

UNIVERSITY OF COCHIN



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE

15th, 18th & 19th November 1977

UNIVERSITY OF COCHIN

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 87th MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD ON 5-11-1977.

Place of meeting : University Buildings,
Tripunithura.

Time : 10.30 A. M.

Members Present:-

1. Dr. C. P. Kuriakose (in the Chair)
Pro Vice Chancellor
2. Dr. S. Vasudev
3. Shri. T. R. Subbayan
4. Shri. Jose T. Mookken
5. Shri A. K. Hameed
6. Shri. K. Govinda Pillai
7. Dr. C. V. Kurian
8. Prof. C. T. Benjamin
9. Shri. V. Narayanan Nayar
10. Shri. V. P. Marikkar
11. Dr. M. V. Pylee
12. Shri K. A. Mohammed

Item No. 87.01

At the outset the Vice Chancellor made reference to the sad and sudden demise of Dr. A. T. Markose on 15-10-1977 in London and the sad demise of Prof. Joseph Mundassery our first Vice Chancellor at Trichur on 25-10-1977. The Syndicate passed the following resolutions after observing silence for 2 minutes in each case and resolved that copies of resolution be sent to the bereaved family.

1) "The Syndicate of the Cochin University places on record its profound grief on the sad and sudden demise of Dr. A. T. Markose, Head of the Department of Law, and member of the Syndicate, on 15-10-1977 while on deputation in London; and its appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him to the University".

2) "The Syndicate of the Cochin University places on record its profound sorrow on the demise of Prof. Joseph Mundassery, the first Vice Chancellor of this University and an eminent literary critic, on 25-10-1977 at his residence at Trichur; and its appreciation of the eminent services rendered by him to the University."

Item No. 87.02

The Syndicate resolved that the portraits of the former Vice Chancellors viz., Late Prof. Joseph Mundassery and late Dr. N. K. Panikkar be unveiled in the Syndicate room and that detailed proposals be placed before the Syndicate.

Item No. 87.03 Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 11-10-1977.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 11-10-1977 be confirmed subject to the following modifications:

a) In Annexure to Item No. 86.04, the list of names under Board of Studies in Marine Biology & Oceanography be further considered at the next meeting 11-1-1977.

b) Under Board of Studies in Hindi, the name/address of Members mentioned in Sl. Nos. 8 and 9 be corrected thus:

8) Shri. R. P. Nalk, Secretary, Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

9) Smt. P. Lakshmi Kutty Amma, Gokulam, Ponkunnam, Trichur-2.

c) Under Board of Studies in Naval Architecture the name under Item 10 be corrected as R. A. Kammath.

d) Under Board of Studies in Physics the following names be added as Sl. No. 9 & 10:

1) Dr. C. P. Menon, Reader, Department of Physics, University of Cochin, Cochin-22.

2) Dr. K. Babu Joseph, Lecturer, Department of Physics, Cochin-22.

Item No. 87.04 Report by the Vice-Chancellor on important developments in the University since the last meeting.

In the context of the report in the newspapers that the teachers of the Engineering College, Trichur have decided to resign from the University bodies and posts in the College like Hostel Warden, resident tutors etc. the Pro Vice Chancellor made a brief resume of the circumstances under which the College was transferred to the University on 24-2-1977, the discussion held in the room of the Special Secretary to Government, Higher Education on 11-3-1977 at the Secretariat Trivandrum, the discussion with the Minister for Education at Tourist Bunglow, Alwaye on 19-9-1977 and the interim orders issued by Government on

24-10-1977 pending further orders on the question of transfer of College to the University. The Pro Vice Chancellor also mentioned that he has given instructions to the Principal not to accept the resignations of the teachers from Wardenship, Tutorship etc.

After a brief discussion the Syndicate felt that a very serious situation would arise if the reports in the papers were true and that the crucial point to be made clear is whether there is any change in the Government decision to transfer the College to the University.

