

COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**MINUTES OF THE 526th MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD
ON 25.03.2008**

Venue : Syndicate Hall
University Administrative Office

Time : 11.00 A.M.

Members present :

1. Dr. Gangan Prathap, Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair)
2. Dr. N.D. Inasu, Pro-Vice-Chancellor
3. Dr. K.N. Chandrasekharan Pillai
4. Sri. Alphons Kannanthanam, M.L.A.
5. Sri. V. Prasenani, Addl. Secretary (Finance)
6. Sri. K.A. Antony, Joint Secretary (Hr. Edn.)
7. Prof. I. S. Bright Singh
8. Prof. V.P.N. Nampoori
9. Prof. P.O.J. Lebba
10. Sri. Hemanth N.K., Chairman, Cochin University Union.
11. Dr. S. Salim
12. Sri. N.K. Vasudevan
13. Adv. K. Mohanachandran
14. Sri. C.M. Dinesh Mani, M.L.A.
15. Sri. B. Chakrapani
16. Dr. Joy Job Kulavelil
17. Dr. Achuthsankar S. Nair

Also present :

Dr. A. Ramachandran
Registrar.

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed the members, and also introduced the new members Prof. V.P.N.Nampoori, Prof. I.S.Bright Singh and Prof. P.O.J. Lebba who were attending the Syndicate meeting for the first time.

Items brought forward by the Vice-Chancellor :

1. Student Exchange Programme with SCaPI, Italy.

The Syndicate considered the request of the Head, Department of Culture & Heritage to initiate a Student Exchange Programme with the Higher Institute for Political Studies, Calabria, Italy (ISCaPI).

Resolved to place the matter before the Standing Committee.

2.* Widening of University main road from NH 47 -- additional items -- estimate of M/s. CPWD -- consideration -- reg.

The University considered the estimate submitted by CPWD for certain additional items in connection with the work of widening of University main road from NH 47.

The Syndicate approved the estimate submitted by CPWD for the following additional items in connection with the work of widening of University main road from NH 47, the total cost comes to Rs.76,85,134/- (Rupees Seventy Six Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand One hundred and Thirty Four only) :-

- (i) To protect the full stretch of University land and the access to the existing residences/shops on either sides of the road (Rs.14,70,457/-).
- (ii) For constructing a retaining wall (near St. Joseph's Seminary) of 6m height and 105m length (Rs.33,10,861/-). Consent of St.Joseph's Seminary has to be obtained and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor is authorised to discuss the matter with them.
- (iii) To provide with bitumastic pavement at points where width is available beyond 5.6m (Rs.21,93,815/-).
- (iv) To widen the drains at a length of 45m (Rs.29,785/-).
- (v) For correcting the road gradient of different cross roads (Rs.2,55,216/-).
- (vi) For construction of Watchman Cabin at entrance, checkpoint at entry of campus and at ladies hostel (Rs.4,25,000/-).

3. Report of the Vice-Chancellor on important Developments.

UGC vide letter D.O.No.F.87-1/2007 (SU-1) dated 07.02.2008 requested the Vice-Chancellor to attend a high level meeting to discuss the release of development grant to procure the books & journals, equipments to upgrade the library and laboratory during 2007-08 and to assess the progress report and fund utilization. The Vice-Chancellor authorized the Pro-Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar to attend the meeting. Based on the review and discussion an amount of Rs.57,80,000/- (Rupees fifty seven lakhs and eighty thousand only) has been released vide letter No.F-12-2/2007 (SU-1) dated 03.03.2008 for the purchase of Books & Equipments.

Vide letter No.F-85-2/2006(SU-1) an amount of Rs.10,00,00,000/- (Rupees ten crores) has been released for upgrading Engineering faculties in the University for the year 2007-08. As on date the University is in receipt of Rs.20,00,00,000/- (Rupees twenty crores only) towards the upgradation of CUSAT to the level of IEST. As the MHRD had sanctioned an amount of Rs.25,00,00,000/- (Rupees twenty five crores only) towards the upgradation grant we expect to receive the balance amount of five crores immediately on submission of the utilization certificate of the second instalment of ten crores.

The State Government vide letter No.24545/B2/2006/H.Edn. dated 06.03.2008 has forwarded the Government Order (G.O.(MS) No.15/08/H.Edn dated 26.02.2008) transferring the assets and liabilities of CUSAT to the Central Government for the upgradation of it as IEST. Copy of the Government Order is appended (Annexure – I).

