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MINUTES OF THE 395TH MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD ON 20-6-1998.

Place of meeting : Administrative Buildings,
Kochi-682 022.

Time : 11 a.m.

Members present:

1. Dr. K. Babu Joseph (in the Chair)
Vice-Chancellor
2. Sri. V.J. Pappoo
Pro-Vice-Chancellor
3. Sri. M.A. Thomas, M.L.A.
4. Dr. A. Aravindakshan
5. Dr. V.D. Sebastian
6. Sri. K.K. Gopalakrishnan
7. Dr. M. Shahul Hameed
8. Dr. P. Leelakrishnan
9. Dr. R. Damodaran
10. Sri. P.N. Prasannakumar
11. Sri. P. Radhakrishnan

Also Present:

Dr. N. Unnikrishnan Nair
Registrar.

When the meeting was called to order, the Vice-Chancellor informed that Prof. C.V. Kurian, former Professor and Head, Department of Marine Sciences of the University passed away on 29th May 1998, at Ernakulam. The members observed one minute's silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed soul, and adopted the following resolution.

"The Syndicate of the Cochin University of Science and Technology expresses profound grief on the death of Prof. C.V. Kurian, who was Professor and Head of the Department of Marine Sciences of the University for a long period, and served this University in various capacities, viz, member of Senate, Syndicate and Academic Council and other bodies".

Item No. 395.01: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Syndicate held on 23-5-1998 (393rd) and 28-5-1998 (394th).

Minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 23-5-1998(393rd)

The minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 23-5-1998 (393rd) was confirmed subject to the following emendation:

In item No. 393.29, the words "considering a similar situation in the case of Sri. Hakkim" occurring in the last sentence of the resolution be deleted.

Minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 28-5-1998(394th)

The minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 28-5-1998 (394th) was confirmed without any emendation.

Arising out of the confirmation of the minutes, the following decisions were taken:

- (1) Resolved that the priority of the deferred items of the Agenda of the Syndicate meetings be restored in the subsequent meeting. Also, the agenda and notes relating to the postponed items need not be distributed again.
- (2) The Syndicate considered the correction to the minutes of the Syndicate held on 7-3-1998 vide item No. 391.78, pointed out by Dr. K.G. Nair regarding construction of the vertical extension (II floor and stair head room) for Centre for Science in Society. It was resolved that -

"In view of the omission in the Syndicate decision in respect of item No. 391.78, the Works Committee's recommendations are fully accepted and the Syndicate resolves that the expenditure for the vertical expansion of the building over the Centre for Science in Society be booked to the University Plan Fund and the space built be allocated to the Centre for Science in Society".

Item No. 395.02: Report of the Vice-Chancellor on important developments in the University since last meeting.

1. On 8-6-1998 the Vice-Chancellor paid a visit to the Department of Atmospheric Sciences (DAS) and the School of Environmental Studies (SES) for an on the spot academic level interaction with the faculty. At the DAS, most of the faculty were present along with the Head of the Department. They conduct an M.Sc. programme in Meteorology and an M.Tech Programme in Atmospheric Sciences with 2 Professors, 1 Reader and 4 Lecturers. Besides, there are guest lecturers to teach subjects like applied mathematics and computer programming. On an average each faculty member has 5 or 6 hours of lecture and 4 hours of practical class work per week. The Department's performance in research and teaching on the whole, is satisfactory. As there is no separate Board of Studies in Atmospheric Science, it must be created at the earliest. The Department has been asked to submit

proposals for a remote sensing laboratory and a weather observatory. It would be more effective if the Department is shifted to the main campus because it needs interaction with science and technology departments rather than the departments on the Ernakulam campus.

At the School of Environmental Studies there were only two faculty members besides the Director as it was vacation time. There are 2 Professors, 1 Reader and 4 Lecturers on the staff. A Reader's post reserved for SC/ST has been remaining vacant for a long time. Services of about 6 guest faculty are availed of against this post, in areas like engineering and management in which the School lacks expertise. The School conducts only an M.Sc. course with an intake of 10 or 12 students. The average workload of a teacher in this Department is low compared to several other departments in the University. It has been noted that some teachers there have not been active in research/consultancy either. In order to correct these deficiencies, it is proposed to offer an M.Phil programme also from next academic year. Efforts will have to be made to motivate those teachers whose productivity is very low. Things might improve once the School gets a new building on the Thrikkakara Campus. Earnest efforts are made under the Director's leadership to redesign the M.Sc. curriculum. In this respect they will be benefiting from the tie-up with the Technical University of Delft, Netherlands.

2. As part of the process of restructuring and reorienting the ongoing science based M.Sc. programme of the School of Environmental Studies into a science, engineering and technology oriented course a two day workshop on curriculum revision in environmental studies was organised on 15th and 16th of June 1998 at the International Hotel, Ernakulam by CUSAT in collaboration with the Netherlands based Delft Technical University. During the Workshop which was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Peter Letitre, Project Co-Ordinator, Centre for International a Co-operation and Appropriate Technology, Technical University, Delft presented the highlights of the collaboration between the Dutch University and CUSAT.
3. The Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 25 lakhs (approx.) to Dr. C.S. Poulse, Department of Biotechnology for his project entitled "Andrenergic, serotonergic and gabaaergic receptor gene expression in liver and regeneration and liver cancers".
4. The AICTE has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 10 lakhs for the project "Centre for magnetic composites based on Ferrites (TAPTEC)" submitted by Dr. M.R. Anantharaman, Department of Physics.

Arising out of the discussions on the Vice-Chancellor's report, the following decisions were taken:

1. It was resolved to constitute a Board of Studies in Atmospheric Sciences, and the Vice-Chancellor was authorised to nominate the members.
2. A Schedule for meetings of various Boards of Studies of the University be prepared by the Standing Committee of the Academic Council.
3. The Vice-Chancellor be authorised to discuss with the Director and Faculty of the School on environmental Studies and take appropriate steps to resolve the problems relating to the inadequate workload of teachers in the School of Environmental Studies.

4. Steps be initiated to get the Department of Biotechnology of the University recognised as a Centre of the Biotechnology Department, Government of India.
5. Dr. C.S. Poulse, Department of Biotechnology and Dr. M.R. Anantharaman, Lecturer, Department of Physics be congratulated for the projects they have brought to the University.
6. The Syndicate considered, the proposal for establishing a Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies, which was mooted before the IX Plan UGC Visiting Committee last year. This Centre would aim at stimulating cross-fertilisation of ideas from different disciplines. Industry would be encouraged to refer problems to the Centre, which require expertise in multiple (even exotic) areas of research. At present, different departments of study in the University have facilities for trying out even some very advanced problems but these are rarely used for want of cross-disciplinary interaction and nurturing. Since the core areas of study could shift with time there will not be a permanent faculty - rather the centre has 'leaders' with ideas who come and go.

It was resolved that a Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies be instituted in the University, and allocation of an amount of Rs. 3 lakhs (Rs. 1 lakhs from Non Plan and Rs. 2 lakhs from Plan) for the current year 1998-99 be made for this purpose. The Centre shall have a Chairman, a Director and an Advisory Committee, all of which are honorary positions. The Director shall look after the day-to-day administration of the Centre under the direct control of the Chairman. The Centre shall raise additional financial resources through grants, donations, consultancy and publications.

Further resolved that the Vice-Chancellor be the Chairman of the Centre. Dr. V.P.N. Nampoori, Professor, International School of Photonics be nominated as the Hon. Director for a period of one year. The Advisory Committee will be authorised by the Vice-Chancellor.

