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COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

MINUTES OF THE 40TH MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD
ON 21-11-1998.

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

Time : 3 p.m.

Members present:

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

Also present:

Dr. N. Unnikrishnan Nair
Registrar.

When the meeting was called to order, the Vice-Chancellor informed the Syndicate that a request has been received from Prof. M.I. Savadatti for restoration of his membership of the Syndicate since he could not attend three consecutive meetings of the Syndicate held earlier due to unavoidable reasons.

Resolved that Prof. M.I. Savadatti be restored as a member of the Syndicate.

Item No.400.01 : Reports of action taken up on the decisions of the minutes of the meetings of the Syndicate held on 28-5-1998 (394) and 20-6-1998 (395).

The Syndicate noted reports of action taken on the decisions of the minutes of the meetings of the Syndicate held on 28-5-1998 (394) and 20-6-1998 (395).

Item No.400.02 : Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 24-10-1998.

The minutes of the 399th meeting of the Syndicate held on 24-10-1998 was confirmed subject to the following emendation.

In item No.399.35 the words "from the date of this decision" be added at the end of the last sentence of the resolution.

Item No.400.03: Report of the Vice-Chancellor on important developments in the University since last meeting.

1. Prof. J.V. Narlikar, Director, Inter University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics, Pune delivered the Indira Gandhi Memorial Endowment Lecture on October 30, 1998. The term of the lecture was "The Challenges and Benefits of Studying Astronomy".
2. An all India "School on Gravitation and Cosmology" sponsored by the Inter University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics was conducted in the Department of Physics during October 26-31, 1998.
3. The Zonal meeting of the Deans of Faculties of Law and Chairmen in Law to discuss the reports of the Curriculum Development Centre (Law) was held in the University on November 2-3, 1998.
4. The Annual Convention of the Geological Society of India, and a National Symposium on "Late Quaternary, Geology and Sea Level Changes" were held in the Department of Marine Geology and Geophysics during November 4-6, 1998.
5. An additional grant of Rs.14,16,322/- (Rupees fourteen lakhs sixteen thousand three hundred and twenty two only) was sanctioned by UGC on equipments due to escalation in foreign exchange rate to the DSA programme in the Department of Physics.

After the reporting of the Vice-Chancellor, the following discussions were held:

- (1) The Syndicate noted that Sri. S. Sarma, a member of the Senate, and a former member of the Syndicate of the University, has been taken over as the Minister for Electricity and Co-operation, Government of Kerala, and resolved to convey its congratulations to him on his assignment.
- (2) The Vice-Chancellor then brought to the notice of the Syndicate, a request made by the Cochin University Union for providing subsidy in rent fixed to be charged from students of self-financing courses for accommodation in the two flats rented out from private parties.

Resolved that (1) the University Engineer be authorised to work out the fair rent for the buildings/flats rented out for providing accommodation to students, (2) 50% subsidy in rent be given to the students who are availing the facility and (3) the water and electricity charges be borne by the inmates of the hostels.

Item No.400.04: Purchase of a new bus - Reg.

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

Resolved that the proposal need not be considered at present. However a bus be purchased for the use of CUGSE students from the CUGSE funds.

(G.S.)

Item No.400.05: Smt. N.S. Kunjoonjamma - Pro-rata pension contribution and reckoning of previous service - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Staff and Establishment, the matter of insisting remittance of pro-rata pension contribution for reckoning the 5 1/2 years service rendered in Kerala State Electricity Board by Smt. N.S. Kunjoonjamma, Joint Registrar (Retd.) and for reckoning the 3 year LWA period (1967-1970) rendered by her in the Labour Office, prior to joining the University for pensionary benefits in this University.

Resolved that--

(1) Clarification be sought from Kerala State Electricity Board whether service rendered by Smt. Kunjoonjamma in Kerala State Electricity Board will come within the purview of the Government Order/Syndicate decision vide item No.391.12;

(2) Pension be given to Smt. Kunjoonjamma for the period of other eligible services.

(Ad.A)

Item No.400.06: Payment of telephone charges of residential telephones of Deans of Faculties - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Finance and Purchase, the request of Dr. P. Madhavan Pillai, Dean, Faculty of Science for payment of telephone charges of his residential telephones.

Resolved that the benefit given to the Heads of Departments in the matter of payment of telephone charges of their residential telephones be extended to all Deans of Faculties.

