus.

The twelfth meeting of 2nd Academic Council of Central University of Gujarat was convened on the 28th of September of 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in the premises of the University to deliberate on the agenda circulated along with the notice of the meeting to take decisions on the important academic matters. The following members were present:

S. No.	Name	Designation	Capacity
1.	Prof. S.A. Bari,	Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor	Chairperson
2.	Prof. Arti Nanavati	Professor, Dept. of Economics, M.S. University of Baroda	Rep. Women Category {as per Statute 13(xvii)}
3.	Prof. Nisar-ul-Haq	Prof Nisar-ul HAQ Department of Political Science Jamia Millia Islamia New Delhi 110025	Rep. Minorities Category {as per Statute 13(xvii)}
4.	Prof. Sonajharia Minz	Professor, School of Computer & Systems Sciences, JNU, New Delhi	Rep. ST Category {as per Statute 13(xvii)}
5.	Prof. N. Rajaram	Dean, SSS	Dean of School of the Studies {as per Statute 13(iv)}
6.	Prof. Alok Kumar Gupta	Dean, SLL&CS	
7.	Prof. JPN Mishra	Dean, SLS	
8.	Prof. M.H. Fulekar	Dean, SESD	
9.	Dr. Sanjay Kumar Jha	Dean, SIS	
10.	Prof. Alok Kumar Gupta	DSW	DSW {as per Statute 13(ix)}
11.	Prof. Rachel Bari	Professor, CES, SLL&CS	Professor {as per Statute 13 (VI)}
12.	Dr. Jaya Prakash Pradhan	Associate Professor	As Associate Professor & Provost {as per Statute 13(vii) & (xii)}
13.	Dr Vinod Sen	Assistant Professor	Warden {as per Statute 13(xiii)}
14.	Prof. T. Bagchi	Chairperson, CNS	Chairperson of the Centre of Studies {as per Statute 13(v)}
15.	Dr Indira Dutta	Chairperson, CSEP/SSS	
16.	Dr. Atanu Bhattacharya	Chairperson, CES/SLL&CS	
17.	Dr Balaji Ranganathan	Chairperson, CCLTS/SLL&CS	
18.	Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Dubey	Chairperson, CSHLL, SLL&CS (& COE as Spl. Invitee)	

19.	Dr. Prakash Jha	Assistant Professor, SCS	Six Assistant Professors by rotations representing different academic discipline {as per Statute 13(viii)}
20.	Dr Mohandas Singh Nongmaitham	Assistant Professor, CSS/SIS	
21.	Dr Kunal Sinha	Assistant Professor, SSS	
22.	Dr Rajesh Singh	Assistant Professor, SESD	
23.	Dr. Umesh CS Yadan	Assistant Professor, SLS	
24.	Shri Priya Ranjan Kumar	Assistant Professor	Rep. PWD Category {as per Statute 13(xvii)}
25.	Ms Nitin Gupta	Student, CNS	Student category {as per Statute 13(xv)}
26.	Prof. S.L. Hiremath Registrar	Secretary	Secretary

The following could not attend the meeting:

S. No.	Name	Designation	AC Composition
1.	Prof. Sushma Yadav	Pro-ViceChancellor PVC Office, New VC-Block IGNOU Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068	Rep. OBC Category {as per Statute 13(xvii)}
2.	Prof. P.G. Jogdand	Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai	Rep. SC Category {as per Statute 13(xvii)}
3.	Prof Man Singh	Dean, School of Chemical Sciences	Dean of School of the Studies {as per Statute 13(iv)}
4.	Shri Vinai Kumar Donthula	Assistant Professor	Six Assistant Professors by rotations representing different academic discipline {as per Statute 13(viii)}
5.	Ms Sushma Devi	M.Phil/Ph.D. Scholar, SIS, CUG.	Student category {as per Statute 13(xv)}

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

1. Dr. Gitesh Joshi, Joint Registrar, CUG.
2. Mr. Mukesh Parmar, Assistant Registrar, CUG.
3. Mr. Tarun Soni, Section Officer, CUG.

The 12th Meeting of the 2nd Academic Council (AC) of Central University of Gujarat (CUG) got off to a start with Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S. A. Bari welcoming the members present and introducing to the House the recently appointed Registrar, Prof. S. L. Hiremath, who had taken charge of the office of the Registrar on 01st August, 2015. He thanked Prof. N. Rajaram, the Dean of SSS, who had served as the officiating Registrar of CUG, with distinction while placing on record gratitude with appreciation on behalf of the University for the services rendered by him to the University as officiating Registrar.

