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COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



MINUTES OF THE 510th (SPECIAL) MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD ON 27.10.2006

Place of meeting : Administrative Buildings
Kochi - 682 022

Time : 10.30 a.m.

Members present:

1. Prof.(Dr.)P.K.Abdul Azis,
Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair)
2. Dr.N.D.Inasu, Pro-Vice-Chancellor
3. Prof.(Dr.) K.N.Chandrasekharan Pillai
4. Prof. B. Suseelan
5. Prof. (Dr.) R. Sasidharan
6. Prof. (Dr.) P.Sudarsanan Pillai
7. Prof. V. Unnikrishnan Nayar
8. Sri. Lopus Mathew
9. Sri.K.A.Zakkariya
10. Prof. Dr. P.S.John
11. Sri. Alphonse Kannanthanam, M.L.A.
12. Sri.R.S.Sasikumar
13. Sri. C.M. Dinesh Mani, M.L.A.

Also present:

Dr.A. Ramachandran,
Registrar.

The Vice-Chancellor introduced the new members Sri.C.M.Dinesh Mani, M.L.A., Sri. Alphons Kannanthanam, M.L.A. and Dr.R.Sasidharan, Professor, Department of Hindi, CUSAT to the Syndicate and the Syndicate welcomed the new members.

The new members replied and thanked for the felicitations.

Before taking up the Agenda Items the Syndicate considered and resolved the following :-

I. Vehicle Entry into University office premises.

It has been brought to the notice of the Syndicate by Shri.Dinesh Mani, MLA and Shri.Alphons Kannanthanam, MLA that much inconvenience is experienced by the staff members consequent on the banning of entry of their vehicles inside the Administrative Block. In order to overcome difficulties of the members of the staff, the University should explore the possibility of allowing vehicles of employees to park inside the campus.

The Vice-Chancellor explained the circumstances under which the University was forced to impose such restriction. Despite repeated discussions with the employees representatives, nobody was willing to assure the University that they will maintain the discipline inside the premises of the administrative building. The Vice-Chancellor urged the members to take necessary steps to prevent repeated disturbances by way of demonstration, shouting of slogans, preventing the meeting of statutory bodies and such other act of indiscipline in the office. Members generally felt that the restrictions imposed on the entry of vehicles be revoked. The Syndicate hence resolved as follows:

1. Entry of vehicle may be allowed after issuing vehicle passes to employees after consulting with the Police Authorities forthwith.
2. All forms of demonstration/procession, shouting of slogans, display of banners and posters inside the office campus, etc. be banned.
3. Employees bound by the norms to wear uniform during office hours shall strictly wear their uniform while attending duties. Those who refuse to wear uniform shall not be allowed to sign the attendance register.
4. Attendance register, movement register etc. be maintained and transmitted to the Registrar and higher authorities as per instructions already in force.
5. All employees shall wear their ID cards while on duty. The Registrar is instructed to issue a circular detailing these points and shall be effective from November 1, 2006 onwards.

- II. Representation be submitted to the Ministers for Electricity and Water Resources for getting special concessional rate for electricity and water to the University.
- III. Arrangements to be taken for the inauguration of SC/ST Hostels. A letter to be given to the Minister for Electricity through Sri. Dinesh Mani, M.L.A. to get power connection on a priority basis to the Hostels.
- IV. Action be taken for getting the Open Air Auditorium usable with proper roof under the Master Plan.
- V. There should be a certification for Ph.D. registration stating that the topic selected for Ph.D. is useful for mankind or will expand the horizon of knowledge.
- VI. A meeting be called for completing the construction of compound wall in the presence of the District Collector, local M.L.A., etc.

Item No.510.01 Consolidated Action Taken Report on the Syndicate Minutes – Consideration of – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered the Action Taken Report of the Minutes of the following meetings of the Syndicate :-

Syndicate Meeting No.	Item No.	Subject	Further action required /?? Remarks / Observations
476	476.1 to 476.5		Noted.
	476.06	Proposal or establishing the Prigogine Centre for Complexity Studies – Regarding.	Resolved to call for the status report from Dr. V. P. N. Namboori, International School of Photonics.
	476.07	Audit Report for the year 2000-01 issued by Local Fund Audit Consideration of – Regarding.	Finance Officer to submit a brief Note on Audit Paras cleared and pending.
	476.08	CUCEK – Infrastructure facilities – Representation from Kuttanad Engineering College Samrakshana Samithi forwarded by the Department of Higher Education (B) – Regarding.	Syndicate has now decided to entrust the work with CPWD.

