

COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Minutes of the 319th meeting of the Syndicate held on
7-11-1992

Place of meeting : Administrative Buildings,
Kochi-22

Time : 11.00 a. m.

Members present:

1. Dr. A. N. Maheshwari.
Vice-Chancellor. (In the Chair)
2. Dr. S. Balaraman
Pro-Vice-Chancellor
3. Dr. K. G. Balakrishnan
4. Shri. M. P. M. Ishaque Kurikkal
5. Shri. T. N. Jayachandran
6. Shri. Johnson. P. John
7. Dr. P. Leelakrishnan
8. Prof. M. P. Nair
9. Shri. K. R. Prasad
10. Shri. B. Raghavan
11. Dr. D. Rama Kotaiah
12. Shri. S. Sarma
13. Dr. M. Shahul Hameed
14. Shri. P. Subramonia Iyer
15. Dr. P. V. Vijayan

Also present: Shri S. Meeran Maluk Mohamed, Registrar

Item No. 319.01: Report of action taken upon the decisions of the Syndicate at its meeting held on 1-8-1992.

Resolved that the report of action taken on the decisions of the Syndicate at its meeting held on 1-8-1992 be noted.

Item No 319.02: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 10-10-1992

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10-10-1992 be confirmed subject to the following amendments

(i) The minutes under item 318.03 (A) be modified as under.

"Item No. 318.03 (A): Appointment of Shri S Meeran Maluk Mohamed as Registrar of the University-Ratification-Reg.

The Government vide D. O No 35716/J1/92/H. Edn. dated 30-9-1992 conveyed to the University their selection of Shri S. Meeran Maluk Mohamed from the panel furnished by the Syndicate for appointment as the Registrar of the University.

The Syndicate ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor in having appointed Shri S. Meeran Maluk Mohamed as the Registrar of the University on 1-10-1992, according to the provisions under Section 13 (1) of the Cochin University Science and Technology Act and in exercise of the powers of the Syndicate under Section 11 (11) of the Act.

The following members of the Syndicate expressed their dissent on the action of the Vice-Chancellor.

1. Shri P. Subramonia Iyer
2. Shri Binoy Viswam
3. Shri S. Sarma
4. Dr. K. G. Balakrishnan

Two notes of dissent on this item received from Shri Subramonia Iyer and Dr. K. G. Balakrishnan are appended in the annexure to these minutes."

Dr. K. G. Balakrishnan dissented from confirming the minutes under item 318.03 (A) as above. The dissent note of Dr. K. G. Balakrishnan is appended as Appendix I.

(ii) The second resolution under item 318.09 be split into two, as under.

"Resolved further that the above condition be insisted upon in future cases at the time of sanctioning sabbatical leave.

"Resolved also that the Department Research Committee be requested to evaluate the work carried out by teachers during the sabbatical leave period."

(iii) The second resolution under item 318.11 be modified as under.

"Resolved further that proposals for Ph.D. registration be submitted to the University within one month of provisional registrations and the total number of Ph. D. students under a supervising guide be within the stipulated limit given in the Regulations."

(iv) The second resolution under item 318.20

"Resolved further that leave of similar type be granted only as per Rules" be deleted.

(v) The minutes recorded under item 318.25 be deleted and the words 'Resolved that the matter be deferred for consideration' be inserted in its place.

(vi) The words 'of experts' be inserted after the word 'panel' in the first line under item 318.30 (v).

(Conf.)

Item No. 319.03: Report of the Vice-Chancellor on important developments in the University since the last meeting

1. The Vice-Chancellor reported that a proposal on the developmental plans of the University for 1993-94 was prepared by the University and submitted to the State Planning Board. The proposal of the University came up for discussion in the meeting held on 27 October 1992 at the State Planning Board. The State Planning Board has accepted the proposal of the University and made a budgetary provision of Rs. 125 lakhs as Plan grant for 1993-94.

2. Items outside the agenda

All decisions taken by the competent authorities shall be implemented promptly.

3. The Syndicate resolved to constitute a sub-committee to review the decision under Item No. 300.44 held on 15-10-1991 on the levying of a fee of Rs. 10,000/- from the recognised institutions as their share of expenditure incurred by the University on the evaluation of Ph.D. thesis etc. in respect of each student provisionally registered by them. The sub-committee shall consist of the following members:-

1. Shri. K. R. Prasad
2. Shri. Johnson P. John (Convener)
3. Dr. M. Shahul Hameed
4. Dr. K. G. Balakrishnan

The Committee shall look into all aspects of admission of students for Ph.D. research by the recognised institutions such as (i) the average cost of assessment per student, (ii) the budgetary provisions in the Non-Plan grant on expenditure on examinations vis-a-vis the ability of the University to absorb added financial liability by the admission

of doctoral students by the recognised institutions, (iii) total number of Ph.D. students that can be admitted for doctoral work by the recognised institutions at any given time, and (iv) bringing in changes in the regulations of the Ph.D. course like the requirement of publication of important findings included in Ph.D. thesis in refereed research journals.

