

COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Minutes of the 331st meeting of the Syndicate held
on July 3, 1993

Place of the 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. Binoy Viswam
5. Shri Johnson P. John
6. Dr. P. Leelakrishnan
7. Shri K. R. Prasad
8. Shri B. Raghavan
9. Dr. K. Ramachandran
10. Shri S. Sarma
11. Dr. M. Shahul Hameed
12. Shri. P. Subramonia Iyer
13. Dr. P. V. Vijayan

Also present: Shri S. Meeran Maluk Mohamed,
Registrar.

Item No. 331.01: Report of action taken on the decisions of the Syndicate meetings held on 20-3-1993 and 3-4-1993 respectively.

Resolved that the report of action on the decisions of the Syndicate at its meetings held on 20-3-1993 and 3-4-1993 be noted.

Item No 331.02: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 10-6-1993.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10-6-1993 be confirmed subject to the following emendations:

(i) The word 'concerned' be added before the words 'University campus' in the third line of the second resolution under item 330.04.

(ii) The words 'as there is nobody qualified in these specialised fields' be added at the end of the second resolution under item 330.20

(Conf.)

Item No. 331.03. Report of the Vice-Chancellor on important developments in the University since the last meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor reported.

1. He will be proceeding to U.K. to attend the Fifteenth Commonwealth Universities Congress and Conference of Executive Heads scheduled to be held from 11-8-1993 to 20-8-1993 at University of Wales, Swensea, U. K. During his visit, he would meet Dr. L. M. Singhvi, Indian High Commissioner to U. K. and Sir. Gordon Higginson the Vice-Chancellor of southampton University for exploring possibilities of academic interaction with that University and the Cochin University. The Association of Commonwealth Universities will extend partial financial assistance for the journey to U. K. and stay there, limited to \$ 1050. The UGC has also agreed to extend partial financial

assistance in this regard. The Chancellor has approved the journey of the Vice-Chancellor and the same was communicated vide letter No. GS5-2631/93 dated June 22 1993

Arising out of the discussion, the Syndicate resolved that expenditure incurred by the Vice-Chancellor over and above the financial assistance be met by the University.

2. Dr V N Sivasankara Pillai, Professor, Department of Applied Chemistry is actively participating in the detoxification work of Peochi Reservoir consequent on spillage of carbolic acid.

Arising out of the discussion, the Syndicate resolved to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by Dr. Sivasankara Pillai for the cause of the peoples welfare.

Item No. 331.04: Felling of 'Anjili' tree - Disciplinary proceedings/ Representation from Shri. N. Thankappan and Shri. C Gangadharan against imposition of punishment - Consideration of-Reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Staff & Establishment, the representations from Shri. N. Thankappan, Asst. Executive Engineer and Shri C Gangadharan, Assistant Engineer, who were found guilty during the inquiry into the circumstances under which an 'Anjili' tree in the Cochin University Campus was felled and sold in auction as a cashew tree, and the persons responsible for the same in response to memo served on them as per Statute 37 of the Cochin University First Statutes 1981.

Resolved that the penalty of reduction in the Seniority list proposed to be imposed on Shri N Thankappan, Assistant Executive Engineer and Shri. C. Gangadharan, Assistant Engineer vide item No. 312.42 of the minutes of the Syndicate held on 16-5-1992 be confirmed and the above two delinquents be informed of the decision of the

Syndicate and suitable administrative communication be issued in this regard.

(Ad. A)

Item No. 331.04 A. Annual review of the representation of SC/ST Communities in the University service - reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committees of the Syndicate on Staff & Establishment, the various recommendations contained in the minutes dated 28-5-1993 of the Staff and Establishment Committee based on the Annual review of the representation of SC/ST in the teaching and non-teaching service of the University

Resolved that efforts be made once more for filling up the following non-teaching posts, which were reserved for special recruitment from SC/ST communities, within six months and the result be reported to the Syndicate.

1. System Analyst
2. Technical Assistant Grade I
3. Statistical Officer

Resolved further that the post of professor in the Department of Applied Chemistry reserved for SC/ST be dereserved and that one post of Lecturer in each of the following departments be additionally reserved for special recruitment from SC/ST category in view of the difficulties in making appointments to the posts of professors and Readers from the above category and that for the purpose of posts or professors, Readers and Lecturers be pooled together and reckoned as a single group.