	476.09 and 10		Noted.
	476.11	Establishment - Kerala State Training Policy - Implementation in the University.	No fund was received. A training programme be organized (Leadership training) for all the employees - one day training. A new proposal be prepared by the Registrar. Mr. Alphonse Kannanthanam, M.L.A. will give lecture.
	476.12	Establishment - Request for promotion from the Plumbers - Authorization made by the Syndicate - Regarding.	Due to Government objection the recommendation could not be implemented.
	476.13 to 17		Noted.
	476.18	Vertical extension to Administrative building - Electrification - Regarding.	The work is completed.
	476.19		Noted.
	476.20	Proposal for installing water meter in the quarters in Thrikkakara Campus - Regarding.	Now the Kerala Water Authority has agreed to give domestic connections to the quarters. University Engineer is directed to take immediate action and submit a report.
	476.21 to 25		Noted.
	476.26	Kerala Education Grid Project - Extension of period of validity of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Regarding.	Collect a Status Report from the Co-ordinator and Section.
	476.27 to 30		Noted.

	476.31	Appointment of Information Scientist in the University in the pre-revised scale - Request for revision of scale of pay - Consideration of - Regarding.	Now regularized.
	476.32 to 33		Noted.
	476.34	School of Industrial Fisheries - Establishing "Centre for Aquaculture Sustainability and Biodiversity Conservation" - Regarding.	University has directed the Department to incorporate the proposal under the MHRD Vision Plan.
	476.35 to 47		Noted.
	476.48	Construction of Sub Station in CUCEK Campus - Estimate - Regarding.	Later they withdrawn the proposal due to high cost of construction.
	476.49	Professor C.C.ouseph Memorial Endowment - Request for Refund of the Corpus along with interest - Regarding.	Confirm if 10% service charge is deducted.
	476.50 onwards		Noted.
477	477.01 to 05		Noted.
	477.06	Supply of uniform cloth to Duplicating Operators - Reg.	Noted. ID card to be worn by employees. Uniform to be worn by the concerned employees.
	477.07 to 14		Noted.
	477.15	Preparation of master plan for CES campus - Entrusting with M/s. KITCO - proposal of University Engineer - Reg.	Noted.
	477.16 to 28		Noted.
	477.29	Sri.M.Avira - Rectification of anomaly in the protection of the last pay - Reg.	Cleared.
	477.30 to 43 and Items Outside the Agenda.		Noted.

478	478.1 to 8		Noted.
	478.09	Convocation for the award of Degrees – Reg.	The Syndicate resolved to introduce 'Convocation' with a Kerala style touch for costumes. Standing Committee on Academic matters to examine the rules for convocation and decide the date of the first convocation.
	478.10 to 18		Noted.
	478.19	Construction of Seminar Complex at Thrikkakara Campus – Adjustment of advances – regarding.	1. Report on adjustment of advances to be placed before the Syndicate. 2. An Architect be requested to assess the work done so far and suggest whether further construction can be done over the existing structure.
	478.20 to Sl. No.2 of Items Outside the Agenda.		Noted.
	Sl. No. 3 – Items Outside the Agenda.	Marine Engineering Course – Infrastructural Development.	Noted the latest position of the construction of the complex by CPWD. Syndicate Committee to visit CUCEK Campus.
	Sl.No.4 -do-	Waste Disposal in Thrikkakara Campus.	Re-tender be done for the award of the work to a new agency.
	Sl.No. 5 to 21 of - do -		Noted.

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480	480.01 to 480.37		Noted.
	480.38	Legal opinion for releasing retrial benefits of superannuating employees – Regarding.	Finance Officer to release the unobjected pensionary benefits to the retired employees without any delay.
	480.39 to 57		Noted
	480. Item No.1 of Items Outside the Agenda.	Strike by Students – School of Legal Studies – on 02.12.2004 – Regarding.	Action taken to be reported by the Registrar.
	480	Loss of Rs.90,000/- from the School of Legal Studies.	Prof.K.N.Chandrasekharan Pillai raised the issue of loss of Rs.90,000/- from the School of Legal Studies a few years ago. He expressed his dissatisfaction at not solving the riddle. The Syndicate authorized the Registrar to report the status of the incident and pinpoint the responsibility for the loss of this money. The police case if any should be vigorously presumed.
	480. Items Nos.2 to 7 of Outside the Agenda.		Noted.
	480. Item No.8 of Outside the Agenda.	Conduct of M.Sc. Statistics Course – Regarding.	The Head of the Department of Statistics be asked to give a report showing the faculty strength, Courses offered and intake of students in the Department for the last 5 years today itself and present it in the Syndicate on 28.10.06.

	480. Item No.9 to 12 – Outside Agenda		Noted.
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481			Noted.
482	482.02	Action Taken Report of the minutes of the 468 th meeting of the Syndicate held on 17.01.2004 – CUSAT-CSIR MOU	Based on the provisions of the MOU, communication was sent to all Heads/ Departments/Schools for specific proposals from the VC's office. An executive committee was constituted as detailed below to review the functioning of the collaborative research programme conducted through various CSIR laboratories with the following : Vice-Chancellor, CUSAT - Chairman Director General, CSIR 3 nominees of CUSAT 3 nominees of CSIR CSIR has nominated the members. File was submitted for nomination of CUSAT members.
	482.03 to 06		Noted.
	482.07	Dr.M.K.Sukumaran Nair, Professor, Department of Applied Economics – Leaving the University without clearing liabilities and before issuance of orders – Consideration of disciplinary proceedings – regarding.	The present position be reported in the next meeting on 28.10.06.
	482.08 to 18		Noted.