- Item No. 395.03: Recommendation of the Staff Council on the request of Sri. K.M. Cleetus for the assignment of the duties of Pass Examiner to him - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase, and Establishment, the request of Sri. K.M. Cleetus for the assignment of the duties of Pass Examiner to him in light of the recommendations of the Staff Council made in its meeting held on 12-12-1997.

Resolved that -

1. The post of Conductor held by Sri. K.M. Cleetus be upgraded to that of Pass Examiner in the scale of pay of Rs. 1760-3050 and the upgradation be treated as personal to him.
2. The following duties be assigned to Sri. Cleetus in addition to his regular duties as Conductor consequent on the re-designation of the post of Conductor as Pass Examiner.
 - (1) Surprise checking of passes and coupons of passengers of the University buses and vans.

- (2) Maintenance of records relating to income from the highway trips/travel by using coupons.
- (3) Extending necessary assistance to General Services Section for arranging special trips of buses and van, timely printing of bus passes, coupon and making proposals for the enhancement of rates of passes and allied matters. (Ad.A)

- Item No. 395.04: Starting of Distance Education in the University - Regarding.

This item was deferred for consideration.

- Item No. 395.05: Advance increment to Sri. P.B. Anilajan, Hatchery Assistant-cum-Syrang and Driver - Consideration of.

This item was deferred for consideration.

- Item No. 395.06: Joining time granted to Sri. Sebastian Ouseph to join duty as Finance Officer - Letter from the Government Auditor - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Staff and Establishment, the letter dated 23-1-1998 from Government Auditor insisting that the extension of joining time granted to Sri. Sebastian Ouseph, at the time of his appointment as Finance Officer of this University while working as Manager (Accounts), Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., Sunabeda, Orissa, which exceeded 45 days, be ratified by the Syndicate.

Resolved that the extension of joining time granted beyond 45 days to Sri. Sebastian Ouseph, Finance Officer under special circumstances be ratified. (Ad.A)

- Item No. 395.07: Unit of International Relations and Academic Admissions - Extension of Activities - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Staff and Establishment, Finance & Purchase and Academic Matters, the proposal for extending the activities of the Unit of International Relations and Academic Admissions, in addition to its responsibilities of conducting the Common Admission Test.

Resolved that the proposal of the Unit of International Relations and Academic Admissions

- (1) to undertake conduct of the competitive examinations for other educational institutions, and
- (2) to function as an agency for recruitment of personnel for private/public sector undertakings and as a human resources information bank - inviting registrants and providing them opportunities

be approved.

Further resolved that the teaching and research departments of the University may provide the expertise in various disciplines in setting up a question bank for this purpose and evaluate performances. (IRAA)

Item No. 395.08: Purchase of equipment to Fluid Mechanics and Machine Lab - Advance payment - Sanctioning of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Finance and Purchase, the request of the Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering to advance 90% of the cost of equipments to the Fluid Mechanics and Machine Laboratory, sanctioned vide University Order No. CUGSE/82/96 dated 28-6-1997 and to effect the payment through Bank for clearing the documents.

Resolved that -

1. The advance payment of 90% of the cost of the equipments to Fluid Mechanics and Machine Lab for the B.Tech.(Mechanical Engineering) students of CUGSE be effected through the Bank for clearing the documents.
2. Payment of balance 10% be made immediately on delivery of the items after getting the advance from the University and on getting completion certificate of the execution of the equipments.
3. Payment of extra charges and detailed below, be effected as per rules.

1. Transportation and unloading	..	Rs. 6,000.00
2. Foundation	..	Rs. 5,000.00
3. Greece and other materials for erection	...	Rs. 3,500.00
4. Pipe and pipe fittings	..	Rs. 8,500.00
5. Miscellaneous	..	Rs. 2,500.00

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Further resolved that the total amount be rounded off to Rs. 4,05,500/- and be advanced to the Director, CUGSE for settling the claims. (CUGSE)

Item No. 395.09: Ph.D. Regulation 1995 - Revision of Clause 17 course work - Approval of the Academic Council - Fixing date of effect - Regarding.

The Syndicate considered, the Regulations/Amendment to Regulations of the Ph.D. Regulations 1995 relating to "Course Work", approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 5-12-1997 as given in Appendix I.

Resolved that the Regulations/Amendment to Regulations of the Ph.D. Regulations as approved by the Academic Council (copy appended) be approved, and be made effective from 28.11.1995, the date of Gazette notification

(Conf.)

Item No.395.10: Modified syllabi for the M.Tech Degree courses in Electronics Engineering (full time), Electronics Engineering (Part-time), Computer Engineering, Bio-medical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering - Approved by the Vice-Chancellor, fixing date of effect - Regarding.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the revised syllabi for the B.Tech Degree course in Electronics Engineering (F.T), Electronics Engineering (PT), Computer Engineering, Biomedical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 5.12.1998, and the date of effect of the implementation of the syllabi.

Resolved that the revised syllabi for the B.Tech Degree course in Electronics Engineering (FT), Electronics Engineering (PT), Computer Engineering, Biomedical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering as adopted by the Academic Council be approved, and the date of effect of the same be from the academic year 1997-98.

(Conf.)

Item No.395.11: Recognition as Research Guide - Application from Dr. Valsamma Paul, Lecturer, School of Legal Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi-22, Consideration of.

The item was deferred for consideration.

Item No.395.12: Recognition as Research Guide - Application from Dr. K.N. Madhusoodanan, Reader, Department of Instrumentation, Cochin University of Science and Technology - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the request of Dr. K.N. Madhusoodanan, Reader, Department of Instrumentation to recognise as Supervising Guide of the University under the Faculty of Technology.

Resolved that Dr. K.N. Madhusoodanan, Reader, Department of Instrumentation, be recognised as a Supervising Guide, under the Faculty of Technology of this University.

(Ac.)

Item No.395.13: Assessment and Accreditation by NAAC - Regarding.

This item was deferred for consideration.

Item No.395.14: Fixing the entire responsibility of missing books upon the Departmental Librarians - Consideration-Regarding.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Finance & Purchase and Academic Matters, the request of the General Secretary, Cochin University Employees Association to review the decision taken by the Syndicate in its meeting held on 23-5-1998 in the matter of fixing the entire responsibility of missing books upon the Departmental Librarians.

Resolved that the earlier decision vide item No.387.50 and 387.51 of the Syndicate held on 6.9.1997 in the matter be reiterated.

(Ac.)

Item No.395.15: Department of Computer Applications - MCA Course - Request from Sri Joshy Jose, Ist Semester MCA Student (Regular) for the refund of fees - Regarding.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the request of the Head of the Department of Computer Applications to refund the difference of fees paid by Sri Joshy Jose, I Semester MCA student (Regular) for Cost-sharing and regular.

Resolved that the difference of fees paid by Sri Joshy Jose, I Semester MCA Student (Regular) be refunded the difference of fees paid by him for Cost-sharing and regular courses as per rules.

(Ac.)

Item No.395.16: Allocation of vacancies for Naval Cadets in B.Tech (NA & SB) Course - Beginning mid 1998-Regarding.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Academic Matters and Finance & Purchase, the request of the Indian Navy for allocation of three more vacancies for Naval Cadets in B.Tech (NA & SB) course, this year.

Resolved that three more seats in B.Tech (NA & SB) course be allotted this year for the candidates sponsored by Indian Navy.

(Ac.)