(GA & EL)

Item No.400.07: University clearing agent for customs clearance - Revision of contract - Reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Finance and Purchase, the request of M/s. Interfreight Services Pvt. Ltd., Wellington Island, Kochi-3, the clearing agent of the University, to pay them at least the additional/actual transportation charges incurred for bringing the customs cleared consignments from Madras/Bangalore/Thiruvananthapuram to University Campus, at actuals, supported by the bills or receipts.

Resolved that--

(1) Since the University is insisting on delivery of items at Cochin Port while placing purchase orders, if the consignments are landing up at Madras or Bangalore or other places, it has to be the supplier's responsibility to ensure the delivery at Cochin at his cost, and as such, the University need not pay higher amount to the clearing agent.

2) Instructions be issued to all Heads of Departments to place orders on CIF Cochin basis only.

(PLA)

Item No.400.08: Dr. P.P. Paul, Planning and Development Officer - Request for special pay and upgradation of post - Reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Staff and Establishment, the request of Dr. P.P. Paul, Planning and Development Officer for upgradation of the post of Planning and Development Officer to that of Joint Registrar w.e.f. 5-9-1995 and grant a special pay of Rs.200/- w.e.f. 1-3-1992.

Resolved that Dr. P.P. Paul, Planning and Development Officer be granted the scale of pay of Joint Registrar (Rs.3900-5040).

(Ad.A)

Item No.400.09 : Assistant Librarians - Induction into the UGC Scheme - Requests of Sri. C.K. Poulouse and Smt. Elizabeth Abraham - Consideration of..

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Staff and Establishment, the request of Sri. C.K. Poulouse and Smt. Elizabeth Abraham, Assistant Librarians for induction into the UGC scheme as per the G.O. (MS) No.209/96/H.Edn. dated 24-12-1996.

Resolved that Sri. C.K. Poulouse and Smt. Elizabeth Abraham, Assistant Librarians be inducted into the UGC scheme adopting the G.O. (MS) No.209/96/H.Edn. dated 24-12-1996 with effect from the dates on which they were promoted to the regular posts of Assistant Librarians.

Sri. K.K. Gopalakrishnan expressed his dissent on the decision and wanted to record the same (The letter of dissent is appended).

(Ad.A)

Item No.400.10: Report of the High Level Committee constituted by the Syndicate to study the financial situation of the University and suggest methods to improve it - Summary and recommendations.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Finance and Purchase, the summary and recommendations of the report of the High Level Committee constituted by the Syndicate to study the financial situation of the University and suggest methods to improve it.

Resolved that the members of the Standing Committee on Finance and Purchase be provided with copies of the full report for a detailed study.

(Fin.)

Item No.400.11: Construction of a building for School of Environmental Studies - Reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase and Works, the proposal of the University Engineer to award the work of construction of the building for School of Environmental Studies in the Thrikkakara Campus.

Resolved that--

- (1) The recommendations of the Building Committee (as per the minutes of its meeting held on 21-10-1998) on this issue be approved.
- (2) The work of ground floor ($1136m^2$), first floor ($1136m^2$) and cabin floor ($78m^2$) of the proposed building for School of Environmental Studies be awarded to Sri. P.K. Ramachandran, Deepa Mandir, Karuvelipady, Kochi-5 at the lowest quoted rate of 37% above the PAC.
- (3) The University Engineer may revise the estimated cost, cost of departmental supply and total cost deleting the cost for second floor ($1136m^2$).

(Pl.A)

Item No.400.12: Construction of a building for International School of Photonics in the Thrikkakara Campus - Reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase and Works, the proposal of the University Engineer to award the work of construction of the building for International School of Photonics in the Thrikkakara Campus.

Resolved that--

- (1) The recommendations of the Building Committee (as per the minutes of its meeting held on 21-10-1998) on this issue be approved.
- (2) The work of ground floor ($1883m^2$) and cabin floor ($60m^2$) of the proposed building for the International School of Photonics be awarded to Sri. P.C. Thomas, Contractor, at the lowest quoted rate of 36.9% above the PAC.
- (3) The University Engineer may revise the estimated cost, cost of departmental supply and total cost deleting the cost of first floor ($1883m^2$).

(PLA)

Item No.400.13 was deferred for consideration in a subsequent meeting.

Item No.400.14: General Provident Fund (Kerala) Amendment Rules 1997 - Adopted for implementation - Reporting of.

The Syndicate noted the adoption of the G.O.(P) No.1699/98/Fin. Dated 3rd July 1998 for implementation in the University (Appendix I).

(Accts.)