Resolved that the Syndicate may wait on deputation on the Minister for Education on 9-11-1977 or any other date convenient to the Minister.

Item No. 87.05. Deputation of Shri. M. P. Madhavan Nair as Registrar — G. O. and Draft University Order — consideration (Item No. 4 in the Agenda for 11-10-1977)

The Syndicate considered the G. O. Rt. No. 5043/77/GAD dated 6-8-1977 and the earlier decisions on the deputation of Sri Madhavan Nair as Registrar.

Resolved that Government be requested once again to extend the term of appointment of Shri. Madhavan Nair upto 30-6-1979 as a special case.

Resolved further that proposals for regular appointment be placed before the next meeting of the Syndicate.

Resolved also that in partial modification the decision in item No. 82.26 of the meeting dated 6-8-1977 the request of Shri. Madhavan Nair for allowing him to draw higher road mileage in relaxation of Government Decision under Rule 32 under Part II, K. S. R. in connection with his transfer to this University on Foreign Service, be granted as a special case.

(Ad.)

Item No 87.06. Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 16-7-1977 and 22-8-1977 (Item No. 5 in the Agenda for the meeting on 11-10-1977)

The Syndicate considered the minutes of the meetings of the Academic Council held on 16-7-1977 and 22-8-1977.

Resolved that further action be taken as suggested in the minutes.

(Ac.)

Item No. 87.07 Proposal for conducting the meeting of the Academic Council thrice a year (Item No. 6 in the Agenda for the meeting on 11-10-1977)

The Syndicate considered the proposal for conducting the meeting of the Academic Council thrice a year.

Resolved that a meeting of the Academic Council be held of 15 days before an ordinary meeting of the Senate.

Resolved further that the next ordinary meeting of the Academic Council be held in February 1978.

(Ac.)

Item No. 87.08. University College of Engineering—Purchase of equipment for Electrical Department (Item No. 7 in the Agenda for the meeting on 11-10-77)

The Syndicate considered the proposal for the purchase of equipments for the electrical engineering Department amounting to Rs. 46,692/- along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Finance, Works & Purchase.

Resolved that sanction be accorded for the purchase of equipments amounting Rs. 46,692/- for the electrical

engineering department but financial commitment need the made only after the Government release grant for be Engineering College.

(Ad. Ec.)

Item No. 87.09. University College of Engineering -- Appointment of Teaching Staff (Item No. 8 in the Agenda for the meeting on 11-10-1977)

The Syndicate considered the proposal of the Principal, Engineering College, Trichur for the creation of teaching posts as detailed below along with the recommendation of the Standing Committees of the Syndicate on Finance, Works & Purchase and Staff and Establishment.

- 1) Assistant Professor in Electrical Engineering on Rs. 850-1450 — 2 posts.
- 2) Lecturer in Electrical Engineering on Rs. 560-1100 4 posts.
- 3) Lecturer in Telecommunication and Electronics on Rs. 560-1100 — 2 posts.

The Syndicate noted that the posts have been included in the letter No. Ad.Ec. 1-42/77 dated 14-7-1977 sent to Government in pursuance of the earlier decision in Item No. of the minutes of the Syndicate.

Ad. Ec.

Item No. 87.10. University College of Engineering—purchase of periodicals (Item No. 9 in the Agenda for the meeting on 11-10-1977)

The Syndicate considered the proposal of the principal, Engineering College for the purchase of periodicals along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Finance, Works, & Purchase.

Resolved that sanction be accorded for the purchase of periodicals as requested by the Principal, Engineering College and that financial commitment be made only after release of Government grant for the Engineering College.

Ad. Ec.

Item No. 87.11. University College of Engineering—Delegation of powers to the Principal (Item No. 10 in the Agenda for the meeting on 11-10-1977)

The Syndicate considered the request of the principal for delegating him with powers to depute and sanction tour of all staff members within the State along with the request of the Standing Committee on Staff and Establishment.