Item No.395.17: Ph.D. Registration - Change of Topic - Request from Smt. Josileen Jose, Research Scholar, CMFRI, Kochi - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the request of Smt. Josileen Jose, Research Scholar, Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi (for change of topic of her research from "Ecobiology of Predatory Fishes in Traditional Prawn Farms in Cochin" to "On the Fishery, Biology and Hatchery Technology of Portunid Crab Portunus Pelagicus" with effect from 16.12.1997.

Resolved that the request of Smt. Josileen Jose, Research Scholar, Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi for change of topic of her research from "Ecobiology of Predatory Fishes in Traditional Prawn Farms in Cochin" to "On the Fishery, Biology and Hatchery Technology of Portunid Crab Portunus Pelagicus" with effect from 16-12-1997 be granted.

(Ac.)

Item No.395.18: Recognition as Research Guide - Application from Dr. Marimuthu Pillai, Scientist E11 and Dr. U.T. Subramania Pillai, Scientist, Regional Research Laboratory, Thiruvananthapuram - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the requests of Dr. R. Marimuthu Pillai, Scientist E 11, and Dr. U.T. Subramonia Pillai, Scientist C, Regional Research Laboratory, Thiruvananthapuram for recognition as Supervising Guide under the Faculty of Technology of this University.

Resolved that Dr. Marimuthu Pillai, Scientist E11, and Dr. U.T. Subramonia Pillai, Scientist C, Regional Research Laboratory, Thiruvananthapuram be recognised as Research Guides under the Faculty of Technology of this University.

(Ac.)

Item No.395.19: Smt. Sane Devi, Office Superintendent - Request for extension of the period of Leave without Allowance - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Staff and Establishment, the request of Smt. K. Sane Devi, Office Superintendent, for extension of the period of Leave Without Allowances from 1.1.1998 to 31.3.1998.

Resolved that the request of Smt. K. Sane Devi, Office Superintendent to extend a period of Leave Without Allowances from 1.1.1998 to 31.3.1998, be granted.

(Ad.A)

Item No.395.20: Vacancy of Electrician Grade II - Request from the Line Helpers to get promoted to the post - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Staff and Establishment, the matter of filling up of the post of Electrician Grade II by promotion and the rule position in this regard followed in this University, in the light of the legal advice obtained in the matter.

Resolved that considering the service and experience of Sri. N.B. Padmakshan be promoted as Electrician Grade II.

(Ad.A)

Item No.395.21: Leave Without Allowance to Smt. P. Padmini, Senior Grade Assistant - Request for extension - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Staff and Establishment, the request of Smt. P. Padmini, Senior Grade Assistant for extension of Leave Without Allowances for a further period of 5 years with effect from 2.4.1998 for joining spouse working abroad.

Resolved that Smt. P. Fadmini, Senior Grade Assistant be granted Leave Without Allowances for a further period of 5 years with effect from 22.4.1998 for joining spouse working abroad.

(Ad.A)

Item No.395.22: Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee (Statutory) held on 21.3.1998 - Consideration of.

The Syndicate noted the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee (Statutory) held on 21.3.1998.

(Fin.)

Item No.395.23: Budget Estimates 1997-98 - Budget provision under the Head "1-98-0-U-4-4-999 Lump sum provision for new scheme" - Further enhancement sanctioned by the Vice-Chancellor - Reporting of.

The Syndicate noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor for further enhancing the Budget provisions under the head "1-98-0-U-4-999 Lump sum provisions for New Schemes" by Rs.100 lakhs so as to increase the total allocation to Rs.472.94 lakhs since the provision under the head had exhausted.

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

(Fin.)

Item No.395.24: Request for extension of period of deputation of Smt. Asha Elizabeth Daniel, Lecturer, Centre for Under Graduate Studies in Engineering - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Staff and Establishment, and Finance and Purchase, the request of the Director (Administration), Centre for Undergraduate Studies in Engineering to extend the period of deputation of Smt. Asha Elizabeth Daniel, Lecturer, CUGSE for one more year w.e.f. 6.6.1998 or till regular appointment is made against the post, whichever is earlier.

Resolved that the period of deputation of Smt. Asha Elizabeth Daniel, Lecturer, Centre for U.G. Studies in Engineering be extended for one more year w.e.f. 6.6.1998 or till regular recruit joins duty, whichever is earlier.

(CUGSE)

Item No.395.25: Upgradation of LAN System in the Department of Electronics - Advance - Ratification - Regarding.

The Syndicate considered the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in sanctioning the request of the Head, Department of Electronics to upgrade the LAN System by procuring two new server (one Windows NT based and one Novell Netware based) and six nodes at a cost of Rs.2,98,000/- from M/s.Nexus Computers on a single quotation basis since the LAN system was originally supplied and subsequently upgraded by them.

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

(Fl.A.)

Item No.395.26: Campus wide Fibre Optics back bone under CUSAT MHO Project INFOCUS - Opening letter of credit and placing orders directly with principals - Sanction of additional advance- Regarding.

The Syndicate noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in according sanction to the Director, CEMCOP:

(i) to place the order directly with the principals, rather than with M/s. HCL Comnet System and Services Ltd., Noida, for component to be imported from them in connection with the work of Campus wide Computer Network, for the following items and to open letter of credit in the name of the principals noted below:

Sl.No.	Principals name and address	Items	Cost
1.	M/s. 3 COM Corporation P.O. Box 58145	3 Com Components (Active Com- ponents, Swit- ches, Router etc.)	US\$14,965 (Rs.5,76,153)
2.	M/s. Seimon Company Seimon Business Park 76 West Bury Park Road Watertown C.T. 06795-0400	For Seimon products (Passive components)	US \$11,457 (Rs.4,41,095/-)
3.	M/s. Commscope GI Coporation 1375, Lenior Rhyme Building P.O. Box 1729 Kiclory North Carolina - 28603 1729	For Commscope Products(Cables)	US\$23,927 (Rs.9,21,190/-)
4.	M/s. Multipoint Networks 19, Davis Drive Belmont C.A - 940002-3001	FOR Radio Modems	US\$ 8,540 (Rs.3,28,790/-)

(ii) For the drawal of an advance of Rs.21,57,404/- (Rupees twenty one lakhs fifty seven thousand four hundred and four only) in addition to the earlier advance of Rs.21,57,403/- (Rupees twenty one lakhs fifty seven thousand four hundred and three only) drawn as per U.O. No.Fl(UGC)2/7277/995 dated 18.12.1997 so that letter of credit could be opened for the full amount.

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

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Item No.395.27: Purchase of Computer Configured as LAN system to replace Mini Computer System - Department of Ship Technology - Advance - Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Finance and Purchase the request of the Head, Department of Ship Technology to sanction purchase a computer system (LAN) to replace the obsolete mini computer system available in the Department.

Resolved that the request of the Head, Department of Ship Technology to sanction purchase of one COMPAQ P II 233 MHz based file server with 32 MB/2.1 GB/1.44 MD/16 x CD, 32 bit Ethernet Card, etc. and eight Nos. of PCs Pentium 166 Mhz based nodes, Windows NT Software, 16 port Ethernet Hub and 24 x CD Drive at a total cost of Rs.4,16,158/- (Rupees four lakhs sixteen thousand one hundred fifty eight only) including three years comprehensive warranty from M/s. Delta Computers (P) Ltd., Ernakulam, be sanctioned.

Further resolved that the amount be advanced to the Head, Department of Ship Technology debiting to "1.75.O.Q.2.103. Purchase of Computers Plan".

(Pl.A)

Item No.395.28: Financial powers of the Vice-Chancellor - Sanctioning of advance for purchase etc. - Enhancement of limit - Regarding.