Item No.400.15: Norms promotion to the post of Reader and subsequently to the post of Professor - 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 of Dr. T. Mary Joseph, Lecturer, School of Management Studies for promotion to the post of Reader and subsequently to the post of Professor as per norms promotion scheme of UGC.

Resolved that--

- 1) Dr. T. Mary Joseph be granted promotion to the post of Reader in the truncated scale of Rs.3000-5000 w.e.f. 27-3-1991 to 12-12-1996 and in the scale of Rs.3700-5700 w.e.f. 13-12-1996 by upgrading the post of Lecturer held by her in the School of Management Studies subject to the condition that the teacher shall refund the excess salary if any, drawn by her during 27-3-1988 to 26-3-1991 to the Cochin University Fund.

- 2) Further resolved that Dr. Mary Joseph be granted promotion to the post of Professor in the scale of pay of Rs.4500-7300 w.e.f. 27-3-1997 by upgrading the post of Reader held by her in the School of Management Studies.
- 3) Proposals for instituting the posts of Reader and Professor in the School of Management Studies w.e.f. the respective dates, be placed in the Academic Council.

(Ad.D)

Item No.400.16: Extension of the period of deputation of Sri. B. Kannan, Lecturer - Request of the Head of the Department - Consideration of - Reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase, Staff and Establishment and Academic Matters, the request of the Head of the Department of Computer Science for extension of the period of deputation of Sri. B. Kanna, Lecturer (under Directorate of Collegiate Education) for one more year w.e.f. 13-12-1998.

"Resolved that the request of the Head of the Department of Computer Science for extension of the period of deputation of Sri. B. Kannan, Lecturer (under Directorate of Collegiate Education) for one more year w.e.f. 13-12-1998 be approved.

Item No.400.17: Admission to the M.Sc. Industrial Fisheries Course - Deleting the reservation of seat to physically handicapped candidates - Reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the proposal of the Director, School of Industrial Fisheries to cancel the reservation of a seat to physically handicapped person to the M.Sc. Industrial Fisheries course of the University, since it is very difficult for a physically handicapped person to complete requisites for the degree as well as for securing job in industries.

Resolved that the reservation of a seat to physically handicapped person to the M.Sc. Industrial Fisheries of the University be cancelled

(Ac.A)

Item No. 400.18: Continuation of the programme between Brethren Colleges Abroad and the Cochin University of Science and Technology - Reg.

The Syndicate noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the memorandum of agreement (given in Appendix II) signed between the Brethren Colleges Abroad and the Cochin University of Science and Technology regarding continuation of the collaborative programme for one more year.

(IRAA)

Item No. 400.19: Recognition as Research Guide - Application from Dr. M.D. Baby, Deputy Librarian-in-charge, University Library, 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. M.D. Baby, Deputy Librarian-in-Charge, University Library, Cochin University of Science and Technology for recognition as a Research Guide under the Faculty of Technology.

Resolved that Dr. M.D. Baby be recognised as a Research Guide of the University under the Faculty of Technology.

Further resolved that Dr. Humayoon Kabir, Assistant Librarian (on deputation to Mahatma Gandhi University) also be recognised as a Research Guide of the University under the Faculty of Technology considering his application submitted earlier.

(Ac.B)

Item No. 400.20: Recognition as Research Guide - Application from Dr. C.V.K. Prasada Rao, Scientist-E, Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory, Kochi - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the request of Dr. C.V.K. Prasada Rao, Scientist-E, Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory, Kochi for recognition as a Research Guide of the University under the Faculty of Marine Sciences.

Resolved that Dr. C.V.K. Prasada Rao, Scientist-E, Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory be recognised as a Research Guide of the University under the Faculty of Marine Sciences.

(Ac.B)

Item No. 400.21 was deferred for consideration.

Item No. 400.22: LWA sanctioned to Smt. S. Sarada for study purpose - Request for treating LWA under Rule 91A as eligible for increment - 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 of Smt. S. Sarada, Lecturer, School of Management Studies for treating the LWA from 13.5.1992 to 23.4.1993 under Rule 91A, Part I, Kerals Service Rules, sanctioned to her for study purpose, as eligible for increment.

Resolved that the request be declined.

(Ad.D)

Item No. 300.23: Request of Sri. M. Avira, Peon to rectify the anomaly of protecting his last pay - Reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase and Staff and Establishment, the request of Sri. M. Avira, Peon to rectify the anomaly and grant protection of pay to him in the scale of pay of Rs.1050-1660 of Gardeners.