Resolved that the Principal, Engineering College, Trichur be delegated with powers to depute his subordinate officers in the districts adjoining Trichur District.

(Ad. Ec.)

Item No. 87.12. Purchase of Refrigeration and Deepfreezer for the Dept. of Marine Sciences (Item No. 11 in the Agenda for 11-10-1977)

The Syndicate considered the proposal of the Head of the Department of Marine Sciences for the purchase of one Leonard Deep Freezer (275 liters capacity) and one Leonard Refrigerator (285 litres capacity) with accessories amounting to Rs. 12,487/- from M/s. Blue Star Ltd., Ernakulam along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Finance, Works & Purchase.

Resolved that the recommendation of the Works & Finance Committee to purchase (1) One Kelvinator Refrigerator (285 litres capacity) at Rs. 6,162.50 and (2) One Kelvinator Deep Freezer (275 litres capacity) at Rs. 6,799. 00 with accessories for both items be approved.

(Ad.)

Item No. 87.13. University College of Engineering—Construction of Auditorium (Item No. 12 in the Agenda for the meeting on 11-10-1977)

The Syndicate considered the proposal of the Principal Engineering College for the construction for an auditorium and a library along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Finance, Works & Purchase.

Resolved that the item be deferred.

(Ad. Ec.)

Item No. 87.14. M. Sc. Course in Oceanography and Meteorology—Arrangement of guest lectures—ratification of (Item No. 13 in the Agenda for 11-10-1977)

The Syndicate noted that the Vice-Chancellor had accorded sanction for engaging Shri. C. K. Rajan, Scientific Assistant—in-Charge, Radio Sonde Observatory, Cochin to deliver about 20 lectures to the 2nd Semester students of the M. Sc. Course in Oceanography and Meteorology on the usual remuneration of Rs. 40/- per hour of lecture.

Resolved that the action taken by the Vice Chancellor be ratified.

(Ac.)

Item No. 87.15. M. Sc. Course in Industrial Fisheries—Arrangement of guest lectures—ratification of.

The Syndicate noted that the Vice Chancellor had accorded sanction to engage Shri. Achuthan Nair, Dy. Director of Fisheries (Inland) Malampuzha for delivering about 8 lectures/practicals in Inland Fisheries on the usual remuneration of Rs. 40/- per hour of lecture, limited to Rs. 100/- per day including D. A.

Resolved that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor be ratified.

(Ac.)

Item No. 87.16. Shri. M. P. Madhavan Nair—Committed leave—Charge arrangement and advance net salary for the month (Item No. 2A in the Agenda)

The Syndicate considered whether:

1) Shri. M. P. Madhavan Nair. Registrar may be granted commuted leave from 7-11-1977 to, 10-12-1977 with permission to prefix and suffix the Sundays on 6-11-1977 and 11-12-1977 respectively in modification of its earlier decision in Item 83.27.

2) He may be given an advance net salary for a month under Art 75(e) of K. F. C. Vol. I.

The Syndicate also considered the charge arrangements to be made in the event of granting him leave.

The Registrar agreed to reconsider his application for leave from 7-11-1977 to 10-12-1977 and the item was dropped.

(Ad.)

Item No. 87.17. Ph. D. Thesis in Hindi submitted by Smt. K. Chitralekha — Appointment of examiners (Item No. 4 in the Agenda)

The Syndicate considered the panel consisting of seven names of experts for the selection of three examiners to evaluate the thesis entitled "Buddha and Buddhist thought in Modern Hindi poetry" submitted by Smt. K. Chitralekha, Research student working under the supervision of Dr. N. Raman Nair, Reader, Dept. of Hindi.

Resolved that Sl. No. 5 be approved as examiner and Chairman to evaluate the thesis submitted by Smt. K. Chitralekha and that 2 more examiners be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from an additional panel to be obtained from the Supervising Teacher and reported to the Syndicate for ratification.

