



COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Minutes of the Meeting of the Syndicate held on

4th April, 2nd May, 20th May and 1st June 1987

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**Minutes of the 227th meeting of the
Syndicate held on 4-4-1987.**

Place of meeting

: Administrative Buildings

Time

Cochin-22.

: 11 : 00 a. m.

Members present :

1. Shri T. N. Jayachandran
Vice-Chancellor — In the Chair
2. Prof. C. A. Abdussalam
Pro-Vice-Chancellor
3. Shri G. K. Pillai
4. Dr. Paul A. Vatakencherry
5. Dr. N. Raman Nair
6. Dr. N. Ravindranatha Menon
7. Dr. C. S. Sridhar
8. Shri Joseph Puthussery
9. Shri M. P. M. Ishaque Kurikkal
10. Shri A. Thankappan

Also present : Shri V. J. Pappoo, Registrar

Before the items on the agenda were taken up for consideration, the Chairman referred to the sad demise of Dr. R. V. Unnithan, Deputy Director, National Institute of Oceanography and a former member / of the senate / of the University, on March 26, 1987.

The members stood up and observed a minute's silence in honour of the departed and adopted the following resolution.

"Dr. R. V. Unnithan, Deputy Director, National Institute of Oceanography, Regional Centre, Cochin passed away on the 26 th of March 1987. He was a former member of the Senate of this University.

Dr. Unnithan was a D. sc. of this University.

The Syndicate places on record heart felt condolences on the demise of Dr. Unnithan and resolves to communicate its sympathies to the bereaved family"

Item No. 227. 01: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 7-3 1987 and 12-3-1987.

Resolved that the minutes of the 225th & 226th meetings of the Syndicate held on 7-3-1987 and 12-3-1987 respectively be confirmed subject to the emendation that the preamble in Item No 226.07 be modified as under:

"Shri. G. K. Pillai, Member of the Syndicate who was appointed as Enquiry Officer to enquire into the charges against Dr. G. S. Sharma, Professor, School of Marine Sciences (under suspension) submitted the Report"

Item No. 227. 02: Report of the Vice-Chancellor on important developments in the University since the last meeting.

1. The University Grants Commission has identified our University as one of the Universities in the country for the

Science and Technology co-operation between Republic of India and the Republic of Japan. The modalities of interaction finalised by the joint Committee on India-Japan Co-operation in Science and Technology are (a) Exchange of Information, (b) Visits of Scientific, personnel, (c) meetings and seminars of experts and (d) formulation of Joint projects and programmes for collaboration. The areas identified by the Commission for Co-operation by the Cochin University are Electronics and Information, Laser Materials, Neodymium glass, Ruby, Gallium Arsenite and related compound.

2. On the basis of the report of the Expert Committee the UGC has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 25.95 lakhs for the Department of physics under the special assistance programme of Departmental Research support. Out of the above amount, Rs. 20. 20 lakhs is non-recurring grant for purchase of equipment and the balance Rs. 5.75. lakhs is recurring grant for other expenditure. The financial assistance is for a period of three years ending 31-3 1990.

3. Prof. K. Satchidananda Murthy, Vice-Chairman, UGC, visited the University during April 1-2, 1987. He had discussions with the Vice-Chancellor and Deans of Faculties and addressed the members of the Faculty.

Item No. 227. 03 : Post of Technician 'C' in the Department of Electronics - prescribing qualifications and manner of recruitment - consideration of -

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Staff and Establishment, the proposal for prescribing the qualification and methods of recruitment for the post of Technician 'C' created

by the Syndicate vide item No. 221. 27 for the Department of Electronics.

Resolved that the qualifications and method of recruitment for the post of Technician 'C' in the scale of pay Rs. 950-1640 sanctioned for the Department of Electronics be as follows:

Qualifications : Essential :

1. B. Sc. Engg/B. Tech /3 year Dip'oma in Electronics & Communication, Instrumentation/Electrical Engineering.
2. 2 years experience (for Eng. graduates) and 4 years experience (for Diploma holders) in design & fabrication of microwave components, drawing of instrument circuits and microwave integrated circuits.

Desirable: Acquaintance with Radar systems

Method of Recruitment: By Direct Recruitment by advertisement in the press

Resolved further that qualifications prescribed for posts be notified in the Gazette as ordinance.

(Ad.)