Resolved that the request of Sri. M. Avira, Peon to rectify the anomaly and grant protection of pay to him in the scale of pay of Rs.1050-1660 of Gardeners be granted w.e.f. 11-3-1996, the date of his being posted as Peon.

(Ad.A)

Item No. 400.24: B.Tech. degree examination - Revaluation - Granting of moderation marks - Reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the proposal for incorporating a general clause authorising the passing boards, relating to grant moderation marks on revaluation of examination papers.

Resolved that the following clause be added in 6(c) in the revaluation rules:

"The recommendation of the Passing Board already constituted for finalising the original results of the examination will be applicable for finalising the marks obtained on revaluation, treating the revaluation marks as equivalent to original marks. The moderation marks so recommended will be awarded to any other paper also if needed, even if the student has not applied for revaluation for that paper(s)". (Exam.)

Item No. 400.25: Reckoning of previous service - condoning break of service - Request from Dr. K.C. Sankaranarayanan, Professor and Head, Department of Applied Economics - 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. K.C. Sankaranarayana, Professor and Head, Department of Applied Economics to reckon his previous services with S.N. Colleges w.e.f. 5-6-1967 to 31-8-1972 with a break of one month w.e.f. 1-6-1969 to 30-6-1969 for pensionary benefits in this University by condoning the break in service.

Resolved that the previous services rendered by Dr. K.C. Sankaranarayanan, Professor and Head, Department of Applied Economics in S.N. Colleges w.e.f. 5-6-1967 to 31-8-1972 with a break of one month w.e.f. 1-6-1969 to 30-6-1969 be reckoned for pensionary benefits in this University by condoning the break in service.

(Ad.D)

Item No. 400.26 was deferred for consideration.

Item No. 400.27: Relief of Dr. N. Unnikrishnan Nair, Professor from the Headship of the Department of Statistics - Nomination of Dr. K.R. Muralleedharan Nair, Reader, as Head of the Department - Action of the Vice-Chancellor - Reporting of.

The Syndicate noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in relieving Dr. N. Unnikrishnan Nair from the Headship of the Department of Statistics on academic grounds with effect from 15-10-1998 forenoon and nominating Dr. K.R. Muralleedharan Nair, Reader as the Head of the Department of Statistics with effect from the date on which he assume charge of the Department, since the next senior most Professor Dr. V.K. Ramachandran Nair, is on sabbatical leave for one year.

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

(Ad.D)

Item No.400.28: Dr. K.C. Sankaranarayanan, Professor and Head, Department of Applied Economics - Extension of Leave Without Allowances - Action of the Vice-Chancellor - Reporting of.

The Syndicate noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in granting Dr. K.C. Sankaranarayanan, Professor and Head of the Department of Applied Economics, extension of duty leave for two more days on 1st and 2nd July, 1998 for visiting Tilburg University, Netherlands as part of the MOU signed by both the Universities.

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

(Ad.D)

Items Nos.400.29, 400.30 and 400.31 be deferred for consideration in a subsequent meeting.

Item No.400.32: Government Order on DA/DR - Adopted for implementation - Reporting of.

The Syndicate noted that the Government Order No.2386/98/Fin. Dated 7-10-1998 relating to payment of Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief to State Government Employees/Pensioners w.e.f. 1-1-1998 has been adopted for implementation in the University.

(Ad.A)

Item No.400.33: Relinquishment of office of the Director, School of Legal Studies by Dr. K.N. Chandrasekharan Pillai, Professor - Nomination of Dr. G.Sadasivan Nair as the Director - Action of the Vice-Chancellor - Reporting of.

The Syndicate noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in granting the request of Dr. K.N. Chandrasekharan Pillai, Director, School of Legal Studies to relieve him from the Directorship of the School of Legal Studies to do research and writing, and nominating Dr. G.Sadasivan Nair, Professor, the next senior most Professor willing to take up the responsibility as Director, School of Legal Studies with effect from 1-7-1998.

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

(Ad.D)

Item No.400.34: Ph.D. thesis entitled "Studies on Short Polymer Fibre-Polyurethane Elastomer Composite with Different Interfacial Bonding Agents" submitted by Smt. Fathimathul Suhara.P.P. - Evaluation report and minutes of viva-voce examination - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, the individual reports of the Examiners, recommendations of the viva board, and the minutes of the viva-voce examination in respect of the Ph.D. thesis submitted by Smt. Fathimathul Suhara. P.P., Full Time Research student, Department of Polymer Science and Rubber Technology, Cochin University of Science and Technology who worked under the guidance of Dr.Sunil K. Narayanankutty, Department of Polymer Science and Rubber Technology, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi-22.