Thereafter, Prof. S. L. Hiremath, while thanking the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for providing him an opportunity to serve as the Registrar and introducing him to the House, welcomed and introduced the new members of the Academic Council to the House, who were attending the meeting of AC for the first time. Prof. JPN Mishra, Dean School of Life Sciences, Prof. Rachel Bari, Prof. Centre for English Studies, in School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Prof. T. Bagchi, Chairman, Centre for Nano Science and two student members, nominated by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Ms. Sushma Devi and Mr. Nitin Rajesh Gupta were introduced to the house. He also thanked Prof. Nisar-ul-Haq, Head, Department of Political Science, Jamia Milia Islamia, Prof. Sonajharia Minz, Professor, School of Computer & Systems Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Prof. Arti Nanavati, Head, Dept. of Economics, Maharaja Sayajirao University, Baroda for making it convenient to attend the meeting and welcomed them on behalf of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. Thereafter, the members present and officials introduced themselves to the House and Chair for the acquaintance with new members and the external members.

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 first ever meeting of the Court, since the establishment of the University in the year 2009, was held on 31.03.2015, Chaired by Hon'ble Chancellor, Prof. Y. K. Alagh, owing to which several issues that were pending and kept in abeyance could be cleared and disposed off.
2. The University conducted on-line entrance tests for the first time to admit the students simultaneously at 16 Centres all-over the country. The entrance test conducted was totally hassle free without any problem. He thanked the Admissions Committee headed by Dr. Sanjay Jha and Dr Sanjeev Kumar Dubey for a commendable job. The House placed on record appreciation with gratitude for the efforts put in by Admissions Committee.
3. In view of the paucity of academic space, faculty and hostel facilities, the university had decided to regulate the admissions to various P.G. and integrated MPhil-Ph.D. courses and accordingly a total of 109 students were given admission out of which 65 were P.G. students and 44 were M. Phil./Ph.D. students.
4. He also expressed concern about the constraints of academic space, and residential facilities for the newly admitted students and regulate admissions to various courses, till the university moves to its own campus and recruits faculty, particularly in view of most of the students being drawn from different parts of the country and required to be provided decent hostel and boarding facilities.
5. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor also brought to the notice of the House that admissions to integrated MPhil and Ph.D. courses in several schools and centres have taken place in violation of UGC regulations as non-eligible teachers are guiding M.Phil.-Ph.D. students and eligible guides have taken many more students than prescribed by the UGC

norms. There is an urgent need to set right these anomalies in the interest of students who cannot be held responsible for the situation and also in view of repeated reminders being issued by the UGC for compliance with its regulations to avoid institutions being declared as defaulters. He mentioned about the actions initiated based on decisions taken in the meeting of Deans and Chairperson of Science Schools and Centres held on 31.08.2015 where in candidates working under the supervision of contract faculty and adjunct faculty were transferred to newly appointed regular faculty, continuing the contract faculty as co-supervisors or joint supervisors and fixing the strength of students under the eligible guides as per UGC.

6. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor brought to the notice of the House that the university has started 04 new P.G. courses and admitted students to MA Hindi, MA Economics and MSc Environment Science and since only four students had opted for MA in Gujarati, the course was deemed as not viable and feasible to be offered and hence could not be started this year.
7. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor apprised the House that CUG was identified and assigned by UGC to organize a regional Workshop on Choice Based Credit System for all the universities in Gujarat and Orissa on 16th of April 2015. Nearly 60 Vice-Chancellors, Senior Officers and Deans of all the State, Private, Central and Deemed universities from the States of Gujarat and Orissa attended the workshop, which was lauded as a resounding academic success.
8. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor also brought to the notice of the members that the University was called upon to organize a National Consultation Meet for New Education Policy on "Improving State-public Universities" by MHRD, Government of India and the same was organized on 26th September 2015. Sitting and former Vice Chancellors from the States of Gujarat, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Kerala, Andhra-Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Tamil-Nadu, Uttar-Pradesh, Jharkhand, Tripura, Madhya-Pradesh, West-Bengal and many other States attended and deliberated on the theme and several sub-themes identified throughout the day to formulate the Consultation Document on Improving the State Public Universities that would go into the formulation of New Education Policy of MHRD, GoI. Shri Bhupendrasinh Chudasama, Hon'ble Minister for Education, Civil Supplies and Legislative Affairs, GoG inaugurated the Consultation Meet, Prof Y. K. Alagh, the Chancellor of CUG delivered the Key-Note address and Smt. Ishita Roy, Joint Secretary, Higher Education, MHRD, GoI, apprised the delegates about NEP. The deliberations and panel presentations were moderated by Prof. A. M. Pathan and Resolutions, Decisions and Concluding Remarks were presented by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. A. Bari.
9. The House was informed about the participation of Dr. Ishmeet Kaur, Assistant Professor, CES, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, participated in Inspired Teacher, "In Residence Programme" at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, for 4 days representing CUG and her participation in the programme was appreciated and well received.

10. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor brought to the notice of the House that CUG has been quite active in collaborative research and exchange programmes through MoUs and mentioned about two International MoUs signed during his visit to Sweden as a member of Indian Delegation to Sweden led by Hon'ble President of India. One was between Computation Chemistry Group of SCS of CUG with Division of Theoretical Chemistry and Biology (Theochem), KTH Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) Stockholm, Sweden and the other was a MoU between CCG of SCS CUG. With Condensed Matter Theory Group (CMT) of Dept. of Physics and Astronomy of Uppsala University (UU) Uppsala, Sweden. He mentioned about other MoUs like one with Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation, McMaster University, Canada, and Gujarat, Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the like. He opined that these MoUs would provide much needed exposure and access to scientific facilities in these reputed institutions to our faculty and students on the one hand and improve the image and repute of CUG in the academic and scientific circles in India and abroad on the other.
11. Coming to providing exposure to the students, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor informed the House that Ms. Priti Raj Pandit, a research scholar from SESD was deputed to the interaction session with Hon'ble Minister for HRD at Delhi on 16th September 2015, representing CUG.

The House noted all these academic events organized participated in by CUG and its achievements therein and placed on record its appreciation for the various academic programmes and reforms initiated by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and support 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.

1. To confirm the Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Academic Council held on 13.03.2015

In view of no comments or suggestions having been received from any of the members, except a minor correction suggested by COE in Resolution No.19 relating to consideration of the report of Grading Committee, which was also attended to through an addenda, the members unanimously confirmed the minutes of 11th meeting of 2nd AC held on 13.03.2015.

2. To consider and approve Action Taken Report on the Minutes 11th AC meeting held on 13-03-2015.

Comments and suggestions were invited from the members on the report of action taken on decisions of AC vide resolution of 11th meeting of AC held on 13.03.2015, circulated as annexure to the agenda of 12th Meeting.

The members while expressing their satisfaction and appreciation of appropriate actions initiated by the university on the decisions taken by the AC, unanimously approved the Report of Action Taken on the Resolutions of 11th Meeting of AC held on 13.03.2015.

Items to Note

3. To note the EC Resolution on Deputation and Appointment by invitation of the Professors

Res: The House noted the action initiated by the university on the EC resolution and welcomed Prof. Rachel Bari, Prof. J.P.N Mishra and Prof T. Bagchi, who were present in the meeting, to CUG.

4. To note the Establishing Internal Quality Assurance Cell in the University for NAAC Accreditation

Res: The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor appraised the house that the IQAC established as per requirements of NAAC has been provided adequate space and requisite furniture, equipment and Prof. J.P.N. Mishra appointed as Director and expressed his hope as well as confidence that IQAC would be able to prepare SSR on time to enable the university to go for much awaited NAAC accreditation. The house noted the matter with appreciation.

5. To note the signing of Memorandum of Understanding

Res: Just as the Registrar appraised the house about several MoUs signed by the university with different institutions, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor explained in detail the terms and conditions, terms of reference and various benefits that accrue to the university through these MoUs and how these MoUs would help university to fulfil its mandate, pursue its vision and mission and enable the university perform better on diverse schemes launched by MHRD that are mandatory in nature and have been emphasized in successive review meetings. The House noted the matter as Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor stated that several such MoUs are in the pipeline and at various stages of completion.

6. To note the Appointment of Prof. S L Hiremath as Registrar on deputation

Res: Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor explained to the House the circumstances owing to which he felt it appropriate to have a full-time Registrar and action initiated by him. The house noted the matter, with Prof. S. L. Hiremath expressing his gratitude to Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for the opportunity provided and the confidence reposed in him by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

7. To note the appointment of Dean, School of Life Sciences and Chairperson, Centre for Nano Sciences

Res: The Registrar explained to the house the provisions of the Statute under which these appointments were made by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and the House noted the matter with appreciation.

8. To note the nomination of new members to the 2nd Academic Council

Res: The Registrar appraised the House about the provisions of Act and Statute under which these nominations were made by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, and also brought to the notice of the members that Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor had also nominated two student representatives, Ms. Sushma Devi and Mr. Nitin Rajesh Gupta to the AC under relevant sections of the Act, for the period of one year. The House noted the matter and welcomed the new members of AC and congratulated them on their nomination.

9. To note various Academic Activities, Conferences and Seminars, organized by the University

Res: In addition to various academic activities organized by CUG as highlighted by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor at the beginning, the Registrar brought to the notice of the House numerous academic events organized by the CUG as enumerated in the item and in addition to these events, he stated that following notable events were also organised-

1. Microsoft Faculty Development Programme known as "Saksham" was organized on the campus from 8th to 14th September 2015 for the benefit of faculty and non-faculty staff of CUG, with resource persons from Microsoft.