This committee is expected to give its recommendations at the earliest and if possible the same shall be placed for the consideration of the Syndicate at its next meeting.

4. The Syndicate appreciated the need of providing a 'zero hour' for taking up urgent matters brought forward by individual Syndicate members. It was resolved that in each meeting there shall be a zero hour if necessary, from 12 noon to 12.30 p. m.

Item No. 319.04: Post Doctoral Fellowship awarded to Dr. Sanjeev Bhat. V-Extension-request for.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the proposal for granting extension to the Post Doctoral Fellowship awarded to Dr. Sanjeev Bhat. V. in the Department of Applied Chemistry for a further period of one year w.e.f. 22-8-1992.

Resolved that the Post-Doctoral Fellowship awarded to Dr. V. Sanjeev Bhat be extended for a further period of one year w.e.f. 22-8-1992.

(Ac B)

Item No. 319.05: Change of topic of research-Request of Smt Ashalatha P. V.-Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the request from Smt. Ashalatha P. V. Research Scholar in the Department of Polymer Science and Rubber Technology for permission to change her topic of research leading to the award of Ph.D. Degree.

Resolved that Smt. Ashalatha P. V, be permitted to change her topic of research as 'Studies on Polypropylene elastomer blends'.

(Ac.B)

Item No. 319.06: Change of topic of research-Request of Smt. Ashalatha P. V. Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on the Academic Matters, the request from Shri. Anilkumar, N, Research Scholar in the National Institute of Oceanography for permission to change his topic of research leading to the award of Ph.D Degree.

Resolved that Shri. Anilkumar, N., be permitted to change his topic to research 'Studies on the Dynamics of Bepore estuary'.

(Ac.B)

Akr.

Item No. 319.07: Proposal to engage Cdr. V V Rao as Guest Lecturer in the Department of Ship Technology-Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Academic Matters, and Staff & Establishment, the proposal from the Head of the Department of Ship Technology for engaging Cdr. V. V Rao as Guest Lecturer from January 1993 to May 1993 for taking the following classes for the students in the Department of Ship Technology.

Semester of the course for which the expert is to be engaged	Subject	Total No. of hours
VIII Semester	a) Ship Building Technology	4 x 17
	b) Welding Techniques	3 x 17
	c) Ship Building Materials, Corrosion Prevention and Protection	2 x 17
II Semester	d) Theory of Ships I	7 x 17

Resolved that the proposal of the Head of the Department of Ship Technology be approved as a special case and the expenditure be met from the Head 'Guest Lecturers' by providing sufficient funds through suitable diversion.

(Ac'A)

Item No. 319 08: Request from Smt. Valsala K., Sr Gr. Typist/Stenographer, for leave without allowances for 2 years to join her husband abroad-Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Staff and Establishment, the request from Smt. Valsala K., Sr Gr Typist/Steno, University Office for Leave without Allowances for a period of 2 years from the date of avail to enable her to join her husband who is working abroad.

Resolved that Smt. Valsala K. be granted Leave without Allowances for a period of 2 years from the date from of avail subject to the conditions laid down for the grant of such leave.

(Ad. A)

Item No. 319 09: Medical reimbursement to University employees: Report of the Committee-Consideration of.

Resolved that the matter be deferred for consideration.

(Ad.B.)

Item No 3:9 10: Payment of Advocate's fee to Shri M. K. Damodaran-Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase, and Staff and Establishment, the proposal for sanctioning payment of an amount of Rs. 25,000/-to Shri M. K. Damodaran, Advocate in connection with his appearance before the M.S.K. Ramaswamy Commission appointed by the Government to enquire into the incident occurred in the University campus on 27-9-1991.

Resolved that Shri M. K. Damodaran be requested to send a detailed bill stating fee for appearance, discussions,

drafting, clerical and typing expenses and for the travelling expenses and other miscellaneous items.

Resolved further that the Government be requested to provide a copy of the Report to the University.

(GA & EL)

Item No. 319.11: Visit of Dr. K. C. Sankaranarayanan to France under Indo - French Cultural Exchange Programme - Leave granted - Action of the Vice-Chancellor reported-Reg

The Syndicate noted the action of the Vice-Chancellor in having permitted Dr. K. C. Sankaranarayanan, Head of the Department of Applied Economics to visit France under the Indo-French Cultural Exchange Programme of the UGC for a period of 45 days from 12th September 1992 treating his period of absence as on duty.