Resolved that Smt. Fathimathul Suhara P.P. be declared eligible for the award of the degree of the Doctor of Philosophy under the Faculty of Technology for her thesis entitled "Studies on Short Polymer Fibre-Polyurethane Elastomer Composite with Different Interfacial Bonding Agents".

(Exam.)

Item No.400.35: Ph.D. thesis entitled "Arithmetic in Various Growth of Topological Spaces and Some Applications to Number Theory" submitted by Smt. Mangalambal, N.R. - Evaluation report and minutes of viva-voce examination - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, the individual reports of the Examiners, recommendations of the viva board, and the minutes of the viva-voce examination in respect of the Ph.D. thesis submitted by Smt. Mangalambal, N.R., Part Time Research student, Department of Mathematics, Cochin University of Science and Technology who worked under the guidance of Dr. T.Thrivikraman, Professor, Department of Mathematics, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi-22.

Resolved that Smt. Mangalambal, N.R. be declared eligible for the award of the degree of the Doctor of Philosophy under the Faculty of Science for her thesis entitled "Arithmetic in Various Growths of Topological Spaces and Some Applications to Number Theory".

(Exam.)

Item Nos. 400.36 to 400.38 be deferred for consideration.

Item No.400.39: B.Tech. (Cost Sharing) course - Reservation of seats to children to staff of University.

The Syndicate noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in granting the request of Smt. T. Prasannakumari, Office Superintendent, CUSAT to transfer the two seats reserved for the children of staff of the University in the Mechanical Engineering and Safety and Fire Engineering branches of the B.Tech. (Cost Sharing) course which were lying vacant for want of applicants to the Computer Science and Electronics branches of the B.Tech. (Cost Sharing) course so that two more students from the category of children of staff of the University can also get admission to the B.Tech.(Cost Sharing) course.

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

(CUGSE)

Item No.400.40: Minutes of the meeting of the Building Committee - Reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Works, the recommendations of the meeting of the Building Committee held on 21-10-1998.

Resolved that the recommendations of the Building Committee in its meeting held on 21-10-1998 (as in Appendix III), be approved.

(Pl.A)

Item No.400.41 be deferred for consideration.

Item No.400.42: Construction of a Science Seminar Complex - Reg.

The Syndicate considered the report of the sub committee constituted by the Syndicate regarding the construction of Science Seminar Complex and the recommendations made by the University Engineer for resuming the balance work.

Resolved that steps be taken to complete the work of Guest House and Canteen Block of the Science Seminar Complex and an amount of Rs.22.55 lakhs be released for Nirmithi Kendra as the next instalment.

Further resolved that proper agreement be executed between the Kerala State Nirmithi Kendra and the University in the matter of completion of the rest of the work.

(Pl.A)

Item No.400.43: Maintenance to Hostel No.I (Sanathana) in the Thrikkakara Campus - Award of work - Regarding.

The Syndicate noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in sanctioning the proposal of the University Engineer to award the work of Maintenance to Hostel No.I (Sanathana) in the Thrikkakara Campus to Sri. Saju S.G., M/s. Kohinoor Constructions, 23/320, Saji Home, Kochi-22 (who was the only contractor responded to the retender notification) at 23% above the PAC of Rs.2,75,185/-, total cost being Rs.3,34,949/- including departmental supply of materials worth Rs.15,340/-, and meeting the expenditure from "2-Non Plan-97-0-Works-t-4-Other-999-Minor Works" in the current year's budget, considering the urgency.

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

(Pl.A)

Item No.400.44: Ph.D. thesis entitled "Survey of Coral Lagoons of Lakshadweep Atolls using Line Intercept Transect (LIT) Technique" submitted by Sri. Nowshad, M. - Evaluation reports and minutes of viva-voce examination - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, the individual reports of the Examiners, recommendations of the viva board, and the minutes of the viva-voce examination in respect of the Ph.D. thesis submitted by Sri. Nowshad, M., Part Time Research student, Department of Marine Biology, Cochin University of Science and Technology who worked under the guidance of Dr. V.J. Kuttyamma, Reader, School of Marine Sciences, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi-16.

Resolved that Nowshad, M. be declared eligible for the award of the degree of the Doctor of Philosophy under the Faculty of Marine Sciences for his thesis entitled "Survey of Coral Lagoons of Lakshadweep Atolls using Line Intercept Transect (LIT) Technique".