The Syndicate resolved that before handing over to the Central Government we have to prepare the list of Assets and Liabilities of CUSAT.

4.* Engagement of new Standing Counsel.

The Sub Committee of the Syndicate to consider the constitution of the Panel of Advocates met on 07.03.2008 at the Vice-Chancellor's Chambers and proposed the following :-

1) University Standing Counsel

Adv. S.P.Aravindakshan Pillay,
"Sreevilas", Mathai Manjooran Road,
Combara, Ernakulam, Kochi – 18.

2) Panel of Advocates

- 1) Adv. Chandrasekhar P.,
Ragham, Freedom Road,
Kaloor, Kochi - 17.
- 2) Adv. Surin George Iype,
Infant Jesus Building,
Kochi - 31.
- 3) Adv. K.S.Mohammed Hashim,
St. Benedict Extension Road,
Near Fearlson's Apartment
Ernakulam North, Kochi - 18.

The Syndicate considered and approved the proposal.

Item No.526.01 Confirmation of the minutes of the 522nd meeting of the Syndicate held on 15.09.2007 (except Item No.1 of 'Urgent Resolutions Moved by the Syndicate Members), 523rd meeting of the Syndicate held on 15.11.2007, 524th meeting of the Syndicate held on 28.01.2008 and 525th meeting of the Syndicate held on 16.02.2008.

Sri. Baby Chakrapani and Dr. Joy Job Kulavelil demanded that before confirmation of the minutes orders of the Vice-Chancellor within the boxes should be deleted. Dr.K.N.Chandrasekharan Pillai and the three new members who are also Deans of Faculties dissented to the demand and they wanted to retain the Vice-Chancellor's decisions in the minutes. Copy of the dissent notes of the four members are marked **Annexure - II to II(c)**. They also want item wise discussion of the minutes. Copy of the dissent notes marked as Annexures II to II (c) are marked in this minutes as Annexures II {526} to II (c) {526}.

Item No.526.02* Presentation of Budget Estimates – 2008-09.

The Syndicate considered the budget proposals of the University for the financial year 2008-09 presented by Sri. Alphons Kannanthanam, M.L.A, Convenor, Standing Committee of the syndicate on Finance & Purchase along with the recommendations of the Statutory Finance Committee and the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance & Purchase. Copy of the budget speech is marked as Annexure –III. The overall summary position of the Budget Estimates 2008-09 is as follows:-

Overall financial position:**CUSAT - GENERAL FUNDS**

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl No	Particulars	Non-plan	Plan	Total
1	Opening Balance 01-04-2008	775.00	2308.24	3083.24
2	Budgeted Receipts 2008-09	3392.48	7605.24	10997.72
3	Sub Total [1+2]	4167.48	9913.48	14080.96
4	Budgeted Expenditure 2008-09	4166.18	9211.98	13378.16
5	Budgeted Cl. Balance 31-03-2009 [3-4]	1.30	701.50	702.80

B.TECH - SELF FINANCING FUNDS

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl No	Particulars	SOE	CUCEK	KMSME	Total
1	Opening Balance 01-04-2008	3137.62	726.02	-172.75	3690.89
2	Budgeted Receipts 2008-09	1031.32	565.05	165.95	1762.32
3	Sub Total [1+2]	4168.94	1291.07	-6.80	5453.21
4	Budgeted Expenditure 2008-09	2599.92	1154.29	476.01	4230.22
5	Budgeted CB 31-03-2009 [3-4]	1569.02	136.78	-482.81	1222.99

TOTAL UNIVERSITY FUNDS

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl No	Particulars	Amount
1	Opening Balance 01-04-2008	6774.13
2	Budgeted Receipts 2008-09	12810.04
3	Sub Total [1+2]	19584.17
4	Budgeted Expenditure 2008-09	17608.38
5	Budgeted Cl. Balance 31-03-2009 [3-4]	1975.79

(Minus figures represent funds deficit)

Following are the **new ventures proposed** for implementation during the financial year 2008-09 from the funds expected to be made available under the **IEST upgradation scheme:-**

