

MINUTES OF THE 373RD MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELDON 23.11.1996

Place of meeting : Administrative Buildings  
Kochi-22

Time : 11 A.M.

Members present:

1. Dr.N.Babu (in the Chair)  
Vice-Chancellor
2. Sri.V.J.Pappoo  
Pro-Vice-Chancellor
3. Dr.K.Sivaraman
4. Sri.K.K.Gopalakrishnan
5. Dr.P.Leelakrishnan
6. Dr.K.G.Nair
7. Sri.N.Chandrasekharan Nair
8. Dr.M.Shahul Hameed
9. Sri.P.N.Prasannakumar
10. Dr.K.C.Joseph, M.L.A.
11. Sri.M.A.Thomas, M.L.A.
12. Sri.T.A.Ahmed Kabir
13. Dr.M.P.Chandrasekharan
14. Dr.A.Mohandas
15. Sri.P.Randakrishnan

Also present: Dr.K.G.Balakrishnan, Registrar.

Item No. 373.01: Election of one person to the Committee for appointment of Vice-Chancellor.

The election of one person to the committee for appointment of the Vice-Chancellor was held at 11 A.M. All members of the Syndicate except Dr.P.K.Iyengar exercised the franchise. The ballot box was sealed and kept in custody, opening at 3 P.M.

At 3 P.M. on counting of the votes Dr.K.C.Joseph, M.L.A. was declared elected unanimously as he secured all the fifteen votes.

Item No. 373.02: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 8.11.1996 (372nd)

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 8.11.1996 (372nd) be confirmed subject to the following emendations:

- (1) In item No.372.02 - Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 17.10.1996 (371st),
- i) The following sentence be added after the first paragraph of the resolution:  
"Dr.P.Leelakrishnan abstained himself from the process confirmation of the minutes"
  - ii) The first paragraph of the resolution under item No.371.06 be deleted.

- (2) The decision under first paragraph of the Report of the Vice-Chancellor be replaced by the following:

"The Vice-Chancellor presented the report of the Dutch MHO Programme (text appended). This was noted by the Syndicate. The Syndicate accepted the programme in Principle".

- (3) In the heading under items Nos.372.36 to 372.73 the words "except item 372.55" be added, and the following decision be inserted:

"Item No.372.55 - Reappointment of Programme Co-ordinator in the Centre for Science in Society - Regarding.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Staff and Establishment, and Finance and Purchase, the request of the Director Centre for Science in Society to extend the services of the Programme Co-Ordinator for one more term of 179 days w.e.f. 29.10.1996.

Resolved that Smt.M.A.Ambujam be appointed as Programme Co-ordinator in the Centre for Science in Society for a period of 1 year w.e.f. the date of expiry of the present contract".

Item No.373.03: Report of the Vice-Chancellor on important developments in the University since last meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor said that there was no important developments to be reported to the Syndicate.

Before taking up the agenda items Sri.M.A.Thomas,M.T raised a submission that Dr.T.M.Abdul Rasheed, Reader who was transferred from the Department of Physics to the International School of Photonics should be retransferred to the Department of Physics due to various reasons.

The Syndicate resolved to revoke order No.Ad.D3/5294/95 dated 4.10.1996 and transfer Dr.T.M.Abdul Rasheed from International School of Photonics to Department of Physics. Resolved further that the International School of Photonics may engage guest Lecturers for six months for the additional work in the School.

It was further resolved that the functioning of all the International Schools of the University be reviewed and suggest ways for their improvements by a sub committee of the Syndicate with Pro-Vice-Chancellor as Chairman and Dr.Shahul Hameed, Director of Technical Education, Dr.K.C.Joseph, M.L.A., Sri. M.A.Thomas, M.L.A. and Dr.A.Mohandas as members.

Item No.373.04: To consider the recommendations of the University Industry Interaction Committee.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters the recommendations submitted by the University Industry Interaction Committee contained in the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5.3.1996.

Resolved that --

1. A permanent cell be set up in the University to look after University-Industry Interaction activities.
2. The syllabus of all technical courses in CUSAT be revised every three years. Suggestions from the local industries may be considered in doing so.

(PL UGC Unit)

Item No.373.05: Amendment to Statute 16 of the Cochin University of Science and Technology First Statutes in respect of the appointment and other service conditions of the teachers of the University issued as per Notification No. G.O.(MS)No.170/91 dated 22.6.1991 - Revised draft amendment notification, reasons for the proposed amendment and financial commitment involved etc., forwarded to the Chancellor - Clarification sought by the Government - Consideration of - Reg.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Staff and Establishment, Finance and Purchase, and Academic Matters the matter of amendment to Statute 16 of the Cochin University of Science and Technology First Statutes in respect of the appointment and service conditions of the teachers of the University in the light of the Government Notification No.G.O.(MS)No.170/91 dated 22.6.1991.

Resolved that the following reply be given to the Government:

"The new 'leave rules for teachers' is a codified form of document incorporating all the Government Rules, Regulations, UGC guidelines and provisions of K.S.R. which are applicable to teachers. These were enjoyed by the teachers over the years. No extra provisions are introduced nor have curtailed by introducing the new 'leave rules for teachers' as codified regulations".