Item No. 87.18. Allotment of rooms for the Naval Architecture students in the University Hostel (Item No. 5 in the Agenda)

The Syndicate considered the request of the Head of the Department of Ship Technology that 14 rooms in the University Hostel may be reserved for the VI Semester students of the B. Tech Course in Naval Architecture and Ship Building from October 1977 as they will be trained at Cochin Shipyards for 8 weeks from 21-10-1977 onwards and in the same manner from June 1978 onwards, along with the remarks of the Hon. Warden University Hostels and recommendations of the Standing Committee on Academic matters.

Resolved that the question whether an additional storey can be constructed to each of the Men's Hostels be pursued expeditiously in consultation with the Kerala State Construction Corporation and that in the meantime the available rooms in the Teachers Hostel be allotted to the students.

Item No. 87.19. Admission to Engineering College-N. S. S. Certificate holders—Weightage of marks (Item No. 6 in the Agenda)

The Syndicate considered whether Cochin University may agree to the resolution of the Academic Council of the Kerala University that 3% of the total marks be given by way of relaxation and weightage as the case may be, in the case of N. S. S. and N.C. C. candidates for ranking purposes in admission to higher classes and that no double benefit should be given to any candidate along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on the Syndicate on academic matters.

The Syndicate also noted that this matter was before the I. U. C. C.

Resolved that the recommendation of the I. U. C. C. be awaited.

(Ac.)

Item No. 87.20 Translation and Publication Bureau—Proposals (Item No. 7 in the Agenda)

The Syndicate considered the resolution of the Senate for starting a Translation and Publication Bureau and the detailed scheme together with the financial estimate furnished by Dr. N. E. Viewanatha Iyer, Dean, Faculty of Humanities along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic Matters and Finance, Works & Purchase.

Resolved that the proposal be recommended to the U. G. C. for financial assistance.

(Ac.)

Item No. 87.21. B. Tech. Course in Polymer Science and Rubber Technology—Continuance of the Co-ordinator and supporting Staff of Rubber Research Institute of India (Item No. 8 in the Agenda)

The Syndicate considered the suggestion of Dr. C. K. N. Nair, Director of Research, Rubber Research Institute of India and Co-ordinator for the 2 year B. Tech Course in Rubber Processing and Technology that the co-ordinator and one office staff (clerical) may continue on a 12 months basis to handle the problems and correspondence arising in the reorganised scheme, while persons who give lectures and take classes for the course from the Rubber Research Institute of India may be paid TA/DA and honorarium as and when the course is going on, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic matters.

Resolved that the services of Dr. C. K. N. Nair be terminated with effect from the date of starting the course in the Department of Applied Chemistry.

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Item No. 87.22. M. Sc. Course in Meteorology—Arrangement of Guest Lectures (Item No. 9 in the Agenda)

The Syndicate considered the request of the Head of the Department of Marine Sciences that Air Commadore P. A. Menon, Retd. Director of Meteorology, Air Force (now staying at Coimbatore) may be appointed as Guest Lecturer for the IIIrd Semester Meteorology students for taking about 50 lecturers/practicals in Climatology and allied subject as per usual remuneration of Rs. 40/- per hour of lecture subject to a maximum of Rs. 100/- per day including D. A. along with recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic matters.

Resolved that Air Commadore Shri. P. A. Menon, Retd. Director of Meteorology be engaged as Guest Lecturer for the 3rd Semester Meteorology students for taking 50 lecture/practicals in Climatology and allied subjects on payment of remuneration of Rs. 40/- per hour of lecture subject to a maximum amount of Rs. 100/- per day including D. A. plus T. A. and D. A. for his journey from Coimbatore and back.

Item No. 87.23. Nomination of Dr. Wolfgang Adam, Head of the Department of German, Kerala University to the Board of Studies in Foreign Languages (Item No. 10 in the Agenda)

The Syndicate considered whether Dr. Wolfgang Adam, Head of the Department of German, Kerala University may be nominated to the Board of Studies in Foreign Languages in place of his predecessor Dr. Alfred Kastning along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic matters.