2. Hindi Pakhawada was inaugurated on 16th Sept. and was still in process at the time of AC meeting with its valedictory scheduled to be held on 29.10.2015 Prof. Arun Kamal noted Hindi writer was the chief guest of Inaugural Programme and several noted Hindi Poets and writers were invited every day with valedictory to be presided by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, followed by *Kavi Sammelan*. Several literary and cultural competitions were held during the celebrations for the students, teaching and non-teaching staff who took active part in these events and won prizes. These competitions are being organized separately for Hindi Speaking and Non-Hindi Speaking students and employees.

3. The university also organized a workshop on "Data Dissemination of Census 2011" in collaboration with Directorate of Census Operation (Gujarat), Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI on 23rd September 2015 with Dr. Indira Dutta, Associate Prof of CES of SSS as nodal officer from CUG. The workshop was inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

4. The Registrar also brought to the notice of the House that, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor had convened and presided the meetings of Selection Committees for appointment of Assistant Professors on contract in various schools and centres as per notification issued to this effect. Meetings of selection committee in Library and Information Science was held on 11.08.2015, Centre for Chinese Studies on 20.08.2015, School of Life Sciences on 22.08.2015, School of International Studies on 22.09.2015 and Centre for Studies in Social Management is scheduled to be held on 29.09.2015. The members noted these activities with appreciation

The members were also informed that the Centre for Gandhian Thought and Peace Studies will be organizing an International Seminar on "Debating Swaraj after One Hundred years of Gandhi's Return from South Africa" from 4th to 6th October, 2015, with partial support from Indian Council for Social Science Research.

The members noted these activities with appreciation.

10. To note establishing various Centers and Programmes by the University

Res: Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor explained to the house various schemas being launched by MHRD, UGC and such other agencies in which the participation of central educational institutions is mandatory and the university has to submit reports periodically on the progress of implementation to these agencies and at also various review meetings.

Hence, University in compliance with these statutory gaudiness has established several cells and centres. University Industry Interaction Cell, Village adoption Cell, School adoption Cell, Competitive Examinations Coaching Centre, Equal Opportunity Cell have been established in the recent days. Similarly, as per the provisions of CUGs Act, the university also proposes to establish Alumni Association, Parent-Teacher Interaction cell, Employees and Students grievance Redressal cell and the like. The members noted the establishment of these cells and centres.

11. To note Extension of M.Phil. Dissertation Period

Res: The House noted the extension of time granted by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Dean of SCS. The COE made a submission to the House that earlier, delay in submission of dissertation was rather routine and chronic and owing to the strict action initiated by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor now 90% of dissertations are submitted on time. Prof. S. Minz emphasized the need to mentor the students in a proper manner by the supervisors so that such issues would not arise and also stressed the need for cordial relations between the student and supervisor. At this juncture Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor stated that he is aware of certain cases in which there was deliberate delay in approving the dissertation for submission and he has already warned the persons concerned. He also stressed that such lapses will be viewed seriously and dealt with in a stern manner. Prof. Nissar-ul-Haq appreciated the efforts initiated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor in refining and streamlining the MPhil programme to put it back on track. The House was of opinion that the MPhil and Ph.D. programmes should be run strictly in accordance with the Ordinance governing these courses so that the sanctity and authenticity of the degree could be upheld.

12. To note the On-line Entrance Examination conducted by the University for Admission to various courses for the Academic year 2015-16 and the list of Students for award of Degree of M.Phil., M.A., M.Sc. and B.A. (Hons)

Res: The House lauded the efforts put-in by the Admissions Committee and placed on record its appreciation for completion of entire admission process that too online for the first time without a single complaint. The Registrar and Prof. JPN Mishra with the permission of the Chair proposed a motion of thanks to Dr. Saneev Kumar Dubey, Dr.

Sanjay Jha and others associated with admission process, and the same was unanimously upheld.

Further, the list of candidates who had successfully completed MPhil Programme was noted and similarly the list of students who had fulfilled the requirements for the award of MA/MSc degrees and BA (Hons) under 5 years' integrated MA programme presented by COE were noted while placing on record appreciation for meticulous work done by COE and his staff.

Items for Consideration

13. To consider starting the B. Voc. Programme in the University

Res: Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor while appraising the House about objectives, salience and modalities of the course, expressed the hope that, in view of large number of Pharmaceutical industries operating in the State of Gujarat, the B.Voc. Programme of CUG may prove to be of pioneering nature in Rational Drug Design and those obtaining diploma and degrees from CUG would find avenues of absorption in the industry. Dr. Prakash Jha the nodal officer for B.Voc. programme assured that the programme would be offered in a befitting manner and would soon be attracting students from all over the country.

In view of the promise the course holds for the youth of this region, the grant it has received from UGC and practical utility of the programme for Pharma industry, the **House unanimously approved** the proposal for starting B.Voc. programme and awarding the certificate, Diploma, Advanced Diploma and B.Voc. degree by CUG.