Prior to these regulations each case of leave which not envisaged under K.S.R./Government orders was individually considered by the Syndicate and sanctioned as there was no codified regulations existing to this effect.

(Ad.D)

Item No.373.06: University teachers - Detention of teachers during vacation - Framing of new rules - Recommendations of the sub-committee - Consideration of - Reg.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Staff and Establishment, Finance and Purchase, and Academic Matters the matter of framing of new rules for the detention of teachers during vacation in the light of the recommendations of the sub committee of the Syndicate constituted for framing rules/guidelines for detention of teachers during vacation.

Resolved that the following rules/guidelines be accepted by the University for the detention of teachers during vacation:

- 1) Teachers who are guiding full-time research students enjoying fellowships during the vacation period, provided such students express their intention to do the research during the vacation period in a written request made to the Head of the Department with the consent of the teacher concerned therein.
- 2) Teachers who are guiding the part-time research students who are required to stay in the Department for 60 days in a year and who request the Head of the Department with the consent of the concerned teacher for permission to do the research work during the vacation months provided the students reside outside the district.
- 3) Teachers who are required for taking regular scheduled classes or any work associated with the course work of the students and for conducting University examinations.
- 4) Two Investigators/Co-ordinators of major research projects involving a sum of Rs. 3 lakhs and above in the case of Science and Technology departments and Rs. 1 lakh and above in the case of Departments coming under Humanities and Social Sciences.
- 5) One Investigator/Co-ordinator of projects involving a sum between Rs. 50,000/- and Rs. 3 lakhs in the case of science and Technology Departments and Rs. 25,000/- and Rs. 1 lakh in the case of Departments coming under Humanities and Social Sciences.
- 6) Teachers who are assigned any other specific responsibility by the University authorities concerned.

(Ad.D)

Item No. 373.07: Proposal for purchase of a new bus/mini bus for the University.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Finance and Purchase the proposal for the purchase of a new bus/mini bus for the University.

Resolved that a passenger chasis of Ashok Leyland Cheeta h having capacity of 57 seats be purchased at a total cost of Rs. 4,70,142/- and that the body be got built by inviting quotations.

(GS)

Item No.373.08: The issue of higher grade on completion of 25 years of service to certain Class IV employees.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Staff and Establishment, and Finance and Purchase the matter of granting higher grade on completion of 25 years of service to certain Class IV employees.

Resolved that the following recommendations made by the Finance Committee (Statutory) in its meeting held on 12.1.1996 be implemented:

1. An employee should be governed under any one higher grade scheme only.
2. In the instant case, the employees are to be governed only under the 7,15, 20 and 25 years higher grade scheme approved by the Syndicate held on 9.12.1988.

Further resolved that the benefits already granted need not be withdrawn.

Arising out of this the Syndicate resolved that no individual cases be brought to the Syndicate for consideration from among group or class of officers unless cleared by the Standing Committees of the Syndicate on Staff & Establishment and Finance & Purchase.

(Ad.A)

Item No. 373.09: University teacher - Dr.N.Mohanan, Reader, Department of Hindi - Protection of the increment date of previous appointment - Consideration of - Reg.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Staff and Establishment, and Finance and Purchase the matter of protection of increment date of previous appointment of Dr.N.Mohanan, Reader, Department of Hindi as Senior Grade Lecturer in the scale of pay of Rs. 3000-5000 at the Govt.College, Kalpetta.

Resolved that the request be declined.

(Ad.D)

Item No. 373.10: Construction of staff club for the non-teaching staff.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Works, and Finance and Purchase the proposal submitted by the University Engineer for the construction of a staff club for the non-teaching staff of the University.

Resolved that the proposal be declined.

(PL.A4)

Item No. 373.11: Department of Ship Technology - B.Tech. (Naval Architecture and Ship Building) Degree Programme - Fee for computer laboratory Exemption for SC/ST/OEC students - reg.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Academic Matters and Finance and Purchase the matter of exemption of SC/ST/OEC students undergoing B.Tech. (Naval Architecture and Ship Building) Course from payment of fee for computer laboratory.

Resolved that the matter be ascertained from the SC/ST Department whether computer laboratory fee of Rs.300/- per semester would be reimbursed in the case of SC/ST/OEC students, and if not, this fee may not be collected from SC/ST/OEC students.

(UGC SC/ST Cell)

Item No.373.12 : Recommendation of the Staff Council to sanction Sri. C.K. Sukumaran, Pass Examiner in the scale of pay of Rs.1760-3050 and assign him the duties of Pass Examiner - Consideration of.

Resolved that the matter be deferred for consideration.

(Ad.A)

Item No.373.13 : Request of Sri. P.P. Ressel, Technical Assistant Grade II, Department of Electronics for leave without allowances for 5 years from the date of avail to take employment abroad - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Staff and Establishment, the request of Sri. P.P. Ressel, Technical Assistant Grade II, Department of Electronics for granting leave without allowances for 5 years to take up employment abroad.

