



UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Preliminary Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Syndicate held on 02.09.2021

Place of Meeting : University Buildings

Thiruvananthapuram

Time : 10.00 AM

Members present:

1. Prof.(Dr.) V.P.Mahadevan Pillai (*In the Chair*)

Vice-Chancellor

2. Prof.(Dr.) P.P.Ajayakumar

Pro-Vice-Chancellor

- 3. Adv.B.Balachandran
- 4. Adv.K.H.Babujan
- 5. Adv.G.Muralidharan Pillai
- 6. Sri.Jairaj. J
- 7. Sri.Arunkumar R
- 8. Adv.A.Ajikumar
- 9. Dr.K.G.Gopchandran
- 10. Dr.M.Vijayan Pillai
- 11. Sri.Bijukumar.G
- 12. Dr.K.B.Manoj
- 13. Sri.B.P.Murali
- 14. Dr.S.Nazeeb
- 15. Sri.Riyas Vahab
- 16. Prof.K.Lalitha
- 17. Smt.Renju Suresh

Online presence

1. Dr.Mathew V

Item No.01. Revision of pension and other related benefits in respect of University employees consequent on revision of pay scales from 01.07.2019 in accordance with the recommendation of the 11th Pay Revision Commission-Implementation of Government order dated 24.06.2021 Consideration of reg:

(Ad.AIII)

The Government have issued orders revising pension and related benefits in respect of University employees with effect from 01.07.2019, in accordance with the recommendation of the 11th Pay Revision Commission vide U.O No. G.O (P) No.87/2021/Fin. dated 24.06.2021 and the same was implemented in University of Kerala vide U.O dated 30.06.2021 Subject to reporting to the Syndicate. As per the orders of Vice-Chancellor the University Order dated 30.06.2021 was cancelled vide U.O dated 08.07.2021.

The Finance has endorsed the proposal for implementation of the Government order in the University. As per the G.O, Para.No.22.2 (Miscellaneous), the pension in respect of University pensioners shall be revised subject to the condition that the expenditure for the implementation of revision of pension will be met by Universities from its own resources.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter regarding implementation of Government order dated 24.06.2021 towards revision of pension and other related benefits in respect of University employees was placed before the Standing Committee of the Finance held on

16.07.2021. The Committee considered the matter and recommended to refer the item to the Syndicate. The meeting of the Syndicate held on 23.07.2021, vide Item No.30.50.19 resolved that the item be referred to the next Syndicate. As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter regarding the implementation of Government order dated 24.06.2021 towards revision of pension and other related benefits in respect of University employees was placed before the Syndicate held on 17.08.2021.

The meeting of the Syndicate held on 17.08.2021 resolved to refer the matter regarding implementation of G.O dated 24.06.2021 to the Special Syndicate. The meeting further resolved to authorize the Vice-Chancellor to address the matter to the Chief Minister, Minister of Finance and Minister of Higher Education.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter regarding implementation of Government order dated 24.06.2021 towards revision of pension and other related benefits in respect of University employees is placed before the Syndicate for consideration.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to wait till the Government clarification is obtained regarding the implementation of Government Order dated 24.06.2021 towards revision of pension and other related benefits in respect of University Employees.

FURTHER RESOLVED to delegate Adv.K.H.Babujan, Dr.S.Nazeeb, Adv.A.Ajikumar, Sri.B.P.Murali, Adv.B.Balachandran and Sri.G.Bijukumar, Members Syndicate have a detailed discussion with the Government regarding the matter.

Item No.02. Revamping the Computer Centre due to the issues related to the functioning of the Computer centre- Consideration of-reg.

(Ad.D1)

The Pro- Vice-Chancellor vide Note dated 31.08.2021 has informed the Vice- Chancellor about the issues related to the functioning of the Kerala University Computer Centre (KUCC) which is at present developing/maintaining several projects related to the conduct of Examination, Admission, Research and Automation of Administration. It is mentioned that several complaints from various quarters have been cropping up because of the lack of coordination at KUCC and the problems in upgrading the software to suit the contemporary needs and most often the KUCC fails in attending the requests from stakeholders to rectify the defects on time. Further, lack of sufficient and qualified staff at the KUCC is another handicap to be dealt with. Since all these issues are going to affect the University Administration adversely, the KUCC should be revamped with the support of experts in this field.

As ordered by the Vice- Chancellor, the matter of revamping the Computer Centre as reported by the PVC is placed before the syndicate for consideration and appropriate decision.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to constitute a Sub-Committee consisting of Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Dr.K.G.Gopchandran, Member, Syndicate, Registrar, Dr.Vinod Chandra. S.S, Director, Computer Centre, Dr.S.Aji, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science, Kariavattom and an External Expert nominated by the Sub-Committee, for a detailed study regarding the revamping of the Computer Centre and place the report before the Syndicate.

Item No.03. Proposal for Conducting Online (OL) UG and PG Programmes through the School of Distance Education from 2021-22 academic session onwards –Consideration of reg.

(Ad.Misc)

As per University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020, Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) having NAAC score of **3.26** and above or having rank in Top-100 in the University category of National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), at least twice in three preceding cycles (at the time of application) shall be permitted to start full-fledged online programmes without prior approval of the UGC. It is provided further that these requirements are valid for 2020-21 academic year only (*Part II. Clause 3(B) (a)*). But as per UGC (ODL & Online Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021 this clause has been amended and provided that the NAAC and NIRF ranking requirements shall be valid for the next

three academic years i.e. 2021-22, 2022-23 & 2023-24 (Vide Ref. (ii)). The NIRF rankings of the University of Kerala in 2018, 2019 and 2020 were 30, 22, and 23 respectively. Thus, the University of Kerala comes under the category of Top – 100 universities and hence is eligible for conducting Online Programmes.

The Higher Educational Institutions can start a maximum of three (03) Undergraduate (UG) programmes and ten (10) Postgraduate (PG) programmes with the approval of its statutory authorities and in strict compliance with the provisions of the UGC Regulations (Part II. Clause 3 (B) (a)). The programmes requiring practical or laboratory courses as a curricular requirement, are prohibited through online mode, except in cases where the practical component is limited to programming and coding including software tools (Part II Clause 4(C) (ii)). Hence, those programmes that do not require practical, or laboratory facilities can be conducted through online mode.

On 9th July 2021, the UGC issued a public notice regarding the invitation of applications from HEIs entitled to offer Online Programmes without prior approval of UGC as per Regulation 3(B)(a) of UGC(Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its Amendment. The public notice states that the portal for submitting online applications shall be opened from 15th July onwards (Vide Ref. (2)).

On 14th July 2021, the UGC again issued a public notice stating that the online portal for submitting applications shall remain open from 15th July, 2021 to 31st July, 2021 (Vide Ref(4)).

Unlike in the past, the UGC has now fixed fees for HEIs for submission of application for recognition/Entitlement of ODL and/or Online Programmes and Assessment of CIQA report (Vide Ref (3)).

| Sl.No | Item | Fee (Rs.) |
|-------|-----------------------------------|---|
| A | One-time registration | 25000 |
| В | Open and Distance Learning | 10000 per programme, subject to a minimum |
| | Programmes (ODL) | of Rs.50000+ GST as applicable |
| С | Online Learning Programmes (OL) | 15000 per programme, subject to a minimum |
| | | of Rs.50000+ GST as applicable |
| D | Assessment of Centre for Internal | 50000+ GST as applicable |
| | Quality Assurance (CIQA) Reports | |
| | (Annual) | |

The Department Council of the School of Distance Education (SDE) held on July12, 2021 discussed the prospects of starting online UG and PG programmes and the preparedness required as per the Regulations of the UGC in detail. Accordingly, the Council proposed to start three UG programmes and six PG programmes. The proposed programmes and the fees to be remitted at the time of online submission are given below:

| Sl. | Item | | Fees (Rs) |
|-----|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| No | | | (Including GST at 18%) |
| 1 | One – time registration | 25000+4500 | 29500 |
| 2 | UG programmes | (15000x3)+8100 | |
| | 1. B.Com | | 53100 |
| | 2. BA Political Science | | |
| | 3. BA Sociology | | |
| 3 | PG Programmes | | 106200 |
| | 1. MA (English) | (15000x6)+16200 | |
| | 2. MA (Malayalam) | | |
| | 3. MA (Hindi) | | |
| | 4. MA (History) | | |
| | 5. MA (Public Administration) | | |
| | 6. M.Com | | |
| | Total | | 188800 |

Sec. 47(2) of the Sree Narayana Guru Open University (SNGOU) Act 2021 states that distance education, continuing education and private registration which were under the jurisdiction of the University of Kerala, the Calicut University, the Mahatma Gandhi University and the Kannur University, established under the provisions of the respective Acts of these universities shall be

separated and excluded from such Universities and be vested and brought under the jurisdictional limit of this University. But the SNGOU Act does not prohibit a University in Kerala from starting online programmes. Hence the University of Kerala can start online UG and PG and Diploma Programmes without prior approval of the UGC but subject to the provisions of UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations 2020 and its Amendment 2021.

While applying to the online programmes, the HEI has to submit an affidavit for ensuring compliance to all the provisions of the UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations 2020. The requirements for conducting online programmes as per the Regulations of the UGC are given in Appendix-1.

As part of the attempt to widen access to higher education and raise the profile of Indian institutions globally, the Government of India, following the western economies, now encourages Universities to offer fully online programmes. It is hoped that this move will enable India to increase our GER from the present 25% to 50% by 2035. In Kerala, no University has started fully online programmes following the UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations 2020. Being a mother University, the University of Kerala has to take up the initiative and prove itself as a model for other Universities. It is hoped that using the brand 'University of Kerala' we can attract a large number of domestic and foreign students to the programmes. Also, we can offer the programmes at a lower cost than face-to-face programmes and will be appealing to working adults who do not have the time to pursue a traditional on-campus degree.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 23.07.2021, vide item no 30.39 considered the request received from the Director, School of Distance Education for permission to submit application online for conducting 9 online programmes (3 UG and 6 PG programmes) from 2021-22 academic session onwards, including the proposal and to initiate the preparatory work for starting the programmes as per UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations 2020 and resolved that the item be **deferred.**

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the request received from the Director, School of Distance Education for permission to submit application online for conducting 9 online programmes (3 UG and 6 PG programmes) from 2021-22 academic session onwards, including the proposal and to initiate the preparatory work for starting the programmes as per UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations 2020 is placed before the Syndicate for consideration and appropriate decision.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to entrust the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Dr.S.Nazeeb, Dr.K.G.Gopchandran, Members Syndicate for a detailed study regarding the starting of online UG and PG programmes through School of Distance Education as per UGC Regulations 2020.

Appendix-1 Requirements for Conducting Online Programmes

- (1) The Higher Educational Institution (HEI) has the approval of the statutory bodies under its Act for offering the programme in online mode.
- (2) The application is accompanied by the demonstrated capability of HEI for the development and production of online programmes for the proposed programmes of study, duly approved by the statutory bodies of the HEI empowered to decide on academic matters.
- (3) The application is accompanied with evidence of HEI having access to SWAYAM or other learning platforms for the proposed programmes of study, duly approved by the statutory bodies of the Higher Educational Institution empowered to decide on academic matters for(a) learner authentication, (b) learner registration, (c) payment gateway and (d) learning management system (LMS).
- (4) The application is accompanied by evidence of the ability to conduct proctored examinations with all the security arrangements ensuring transparency and credibility of the examinations.
- (5) Human resource required-Academic
 - (a) Programme Coordinator (One per Programme): A full-time Faculty at the level of Professor or Associate Professor or Assistant Professor in the subject area of the concerned Programme

- (b) Course Coordinator (One per Course): One full-time dedicated Faculty at the level of Professor or Associate Professor or Assistant Professor in the subject area of the concerned
- (c) Course Mentor (One per batch of 250 learners): Course Mentor shall have the relevant qualifications and experience as specified for Assistant Professor as per UGC Regulations, 2018
- (d) Examiners: The Higher Educational Institution shall appoint examiners for the assessment of the online learners in a Course from among the qualified faculty from within the Institution or from other Institutions.
- (6) Human resource required-Technical
 - (a) Technical Manager (Production)-minimum one (B) Technical Associate (Audio-Video recording and editing)- minimum one
 - (b) Technical Assistant (Audio-Video recording)— minimum one (D) Technical Assistant (Audio-Video editing)—minimum one
 - Note: These numbers are for the initial stage of e-content, for self-learning e-modules development and delivery
 - (c) Technical Manager (LMS and Data Management)-minimum one (per Centre)
 - (d) Technical Assistant (LMS and Data Management) minimum two
 - (e) Technical Manager (Admission, Examination and Result) -minimum one (per Centre)
 - (f) Technical Assistant (Admission, Examination and Result) minimum two (Administrative staff working under ODL can be appointed for the purpose)
- (7) The Centre for Online Education shall have:
 - (a) Director: Permanent, full-time Professor (preferably having professional experience in Open and Distance Learning and/or Online Learning);
 - (b) Deputy Director (e-Learning and Technical): An employee having the qualifications and experience as specified for Associate Professor as per UGC Regulations, 2018. He shall be an e-learning expert with experience in technical coordination for modules development and Learning Management Systems (LMS). The Deputy Director can be appointed on a full-time or contractual basis;
 - (c) Assistant Director: An employee having the qualifications and experience as specified for Assistant Professor as per UGC Regulations, 2018. He shall coordinate with Departments or Schools of Studies offering Online Programmes. The Assistant Director can be appointed on a full-time or contractual basis.
- (8) The availability of e-learning material at the time of submission of the proposal shall be as per the following:
 - (i) For Post Graduate Level Programmes- First-year e-learning material in four quadrants for each course in the first year of study and its approval by the statutory authorities of the Higher Educational Institution;
 - (ii) For Under Graduate Level Programmes- First three semesters e-learning material in four quadrants for each course and its approval by the statutory authorities of the Higher Educational Institution.
- (9) A Centre for Information Technology and Support Services for technology support and e-content development.

Item No.04. Request for temporary accommodation at FGH - Sree Narayana Guru Open University Consideration of -reg-

(Ad.A.IV)

The Registrar, Sree Narayana Guru Open University vide letter dated 07/07/2021 has requested to provide a bath attached room temporarily for the statutory officers of Sree Narayana Guru Open University, visiting Thiruvananthapuram twice or thrice every week and for keeping files.

It is stated that as the University is in the initial stage of its establishment and their statutory officers are required to be in the capital city 2 to 3 times every week and that involves long waiting for different meetings and they have no place to sit and wait during that time and also stated that they need room to keep a bunch of files for the offices to be produced on demand.

The period or duration of time for which the room is needed is not specified in the letter received from the Registrar, Sree Narayana Guru Open University.

The general rule shall be that the accommodation is provided only to guests and faculty invited by the University. In exceptional cases this rule may be relaxed with the prior written sanction of Vice Chancellor.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor the matter is placed before syndicate for proper consideration and appropriate decision.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to provide accommodation to the Statutory officers of Sree Narayana Guru Open University at Faculty Guest House, Palayam, based on the request and availability of rooms.

Item No.05. International Centre for Sree Narayana Guru Studies (ICSNGS) – Request for provisional payment –Consideration of- reg.

(Ac.D)

The Budget Speech 2018 – 19 of University of Kerala, envisaged to establish an 'International Centre for Sree Narayana Guru Studies" under the Department of Malayalam, University of Kerala.

The administrative sanction was accorded by the Vice-Cancellor, vide U.O.No.Ac.D/3/8215/2018 dated 19.01.2019, to conduct lectures, seminars and study camps in six selected places viz. Varkala, Aruvippuram, Chempazhanthy, Kollam, Kalavamkode and Varanappalli, having significance with the life of Sree Narayana Guru and to release Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Only) to the Hon.Director, International Centre for Sree Narayana Guru Studies for each venue amounting to a total of Rs.12,00,000/- (Rupees twelve lakh only).

An amount of Rs.800000/- (Rupees eight lakh only) has been sanctioned as the provisional advance to Dr. M.A.Siddeek, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Malayalam and Hon.Director, International Centre for Sree Narayana Guru Studies, vide U.O. read as (2) above for conducting the activities of centre at Varkala, Kollam, Chempazhanthy and Aruvipuram. Subsequently sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor to the payment of an amount of Rs.1,35,746/- (Rupees one lakh thirty five thousand seven hundred and forty six only) and Rs.1,37,185/- (Rupees one lakh thirty seven thousand one hundred and eighty five only) to Dr. Sideek.M.A, Hon.Director, International Centre for Sree Narayana Guru Studies vide U.O. read as (3) above towards the expenses incurred in connection with centres at Kalavamcode and Varanapally respectively.

Dr. Sideek.M.A, Hon.Director, International Centre for Sree Narayana Guru Studies, vide letter read as (4) above, has requested to release the balance amount of Rs. 3,09,944/- (Rupees three lakh nine thousand nine hundred and forty four only) equally as provisional advance to Co-ordinators (Faculty) of various centres for conducting lectures, seminars and study camps in connection with centre.

Administrative sanction had been accorded by the Vice Chancellor, in exercise of the powers vested under section 10 (13) of the Kerala University Act 1974, subject to reporting to Syndicate, to release the balance amount of Rs.3,09,944/- (Rupees three lakh nine thousand nine hundred and forty four only) [balance amount of Rs.12,00,000/- (Rupees twelve lakh only) allocated in the Budget Speech 2018 – 19] the equally as provisional advance to Co-ordinators (Faculty) of 6(six) centres towards the conduct lectures, seminars and study camps in connection with the centre.