Applied Chemistry	- 1 post
Bio-technology	- 1 post
School of Technology	- 1 post
USIC	- 1 post

The Syndicate recalled the decisions taken vide item 290.17 at its meeting held on 6-4-1991 that teaching posts sanctioned under plan sector be not reserved for special recruitment from SC/ST communities as financial assistance for the posts would lapse if not filled up within a period of five years. Accordingly, the Vice-Chancellor may examine the proposal and report to the Syndicate.

(Ad.A/d. D)

Item No. 331.05: Ph D. thesis entitled 'Studies on Synthesis and Nutritional Evaluation of Prawn Feeds' submitted by Smt. B Ushakumari.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters the proposal for constituting Board of Examiners for evaluating the Ph D. thesis submitted by Smt B. Ushakumari who has carried out research work under the guidance of Dr. N. Chandra Mohankumar, Senior Lecturer, School of Marine Sciences.

Resolved that the Vice-Chancellor may finalise the panel in consultation with the Supervising guide and the Dean of the Faculty and if any difficulty is faced the matter be placed before the Academic Council for detailed examination and appropriate decisions

(Exam. A)

Item No. 331.06: Change of Supervising Guide in respect of Shri Philip Thomas, Research Scholar, Department of Applied Economics - Consideration of

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the proposal for permitting change of Supervising Guide of Shri Philip Thomas, Research Scholar in the Department of Applied Economics from Dr. K. Krishnan Nampoothiri to Dr. Meera Bai

Resolved that Shri. Philip Thomas, Research Scholar, Department of Applied Economics be permitted to change his

research guide from Dr. K. Krishnan Nampoodiri to Dr. Meera Bai.

(As.B)

Item No 331.07: Ph.D. thesis entitled "Studies on some aspects of Mangrove Ecosystems in a tropical Estuary" submitted by Shri. M. S. Rajagopalan - 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 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 M.S. Rajagopalan, part-time research student who worked under the guidance of Dr E. G. Silas, former Vice-Chancellor, Kerala Agricultural University.

Resolved that Shri M. S. Rajagopalan be declared eligible for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the Faculty of Marine Sciences for his thesis "Studies on some aspects of Mangrove Ecosystems in a Tropical Estuary".

(Exam.A)

Item No 331.08: Cancellation of Ph D. registration - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the proposal for cancelling the Ph.D. registration granted to eight candidates in the Department of Physics as recommended by the supervising teachers and the Head of the Department.

Resolved that the Ph D. registration granted to the following candidates be cancelled for the reason indicated against each.

Sl. No.	Name of candidate	Reg. No.	Reason for cancellation
1	K. V. Thomas	612	Period over
2	Jose Mathew	577	"
3	V. M. George	886	Discontinued research
4	Asha. P	1018	"
5	Renjith Mohan Kumar P.	1367	"
6	Rabbi Akkiba Angiras	1360	"
7	Mahesh Pai A. R.	1194	"
8	Shaji Varghese	1250	"

(Ac.B)

Item No. 331.09: Ph.D. research-Request of Smt. Jayasree V. to have a co-guide. Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the request from Smt Jayasree V. Research Scholar, School of Marine Sciences for permission to have Dr. K. G Anil Kumar, Lecturer as Co-guide in view of her supervising teacher Dr C. K. Rajan being on leave.

Resolved that Smt. Jayasree V be permitted to continue her research under the co-guidance of Dr K. G. Anil Kumar.

(Ac B)

Item No. 331.10: Ph D. Registration-School of Environmental Studies - Application of Smt. Kavitha Ramachandran-Consideration of

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the proposal for granting Smt. Kavitha Ramachandran, full-time Ph.D. registration for doing research leading to the award of Ph.D Degree under the Faculty of Environmental Studies.

Resolved that Smt. Kavitha Ramachandran be granted full-time Ph.D. registration on the topic 'Nitrifying Bacteria in developing bioreactors for Oxidising Ammonia in sewage to

Nitrate' under the guidance of Dr. K. S. Bright Singh in the School of Environmental Studies.

(Ac.B)

Item No. 331.11: Cancellation of Ph.D. registration granted to Shri Arnold K. Thomas-Consideration of

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the proposal for cancelling the Ph.D. registration granted to Shri Arnold K. Thomas, research scholar, Department of Applied Chemistry.

Resolved that the Ph.D. registration granted to Shri Arnold K. Thomas be cancelled in view of his unauthorised absence from 5-9-1992.

(Ac.B)

Item No. 331-12: Recognition as Research Guide-Application of Dr. Sunil K. Narayanankutty, Lecturer, Department of Polymer Science and Rubber Technology-Consideration of

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the request from Dr. Sunil K. Narayanankutty, for granting him recognition as Research Guide for guiding Ph.D. research students under the Faculty of Technology.