Resolved that Sri. P.P. Ressel, Technical Assistant Grade II, Department of Electronics be granted leave without allowances for a period of 5 years to take up employment abroad.

(Ad.A)

Item No.373.14 : Proposal for including the posts of Photocopier/Duplicator Operator in the Technical Cadre - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Staff and Establishment and Finance and Purchase, the representation from Sri. M.K. Dhinesan, Photocopier/Duplicator Operator to include the post of Photocopier/Duplicator Operator in the Technical Cadre and grant him the scale of pay of Rs.1350-2200.

Resolved that the post of Photocopier/Duplicator Operator be included in the Technical Cadre and Sri. M.K. Dhinesan be granted the scale of pay of Rs.1050-1660. (This scale of pay is subject to the approval of the Government of India.)

(Ad.A)

Item No.373.15 : Creation of a post of Light Vehicle Driver in the Engineering Department - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Staff and Establishment, and Finance and Purchase the proposal for creation of a post of Light Vehicle Driver in the Engineering Department for the recently purchased jeep.

Resolved that a post of Light Vehicle Driver in the scale of pay of Rs.950-1500 be created in the Engineering Department and appointment be made on advertisement. The qualification for the post shall be as follows:

1. S.S.L.C.
2. A light motor driving licence
3. At least 3 years experience in driving light motor vehicle.

(Ad.A)

Item No.373.16 : Orders issued inducting Smt. Sreekala Pillai as Technical Assistant Grade III in the scale of pay of Rs.2200-3500 as per the interim direction of the Hon'ble High Court - Reporting of.

The Syndicate considered the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having inducted Smt. Sreekala Pillai as Technical Assistant Grade III in the scale of pay of Rs.2200-3500 w.e.f. 18-8-1992 on the basis of legal advice on the interim order of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in O.P. No.2849/96.

Resolved that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor be ratified. Further resolved that similar cases be considered only after detailed study of the O.P.

(Ad.A)

Items 373.17 to 373.24 were deferred for consideration.

Item No.373.25 : Ph.D. registration - Request from Smt. Poornima, R., Research Scholar, Department of Hindi - for leave - Consideration of.

Smt. Poornima, R. who was granted full time Ph.D. registration availed leave with fellowship for one month from 14-11-1995 to 13-12-1995 and 60 days leave without fellowship w.e.f. 19-2-1996 on the basis of medical certificate. On completion of 90 days she has applied for leave for 45 days with a medical certificate.

The Syndicate considered the request of Smt. Poornima, R., Research Scholar, Department of Hindi for condonation of shortage of attendance and granting leave on medical grounds.

Resolved that Smt. Poornima may apply for re-registration with the same guide and topic.

(Ac.B)

Item No.373.26 : Ph.D. registration - Change of topic - Request from two scholars of Department of Marine Geology and Marine Geophysics - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters the request from Sri. Reghunath, K. and Sri. Badarudeen, A., Research Scholars, Department of Marine Geology and Marine Geophysics to change their topic of research.

Resolved that the requests of Sri. Reghunath, K. and Sri. Badarudeen, A., to change their topic of research to "Eustacy and Neotectonism - Their Impact on the Geotechnical problems associated with the Urban Development of Trivandrum, S.W. Coast of India" and "Studies on Texture, Mineralogy and Geochemistry of some major mangroves of Kerala" - respectively be granted.

(Ac.B)

Items 373.27 to 373.29 were deferred for consideration.

Item No.373.30 : Purchase of 2000 bags of cement from M/s. Malabar Cements Limited, Walayar P.O., Palakkad District.

The Syndicate considered the request of the University Engineer to purchase 2000 bags of cement from M/s. Malabar Cements Limited.

Resolved that 2000 bags of cement be purchased from M/s. Malabar Cements Limited at a cost of Rs.3,60,000/- (@ Rs.180/- per bag) and meeting unloading charges of Rs.6,000/- (@ Rs.3/- per bag) and the expenses in this connection be debited to "1-Plan-97-O-T. Works-1-Depts.-007-School of Mathematical Science Extension".

Item No.373.31 : Enhancement of budget allocation - Cochin University Union - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Academic Matters and Finance and Purchase the request of the Secretary, Cochin University Union for enhancement of budget allocation.

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Resolved that an additional budget allocation of Rs.15,000/- be granted under non-plan for the Cochin University Union.

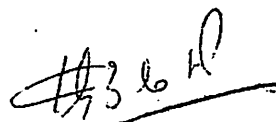
(Ac.A)

All the remaining items were deferred for consideration in the next meeting which is scheduled on 5th December 1996. It was decided that no committee meetings be called for.

Sri. K.K. Gopalakrishnan raised the issue of creation of the post of Joint Registrar in the University and consideration of the request of Smt. N.S. Kunjoonjamma in this regard. It is resolved this item be brought in the next meeting.

The meeting terminated at 4.00 P.M.

Kochi-22, )  
27-11-1996. )



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