- Expansion & modernization of the University Central **library** and libraries of the School of Engineering & CUCEK, Pulincunoo.
- Completing construction of the unfinished **Science Seminar Complex**
- New building for the School of **Industrial Fisheries** at the Lakeside campus.
- New building for the Department of **Atmospheric Sciences**.
- Additional floors for the School of **Management Studies** & Department of **Biotechnology**.
- **Lecture Theatre** – Thrikkakara campus
- Additional floor for the **Ladies hostel** for B.Tech students.
- Modernization & augmentation of **Laboratory facilities** of all the departments of the University.
- Widening of the **campus roads** with appropriate signages and construction of two more **arch gates** – ‘SOE Gate’ (at the north end of campus) and ‘Thrikkakara Gate’ (at the south end of campus).
- Providing **uninterrupted power supply** to laboratories & workshops in all departments of the University.
- Under the UGC XI plan funding support towards creation of **Basic facilities for women**, the following schemes are proposed for implementation:-
 - * Expansion of **Health Club & Gymnasium** for women in the campus.
 - * **Common Facility Centre** in the Ladies Hostel Complex with Internet & Reprographic facilities.
 - * Special facilities for visiting women and girl participants in the **Centre for Science in Society (C-SiS)**, which includes women’s lunch room, rest room, additional ladies toilets, establishing an ‘Equipment for Housewives Science & Technology Centre’ and a ‘Women’s Multifarious Activity Centre’.

- Initiating measures for implementing **Rain-water harvesting** techniques in as many buildings as possible in order to ensure adequate water supply in the campus at minimal costs.

Following are the **new ventures proposed** for implementation from the **non-plan funds** of the University:-

- University PDF (**Post Doctoral Fellowship**) which was missed out last year, to be raised from Rs.5000/- to **Rs.10000/-** per month (7 nos.) - [**Rs.4.20 lakhs p.a**]
- Implementation of a **Group Accident Insurance scheme** for the entire University student community – [**Rs.5.00 lakhs p.a (approx)**].
- Implementation of 'Student Language Exchange Programme' with The Higher Institute for Political studies, Calabria, Italy (ISCaPI) [**Rs.3.50 lakhs p.a (approx)**].

Taking part in the deliberations, the Vice Chancellor opined that Sri. Alphons Kannanthanam's call to elevate this university to national standards within 5 years and thereafter to international standards by 10 years appears too optimistic. Rather a time frame of about 20 years may be more realistic. Sri. Kannanthanam cited the case of the International School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad which could get a global rating of 12 within just 3 years. He therefore felt that if ISB could do it, nothing ought to prevent CUSAT also. To this, Dr. Joy Job Kulavelil responded by stating that a purely business school cannot be compared with a research oriented institution in this regard. The Vice Chancellor agreed with this reasoning though Sri. Kannanthanam was not inclined to do so.

Prof. P.O.J. Lebba expressed his concern over the funds deficit situation of the School of Marine Engineering. It was clarified that if funding under the proposed IEST programme materializes to the extent envisaged there should be no cause for worry. If not the KMSME would have no option but to tighten its belt and introduce more revenue earning short/medium term courses in order to break even at the earliest and thereafter to liquidate its liability towards the School of Engineering. He also expressed concern about the non-commencement of the courses in Aerospace Engineering, Aircraft maintenance and Nanotechnology which were proclaimed in the previous year budget. Sri. Kannanthanam cited the abnormally high initial infrastructural costs as the main impediment for commencement of the Aerospace engineering course. As regards Aircraft Maintenance the Vice Chancellor opined that it was not an appropriate course for a university like CUSAT. So also, with regard to the Nanotechnology course. The Vice Chancellor opined that such a super-specialized course calls for first identifying the appropriate and competent faculty which is no easy task. Such proposals are rather best left to the State Government to take the required initiative.

Sri. Dinesh Mani, M.L.A expressed concern that most of the suggestions made by him in the previous year remain unrealized. He once again stressed upon the fact that the overall academic ambience in the campus did not befit the status of a university like CUSAT. There is an urgent need for CUSAT to develop a Master Plan for the campus around which all future developmental activities should revolve. He also stressed upon the need for toning up the quality of university administration and infusing

professionalism into it. Steps should also be taken to introduce 'Double entry' system of accounting expeditiously. Finally he also stated that this university has a social responsibility to address issues like environmental degradation, global warming, non-conventional energy, coir technology etc. by initiating academic courses and research in these areas. Here also the Vice Chancellor expressed the opinion that the university would have its limitations to do proper justice to all these issue under the existing circumstances.

