

**CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF GUJARAT**  
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**Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 18<sup>th</sup>  
October 2019 at 11:00 AM in the VLRC Conference of the University at  
Sec - 29 Campus**

The 21st meeting of Academic Council of Central University of Gujarat was convened on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 11:00 AM in the premises of the University to deliberate on the agenda items circulated earlier and to take decisions on the important academic matters.

The Meeting started with Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S. A. Bari welcoming the members who were present. The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. S. A. Bari, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor - Chairperson
2. Prof. Alok Kumar Gupta, Registrar (Offg.), Member Secretary
3. Prof. M. Muniyamma
4. Prof. C. N. Krishna Naik
5. Prof. Malabika Deo
6. Prof. R. G. Sonkawade
7. Prof. H. C. Sardar
8. Prof. Man Singh, Dean, SCS
9. Prof. J. P. N. Mishra, Dean, SLS
10. Prof. Sanjay Kumar Jha, Dean, SNSS
11. Prof. Atanu Bhattacharya, Dean, SLL&CS and Dean SLIS (I/C)
12. Prof. Sarita Agrawal, Dean, SSS
13. Dr. Indrani Banerjee, Dean, SNS
14. Dr. Bhawana Pathak, Dean, SESD
15. Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Dubey, CHL&L
16. Dr. Prakash C. Jha, CSRAC
17. Dr. Atanu Mohapatra, CSRD
18. Prof. Manish, CIP, SIS
19. Dr. Arun Vishwanathan, CSS, SIS
20. Dr. Dinesh Kumar, CSCS
21. Dr. L. Raju Chowhan, CAC
22. Dr. Kishore Jose, CSS
23. Dr. Parvathi K. Iyer, CST&IP
24. Dr. Paulami Sahu, SESD
25. Dr. Rajesh Vasita, SLS
26. Dr. K. B. Agadi, Librarian (Representing Librarian)
27. Shri. Prabhat Kumar, CCS
28. Mr. Ashutosh Pandey, Student Representative
29. Ms. Asha Humble, Student Representative

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

1. Prof. Santosh Panda
2. Prof. P. N. Gajjar
3. Dr. Chandraprakash Dwivedi
4. Prof. Shashi Bala Singh
5. Prof. Ali Raza Moosvi
6. Dr. Umesh C. S. Yadav, Special Invitee
7. Prof. Uttam B. Bhoite

8. Prof. H. B. Patel, Dean, SOE
9. Prof. Balaji Ranganathan, CCL&TS

The following official attended the meeting as Special Invitee: -

1. Dr. Hemang Desai, Deputy Registrar

Before the House took the agenda items for deliberations, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor brought to the notice of the House a few major events and developments that took place in the University since the last meeting of the Academic Council.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the House that the meeting of Academic Council was earlier scheduled on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 but it had to be postponed due to unavoidable circumstances. As a result, a few agenda items proposed for ratification in this meeting stand already approved by the Executive Council in its meeting held on 16.10.2019. The Central University of Gujarat had joined CUCET for enrolling students in various programmes being offered at the university in A.Y. 2019-20 and the admissions were successfully carried out smoothly as per rules. As on date, the number of newly-admitted students in UG/PG and Research Degree programmes is 345. Further, including the admissions in AY 2019-20, the total strength of students in the university has come to 976. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor also informed that the university has made all preparations for filing application in NIRF-2020. Further, the results of the term-end examinations conducted in the odd semester of A.Y. 2018-19 were declared on time and with accuracy by the university. In view of the promising number of students newly admitted in the university, the University felt the need to hire new hostel buildings for the accommodation of university students and accordingly, the officers of the university had conducted a survey for a suitable site and identified two such blocks to accommodate boys and girls students of the university. The formalities in this regard are underway and after clearances from CPWD and other relevant bodies, the university will hire the new hostel buildings. The Vice Chancellor also informed the House that on account of the hiring of new buildings, the university will be in a position to accommodate about 60% of the total students in hostels. Further, it was also informed that the Ministry and UGC had approved the DPR of the university for the infrastructure projects to be undertaken at Kundhela, Dist. Vadodara for its permanent campus. With regard to cost of infrastructure, the Revised Cost Estimate Committee of MHRD restricted the ceiling for non-recurring component to Rs.337.50 crore. The estimates were considered and approved by the Cabinet in its meeting held on 16.01.2019. In addition to this, the University also received clearance or permission from UGC to carry out fencing and allied work at Kundhela from the funds already available with the University under Capital Head.