The Syndicate noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in sanctioning an advance of Rs.2,44,637/- plus taxes, etc. to the Director, School of Engineering to purchase various instruments for Civil Engineering laboratory and the proposal to enhance the Vice-Chancellor's financial powers so as to avoid administrative delays in cases of emergent nature including drawal of advance.

Resolved that:-

- (i) The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in sanctioning an advance of Rs.2,44,637/- plus taxes, etc. to the Director School of Engineering to purchase various instruments for Civil Engineering laboratory be ratified.
- (ii) The Vice-Chancellor's powers to sanction advances be enhanced upto Rs.3 lakhs (Rupees three lakhs) in the case of purchases, construction, repair, maintenance, etc. using 'Plan' and Non Plan' from the existing limit of Rs.75,000/- where deemed necessary.

(Pl.A)

Item No.395.29: Norms promotion to Dr. K. Mohankumar, Reader - Date of effect of promotion as Professor - Reconsideration - Reg.

This item was deferred for consideration.

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Item No.395.30 Dr.Dileep K. Krishnan, Reader, Department of Ship Technology - Clarification of Rule under which extension of LWA granted - Action of the Vice-Chancellor - Reporting of.

The Syndicate noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in clarifying the rule under which extension of LWA was granted by the Syndicate to Dr.Dileep K.Krishnan from 20.9.1992 to 26.8.1993 as 91 A of Part I, Kerala Service Rules for undergoing research in Ocean Engineering leading to the award of Ph.D.

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

(Ad.D)

Item No.395.31: University teachers - Norms promotion scheme - House journals for the purpose of norms promotion - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Staff and Establishment and Academic Matters, the publication details of the house journals published by the University, being considered for the norms promotion scheme of teachers.

Resolved that in order to reckon articles published in house journals of the University Departments for norms promotion of teachers such journals should fulfil the following conditions of publication:

1. The periodicity of publication should be regular.
2. The journal should have a board of editors of which at least two should be external experts.
3. All the papers published by it must be refereed.
4. The journals should have been in continuous publication for two years or have published at least 4 issues prior to the date of publication of the article considered for norms promotion.

Resolved further that unless these conditions are fulfilled the publications in such journals need not be considered for norms promotion scheme of teachers of the University.

Also resolved that the matter be placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

(Ad.D)

Item No.395.32: Transactions on SB A/c.No.1838 of the University Employment Information and Guidance Bureau - Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase and Staff and Establishment, the irregular and unauthentic transaction on SB A/c.No.1838 of the University Employment Information and Guidance Bureau in the State Bank of Travancore, Kochi-22 branch made by Dr.S.Shajahan while holding charge of the Chief, University Employment Information and Guidance Bureau.

Resolved that Dr.Shajahan be directed to remit the advance drawn from the account immediately after deducting the expenditure duly approved by the University.

(GA & EL)

Item No.395.33: Annual Accounts - The financial years 1995-96, 1996-97 - Approval of.

The Syndicate considered the annual accounts of the financial years 1995-96 and 1996-97.

Resolved that the annual accounts of the University for the years 1995-96 and 1996-97 be approved subject to reporting to the Finance Committee (Statutory).

Item No.395.34: Award of UJRF - Report of the Selection committee - Regarding.

The Syndicate considered the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the award of fellowships.

Resolved that the recommendations made by the Selection Committees for the award of fellowships made in its meeting held on 26.2.1998 be approved.

(Ac.B)

Item No.395.35: Nil

This item was withdrawn.

Item No.395.36: Request of Sri C.I.Soman, Technician Grade II for revision of higher grade - consideration of.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase and Staff and Establishment, the request of Sri. C.I. Soman, Technician Grade II, Department of Polymer Science and Rubber Technology to grant him the scale of pay of Rs.1640-2900 as the higher grade of seven years.

Resolved that a scale of pay of Rs.1640-2900 be granted to Sri C.I. Soman, Technician Grade II, Department of Polymer Science and Rubber Technology as the seven year higher grade.

(Ad.A)

Item No.395.37: HPL granted to Dr.K.K.George, Professor - Conversion of a portion of leave - Cancellation of the remaining period of leave - Reporting of.

The Syndicate considered the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in cancelling the half pay leave for 101 days from 19.1.1998 to 29.4.1998 granted to Dr.K.K.George, Professor, School of Management Studies and treating his absence from 19.1.1998 to 13.2.1998 as on duty.

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

(Ad.D)

Item No.395.38: Department of Chemical Oceanography - purchase of Quartz double distillation unit - Advance - Ratification.

The Syndicate considered the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in sanctioning the advance of Rs.1 lakh to the Head, Department of Chemical Oceanography to purchase one quartz double distillation unit with accessories debiting the amount to "1-50-0-2-104. purchase of other equipments plan".

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

(Pl.)

Item No.395.39: Reckoning of previous service in respect of Dr.N.S.Chandrasekharan, Professor, School of Legal Studies - Reconsideration of the decision taken by the Syndicate - Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Staff and Establishment, the proposal to review the decision taken by the Syndicate to reckon the previous services rendered by Dr.N.S.Chandrasekharan, Professor, School of Legal Studies with the Agricultural Income Tax and Sales Tax Department for pensionary benefits in the University, in the light of the G.O.(P)No.369/87/Fin. Dated 31.3.1987.

Resolved that the decision taken by the Syndicate in its meeting held on 7.3.1998 vide item No.391.12 in this regard be reiterated.

(Ad.D)

Item No.395.40: Bachelor's Hostel for non-teaching staff - Occasional occupation - Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase and Staff and Establishment, the matter of 'occasional occupation' in the Bachelor's Hostel for non-teaching staff in the University.

Resolved that all the occasional occupants of the University Bachelor's Hostel be evicted.

(Ad.A)

Item No.395.41: Nomination of Dr.M.Chandrasekharan, Reader as Head of the Department of Biotechnology - Action of the Vice-Chancellor - Reporting of .

The Syndicate noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in permitting Dr.M.Chandrasekharan, who was awarded UGC Career Award and DBT Overseas Associateship to rejoin duty on 3.3.1998 cancelling the unavailed portion of leave from 3.3.1998 to 10.3.1998 and nominating him as the Head of the Department of Biotechnology.

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

(Ad.D)

Item No.395.42: Dr.C.K.Anandan, Lecturer, Department of Electronics - Extension of duty leave for completion of research activities at the CESPA - Request - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase, Staff and Establishment and Academic Matters, the request from Dr.C.K.Anandan, Lecturer, Department of Electronics, who has been permitted to accept the ICTP Fellowship, for extension of fellowship for a further period of three months to complete the research activities at CESPA, Torino till 30.6.1998 treating his absence upto 3.7.1998 as on duty.

Resolved that the request of Dr.C.K.Anandan, Lecturer, Department of Electronics, who has been permitted to accept the ICTP Fellowship, for extension of the fellowship for a further period of three months to complete the research activities at CESPA, Torino till 30.6.1998 treating his absence upto 3.7.1998 as on duty be granted.

(Ad.D)

Item No.395.43: University teacher - Dr.V.G.James, Lecturer, School of Legal Studies - Earned leave credit in lieu of work done during vacation - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase and Staff and Establishment, the request for giving earned leave credit to Dr.V.G.James, Lecturer, School of Legal Studies in lieu of work done during part of the vacation, i.e., from 2.6.1997 to 30.6.1997 for handling LL.M. classes.

Resolved that the request be declined since he is not eligible for the leave credit as per rules in this regard.

Dr.P. Leelakrishnan did not participate in the discussion.