Now the Director of the Centre has requested to release the provisional advance in the PD account of the Centre.

The Finance section has been requested to offer remarks on the request. The Finance section informed that since payment was endorsed based on the Syndicate Decision, Finance can't offer remarks on the request of the Director. And the Finance section suggested to place the Syndicate for consideration.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the request of Dr.M.A.Siddeek, Director, International Centre for Sree Narayana Guru Studies to release the sanctioned provisional advance in the PD account of the Centre is placed before the Syndicate for consideration.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the item be referred to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance. **FURTHER RESOLVED** to invite the Finance Officer and Director, International Centre for Sree Narayana Guru Studies, University of Kerala in the Committee.

Item No.06. Meeting of the Standing committee of the Syndicate on Planning and Development held on 26.08.2021 – Minutes - approved – reporting of reg.

(Pl. G)

The meeting of the Standing committee of the Syndicate on Planning and Development was held at 11 AM on 26.08.2021. In view of the urgency in action to be taken under recommendation in item nos.1 and 2, the minutes (Item nos. 1 and 2) were approved by the Vice Chancellor exercising the powers vested under section 10 (13) of the KU Act 1974.

The action taken by the Vice Chancellor in having approved the minutes (Item nos. 1 and 2) of the meeting of the Standing committee of the Syndicate on Planning and Development held on 26.08.2021 (COPY APPENDED) is reported to the Syndicate.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SYNDICATE ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Date and Time: 11.00 A.M; 26.08.2021. Venue: Syndicate room,

Senate House Campus, Palayam

Members

| 1. | Adv.A.Ajikumar, Member, Syndicate [Convener, SC on P&D] | Sd/- |
|-----|---|------|
| 2. | Adv.K.H.Babujan, Member, Syndicate | Sd/- |
| 3. | Dr.S.Nazeeb, Member, Syndicate | Sd/- |
| 4. | Dr.K.B.Manoj, Member, Syndicate | |
| 5. | Sri.B.P.Murali, Member, Syndicate | |
| 6. | Adv.Muralidharan Pillai.G, Member, Syndicate | Sd/- |
| 7. | Sri.Bijukumar. G, Member, Syndicate | Sd/- |
| 8. | Sri.Jairaj. J, Member, Syndicate | Sd/- |
| 9. | Dr.K.G. Gopchandran, Member, Syndicate | Sd/- |
| 10. | Dr. Vijayan Pillai. M, Member, Syndicate | Sd/- |
| 11. | Sri.Arun Kumar. R, Member, Syndicate | Sd/- |

Officers / Others present

| 1. | Director, Planning and Development | Sd/- |
|----|---|------|
| 2. | The University Engineer | Sd/- |
| 3. | Deputy Registrar (Planning and Development) | Sd/- |
| 4. | Sri. Mohan (Member, Technical committee) | Sd/- |
| 5. | Sri. Asraf Khan (Member, Technical committee) | Sd/- |

The meeting began at 11.00 a.m

Item No.06.01

Construction of New Hostel for Men & ICCR Students at Kariavattom – request from Kerala State Housing Board to accord sanction to the lowest quoted tender amount of Rs. 2,61,50,382.9/- for the civil works, package I – reg.

[Pl. G]

As per U.O No. Pl.G/2305/SP 2018-19/2018 dated 15.09.2020, administrative sanction was accorded for the verified abstract estimate of KSHB amounting to Rs.3,18,77,791/- (Rupees Three crore eighteen lakh seventy seven thousand seven hundred and ninety one only) for the construction of New Hostel for Men & ICCR Students, which includes 4.5% centage charge, 18% GST on centage charge and GST @ 12% on works and an MoU was executed with KSHB for the work on 22/12/2020. As per order no. T-02/2021/C/HB dated 01/02/2021, the KSHB had accorded technical sanction for civil works as package I, which includes building works, kitchen works, water supply & sanitary work, septic tank for Rs. 2,95,05,262.9/-, including 4.5% centage charges, 18% GST on centage charges and 12% GST on works.

The Chief Engineer, KSHB, vide letter No. T-02/2021/C/HB dated 26/03/2021 had reported that based on the technical sanction issued for civil works, package I (building works, kitchen works, water supply & sanitary work, septic tank) the work was tendered against the Probable Amount of Contract (PAC) as Rs.2,51,51,533/- (Rupees Two Crore fifty one lakh fifty one thousand five hundred and thirty three only) and out of the two tenders received, the lowest amount of Rs.2,63,53,319.84/-

was quoted by the contractor Sri. Sreekumar K.S. The KSHB further reported that, after negotiation with the contractor the amount was reduced to Rs. 2,61,50,382.9/- which is 3.9% above the estimate amount, but lower than the justification estimate amount of Rs.3,31,33,789/- as per PWD LMR.

The details of the estimate amount & the quoted amount are as follows:

| | Estimated amount | PAC for civil | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| | for civil works as | works as per | | | |
| | per approved | technical sanction | | | |
| | abstract estimate | of KSHB | Amount quoted | | |
| Name of Work | (excluding | (excluding | Amount quoted | Difference | |
| Name of Work | overhead charge, | overhead charge, | by the contractor | Difference | |
| | centage charge, | centage charge, | after negotiation | | |
| | GST on centage | GST on centage | | | |
| | charge &GST on | charge &GST on | | | |
| | works) | works) | | | |
| Construction of | | | | Amount quotad is | |
| New Hostel for | Do 2 51 72 076 00/ | Do 2 51 51 522/ | Do 2.61.50.392.0/ | Amount quoted is 3.9% above the | |
| Men &ICCR | Rs.2,51,73,976.09/- | Rs.2,51,51,533/- | Rs.2,61,50,382.9/- | | |
| Students | | | | estimate amount | |

It was also reported that the tender committee convened at the office of the Chief Engineer, KSHB on 20/03/2021 pointed out that the amount quoted by the contractor Sri. Sreekumar K.S is acceptable as the estimate amount which is 3.9% below the quoted amount, was finalised after excluding 5% overhead charges and also the quoted amount is lower than the justification estimate amount.

The meeting of the Syndicate held on 11/06/2021, vide item no. 28.42.01, considered the request from KSHB to accord sanction for the lowest quoted amount of Rs.2,61,50,382.9/- for the civil works, package I related to the construction of New Hostel for Men & ICCR Students at Kariavattom and resolved to entrust the KSHB to hold further negotiation with the contractor limiting the amount within the approved estimate and to furnish the updated status immediately.

Further, processing of the centage charges claimed by the KSHB related to the construction of New Hostel for Men & ICCR Students at Kariavattom has been kept in abeyance, pending the remarks from KSHB regarding further negotiation with the contractor.

The Kerala State Housing Board, vide letter No. T-02/2021/C/HB dated 05/07/2021 had informed that they had conducted further negotiation with the contractor Sri. Sreekumar K.S for limiting the amount within the approved estimate, but the contractor informed his disagreement in reducing the quoted amount, considering the present labour cost and rates of the building materials. It is also informed that the contractor has agreed to extend the firm period of the tendor for a further period of 3 months, as the same was expired on 26/05/2021.

Hence, the KSHB had requested to accord sanction for the lowest quoted amount of Rs.2,61,50,382.9/- for the civil works, package I (building works, kitchen works, water supply & sanitary work, septic tank) related to the construction of New Hostel for Men & ICCR Students at Kariavattom.

It may be noted that, the meeting of the Syndicate held on 28/04/2020, while considering the revised abstract estimate for the construction of New Hostel for Men & ICCR Students at Kariavattom, decided to accept the condition put forward by the KSHB that, if the tender amount quoted by the contractor exceeds the estimate amount, then revised administrative sanction shall be accorded including the excess amount.

The Syndicate held on 23/07/2021 considered the request from KSHB, the accredited agency for the construction of New Hostel for Men & ICCR Students at Kariavattom ,for approval of the lowest quoted amount by the contractor in response to the tender for the civil works, package I (building works, water supply & sanitary work, septic tank, rain water harvesting & development works), along with the recommendation of the Technical committee of the University held on 22/07/2021 and resolved to approve the recommendation of the Technical Committee, i.e to inform KSHB to execute the work at a rate below estimate rate or at estimate rate and to take further or alternate steps to materialize the work at the earliest. Accordingly the KSHB was informed of the matter.

Now the University Engineer vide email dated 24.08.2021, has forwarded letter dtd 24.08.2021 from KSHB informing the following:

- The final bid for the work was opened by KSHB on 26.02.2021. On expiry of firm period of tender (3 months) as per assent of the first lowest bidder the extended firm period expires on 26.08.2021.
- The second and third lowest bidders are demanding KSHB for returning their EMD and it is informed that further will invite legal proceedings.
- It is stated that the Government had implemented rate hike on the basis of Delhi schedule of rates 2018 w.e.f 15.08.2021.
- The KSHB has pointed out that they are recommending to issue the lowest negotiated rate of Rs.3,78,36,396.98/- by Sri. Sreekumar on the basis of the fact that the said amount can be justified on the basis of facts mentioned above.
- If a reply from our office is not issued before 26.08.2021 (expiry of extended firm period) the tender will be cancelled in tune with the norms of cancellation.
- Further steps will be taken by the KSHB only after release of consultancy fees eligible to them. (As per MoU 50% of the PMC centage charge should be given at the time of issuing Technical sanction and their claim have been kept in abeyance for want of decision in acceptance of lowest tender)

As per orders of the Vice Chancellor, the request of the consultant – KSHB for approval of the lowest quoted amount of Rs.2,61,50,382.9/- by the contractor in response to the tender for the the construction work of New Hostel for Men & ICCR Students at Kariavattom (building works, water supply & sanitary work, septic tank, rain water harvesting & development works), in the light of the fact that the KSHB had informed that the tender for the said work is liable for cancellation on expiry of firm period on 26.08.2021 and also had claimed their consultancy charges too, is placed before the Standing committee of the Syndicate on Planning and Development for consideration and decision.

RECOMMENDATION:

The committee after noting the attempts made for negotiation and the difference of rate against second lowest tender, hold discussion with the technical committee members and taking into account of the opinion that the rate quoted by the contractor acceptable as per recommendations by the Chief Engineer, KSHB vide letter T -02/2021/ C/ HB dated 24.08.2021. Further obtained the expert opinion in detail as separate recommendations.

[Copy of the letter dated 24.08.2021 from the Chief Engineer, KSHB and the recommendations of the technical committee members appended (Appendix I)]

•On the basis of the reasons cited by the technical committee members the Standing committee recommended to accept the expert opinion and to approve the lowest quoted amount of Rs.2,61,50,382.9/- by the contractor in response to the tender for the construction work of New Hostel for Men & ICCR Students at Kariavattom (building works, water supply & sanitary work, septic tank, rain water harvesting & development works) issued by the consultant KSHB and to grant permission to execute the required supplementary agreement accordingly.

The committee recommended to request the Honble Vice Chancellor to approve the recommendation on the item, exercising the powers vested on him under section 10 (13) of the Kerala university Act, 1974.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having approved the above recommendation of the Standing committee of the Syndicate on Planning and Development held on 26.08.2021, be noted.

Item No.06.02: Construction of School of Communication & Library Science at Kariavattom – request from KSHB to accord sanction for the lowest quoted tender amount of Rs. 3,78,36,396.98/- for the civil works, package I – reg.

[Pl. G]

As per U.O No. Pl.G/2305/SP 2018-19/2018 dated 15.09.2020, administrative sanction was accorded for the verified abstract estimate of KSHB amounting to Rs. 4,53,62,629/- (Rupees Four crore fifty three lakh sixty two thousand six hundred and twenty nine only) for the construction of

School of Communication and Library Science at Kariavattom, which includes 4.5% centage charge, 18% GST on centage charge and GST @ 12% on works and an MoU was executed with KSHB for the work on 22/12/2020.

As per order no. T-01/2021/C/HB dated 01/02/2021, the KSHB accorded technical sanction for civil works as package I, which includes building works, water supply & sanitary work, septic tank, rain water harvesting & development works, for Rs. 4,24,37,490.18/-, including 4.5% centage charges, 18% GST on centage charges and 12% GST on works.

The Chief Engineer, KSHB, vide letter No. T-01/2021/C/HB dated 26/03/2021 had reported that based on the technical sanction issued for civil works, package I, the work was tendered against the Probable Amount of Contract (PAC) as Rs.3,61,75,509/- (Rupees Three Crore sixty one lakh seventy five thousand five hundred and nine only) and out of the three tenders received, the lowest amount was quoted by the contractor Sri. Sreekumar K S. The KSHB further reported that, after negotiation with the contractor the amount was reduced to Rs. 3,78,36,396.98/- which is 4.59% above the estimate amount, but lower than the justification estimate amount of Rs.4,75,43,730/- as per PWD LMR.

The details of the estimate amount & the quoted amount are as follows:

| Name of Work | Estimated amount for civil works as per approved abstract estimate (excluding overhead charge, centage charge, GST on centage charge &GST on works) | PAC for civil works as per technical sanction of KSHB (excluding overhead charge, centage charge, GST on centage charge &GST on works) | Amount quoted by the contractor after negotiation | Difference |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| Construction of School of Communication &Library Science at Kariavattom | | Rs.3,61,75,509/- | Rs.3,78,36,396.9 8/- | Amount quoted is 4.59% above the estimate amount. |

It was also reported that the tender committee convened at the office of the Chief Engineer, KSHB on 20/03/2021 pointed out that the amount quoted by the contractor Sri. Sreekumar K S is acceptable as the estimate amount which is 4.59% below the quoted amount was finalised after excluding 5% overhead charges and also the quoted amount is lower than the justification estimate amount.

The meeting of the Syndicate held on 11/06/2021, vide item no. 28.42.02, considered the request from KSHB to accord sanction for the lowest quoted amount of Rs.3,78,36,396.98/- for the civil works, package I related to the construction of School of Communication & Library Science at Kariavattom and resolved to entrust the KSHB to hold further negotiation with the contractor limiting the amount within the approved estimate and to furnish the updated status immediately.

Further, processing of the centage charges claimed by the KSHB related to the construction of School of Communication & Library Science at Kariavattom has been kept in abeyance, pending the remarks from KSHB regarding further negotiation with the contractor.

The Kerala State Housing Board, vide letter No. T-01/2021/C/HB dated 05/07/2021 informed that they had conducted further negotiation with the contractor Sri. Sreekumar K S for limiting the amount within the approved estimate, but the contractor informed his disagreement in reducing the quoted amount, considering the present labour cost and rates of the building materials. It is also informed that the contractor has agreed to extend the firm period of the tendor for a further period of 3 months, as the same was expired on 26/05/2021.

Hence, the KSHB requested to accord sanction for the lowest quoted amount of Rs.3,78,36,396.98/- for the civil works, package I (building works, water supply & sanitary work, septic tank, rain water harvesting & development works) related to the construction of School of Communication & Library Science at Kariavattom.

It may be noted that, the meeting of the Syndicate held on 28/04/2020, while considering the revised abstract estimate for the construction of School of Communication & Library Science at

Kariavattom, decided to accept the condition put forward by the KSHB that, if the tender amount quoted by the contractor exceeds the estimate amount, then revised administrative sanction shall be accorded including the excess amount.

The Syndicate held on 23/07/2021 considered the request from KSHB, the accredited agency for the construction of School of Communication & Library Science at Kariavattom ,for approval of the lowest quoted amount by the contractor in response to the tender for the civil works, package I (building works, water supply & sanitary work, septic tank, rain water harvesting & development works), along with the recommendation of the Technical committee of the University held on 22/07/2021 and resolved to approve the recommendation of the Technical Committee, i.e to inform KSHB to execute the work at a rate below estimate rate or at estimate rate and to take further or alternate steps to materialize the work at the earliest. Accordingly the KSHB was informed of the matter.

Now, the University Engineer vide email dated 19.08.2021, received in the section on 24.08.2021, has forwarded letter dtd 18.08.2021 from KSHB (copy appended) informing the following:

- The final bid for the work was opened by KSHB on 26.02.2021. On expiry of firm period of tender (3 months) as per assent of the first lowest bidder the extended firm period expires on 26.08.2021.
- The second and third lowest bidders are demanding KSHB for returning their EMD and it is informed that further will invite legal proceedings.
- It is stated that the Government had implemented rate hike on the basis of Delhi schedule of rates 2018 w.e.f 15.08.2021.
- The KSHB has pointed out that they are recommending to issue the lowest negotiated rate of Rs.3,78,36,396.98/- by Sri. Sreekumar on the basis of the fact that the said amount can be justified on the basis of facts mentioned above.
- If a reply from our office is not issued before 26.08.2021 (expiry of extended firm period) the tender will be cancelled in tune with the norms of cancellation.
- Further steps will be taken by the KSHB only after release of consultancy fees eligible to them. (As per MoU 50% of the PMC centage charge should be given at the time of issuing Technical sanction and their claim have been kept in abeyance for want of decision in acceptance of lowest tender)

As per orders of the Vice Chancellor, the request of the consultant – KSHB for approval of the lowest quoted amount of Rs.3,78,36,396.98/- by the contractor in response to the tender for the the construction work of School of Communication & Library Science at Kariavattom (building works, water supply & sanitary work, septic tank, rain water harvesting & development works), in the light of the fact that the KSHB had informed that the tender for the said work is liable for cancellation on expiry of firm period on 26.08.2021 and also had claimed their consultancy charges too, is placed before the Standing committee of the Syndicate on Planning and Development for consideration and decision.