14. To consider Establishment of Independent School of Applied Material Sciences.

The issue was deliberated during which the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor appraised the members about the need for upgrading the Centre for Applied Chemistry to the status of an independent School particularly in view of growing need and scope for more specialized and micro studies of applied nature in the field of chemistry in which the area material science is prominent one and the MSc in industrial Chemistry being offered by the centre may also be continued which would complement the courses of multidisciplinary nature with interdisciplinary approach proposed to be offered by School of Applied Material sciences. Prof. M. H. Fulekar added that the Board of studies had discussed about starting a new School looking at the background of students coming into this School.

Having been convinced of the advantages of upgrading the Centre for Applied Chemistry to the School of Applied Material Sciences, the House unanimously approved the proposal and also approved proposed amendment to Statute 40 with necessary corrections for incorporating the proposed up gradation while Prof. Arti Nanavati proposed that, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor may be authorized to approve the details of the amendment to the statute 40 as required. Further the Registrar moved a

resolution that considering and keeping in view the credentials and specialisation the existing faculty and the faculty requirement of the proposed School, Dr Prakash Jha and Dr Raju Chowhan be transferred to the proposed School of Applied Material Science by adjusting against the seven posts already sanctioned to the Centre of Applied Chemistry by the UGC. The House unanimously approved the resolution.

15. To consider the model syllabus on Environment Studies for under-graduate course in all disciplines.

Res: After deliberation at length, the Model Syllabus on Environment studies was approved with the condition that the syllabus would be introduced only for graduate degree programmes. Prof. Sonajharia Minz, suggested that the respective Boards of Studies while evolving the course structure and syllabi for Under Graduate courses may be appraised to incorporate the model syllabus on Environment Studies. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor endorsed the view of Prof. Sonajharia Minz and suggested that the Model Syllabus could be circulated among the School and Centre Boards of studies and in compliance with Supreme Court order, courses on Indian Constitution and Environment studies should be included in all UG courses. The Registrar suggested that based on the hours of teaching, the credits to this course should be demarcated so as to incorporate the same in the course structure of all UG courses as and when introduced. Dr. Jayaprakash Pradhan pointed out that in the syllabus submitted, the title of the course is not mentioned and Prof. M. H. Fulekar was requested to rectify the same.

The House approved the Model Syllabus subject to the conditions and observations stated above.

16. To consider Establishment of Independent Centre for Study of Diaspora

Res: At the outset, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor explained the reason and rational behind the proposal to render Centre for Study of Diaspora an independent centre on the lines of Centre for Nano-Sciences. He explained the antecedents and actions initiated based thereupon and the need to have an independent centre to provide supervisors to more than 30 research students from School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, as well as from SSS. Prof. Arti Nanavati was also of the opinion that the trend world over and even in Indian Universities is to have a separate centre for Diaspora studies and the same could be followed at CUG. Prof. Sonajharia Minz opined that, since Diaspora studies is a multidisciplinary subject having inputs from and linkages with language and literature, host of Social Sciences like Sociology, economics, political Science, International studies, Psychology and Commerce the purpose and interest of the discipline could be served better if it has an independent existence as a centre. Prof. Alok Gupta, however, was of the opinion that a majority of the students are pursuing their research degrees on topics related to literature and the earlier decision of the university to shift the centre from SSS to SLL&CS must have been taken having weighed the pros and cons of it and as such the Centre could remain with the School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies.

However, in view of no consensus opinion having been arrived at the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor intervened and stated that for the time being the status quo be maintained and the decision to establish an independent Centre for Study of Diaspora, which would certainly be in the interest of the centre and a welcome move, be deferred till the regular faculty are recruited for the centre. **The House unanimously approved the suggestion made by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and authorised him to initiate such action he deems appropriate in protecting the interest of the students enrolled for M.Phil-Ph.D. programme in the centre in assigning the supervisors for completion of their degrees.**

17. To consider Approval of M.Phil. and Ph.D. Admissions made in excess of number stipulated in UGC Regulations with each supervisor in various Centres of CUG for one time approval

Res: Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor appraised the House about the circumstances and context under which the admissions to M.Phil. and Ph.D. Courses were made earlier and the resolve of the university to set right these anomalies by initiating best possible measures in the interest of the students. He informed the House about instructions issued to transfer M.Phil. and Ph.D. candidates in excess of number stipulated by the UGC regulations to the newly appointed professors and also from the contract and adjunct faculty. Prof. Nisar-ul-Haq expressed concern about the viability and feasibility of Supervisors guiding in excess of 08 Ph.D. students at a time. However, in order to protect the interest of the students, the **House decided to approve these admissions as a one-time measure with an explicit condition that such violations and anomalies in admissions to MPhil and Ph.D. courses will not be approved by the University in future.** It was further decided to submit the latest data pertaining to admissions to MPhil and Ph.D. courses under each supervisor in each of the schools and centres to the administration section with a copy to the office of the COE to regularize the admissions made so far and to facilitate the declaration of the results. **All the Deans and Chairpersons agreed to comply with these instructions from the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.**