(Ad.D)

Item No.395.44: Electrification to common block for Applied Economics, Foreign Languages and School of Management Studies in Thrikkakara campus - Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Works, the estimate amounting to Rs.5,44,000/- based on 1996 schedule of rates for the work of electrification to common block for Applied Economics, Foreign Languages and School of Management Studies.

Resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.5,44,000/- based on 1996 schedule of rates for the work of electrification to common block for Applied Economics, Foreign Languages and School of Management Studies be approved.

Further resolved that the expenditure on this account be met from "1-97-0-T-1-006".

(Pl.A)

Item No.395.45: Maintenance to the Hostel No.I 'Sanatana' in the Thrikkakara campus - Award of work - regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Works, the proposal of the University Engineer to award the work of maintenance to the Hostel No.I 'Sanatana' in the Thrikkakara campus to Sri. Sony George, Thekkenath House, Pazhanganad at his quoted rate of 22% above the PAC of Rs.2,75,185, the total cost being Rs.3,32,351/- including departmental supply of materials worth Rs.15,340/-.

Resolved that the proposal of the University Engineer to award the work of maintenance to the Hostel No.I 'Sanatana' in the Thrikkakara campus to Sri. Sony George, Thekkenath House, Pazhanganad at his quoted rate of 22% above the PAC of Rs.2,75,185, the total cost being Rs.3,32,351/- including departmental supply of materials worth Rs.15,340/- be approved.

(Pl.A)

Item No.395.46: Renovation of toilets in various hostels for men in the Thrikkakara campus - Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase and Works, the following estimates submitted by the University Engineer.

1. Renovation of toilets in Hostel No.I (Sanatana) amounting to Rs.2,98,633/-
2. Renovation of toilets in Hostel No.IV (Siberia) amounting to Rs.1,82,632/-
3. Renovation of toilets in Hostel No.V (Sarovar) amounting to Rs.4,36,551/- the total amount being Rs.9,25,000/- (Rupees nine lakhs twenty five thousand only). In each appendix, main items provided are ceramic tile flooring, glazed tile dadoing to walls, aluminium sheeting to the rear side of bathroom doors etc. The rates provided are based on 1996 PWD schedule of rates.

Resolved that the above proposals of the University Engineer for the work of renovation of toilets in various hostels for men be approved.

Further resolved that the expenditure on this account be met from "2.Non-Plan-97-0-Works-T-4.Others-999.Minor Works".

(Pl.A)

Item No.395.47: Approval of grant for upgradation of hardware and software facilities of computer centre in the Department of Computer Science.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committees on Academic Matters, Staff and Establishment and Finance and Purchase, the approval of grant of Rs.20 lakhs by the University Grants Commission for upgradation of Hardware and Software facilities of Computer Centre in the Department of Computer Science, and the recurring grant for the following for a period of five years:

1. System-Analyst - 1 in the scale of pay of Rs.2200-4000.
2. Technical Assistant 1+1 (for additional shift) in the scale equivalent to the University's Technical Assistant.

Resolved that-

- (i) Subject to getting permission from the Government, one post of System Analyst in the scale of pay of Rs.2200-4000 and Two posts of Technical Assistants Grade II be created in the University, and notified immediately, and the vacancies filled up. The qualifications for the respective posts may be placed in the next meeting of the Syndicate for approval.

Arising out of the discussion on the above item, it was resolved that in the qualification prescribed for the post of Security Officer in the University the following be added.

"Should not be below the rank of Lieutenant or equivalent. The applicants with lower academic qualifications will also be considered for the post."

(Pl.)

- Item No.395.48: Mr.T.A. Achutha Warriar, University Engineer - Request for grant of pensionary benefit reckoning non University service too - consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committees on Staff and Establishment and Finance and Purchase, the request of Sri. T.A.Achutha Warriar, University Engineer, for grant of pensionary benefit reckoning non-University service rendered by him prior to joining the University.

Resolved that the services rendered by Sri.T.A.Achutha Warriar, as Lecturer in the NSS College of Engineering, Palakkad from 10.8.1965 to 4.8.1967 and as Engineer in the National Project Construction Corporation Ltd. (A Government of India enterprise) from 12.11.1975 to 30.4.1983 be counted for reckoning the period for pensionary benefits in the University. Pension for the period for which he worked as Lecturer in the NSS College of Engineering, being funded by the State Government; the pension liabilities for this period, i.e., from 10.8.1965 to 4.8.1967 may not be insisted. However, the pension liabilities relating to the service rendered by him under NPCC Ltd. for the period from 12.11.1975 to 30.4.1983 may be calculated and levied on the incumbent in order to enable the University to count the said period for pension in this University service.

- Item No.395.49: Construction of laboratory block for under graduate studies - Extra items - Regarding.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Works, the proposal of the University Engineer for approval of the estimate amounting to Rs.4,26,293/- for the extra items involved including the departmental supply of materials worth Rs.1,52,750/- to fortify the area of construction of the Laboratory Block for Undergraduate Studies in Engineering (since the soil investigation and the actual field - test of the area for the

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construction has shown a reduction in the safe bearing capacity than originally envisaged), and the payment.

Resolved that the estimate for the extra items involved to fortify the area of construction of the Laboratory Block for Undergraduate Studies in Engineering with 87% above the 1992 PWD Schedule of Rates be approved.

Further resolved that any deviation from the originally approved work has to be brought to the Syndicate and its approval obtained.

(PL. CUGSE)

- Item No.395.50 : Norms promotion as Reader to Dr. M. Bhasi, Lecturer, School of Management Studies - Request - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Staff and Establishment and Finance and Purchase, the request of Dr. M. Bhasi, Lecturer, School of Management Studies for promotion as Reader under the norms promotion scheme.

Resolved that Dr. M. Bhasi be granted promotion as Reader by upgrading the post of Lecturer held by him in the School of Management Studies, in the scale of pay of Rs.3700-5700 w.e.f. 9-3-1998 under the norms promotion scheme and the proposal be placed before the Academic Council for instituting the post.

(Ad.D.)

- Item No.395.51: Ph.D. thesis entitled "Simulation of Wave Climate for the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal" submitted by Sri. Jagannath Swain - Evaluation reports and minutes of viva-voce examination - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, 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 submitted by Sri. Jagannath Swain, a Part Time Research Student, Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory, who worked under the guidance of Dr. M. Baba, Head, Marine Sciences Division, Centre for Earth Science Studies, Thiruvananthapuram-31.

Resolved that Sri. Jagannath Swain be declared eligible for the award of the degree of the Doctor of Philosophy under the Faculty of Marine Sciences for his thesis entitled "Simulation of Wave Climate for the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal".

(Exam.)

- Item No.395.52: Institution of an endowment "LYKA OLEFINS ENDOWMENT" in the name of Dr. D. Joseph Francis - Regarding.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the proposal of the Head, Department of Polymer Science and Rubber Technology to institute an endowment "LYKA OLEFINS ENDOWMENT" in the name of Dr. D. Joseph Francis with a corpus amount of Rs.10,000/- on behalf of the Society of Polymer Technologists (SPOT) to be awarded to the First Rank holder of B.Tech (Polymer Science and Rubber Technology) every year from the interest accrued on the corpus amount.

Also resolved that the rules of award as given in Appendix II be approved.

Further resolved that a list of endowments instituted in the University along with a report on the award of these endowments be placed in the next meeting of the Syndicate.

(Ac.B.)