Resolved that Dr. Sunil K. Narayanankutty, Lecturer, Department of Polymer Science and Rubber Technology be recognised as a Research Guide under the Faculty of Technology.

(Ac.B)

Item No. 331.13: Shri N. Sreekumar, Asst. Grade I - Request for regularising promotion to the post of Assistant Grade II - Consideration of Reg.

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

the request from Shri N. Sreekumar, Asst. Grade I for regularising his appointment as Assistant Grade II from the date on which he acquired the Bachelor's degree, the minimum qualification prescribed for the post of Assistant Grade II.

Resolved that the matter be placed before the Syndicate with the recommendations of the Finance Committee (Statutory).

(Ad.A)

Item No. 331.14: Declaration of promotion in respect of Shri Sebastian Ouseph, Finance Officer - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Staff & Establishment, the proposal for declaring the probation of Shri Sebastian Ouseph, Finance Officer as satisfactorily completed and confirming him in the post.

Resolved that Shri Sebastian Ouseph be declared to have satisfactorily completed his probation in the post on Finance Officer w.e.f. 18-5-1993 F.N. and he be granted confirmation in the post of Finance Officer.

(Ad.A)

Item No. 331.15: Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 18-2-1993 and 2-3-1993 Consideration of-

The Syndicate considered, the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 18-2-1993 and 2-3-1993 and resolved that

- a) The financial statements in respect of Schemes/projects funded by external financial agencies be countersigned by the Finance Officer and he be the University Auditor for the said purpose.
- b) A coordination/consultative committee with the following members be constituted to streamline the activities of the Centre for Science in Society.
 - i) Vice-Chancellor (Chairman)

- ii) Chairman & Managing Director of Cochin Refineries Ltd. or his nominee
- iii) Director, Centre for Earth Science Studies, Trivandrum or his nominee.
- iv) Director, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum or his nominee.
- v) Prof. M. K Prasad, Member Governing Body of STEC and former Pro-Vice Chancellor of the Calicut University.
- vi) Prof. K. M Bahudin. Member Governing Body of STEC and former Pro-Vice Chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University.
- vii) Shri Johnson P John
Member of the Syndicate
- viii) Dean, Faculty of Environmental Studies
- ix) Director, Centre of Science in Society-(Convener)
- c) The various recommendations of the Planning Committee as contained in the minutes dated 18-2-1993 and 2-3-1993 be put to the Syndicate in the form of Agenda items.

(UGC Unit)

Item No. 331.16: Programme of Special Assistance (DSA) to Department of Physics-Sanction request for purchase of X-ray Diffractometer System-Reg

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Finance & Purchase, the proposal for sanctioning purchase of X-ray Diffractometer System for the Department of Physics for implementation of the project under the Departmental special Assistance sanctioned by the UGC.

Resolved that purchase of one unit of X-ray Diffractometer system with accessories from M/s. Rigaku International Corporation, Tokyo, Japan through their Indian agents M/s I R Technology services Pvt Ltd., Bangalore at a cost of 70,00,000/- (approximately Rs. 19,00,000/-) be sanctioned and the Head of the Department of Physics be permitted to open a Letter of Credit for effecting the purchase. (PL.B)

Item No. 331.17: Ph.D. registration-Request of Smt. Bindu, G for change of supervising Guide - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the request from Smt. Bindu G., research scholar, School of Marine Sciences for permission to change her supervising guide from Dr C. K. Rajan to Dr. K. G. Anil Kumar, School of Marine Sciences in view of the absence of the former on leave.

Resolved that Smt Bindu G. be permitted to change her research guide from Dr. C.K. Rajan to Dr K G Anil Kumar, Lecturer, School of Marine Sciences.

(Ac. 'B')

Item No. 331.18: Implementation of the ICAR project "Population Characteristics, Bionomics and Fishery of Macro-brachicum Rosenbergii (Deman) of Vembanad Lake with reference to man-made alternation in the ecosystem"-Reporting of

The Syndicate noted the action of the Vice-Chancellor in having implemented the project "Population Characteristics, Bionomics and Fishery of Macrobrachicum Rosenbergii (Deman) of Vembanad Lake with reference to man-made alterations in the ecosystem", sanctioned by the ICAR under the principal Investigatorship of Dr. B. Madhusoodana Kurup, Reader, Department of Industrial Fisheries with a total financial outlay of Rs. 4,42,600/- for a period of three years.