Item No 227.04 : Department of Electronics - Introduction of re-structured Diploma Course in Consumer Electronics and T. V. Technology creation of non - teaching posts - consideration of -

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Staff and Establishment

the proposal for the creation of one post of Sr. Technical Assistant/ Technical Assistant Grade II on a scale of pay of Rs. 975 - 1720 for the introduction of restructured Diploma Course in Consumer Electronics and T. V. Technology, sanctioned by the University Grants Commission under the Department of Electronics.

Resolved that one post of Sr. Technical Assistant in the scale of pay of Rs. 975 - 1720 be created for the Department of Electronics.

Resolved further that the qualifications and the method of recruitment for the post be as follows:

Qualifications:

1. B. Sc. Engg./B. Tech /3 Year Diploma in Electronics & Communications, Instrumentation/ Electrical Engg.
2. 2 years experience (for graduates) and 4 years experience (for Diploma holders) in repair and maintenance of consumer items like Radio, Tape-recorder, TV, VCR, electrical appliances etc,

Desirable: Acquaintance with modern Electronics consumer items like Electronic Typewriters, Word processors, microprocessor controlled machines.

Method of Recruitment:

By Direct Recruitment by advertisement in the press.

Also resolved that the qualifications prescribed be made part of the Ordinance and notified in the Gazettee.

(Ad. A)

Item No. 227. 05 : Ph. D. thesis entitled "Microbial Flora of Slected Species of Crustaceans" submitted by Shri V. Krishna Murthy - Evaluation Reports and Reports of Viva Voce Examination - consideration of -

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the individual reports of the examiners together with the consolidated report of the Chairman, Board of Examiners and the minutes of the viva voce examination in respect of the Ph. D. thesis "MICROBIAL FLORA OF SELECTED SPECIES OF CRUSTACEANS" submitted by Shri V. Krishna Murthy, Part-time research student who worked in the Department of Industrial Fisheries under the guidance of Dr. C. T. Samuel, professor of the Department.

Resolved that Shri V. Krishna Murthy be declared eligible for the award of the degree of Doctor of philosophy under the Faculty of Marine Sciences for his thesis, MICROBIAL FLORA OF SELECTED SPECIES OF CRUSTACEANS.

(Exam.)

Item No. 227. 06 : Hostel Accommodation for project Fellows - consideration - reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the representation from Sri. Jacob George and Shri K. C. Ajith Prasad, Junior Research Fellows working under a sponsored

DST DYE Laser Centre, Department of physics for granting them accomodation in the University Hostels.

Resolved that the matter be deferred for detailed consideration on the basis of data regarding the vacancy position in the various hostels and the number of seats allotted to each of the departments/schools.

(Ac)

Item No. 227. 07 : Registration for Part-time research-Application of Sri. Jose Mathew- consideration of -

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the application from Sri. Jose Mathew, Kurichiyel, P. O. Kozha, Kuravilangad, Kottayam for registration for part-time research leading to the award of Ph. D. Degree on the topic 'Socio-Economic Study of Liquor Industry in Kerala' under the guidance of Dr. P. Sudarsanan Pillai, Lecturer, School of Management Studies, in the Department of Applied Economics.

Resolved that Shri. Jose Mathew be granted registration for Part - time research for Ph. D. degree on the topic 'Socio - Economic Study of Liquor Industry in Kerala' under the guidance of Dr. P. Sudarsanan Pillai.

(Ac, B.)

Item No. 227 08: Recognition as research guide -application of Dr. N. G. Devaki - consideration of -

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters the request from Dr. N. G. Devaki, Lecturer, University Department of Hindi for recognition as research guide under the faculty of Humanities.

Resolved that Dr. N. G. Devaki be recognised as a Supervising teacher for guiding research leading to the award of Ph. D. degree under the Faculty of Humanities.

(Ac.)

Item No. 227.09 : Special repairs and maintenance to the Administrative Block building of the University - Proposal consideration of -

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Works, the estimate amounting to Rs. 2,30,000/- for the maintenance of the Administrative office building of the University.

Resolved that the estimate be approved subject to the following modifications.

- i) Appendix 'B' viz leak-proofing of RCC roof be taken up separately and expeditiously.
- ii) Appendix 'C' viz. polishing of mosaic floor be done only in specific room so that the routine functioning of the University office is not affected and only be done in rooms where it is necessary.