Item No.395.53: Dr. M.K. Jayaraj, Lecturer, Department of Physics - Conversion of LWA under Rule 91 of Part I KSR as leave on deputation - Reconsideration of the resolution.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Staff and Establishment, and Finance and Purchase, the proposal to review the decision taken by the Syndicate in its meeting held on 25-9-97 to treat the leave without allowances granted under Rule 91 Part I Kerala Service Rules from 1-5-1995 to 6-4-1996 to Dr. M.K. Jayaraj, Lecturer, Department of Physics as leave on deputation with full salary and allowances and to treat the period for future increment, since there is no leave termed "leave on deputation" provided in the Kerala Service Rules.

Resolved that the decision taken by the Syndicate vide item No.387.45 be reiterated and the period of absence from 1-5-1995 to 6-4-1996 be treated as on duty.

(Ad.D)

Item No.395.54: Visit of Dr. K.C. Sankaranarayanan, Professor and Head, Department of Applied Economics to Tilburg University, The Netherlands - Permission - Duty Leave - Handing over of charges of the Department of Dr. D. Rajasenan - Reporting of.

The Syndicate noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in permitting Dr. K.C. Sankaranarayanan, Professor and Head, Department of Applied Economics to visit Tilburg University, The Netherlands during June 1-30, 1998 as part of MOU signed by the Vice-Chancellors of both Cochin University of Science and Technology and Tilburg University treating his absence as on duty, and nominating Dr. D. Rajasenan, the next seniormost Professor of the Department as the Head of the Department during the absence of Dr. K.C. Sankaranarayanan.

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

(Ad.D.)

Item No.395.55: Request of Smt. Mini, U., Systems Manager to sponsor her for M.Tech. Course in Computer and Information Science - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Staff and Establishment and Finance and Purchase, the request of Smt. Mini, U., Systems Manager to sponsor her for M.Tech. Course in Computer and Information Science of this University.

Resolved that Smt. Mini, U., Systems Manager be sponsored for the M.Tech. Programme in Computer and Information Science conducted by the University, provided her probation has been satisfactorily declared. Also resolved that she be permitted to join the course after execution of a bond, binding herself to serve the University for a minimum period of 5 years with effect from the date of completion of the course, failing which she shall refund all the expenses incurred by the University, for the above purpose, including pay and allowances paid during her period of study.

(Ad.A.)

Item No.395.56: Construction of an arch gate at the main entrance to the University Campus, Thrikkakara - Reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Works, the proposal of the University Engineer for selection of architectural firms for architectural and structural work for the construction of an arch gate at the main entrance from bypass to the University Campus at Thrikkakara.

Resolved that the cost of the work for the construction of an arch gate at the main entrance from bye pass to the University Campus at Thrikkakara be limited to Rs.10 lakhs. Sri. M.V. Devan and Sri. Kanai Kunhiraman be approached for making suitable designs for the arch gate. Also resolved that press notification be given for the above work, and simultaneously the University Engineer may send copy of the notification to all the 28 architectural firms who had responded to our earlier notification for major works, and also to the Heads of Departments of Architecture, Regional Engineering College, Kozhikode and Engineering Colleges at Thiruvananthapuram and Kollam.

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Item No.395.57: Leave rules of teachers appointed on contract basis - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the Standing Committees on Academic Matters, Staff and Establishment and Finance and Purchase, the leave rules of teachers appointed on contract basis in various teaching departments of the University.

Resolved that the following leave rules be adopted for teachers appointed on contract basis:

(i) They shall be eligible for Half Pay leave on medical grounds for 15 days.

- (ii) They shall not be eligible for Earned Leave as they are serving in vacation departments.
- (iii) Female teachers are not eligible for Maternity Leave if their appointment is limited to one year or less.

They shall be eligible for Casual Leave, as applicable to the regular teachers of vacation department, and be granted as per the discretion of the Head of the Department on a proportionate basis.

(Ad.D)

- Item No.395.58: Extension of term of appointment of Prof. (Dr.) C.P. Prabhakaran as Visiting Professor in the Department of Chemical Oceanography - Report to Syndicate.

The Syndicate noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in sanctioning extension of the tenure of appointment of Prof. (Dr.) C.P. Prabhakaran, TC 13/2213-(4), Sankeerthana, Goureesapattam, Thiruvananthapuram 695004 as Visiting Professor in the Department of Chemical Oceanography, for a further period of one year with effect from 1-5-1998 or the actual date of rejoining, whichever is later, on a monthly honorarium of Rs.8,000/- (Rupees eight thousand only) as per latest guidelines of UGC.

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

(UGC Unit)

- Item No.395.59: Centre for Sponsored Research and Consultancy - Proposal for restructuring the organisation - Reg.

This item was deferred for consideration.

- Item No.395.60: Postings of Joint Registrar, Deputy Registrar and Assistant Registrar - Reported.

The Syndicate noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor sanctioning the following promotions, transfers and postings consequent on the retirement of Smt. N.S. Kunjoonjamma, Joint Registrar (Academic) on 30-4-1998.

1. Smt. P. Thankamani the senior most Deputy Registrar was promoted as Joint Registrar and she was posted as Joint Registrar (Academic).
2. Sri. N. Radhakrishna Pillai, Senior most Assistant Registrar (P.S. to Vice-Chancellor) was promoted as Deputy Registrar vice Smt. Thankamani promoted Sri. N. Radhakrishna Pillai is permitted to continue as P.S. to Vice-Chancellor.
3. Sri. P.M. Mohammed Ashraf, Assistant Registrar (CUGSE) was promoted as Deputy Registrar since Sri. N. Radhakrishna Pillai is continuing as P.S. to Vice-Chancellor. Sri. P.M. Mohammed Ashraf was posted as Deputy Registrar (Exams.) vice Smt. Thankamani promoted.
4. Sri. N. Mani, Assistant Registrar (IRAA) was transferred and posted Assistant Registrar (CUGSE) vice Sri. Mohammed Ashraf promoted.
5. Sri. Mohammed Ismail the senior most Section Officer was promoted as Assistant Registrar and posted in the IRAA Unit vice Sri. N. Mani transferred.

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

(Ad.A)

- Item No.395.61: Relief of Prof. P. Ramachandra Poduval from the duties of the Director, School of Management Studies - Nomination of Dr. K.K. George as the Director of School - Action of the Vice-Chancellor - Reporting of.

The Syndicate noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in relieving Prof. P. Ramachandra Poduval from the responsibilities of Director, School of Management Studies on his request and nominating Dr. K.K. George, professor as Director of School of Management Studies w.e.f. 15-4-1998 A.N.

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

(Ad.D)

- Item No.395.62: Sanctioning of one increment to Dr. N.S. Chandrasekharan, Professor, School of Legal Studies - Correction in the date of effect - Reg.

The Syndicate considered the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in sanctioning one increment to Dr. N.S. Chandrasekharan, Professor, School of Legal Studies with effect from 20-2-1990, considering the fact that the actual date of his appointment as Professor by direct selection was 20.2.90.

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

(Ad.D)

- Item No.395.63: Construction of various buildings - Progress reports as on March 1998.

The Syndicate noted along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Works, the progress reports on the following major construction works as on March 1998 forwarded by the University Engineer.

1. Construction of vertical extension to II floor and head room for staircase over the building of School of Engineering Sciences Block III.
2. Construction of I floor over the existing building for USIC.
3. Construction of III floor and staircase cabin to School of Engineering Sciences Block No.I for Department of Computer Science.
4. Construction of I floor to the Department of Biotechnology.
5. Construction of three storeyed building for laboratories and workshop for UG Studies.

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Item No.395.64: Reckoning of previous service in respect of Dr. P. Madhavan Pillai - Condoning the break of service - Objection raised by Government Auditor - Reconsideration of the Syndicate resolution - Regarding.