(Exam.)

Item No.400.45: Ph.D. thesis entitled "Effects of Piscicides, Mahula Oil Cake and Croton Seed on the Prawn Culture Systems" submitted by Sri. Asokakumaran Unnithan, K. - Evaluation reports and minutes of viva-voce examination - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, the individual reports of the Examiners, recommendations of the viva board, and the minutes of the viva-voce examination in respect of the Ph.D. thesis submitted by Sri. Asokakumaran Unnithan, K., Part Time Research student, Department of Marine Biology, Cochin University of Science and Technology who worked under the guidance of Dr. N. Ravindranatha Menon, Director, School of Marine Sciences, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi - 16.

Resolved that Sri. Asokakumaran Unnithan, K. be declared eligible for the award of the degree of the Doctor of Philosophy under the Faculty of Marine Sciences for his thesis entitled "Effects of Piscicides, Mahula Oil Cake and Croton Seed on the Prawn Culture Systems".

(Exam.)

Item No.400.46: Ph.D. thesis entitled "Studies on the Chaotic Dynamics of Periodically Forced Weak Brownian Spheroids in Simple Shear Flow" submitted by Sri. C.V. Anilkumar - Evaluation reports and minutes of viva-voce examination - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, the individual reports of the Examiners, recommendations of the viva board, and the minutes of the viva-voce examination

In respect of the Ph.D. thesis submitted by Sri. C.V. Anilkumar, Full Time Research student, Regional Research Laboratory who worked under the guidance of Dr. T.R. Ramamohan, Scientist, Regional Research Laboratory, Thiruvananthapuram.

Resolved that Sri. C.V. Anilkumar be declared eligible for the award of the degree of the Doctor of Philosophy under the Faculty of Technology for his thesis entitled "Studies on the Chaotic Dynamics of Periodically Forced Weak Brownian Spheroids in Simple Shear Flow".

(Exam.)

Item No.400.47: Ph.D. thesis entitled "Probability Distributions Having Laplace Transforms with Multiple Negative Poles and Zeros" submitted by Sri. John, K.J. - Evaluation reports and minutes of viva-voce examination - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, the individual reports of the Examiners, recommendations of the viva board, and the minutes of the viva-voce examination in respect of the Ph.D. thesis submitted by Sri. John, K.J., Part-time Research student, Department of Statistics, Cochin University of Science & Technology who worked under the guidance of Dr. K.R. Muraleedharan Nair, Reader, Department of Statistics, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi-22.

Resolved that Sri. John, K.J be declared eligible for the award of the degree of the Doctor of Philosophy under the Faculty of Science for his thesis entitled "Probability Distributions Having Laplace Transforms with Multiple Negative Poles and Zeros".

(Exam.)

Item No.400.48: Ph.D. thesis entitled "Adrenergic Receptors and Monoamines in the Brain and Pancreatic Islets of Streptozotocin Diabetic Rats: Role in Insulin Secretion as a Function of Age" submitted by Smt. Asha Abraham - Evaluation reports and minutes of viva-voce examination - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, the individual reports of the Examiners, recommendations of the viva board, and the minutes of the viva-voce examination in respect of the Ph.D. thesis submitted by Smt. Asha Abraham, Full Time Research student, Department of Biotechnology, Cochin University of Science and Technology who worked under the guidance of Dr. C.S. Poullose, Lecturer, Department of Biotechnology, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi-22.

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Resolved that Smt. Asha Abraham be declared eligible for the award of the degree of the Doctor of Philosophy under the Faculty of Science for her thesis entitled "Adrenergic Receptors and Monoamines in the Brain and Pancreatic Islets of Streptozotocin Diabetic Rats: Role in Insulin Secretion as a Function of Age".

(Exam.)

Item No.400.49: was deferred for consideration.

Item No.400.50: Renovation of toilets in various hostels for men in the Thrikkakara Campus - Award of work - Reg.

The Syndicate noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in according sanction to the proposal of the University Engineer to entrust the work of renovation of toilets in various hostels for men in the Thrikkakara Campus to Sri. P.A. Abdulla, Pukkath House, Kochi 22 at 16.1% below the estimate rate of Rs.9,17,816/-, the total amount being Rs.7,74,464/-, including departmental supply of materials worth Rs.27,430/-, meeting the expenditure from the Head of Account "2 Non-Plan 97-O-Works-T4-Others-999-Minor works" provided in the current year's budget, in view of the urgency of the situation.