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

(Ad. D)

Item No. 319.12: Construction of Multistoreyed Building at Lakeside Campus-Report submitted by the Sub-committee of the Syndicate.

Resolved that the matter be deferred for consideration.

(PLA)

Item No. No. 319.13: Ph.D. thesis entitled "Nav Vamapanthi Kaviyem Ki Samajik Prathibadhatha" submitted by Shri T. A. Babu - Evaluation reports and minutes 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 examination in respect of the Ph.D.

thesis submitted by Shri T. A. Babu, part-time research student who worked under the guidance of Dr. M. Shanmughan, Lecturer, Department of Hindi of the University.

Resolved that Shri T. A. Babu be declared eligible for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the Faculty of Humanities for his thesis "NAV VAMAPANTHI KAVIYOM KI SAMAJIK PRATHIBADHATHA".

(E.A.)

Item No. 319 14: Ph.D. thesis entitled "Ecological Characteristics of Prawn Culture fields in the Cochin Area" submitted by Smt. Sheeba Susan Mathews - Evaluation Reports and minutes of viva voce examination-Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the individual report of the Examiners, together with the consolidated report of the Chairman, Board of Examiners and the minutes of viva voce examination in respect of the Ph.D. thesis submitted by Smt. Sheeba Susan Mathew, full-time research student who worked under the guidance of Dr. N. Gopinatha Menon, Scientist, Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi-31.

Resolved that Smt "Sheeba Susan Mathews be declared eligible for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the Faculty of Marine Sciences for her thesis "ECOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF PRAWN CULTURE FIELDS IN THE COCHIN AREA".

(E.A.)

Item No. 319.15: Ph.D. thesis entitled "Theory of charge transfer reactions in Condensed Media" submitted by Shri Ananthapadmanabhan P., Evaluation Reports and Minutes of viva-voce Examination-Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the

individual report of the Examiners, together with the consolidated report of the Chairman, Board of Examiners and the minutes of viva voce examination in respect of the Ph.D. thesis submitted by Shri Ananthapadmanabhan P, full-time research student who worked under the guidance of Dr. K. L. Sebastian, Professor, Department of Applied Chemistry of the University.

Resolved that Shri Ananthapadmanabhan, P. be declared eligible for the award of the Degree of Doctor of philosophy under the Faculty of Science for his thesis "THEORY OF CHARGE TRANSFER REACTIONS IN CONDENSED MEDIA".

(E.A.)

The meeting adjourned at 2.30 p. m. and resolved to meet on 28-11-1992 to consider the remaining items on the Agenda.

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Kochi-682 022

11 November 1992.

REGISTRAR

Appendix to Item No 319 02 (ii)

Copy of the letter from Dr. K. G. Balakrishnan, Member, Syndicate, Cochin University of Science and Technology Kochi-682 022 to The Registrar, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi-22.

9-11-1992

Sir,

Sub: Minutes of the Syndicate meeting-Inclusion of my dissent note-Reg.

Ref: Item No. 319.02 confirmation of minutes of item No. 318.03 (A)

While discussing the item 318 03 (A) on 10-10-1992, the Vice-Chancellor informed the house that he has exercised the powers of the Syndicate under 13 (1) using section 11 (11) of the CUSAT Act 1986. He also has narrated the emergency situation, that lead to the exercise of section referred and to make the appointment of the Registrar on 1-10-1992 itself, viz, he expected a stay on the appointment by the Hon. High Court of Kerala on an O P. filed against it and the case was under consideration of the court on 1-10-1992.

These transactions which happened during the discussions, were not recorded fully in the 'minutes for confirmation' placed before the Syndicate on 7-11-1992. I believe that without recording the reasons for the exercise of powers under section 11 (11) the minutes are incomplete and attribute malfeasance to the actions and powers of the Syndicate. I can not be a party to such an action.

Under these circumstances I strongly express my dissent in confirming the minutes of the item No 318 03 (A): appointment of Shri S. Moeran Maluk Mohamed as Registrar of the University, as in my opinion.

1. The minutes are incomplete unless the reasons for the exercise of power under section 11 (11) should also be recorded.

2. These reasons were discussed at length and approved by the Syndicate and I find no reason why it could not be included in the confirmed minutes.
3. This will open up a channel for a Vice-Chancellor to assume the powers of anybody or officer under the act many a time misusing section 11 (11), if he is not to record the reasons for such an action.

May I request that my dissent be recorded against this item before it is brought as a confirmed minute.

Thanking you and assuring you all best co-operation.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
(K. G. Balakrishnan)