RECOMMENDATION:

The committee after noting the attempts made for negotiation and the difference of rate against second lowest tender, hold discussion with the technical committee members and taking into account of the opinion that the rate quoted by the contractor acceptable as per recommendations by the Chief Engineer, KSHB vide letter T-01/2021/C/HB dated 18.08.2021. Further obtained the expert opinion in detail as separate recommendations.

[Copy of the letter dated 18.08.2021 from the Chief Engineer, KSHB and the recommendations of the technical committee members appended (Appendix 2)]

•On the basis of the reasons cited by the technical committee members the Standing committee recommended to accept the expert opinion and to approve the lowest quoted amount of Rs.3,78,36,396.98/- by the contractor in response to the tender for the construction work of School of Communication & Library Science at Kariavattom (building works, water supply & sanitary work, septic tank, rain water harvesting & development works) issued by the consultant KSHB and to grant permission to execute the required supplementary agreement accordingly.

The committee recommended to request the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to approve the recommendation on the item, exercising the powers vested on him under section 10 (13) of the Kerala university Act, 1974.

The meeting came to an end at 12.10 p.m.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having approved the above recommendation of the Standing committee of the Syndicate on Planning and Development held on 26.08.2021, be noted.

Item No.05.07.

Employees working in University on deputation Payment of PF contribution through salary deduction – Reporting of- reg.

(Ad.AIII)

Dr.N.Gopakumar, Controller of Examinations, University of Kerala requested to deduct his PF subscription from salary and to remit the same at his KPCSPF account No.T15999 maintained at Collegiate Education Department.

Sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor to the following:

- Payment of KPCSPF subscription through deduction from salary in respect of employees working in the University on deputation/term-appointment, meeting the expenditure from the Head of Account "Part IV Debt and Deposits-MH 92-Provident and other funds-15/8056 Provident Fund of employees on deputation" provided in the budget estimates of the University. The amount will be remitted against the treasury Head of Account "8009-01-101-95-00-00".
- To reappropriate an amount of Rs.6,00,000/- (Rupees Six lakh only) to the Head of Account "Part IV Debt and Deposits-MH 92-Provident and other funds-15/8056 Provident Fund of employees on deputation" from the Head of Account "Part IV Debt and Deposits-MH 94 Suspense Account-15/8162 Other Recoveries" provided in the current year's budget estimates of the University.

Accordingly U.O No.Ad.AIII/PF contribution/2021 dated 11.08.2021 has been issued in this regard.

The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having sanctioned the aforesaid payment of PF contribution and re-appropriation is reported to the Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having accorded sanction as detailed above, be noted.

Item No.08.

സി.ബി.സി.എസ് / ഇ.എസ് - മാർക്ക് തിരുത്തലുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട് സെക്ഷൻ *ഓ*ഫീസർ, ശ്രീ. വിനോദ്.വി - യെ സർവീസിൽ നിന്നും ടെർമിനേറ്റ് ചെയ്തതുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട ഫയലിലെ വിവരങ്ങൾ/ഡോക്യുമെന്റ് സ് സൈബർ *ഐക*െ പോലീസിന് കൈമാറുന്നത് Reporting of-സംബന്ധിച്ച്.

(Ad.A1)

സൂചന:- 26.07.2021 തീയതിയിലെ സൈബർ ക്രൈം പോലീസ് സ്റ്റേഷൻ, തിരുവനന്തപുരം സിറ്റിയിൽ നിന്നു ലഭിച്ച ഓർമ്മക്കുറിപ്പ് നം.6 (Notice under Sections 91 of Cr.P.C.).

സി.ബി.സി.എസ്/ ഇ.എസ് - മാർക്ക് തിരുത്തലുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട് സെക്ഷൻ ഓഫീസർ, ശ്രീ. വിനോദ്. വി - യെ സർവീസിൽ നിന്നും ടെർമിനേറ്റ് ചെയ്ത വിഷയത്തിൽ ക്രൈം നമ്പർ 24/2021 u/s 409, 420, 465, 468 of IPC 43, 65 of IT Act (Cr.No.41/2021 of Cantonment PS) പ്രകാരം തിരുവനന്തപുരം സിറ്റി സൈബർ ഒക്രെം പോലീസ് സ്റ്റേഷൻ മുഖനെ അമ്പേഷണം നടന്നു വരികയാണ്. ടി കേസിന്റെ ഇടർ അമ്പേഷണത്തിന് അതൃന്താപേക്ഷിതമായ രേഖകൾ അടിയന്തിരമായി ലഭ്യമാക്കണമെന്ന് 26.07.2021 തീയതിയിലെ സൈബർ ഒക്രെം പോലീസ് സ്റ്റേഷൻ, തിരുവനന്തപുരം സിറ്റിയിൽ നിന്നു ലഭിച്ച ഓർമ്മക്കറിപ്പ് നം.6 (Notice under Sections 91 of Cr.P.C.) പ്രകാരം ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിരുന്നു. 28.07.2021 -നു ചേർന്ന സ്റ്റാൻഡിംഗ് കമ്മിറ്റി ഓഫ് സിൻഡിക്കേററ് ഓൺ എക്സാമിനേഷൻ അഞ്ചാമത്തെ ഐറ്റമായി ടി വിഷയം പരിഗണിക്കകയും പ്രസ്തത വിഷയവുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട് 19.04.2021 -ലെ സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റ് യോഗത്തിന്റെ (സ്പെഷ്യൽ മീറ്റിംഗ് ഐറ്റം. നം.20) തീരുമാനം ടി വിഷയത്തിലും സ്വീകരിക്കാൻ ഇപാർശ ചെയ്യകയും ചെയ്യ. വിഷയത്തിന്റെ അടിയന്തിര പ്രാധാന്യം കണക്കിലെടുത്ത് Kerala University Act 1974, Chapter III, 10 (13) പ്രകാരം പ്രസ്തത തീരുമാനം നടപ്പിലാക്കാൻ

ബഇ: വൈസ് ചാൻസിലർ ഉത്തരവാകുകയും ചെയ്തു. പ്രസ്തത ഉത്തരവിൻ പ്രകാരം ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ട വിവരങ്ങൾ 17.08.2021 -ന് എ.ഡി.എ1.4/ഇ.എസ്/2021 നമ്പർ കത്ത് മുഖേന സൈബർ ക്രൈം പോലീസ് സ്റ്റേഷൻ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർക്ക് കൈമാറിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. ടി വിവരം ബഇ: വൈസ് ചാൻസിലറുടെ ഉത്തരവിൻ പ്രകാരം സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റിൻ്റെ അറിവിലേക്കായി സമർപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having accorded sanction as detailed above, be noted.

Item No.09. Release of Grant deposited by Michigan Technological University, USA to Dr. Sajin Kumar K.S, Assistant Professor, Department of Geology for the project "Flood Hazard Map to Water Management and Planning"-Reporting of:-reg.

(Ad.D1)

An amount of USD.9,000/- was sanctioned by the Michigan Technological University, U.S.A to towards Grant for the Collaborative Project, " Flood Hazard Map to Water Management and Planning".

Dr. Sajin Kumar , Assistant Professor, Department of Geology, has requested to release the grant sanctioned and credited in the SBI account of University of Kerala (Rs. 6,46,920/-) for the smooth functioning of the collaborative project 'Flood Hazard Map to Water Management and Planning' (approved by the University of Kerala).

The Cash section has verified and found that an amount of Rs.6,45,615/- has been credited to KUF(B) account after deducting an amount of Rs.595/- & Rs.710/- towards Forex transaction Commission charge & Service charge respectively.

A new sub head "9/9807 Flood Hazard Map to Water Management & Planning under "Part III MH 80 D Grants from other agencies" has been opened and an amount of Rs.6,45,700/- (Rupees Six Lakh Forty Five Thousand Seven Hundred only) has been allotted under it by re-appropriation, vide U.O no. 3404/2021/UOK dated 13.07.2021, from the sub head "9/7751 Lump sum provision for new research schemes" provided under the same major head in the current year's Budget Estimates of the university, as per Finance Endorsement No.925/Finance 2/2021-22 dated 29.05.2021.

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Syndicate, for the release an amount of Rs. 6,45,615/- (Rupees Six Lakh Forty Five Thousand Six Hundred and Fifteen only) to Dr. Sajin Kumar S, Assistant Professor, Department of Geology towards financial assistance for the collaborative project titled "Flood Hazard Map to Water Management & Planning" supported by Michigan Technological University, USA, adhering to the norms of the sponsoring body.

The amount was released to Dr. Sajin Kumar K.S, Assistant Professor, Department of Geology vide U.O .No.3554/2021/UOK dated 20.07.2021.

The matter is hereby reported to the Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having accorded sanction as detailed above, be noted.

Item No.10.

Inter University Centre for Evolutionary and Integrative Biology (iCEIB) Strengthening of existing Centre for Evolutionary and Integrative Biology-Regularization of Rs.35,00,000/- - reporting of-reg:-

(Pl.A)

An amount of Rs.35,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five lakh only) was released to Dr.M.C.Subhash Peter, former Hon. Director, Centre for Evolutionary and Integrative Biology (CEIB) as Provisional Advance, vide U.O no: Pl.A1/4402/CEIB/13 dated 17/12/2014 towards strengthening of existing facilities of the Centre

After utilization, Hon. Director, Inter University Centre for Evolutionary and Integrative Biology (iCEIB) forwarded the original bills/vouchers for the total outlay of Rs.35,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five lakh only) along with the Voucher Verification Report and Credit Verification Report and requested to regularise the amount released. Based on the strength of Credit Verification Report and

Voucher Verification Report, sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor, invoking the provision under section 10(13) of the Kerala University Act 1974 for the following:

- 1. to open a new subhead "4/6060-starting of new courses (State) under the Major Head "Part II-Plan-MH 27 (iii)-Centre for Evolutionary and Integrative Biology" and to provide a token provision of Rs.100/- under it by re-appropriation from the h/a "Part II-Plan-MH 63-Miscellaneous-7/6065-Implementation of Plan Programmes (State)" of the current year's Budget Estimates of the University.
- 2. to regularize the provisional advance of Rs.35,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five lakh only) sanctioned to Dr.M.C Subhash Peter, former Hon.Director, Centre for Evolutionary and Integrative Biology (iCEIB) vide U.O no: Pl.A1/4402/CEIB/13 dated 17/12/2014 on the strength of voucher verification report from Deputy Registrar, Campus Administration and Credit Verification from Assistant Registrar, Cash Counter, Kariavattom.

Accordingly, U.O No: 3362/2021/UOK dated 12.07.2021 was issued for regularising the provisional advance.

The action taken by the Vice Chancellor in having sanctioned the regularisation of Provisional Advance and re-appropriation of funds for effecting the same, invoking the provisions under section 10(13) of Kerala University Act 1974, for regularising the provisional advance is reported to the Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having accorded sanction as detailed above, be noted.

Item No.11. Department of Optoelectronics -Release of IInd year AMC charges for the FESEM (Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscope) installed in the Department - Sanctioned-Orders issued-Re-appropriation of funds- Reporting of - Reg.

(Pl.A)

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, invoking the provision under Section 10(13) of the Kerala University Act 1974, for the following:

- 1) to open a new Sub-head "4/1950 Equipment (State)" under the Major Head "Part II Plan MH -29 Department of Optoelectronics" and provide an amount of ₹2,99,900/- (Rupees Two lakh ninety nine thousand and nine hundred only) under the newly opened head of account, by re-appropriation from the head of account "Part II- Plan -MH 63 -Miscellaneous 7/6065 Implementation of Plan Programmes (State)" of the current year's Budget Estimates of the University.
- 2) to release an amount of ₹2,99,838/- (Rupees Two lakh ninety nine thousand eight hundred and thirty eight only) (₹2,54,100 + GST@ 18% amounting to ₹45,738) to the Head, Department of Optoelectronics, for effecting advance payment to 'M/s. Icon Analytical Equipment Pvt. Ltd., Chennai' towards the AMC charges for the equipment "FESEM (Nova Nano SEM 450), excluding EDS (Quantax 200)", for the second year from 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2022, against the balance amount available in the State Plan Grant sanctioned for the implementation of the Scheme-component "Setting up of Nanophotonics Lab-phase II" in the Department of Optoelectronics, for the year 2014 -15.

The U. O. No. Pl.A1/3221/2021/UOK dated 05/07/2021 was issued accordingly.

The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having sanctioned the aforementioned payment Rs.2,99,838 /- (Rupees Two lakh ninety nine thousand eight hundred and thirty eight only), by reappropriation of funds, is reported to the Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having accorded sanction as detailed above, be noted.

Item No.12. The Kerala Service Rules –Periodical Surrender of Earned Leave- Deferred-Implementation of Government Order- Reporting of-reg.

(Ad.AV)

The Government of Kerala, vide G.O.(P)No.104/2021/Fin dated 26.07.2021, have deferred the periodical Surrender of Earned Leave for a further period of six months w.e.f 01.06.2021.

The Vice Chancellor has accorded sanction for the implementation of the Government Order in the University. Order was issued in this regard (U.O.No.Ad.AV.4258/2021/UOK dated 13.08.2021).

The matter is reported to the Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having accorded sanction as detailed above, be noted.

Item No.13. University Campus Library - Renewal of subscription to IEEE e-journals (ASPP+POP) - Release of Provisional Advance –Sanctioned-Orders issued-Reporting of - Reg.

(Pl.A)

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, invoking the provision under Section 10(13) of the Kerala University Act 1974, to release an amount of Rs.9,06,830/- (Rupees Nine lakh six thousand eight hundred and thirty only) as Provisional Advance to Shri. Majeed H., Deputy Librarian (i/c), University Campus Library, for effecting payment to 'M/s EBSCO International Inc., USA' towards the renewal of subscription to the 'IEEE e-journals (ASPP+POP) online Tier 3', for the period from January 2021 to December 2021, debiting the expenditure from the State Plan Grant sanctioned under the Scheme-component "Books & Journals", for the year 2020-21.

The U. O. No. Pl.A1/1498/2021/UOK dated 17/03/2021 was issued accordingly.

The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having sanctioned the aforementioned provisional advance of Rs. 9,06,830/- (Rupees Nine lakh six thousand eight hundred and thirty only), is reported to the Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having accorded sanction as detailed above, be noted.

Item No.14. Dept. of Linguistics- Resetting of Recording Booth in the Phonetics Laboratory at Kariavattom Campus- Reporting of- reg.

(Ad.B1)

The work of resetting of Recording Booth in the Phonetics Laboratory, in Dept of Linguistics was entrusted with M/s. E-light Complete Networking Solutions, Manacaud, for a total amount of Rs.1,45,199/- (Rupees One Lakh Forty Five Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Nine only), as per the resolution of the Syndicate held on 14.08.2021, vide item. no.16.72.021.03.06.

The Professor and Head, Department of Linguistics had forwarded the bill submitted by M/s.E-light Complete Networking Solutions towards the expenditure incurred in connection with the above-said work. The HoD had reported that the aforesaid work has been completed satisfactorily by the said firm.

Sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, to the payment of an amount of Rs. 1,45,199/-(Rupees One Lakh Forty Five Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Nine only) including GST, to M/s.E-light Complete Networking Solutions, towards the expenditure incurred in connection with the resetting of Recording Booth in the Phonetics Laboratory at the Dept of Linguistics at Kariavattom Campus, meeting the expenditure from the h/a "Part 1-NP -MH-63-Miscellaneous-8/6024-Shifting of Departments/Sections/Centers" provided in the current year's Budget Estimates of the University. U.O.No. Ad.BI(1)802/2019/073/061 dated:09.07.2021 has been issued to this effect.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having accorded sanction as detailed above, be noted.

Item No.15. Ph.D Research – Re-registration – Application submitted by Smt. Linu Shine, Research Scholar in Electronics & Communication Engineering–Reporting of-reg.

(Ac.E1)

Application has been received from the following Research Scholar duly recommended by the Research Supervisor, Head of the Research Centre and Chairman of the Doctoral Committee for reregistration of Ph.D. research due to the defaulted payment of Ph.D. research fee for more than 6 months and there is no break in her research work.

The details of the Research Scholars are as follows:

| The details of the Research School | are as ronows. | 1 | , |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Name of the Research Scholar, | Research | | |
| Subject (FT/PT) and | Supervisor & | Requests | Remarks |
| U.O. Granting Registration | Centre | | |
| Smt. Linu Shine | Research | Re-registration | Re-registration |
| Electronics & Communication | Supervisor: | from the date of | w.e.f. 27.03.2020. |
| Engineering – (Part Time) | Dr. Jiji C V | expiry of previous | Default from 6 th |
| U.O.No.AcE1.A4/714/ECE/33532/2014 | Principal, College | registration i.e. | Year. Paid fine of |
| dated 01.06.2015 w.e.f. 27.03.2015 | of Engineering, | w.e.f. 27.03.2020 | Rs.1230/- |
| Re-registration from the date of expiry | Tvpm. | | |
| of previous registration, ie. w.e.f. | Centre: | | |
| 27.03.2015 granted vide U.O.No. | College of | | |
| Ac.E1/A1/49875/2015 dated | Engineering, | | |
| 07.07.2016, Research period expires on | Tvpm. | | |
| 26.03.2023 | | | |

The candidate has submitted the following required documents for considering the application for re-registration.