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

(Pl.A.)

The meeting terminated at 5.30 p.m.

Kochi-22,
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With due respect, I dissent with the decision to induct the two Assistant Librarians mentioned in item No.400.09, into the UGC scheme.

As stated in the note itself as item (a) in the first page, they are not eligible for induction into the UGC scheme, since they do not possess the prescribed qualification, i.e., pass in NET. This note also explain why they are not eligible for exemption from passing NET, and they were granted time bound higher grade. Instead of giving the grade of Rs.2200-4000, they were granted the scale of Rs.2500-4500.

The Government Order dated 24.12.1996 mentioned in item (b) in the note, permits broken service to be counted for placement in higher grade in UGC scale to persons who have already been inducted to UGC scheme. This Government Order is not intended to consider a case for induction, but for placement in higher grade. If I remember correct, in the case of Smt. Sudha Kartha, the Government Order was relied only for placement in higher grade and not for induction to the UGC scheme.

I feel that a confusion is being created between placement in higher grade and induction to the UGC scheme.

The fact that Sri. K.C. Radhakrishnan was inducted to the UGC scheme relying on the G.O. No.1725/H.Edn. dated 16.11.1994 is no reason why these two persons also should be inducted to UGC scheme, since Sri. Radhakrishnan had been promoted as Assistant Librarian on regular basis in the year 1991 itself, i.e., prior to 14.5.1992, the cut off date.

Sri Poullose and Smt. Elizebeth were not Assistant Librarians on regular basis prior to 14-5-1992. In my view, they do not come under the purview of the Government Order.

I am at a loss to understand, how the requests of these two persons come within the ambit of the Government Order dated 24.12.1996, since they were promoted as Assistant Librarians on regular basis on 23.1.1996 and 25.4.1994 as stated in the note.

I also do not understand the relevancy of the two cases cited in the note.

Since Sri. Poullose and Smt. Elizabeth do not have the prescribed qualification and since they do not come under the purview of the Government Order dated 16.11.1994, they are not eligible for exemption from passing NET; I oppose the induction of these two persons into the UGC scheme at this stage.

I support the proposal to adopt implementation of the G.O.(MS)No.209/96/H.Edn. dated 24.12.1996 in the University.

Kochi-22,
21.11.1998.

K.K. Gopalakrishnan,
Member, Syndicate.

APPENDIX TO ITEM NO: 400.14

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Finance (Provident Fund) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O. (P) No.1699/98/Fin. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 3-7-1998.

S.R.O. No.584/98. - In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Kerala Public Services Act, 1968 (19 of 1968) read with sub-section (3) thereof, the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules further to amend the General Provident Fund (Kerala) Rules, 1964, namely:-

RULES

1. Short title and commencements-(1) These rules may be called the General Provident Fund (Kerala) Amendment Rules, 1997.

(2) They shall come into force from the date of the order.

(2) Amendment of the rules - In the General Provident Fund, (Kerala) Rules, 1964:-

(i) in rules 16, in sub-rule (1), after clause (vi), the following clause shall be added, namely :-

"(vii) to purchase consumer durables such as Television Video Cassette Player/Recorder, Washing Machine, Cooking Range, Geysers, Computers etc".

(ii) in rule, 28(A), in sub-rule(1) in clause (1), -

(a) for the words, "twenty years" the words "fifteen years" shall be added, namely:-

"(g) Meeting the cost of consumer durables such as Television, Video Cassette Player/Recorder, Washing Machine, Cooking range, Geysers, Computers etc. "

By Order of the Governor

Sd/-
Dr.K.M.ABRAHAM
Secretary (Finance-Resources)

To

The Registrar, University of Cochin (With C.L.)

spb.

APPENDIX TO ITEM NO: 400.18

(Appendix I)

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRETHREN COLLEGES ABROAD,
USA AND COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CUSAT)

ARTICLE - I

In light of their dedication to excellence in scholarship, teaching, and civic responsibility, Brethren Colleges Abroad, North Manchester, USA, and Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochin 682 022, India, hereby agree to formalise their co-operation with this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), continuing this collaboration for International Exchange of Faculty and Students.

ARTICLE - II

The following actions will be effected through this Agreement.