Dr. K.N. Chandrasekharan Pillai felt that most departments of the university lack a 'Vision Plan' for the future. The Vice Chancellor expressed the opinion that giving too much importance to 'Vision plans' may prove counter productive. It may tend to restrict imagination & freedom and bring in an element of rigidity in performance. He cited the words of the British king, Oliver Cromwell in this regard. However, Dr. Chandrasekharan Pillai felt that the concept of making a "Vision Plan' for guiding our future activities in a systematic and professional manner is perhaps inevitable and cannot be done away with.

Sri. Vasudevan observed that this was basically an IEST oriented budget, which therefore carries an element of uncertainty. He lauded the various new ventures proposed by the Convener for implementation, especially the proposal to construct two more entrance gates at the north & south ends of the campus. He also suggested that the university should have a single designated spokesperson with a view to prevent spreading of false information about the university and also to enable a good image for the university.

Dr. Achuth Sankar lauded the bold stand taken by the Convener to indulge in an exercise of self-criticism, which he felt was for the good of the university. He said that the Industry Incubation Centre established in the university should be able to encourage students to start their own industries as is being done in the Mahatma Gandhi University. He also stated that the academic potential of the Biotechnology department ought to be effectively tapped to focus on science & technology research oriented to local needs.

Dr. V.P.N.Nampoori lauded the decision of the Syndicate to put in place a mechanism to closely monitor the progress of implementation of the new ventures proposed. The proposal to equip all laboratories with uninterrupted power supply was also appreciated by him. He suggested that starting a Centre for studies in Climatic Changes would be a good idea.

Dr. I.S. Bright Singh requested the university to take immediate steps to provide hostel accommodation for women research scholars of the Lakeside campus. He also responded to Sri. Dinesh Mani, M.L.A's call for focus on environmental issues by stating the School of Environmental Studies is going ahead on this and hopes to deliver good results in due course. He also requested the Syndicate to consider construction of one more floor for the School of Environmental Studies.

Sri. Baby Chakrapani requested the Syndicate to place on record its appreciation to Dr. Bright Singh who was singularly instrumental in obtaining sanction & funding support for commencement of the new course in Marine Biotechnology. The Syndicate readily acknowledged and accepted this. He stated that in execution of the new ventures proposed, priority ought to be accorded to construction of women's hostel for researchers of Lakeside campus and completion of the Seminar Complex. He also stated that putting in place a 'High Performance Computing Centre' in the university was very essential.

Sri. K. Mohanachandran conveyed his appreciation to the Finance Officer and the officers & staff concerned with the budget preparation for the good work done. He observed the budget was basically an MHRD dependent one. He also expressed concern about non-implementation of the various resolutions of the Syndicate in the previous year budget meeting. He stated that the budget lacked staff welfare measures. He urged the Syndicate to give priority to upgrade the facilities in the University Health Centre so as to benefit the student community more effectively. He also stated that in our anxiety to provide enough facilities for the School of Marine Engineering (with help of School of Engineering funds), the University cannot ignore the genuine and urgent needs of the latter. That would be patently unfair. He felt that it is very much desirable for a committee of the Syndicate to review the computer purchases procedure and put in place a stable system.

Dr. S. Salim suggested that introducing a system of comparing the department's infrastructure development expenditure with their actual academic performance and setting up appropriate bench-marks in this regard would be very much desirable. He stressed upon the need for the university introduce an effective technology transfer mechanism in the context of its social responsibility. He opined the Centre for Rural Development & Appropriate Technology was expected to play a more proactive role in this regard.

Sri. N.K.Hemanth conveyed his appreciation to the Convener, Finance Officer and the concerned officers & staff of the Finance wing for the good work done in the budget preparation exercise. He also urged for proper augmentation of the University Health Centre and completion of the Science Seminar Complex. He pointed out that adequate infrastructure facilities are not being provided for departments conducting cost-sharing courses. He cited the case of the department of Computer Applications which still did not have sufficient classrooms. He also highlighted the grossly inadequate facilities in the School of Engineering like library, internet, space constraints, vacant teaching posts, inadequate laboratory facilities, toilets shortage etc.