This item was deferred for consideration.

Item No.395.65: Granting of medical reimbursement benefits for treatment undergone in clinics/branches/agencies of ayurvedic/homoeopathic/allopathic hospitals etc. - Reg.

The Syndicate considered the proposal for inclusion of Sree Agasthya Medical Centre Ayurvedic and Allopathic Clinic (An undertaking of Agasthyashram Reg. No.EK-391/91) Main Road, Tripunithura in the approved list of institutions for medical treatment for medical reimbursement claims of the University employees.

Resolved that the proposal for inclusion of Sree Agasthya Medical Centre Ayurvedic and Allopathic Clinic (An undertaking of Agasthyashram Reg. No.EK-391/91) Main Road, Tripunithura in the approved list of institutions for medical treatment for medical reimbursement claims of the University employees be approved.

(Ad.B)

Item No.395.66: Retirement of Dr. P. Madhavan Pillai, Professor and Head, Department of Applied Chemistry on superannuation with effect from 30-4-1998 A.N. - Handing over of charges of the Department to Dr. K.K. Mohammed Yusuff - Action of the Vice-Chancellor - Reporting of.

The Syndicate noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor, in nominating Dr. K.K. Mohammed Yusuff, the senior most Professor as the Head of the Department of Applied Chemistry w.e.f. 30-4-1998 A.N. consequent on the retirement of Dr. P. Madhavan Pillai, Professor and Head of the Department of Applied Chemistry on 30-4-1998 on superannuation.

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

(Ad.D)

Item No.395.67: Commuted leave for 42 days to Smt. S. Sarada for her visit to certain Universities in U.S.A. - Action of the Vice-Chancellor - Reporting of.

The Syndicate noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor, in granting commuted leave for 42 days to Smt. S. Sarada, Reader, School of Management Studies, w.e.f. 20-3-1998 to 30-4-1998 suffixing summer vacation w.e.f. 1-5-1998 to 30-6-1998 and permitting her to visit San Francisco University, California, San Jose State University etc. in USA to present 1998 Women Series Lectures/Colloquium.

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

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Item No.395.68: Financial assistance to Cochin University Chess Club - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters and Finance and Purchase, the request of the Secretary, Cochin University Chess Club for financial assistance of Rs.25,000/- to conduct X CUSAT All Indian Open Fide Rated Tournament.

Resolved that the request be declined.

(Ac.A)

Item No.395.69: G.O. on D.A. revision - Adopted for Implementation in the University - Reporting of.

The Syndicate noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in adopting G.O.(P)No.1142/98 dated 25.3.1998 (given in Appendix III) revising the rate of Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief to State Government Employees/Pensioners w.e.f. 1.7.1997, for implementation in the University.

Resolved that the action taken by the Vices-Chancellor be ratified.

(Ad.A)

Item No.395.70: B.Tech. (Cost sharing) courses - Reservation of seats for children of the University employees - Request of the service organisations - Consideration of.

This item was deferred for consideration.

Item No.395.71: Proposal for amendments of Section 34 and 37 of Cochin University of Science and Technology Act 1986 - Consideration of.

This item was deferred for consideration.

Item No.395.72: Commuted leave for 89 days to Dr.C.P.Girijavallabhan, Professor and Director, International School of Photonics - Nomination of Director - Consideration of.

The syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase and Staff and Establishment, the request of Dr.C.P.Girijavallabhan, Director, International School of Photonics for commuted leave for 89 days from 13.7.1998 to 9.10.1998 prefixing 11 and 12 July 1998 (Second Saturday and Sunday) and suffixing 10 and 11 October 1998 (Second Saturday and Sunday) and the matter of nominating the Director for the period of his absence.

Resolved that the request of Dr.C.P.Girijavallabhan, Director, International School of Photonics for commuted leave for 89 days from 13.7.1998 to 9.10.1998 prefixing 11 and 12 July

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1998 (Second Saturday and Sunday) and suffixing 10 and 11 October 1998 (Second Saturday and Sunday) be granted.

Further resolved that Dr.V.P.Narayanan Nampoori, Professor, International School of Photonics be nominated as the Director during the period of absence of Dr.C.P.Girijavallabhan.

(Ad.D)

Item No.395.73: Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee (Statutory) held on 23.5.1998 - Consideration of.

The Syndicate noted the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee (Statutory) held on 23.5.1998 and approve the same. (Fin.)

Item No.395.74: Introduction of P.G.two year Masters Programme in Human Rights - Appointment of Guest Professor - Reg.

The Syndicate considered the proposal of the Director, School of Legal Studies to appoint Ms. Nandita Haksar as Reader for a period of six months on a monthly basic pay of Rs.3700/- and accommodation in Visiting Faculty Complex for taking classes for III Semester LL.M. Human Rights Law which will commence in October 1998.

Resolved that Ms. Nandita Haksar be appointed as Reader in the School of Legal Studies for a period of six months on a monthly basic pay of Rs.3700/- for taking classes for III Semester LL.M. Human Rights Law which will commence in October 1998 .

Further resolved that Ms. Nandita Haksar be accommodated in the Visiting Faculty Complex during the period and she be sanctioned air fare from Goa to Kochi for joining the Department.

The meeting came to an end at 2.30 p.m.

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Kochi - 22,
5.8.1998.

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APPENDIX (I) TO ITEM NO.395.09

Amendments to Regulations for Ph.D.

That in the Regulations for admission to and award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy published in the Kerala Gazette dated 28-11-1995, the provision 'Course Work' be deleted in Clause '17' and it be replaced by Qualifying Examination of the 1990 Regulations, but conducted by the concerned Department or recognised Institution. The Clause '17' as amended would read as follows:-

17. Qualifying Examination:

(i) Every candidate who is registered for the Ph.D. degree shall be required to pass a qualifying examination which shall be conducted by the concerned Department or recognised Institution as the case may be without which he/she will not be considered qualified to submit his/her thesis for the award of the Ph.D. degree, provided however that a candidate holding an M.Phil. degree may be exempted by the Doctoral Committee from taking the examination if the Doctoral Committee is satisfied that the topic of doctoral research is an extension of continuation or expansion of the M.Phil. work.

(ii) The Doctoral Committee shall decide upon the particular stage of research work at which the candidate shall take his/her qualifying examination, provided however that this shall be at least six months before the candidate gives notice for the submission of the thesis.

(iii) The qualifying examination shall consist of two written papers of duration of three hours each carrying 100 marks each and a viva voce examination of 100 marks.

(iv) A minimum of 50 per cent in the aggregate shall be considered necessary for a pass in the examination.

(v) The Doctoral Committee shall draw up the detailed Syllabus for the two papers that the candidate will take in the qualifying examination.

(vi) The qualifying Examination Board shall consist of two examiners, nominated by the Doctoral Committee from among other recognised Supervising Guides in the University or Recognised Institutions who are specialists in the area and they shall be responsible for setting the question papers and evaluating the answer papers in the written examination.

(vii) The Vice-voce examination shall be conducted by the qualifying Examination Board and the Doctoral Committee.

(viii) A candidate shall have only one additional chance to appear at the qualifying examination and pass it and the procedure for the conduct of the qualifying examination shall be the same as in the first instance and the Examination Board shall, as far as possible, be the same as before.

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Appendix (II) to Item No. 395.52

Rules of the "LYKA OLEFINS ENDOWMENT" in the name of Dr. D. JOSEPH FRANCIS, forwarded by the Head of the Department of Polymer Science and Rubber Technology.