- 1. The application is to be recommended and forwarded by the research Supervisor, HOD and DC Chairman
- 2. Re-registration fee of Rs.1050/- for (Full-Time) and Rs.2100/- for (Part-Time) candidates (Original Chalan).
- 3. Detailed fees statement duly countersigned by the supervising teacher.
- 4. Payment of defaulted fee along with fine.
- 5. Copy of registration order.
- 6. Certification duly endorsed by the Research Supervisor & Head of the Research Centre, stating no discontinuance has occurred during the research work.

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice -Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Syndicate, to the above mentioned research scholar being permitted re-registration due to the default in payment of research fee for more than 6 months and as there is no break in her research work.

Accordingly U.O has been issued vide U.O.No.4132/2021/UOK dated 12.08.2021 The matter is reported to the Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having accorded sanction as detailed above, be noted.

Item No.16. Department of Commerce – conduct of three day International Seminar "Business Models – Government Borrowings and Sourcing Finance for Scaling Business Operations"- Final Payment -₹2,50,000/- - Dr. G. Raju - Reporting of – Reg:-

(Pl.B)

Ref: U.O. Pl.B/SP/2019-20 /Set 4 dated 16.11.2019

Sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, invoking the provision under the Section10 (13) of Kerala University Act 1974, to release of an amount of ₹2,50,000 (Rupees two lakh and fifty thousand only) to Dr. G. Raju, Professor and Head, Department of Commerce, University of Kerala, Karyavattom as Final Payment (sanctioned earlier as Provisional Advance vide paper referred above, but not claimed) towards financial assistance for the conduct of the three day International Seminar on "Business Models – Government Borrowings and Sourcing Finance for Scaling Business Operations" held from 20th -22nd January 2020. Accordingly the U.O.No. Pl.B/SP/2019-20 /Set 4/3012 dated 23.03.2021, for an amount of ₹2,50,000/- (Rupees two lakh and fifty thousand only) as final payment, was issued.

The above action taken by the Vice Chancellor is reported to the Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having accorded sanction as detailed above, be noted.

Item No.17. NSS Programme Coordinator - Additional charge to Dr. Shaji A., Professor of History, School of Distance Education - extension of tenure - Reporting of - reg.

(Ad.A.V)

Sanction was accorded by the Vice Chancellor for the extension of tenure for a further period of one year from 05.08.2021 to 04.08.2022 to Dr. Shaji A., Professor of History, School of Distance Education, University of Kerala as Programme Coordinator, NSS (additional charge).

Subsequently, U.O No.4293/2021/UOK dated 18.08.2021 was issued.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having accorded sanction as detailed above, be noted.

Item No.18. Probation Declaration of Officers- Reporting of - reg.

(Ad.A1)

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, U.O No.Ad.A1/7404/2021 dated 06.08.2021 has been issued regarding the declaration of probation of the officers listed below.

| No | Name of the | Date of promotion & post | Eligible leave availed | Date of declaration of |
|----|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | Officer | to which promoted | during the period of | probation |
| | | | probation | |
| 1 | Smt.Asha S Nair | 25-06-2020, Section Officer | Nil | 25-12-2020 FN |
| 2 | Smt. Safiya.C.V | 25-06-2020, Section Officer | Nil | 25-12-2020 FN |
| 3 | Smt.Minu.P | 25-06-2020, Section Officer | Nil | 25-12-2020 FN |
| 4 | Smt.Lekshmi.R | 25-06-2020, Section officer | Nil | 25-12-2020 FN |
| 5 | Sri.Athul.S.V | 25-06-2020 FN, Section | Nil | 25-12-2020 FN |
| | | Officer | | |
| 6 | Smt. Supriya G | 01-06-2020, Assistant | Nil | 01-12-2020 FN |
| | | Registrar | | |
| 7 | Smt.Ashitha P S | 25-06-2020 AN | Nil | 26-12-2020 FN |
| | | Section Officer | | |
| 8 | Smt.Soumya | 25-06-2020 AN | Nil | 26-12-2020 FN |
| | Varghese.L | Section Officer | | |
| 9 | Sri. Kiran T Das | 01-08-2019 | EL – 12 days | 24-02-2020 FN |
| | | Section Officer | HPL - 8 days | |
| | | | CML – 3 days | |
| 10 | Sri. Arun S.S | 25-06-2020, Section Officer | Nil | 25-12-2020 FN |

Of which, Sl No.6 - Smt. Supriya. G attained superannuation as Assistant Registrar on 31.05.2021.

All the other officers promotions were effected subject to the final disposal of WP(C) Nos.706/2017, 788/2017 and connected cases pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala.

The matter is reported to the Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having accorded sanction as detailed above, be noted.

Item No.19. Award of Ph.D Degrees.

(Ac.E.II/Ac.E.V)

Item No.19.01 Consideration of the examiners reports on the Ph.D thesis submitted by Smt. Bincy John in Education reg:-

(Ac.EV)

The Syndicate considered the reports of Examiners on the Ph.D. thesis entitled "EFFECTIVENESS OF MULTIFARIOUS SCAFFOLDING SOFTWARE IN PHYSICS FOR

ENHANCING HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS AMONG SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS" submitted by Smt. Bincy John.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that Smt. Bincy John, be declared eligible for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Education under the Faculty of Education.

Item No.19.02

Consideration of the examiners reports on the Ph.D Thesis submitted by Smt. Hyma Rajan in Malayalam - reg:-

(Ac.EV)

The Syndicate considered the reports of Examiners on the Ph.D. thesis entitled "തീവ്ര ഇടതുപക്ഷ രാഷ്ടിയത്തിന്റെ സാധീനം മലയാളചലച്ചിത്രത്തിൽ" submitted by Smt. Hyma Rajan.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that Smt. Hyma Rajan, be declared eligible for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Malayalam under the Faculty of Oriental Studies.

Item No.19.03

Consideration of the examiners reports on the Ph.D Thesis submitted by Smt. Thanuja Majeed A in Sanskrit - reg:-

(Ac.EV)

The Syndicate considered the reports of Examiners on the Ph.D. thesis entitled "A STUDY ON ACARA KANDA OF GARUDA PURANA" submitted by Smt. Thanuja Majeed A.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that Smt. Thanuja Majeed A, be declared eligible for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Sanskrit under the Faculty of Oriental Studies.

Item No.19.04

Consideration of the examiners reports on the Ph.D Thesis submitted by Smt. Suvija V.S in Commerce-reg:-

(Ac.EV)

The Syndicate considered the reports of Examiners on the Ph.D. thesis entitled "IMPACT OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ON ORGANISATIONAL COMMITMENT – A STUDY OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR INSURANCE COMPANIES IN KERALA" submitted by Smt. Suvija V.S.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that Smt. Suvija V.S, be declared eligible for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Commerce under the Faculty of Commerce.

Item No.19.05

Consideration of the examiners reports on the Ph.D Thesis submitted by Shri. Renjith R in Commerce-reg:-

(Ac.EV)

The Syndicate considered the reports of Examiners on the Ph.D. thesis entitled "A STUDY ON MARKETING STRATEGIES OF CELLULAR OPERATORS IN KERALA" submitted by Shri.Renjith R.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that Shri. Renjith R, be declared eligible for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Commerce under the Faculty of Commerce.

Item No.19.06

Consideration of the examiners reports on the Ph.D Thesis submitted by Shri. Abdussalam K in Arabic-reg:-

(Ac.EV)

The Syndicate considered the reports of Examiners on the Ph.D. thesis entitled "HUMAN VALUES IN THE POEMS OF IMAM SHAFEI: AN ANALYTICAL STUDY" submitted by Shri. Abdussalam K.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that Shri. Abdussalam K, be declared eligible for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Arabic under the Faculty of Oriental Studies.

Item No.19.07

Consideration of the examiners reports on the Ph.D Thesis submitted by Smt. Helen Basil in Aerospace Engineering -reg:-

(Ac.E.II)

The Syndicate considered the reports of Examiners on the Ph.D. thesis entitled "PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT OF MEMS- INS/GPS BY STOCHASTIC MODELLING" submitted by Smt. Helen Basil.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that Smt. Helen Basil, be declared eligible for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Aerospace Engineering under the Faculty of Engineering & Technology.

Item No.19.08

Consideration of the examiners reports on the Ph.D Thesis submitted by Sri. Hashim K.A in Aquatic Biology & Fisheries -reg:-

(Ac.E.II)

The Syndicate considered the reports of Examiners on the Ph.D. thesis entitled "STUDIES ON SEAWEED RESOURCES OF SELECTED COASTAL AREAS OF KERALA" submitted by Sri. Hashim K.A.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that Sri. Hashim K.A, be declared eligible for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Aquatic Biology & Fisheries under the Faculty of Science.

Item No.19.09

Consideration of the examiners reports on the Ph.D Thesis submitted by Sri. Samseer R.H. in Sociology-reg:-

(Ac.E.V)

The Syndicate considered the reports of Examiners on the Ph.D. thesis entitled "SYNCRETIC INFLUENCES IN RELIGIOUS IDENTITY: A CASE STUDY OF MUSLIMS IN KERALA" submitted by Sri. Samseer R.H.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that Sri. Samseer R.H, be declared eligible for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work under the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Item No.20. Department of Biotechnology — Complaint regarding missing of Laptop (Lenovo)-consideration of-reg.

(Ad. A.VI)

The Head, Department of Biotechnology, vide letter no. Bio-Tech/2021/224 dated 27.08.2021 has informed that a Laptop (Lenovo) attached to an instrument (Microflurescent Microplate Reader) is missing from 24.08.2021 from the Research Laboratory of the Department of Biotechnology. It was last seen on 16.08.2021, when it was serviced by the Technical persons of Thermofisher. An internal enquiry was conducted among labmates, Ph D students and other employees of the Department. But it could not be traced out.

As ordered by the Vice Chancellor a complaint has been filed to the Commissioner of Police, vide Letter No. Regr/Bio-Tech/2021/224 dated 27.08.2021 and also separate enquiry report was sought from the Security Officer and Joint Registrar, Campus Administration. The Security Officer has forwarded the preliminary investigation report as follows:

- Biotechnology Department had celebrated Onam on 17.08.2021 & 18.08.2021 and the lab in charge was unable to take care of the laptop on these days.
- As per Security Register, Smt. Sherly, Director, Biovent Startup had arrived on 19.08.2021 (Holiday).
- After Onam Holidays, the lab was opened on 24.08.2021 by the casual labourer. No student had visited the lab on this day. But a Ph.D student had visited the room next to the lab for repairing the regulator installed at that room and he had returned after repairing the same.
- For the convenience of the Research Students, the keys of the lab and all other rooms of the Department is stored in the wall attached to the Department. Any familiar person of the Department can take the key of the Lab from this wall.
- Also, any person familiar with the lab can detach the laptop from the instrument.

The Joint Registrar, Campus Administration has forwarded the report of the Security Officer.

As per orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the missing of Laptop from the Research Laboratory of the Department of Biotechnology is placed before the Syndicate for consideration and appropriate decision.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to entrust the Registrar and Security Officer, Kariavattom to take necessary steps to speed up the complaint filed to the Commissioner Police.

FURTHER RESOLVED to intimate all the Head of the Departments/ Centres to maintain 'IN' and 'OUT' register in the University Research Lab and Department.

ALSO RESOLVED to entrust the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Dr.S.Nazeeb, Dr.K.G.Gopchandran, Adv.B.Balachandran, Sri.Riyas Vahab, Members Syndicate for a detailed study regarding the strengthening of security system in the Kariavattom Campus.

Item No.21. N.S.S. College of Arts and Science, Perayam–Application for new courses for the academic year 2021-'22- Request to reconsider the recommendation made by the Syndicate –Consideration of-reg.

(Ac.BII)

The Manager, NSS College of Arts and Science, Perayam had submitted applications for affiliation for new UG and PG courses (B.Sc Chemistry, B.A. History, M.Sc Mathematics and M.Com) for the academic year 2021-22.

The Syndicate held on 10.11.2020 vide item no.47.02, considered the applications and resolved for conduct of Local enquiry as envisaged in Statute 8, Chapter 24 of KUFS, 1977, in the colleges concerned and had nominated inspection teams for the purpose. The Syndicate held on 29.12.2020, vide item no. 21.02, approved the list of Local Enquiry team and accordingly, the Local Enquiry was conducted on 20.02.2021 by a team consisting of Dr. M.Vijayan Pillai, Smt. Renju Suresh & Sri.Arun Kumar R. and submitted the report.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 11.06.2021 considered the inspection report submitted by the local enquiry team consisting of Dr. M.Vijayan Pillai, Smt. Renju Suresh and Sri. Arun Kumar and recommend **B.Sc. Chemistry** programme for NSS College of Arts and Science, Perayam. The inspection team recommended that "the college has sufficient infrastructure and structural area to begin a new programme B.Sc. Chemistry and no sufficient facility and infrastructural area to start M.Sc. Mathematics, M.Com and B.A. History".

As per the Statute 9 of Chapter 24 of Kerala University First Statutes 1977, the University has to ascertain the views of the Government regarding the applications and recommendations made by the Syndicate, before conducting an inspection by a team consisting of subject experts. Accordingly the list of new degree courses/permanent enhancement of seats recommended by the Syndicate after considering local enquiry report is forwarded to obtain views of the Government vide letter No.Ac.BII/NC/AY 2021-'22/UoK dated 18.06.2021. A reminder letter was sent on 09.08.2021 and reply on this matter is still awaiting.

The decision of the Syndicate to recommend B.Sc Chemistry was intimated to the Educational Agency vide letter dated 9.08.2021 and also directed to remit prescribed fees regarding inspection and verification of records. Educational Agency has remitted the said fees.

Now, the Manager, NSS College of Arts and Science, Perayam vide letter dated 27.08.2021, has submitted a request to reconsider the recommendation made by the Syndicate. It is stated that they opted B.A. History course as the first priority and requested to reconsider the decision to recommend B.Sc. Chemistry and sanction B.A. History course instead of B.Sc. Chemistry for the academic year 2021-22.

It may be noted that,

- (1) The Syndicate considering the report of local enquiry has not recommended B.A. History
- (2) Accordingly views of the Government is not sought regarding B.A. History course
- (3) As per Statute 13, Chapter 24 KUFS 1977, the Educational agencies can withdraw the applications at any time before an order has been passed on the application.

In this circumstances, the Vice Chancellor has ordered to place the request from the Manager, NSS College of Arts and Science, Perayam to reconsider the decision of the Syndicate to recommend B.Sc. Chemistry and sanction B.A. History course instead of B.Sc. Chemistry for the academic year 2021-22, before the Syndicate for consideration and recommendation.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the item be withdrawn.

Item No.22. Govt. Arts and Science College, Kulathoor –Application for affiliation of new courses for the Academic year 2021-'22- Request to include M.A. English course in online PG admission process 2021-22 – reg.

(Ac.BII)

Applications has been received from the Director of Collegiate Education with respect to Govt. Arts and Science College, Kulathoor for affiliation for new PG courses (M.Sc. Geography, M.Sc. Biochemistry and M.A. English) for the academic year 2021-22.

The Syndicate held on 10.11.2020 vide item no. 47.02, considered the applications and resolved for conduct of Local enquiry as envisaged in Statute 8, Chapter 24 of KUFS, 1977, in the colleges concerned and had nominated inspection teams for the purpose. The Syndicate held on 29.12.2020, vide item no. 21.02, approved the list of Local Enquiry team and accordingly, the Local Enquiry was conducted on 22.04.2021 by the team consisting of Adv.G.Muralidharan Pillai, Dr.S.Nazeeb &Sri Jairaj.J and submitted the report.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 11.06.2021 considered the inspection report submitted by the local enquiry team and resolved to recommend following programmes for Govt. Arts and Science College, Kulathoor.

- 1. M.A. English Language and Literature,
- 2. M.Sc. Geography and
- 3. M.Sc. Biochemistry.

As per the Statute 9 of Chapter 24 of Kerala University First Statutes 1977, the University has to ascertain the views of the Government regarding the applications and recommendations made by the Syndicate, before conducting an inspection by a team consisting of subject experts. Accordingly the list of new degree courses/permanent enhancement of seats recommended by the Syndicate after considering local enquiry report is forwarded to obtain views of the Government vide letter No.Ac.BII/NC/AY 2021-'22/UoK dated 18.06.2021. A reminder letter was sent on 09.08.2021 and **reply on this matter is still awaiting.**

Earlier as per the G.O.(Ms)No.389/2020/HEDN dated 05.11.2020, administrative sanction was granted to Government Arts and Science College, Kulathoor, Neyyattinkara for M.A. English programme for which neither application was submitted by the College nor recommendation was made by the University in academic year 2020-21. Hence the University of Kerala could not sanction affiliation to M.A. English programme for Government Arts and Science College, Kulathoor for the academic year 2020-21.

Now, as per G.O.No. 1060/2021/HEdn dated 13.08.2021, Government has extended the administrative sanction to start those courses in the academic year 2021-22, which were not started in Government/Aided Arts and Science Colleges affiliated to various Universities in Kerala in spite of administrative sanction being granted vide G.O.(Ms)No.389/2020/HEDN dated 05.11.2020 for AY 2020-21.