Further, the university has been granted (1) Centre for Policy Research (2) Centre for Professional Development of Teacher Educators under Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission for Teacher's Training (PMMMNTT) and various activities are being planned and organized therein. In addition to this, School of National Security Studies has developed a state of art GIS laboratory at the university financed by the UGC grant, which was inaugurated in the presence of all EC members on 16.10.2019. The University has prepared Annual Report for AY 2018-19 which was placed before the Executive Council on 16th October and stands approved. He further said that this year the highlight of the Report is an entry on the first Convocation of the University held on 18th December 2018 and acquisition of land for the University Campus. Further, the details regarding

achievements of faculty have been cross-checked to ensure accuracy. The University had advertised the teaching and non-teaching positions in August 2019 and scrutiny of applications received is going on at the moment.

The House noted the introductory remarks and then with the approval of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the Registrar took up the agenda items for deliberation.

**Item No. 01/21/AC/18.10.2019**

**To confirm the Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 22.03.2019**

**Resolution 1:** As no comments/ suggestions were received from members on the minutes, the House resolved to confirm and approve the minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council.

**Item No. 02/21/AC/18.10.2019**

**To take note of and approve the action taken report on the Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 22.03.2019**

**Resolution 2:** The action taken report on the resolutions of the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council was noted and approved by the members of the Academic Council.

**Item No. 03/21/AC/18.10.2019**

**To note the Admissions in different programs of university in A.Y. 2019-20**

**Resolution 3:** The House noted the Admissions in different programs of university in A.Y. 2019-20.

**Item No. 04/21/AC/18.10.2019**

**To note the submission of proposal to establish a Special Centre called "Sardar Patel Centre for Studies in Internal Security and National Integration" under School of National Security Studies to UGC.**

**Resolution 4:** Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the House that keeping in mind the huge implications of issues like terrorism, sectarian violence and internal security of the nation, the university had conceptualized a proposal for establishment of a Special Centre which can address all these pressing issues and concerns. Accordingly, the School of National Security Studies had held deliberations and meetings and come up with a detailed proposal for establishment of "Sardar Patel Centre for Studies in Internal Security and National Integration". Hon'ble Vice Chancellor explained to the House that as per procedure, the UGC has been requested to sanction the creation of new Centre and associated financial outlays after which the university will initiate the formalities for amendment of Statute 40 of the University accordingly. The House noted the submission of proposal to establish a Special Centre called "Sardar Patel Centre for Studies in Internal Security and National Integration" under School of National Security Studies to UGC

**Item No. 05/21/AC/18.10.2019**

**To note the approval of the project to the School of Education under Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission for Teacher's Training and Various activities being carried out therein**

**Resolution 5:** The House noted the grant of (1) Centre for Policy Research (2)

Centre for Professional Development of Teacher Educators under Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission for Teacher's Training (PMMMNMST) to the School of Education, Central University of Gujarat and various activities planned and organized therein.

**Item No.06/21/AC/18.10.2019**

**To ratify the approval of zero semester granted to the students on the recommendation of a duly constituted 'zero semester committee' on the request of the students**

**Resolution 6:** The House ratified the approval of zero semester granted to the students on the recommendation of a duly constituted 'zero semester committee' on the request of the students.