18. To consider establishment of School for Studies in Education

Res: Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, appraised the members about the need for establishing a School for Studies in Education in view of the emphasis and priority being assigned to teacher education by the MHRD and UGC in improving the overall quality of education at all levels in the country and the measures being devised and initiated by the Ministry to promote achieve these objectives. He informed the House that the UGC has sanctioned the posts of one Professor, two Associate Professors and four Assistant Professors and a grant of Rs. Five Crores for M.Ed. Course and information on progress made in offering the M.Ed. course is being sought at every review meeting. The Registrar informed the House about the efforts initiated by the university in this direction including facilitating the recognition of the course by NCTE which the University is confident of being granted to commence the course from academic year 2016-17. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor suggested that the University is required to attend

to necessary statutory preparations in anticipation of approval of NCTE. Prof. Rachel Bari pointed out an inadvertent error in the nomenclature of the School and suggested to remove the term “Special” from the title of the school since it connotes to altogether a different form of education. The suggestion of Prof. Rachel Bari was accepted and accordingly the name of the School was modified as “School of Education”.

The House unanimously approved the proposal to establish “School of Education” at CUG from to the academic year 2016-17 and decided to amend Statute 40 suitably to provide for establishment of the said school.

19. To consider the recommendations of various Schools/Centres Board

Res: The Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor suggested that all the recommendations made by various Boards of studies of Schools and Centres may be approved provided there is no need for any special consideration, and subject to the condition that the recommendations made are not in contravention of any Statute, Ordinance or UGC Regulations. **The House accepted the suggestion of Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor and approved the minutes of School and Centre Boards of studies subject to the conditions as stated above.**

20. To consider Ordinances for Grading, Amendment in Ordinance No. 11 & 14, Convocation, Ranking, Gracing, & Academic Calendar 2015-16

20 (a). Adoption of UGC Grading System for CUG. The Registrar requested the Controller of Examinations to present the proposal for the revised Grading System for CUG in consonance with the new grading system issued by the UGC under XII Plan Guidelines for Choice Based Credit System. The COE presented the highlights of the proposed grading system of the CUG that were prepared by the Ordinance Updation Committee constituted by the University under the Chairmanship of Dr Sanjeev Kumar Dubey, CoE, in which it was made clear that the grading system of UGC has been adopted except for minor changes in respect of minor concession in progression to the next Semester while retaining the same grade for overall passing

The House unanimously approved the Grading system as presented in the agenda and decided to implement the same from the current academic year.

20(b) Amendment in Ordinance No. 11 & 14: The House perused the draft amendments proposed to the Ordinance 11 and Ordinance 14 by the Ordinance Updation Committee. After considering the pros and cons of these amendments, the **House unanimously approved the amendments with correction of minor typographic errors in Ordinance 11 under Clause 13.1 by substituting ‘P’ in place of ‘C’ and in Ordinance 14, removing (44 credits for Core Courses and 36 credits for fieldwork) in clause 8 to retain only “80 credits for Core Courses and 20 Credits for Non-Core Courses in BA (Hons) degree course.**

20 (c). Approval of Ordinance Governing Convocation of Central University of Gujarat 21. The Ordinance 21, relating to “Convocation” was presented by the COE. Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor informed the House that CUG has not been able to hold a single convocation till now since its establishment and the graduates of the University are required to be conferred degrees for which holding a convocation is necessary.

The House unanimously approved the ordinance 21 relating to convocation of CUG, authorising the Hon'ble vice Chancellor to take decisions on issues not covered in the Ordinance but are essential in the conduct of the Convocation.

20 (d) Amendment to the ordinance 11 and 14 to incorporate Ranking System in the CUG Examinations The University Ordinance governing the M.Phil. and the P.G. courses have no provision for award of ranks and the students have been demanding the ranking system be introduced since many awards of fellowships, recognitions and in some instances the employment opportunities are considered on the basis of ranks won by the students. It was brought to the notice of the House that there is no system of awarding the marks in the examinations at present and as such it would be difficult to award the ranks. In view of the above it was decided to award the ranks based on the highest FGPA for the batches up to 2014-15 and based on the marks from the academic year 2016-17 since it has been decided to adopt marking system from the academic year 2016-17. **The House unanimously approved the proposal of awarding ranks in each of the Schools/Centres. It was further resolved to institute three ranks at P.G. and M.Phil. degree examinations in each School/Centre to be awarded among those who have scored a minimum of 7 FGPA.**