Dr. Joy Job Kulavelil pointed out that the first point under para (2) (a) in the first page of the Convener's budget speech did not depict the true position about the nature of upgradation funds received from MHRD. He suggested that the exact wording of the concerned MHRD sanction letter be reflected. This was agreed to. He observed that there exists a huge gap between budget declarations and actual performance as could be seen from the previous year budget declarations. As was pointed out by him last year also, he reiterated the situation of serious faculty shortage in the School of Engineering and urged

the Syndicate to initiate immediate remedial measures in this regard at least in 2008-09. He also expressed concern about the tendency of the university to be gradually shifting to a policy of 'Social Exclusion' by citing the instance of the university collecting fees from SC/ST students last year. Finally he also suggested that the university introduce a system of holding a pre-budget session from next year onwards by involving the teaching faculty.

The representatives of the State Government, Sri. B. Prasen, Additional Secretary (Finance) and Sri. K.A. Antony, Additional Secretary (Higher Education) in response to the Vice Chancellor's request, informed the House that they shall do the needful as far as taking of policy initiatives by the State Government in areas like Incubation Centre, Technology Transfer, specialized research areas etc. are concerned where the university by itself may not be able to do adequate justice for want of necessary funds & other related resources.

The Vice Chancellor finally stated that it is perhaps high time for the university to assess performance based on *outcomes* rather than on *outlays*. He cited the recent trend at the Central government level where the concept of 'Outcome budgets' is being implemented by the Hon'ble Finance Minister.

Thereafter, the Convener responded to the various suggestions and observations of the members. He generally agreed with most of their views and assured that all efforts shall be made to uphold the spirit of these views at the stage of implementation.

After detailed deliberations the Syndicate approved the Budget Estimates 2008-09 and the Budget Speech (Annexure -II) along with the following resolutions:-

- (i) To implement the various new ventures proposed in the budget, including the various suggestions put forth by the members during deliberations and to put in place a proper and effective mechanism to monitor implementation.
- (ii) To refer the proposal of 'Student Language Exchange Programme' to the Academic Council before taking a final decision on the same.
- (iii) To institute an annual 'Distinguished Alumnus Award' under non-plan funds. The award may be by way of presentation of a Plaque and Citation. Detailed operational modalities may be worked out in consultation with other reputed Universities/Institutions which operate a similar scheme.
- (iv) To introduce a 'Leadership Development Programme' for the teaching faculty. Expenditure be met from the state plan funds under 'Staff Training'.
- (v) To delete the token provision made for various Centres of the university (Budget head: Q-3-290) where external funding support is not available. Providing funds can be considered after a review of the functioning of these Centres by a Syndicate committee.
- (vi) To replace the wordings '*University received the second installment of Rs.10.00 crores from UGC under the MHRD funded upgradation scheme*' in para (2) (a), page 1 of the Budget speech with the words '**University received the second installment of Rs.10.00 crores from UGC under **Special****

Additional allocation for Upgrading Engineering Faculties in the University for the year 2007-08'

- (vii) To institute two 'Best Teacher' awards of Rs.1.00 lakh each under non-plan funds, for the best teachers in CUSAT. The following Committee is proposed by the Syndicate :
- (1) Prof. (Dr.) M.V.Pylee (Chairman)
 - (2) The Three Deans in the Syndicate
 - (3) Dr. K.G.Nair
- (viii) To also institute two 'Best Researcher' awards of Rs.1.00 lakh each under non-plan funds for the best researchers in CUSAT.

Item No.526.03 Meeting of the Senate – Questions asked by the members and answers thereto by the Syndicate – Consideration of.

For want of time the Syndicate could not take up this Item.

Item No.526.04* Recognition as Research Guide under Faculty of Social Sciences – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic Matters on the application of Dr.Sarada S., Reader, School of Management Studies seeking recognition as Research Guide under the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Resolved that Dr.Sarada S., Reader, School of Management Studies be granted recognition as Research Guide of the University under the Faculty of Social Sciences.

(Ac.B)

Item No.526.05* Recognition as Research Guide – Faculty of Science – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic Matters on the application of Dr. Rajeev Kumar S., Scientist, Regional Research Laboratory, Thiruvananthapuram seeking recognition as Research Guide under the Faculty of Science.

Resolved that Dr. Rajeev Kumar S., Scientist, Regional Research Laboratory, Thiruvananthapuram be granted recognition as Research Guide of the University under the Faculty of Science.

(Ac.B)

Item No.526.06* Recognition of Dr M R Anantharaman as Research Guide – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic Matters on the application of Dr. M.R. Anantharaman, Reader, Department of Physics seeking recognition as Research Guide under the Faculty of Technology.