Based on this, the Principal, Government Arts and Science College, Kulathoor has submitted a letter dated 31.08.2021, requesting to consider the administrative sanction granted for M.A. English programme last year (G.O.(Ms)No.389/2020/HEDN dated 05.11.2020) and include M.A. English in the PG admission portal for academic year 2021-22.

It may be noted that,

- (4) The University has recommended 3 PG Courses for this academic year. But in the light of above mentioned Government orders, administrative sanction is available only for **M.A.** English Course.
- (5) As per the Statute 9 of Chapter 24 of Kerala University First Statutes 1977, the Syndicate has powers to grant affiliation considering the local enquiry and also after ascertaining the views of the Government.

- (6) Also the Syndicate can make any further enquiry as it may deem necessary, prior to granting affiliation.
- (7) Accordingly the remaining procedures of affiliation, including inspection by a team consisting of subject experts and remittance of prescribed affiliation fees is pending.
- (8) The course can only be included in the admission portal after the Syndicate grants affiliation.
- (9) The PG Admission portal opens on 06.09.2021.

In this circumstances, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has ordered to place the request from the Principal, Government Arts and Science College, Kulathoor, to consider the administrative sanction granted for M.A. English programme last year in the strength of G.O.No. 1060/2021/HEdn dated 13.08.2021, and include M.A. English in the PG admission portal for academic year 2021-22, before the Syndicate for consideration and decision.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to grant MA English Programme in the Government Arts and Science College, Kulathoor for the academic year 2021-22 on the strength of the Government Order No. 1060/2021/HEdn dated 13.08.2021.

FURTHER RESOLVED to constitute a inspection team consisting of Convenor, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges, Sri.J.Jairaj, Dr.S.Nazeeb, Member Syndicate, Dr.Lal.C.A, Professor in English, School of Distance Education, Kariavattom (Subject Expert).

Item No.23. Proposed ACE College of Arts and Science, kollamkavu, Pazhakutti, Nedumangadu (Unaided) for the academic year 2021-22 – Request seeking extension of time for rectification of defects – reg.

(Ac.BII)

The Manager, Manarul Huda Trust, EMKE Manzil, Kallattumukku, Manacaud had submitted an application for affiliation of a new Un Aided Arts and Science college viz. ACE College of Arts and Science, Kollamkavu, Pazhakutti, Nedumangadu for the academic year 2021-22.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 10.11.2020 vide item No.47.01 considered the applications for affiliation of new colleges received for the year 2021-22 and resolved to authorise the Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges to nominate members to inspection commissions to conduct Local Enquiry in respect of those applications which clear scrutiny by the Estate officer and Legal Advisor and to issue defect memo in respect of defective applications.

Accordingly, the file was forwarded to the Estate Officer and the Legal Advisor. They have noted certain deficiencies in the application.

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 02.08.2021 considered the status of the applications for affiliation of new colleges for 2021-22 and recommended to refer application for affiliation of proposed ACE College of Arts and Science, Kollamkavu, Pazhakutti, Nedumangadu to the Syndicate and to entrust Adv. Muralidharan Pillai G., Convenor, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges and Dr.S.Nazeeb, Member Syndicate to study the related files and to submit a report before the Syndicate.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 17.08.2021 considered the status of the application for affiliation of the proposed college along with the report submitted by Adv.Muralidharan Pillai G., Convenor, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges and Dr.S.Nazeeb, Member Syndicate and resolved to issue notice to the Manarul Huda Trust, EMKE Manzil, Kallattumukku, Manacaud to cure the defects and submit before 25.08.2021. Accordingly, vide letter dated 16.08.2021, the Educational Agency was intimated the defects and directed to rectify the defects on or before 25.08.2021.

But, the Managing Trustee, Manarul Huda Trust, Manacaud vide letter no.MHT/TO/45/21 dated 17.08.2021 has intimated that due to Muharam and Onam holidays there are only three working days before 25.08.2021(the date till which the Educational Agency time was given for rectification of defects), and that they have already initiated necessary action to get the defects rectified from the authorities concerned. Hence the Managing Trustee, Manarul Huda Trust, Manacaud has requested for granting sufficient reasonable time for submitting the necessary documents.

In the context of the expiry of time granted for rectification of defects in respect of the application for affiliation of the Proposed ACE College of Arts and Science (Unaided), Kollamkavu, Pazhakutti, Nedumangadu, the letter from the Managing Trustee, Manarul Huda Trust, Manacaud seeking extension of time was considered by the Vice Chancellor and ordered to place the matter before the Syndicate.

Accordingly, the letter dated 17.08.2021 from the Managing Trustee, Manarul Huda Trust, Manacaud seeking extension of time for rectification of defects and for submission of required documents in respect of the application for affiliation of the Proposed ACE College of Arts and Science, Kollamkavu, Pazhakutti, Nedumangadu (Unaided) is placed before the Syndicate for consideration and decision.

Resolution of the Syndicate

As per the decision of the Syndicate the Educational Agency (Manarul Huda Trust, Manacaud) was intimated to rectify the defects before 25th August, 2021, but the same has not been rectified. Since sufficient time has been granted, the Syndicate **RESOLVED** not to grant further extension of time for rectification of defects in respect of the application for affiliation of the Proposed ACE College of Arts and Science, Kollamkavu, Pazhakutti, Nedumangadu (Unaided)

Item No.24 Installation of solar PV Power Plant at Kerala University Library -reg:

(Ad.BI)

The authorities of the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation had selected the University Library Building, Palayam for the installation of Solar Panel at rooftop of the building, as part of the implementation of the Smart City Project. Accordingly, the University had given a willingness letter to Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Ltd.(SCTL), vide letter no Ad.BI (1).804/2015/014 dated 08.10.2018.

The General Manager, SCTL vide letter dated 08.11.2019 had informed that the work was awarded to the selected contractor and proceeded based on NOC's issued by Heads of Institutions and also, informed that the agreement for the said work is being executed and the contractor shall commence the work within 2 weeks. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 04.06.2020, vide item no.12.62, has considered the matter and resolved to entrust the Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Planning and Development to submit a report on Design, Supply, Installation, Erection, Testing & Commissioning, Operation & Maintenance of Grid-Tied Roof Mounted Solar PV Power Plant at Kerala University Library. The Syndicate at it's meeting held on 16.09.2020, vide item no 14, has considered the report submitted by the Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Planning and Development and resolved to accept the same and to initiate immediate steps for executing the agreement with Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Ltd. (SCTL) for the installation of Solar PV Power Plant at Kerala University Library after legal vetting. Also, the detailed site plan and drawing documents of the project were signed by the Registrar and same has been submitted to SCTL.

The SCTL, vide letter dated 17.08.2021 and email dated 24.08.2021, has requested to grant permission to start the project at the earliest since the materials and man power have been mobilized and allow the Engineer concerned and Technician for fixing the plant and to carry out operation and maintenance and requested a single point contact personnel for the permission and issuing gate pass to enter premises. Also, they have informed that the agreement should be made between the building owner/ consumer (who become the owner of the plant, ie., The Registrar, Kerala University) and KSEBL at the time of energisation and there is no other agreement between the funding agency with the building owner. Its scope is to Design, Supply, Installation, Erection, Testing & Commissioning, Operation & Maintenance of Grid-Tied Roof Mounted Solar PV Power Plant without any financial burden to building owner for five years.

Also, based on the request from SCTL, the Librarian (i/c), KUL may be entrusted as a single point contact personnel for permitting the Engineer concerned and Technician for fixing the plant and to carry out operation and maintenance of the same and issuing gate pass for transporting the materials for the said work.

As per the orders of the Vice chancellor, the request of SCTL seeking permission to start the work in respect of installing Solar Power Plant at rooftop of KUL, is placed before the Syndicate for consideration.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to grant permission to Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Ltd. (SCTL), to start the work for the installation of Solar Power Plant at Rooftop of Kerala University Library, Palayam. **FURTHER RESOLVED** to entrust the Convenor, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Planning and Development and Dr.S.Nazeeb, Member Syndicate to study the modalities for executing the agreement with Kerala State Electricity Board Limited (KSEBL).

Item No.25. Tender cum auction of University vehicles –Reporting of - reg:-

(Ad AIV)

The Syndicate at its meeting held *on* 24.03.2018vide item no. 33.64.11 resolved to agree to the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 09.03.2018 to condemn the vehicles which are idle and not in running condition.

As per the remarks from the Assistant Engineer (Mechanical) the University Vehicles KL 01 AL 6265, KL 01 T 4149 used in Admn wing, KL 01 AQ 311 used in Exam wing & KL 01 AS 2609, KL 01 AS 6429 attached in CD Unit have been sold through tender cum auction as detailed below.

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|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Vehicle No/Type | Auction Date | Name and Address of the | Sale Price and | UO.No |
| | | buyer | Tax Amount | |
| KL 01 AL 6265 | 11.11.2019 | Sri.Noushad A, S/O | Rs.32,000/- | 365/2020/UOK |
| Ambassador AC | | Aliyar Kunju, TC46/1011, | Rs.5,760/- | dated |
| Car | | Milk Colony Street, | | 29.01.2020 |
| | | Thiruvananthapuram | | |
| KL 01 T 4149 | | Sri.Nandu S Krishnan, | Rs.31,000/- | 2396/2020/UO |
| Ambassador AC | | Sreesivam, Venpakal PO, | Rs.5,580/- | K dated |
| Car | | Thiruvananthapuram | | 03.08.2020 |
| KL 01 AQ 311 | 22.01.2020 | Sri.Rajesh Kumar M, Valsala | Rs.51,000/- | |
| Mahindra Maxx | | Bhavan, Puthentheruvu, | Rs.9,690/- | |
| Festra 2WD | | Thiruvananthapuram | | |
| KL 01 AS 2609 | | Sri.PrahladanN, | Rs.45,600/- | Ad.AIV/KL |
| Mahindra Maxx | | Parambuvilakath Veedu, | Rs.8,208/- | 2609/6429/202 |
| Festra 2WD | 30.10.2020 | Thottamukku, | | 1 dated |
| KL 01 AS 6429 | | Pachalloo PO | Rs.39,100/- | 29.07.2021 |
| Mahindra Maxx | | | Rs.7,038/- | |
| Festra 2WD | | | | |

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor the matter is reported to Syndicate

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having accorded sanction as detailed above, be noted.

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Item No.26 Examination fee for New Generation PG programmes- proposal of fee structure – Consideration of- reg.

(Ac.AII)

The University of Kerala has introduced New Generation Post Graduate programmes in the Academic Year 2020-21. Since the Examination fee structure for the programmes is not yet finalized, the EGXI/A/B/C/III sections proposed that the existing examination fee structure for Post Graduate programmes under semester pattern in affiliated colleges may be extended for the New Generation Post Graduate programmes, as well.

The existing fee structure **introduced in 2001** is as follows:

| Name of | | Per | Per | Marklist | Applicatio | CV | Project/ Thesis/ | Miscella | Viva |
|----------------|------------|--------|---------|----------|------------|-----|------------------|----------|-------|
| examinations | | Theory | practic | | n fee | | Dissertation | neous | -voce |
| | | paper | al | | | | | | |
| MA/M.Sc/ | Regular | 100 | 125 | 50 | 30 | 300 | | | |
| M.Com/ MSW | Subsequen | 125 | 150 | 50 | 30 | 300 | | | |
| I, II, III sem | t | | | | | | | | |
| | appearance | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |

| MA/M.Sc/M.C | Regular | 125 | 150 | 100 | 30 | 300 | 250 | 130 | 125 |
|-------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| om./MSW | Subsequen | 125 | 150 | 100 | 30 | 300 | 250 | | 125 |
| IV sem | t | | | | | | | | |
| | appearence | | | | | | | | |

As per the orders of the Vice- Chancellor the proposal to implement the existing examination fee structure of Post Graduate programmes under semester pattern in affiliated colleges for the New Generation Post Graduate programmes, recommended by the Tabulation sections, is placed before the Syndicate for consideration and appropriate decision.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to implement the existing examination fee structure of Post Graduate programmes under semester pattern in affiliated colleges for the New Generation Post Graduate programmes for this academic year.

FURTHER RESOVLED that the item be referred to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance to enhance the fee structure for the next academic year.

Item No.27. University Institute of Technology – Regional Centre – Alappuzha – Arrears of Electricity Bill – Consideration of -Reg.

 $(Ad\ AVII(A))$

- Ref: 1. Letter No. BB/AT/SELF FINANCE/4/C. 8956/2020 21/16.11.2020 received from Assistant Engineer, Electrical Section, Alappuzha Town, forwarded by the Principal, University Institute of Technology, Regional Centre, Alappuzha.
 - 2. Letter No. Nil dated 28.12.2020 received from the Legal Adviser.
 - 3. Letter No. Ad AVII(A) / 31594/2020 dated 01.01.2021, to the Private Secretary to the Hon'ble Minister for Electricity.
 - 4. Letter No. BB/ AT/ DISCONNECTION/ SELF FINANCE/ 4/ C. 8956/ 2020- 21/ 20.01.2021 received from Assistant Engineer, Electrical Section, Alappuzha Town, forwarded by the Principal, University Institute of Technology, Regional Centre, Alappuzha.
 - 5. Letter No. UIT. Alp.2137/2021 dated 02.02.2021.
 - 6. Letter No.BB/AT/SELF FINANCE/Instalment/C.8956/2020-21/02.2021 from Assistant Engineer, Electrical Town Section, Alappuzha forwarded by the Principal UIT, Alappuzha.
 - 7. Minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 17.02.2021, Item No.23.60.
 - 8. Letter No. UIT. Alp.2138/2021 dated 03.03.2021 received from the Principal, University Institute of Technology, Regional Centre, Alappuzha.
 - 9. Letter No. EC- ALP/GB1/Complaints-SF/21-22/62 dated 26.04.2021 received from the Deputy Chief Engineer, Kerala State Electricity Board Limited.
 - 10. Letter No. SDA/ GB1/ CMO Complaint V P Mahadevan Pillai/ 2021 22/ 454 dated 25.08.2021 received from the Executive Engineer, Alappuzha.

The Principal, University Institute of Technology, Regional Centre, Alappuzha has forwarded the letter read as (1) above, received from the Assistant Engineer, Electrical Section, Alappuzha Town. In this letter it is informed that based on the Judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 20.02.2020, the LT VI A tariff of electricity bill was changed to LT VIIA and arrear amount of Rs.4,53,428/- (Rupees four lakh fifty three thousand four hundred and twenty eight only) for the period 15.09.2009 to 08.02.2011 have to be remitted on or before 28.12.2020.

As per the report from the Legal Adviser, vide paper read as (2) above, it is advisable to comply with the judgement and pay the arrears of electricity charges as demanded by the Asst. Engineer, KSEB, Alappuzha. At the same time, University may take up the issue before the Government and request for relaxation in enhanced tariff. Also, the University may enlighten the KSEB authorities on their misconceptions and request to revise the electricity tariff similar to that of Govt./ Aided Educational Institutions.

Accordingly, the same was informed to the Private Secretary to the Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, vide paper read as (3) above and requested to take necessary steps to waive the arrears of electricity charges as demanded by the Assistant Engineer, Electrical Section, Town, Alappuzha and also requested to take necessary steps to fix the electricity tariff of all UITs similar to that of

Govt./Aided Institutions. Meanwhile, the Principal, University Institute of Technology, Regional Centre, Alappuzha approached the K.S.E.B for relaxation of payment and extension of date of payment. The Private Secretary to the Hon'ble Minister for Electricity has informed that the letter from the University has been handed over to the Director (Distribution L.T.) KSEBL- Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal, University Institute of Technology, Regional Centre, Alappuzha has then forwarded the letter read as (4) above, received from the Assistant Engineer, Electrical Section, Alappuzha Town. In this letter it is informed that the amount of Rs. 4,53,428/- (Rupees four lakh fifty hree thousand four hundred and twenty eight only) have to be remitted on or before 04.02.2021. Otherwise the electricity connection will be disconnected without any further notice.

As per the orders of the Vice – Chancellor, a request letter has been given to the Executive Engineer, K.S.E.B, Alappuzha Division to allow the payment of arrears in 10 installments and entrusted the Principal, University Institute of Technology, Regional Centre, Alappuzha to pay an amount of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) to K.S.E.B from PTA Fund as first installment and to make a temporary solution to this issue and the matter is reported to the Syndicate.

The Principal, UIT Alappuzha, has informed that based on the letter given to the Executive Engineer, the Assistant Engineer, Electrical Town Section, Alappuzha has issued an installment sanction order. The total arrear amount of Rs.4,53,428/- (Rupees four lakh fifty three thousand four hundred and twenty eight only) is divided into 6 installments. The first installment of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) paid on 02.02.2021 and the balance amount is divided into 5 installments and each installment amounted to around Rs.80,700/- (Rupees Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred only) and the due dates are 02.03.2021, 03.04.2021, 03.05.2021, 02.06.2021 and 02.07.2021.

The Syndicate in its meeting held on 17.02.2021, Item No. 23.60, paper read as (7) above, resolved to send letters to the Minister for Higher Education, Minister for Electricity and Minister for Public Works and Registration, requesting to waive the arrears of Electricity charges as demanded by the Assistant Engineer, Electrical Section, Alappuzha and to fix the electricity tariff of all UIT's similar to that of Government/ Aided Institutions. And, further resolved to intimate the Principal, UIT, Alappuzha to take necessary steps to remit the 2nd installment.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice – Chancellor, letters were send to the Minister for Higher Education, Minister for Electricity and Minister for Public Works and Registration. And also, informed the Principal, UIT, Alappuzha to take necessary steps to remit the 2nd installment of Rs.80,628/- (Rupees eighty thousand six hundred and twenty eight only) to the electricity bill no. 5502111100022 dated 22.11.2011 from PTA Fund of the Institutions and report the University.