20 (e) Consideration of adopting Gracing system at CUG. The issue of gracing in MPhil for eligibility to register for Ph.D. and the award of the P.G. Degree was discussed in view of lack of consensus in the House on the issue. Prof. N. Rajaram proposed lower percentage for passing MPhil Degree for SC/ST students. Prof. M. H. Fulekar was of the opinion that the proposal was untenable. Prof. Jayprakash Pradhan, Prof. Arti Nanavati, Prof. S. Minz, Prof. Nisar-ul-Haq and several other members also endorsed the opinion of Prof. M. H. Fulekar stating that relaxation in percentage at entry level is justifiable and is being provided at present and as has been the case in all examinations at all levels a lower percentage for passing a course is not rational and hence not tenable. Hence the House decided to maintain status quo with regard to grade/grade point required for eligibility to award a degree. Further the matter relating to recommendations from the Schools and Centres to consider gracing the m grades where the students are missing award of degree or progression to Ph.D course. Even after discussion and debate at length no consensus opinion could be arrived at. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor expressed his concern about the cases of incongruence, misunderstanding and problem of adjustment between the student and the supervisors leading to hardship to the students. He stated that such issues and incidents will be viewed seriously by the University and stringent action would be initiated against the erring faculty. The House having endorsed the concern of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor unanimously decided to drop the issue of gracing and suggest to the faculty to take precautions so as to see that such complications would not arise.

20 (f) Academic Calendar 2015-16. The house perused the draft calendar of academic events for the year 2016-17 and having found it in order unanimously approved the academic calendar of Events for the year 2015-16 and recommended its implementation retrospectively.

21. To consider the proposal for Establishing School of Library and Information Science by upgrading the Centre for Library and Information Science

Res: The Registrar appraised the House that in view of increasing applications of Information Science in all the disciplines and growing importance of Library Science in providing diverse learning resource with the establishment of virtual learning resource centres, Digital library and cyber library and the like, there is need for promoting Library and Information Science in true sense and right earnest. He informed the House that on various occasions Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor had suggested to find ways and means of improving not only library services but also Library and Information Science as a discipline which he is confident to achieve if the Center for Library and Information Science is elevated to the status of school. It becomes more pertinent in view of the Centre Board of studies resolving to offer MPhil and Ph.D. courses from the academic year 2016-17. **In new of the justification provided above, the House unanimously approved the proposal to upgrade the Centre for Library and Information Science to School of Library and Information Science and approved requisite amendment to Statute 40.**

**Table Agenda
Item for Ratification**

1. Approval for PG Courses started at CUG from Academic Year 2015-16

The Registrar brought to the notice of the House that subsequent to the last meeting (11th) of Academic Council held on 13.03.2015, the CUG has commenced the post graduate programmes in Economics (MA), Hindi (MA) and Environmental Science (M.Sc) on the suggestion and approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and has admitted students to these courses pending approval of the Academic Council through ratification.

The House unanimously ratified the decision of the Hon'ble Vice chancellor to start the above said P.G. courses and the admissions made to these courses. Further, the House authorised the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to introduce such P.G Courses in such Schools and Centres in the coming academic years that he deems necessary and desirable in the interest of the University.

Item for Consideration

2. To consider the recommendation of the Committee to frame guidelines for eligibility criteria for Research Supervisor in Central University of Gujarat

Res: The House discussed about the recommendations of the committee. The House unanimously approved the recommendations after incorporating the following modifications –

A.2. All the Associate Professors and Professors would be recognized as Ph.D. supervisors of the university in their respective disciplines from the date of their appointment.

3 b. Should have teaching and/or research experience of at least three years either in this University or in a UGC or any other Government recognized institution at the level of Assistant Professor or equivalent level.

A.4. All Assistant Professors would have to apply to the office of the Registrar with the recommendations of the Chairman of the Centre or the/Dean of the School duly approved by the concerned CASR as per the eligibility criteria stated above. The Registrar would issue a notification of recognition as supervisor with the approval of the Vice Chancellor.

C. Visiting Faculty, Adjunct Faculty and Faculty on Contract basis are not eligible.

It was further resolved to bring these guidelines into operation with immediate effect prospectively (not applicable to the supervisors who are already recognised and supervising the candidates) pending incorporation of the same in the Ordinance governing the Ph.D. course of the University.

3. To consider to upgrade the Centre for Nano Science as School of Nano Sciences

Res: The Registrar moved the resolution for upgrading the Centre for Nano-Sciences as School of Nano-Sciences and requested the House to approve the same.