(PL)

Item No. 227.10 : Works - Rewiring the Marine Sciences Old Block at the Lakeside Campus - Tenders received - consideration of -

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Works, the proposal for awarding the work of rewiring the Marine Sciences Old Block to Sri. P. P. Symon, M/s. Voltamps, Cochin-682 035, who has quoted the lowest rate at 54.5% above the estimate amounting to Rs. 2,00,000/-

Resolved that the work be awarded to Shri. P. P. Symon at 54.5% above the estimated rates.

(PL)

Item No. 227.11 : works - Purchase of electrical luminaires for the Engineering Stores - Quotations received - consideration of

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on works, the proposal for purchasing various electrical luminaries for the Engineering Department Stores from M/s. Saraf Brothers. Willingdon Island Cochin-682 003, who has quoted the lowest rate, at a total cost of Rs. 66,071. 20.

Resolved that the University Engineer be permitted to purchase electrical luminaries from M/s. Saraf Brothers, at the rates / and quantities noted against each item at a total cost of Rs. 33,035. 60/-

Sl. No.	Item	Rate Rs.	Quantity Nos.	Amount Rs.
1.	36 W. Fluorescent tube	30/-	500	15,000.00
2.	Copper wound Ballast for 36/40 w tube light	61.75	250	15,437.50
3.	Starter for 36/40 w tube light	4.28	250	1,520.00
4.	500 w. clear bulb	38.97	12	467.64
5.	300 w. clear bulb	25.33	12	303.96

6.	100 w. clear bulb	6. 05	50	302. 50
7.	60 w. clear bulb	4. 64	50	232. 00
8.	40 w. clear bulb	4. 44	50	222. 00
Total				<u>33, 035. 50</u>

Item No. 227.12: Sri. G. Placid, formerly research Scholar School of Management Studies - Relief from UJRF.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the proposal for relieving Shri. G. Placid, formerly research Scholar School of Management Studies, from the UJRF and to exempt him from refund of the Fellowship received by him.

Resolved that Sri. G. Placid, formerly research Scholar, School of Management Studies be relieved from the University Junior Research Fellowship with effect from 18-11-1985 and he be exempted from refund of the fellowship received by him

(Ac.)

Item No. 227.13: School of Marine Sciences - Transfer of vacant UJRF - Action of Vice - Chancellor - Reporting of .

The Syndicate considered the action of the Vice-Chancellor in having temporarily transferred one vacant Unive-

rsity JRF in the Physical Oceanography & Meteorology Division to the Marine Biology Division of the School of Marine Sciences.

Resolved that the action of the Vice - Chancellor be ratified.

(Ac. B)

Item No. 227.14 : Registration for part - time research - Sri. N. Krishnasamy - cancelled.

The Syndicate considered the action of the Vice-Chancellor in having cancelled the registration for part - time research for Ph. D. degree granted to Sri. N. Krishnasamy, Plant Protection Officer , Central Plant Protection Station, Panampilly Nagar, Cochin - 16.

Resolved that the action of the Vice - Chancellor be ratified.

(Ac. B)

Item No. 227.15: The project entitled "Study of phase transitions using Wideline NMR Technique" - Implementation of the project - reporting-reg

The Syndicate considered the action of the Vice-Chancellor in having implemented the project "Study of phase transitions using Wideline NMR Technique" under the investigation of Dr C. P. Grijavallabhan, Professor, Department of Physics sanctioned by the Kerala State Committee on Science, Technology and Environment at a total financial outlay of Rs. 50,000/- for a period of two years.

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

Resolved further that the list of externally funded research projects in operation as on 31-3-'987 be furnished to the members of the Syndicate.

(PLA)

Item No. 227.16: The project "Heavy metal pollution in coastal sedimentary environment of Cochin" - Implementation of the project - reporting - reg

The Syndicate considered the action of the Vice-Chancellor in having implemented the project "Heavy metal pollution in coastal sedimentary environment of Cochin" under the investigatorship of Dr. P. Seralathan, Lecturer, School of Marine Sciences sanctioned by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, at a total financial outlay of Rs. 2, 85, 200/- for a period of three years.

Resolved that the action of the Vice-Chancellor be noted.

(PLA)

Item No. 227.17: The project "Studies on the effect of pesticides and other organic compounds on the water and biota of Cochin backwater" - Implementation of the project - reporting - reg

The Syndicate considered the action of the Vice-Chancellor in having implemented the project "Studies on the

effect of pesticides and other organic compounds on the water and biota of cochin backwater" under the joint investigatorship of Dr. Jacob Chacko, Reader and Dr. M. Chandra mohanakumar, Lecturer, School of Marine Science, Sanctioned by the Kerala State Committee on Science Technology and Environment, at a total financial outlay of Rs. 50,000/- for a period of two years.