Resolved that Dr. M.R. Anantharaman, Reader, Department of Physics be granted recognition as Research Guide of the University under the Faculty of Technology.

(Ac.B)

Item No.526.07 Recognition of Institution as Research Centre – Application from the Executive Director, CWRDM, Kozhikode – Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered the application submitted by the Executive Director, Centre for Water Resources Development & Management, Kozhikode for recognition of the Centre as a Research Centre of Cochin University of Science and Technology along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic Matters.

Resolved that the Vice-Chancellor is authorised to constitute an Inspection Committee for making an enquiry into all matters relevant to the application by visiting the Centre for Water Resources Development & Management, Kozhikode.

(Ac.B)

Item No.526.08* Recognition as Research Guide under the Faculties of Engineering and Technology – Reg.

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic Matters had considered the application of Dr. Job Thomas seeking recognition as research guide under the Faculties of Engineering and Technology and recommended to recognize Dr. Job Thomas as a Research Guide under the Faculty of Engineering.

To avoid the delay, the Vice-Chancellor by invoking the powers conferred on him under Section 11(11) of the CUSAT Act 1986, granted recognition to Dr. Job Thomas, Lecturer in Civil Engineering, School of Engineering, CUSAT as a Research Guide of the University under the Faculty of Engineering, subject to reporting to Syndicate for ratification.

The Syndicate ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor.

(Ac.B)

Item No.526.09* Research Guide – Recognition under the Faculty of Marine Sciences – Reg.

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic Matters had considered the application of Dr. Jaganath Swain, Scientist E, Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL), Thrikkakar, Cochin – 21 seeking recognition as research guide under the Faculty of Marine Sciences and recommended to recognize Dr. Jaganath Swain as a Research Guide under the Faculty of Marine Science.

To avoid the delay, the Vice-Chancellor by invoking the powers conferred on him under Section 11(11) of the CUSAT Act 1986, granted recognition to Dr. Jaganath Swain, Scientist E, Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL), Thrikkakara, Cochin – 21 as a Research Guide of the University under the Faculty of Marine Sciences, subject to reporting to Syndicate for ratification.

The Syndicate ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor.

(Ac.B)

Item No.526.10* Recognition as Research Guide – Faculty of Environmental Studies – Reg.

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic Matters had considered the application of Dr. Thomas P. Thomas, Scientist – F, Kerala Forest Research Institute, Thrissur for recognition as research guide under the Faculty of Environmental Studies and recommended to recognize Dr. Thomas P. Thomas as a Research Guide under the Faculty of Environmental Studies.

To avoid the delay, the Vice-Chancellor by invoking the powers conferred on him under Section 11(11) of the CUSAT Act 1986, granted recognition to Dr. Thomas P. Thomas, Scientist – F, Kerala Forest Research Institute, Thrissur as a Research Guide of the University under the Faculty of Environmental Studies, subject to reporting to Syndicate for ratification.

The Syndicate ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor.

(Ac.B)

Item No.526.11* Recognition as Research Guide under the Faculty of Law – Reg.

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic Matters had considered the application of Dr. Sebastian V.S., Senior Lecturer, School of Legal Studies seeking

recognition as research guide under the Faculty of Law and recommended to recognize Dr. Sebastian V.S. as a Research Guide under the Faculty of Law.

To avoid the delay, the Vice-Chancellor by invoking the powers conferred on him under Section 11(11) of the CUSAT Act 1986, granted recognition to Dr. Sebastian V.S., Senior Lecturer, School of Legal Studies as a Research Guide of the University under the Faculty of Law, subject to reporting to Syndicate for ratification.

The Syndicate ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor.

(Ac.B)

Item No.526.12* Ph D Registration granted to four Research Scholars – International School of Photonics – Reporting of.

The Vice-Chancellor has granted Ph.D. registration to the following four research scholars w.e.f. 1.1.2007 to the first three and 29.12.2006 to the fourth person, subject to reporting to the Syndicate, to get Research Fellowship in Science for Meritorious Students (RFSMS) from UGC.

	Name	Topic of Research	Guide
1	Jinesh Mathew	Fibre Optic Sensors	Dr.P.Radhakrishnan
2	Sony George	Optical Signal and Image Processing	Dr.V.P.N.Nampoori
3	Linesh J.	Health monitoring of Civil Structures using fiber Optic Sensors	
4	Nithyaja B.	Bio Photonics	

The matter is reported to the Syndicate for ratification.