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

(UGC Unit)

Item No. 331.19: Ph D. thesis entitled 'Studies on Immobilization of Bacteria' submitted by Shri. C. Mohandas - 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, and the minutes of the viva voce examination in respect of the Ph D thesis submitted by Shri. C. Mohandas full-time research student who worked under the guidance of Dr. M. Chandrasekharan, Head, Centre for Bio-technology.

Resolved that Shri C. Mohandas be declared eligible for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the Faculty of Marine Sciences for his thesis "STUDIES ON IMMOBILIZATION OF BACTERIA"

(Exam A)

Item No. 331 20: Ph.D. thesis entitled "Growth and Reproduction of the Penaeid Prawn Metapenaeus Dobsoni (Miers) in Brackish-water Environment" submitted by C. Vasudevappa - 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 Examiners, and the minutes of viva voce examination in respect of the Ph. D. thesis submitted by Shri C. Vasudevappa, full time research student who worked under the guidance of Dr. C. Suseelan, Scientist, Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi-31.

Resolved that Shri C. Vasudevappa be declared eligible for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the Faculty of Marine Sciences for his thesis "GROWTH AND REPRODUCTION OF THE PENAEID PRAWN METAPENAEID PRAWN METAPENAEUS DOBSONI (MIERS) IN BRACKISHWATER ENVIRONMENT". (Exam. A)

Item No. 331.21: Purchase of a new bus to the University Reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Finance & Purchase, the proposal for purchasing a new bus for providing transport facilities to the students and Staff.

Resolved that the UGC be requested to sanction Rs. 7/- lacs as outright grant for purchasing a new bus.

Resolved further that quotations be obtained from various tourist bus operators to ply shuttle trips between Highway Gate and the Campus. (GI Services)

Item No. 331 22: Construction of the 4 new UGC Assisted Buildings - Payment of Architect's fee at enhanced rate.

The Syndicate noted the action of the Vice-Chancellor in having approved the Architect's fee at 3% of the estimate cost agreed to by M/s. K G. Sukumaran and Associates in connection with the construction of (1) Building for Centre for Biotechnology (2) Extension to Mathematics Building for MCA course, (3) Common Building for Applied Economics/Foreign Languages/School of management Studies and (4) Extension to Ladies Hostel on the same terms and conditions identical to the work awarded to them for the Multistoreyed building of the Lakeside campus.

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

(PLA)

Item No 331 23: Ph. D. Registration Application of Shri Pius Stephen Padayattil, Centre for Biotechnology - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the proposal for granting Ph. D registration to Shri Pius Stephen Padayatti, for carrying out research leading to the award of Ph. D. Degree under the Faculty of Science

Resolved that Shri Pius Stephen Padayatti be granted full-time registration for research on the topic "Alterations in the parain neuro-transmitter function as a link for sympathetic stimulation in streptozotocin in diabetic rats" under the guidance of Dr. C. V. Paulose, Lecturer in the Centre for Biotechnology w.e.f 4-11-1992 the date from which he was granted provisional registration.

(Ac B)

Item No. 331 24: Fifth Annual Management Convention of the Association of Indian Management Schools-Institutional contribution-Reg.

The Syndicate considered, the request from Dr. D. Babu Paul, Commissioner and Secretary, Cultural Affairs, Government of Kerala and Chairman, Organising Committee of the Fifth Annual Management Convention for co-sponsoring the above convention during 25-27 August 1993 by contributing an amount of Rs. 12,000/-.

Resolved that the Fifth Annual Management convention of the Association of the Indian Management Schools scheduled to be held at Trivandrum during 25-27 August 1993 be co-sponsored by the University and an amount of Rs. 12,000/- be contributed for the convention.

(Ac A)

Item No. 331 25. Delegation of powers viz. declaration of probation of all employees of the Syndicate to the Vice-Chancellor-Consideration of.

Not taken up for consideration.

(Ad.A)

Item No. 331.26. Ph.D. thesis entitled, 'Ovarian Maturat on in Etroplus Maculatus (Bloch)-A study on Toxicant Induced Intrinsic Responses' submitted by Smt. K B. Veena Evaluation reports and minutes of viva voce examination Consideration of.

Note taken up for consideration.

(Exam.A)

Item No. 331.27: Ph.D. thesis entitled, 'Thermohaline Variability in the Upper Layers of the Arabian Sea' - submitted by Shri Hareesh Kumar P. V. Evaluation reports and minutes of viva voce examination-Consideration of.