	482.19	Granting of irregular pay to Sri.Austin Joseph, Director, Students Welfare. – Audit objections – Clarifications issued by the University not accepted – Recovery from those responsible – Consideration of – Regarding.	Legal status of stay be reported.
	482.21	Construction of Compound Wall Stage VIII in South east Boundary – Balance Work – regarding.	University Engineer to submit the status report on the balance work of constructing the compound wall around the University Campus at Thrikkakara.
	482.41	Delays in finalization and release of pensionary benefits to retiring employees – Meeting with representative of Employee Organizations – regarding.	Comprehensive letter regarding higher grades granted to employees and the objections raised by the Local Fund Audit be drafted. It is to be submitted to the Hon'ble Minister for Education with a copy to Mr.Alphons Kannanthanam, MLA and Mr. Dinesh Mani, MLA for follow up action.

483	483.01 and 02		Noted.
	483.03	UGC-PG Scholarship to the 'GATE' student of various M.Tech courses – complaints of non receipt and measures to overcome the delays – consideration of – Regarding.	The progress has to be evaluated and reported. Delay to be examined.
	483.04	Starting of M.Phil (PT) course in Mathematics – Remarks from HOD, Maths – reporting of – Regarding.	In the light of the changed UGC policy to consider M.Phil eligible for recruitment of teachers it is decided to reconsider the earlier decision and directed the HOD to explore the possibility of starting M.Phil course.

	483.05 to 32		Noted.
	483.33	Deputation of Sri. Antony Thomas as Peon in Command Area Development Authority of Kerala (CADA) - Request for further extension for one year w.e.f. 1.1.2005 - Regarding.	Status Report be given.
	483.34	Discontinuation of students from courses - Exemption from payment of fees for the remaining semesters - Sanctioned - Action taken by the Vice-Chancellor - Reporting of - Regarding.	Status Report be given.
	483.35	Registration of research for Ph.D. degree in respect of Smt. Ani K. John, RRI, Thiruvananthapuram - Regarding.	Clarify the status.
	483.36 onwards		Noted.

		Presentation of Budget Estimates - 2005-06 - Regarding.	
484	484.01	<p><u>Remarks :</u></p> <p>(iv) The Centre for Tourism Management Studies, proposed for implementation, while considering the budget proposals of the previous year 2004-05, be set-up under the School of Management Studies.</p>	Verify the position of the course.
	484.02 onwards		Noted.

485	Action Taken on the issue of AICTE report.		Noted.
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	Business brought forwarded by the Vice-Chancellor. Sl.No.3 -		<p>I. The Monitoring Committee to be reconstituted with all Convenors of Standing Committees as under :</p> <p>1. Prof. B. Suseelan (Convenor) 2. Sri. Alphons Kannathanam, MLA 3. Sri. Dinesh Mani, MLA 4. Sri. Lopus Mathew 5. Dr. V. Unnikrishnan Nayar.</p> <p>II. Meeting of the Heads of Departments to be held once in two months by the Vice-Chancellor / Pro-Vice-Chancellor.</p> <p>III. Meeting of the Statutory Officers once in a week / as fast as possible.</p> <p>1. Vice-Chancellor 2. Pro-Vice-Chancellor 3. Registrar 4. Finance Officer 5. Controller of Examinations</p> <p>IV. Weekly meeting of ARs, DRs and JRs to speed up the decision taken by the Registrar.</p> <p>V. All officers to be maintained work diary data.</p> <p>VI. Attendance to be submitted to the Vice-Chancellor on every day.</p> <p>VII. All attendance registers reported to the Registrar's Office by 5 p.m. on every day.</p>
		Implementation Cell	
	485.01 to 38		Noted.

486	486.01 to 08		Noted.
	486.09	Establishment – creation of posts of Security Guards in the University- Regarding.	Status Report to be placed in the Syndicate.
	486.10 to 18		Noted.
	486.19	Centre for Neuro Science – Permission to take students for project work from other Institutions – Reg.	Call for report from the Director, regarding the funds generated in terms of fees.
	486.20 to 25		Noted.
	486.26	Acquisition of 2.65 Acres of unassigned land in Pulinkunnu Village to the University for CUCEK – Letter from the Revenue Department – Regarding.	Declined by the Government.
	486.27 to 28		Noted.
	486.29	Recognition of Research Institutions – Formulation of norms- Constitutions of Committee – Regarding.	Referred to Standing Committee. Status Report to be presented.
	486.30 to 42		Noted.
	486.43	Dr.P.Arunachalam, Head, Dept. of Applied Economics – Improper action of communicating with an external agency causing defamation to the Department – reporting of.	Status Report to be placed.
	486.44 and 45 and Items Outside Agenda		Noted.

487			Noted.
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