1. The endowment shall be called "LYKA OLEFIN ENDOWMENT" in the name of Dr. D. JOSEPH FRANCIS.
2. It shall be constituted with a corpus of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only). The interest accrued on this amount shall be awarded as the prize money along with a certificate of merit every year.
3. It shall be awarded to the candidate who secure the highest marks in the B.Tech. (Polymer Science and Rubber Technology) every year. A candidate who passes the whole papers of the course in the first chance alone shall be eligible for consideration.
4. In the event of absence of eligible candidate of the Department of Polymer Science and Rubber Technology not offering the B.Tech. Course in a particular year, the interest pertaining to that year, will be added to the corpus amount.
5. In the case of any dispute regarding the award of the prize, the decision of the Vice-Chancellor shall be final.

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APPENDIX (III) TO ITEM No:395.69

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

(Abstract)

Allowance - Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief to State Government Employees/Pensioners with effect from 1-7-1997 - Revision - Orders issued.

FINANCE (PAY RESEARCH UNIT) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(P)No.1142/98/Fin. Dt., Thiruvananthapuram, 25-03-1998.

Read:- 1. G.O.(P)No.573/97/Fin. dated, 7-6-1997.
2. O.M.F. No. (13)97-E II(B) dated, 3-10-1997 from the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Government of India.

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Government are pleased to order that the rates of Dearness Allowance to Government Employees, Staff of Aided Schools, Private Colleges and Polytechnics, Full time employees borne on the contingent and work charge establishment and employees of Local Bodies will be revised with effect from 1-7-1997 as shown below:

Date from which payable	Pay Range	Rate of D.A. per month
1-7-1997	Basic pay upto Rs.3500 per mensem	182% of pay
	Basic pay above Rs.3500 and upto 6000 per mensem	140% of pay subject to a minimum of Rs-6370/-
	Basic pay above Rs.6000 per mensem	122% of pay subject to a minimum of Rs.8400/- per mensem.

2. The additional expenditure on this account in respect of Local Bodies will be met from their own funds.

3. The revised rates of D.A. will be applicable to the part time teachers and part time contingent employees also on the basis of pay drawn by them.

4. In the case of Public Sector Undertakings/Statutory Corporations where long term agreement exists by which the pre-revised scale plus D.A. is agreed to, the enhancement of D.A. will be allowed with the approval of the Board of Directors subject to financial viability till a fresh agreement is executed.

5. In the case of those who remain in the pre 1-7-1988 scales, the pay for the purpose of D.A. will be the pay in the pre revised scale plus D.A. and ad hoc D.A. at 608 points of All India Consumer Price Index as shown in Appendix II of the G.O.(P)No.480/89/Fin. dtd. 1-11-1989. For computing the

amount of D.A. payable on the pay arrived at as above, as on 1-7-1997 the principle laid down in para 5 of G.O.(P) No.364/92/Fin. dt. 15-4-1992 will be followed.

6. The accounting and drawal of arrears of D.A. will be regulated as follows:-

(i) The revised rates of D.A. from 1-7-1997 for those drawing pay upto Rs. 3500 will be paid in cash from the salary due for the month of March 1998. The arrears for the period from 1-7-1997 to 28-2-1998 will be drawn and credited to the P.F. account of the employees along with the salary bill for March, April, May, June, July or August 1998 in relaxation of Rule 176, Kerala Treasury Code.

(ii) In the case of those drawing pay above Rs.3500 the three instalments of D.A. sanctioned with effect from 1-7-91 1-1-92, 1-7-92 will continue to be credited to the Provident Fund Account. The amount of D.A. that can be drawn in cash by them from the salary for March 1998 will be as follows:-

- (a) 1-7-1997 Pay Rs.3501 to Rs.6000 140% pay subject to a minimum of Rs.6370 minus the amount being credited to Provident Fund Account as indicated above.
- Pay above Rs.6000 122% of pay subject to a minimum of Rs.8400 minus the amount being credited to Provident Fund Account as indicated above.

(Vide Annexure)

(b) The arrears due for the period from 1-7-97 to 28-2-1998 will be claimed in the salary bill for March/April/May/June/July or August 1998 and credited to P.F. Account.

(iii) Where the employee is not eligible to subscribe to any Provident Fund before 28-2-1998 the drawal of arrears of D.A. shall be deferred, and as and when the Provident Fund Account is opened, it may be drawn and deposited to it.

(iv) For claiming the salary for the month of September 1998 a certificate should be attached to the salary bill to the effect that the arrears as per D.A. revision from 1-7-97 to 28-2-98 have been claimed and credited to the Provident Fund Account of the employee.

(v) The enhanced amount of D.A. to be drawn and credited monthly to Provident Fund Account by those drawing pay above Rs.3500 per mensem may be shown separately in the Provident Fund Schedule and Certificate that effect attached to the bill for each month as already ordered in G.O.(P)No.211/93/Fin. dated 15-3-1993.

(vi) Interest on the D.A. credited to the Provident Fund Account will accrue from the first month in which the bills are presented in the Treasuries.

(vii) No withdrawal, other than final withdrawal, shall be made before the date specified below, from the arrears of D.A. credited to Provident Fund Account.

Arrears for the period from 1-7-1997 to 28-2-1998 Date on which the amount will be permitted to be withdrawn 1-10-1999

7. The procedure mentioned under clause (vii) above will be applicable "mutatis Mutandis" to Provident Fund other than General Provident Funds also. In regard to contributory Provident Fund, however, there will be no matching contribution from the Government in respect of the arrears of D.A.

8. In the bill as well as in the Provident Fund Schedule, the arrears of D.A. from 1-7-1997 to 28-2-1998 may be indicated separately. Accordingly the amount of arrears of D.A. to be credited to Provident Fund Account should be shown as a separate entry in the Provident Fund Schedule shown below:

Subscription proper		Refund of Advance		Arrears of D.A. amount	
Amount	Month to which it relates	No. of instalments	Amount	Month to which it relates	From 1.7.97 to 28.2.98
(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
					(6+9+11)
					(12)

9. The following categories of employees will be paid arrears of D.A. in cash:
- (i) Those who have retired since 1.7.1997 and those will be retiring or before 30-9-1998.
- (ii) Those who have opted not to subscribe to the P.F. Account during the last one year of their service prior to retirement.
- (iii) Those, in whose cases, it is not obligatory to maintain P.F. Account.
- (iv) Part-time teachers and part-time contingent employees.

ANNEXURE

The amount to be credited to P.F. Account being the instalments of D.A. sanctioned with effect from 1-7-1991, 1-1-1992 and 1-7-1992 by those who are drawing pay above Rs.3500

Pay Range	Amount to be credited to P.F. Account (Vide Para 6(ii) of the G.O.)
Rs.3501 to Rs.6000	24% of pay subject to minimum of Rs.1120/-
Above Rs.6000	21% of pay subject to a minimum of Rs.1440/-

DEARNESS RELIEF TO STATE SERVICE PENSIONERS
AND FAMILY PENSIONERS

- | Pension/Family Pension (PM) | Rate of Dearness Relief from
1-7-1997 (PM) |
|--|---|
| Not exceeding Rs.1750 | 182% of pension/Family pension |
| Exceeding Rs.1750 but not
exceeding Rs.3000 | 140% of pension/Family Pension
subject to a minimum of Rs.3185 |
| Exceeding Rs.3000 | 122% of Pension/Family Pension
subject to a minimum of Rs.4200 |

- By Order of the Governor,

To

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The Registrar, University of Kerala/Cochin, Calicut (with CL)
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