1. Mutual Recognition. In keeping with the academic systems of each, courses and research provided by both institutions shall be recognised as contributing towards achieving the appropriate credentials offered by each system.
2. Faculty Exchange. The exchange of professors for lecturers, research, and teaching is encouraged and promoted. The Co-ordinators of the BCA student programme, will be recognised as faculty pro-temps for the 1998 term. The courses they teach for the BCA students will be listed on the transcript for each student, along with the courses offered by CUSAT Faculty.
3. Research Programmes. Efforts will be made to promote joint projects and research between members of these institutions.
4. Student Exchange. Students recommended by their respective offices of International Programmes shall be received and aided in making progress towards their academic goals. During 1998, (September - December), 12 students from BCA will attend courses of study at CUSAT, as per list appended. Acceptance of students will be based on the following guidelines.
 - (a) Each student will be required to pay a fee of \$3,000 for the entire period of their stay of four months at CUSAT. It will cover tuition, boarding and lodging expenses. In addition, expenses for medical treatment, medical insurance if any, to be borne by the BCA.
 - (b) Students will have the opportunity to take a maximum of 5 courses mutually agreed upon by the two participating institutions.
 - (c) Transportation, books, and miscellaneous costs must be met by the student or sending institution.

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- (d) The student fees will have to be deposited with CUSAT as an advance before commencement of the programme.
- (e) The student will be evaluated by the Faculty and credits will be transferred to the BCA at the end of the semester.
5. Cultural awareness, Participation in cultural events and experiences to increase knowledge and appreciation of the other's society will be encouraged.

ARTICLE - III

This Memorandum of Agreement shall take effect upon the approval of the appropriate authorities of both parties. It will be valid for the academic year 1998-'99. After one such programme, if both parties are pleased to continue this collaboration, a long term agreement may be formalised.

For BRETHREN COLLEGES ABROAD

For COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Sd/-
Executive Director
Brethren Colleges Abroad
N.Manchester, IN
USA

Sd/-
Registrar
Cochin University of Science
and Technology, India.

Appendix

1. Ms.Emily Shirin Ansari
2. Ms.Alisa Bette Cass
3. Mr.Sadruddin Kassamali Chandani
4. Elizabeth Ann Johnson
5. Mr.Andrew Stephen Mc Conachie
6. Mr.Micah Francis Morton
7. Ms.Sapna Dilip Pandya
8. Ms.Teresa Sanghee Park
9. Mr.Michael Welch Rankin
10. Ms.Haley Jean Sankey
11. Ms.Seema Kiran Shah
- 12.. Ms.Jennifer Mary Zachariah

APPENDIX TO ITEM NO: 400.40

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BUILDING COMMITTEE HELD AT 3 P.M.
ON 21/10/1998 IN THE VICE CHANCELLOR'S CHAMBER

Present:

1. Vice Chancellor
2. Pro Vice Chancellor
3. Sri. T.A. Ahmed Kabir, Convenor Works Committee & Member, Syndicate
4. Sri. P.V. Benjamin, Architect, GCDA
5. Prof. (Dr.) Girijavallabhan, Director, International School of Photonics
6. Prof. (Dr.) Babu. T. Jose, Director, School of Engineering
7. Registrar
8. Finance Officer
9. University Engineer

Also present:

1. Planning & Development Officer
2. Smt. P. Sathi, AEE
3. Smt. Shyla, AE

Item No.1 Construction of a building for School of Environmental Studies in the Thrikkakara Campus

Resolved that the plan and estimate for Rs.120 lakhs (based on 1996 PWD schedule) submitted by the University Engineer for constructing the above building with ground, first and second floors, with a total covered area of 348m² as detailed below, with a per square meter estimated cost of Rs.4013 and with the tentative period required for construction being 2 years, and the tentative start of the construction being 01/01/1999, be approved:-

(a) Ground Floor	- 1136 m ²
(b) First Floor	- 1135 m ²
(c) Second Floor	- 1136 m ²
(d) Cabin Floor	- 78 m ²

T O T A L - 3485 m²

Further resolved that due to financial stringency presently faced by the University, the construction of only ground, first and cabin floors be taken up now.

Item No.2: Construction of a building for International School of Photonics in the Thrikkakara Campus

Resolved that the plan and estimate for Rs.160 lakhs (based on 1996 PWD schedule), submitted by the University Engineer for constructing the above building with ground floor (1883 m²) and first floor (1883 m²) with a total covered area of 3766 m², with a per square meter estimated cost of Rs.5222 and with the tentative period required for construction being 2 years, and with the tentative start of construction from 01/01/1999, be approved.

Resolved further that due to the financial stringency faced by the University, construction of only ground floor be taken up now.

REGISTRAR

VICE CHANCELLOR