Not taken up for consideration

(Exam A)

Item No. 331.28: Shri M. Ajithkumar, Lecturer (on leave) Department of Computer Science-Request for extension of leave without allowances-Reg.

Not taken up for consideration.

(Ad.D)

Item No. 331.29: B.Tech. Degree courses-Amendment to Rules for revaluation of answerbooks-Reg.

Not taken up for consideration.

(Exam A)

Item No. 331.30: Diploma in Labour Law course - Fixing of fee structure Reg.

The Syndicate considered the proposal for fixing the fee structure of the Diploma in Labour Law Course proposed to be started in the Department of Law.

Resolved that the fee structure of the Diploma in Labour Law course be as under.

Sl. No.	Item	I Semester	II Semester
1	Tuition fee	Rs 1000 00	Rs. 1000.00
2	Caution Deposit (Refundable)	100 00	350.00
3	Examination fee	250.00	
4	Quasi University fee	: Rs. 8.00 per annum	
5	University Union fee	: 10.00	"
6	Library fee	: 15.00	"
7	Students' Aid Fund	: 10.00	"
8	Sports Fee	: 22.00	"
9	Stationery fee	: 10.00	"
10	Matriculation fee	: 30.00	"
11	Recognition fee	: 30.00 (for candidates from Universities outside Kerala)	"

Resolved further that the Vice-Chancellor be authorised to examine in consultation with the Dean of Faculties the fee structure of the various courses under the University vis-a-vis the fee structure of the equivalent courses in the other Universities in the State and the fees charged in the colleges under the Directorates of Technical Education and to submit proposals to the Syndicate for revising the fee structure. (Ac-A)

Item No. 331.31: Starting of M Sc. (Tech) Electronics - Fixing of fee Consideration of.

Not taken up for consideration.

Item No. 331.32: Model Engineering college, Thrikkakara - Provisional recognition granted by the University - Report of the Committee constituted to assess the progress of the college - Consideration of.

Not taken up for consideration.

(Ac A)

Item No. 331.33: Granting of recognition to the self-financing engineering college to be started in Alleppey District under the aegis of the IHRDE-Report of the Committee appointed by the Syndicate - Consideration of.

Resolved that the matter be deferred for consideration at a special meeting of the Syndicate to be convened on 17-7-1993.

Resolved further that a sub-committee consisting of Dr. K. G. Balakrishnan, Shri K. R. Prasad and Director of Technical Education be requested to scrutinize all the relevant papers in the matter and submit recommendations for consideration by the Syndicate at the above mentioned special meeting

(Ad.A)

Item No. 331.34: Shri Sherry Kunju, Deck Officer, School of Marine Sciences - Request for LWA for five years to take up employment abroad - Consideration of

Not taken up for consideration.

(Ad.)

Item No. 331.35: Law and Order - Campus violence and ragging - Implementation of Court directions, orders and guidelines issued by the Government - Consideration of.

Not taken up for consideration.

(Ac.)

Item No. 331.36: Leave without allowances to Shri K. C. Seer Bahadur, Security Guard and Shri M. K. Abdul Khader, Sergeant - Consideration of

Not taken up for consideration.

Item No. 331.37: (Mericulture) and Ph. D. Programme conducted by the CMFRK - Affiliation to the ICAR's - Deemed University at Bombay - Reg

Not taken up for consideration

Item No. 331.38: Misuse of the name 'Cochin University P. O.' of the post office at the main campus by some local private institutions - Reporting of.

The Syndicate noted the news appeared in a journal entitled 'job times' in which the name of the University was misused for brightening the activities of a private institution called School of Communication and Management Studies'.

Resolved that the Vice - Chancellor be authorised to take appropriate measures including appraisal of the matter to the AICTE to curb the use of the name of the University by private institutions.

(GA & EL)

Items taken up for consideration during zero hour.

Item No. 331.39: Starting of self - financing courses - Reg.

The Syndicate considered the suggestions from the members for starting self financing courses in the various University Departments.

Resolved that the Heads of Departments be requested to submit proposals for diversification of existing programmes and starting of job oriented courses under self financing schemes.

Resolved further that the possibility of starting self-financing professional colleges outside the country be explored.

(Ac)

Item No. 331.40: Litigation against the University - Status of the various cases - Reg.

The Syndicate noted that numerous cases filed against the University are pending disposal.

Resolved that the Standing Counsel of the University be requested to submit a report on the present status of the various cases pending in the High Court.

(GA & EL)

The meeting terminated at 1.30 p. m.

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July 8, 1993

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