The Principal, UIT, Alappuzha has informed that an amount of Rs.80,628/- (Rupees eighty thousand six hundred and twenty eight only) was remitted on 03.03.2021 as second installment of the arrears of electricity charge, drawn from PTA Fund. And also informed that there is stiff resistance from the PTA executive committee for taking PTA fund to clear arrears and requested for an urgent intervention at higher level is needed to settle the matter with KSEB., vide paper read as (8) above.

The Hon'ble Vice – Chancellor has ordered to place matter before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance. The Syndicate at its 26th meeting held on 13.04.2021 resolved to approve the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 09.04.2021 to authorize the Principal, UIT, Alappuzha to remit third installment of arrears of electricity charge from PTA Fund. And, also to address the Chairman, KSEB, requesting to waive arrears of electricity charges and to entrust the Registrar to take necessary follow up action in this regard. The same has been done.

Meanwhile, as per our complaint before the Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, it is informed that in the light of Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgement on various Special Leave Petitions on 20.02.2020, all self finance institutions, irrespective of Government/ Private/ Aided or Unaided, are liable to pay current charge as fixed by the Hon'ble Kerala State Tariff Regulatory Commission Tariff order w.e.f 01.12.2007. Based on the judgement and tariff order, we are requested to settle the arrears of Consumer No. 1155022008956 at the earliest in order to avert further proceedings and to provide better service.

The matter was placed before the Syndicate held on 07.05.2021 has resolved to inform the matter to the Chief Minister, Minister of Higher Education and Minister of Electricity, Government of Kerala, requesting to waive the arrears of electricity charges as demanded by the Assistant Engineer,

Electrical Section, Alappuzha and to fix the electricity tariff of all UITs similar as that of Government/ Aided Institutions. Accordingly, the same has been done.

The Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, Alappuzha has now informed that the LT VII A tariff applied to the UIT Alappuzha is in accordance with the tariff system prevailing in KSEBL as per the tariff order of the KSERC and also applauded by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. And, Also informed that our request for changing the tariff from VII A to VI A and to waive the surcharge are not admissible and requested to remit all the dues at the earliest, vide reference (10) above.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has ordered to place matter before the Syndicate for consideration and appropriate recommendations.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to delegate Adv.K.H.Babujan, Sri.J.Jairaj, Sri.B.P.Murali, Adv.G.Muraleedharan Pillai, Members Syndicate have a discussion with the Minister for Electricity and Minister for Higher Education and Social Justice to waive the arrears of electricity charges as demanded by the Assistant Engineer, Electrical Section, Alappuzha and to fix the electricity tariff of all UITs similar as that of Government/ Aided Institution.

Item No.28

Students discipline – change of marks in revaluation memo – Mr. Faizal Khan A.S – sixth semester (5 year) Integrated BA LLB Examination January 2018 – penalty – Reporting of - reg.

(EGI)

Shri.Faizal Khan A.S, candidate for 6th Semester supplementary examination for BA LLB (Integrated) Govt. Law College, Trivandrum submitted application for effecting change in revaluation marks for Paper III, Administrative Law for which he had purportedly received change from of 28 to 35 marks, whereas on verification it was found that the revaluation memo submitted by the candidate was not true and that there was no actual change of marks.

Based on hearing conducted by the Students Discipline Committee, the Syndicate at its meeting held on 25.05.2019 resolved to permanently debar him from appearing for any University examination on charges of manipulating the revaluation memo.

As per interim order of the Honourable High Court of Kerala dated 05.07.2019 the petitioner was permitted to appear for 10^{th} semester July 2019 examination provisionally. Meanwhile, the University had withheld the results of the 9^{th} Semester February 2019 and 10^{th} Semester July 2019 in respect of the said candidate.

As per interim order dated 16.12.2020 and 18.01.2021 of the Honourable High Court of Kerala, the petitioner was at liberty to expunge punishment on tendering unconditional apology. But the apology statement furnished by the petitioner was such that he pleaded innocence and laid the blame on the University. This fact was brought to the notice of the Honourable High Court of Kerala, where upon the Honourable Court issued interim order dated 30.07.2021 stating that the petitioner cannot be given a leverage to dictate terms as per his choice, considering the fact that he has already been dismissed by the college, and that he shall be given one more opportunity to submit his apology.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 17.08.2021 considered the apology statements furnished by the Petitioner and authorised the Pro- Vice Chancellor for suggestions for appropriate disposal in accordance with the verdict of the Honourable High Court of Kerala.

The PVC noted that though the petitioner had not submitted an unconditional apology, the University may consider mollifying the gravity of the punishment by reducing the quantum of punishment of permanent debar to that, for a period preferably of 3 years subject to

- 1. The result of the exam already written by the candidate being declared after the period of debar.ie, after 3 years from the date of submission of the fake document
- 2. Further he being permitted to appear for supplementary exams, if any, only after the period of debar.

The Vice Chancellor has therefore sanctioned, subject to reporting to Syndicate, the reduction of penalty of permanent debar imposed upon Sri. Faizal Khan, petitioner, to that for a period of 3 years from the date of submission of revaluation memo on 14.12.2018, with the examinations appeared by him being treated as valid with the results being declared only on or after 14.12.2021, and his being permitted to register for supplementary examination, if any, only on the basis of notification valid on or after 14.12.2021.

U.O.No. EG1(b)/ LLB(INTEGRATED)/2021dtd 31.08.2021 has been issued.

The matter is reported to the Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having accorded sanction as detailed above, be noted.

Item No.29. UGC Regulations 2010- Career Advancement Scheme - Placement of Dr. Hemachandran Nair G., Assistant Librarians (Rtd) - reg.

(Ad.DII)

Dr. Hemachadran Nair G., Assistant Librarian had requested to grant him placement to the post of Assistant Librarian (Senior Scale) and (Selection Grade) under Career Advancement Scheme of UGC Regulations, 2010. He has attached copy of the judgment dated 30.03.2021 of the Writ petition filed by him before the Hon'ble High Court.

Dr. Hemachandran Nair G. was promoted as Assistant Librarian w.e.f. 05.10.2007 and had opted for UGC scale wef 05.10.2007. However, when UGC Regulations, 2010 was adopted, the provision for exercising option to UGC scale of pay to the Library staff was stopped vide UO ADAV.1/6904/19 dated 07.09.2019 and the appointment of Library Staff in UGC scale of pay being allowed through direct appointment as Assistant Librarian.

However, those who opted for UGC scale were denied either promotion through state scale or career advancement through UGC Regulations. Hence, the 6 incumbents then in service requested for granting them eligible placement as per UGC Regulations, 2010. The Vice-Chancellor, while considering their request sought legal advice and as per the legal opinion, the Syndicate, held on 22.11.2019, vide item no.6.84, resolved to grant grade promotion/ placement to the Assistant Librarians who opted UGC Scheme as per UGC Regulations in force from time to time subject to the final outcome of the cases in the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala.

However, as per clause 6.3.9 of UGC Regulations, 2010, the incumbent must be on role and active service of the University/ Colleges on the date of consideration by the Selection Committee for selection/ CAS promotion and it was decided to consider the application of placement of those who are in service only. As Dr.Hemachandran Nair G., and Dr. Jalaja Kumari C. retired from service on 31.07.2019 and 31.03.2020 respectively, the applications of 4 incumbents who were in active service were only considered and provisional promotions were given subject to the final outcome of all pending cases in this regard.

Hence, Dr. Hemachandran Nair G. filed a petition WP(C).No.18920/2019 to the Hon'ble High Court for getting his due placement under Career Advancement Scheme. On March 30th 2021, the Hon.High court heard the petitioner and issued judgment directing the University to sanction the benefits of promotion by adding them on to the retirement benefits and to exercise the same within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of the judgment.

Meantime, Dr. Jalajakumari C., retired Assistant Librarian who is similarly placed, has also submitted request to grant her placement on strength of the above judgment. Hence, the matter was placed before the Syndicate held on 07.05.2021. The Syndicate, vide item 27.41, resolved to refer the matter to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Staff, Equipment and Buildings for urgent recommendation, since the judgment period of two months ends on May 2021.

Thus the matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Staff, Equipment and Buildings held on 21.05.2021. The Committee considered the matter and recommended to authorize the learned Standing Counsel for filing a petition before the Hon'ble High Court, praying enlargement of time for implementing the judgment on WP(c) No.18290 of 2019(L) dated 30.03.2021, considering the lockdown restrictions imposed by the Government Kerala, due to the second surge of COVID-19. The same was filed before the court seeking time enlargement till 10.08.2021.

The committee further recommended to seek legal opinion from the learned Standing Counsel on the following:

1. Whether evaluation by a Screening cum Evaluation Committee is needed for verifying the eligibility on granting placement to Dr.Hemachandran Nair G as the High Court vide judgment dated 30.03.2021, has directed the University "to sanction the benefits of promotion by adding them on to the retirement benefits."

- 2. Whether the request submitted by Dr.JalajaKumari C for granting placement under CAS can be considered, in the light of the above said judgment and also on the objection raised by Kerala State Audit Department at the time of her retirement, as she is one among the 6 incumbents who were considered as vanishing group and was similarly placed as Dr.Hermachandran Nair G.
- 3. Whether the compliance of judgment will lead to a situation in which former employees including teachers and Assistant Librarians who had retired from service, but not granted placement due to various reasons, approach either the University or the Court seeking similar relief, as stated in the judgment dated 30.03.2021.

In reply to the queries the Standing Counsel vide letter No.TA/SC-LO-21/2021 dated 19/7/2021, opined that "Since the captioned judgment has become final and binding, the same has to be implemented dehors the superannuation of the two employees. The legal requirement of undergoing the procedure contemplated for CAS is also apparently waived as verification of API score by a screening/selection committee is not contemplated in the UGC Regulations in the case of retired employees. This relief was granted by the Hon'ble High Court in view of the benefits enjoyed by other similarly placed employees. Apparently, the Hon'ble Court was ensuring the right to get an equal treatment to identically placed persons. The delay occurred on the part of the University to take any decision in respect of the employees eligible to be considered as a group for the grant of the benefits now they are found to be entitled, cannot be cited as a reason for denial of the benefits to any one among them as the same would be violative of the dictum of the Hon'ble Court declared in the captioned judgment. This judgment can be used as a precedent only by those employees who opted UGC scale on the basis of the proposal made by the University and not by anybody else. It is very clear from the facts of the case and the direction of the Hon'ble Court that the same reflects a decision rendered in a highly exceptional situation. It is worth considering in this context that the University also considered these employees as a vanishing group. But the reasons leading to the same explicitly reveals that the date of the said decision is immaterial and on the basis of that aspect alone, any employee in the library satisfying the parameters cannot be excluded from the benefits arising out of such a decision. All the three aspects raised are answered as above."

Further, vide email dated 11.08.2021, the Legal Adviser opined that, "on perusal of the judgments in W.P (C) No. 33758/2017 & 18920/2019 as well as opinion rendered by the learned Standing Counsel, it is seen that, the petitioners in both the Writ Petitions have raised claim for their CAS placement in due time and approached the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala. Further, the University had already taken a decision to treat the six incumbents including the petitioners as a vanishing group and also to promote them in accordance with UGC Regulations, 2010 (Placement under CAS). Statutory pre-requisites for CAS placement as per UGC regulations 2010 are:-

- 1. There shall be a duly constituted Screening cum Evaluation Committee.
- 2. The incumbent shall be in the roll and in active service as on the date of consideration by the Committee.

As regards the first aspect, it is appropriate to get the suitability of the petitioners for CAS benefits be assessed by a duly constituted Screening cum Evaluation Committee in accordance with the provisions stipulated in UGC Regulations, 2010 either physically or through video conferencing.

In the light of the opinion rendered by the learned Standing Counsel as well as in the light of the claims raised by the petitioners in time, I would like to clarify that; the condition second above can be waived in terms of the judgments passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in this regard."

The matter regarding granting placement to the retired Assistant Librarians, Dr.Hemachandran Nair G and Dr.Jalaja Kumari C, under Career Advancement Scheme of UGC Regulations, 2010, was placed before the Syndicateheld on 17.08.2021 for urgent consideration. The Syndicate vide item no.31.118, resolved to authorise the Vice-Chancellor to take appropriate decision to comply with the judgement of the Hon'ble High Court.

Accordingly, the Vice-Chancellor has constituted a special committee with members Dr.B.Mini Devi, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Dr.Jamuna B.S., the then Dean, Faculty of Arts, Dr. Meena T. Pillai, the Dean, Faculty of Arts to verify the eligibility of the candidate for placement under Career Advancement Scheme and entrusted the committee to submit report on or before 31.08.2021. The committee verified the eligibility and submitted report on 31.08.2021.

Hence as per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the report of the Special Committee constituted for verifying the eligibility of Dr. Hemachandran Nair G., Assistant Librarian (Rtd.) for placement to the post of Assistant Librarian (Senior Scale) under Career Advancement Scheme of UGC Regulations, 2010 is placed before the Syndicate for consideration and appropriate decision thereof.

Resolution of the Syndicate

The Syndicate considered the report of the Special Committee and **RESOLVED** to grant Dr.Hemachandran Nair.G, Assistant Librarian (Retd.) placement as Assistant Librarian (Senior Scale) (Stage 1 to Stage 2) under Career Advancement Scheme w.e.f. 28.12.2013 as per the UGC Regulations, 2010.

Item No. 30. Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Centre for Global Academics held on 31.08.2021 - approval of - reg.

(AcB1)

The Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Centre for Global Academics held on 31.08.2021, is submitted for approval of the Syndicate.

The Minutes of the meeting is appended for consideration and approval.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRE FOR GLOBAL ACDEMICS

Day : Tuesday
Date : 31.08.2021
Time : 2.00 p.m

Venue : Vice Chancellor's Chamber

Members Present:

| 1. | Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair) | Sd/- |
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| 2. | Dr. S. Nazeeb, Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate | |
| | on Academics & Research | Online |
| 3. | Finance Officer | Sd/- |
| 4. | Dr. Sabu Joseph, Director, CGA | Sd/- |
| 3. | Dr. A. Bijukumar, Vice Chairman, CSS | Online |
| 4. | Dr. Christabell. P.J, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Future Studies | Online |
| 5. | Shri. Sreekumar K.N., Asst. Professor and Head(i/c), Dept. of German | Sd/- |
| 6. | Dr. Subodh G, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Physics | Sd/- |
| 7. | Dr. Suhara Beevy S, Professor, Dept. of Botany | Online |
| 8. | Dr. Abhayan G.S., Asst. Professor, Dept. of Archaeology | Sd/- |
| 9. | Dr. Shiburaj S., Professor, Dept. of Botany | Online |

The meeting began at 2.00 pm. The following items were discussed & recommendations made.

Item No. 30.01 Request for Certificate of Affiliation in respect of 8 foreign scholars to participate in the project in collaboration with Department of Archaeology for five years from the mid August 2021-reg:-

Dr. Rajesh S V, Assistant Professor, Dept of Archaeology, University of Kerala through the Head, Dept. Of Archaeology has submitted a proposal for granting short term affiliation to the eight scholars Dr. Francesc C Conesa, Dr. Juan Jose Garcia- Granero, Dr. Natalia Eguez, Dr. Brad Chase, Dr. Arnau Garcia Molsosa, Dr. Charusmita Surendra Gaadekar, Mr. Mare Cardenas and Dr. Alfredo Mayoral for a tenure of five years from the mid August 2021.

Dr. Rajesh S.V states that Dept of Archaeology, University of Kerala has engaged in archaeological research on Harappan Civilization for the past eight years and these eight scholars are interested to work in collaboration with the current archaeological excavation project in Gujarat (Multidisciplinary Approach to understand Land- use Strategies and Cultural Landscape of Kuchchh, Gujarat during Indus Age).

The details of the scholars is described below.

| Sl No | Scholars to be affiliated | Institution of the Scholar |
|-------|---------------------------|--|
| 1 | Dr. Francesc C Conesa | ICAC-Catalan Institute of Classical Archaeology, |
| | | Placa d'en Rovellat, s/n,43003, Tarragona, SPAIN |

| 2 | Dr. Juan Jose Garcia- Granero | Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, |
|---|---------------------------------|---|
| | | Institucio Mila i Fontanals, Spanish National |
| | | Research Council, Barcelona, Spain |
| 3 | Dr. Natalia Eguez | University of La Laguna, Spain |
| 4 | Dr.Brad Chase | Albion College, Department of Anthropology and |
| | | Sociology,611 E.Porter Street, Albion, MI |
| | | 49224,USA |
| 5 | Dr.Arnau Garcia - Molsosa | ICAC -Catalan Institute of Classical Archaeology, |
| | | Placa d'en Rovellat, s/n, 43003, Tarragona, SPAIN |
| | Dr.Charusmita Surendra Gardekar | CaSEs Research Group, Department of |
| 6 | | Archaeology and Anthropology, IMF -CSIC, |
| | | Barcelona, Spain |
| 7 | Mr. Marc Cardenas | University of Barcelona, Spain |
| 8 | Dr. Alfredo Mayoral | ICAC -Catalan Institute of Classical Archaeology, |
| | • | Placa d'en Rovellat,s/n,43003, Tarragona, SPAIN |

Dr. Rajesh S V has requested the Short term Affiliation to the above eight scholars in the project entitled "Kachchh Archaeological Project: Trade, Pastoralism and the Origins of the Indus Civilization". The Excavation work is expected to commence from the mid-August 2021 for a duration of five years.