The Syndicate ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor.

(Ac.B)

Item No.526.13* Recognition as Research Guide under the Faculty of Technology – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the application of Dr.T.P.D. Rajan, Scientist, National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science & Technology, Thiruvananthapuram seeking recognition as Research Guide under the Faculty of Technology. The Dean, Faculty of Technology has recommended to recognize Dr.T.P.D. Rajan as Research Guide under the Faculty of Technology.

Resolved that Dr.T.P.D. Rajan, Scientist, National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science & Technology, Thiruvananthapuram be granted recognition as Research Guide of the University under the Faculty of Technology.

(Ac.B)

Item No.526.14* Application for recognition as Research Guide – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the application of Dr. Siby Varghese, Scientist C., Rubber Research Institute of India, Kottayam seeking recognition as Research Guide under the Faculty of Technology. The Dean, Faculty of Technology has recommended to recognize Dr. Siby Varghese as Research Guide under the Faculty of Technology.

Resolved that Dr. Siby Varghese, Scientist C., Rubber Research Institute of India, Kottayam be granted recognition as Research Guide of the University under the Faculty of Technology.

(Ac.B)

Item No.526.15 School of Ocean Science and Technology – Repair and Maintenance of Research Vessel "R V Anveshika" – Request for sanction – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance & Purchase on the request of the Director, School of Ocean Science and Technology for sanction for the repair and maintenance of the research vessel "R.V.Anveshika" by the lowest quoted firm M/s. KINCO at a total cost of Rs.8,10,720/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Ten Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty only).

The Syndicate approved the request of the Director, School of Ocean Science and Technology and gave sanction for the repair and maintenance of the research vessel "R.V.Anveshika" by entrusting the work to the lowest quoted firm M/s. KINCO at a total cost of Rs.8,10,720/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Ten Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty only).

The expenditure may be met from the head of account "1-45-0-Q-1-025" by diverting the required fund.

(PL (UGC))

Item No.526.16* Kunjali Marakkar School of Marine Engineering – B.Tech Marine Engineering Course – Advisor – Extension of term of appointment – Consideration of – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the matter of extension of the term of appointment of Rear Admiral B.R.Menon, 'Baleyam', Model Engineering College Road, Thrikkakara P.O., Kochi - 21 as Advisor of the B.Tech Marine Engineering Course along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees of the Syndicate on Academic Matters and Finance & Purchase on the matter.

Resolved that the term of appointment of Rear Admiral B.R.Menon as Advisor of the B.Tech Marine Engineering Course be extended for a period of one year w.e.f. 17.07.2007.

(Ac.A)

Item No.526.17* Signing of MoU with Michigan Technological University (MTU), USA – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the proposal of signing of MoU with Michigan Technological University (MTU), USA along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic Matters.

The Syndicate approved the MoU and resolved to sign it with the condition that all the research projects will be bound by the various rules and laws of various branches of US Administration and Government of India. The MoU is appended as Annexure– IV.

(Ac. Matters)

Item No.526.18* MoU between IREL, Kollam and Cochin University of Science and Technology in respect of project entitled "Catalysis by nanocrystalline ceria modified with transition metals" under the Principal Investigatorship of Dr. S. Sugunan, Professor, Department of Applied Chemistry.

The Syndicate considered action of the Vice-Chancellor in approving the signing of MoU, exercising the power of the Vice-Chancellor under Section 11(11) of CUSAT Act 1986 subject to reporting to Syndicate, between Indian Rare Earths Limited, Kollam and Cochin University of Science and Technology in respect of project entitled "Catalysis by Nanocrystalline Ceria modified with Transition Metals" under the Principal Investigatorship of Dr.S.Sugunan, Professor, Department of Applied Chemistry.

The Syndicate ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor.

(Pl.B)

Item No.526.19* Extension of tenure of the three temporary posts of Assistants created in School of Engineering for a further period of one year with effect from 29.11.2007 – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the recommendations of the Standing Committees of the Syndicate on Staff & Establishment and Finance and Purchase on the matter of extension of tenure of the three temporary posts of Assistants created in the School of Engineering for a period of one year.

Resolved that the tenure of the three temporary posts of Assistants created in the School of Engineering for a period of one year, vide U.O. No.Ad.A1/Exam(S.R.)/2004 dated 26.10.2004, be extended for a further period of one year w.e.f. 29.11.2007.