**Item No.07/21/AC/18.10.2019**

**To ratify the Extension of extra semester till 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 (Monsoon 2019) granted to students of 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 Direct Ph.D. Batches to submit their Ph.D. thesis.**

**Resolution 7:** The House ratified the Extension of extra semester till 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 (Monsoon 2019) granted to students of 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 Direct Ph.D. Batches to submit their Ph.D. thesis. However, the House resolved that this would be the last extension for the students enrolled in 2012-13 batch. Further, the House directed the Supervisor concerned of such students that they should focus extra attention on the research being carried out by the students in order to ensure that they can complete and submit the dissertations in time. The issue of levying fine for every such extension after the completion of stipulated period of study was also mentioned by Prof. Malabika Deo as a way of ensuring timely completion of research. A few members raised the issue of de-registration of such students as per the University Ordinance in force pointing out that the procedures of de-registration in the University should be explicitly articulated under admission rules. The House deliberated over the issue and authorized the University to look into all these issues through a committee of three senior Deans to be constituted by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

**Item No.08/21/AC/18.10.2019**

**To ratify and approve the University Guidelines for Externally Funded Research Projects**

**Resolution 8:** The House considered and approved the University Guidelines for Externally-Funded Research Projects and authorized the university to make any corrections, wherever required, before officially notifying them.

**Item No.09/21/AC/18.10.2019**

**To ratify and approve the draft Annual Report 2018-19, as approved by the Executive Council in its meeting dated 16th October 2019.**

**Resolution 9:** The House perused the draft Annual Report of the University for the A.Y. 2018-19 and placed on record its appreciation for various activities and research work being undertaken in the University. However, Prof. Malabika Deo pointed out that general narrative of the activities undertaken by School and Centres should not constitute a part of annual report of the University. Further, she observed that Annual Report is strictly a document which records the events, activities and achievements of the University in a particular year. The House endorsed Prof. Malabika Deo's observation and authorized the University to

carry out changes in the Draft Annual Report before sending it to the Ministry.

**Item No.10/21/AC/18.10.2019**

**To consider and approve the syllabus for M.Sc. in Physics proposed to be initiated by School of Nano Sciences**

**Resolution 10:** The House went through the syllabus for MSc. in Physics prepared by the ad hoc Syllabus Committee constituted by the University. Prof. Sonkawade observed that the topics and subjects proposed to be offered belong to pure Physics and the School of Nano Sciences might have to identify external experts in the field to cover a portion of the syllabus. He felt that the syllabus was more in tune with a Masters in pure Physical Sciences and accordingly it can be offered under the umbrella of a School/Centre of Physical Sciences rather than School of Nano Sciences. Prof. Man Singh endorsed the opinion of Prof. Sonkawade and further pointed out that rather than M.Sc. in Physics, a programme with nomenclature M.Sc. in Physical Sciences could be considered. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor explained to the House that the issue of nomenclature and specialization can be looked into once again by the Dean, SNS and discuss with Board of studies as these are crucial matters with serious implications for the future of the students. The house endorsed Hon'ble Vice Chancellor's observation and resolved that the matter be referred to School Board of SNS.

**Item No.11/21/AC/18.10.2019**

**To consider and approve the Minutes of the School/Centre BoS**

**Resolution 11:** The House considered and approved the Minutes of the meetings of Board of Studies of the following.

1. School of Social Sciences
2. School of Environment and Sustainable Development

Further, the House authorized Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to approve any such Minutes which may be submitted at a later date.

**Item No.12/21/AC/18.10.2019**

**To consider and approve the Minutes of the Advisory Committee for PMMMNMTT**

**Resolution 12:** The House considered and approved the Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Project Planning and Implementation Committee (PPIC), under Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNMTT), School of Education, Central University of Gujarat held on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.

**Item No.13/21/AC/18.10.2019**

**To consider and approve Minutes of the Advisory Committee for Sindhi Studies**

**Resolution 13:** The House considered and approved the Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Advisory Committee for Sindhi Studies held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

**Item No.14/21/AC/18.10.2019**

**To consider and approve the list of students who successfully completed the programmes and fulfilled the requirement of the Award of Degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.).**

**Resolution 14:** The House considered and approved the list of students who successfully completed the programmes and fulfilled the requirement of the

Award of Degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.).

**Item No.15/21/AC/18.10.2019**

**To consider and approve List of students who successfully completed the programmes and fulfilled the requirement of the Award of Degree of M.A. / M.Sc./ PGDLIM/M.Lib.I.Sc**

**Resolution 15:** The House considered and approved the list of students who successfully completed the programmes and fulfilled the requirement of the Award of Degree of M.A. / M.Sc./PGDLIM/M.Lib.I.Sc.

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**Registrar (Offg.)**