The HoD stated that the above mentioned eight candidates are highly skilled archaeologists specialized in Remote sensing, Field Archaeology and Geographical Information System, Isotope studies, lithic analyses, soil micromorphology, etc. The above mentioned scholars will provide field training, classroom lectures and lab training to the students of Dept. of Archaeology, University of Kerala.

They have arranged funds from their end which have been offered to be utilized for the expensive Scientific analyses and procurement of satellite images related to the project.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the request for granting short term affiliation, Issuance of Certificate of Affiliation for five years and letter of Invitations to the eight scholars Dr.Francesc C Conesa, Dr. Juan Jose Garcia- Granero, Dr. Natalia Eguez, Dr. Brad Chase, Dr. Arnau Garcia Molsosa, Dr. Charusmita Surendra Gaadekar, Mr. Mare Cardenas and Dr. Alfredo Mayoral is placed before the Executive committee of the Centre for Global Academics for consideration.

Recommendations:

Recommended to issue Certificate of Affiliation ensuring the following

- 1. Students and faculty of Department of Archaeology, University of Kerala may be allowed to participate academic activities in the foreign University concerned.
- 2. Joint paper publication may be assured.
- 3. Subject to the approval of Ministry of Culture / Archaeological Survey of India.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendations of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Centre for Global Academics held on 31.08.2021, be approved.

Item No. 30.02. Joint Research Programme with Istambul University, reg.

Ref: Request made by Dr. Shiburaj S, Professor Department of Botany, University of Kerala, Kariavattom, and forwarded by the HOD of Botany, University of Kerala.

The Head, Department of Botany, University of Kerala, Kariavattom has forwarded and recommended a request received from Dr. Shiburaj S, Professor Department of Botany, University of Kerala, Kariavattom, seeking permission to co-supervise the joint research programme of Ms. Thahiya Naushad (Indian citizen) currently doing her PhD at Istanbul University under the supervision of Prof. Dr.Irfan Turetgen, Faculty of Science, Istanbul University, Turkey in collaboration with Istanbul University.

Dr. Shiburaj S has expressed his consent to accommodate the scholar under his supervision and requested to provide the necessary facilities to carry out her research programme.

The collaboration with Universities of friendly countries is always welcomed at the University of Kerala. However, the bilateral relationship between India and Turkey is not in usual terms. Also, the MOU with Istanbul University and the University of Kerala is not yet materialised.

As ordered by the Vice-Chancellor the matter is placed before the CGA Executive Committee for recommendation (1) whether to proceed with the proposal for a joint Research programme with Istanbul University (2) whether a special clearance be sought from the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, with regard to the research collaboration with the Istanbul University, Turkey.

Recommendations:

Permission may be sanctioned to Dr. Shiburaj S to co-supervise the joint research programme of Ms. Thahiya Naushad subject to the signing of an MoU with Istambul University, Turkey.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendations of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Centre for Global Academics held on 31.08.2021, be approved.

Item No. 30.03.

Centre for Renewable Energy and Materials- Hon.Director and Professor of department of Chemistry requesting permission for, Dr.Aslam Hossain who has recently completed Ph.D from Ural Federal University and als o interested in associating with the Centre as a visiting Post Doctoral Fellow to work on' Solar Water Splitting for Hydrogen Generation' at the Centre, temporarily for a duration of six months -reg:

(Ac.D)

Prof. S.M.A Shibli, Hon.Director, Centre for Renewable Energy and Materials, University of Kerala has forwarded a letter through the Director, Centre for Global Academics requesting permissi on for , Dr.Aslam Hossain who has recently completed Ph D from Ural Federal University, Yekat erinburg, Russia, interested in associating with the Centre as a visiting Post Doctoral Fellow to work on 'Solar Water Splitting for Hydrogen Generation' temporarily for a duration of six months without any financial commitment to the University. The Centre is interested in associating with experienced researchers in the field of Clean Energy research.

His eligibility criteria and expertise shall be ascertained before granting permission work as a visiting Post Doctoral fellow. Prof.S.M.A Shibli has suggested that Dr.Aslam Hossain may apply for any other formal Post-Doctoral position during his working at the centre.

As per orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding 'permission to a visiting fore ign research fellow to work in the Centrefor Renewable Energy and Materias, University of Kerala temporarily for a duration of six months' is placed before CGA Executive Committee, for consideration.

Recommendations:

Clarifications may be sought from the Dean, Faculty of Science regarding the academic and other related matters of the feasibility of the above programme and the same may be placed before the next CGA Committee.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendations of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Centre for Global Academics held on 31.08.2021, be approved.

Item No. 30.04: Department of Archaeology – Collaboration agreement between University of Kerala and University of Cambridge, United Kingdom - reg.

(AcD)

The Head, Department of Archaeology, University of Kerala has forwarded a letter along with a Collaboration Agreement between University of Cambridge and University of Kerala requesting to approve the same.

The details of Collaboration Agreement:

The Collaboration Agreement titled 'Mapping Archaeological Heritage in South Asia' (MAHSA) for research work or benefit to the economy, society, culture, public policy or services, Health Organisation or individuals in any geographic location whether locally, regionally, nationally or internationally.

The Head, Dept. of Archaeology has submitted a draft of MoU with the University of cambridge, in fact it is in the form of Project Agreement. Moreover, duration of MoU is not specified. Starting and ending date of Project is clearly mentioned.

The legal adviser has vetted the draft of Memorandum of Understanding with University of Cambridge, United Kingdom and remarked that the same is legally in order.

As per orders of the Vice Chancellor, the proposal for Collaboration Agreement between University of Cambridge, United Kingdom and University of Kerala, India is placed before the executive committee of the Centre for Global Academics for consideration.

Recommendations:

MoU may be signed after getting the approval of Ministry of Culture /Archaeological Survey of India.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendations of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Centre for Global Academics held on 31.08.2021, be approved.

Item No. 30. Additional .01

Request for change of subject in UG from Physics to Computer Science in the case of an ICCR scholarship awarded student for 2021-22, Mr. Rafi Ullah Lodin (Afganistan) and in PG Daniel Mwaibata (Tanzania) from M.Tech Computer Science to M.Sc Computer Science.

A request received from Mr. Rafi Ullah Lodin, an ICCR scholarship awarded student from Afghanistan for the year 2021-22 to change the subject from Physics to Computer Science for UG programme. The Head of Department of Computer Science scrutinized the application and approved his eligibility for Computer Science. The matter is placed before the CGA subject to the approval of the ICCR.

A request received from Mr. Daniel Mwaibata, an ICCR scholarship awarded student from Tanzania for the year 2021-22 to change the subject from *M.Tech Computer Science to M.Sc Computer Science* for PG programme. The Head of Department of Computer Science scrutinized the application and approved his eligibility for M.Sc Computer Science. The matter is placed before the CGA subject to the approval of the ICCR.

Recommendations:

The Committee approved the change of subject from Physics to Computer Science in the case of Mr. Rafi Ullah Lodin for UG programme and the change of subject from M.Tech Computer Science to M.Sc Computer Science in the case of Mr. Daniel Mwaibata for PG programme subject to the approval of ICCR.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendations of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Centre for Global Academics held on 31.08.2021, be approved.

Item No. 30.Additional .02

Request for issuing Bonafied certificate from University of Kerala for submitting to FRRO to change VISA in the case of ICCR scholarship awarded PG students (2021-22) now residing in India.

A total of 48 students provisionally selected for ICCR scholarship to pursue studies in University of Kerala for the academic year 2021-22. Out of these some of the students are now in India and they want to change the visa from FRRO, Govt. of India. They need a Bonafide Certificate from the Head of the Institution to submit FRRO for the same. Since these students are not joined for the courses, permission is needed for the early admission of the students in University of Kerala. Bonafide Certificate can be issued once students joined the programme.

Recommendations:

Agreed to provide Bonafide Certificate to the needy students for the purpose of changing visa. Early admission of foreign students may be permitted for issuing Bonafide Certificate to be submitted to the FRRO for changing visa.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendations of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Centre for Global Academics held on 31.08.2021, be approved.

Item No. 30.Additional .03

Request to help the ICCR scholarship awarded students especially from Afganistan to come to University of Kerala to join various programs.

Recommendations:

CGA suggested the students to submit a request in favour of Vice Chancellor to help them come to India with the assistance of Central Government taking into consideration of the present political crisis in Afghanistan. The University will compile the request of students and will be forwarded to the Chief Minister of Kerala for further action.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendations of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Centre for Global Academics held on 31.08.2021, be approved.

Item No. 30 Additional 04.

Request for permission to start early admission for foreign students of PG and UG for the academic year 2021-22.

Recommendations:

Early admission of foreign students may be permitted for the smooth completion of admission process which includes change of visa, registration in FRRO, joining of online programme etc.

The meeting came to the end at 3.00 PM

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendations of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Centre for Global Academics held on 31.08.2021, be approved.

Item No.31 Probation Declaration in the post of Deputy Registrar - Sri.Saji.C.S -Reporting ofreg.

(Ad.A1)

Sri.Saji.C.S, vide U.O No.Ad.A1.4/7404/20 dated 19-06-2020 was promoted to the post of Deputy Registrar w.e.f 19-06-2020. He was reverted to the post of Assistant Registrar (Hr.Gr) w.e.f 25.08.2020 vide U.ONo.Ad.A1.4/7404/20 dated 25-08-2020. Sri.Saji.C.S, vide U.O No. Ad.A1.4/7404/2020 dated 16-12-2020 was promoted to the post of Deputy Registrar again w.e.f 16.12.2020. He has completed six months of duty in the post of Deputy Registrar on 10-04-2021 AN.

Sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor to declare the Probation of Sri.Saji.C.S, Deputy Registrar on 11-04-2021 FN on completion of six months of duty and U.O No.Ad.A1/4269/2021/UOK dated 13-08-2021 to that effect was also issued.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor the matter is reported to Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having accorded sanction as detailed above, be noted.

How No 22 LICE Decorations 2019 Clarification on Appointment of Assistant Professors is

Item No.32 UGC Regulations 2018- Clarification on Appointment of Assistant Professors in University Departments and Affiliated Colleges-Consideration of- reg.

(Ac.FII)

The UGC had promulgamated the UGC Regulations 2018 which includes the regulations for the Direct Appointment and CAS promotion of Teaching staff of University Departments and Aided Colleges on 17 July 2018. The said regulations was placed before the Academic Council held on 13.03.2019 and the said regulations was approved in to with some modifications and additions. With regard to the selection of Assistant Professors in University Departments and Aided Colleges, the Academic Council resolved that 'a maximum of 20 marks be allotted for interview in addition to the maximum of 100 marks allocated in the regulations for shorlisting of candidates.'

Based on the UGC Regulations University order was issued approving the implementation of UGC Regulations 2018 along with the templates vide UO No.Ac.FII/General/UGC-R-2018/2019 dated 02.09.2019.

In the above templates for selection of Assistant Professors in Colleges the grand total to be taken for ranking purpose is given as 120 (100 marks for Academic Credentials and 20 marks for interview performance).

Many Educational Agencies of the Aided Arts and Science colleges affiliated to the University of Kerala had either,

1. Prepared ranklist in accordance with the templates included in the UO No.Ac.FII/ General/UGC-R-2018/2019 dated 02.09.2019.

OR

2. Prepared ranklist in accordance with the marks scored by the candidates in the interview alone in accordance with UGC Regulations 2018.

Since the above mentioned UO was interpreted in different manner, there occurred an ambiguity regarding the criteria to be followed in regard to selection of Assistant Professors in Aided Colleges affiliated to University of Kerala. Several complaints were also received in the University against the mode of selection followed by different Educational Agencies in this regard due to third ambiguity.

In the above circumstances the Syndicate at its meeting held on considered the above matter and resolved to issue a circular directing all managements to temporarily keep the interviews for the appointment of Assistant Professors at Aided Colleges in hold, until further orders are issued. As such a circular dated 19.05.2021 was issued to the above effect.

As per UGC Regulations 2018, for the purpose of selection of Assistant Professor, the Academic score as prescribed in Appendix III, Table 3 A for Universities and 3 B for Colleges, shall be considered for short-listing of candidates for interview only and the selections shall be based on performance in the interview.

- 1. As per Note B of Table 3B: Criteria for short listing of candidates for interview for the post of Assistant Professors in **Colleges**, 'Number of candidates called to the interview shall be decided by the college' and
- 2. As per Note B of Table 3A: Criteria for short listing of candidates for interview for the post of Assistant Professors in **Universities,** 'Number of candidates called to the interview shall be decided by the concerned Universities.'

In order to bring a clarity and uniformity in the selection process of Assistant Professors in the Affiliated Aided colleges, within the ambit of the UGC Regulations 2018, the University decided to constitute a sub committee chaired by Pro-Vice-Chancellor to study the matter and to submit a report. As such the sub-committee convened on 17.05.2021 to discuss the criteria to be followed in the selection of Assistant Professors in the entry cadre in Affiliated Arts and Science Colleges in tune with the UGC Regulations 2018.

In the interview for appointment of Assistant Professors in Aided Colleges, based on UGC Regulations 2018, the sub-committee suggested to give due weightage to academic credentials so as to maintain superior standards in selection process.

The sub committee also discussed the following criteria regarding the number of candidates to be called for in the interview for the selection of Assistant Professors:

A- University Departments

• All the eligible applicants having score as specified in Appendix II (Table 3A) for Universities, and Appendix II (Table 3B) for Colleges above cut-off (75 in the case of Universities and 60 in the case Colleges) will be shortlisted for interview. However, if the total number of eligible candidates such arrived is less than 10 + ((N-1)5), the cut-off score should be lowered so that the minimum number of shortlisted candidates is 10 + ((N-1)5), where N is the number of vacancies. In case, if the total number of eligible candidates is less than this number (10 + ((N-1)5)) all the eligible candidates be shortlisted for participating in the interview. If there are more candidates with minimum cutoff score arrived, all such candidates shall also be called for interview. When 'Open' and 'Reserved' posts are notified simultaneously, the applicants belonging to reserved communities should also be considered

- against 'Open' vacancies if they satisfy the cut off score arrived in the selection process for the open vacancies.
- In the case of posts reserved for a particular community all the eligible applicants belonging to that community having score as specified in Appendix II (Table 3A) for Universities, and Appendix II (Table 3B) for Colleges above cut-off (75 in the case of Universities and 60 in the case Colleges) will be shortlisted for interview. However, if the total number of eligible candidates belonging to that particular community such arrived is less than 10 + ((N-1)5), the cut-off score should be lowered so that the number of shortlisted candidates is 10 + ((N-1)5), where N is the number of vacancies. In case, if the total number of eligible candidates belonging to that particular community is less than this number (10 + ((N-1)5)) all the eligible candidates be shortlisted for participating in the interview. If there are more candidates with minimum cutoff score arrived, all such candidates shall also be called for interview.
- The shortlisted candidates as per the above criteria only will be called for the interview.
 Ability of teaching and /or research aptitude of the Candidates will also be assessed during the interview through a seminar or lecture or discussion as envisaged in the UGC regulations 2018.

B- Affiliated Colleges

• All the eligible applicants having score as specified in Appendix II (Table 3A) for Universities, and Appendix II (Table 3B) for Colleges will be shortlisted for interview.

From among the eligible candidates, 10 candidates are to be shortlisted for a single vacancy under each category (open or reserved for a particular community). For every additional vacancy in the same category, the number of candidates to be shortlisted shall be increased by 5 per vacancy for the category concerned. If there are more candidates with minimum cutoff score, all such candidates shall also be called for interview. When 'Open' and 'Reserved' posts are notified simultaneously, the cut off score for open post and that for reserved post shall be fixed separately. The applicants belonging to reserved communities should also be considered against 'Open' vacancies if they satisfy the cut off score fixed for the open vacancies.

• The shortlisted candidates as per the above criteria only will be called for the interview. Ability of teaching and /or research aptitude of the Candidates will also be assessed during the interview through a seminar or lecture or discussion as envisaged in the UGC regulations 2018.

Other General Instructions suggested by committee are as follows:

- Interview will be conducted by a Selection Committee as prescribed in Clause 5.1(1) of the UGC regulations 2018
- Ranking /Selection will be purely based on the marks obtained in the interview.
- Total Marks for the interview will be 20. Out of these 5 marks for the domain knowledge (Assessed by the subject experts), 5 marks for the research aptitude (Assessed by the subject experts) and 10 marks for the communication skills (Assessed by the Selection Committee).
- Awards (as per column 8): Awards obtained for best paper presentation in Seminar/Conferences, fellowships, etc. will not be considered under this category.
- In the case of affiliated colleges, scores obtained by all the applicants also should be submitted to the university along with the proposal for approval of the Initial appointment.
- * A screening committee with the following as members be constituted for short listing the candidates for smooth conduct of the selection procedure.
 - a) University: Pro-Vice Chancellor (Chairman), Dean of Faculty of the concerned subject, Head of the concerned Department and two subject experts for short listing purpose nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.
 - b) Colleges: Principal (Chairman), Manager/ Manager's Nominee and one subject expert nominated by the Vice-Chancellor for short listing purpose.
 - 1. All decisions of the screening committee will be subjected to verification and approval of the selection committee constituted in accordance with Section 5.1 of UGC Regulations 2018.

