

UNIVERSITY OF COCHIN

MINUTES OF THE 115th (SPECIAL) MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD AT 2.30 P. M. ON 19th FEBRUARY, 1979 AT UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS, TRIPUNITHURA

(emendations incorporated)

Members present:-

- 1) Dr. M. V. Pylee
Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair)
- 2) Dr. K. P. Balakrishnan
- 3) Prof. Subbayan
- 4) Shri. K. Govinda Pillai
- 5) Shri. Jose T. Mookken
- 6) Shri. A. K. Hameed
- 7) Shri. V. P. Marikkar
- 8) Shri. K. A. Mohammed
- 9) Shri. V. Narayanan Nayar
- 10) Dr. N. Parameswaran Nair
- 11) Dr. K. Sathianandan
- 12) Prof. Subbayan T. R.
13. Dr. S. Vasudev

ITEM No. 115.01. REPORT BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR ON THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UNIVERSITY SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE.

The Vice-Chancellor reported:

1) The Industrial Fisheries Department organized a function on 11-2-1979 to mark the completion of the course of the 1st batch of students of the Department. The Chief Minister of the State Shri. P. K. Vasudevan Nair, was the Chief guest at the function and he released a Souvenir

published by the Department. The Chief Minister emphasised the federal nature of the Cochin University and hoped that the Department would develop into a real centre of excellence.

2) A meeting of the Inter University Consultative Committee was held at Hill Palace on February 16. The Vice-Chancellors of the 4 Universities in the State attended the meeting. The meeting inconclusively discussed the question of the shortage of funds allocated for higher education in the VI Plan and the consequent need for avoiding duplication of courses and departments among the Universities,

The Inter University Consultative Committee was of the opinion that the University Departments ought to be non-vacation departments.

3) On February 19, 1979, Dr. V. K. Sukumaran Nayar inaugurated a Summer Institute for the training of Physics teachers of Colleges in the State organized by the Physics Department of the University.

4) The Secretary of the University Grants Commission has informed the University that it was no objection to entrusting construction works of the University to Public Sector Corporations or State P. W. D. and that the University could have its own Architecture Cell to look after such works.

5) Shri. Kuruvilla Mathew, Lecturer in the Department of Marine Sciences, who had recently been transferred to the Department of Industrial Fisheries had gone to the Court challenging the University order. The case is pending before the Hon. High Court.

6) The Vice-Chancellor reported that it had not yet been possible for the University to start the Department of Applied Economics for which the UGC had sanctioned the post of one Professor, two Readers and a Lecturer, owing to the non-availability of staff with the requisite qualifications. Even after having advertised the posts of Professor and Reader

thrice and interviews held on suitable persons could be found four among the applicants for the respective posts. Unless the University took immediate action for filling atleast one of the top posts, the assistance assured by the UGC would lapse and continued assistance under the VI Plan would be in jeopardy. He was therefore of the opinion that every effort should be made to start the Department immediately. He proposed that Dr. K. C. Sankaranarayanan, Reader in the School of Management Studies, who possessed the requisite qualifications for holding the post of Reader in Applied Economics, may be transferred and posted as Reader in the Department of Applied Economics, with permission to retain his lien in the School of Management Studies.

The Syndicate noted that Dr. K. C. Sankaranarayanan possessed the requisite qualifications for holding the post of Reader in the Department of Applied Economics and after having considered all aspects of the matter, resolved to authorise the Vice-Chancellor to take necessary action in the matter.

ITEM No. 115.02. AUDIT REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR 1976-77.

The Syndicate considered the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held at 10 00 a. m. on 8-2-1979 and resolved to approve the replies to the Audit Report on the Accounts of the University for 1976-77.

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ITEM No. 115.03. ADMISSION TO B TECH. COURSE IN NAVAL ARCHITECTURE AND SHIP BUILDING—1978-79.