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

(PLA)

Item No. 227.18. Change of research guide - Requests of Dr. P. G. Kurup and Smt. Geetha Bhaskar - consideration of -

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the request of Smt. Geetha Bhaskar, Research Student, School of Marine Science of the University, for change of her present Guide Dr. P. G. Kurup and to have Dr. K. S. N. Namboodiripad

Resolved that Dr. P. G. Kurup, Professor, School of Marine Sciences be asked to explain why he undertook to guide Smt. Geetha Bhaskar on a topic in the area in which he had no research experience.

Resolved further that the Director, School of Marine Sciences also be asked to clarify how he permitted Dr. K. S. N. Namboodiripad, Lecturer in the School, who was not a recognized guide, to guide Smt. Geetha Bhaskar. A in her Ph. D. research work.

(Ac B)

Item No. 227.19: Promotion of Class IV employees as Clerical Assistants.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Staff and Establishment

the situation arising out of the judgement passed by the Hon'ble High court of Kerala in O P, No 1811/1983-F quashing the decisions taken by the Syndicate vide item Nos 141.30 and 158.17.

Resolved that the Registrar be asked to work out details regarding the consequences on implementation of the order of the Hon. High Court in the University and to place the same for consideration of the Syndicate at an early date.

Resolved further that the Standing Counsel of the University be requested to inform the circumstances under which he submitted to the court that the University has absolutely no objection to quashing Exhibits P2 and P3.

(Ad)

Item No 227.20: Admission of Shri. P. K. Thomas to M. Phil (Physics) course by increasing one more seat of the course - reporting of.

The Syndicate considered the action of the Vice-Chancellor in having permitted the Head of the Department of Physics to admit Shri. P. K. Thomas to the M. Phil (Physics) Course during 1986-87 by increasing one more seat, considering his eligibility for admission to the course and the postal delay involved in delivering his interview card.

Resolved that the action of the Vice-Chancellor be ratified.

Item No. 227. 21 : Re-registration for research - Applications of Sri. K. K. Ramachandran and Sri. Terry Mechado - consideration of

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the applications of Sri Ramachandran K. K. and Sri. Terry Mechado X for fresh registration for part-time research in the Centre for Earth Science Studies, Trivandrum, under the guidance of Dr. P. Seralathan, Lecturer in Marine Geology, School of Marine Sciences and the request for relaxation of the period for submission of thesis to one year.

Resolved that Sri. Ramachandran K. K. and Sri. Terry Mechado X be granted registration for part-time research in the Centre for Earth Science Studies, Trivandrum, under the guidance of Dr. P. Seralathan, Lecturer in Marine Geology, School of Marine Sciences on the topic noted against each.

Sri. Ramachandran K. K. "Texture, Composition and Provenance of shelf sediments between Alleppey and Ernakulam, Kerala with special reference to the formation of Mud Banks"

Sri. X. Terry Mechado "Mineralogical and Sedimentological Studies of Nearshore and Beach Sediments along Trivandrum and Quilon District Coasts of Kerala"

(Ac.)

Item No. 227. 22 : Missing of Library Books in the Departmental Libraries - Requests of the Head of Departments to write off the books - consideration of.

The Synnicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Academic Matters and

Finance & Purchase, the proposal for writing off the cost of books found missing in the various departmental libraries on stock verification during 1986.

Resolved that the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic Matters be requested to examine the matter in detail and to propose draft rules relating to realisation of writing off of the cost of missing books in the various libraries of the University.

Item No. 227 23. Rules regarding denial of vacation and leave credit to teachers - Clarification - reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Staff and Establishment and Academic Matters, the question of framing guidelines for preventing of University teachers from availing of the vacation.

Resolved that the following guidelines be adopted for the prevention of University teachers from availing of the annual vacation:

- No leave credit be given to those who have not put in one year service in the University even if they are denied vacation under unavoidable circumstances.
- Leave credit be not given to those who are denied vacation for short duration of less than one month.
- Denial of vacation be recommended in future in respect of :

- Teachers who are guiding at least one full-time research student working under him during the concerned period.
- Two investigators/ co-ordinators of major research projects involving a sum of Rs. 1 lakh and above in the case of Science & Technology Departments and Rs. 50,000/- and above in the case of Departments coming under Humanities and Social Sciences.
- The investigator/ co-ordinator of projects involving a sum below Rs. 1 lakh in the case of Science & Technology Departments and below Rs. 50,000/- in the case of departments coming under Humanities and Social Sciences.