The issue, whether the criteria for short listing of candidates for interview is to be based on number of candidates applied for the post or cut off based on percentage of marks was

deliberated. It was recommended to obtain legal opinion on the problems arising in the shortlisting of candidates consequent to community reservation, in Minority Colleges.

As such legal opinion was sought from the Standing Counsel. Legal opinion was sought in the above issue on the following points:

1. Whether University can fix higher Standards to the Provisions in the UGC Regulations 2018

The UGC Regulations always prescribes the Minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers and other academic staff in Universities and colleges which is evident from the title of the Regulations which reads as "UGC REGULATIONS ON MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF TEACHERS AND OTHER ACADEMIC STAFF IN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND OTHER MEASURES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STANDARDS IN HIGHER EDUCATION, 2018".

Since the UGC prescribes only minimum qualifications for the selection of Assistant professors in Universities and Affiliated Arts and Science colleges, whether the University could fix a higher standard so as to maintain transparency, equality and to eliminate bias in the selection process in the criteria to be followed in the selection of Assistant Professors at all stages with respect to the provisions in the UGC Regulations, 2018 is to be ascertained.

2. Ambiguity regarding the final score, based on which the rank list is prepared:

The existing system of adding academic score (out of 100) to the interview marks (out of 20) came into existence with UGC Regulations 2010.

As per UGC Regulations 2018 vide note to 4.1B dealing with Direct Recruitment reads as follows:

'The Academic score as specified in Appendix II (Table 3A) for Universities, and Appendix II (Table 3B) for Colleges, shall be considered for short-listing of the candidates for interview only, and the selections shall be based only on the performance in the interview.'

Weightage is to be given for academic credentials so as to maintain superior standards in selection process. This can only be achieved by reckoning the academic score of the candidate along with the marks scored in the interview for the final selection of candidates.

To prepare rank list entirely based on interview may question the transparency of the selection process as the academic parameters may get over ridden leading to biased appointments.

3. Ambiguity regarding the number of candidates to be called for the interview for the selection of Assistant Professors in Departments or in the Aided Colleges

In UGC Regulations 2018,as per Note B of Table 3A - Criteria for shortlisting of candidates for interview for the post of Assistant Professors in Universities, which reads as 'Number of candidates called to the interview shall be decided by the concerned Universities.' Note B of Table 3B reads as follows:

Criteria for short listing of candidates for interview for the post of Assistant Professors in Colleges, Number of candidates called to the interview shall be decided by the college.'

The UGC regulations 2018 is silent regarding the criteria to be followed in determining the number of candidates to be called for interview especially in the case if the number of applicants for a particular subject is large. Hence the criterion to be followed for shortlisting of candidates to be called for interview is to be finalised.

As per the order of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the criteria and guidelines to be followed for the selection of Assistant Professors in University Departments and Affiliated Colleges, with respect to the provisions in the UGC Regulations 2018, was placed before the Syndicate held on 11.06.2021 and had resolved to place the matter before the Syndicate along with legal opinion.

The Vice Chancellor had ordered to implement the above resolution.

The **legal opinion** received is as follows:

"The Appendix II of the UGC Regulations 2018 is definite and clear on the question as to what should be the mode adopted in short-listing of the candidates for interview. Importing any new provision, condition or rider may not legally sustain as already the Regulations are notified throughout the country and made applicable to the class of institutions specifically mentioned therein.

Regarding Table 3A in Appendix II, whether we have the liberty to go for any qualification or any restriction which will practically amount to pruning the list of persons who are entitled for interview is a question that has to be examined in detail. I feel that no additional rider can be imposed in Table 3A of Appendix II that academic score is the criterion that is found for preparing the list of candidates eligible to attend the interview. A decision taken to reduce the number of candidates entitled to attend the interview incorporating any new provision, condition or rider in Table 3A or 3B of Appendix II would be taken as an attempt of the University to incorporate an additional condition in the UGC Regulations, 2018 which is not allowed in the said regulation itself.

At the same time it may be seen that the University can claim that it has got the right to stipulate any provision that can improve the quality of selection and can contend that the UGC Regulations only stipulate the 'minimum qualifications' for appointment of teachers. The title of the Regulations i.e. the UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualification for appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education 2018, it can be argued, is self explanatory. Therefore, if any genuine attempt is made to incorporate any condition that will not water down the criteria/conditions imposed in the UGC Regulations, 2018 but makes only additional conditions which can bring down the area and scope of consideration or reduce the number in the zone of consideration as a bonafide exercise to improve the quality, it can be contended by the University that such additional qualifications stipulated will not fall foul of the UGC Regulations, 2018. The legality of the same can always be challenged by the aggrieved managements or the person who would go outside the zone of consideration as a result of the additional conditions imposed by the University. But for such a risk, the purpose intended can always be substantiated before any Authority or Court of Law as a bonafide act to reduce the scope for any undue benefit through the marks that can be awarded in the interview over a meritorious candidate who has got a better merit as per the qualification criteria or academic score as specified in both Table 3A and 3B of Appendix II of the Regulations. Therefore, I am of the opinion that though a decision can be taken either way, as it may lead to the opening of Pandora's box in respect of unnecessary litigations, it is better to adhere to Clause 4.1B of the UGC Regulations 2018 itself. If for any reason the University finds that additional conditions are to be imposed, we may have to substantiate before the Court of Law concerned that our actions are not marred with any malafides

The following points may also be considered at this juncture:

- 1. The University has already issued panels for Selection Committee for conducting the interview for initial appointment of Assistant Professors in different Educational Agency.
- 2. Some Educational Agencies had forwarded call-letters to prospective candidates as well as members of selection committee for conducting the interview
- 3. Some Educational Agency has requested to extend the validity of the already allotted panel (Interview is to be conducted within 3 months after notifying the vacancy.
- 4. Proposal regarding the appointment of Assistant Professors in Political Science and Mathematics at TDB Colleges where in appointment was done in January 2021, the ranklist has been prepared based on the interview marks in accordance with UGC Regulations 2018. The proposal was received on August 2021.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the criteria and guidelines to be followed for the selection of Assistant Professors in University Departments and Affiliated Colleges, with respect to the provisions in the UGC Regulations 2018, along with the legal opinion was placed before the Syndicate held on 17.08.2021 and resolved to constitute a sub committee consisting of Dr KB Gopchandran, Dr.K.B Manoj, Dr M Vijayan Pillai, Sri R Arunkumar and Prof.K.Lalitha to study the matter and submit a detailed report before the Special Syndicate. The report from the above sub committee is awaited.

Hence as per orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the criteria and guidelines to be followed for the selection of Assistant Professors in University Departments and Affiliated Colleges, with respect to the provisions in the UGC Regulations 2018, along with the legal opinion is again placed before the Syndicate for consideration.

Resolution of the Syndicate

The Syndicate considered the report of the sub-committee constituted for fixing the criteria for selection of Assistant Professors, Associate Professors and Professors Based on UGC Regulations 2018 and **RESOLVED** to approve the Report with the following modifications: (Report Appended)

- 4. The shortlisted candidates as per the above criteria only will be called for the interview. Ability of teaching and/or research aptitude of the Candidates will also be assessed during the interview through a presentation or lecture or discussion as well as verification of domain knowledge and technical skill as envisaged in the UGC regulations 2018. Total marks for the interview shall be fixed as 50 (Teaching aptitude: 10 marks; Research aptitude:10 marks; *Domain knowledge:16 marks*; Presentation/ Discussion skills:10 marks; Ability to use latest *Technology for Teaching: 4 marks*).
- 9. In the case of affiliated colleges, as per the UGC regulations 2018, the number of candidates to be shortlisted for interview shall be decided by the college concerned. However, it is suggested that colleges may adopt the procedure formulated for selection of Assistant Professors in University Departments as described in (3&4) above to ensure credibility.
- 10. The whole process of interview shall be recorded (audio and video) for future verification and scrutiny. Footage of recorded video and audio shall be produced by the College for further verification for the University as and when requested.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the ranklist and appointments of Assistant Professors in affiliated Colleges done earlier based on the interview marks alone after shortlisting process in accordance with the UGC Regulations, 2018 be approved.

ALSO RESOLVED to conduct the selection process of Assistant Professors in affiliated Colleges strictly based on the Syndicate Resolution with effect from 02.09.2021.

ALSO RESOLVED that the ranklist and appointments of Assistant Professors in Affiliated Colleges made in accordance with the templates included in the U.O. No.Ac.FII/ General/UGC-R-2018/2019 dated 02.09.2019, be approved and the ranklist from which such appointments are made shall have the validity as specified in the Statute.

Item No. 33 Minutes of the meeting of the Examination Monitoring Committee held on 31.08.2021 - Approval of-reg.

(M&C.I)

The minutes of the meeting of the Examination Monitoring Committee held on 31.08.2021 is submitted before the Syndicate for approval. (Minutes appended).

Considering the exigency, the recommendations on Item No. 01 & 04 were approved by the Vice-Chancellor exercising the powers vested under section 10 (13) of the Kerala University Act, 1974 subject to reporting to the Syndicate.

The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having approved the same is reported to the Syndicate and the recommendations on the remaining items are placed before the Syndicate for consideration and approval.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Examination Monitoring Committee

Date : 31.08.2021
Time : 03.00 p.m
Venue : PVC's Chamber

Members Present

Dr. P. P. Ajayakumar
 Pro Vice-Chancellor
 Sd/ Dr. K. B. Manoj
 Convener, SC on Exams
 Sd/ Adv. B. Balachandran
 Member Syndicate
 Sd/ Sd/-

•Sri. Bijukumar G Member Syndicate Sd/-

•Dr. M. Vijayan Pillai Member Syndicate Sd/-

Officers Present

Dr. N. Gopakumar Controller of Examinations
 Sri. K. Unnikrishnan Nair Joint Registrar (ES & CBCSS)
 Smt. Meena Ashok Joint Registrar (Exams II)

Members Absent

Dr. B.Unnikrishnan Nair
 Dr.S.Nazeeb
 Member Syndicate
 Member Syndicate

The Examination Monitoring Committee meeting commenced at 03.00 pm.

Item No.33.01 Status of valuation of S5 & S6 SDE Examination, 2021 – reg.

The Committee discussed the status of valuation of S3, S4, S5 & S6 SDE Examinations, 2021 with the Assistant Registrars and Section Officers concerned and recommended the following:

- 1. Assistant Registrars concerned shall ensure that the results of S5 and S6 SDE Examinations shall be published on or before 10.09.2021. A review meeting of the Examination Monitoring Committee shall convene on 02.09.2021 at 04.00 p.m to discuss the same.
- 2. The Assistant Registrars shall submit the detailed status of valuation to the Pro-Vice Chancellor on or before 02.09.2021.
- 3. To entrust the Controller of Examinations to submit a report for revamping the CD Unit for its proper functioning.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having approved the above recommendation of the Examination Monitoring Committee held on 31.08.2021, be noted.

Item No.33.02 Review of the status of data sought by ITI Palakkad for B.Tech (2020 Admission) and PG New Generation Courses – reg

The Committee enquired the status of data sought by ITI Palakkad for B.Tech (2020 Admission) and PG New Generation Courses and recommended to transfer the same immediately via email by the Sections concerned /KUCC.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the Examination Monitoring Committee held on 31.08.2021, be approved.

Item No. 33.03 Status of formation of the Confidential Section – reg

The Committee discussed the matter of formation of the Confidential Section and recommended the following:

- 1. To entrust the Assistant Registrar (IT Cell) to follow up the speedy formation of the Confidential Section.
- 2. To entrust KUCC to conduct software Audit of existing Tabulation Software at least once in a year.
- 3. To introduce Data Center under the supervision of the Controller of Examinations for the ready availability of various examination related data as required for taking decisions.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the Examination Monitoring Committee held on 31.08.2021, be approved.

Item No. 33.04 Conduct of S4 UG Examinations May 2021 & S1 PG Examination August 2021 – reg

The Committee recommended to conduct the S4 UG CBCSS/CR Examinations May 2021 & S1 PG Examinations August 2021 as per the current schedule. Further recommended to conduct Special Examinations for those who are unable to attend the Examinations due to genuine reasons under the backdrop of COVID 19 pandemic like Covid Positive, Quarantine, lack of transportation in the containment zones to reach the Examination centre etc. Such candidates shall submit supporting documents from the Authorities concerned within such dates to be announced later.

The Committee further recommended that the recommendations on Item No. 1 & 4 may be approved by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Syndicate, by invoking 10(13) of Kerala University Act, 1974 considering the exigency.

The Meeting came to an end at 04.30 pm.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having approved the above recommendation of the Examination Monitoring Committee held on 31.08.2021, be noted.

Item No.34 Allowance for Travel and the Sitting Fee of members of the Syndicate – Request – Consideration of-reg.

(Ad.BI)

Sri. Jayaraj. J, Member, Syndicate, vide letter dated 31.08.2021, has informed that it is over a decade since the Travelling Allowance and Honorarium (Sitting Fee) for the Members of the Syndicate for attending various meetings is updated and has also requested to take appropriate steps for timely updation of the above said Travelling Allowance and Honorarium (Sitting Fee).

It may be noted that, as per the U.O No. Ad.B.1(1) 8912/2000 dated. 26.07.2013, sanction was accorded by the Vice-chancellor to the enhancement of sitting fee to Rs. 750/-, to fix Rs. 250/- as minimum Travelling Allowance to the members of the Senate, Syndicate and Academic Council and to fix the allowance for special conveyance as Rs. 9/- per Kilometer with effect from 01.07.2013 (Copy Appended).

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the request of Sri. Jayaraj. J, Member, Syndicate for the updation of Allowance for Travel and Sitting Fee of members of the Syndicate is placed before the Syndicate for consideration.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the item be withdrawn.

Special Item No.1

Minutes of the Meeting of the Selection Committee for considering the promotion of Dr.Geetha Janet Vitus from the post of Associate Professor to Professor in the Department of Education, University of Kerala under Career Advancement Scheme held on 28.05.2019.

(Ad.DII)

RESOLVED to approve the recommendation of the Meeting of the Selection Committee for considering the promotion of Dr. Geetha Janet Vitus from the post of Associate Professor to Professor in the Department of Education, University of Kerala under Career Advancement Scheme, from the eligible date of promotion.

Special Item No.2

Re-constitution of Screening Committee to scrutinise applications submitted by the University Teachers for CAS promotion - Request from Dr.K.G.Gopchandran, Member Syndicate - reg.

(Ad.DII)

The Syndicate considered the request of Dr.K.G.Gopchandran, Member Syndicate for reconstitution of Screening Committee to scrutinise applications submitted by the University Teachers for CAS Promotion and **RESOLVED** to authorise the Vice-Chancellor to take appropriate action.

Special Item No.3

സർവകലാശാല പരിധിയിൽ വരുന്ന കലാലയങ്ങളിലെ അദ്ധ്യാപകർക്ക് ലേണിംഗ് മാനേജ്മെന്റ് സിസ്റ്റം പരിശീലനം നൽകുന്നത് – സംബന്ധിച്ച് സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റ് അംഗം ഡോ.എം.വിജയൻ പിള്ള സമർപ്പിച്ചത്–

(Ad.AII)

The Syndicate considered the request from Dr.M.Vijayan Pillai, Member Syndicate and **RESOLVED** to conduct training of Learning Management Systems (LMS) for the teachers of the affiliated colleges in co-ordination with UGC- HRDC, Kariavattom.

FURTHER RESOLVED to entrust Dr.S.Nazeeb and Dr.M.Vijayan Pillai, Members Syndicate as co-ordinators for conducting the training programme.

REGISTRAR

PRO-VICE-CHANCELLOR

VICE-CHANCELLOR

University Buildings, Thiruvananthapuram, 02.09.2021





UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Preliminary Minutes of the 32ndMeeting of the Syndicate held on 23.09.2021

Place of Meeting : University Buildings

Thiruvananthapuram

Time : 10.00 AM

Members present:

1. Prof.(Dr.) V.P.Mahadevan Pillai (In the Chair)

Vice-Chancellor

2. Prof.(Dr.) P.P.Ajayakumar

Pro-Vice-Chancellor

- 3. Adv.B.Balachandran
- 4. Sri.B.P.Murali
- 5. Adv.K.H.Babujan
- 6. Sri.Jairaj.J
- 7. Sri.Arunkumar R
- 8. Dr.K.G.Gopchandran
- 9. Adv.A.Ajikumar
- 10. Sri.Bijukumar.G
- 11. Dr.K.B.Manoj
- 12. Dr.S.Nazeeb
- 13. Dr.M.Vijayan Pillai
- 14. Sri.Riyas Vahab
- 15. Prof.K.Lalitha
- 16. Smt.Renju Suresh

Online presence

1. Adv.G.Muralidharan Pillai

Item No. 32.02. Confirmation of the Preliminary Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Syndicate held on 02.09.2021 -reg.

(Ac.A.I)

The Syndicate considered and approved the Preliminary Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Syndicate held on 02.09.2021.