The Syndicate noted that its Academic Committee appointed as per decision of the Syndicate on 3-2-1979, Item No. 114.01 (13) had examined the relevant documents and other details relating to admissions for the B. Tech. course in Naval Architecture and Ship Building for the year 1978-79 and on the basis of the Committee's advise resolved:

(i) As Pre-Degree is the basic qualification prescribed for admission to the course, only candidates with Pre-Degree qualification with Mathematics, Physics & Chemistry as optionals, who have taken the test and appeared for the interview be considered for admission to the course.

(ii) Only such candidates as have secured 60% marks in each of the prescribed optionals be considered eligible for admission to the course.

(iii) The norms laid down by the Selection Committee at its meeting held on 27-11-1978 be approved.

(iv) From the list of candidates called for the Viva Voce on December 11, 12, 1978, those who did not satisfy (i) above be deleted and a rank list of the remaining eligible candidates be prepared.

(v) On the basis of the rank list thus prepared, admissions be made as per rules.

The Syndicate noted that 22 other candidates had been called for the Viva Voce on January 3, 1979 and resolved that these candidates be considered only after exhausting the list indicated in (iv) above.

ITEM No. 115.04- MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE DATED FEBRUARY 15, 1979.—APPROVAL OF.

The Syndicate considered the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 15-2-1979 (appendix I) and resolved to approve the same with the following changes.

(i) Only a post of Reader be recommended for institution for each of the Schools and that the Reader appointed in the School of Continuing Education be designated as Director.

(ii) The qualifications for the above posts be discussed and finalised jointly by the Academic Committee and Planning Committee of the Syndicate and then be placed before the Academic Council.

The meeting came to a close at 5.00 P. M.

University Buildings
Tripunithura
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APPENDIX — I

UNIVERSITY OF COCHIN

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING
COMMITTEE OF THE SYNDICATE HELD AT 11.00 A.M.
ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1979.

Venue: Vice-Chancellor's Chamber
Hill Palace, Tripunithura

Present:

1. Prof. (Dr.) M. V. Pylee
Vice-Chancellor (In th Chair)
2. Dr. N. Parameswaran Nair
3. Shri. V. Narayanan Nair
4. Shri. Jose T. Mookken
5. Dr. K. P. Balakrishnan (by special invitation)

I. Institution of posts in the new Schools

The Committee considered in detail the immediate steps to be taken for the functioning of the new schools to be started during the VI Plan period and recommended that:

1. One post of Professor, One post of Reader and one Post of Lecturer each may be created in the following Schools.

- a. School of Technology
- b. School of Rural Studies
- c. School of Continuing Education
- d. School of Environmental Studies
- e. School of Mass Communication
- f. School of Transportation Studies.

The Lecturer to be appointed in the School of Continuing Education may be designated as Programme Officer.

2. The above proposals may be placed before the next meeting of the Academic Council and the next meeting of the Senate for the institution of posts.

3. The question of creation of posts in the Schools of Health Sciences, Forest Studies and International Studies may be taken up later.

II. The School of Environmental Studies will form a part of the existing Faculty of Marine Sciences. The School of Rural Studies, the Mass Communication and Transportation Studies shall be under the Faculty of Social Sciences.

III. Necessity of framing specific University Rules.

The Committee considered the necessity of framing specific University rules regarding admission of students to various courses of studies, conduct of examinations, fixation of tuition and other fees for the different courses and allotment of quarters to teaching and non-teaching staff. These may be taken up by the appropriate Standing Committees of Syndicate at the earliest.

IV. Planning and Development Cell of the University.

The Committee discussed the necessity of giving an appropriate name to the above cell [as it is differently written in the various University documents.

Resolved to recommend that the name of the Cell shall be Planning and Development Division and the designation of the Officer in charge shall be Planning and Development Officer.

V. Periodical reports and returns from the University Departments / Sections.

The Committee considered the matter. The Planning and Development Officer shall prepare a proforma for the same and submit it for approval of the Committee.

VI. Land at Foreshore Road.

In the light of the suggestion made by the University Engineer that the matter be taken up at higher level, it was resolved to request Prof. C. T. Samuel and Dr. K. P. Balakrishnan to take up the matter with the District Collector, Ernakulam.

The meeting came to an end at 1.00 P. M.

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VICE-CHANCELLOR