(Ad.A)

Item No. 227. 24 : Disciplinary proceeding against Dr. G. S. Sharma, Professor, School of Marine - Sciences - Report of the Enquiry Officer consideration of -

The Syndicate considered the records of Enquiry of Shri G. K. Pillay, the Enquiring Authority, and resolved to accept the findings of the Enquiring Authority with regard to the charges framed against Dr. G. S. Sharma as given below.

Charge I

Findings of Enquiry
Authority

"You refused to engage classes allotted to you"

The above charges levelled against Dr. Sharma are

(Memo of charges dated 12-8-1986) and "Even after the original memo of charges was issued to you, you persisted in your refusal to engage classes in Applied Physical Oceanography for the IV Semester M. Sc. Oceanography students, even though you knew that the University Examinations for the said students were scheduled for November 18, 1986" (Additional Memo of Charges dated 25-10-1986)

Charge II

- a) "You failed to report for duty with effect from 31-7-1986" (Item (b) of Memo of charges).
- b) "You left the country without permission". (Item (c) of Memo of charges).
- c) "You left to furnish to the University as required in the Registrar's letter No. Ad A2/42025/79/dated 26th July 1986, details of the source of funds for your international travel in connection with your visit to Canada in July-August

proved beyond doubt and constitute misconducts under Statute 6 of Chapter II of the Cochin University First Statute 1981.

I find that the charges (a) and (c) are proved beyond doubt and constitute misconducts under Statute 6 of Chapter II of Cochin University First Statute 1981.

1986, and details about the agency or agencies supporting your travel and stay abroad. You did not, even after the completion of your unauthorised journey abroad, submit to the University the required details." (Item 1 of additional memo of charges).

Charge III

"You refused to move over to the new room in the School of Marine Sciences allotted to you as part of the general scheme of reallocation of space among the teachers of the various divisions under the School of Marine Sciences, on the School being provided with additional space." (Item 3 of the additional memo of charges).

The above charge is proved beyond doubt and the same constitutes a misconduct under Statute 6 of Chapter 11 of the Cochin University First Statute 1981.

Charge IV

"You committed fraud on the Government of India by drawing TA/DA from Rajamundry to Cochin and back for participating in the Workshop on "Pan-Indian Terminology of Oceanography", organised by the commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (Ministry of Human Resource Development), in the School of Marine Sciences, from 15-20 June 1986, even though you were present at Cochin throughout the month of June 1986."

I find him not guilty of this charge.

Charge V

"You, in violation of rules prescribed by the Government of India directly sought and obtained a job abroad."

I do not feel that Dr. Sharma has committed a misconduct on the above charge

Resolved that a major penalty viz. reduction of rank in the seniority list of Professors of the School of Marine Sciences to the fifth rank be awarded to Dr. G. S. Sharma.

Resolved further that notice be given to Dr. Sharma calling upon him to submit within a period of 15 days such representation as he may wish to make.

(Ad)

Item No. 227. 25.: Request for voluntary retirement from Dr. G. S. Sharma, Professor, School of Marine Sciences - consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, the request from Dr. S. G. Sharma, Professor in Physical Oceanography (under suspension) School of Marine Sciences for permission to retire from University service voluntarily.

Resolved that the matter be deferred for consideration.

(Ad)

Item No. 227. 26 : Promotion to the posts of Peons, Library Assistant/Laboratory Assistant. Demands of the Employees Organisations.

The Syndicate considered the demand put forward by the Joint Action Council of Cochin University Employees for the continuance of the practice existed prior to December 3, 1983 promoting Sweepers/Cleaners/Chowkidars as peons and Class IV employees having VI-I Standard qualification as Library Assistant/Laboratory Assistant.

Resolved that :

1) Sweepers/Cleaners/Chowkidars who have completed 3 years of service in the respective posts be posted as peons according to seniority as and when vacancies arise.

2) Class IV employees having VIII Standard qualification be promoted to the vacant posts of Library/Laboratory Assistant.

The meeting came to a close at 2 00 p. m.

Sd/-

REGISTRAR

University Buildings,
Cochin-22.
4-4-1987