Prof. M. H. Fulekar responding to the motion stated that since centre is yet to have requisite staff and the matter needs to be looked into and the Motion may be kept in abeyance. Responding to his submission Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor offered a word of advice to the House that a growing university like CUG requires institution building initiatives in which those associated initially with establishment of new Centres should discharge their duties and move on and concentrate on improving their own respective Schools and Centres leaving newly established Centres to be taken over by new appointees with requisite credentials. He stressed the need for establishment of more schools that can offer more diversified and applied courses as they grow and since Centre for Nano-Science has been sanctioned requisite faculty positions as any other School, can manage its affairs better as a School. **The House having been convinced of the logic and rationale behind the move, approved the upgradation of Centre of Nano-Science as School of Nano-Science while placing on record appreciation for the efforts put in by Prof. M. H. Fulekar and others in supporting and managing the academic affairs of the Centre for Nano-Science all these years.**

The House also approved amendment to Statute 40 to facilitate the establishment of School of Nano-Sciences.

4. To consider the case of Ms. Divya Shah of CCLTS

Res: * **Despite prolonged deliberations, there was no consensus in the House on the issue of gracing in this case. The House unanimously resolved to consider this case in the light of decision taken by AC on Item No. 20 (C) and authorized the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to dispose off the case in a manner he deems appropriate, in case of any difficulty in interpreting the decision of AC.**

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor expressed his concern over many cases of misunderstanding and discord between students and the supervisors, being reported and referred to him for resolution and in some of the cases the students getting desperate and emotionally disturbed. He said that since there is little role and scope for the administration to intervene and redress, the teachers should exercise due care, constraint and caution to see to it that students will not feel harassed and done injustice to and take precautions to prevent such cases being referred to administration. Prof. Sonajharia Minz and Prof. Arti Nanavati opined that before declaring the results, the Board of Examiners could moderate and set right marginal cases. Prof. Nisar-ul-Haq suggested that provision for revaluation could be made in the Ordinance to control erratic valuation and ward off sense of injustice among student Prof. M. H. Fulekar recommended provision for improvement of performance by reappearing for the exam in which students had failed to score requisite grades for the award of the degree or progression to higher course. **These suggestions were well received by the House and it was resolved to have the issues discussed in detail in the Board of Studies and Committee for Advanced Studies and Research of various Schools and Centres and bring them to the next meeting of the Academic Council for suitable policy decision in the matter.**

Any other matter with permission of the Chair.

1. **Proposal for creation of faculty positions for MSc (Environment Science) under SESD submitted by Prof. M. H. Fulekar, Dean SESD CUG,**

Res: Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor informed the House that the matter relating to creation of posts comes under the preview of Executive Committee and the submission of Prof. M. H. Fulekar would be placed before appropriate body with requisite justification. **The House noted the matter while authorising the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to initiate needful action in the matter.**

2. **Proposal for creation of centre for Sustainable Development. Climate Change and Renewable Energy, Submitted by Prof. M. H. Fulekar, Dean, SESD, CUG.**

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor welcomed the proposal in view of its focus on issues of contemporary relevance and requested Prof. M. H. Fulekar to submit the details of the proposed centre.

3. **To consider incorporating provision for Stand-alone Ph.D. in the ordinance through an amendment.**

Res: Prof. N. Rajaram, Dean, School of Social Sciences moved a resolution with the permission of Chair that, it is advisable to have part time Ph.D. programme for the benefit of those who are in regular employment as senior scientist and

bureaucrats and keen to pursue doctoral programme at Central University of Gujarat. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor appraised the House that at present there is provision only for pursuing integrated M.Phil.–Ph.D. regular programme as per the Ordinance in force owing to which candidate who are otherwise eligible to pursue Ph.D. course as per UGC Regulations have been denied of opportunity to register for Ph.D. degree. Hence distinguished scientists serving in reputed research institutions and senior bureaucrats/officials serving in Government, Semi-Government and private organizations have been rendered ineligible to pursue Ph.D. programme of CUG despite having access to state of art research facilities and wealth of vital data which could provide basis and opportunity for applied research in various fields. It is also felt that, these candidates serving in reputed scientific institutions and organizations can provide access to state of art research facilities and valuable data for faculty and students of CUG.

Hence, the House unanimously approved provision for stand-alone Ph.D. programme as per UGC Regulations in all Schools and Centres through necessary amendments to the Ordinance 12 relating to stand alone Ph.D. programme of CUG to enable candidates to enrol for part time Ph. D course with limited residential requirement as has been the case of Ph.D. courses being offered in many universities across the country. It was decided to constitute a Committee to look in to the modalities of such Ph.D. Course and suggest to the University detailed guidelines for implementation of this course. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor was authorised to constitute a Committee of senior faculty for the purpose.

The meeting was concluded with the Registrar, thanking Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for Chairing and Presiding over the deliberations of the House, and thanking, Prof.Sonajharia Minz, Prof. Nisar-ul-Haq and Prof. Arti Nanavati for having made it to the meeting despite their busy managements. He thanked all the other members for participating actively in the deliberations of the House and enabling the Academic Council to arrive at decisions that could further the academic interested of the CUG and add to and acc200entuate its academically and socially relevant existence.


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