Resolved that Dr. Wolfgang Adam, Head of the Dept. of German, Kerala University be nominated as member of Board of Studies in Foreign Languages.

(Ac.)

Item No. 87.24 Proposal for organisation of a Bio-chemistry and Microbiology unit. (Item No. 11 in the Agenda)

The Syndicate considered the proposal of the Head of the Department of Marine Sciences for organising a Bio-Chemistry and Microbiology unit in the School of Marine Sciences at a cost of Rs. 40 lakhs along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic matters.

Resolved that detailed proposals for organising Bio-Chemistry and Microbiology units be submitted to the Syndicate for consideration.

(Pl.)

Item No. 87.25 Financial assistance for the XVth Annual Conference of the Kerala Sasthra Sahitya Parishath (Item No. 12 in the Agenda)

The Syndicate considered the request of the General Convener, Reception Committee for the XVth Annual Conference of the Kerala Sasthra Sahitya Parishath for financial assistance along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance, Works & Purchase.

Resolved that a sum of Rs. 1000/- be granted for the XVth Annual Conference of the Kerala Sasthra Sahitya Parishath.

(Ac.)

Item No. 87.26 University College of Engineering, Trichur Consultancy Work—Remittance of 50% of the charges for consultancy work by the staff of the College to the University. (Item No. 13 in the Agenda)

The Syndicate considered whether the teaching staff (skilled) of the Engineering College, Trichur who are allowed to take up consultancy work with the Government institutions or private institutions may be asked to remit 50% of

the charges received by them to University fund or to the Government, account as stated by the Special Secretary (Higher Education) along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Finance, Works & Purchase.

Resolved that 50% of the charges for the consultancy work done by the staff of the Engineering College be remitted to the University Fund and a suitable reply be given to Government.

(Ad.)

Item No. 87.27. Research Vessel - Extension of time of Completion (Item No. 14 in the Agenda)

The Syndicate considered the request of the Head of the Department of Marine Sciences who was permitted to place orders with the Central Institute of Fisheries Operatives, Cochin-16 for the construction of a 43' 6" Research Vessel, that the period of agreement may be extended since the Administrative Officer, CIFO has intimated that another six months will be required for the completion of the Vessel owing to the delay in getting the engine, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Finance, Works & Purchase.

Resolved that extension of time for six months be allowed to CIFO for the construction of the Research Vessel.

(Ac.)

Item No. 87.28. Ship Technology - Payment of cost of Drawing Tables - Advance of Rs. 66,800/- (Item No. 15 in the Agenda)

The Syndicate considered whether an advance of Rs. 66,800/- may be sanctioned towards cost of Drawing Tables and Stools as requested by the Head of the Dept. of Ship Technology along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance, Works & Purchase.

Resolved that no advance need be paid; but that part-payment be made as per Rules.

(Ad)

Item No. 87.29. Apparatus - Equipment & Laboratory Facilities for the Ship Technology Department - 'Apparatus and Equipment Committees' (Item No. 16 in the Agenda)

The Syndicate considered the request of the Head of the Dept. of Ship Technology that the equipments which are urgently required and recommended by the Apparatus & Equipment Committee to run the Naval Architecture Course smoothly may be purchased along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Finance, Works & Purchase.

Resolved that essential equipment recommended by the Apparatus & Equipment Committee be purchased and specific sanction of the U. G. C. obtained if this is not covered by the recommendation of the U. G. C. Visiting Committee.

(Ad.)

Item No. 87.30. Staff and Establishment Committee

Resolved that Shri. K. Govinda Pillai, Member Syndicate be nominated as Convener of the Staff & Establishment Committee in the place of Shri. P. K. Vasudevan Nair.

(Ad.)

The meeting came to a close at 2.15 p.m.

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Dated: 1-12-1977.

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