(Ad.A)

Item No.526.20* Extension of tenure of the ten temporary posts of Assistants for streamlining the Examination Section for a further period of one year with effect from 26.10.2007 – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the recommendations of the Standing Committees of the Syndicate on Staff & Establishment and Finance and Purchase on the matter of extension of tenure of the ten temporary posts of Assistants created for streamlining the Examination Section for a period of one year, vide U.O.No.Ad.A1/Exam.(S.R.)/2004 dated 26.10.2004, the period of which was extended twice.

Resolved that the tenure of the ten temporary posts of Assistants created for streamlining the Examination Section for a period of one year, vide U.O. No.Ad.A1/Exam.(S.R.)/2004 dated 26.10.2004, be extended for a further period of one year w.e.f. 26.10.2007.

Also resolved that permanent staff to be posted in Examination Section and the temporary staff to be posted in other Sections.

(Ad.A)

Item No.526.21* Dr L Godfrey, Professor, Department of Physics, Probation Declaration in the Post of Professor – Request – Consideration of – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the recommendations of the Standing Committees of the Syndicate on Staff & Establishment and Finance & Purchase on the request of

Dr.L.Godfrey, Professor, Department of Physics for declaration of his probation in the post of Professor, to have been satisfactorily completed as on 5.10.07 A.N.

Resolved that the period of probation in respect of Dr.L.Godfrey in the post of Professor be declared to have been satisfactorily completed w. e. f. the F.N. of 06.10.2007.

(Ad.D)

Item No.526.22 Reconsideration of payment of fees according to the revised fee scheme for foreign student Mr Syroos Zaboly of B Tech Electronics and Communication Engineering.

The Syndicate considered the request of Mr. Syroos Zaboly, an Iranian national and B.Tech Electronics and Communication Engineering student for reduced fee scheme.

The Syndicate declined the request.

(IRAA)

Item No.526.23* Refund of fees and returning of certificates submitted by the students who cancel their admission – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the recommendations of the Standing Committees of the Syndicate on Academic Matters and Finance & Purchase on the matter of refund of fees and returning of certificates submitted by the students who cancel their admission.

The Syndicate resolved the following :-

Regarding refund of fee the following rules be followed :-

- (i) when a student cancels his admission before the starting of classes, another student from the waiting list is to be given admission and the former be refunded the entire fee remitted after deducting a processing fee of not more than Rs.1000/-.
- (ii) When a student cancels his admission, full amount of tuition fee remitted by him will be refunded to him, irrespective of the fact that he attends or not attends the classes, if the subsequent vacancy is filled by another candidate.

- (iii) When a student leaves the course midway, leaving the seat permanently vacant, the Vice-Chancellor to examine the requests and to issue Transfer Certificate and other documents after collecting the fee for the Semester in which the student is discontinued the course.

Regarding returning of certificates submitted by students who cancel their admission, be returned all their certificates & other documents in original without any delay, as instructed by the UGC.

(Ac.A)

Item No.526.24* Sri Praveen K, MCA (Cost sharing) student, CUCEK - 2006 admission – Request for refund of tuition fees – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the recommendations of the Standing Committees of the Syndicate on Academic Matters and Finance & Purchase on the request of Sri.Praveen K., MCA (Cost Sharing) student, CUCEK (2006 admission) for refund of tuition fees he had remitted at the time of admission.

Resolved that 75% of tuition fee to be refunded to Sri. Praveen K. as per the then existing rule, ie., at the time of applying for the course as per CAT 2006 Notification.

(Ac.A)

Item No.526.25* Academic Admissions – Physically Handicapped students – Fee concession – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the request of Shri. Gautam Kumar and Shri.Rajesh Kumar Singh, B.Tech (EC) students who were admitted under Physically Handicapped quota during 2006 for fee concession.

Resolved that 50% fee concession to be allowed to Shri. Gautam Kumar and Shri.Rajesh Kumar Singh, B.Tech (EC) students who were admitted under Physically Handicapped quota during 2006. This concession be given to other eligible students under this category also.

(Ac.A)

Item No.526.26* Dr.K.Roby, Reader (under suspension), Department of Ship Technology – Representation submitted in response to the Show Cause Notice – reg.

The Syndicate considered the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Staff & Establishment on the representation received from Dr.K.Roby in response to the notice of termination issued by the University.