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COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



MINUTES OF THE 531ST MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD ON 28.06.2008

Venue : Syndicate Hall
University Administrative Office

Time : 11 a.m.

Members present :

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

Also present :

Dr. M. Rajan
Planning & Development Officer-
In-Charge of Registrar.

Dr. Achuthsankar S. Nair has requested condonation of his absence on the 530th meeting of the Syndicate on 31.5.2008. The Syndicate condoned the absence.

Special Items reported by the Vice-Chancellor :

1. After calling the Syndicate in order, the Vice-Chancellor has reported about the meeting held in Delhi with the MHRD people. The meeting was called to discuss the administrative and financial implications of upgradation of CUSAT (and BESU) to IEST. Vice-Chancellor submitted the Government of Kerala's position that CUSAT deserved to be upgraded to IIT as originally proposed. However, he has stated that he has not been given anything in writing to this effect. He has added that the State Government has called for the total assets and liabilities of CUSAT for consideration and hence we have to presume that the chance of getting IIT to CUSAT is still under the consideration of MHRD. If it is not attained now, CUSAT has to wait upto 2012 for a fresh consideration.

After detailed deliberations on the report Dr. Joy Job Kulavelil moved a resolution congratulating the Vice-Chancellor for taking such a decision which was seconded by Sri. K. Mohanachandran. The resolution was deliberated in detail and accepted with corrections. The resolution is appended.

2. The Vice-Chancellor has reported that the CAT results 2008 has been published within a record time. During discussions, the Syndicate invited the Director, IRAA and so the meeting unanimously appreciated the Director and staff of IRAA Unit for their effort to publish the CAT results 2008.

During discussion, the Syndicate also invited the Controller of Examinations to the meeting and appreciated the Convenor, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examination Matters, Controller of Examinations and his staff for publishing the final semester results of B.Tech 2008, also in record time.

3. The Vice-Chancellor has also reported the 5 day old relay strike by a section of the Employees of the University against his action seeking IIT instead of IEST at the meeting at MHRD, New Delhi.
4. The Vice-Chancellor has also reported the proposed implementation of 100% internal evaluation along with Grading / Semester systems from this year onwards.

Special Items :

1. Before taking items of the agenda, the issue of Rear Admiral B.R. Menon and the action taken by the State Government on it was raised.

After detailed deliberations the Syndicate unanimously resolved to remove Rear Admiral B.R. Menon from the Advisorship of Marine Engineering programme. Also resolved to request the Government to make an enquiry on his role in the University during his tenure.

2. The Syndicate unanimously resolved to schedule the meeting of the Syndicate on 3rd Saturday of every month.

Item No.531.01 Confirmation of the minutes of the 530th meeting of the Syndicate held on 31.05.2008.

The Syndicate considered the draft minutes of 530th meeting of the Syndicate held on 26.04.2008 and approved the same with the following emendations :-

1. In the beginning of the Minutes, item raised by Sri. Baby Chakrapani and Dr. Joy Job Kulavelil regarding grievances projected by the Teachers Association, Research Scholars Association and the Employees Association, the following sentence be added as the last paragraph :-

“Prof. Joy Job Kulavelil will be the Convenor of the Committee.”

2. In Item No. 530.02 the following sentence be added as the last paragraph :-

“Prof. V.P.N. Nampoori will be the Convenor of the Committee.”

3. In Item No. 530.03 the following sentence be added as the last paragraph :-

“Prof. V.P.N. Nampoori will be the Convenor of the Committee.”

4. In Item No.530.07 replace the first paragraph of the resolution as follows :-

“OFFICERS WITH RESPECT TO ‘RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT – 2005’

Name of the Public authority : COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

| Sl. No. | Designation | Designated Post |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Vice-Chancellor | Appellate Authority |
| 2 | Registrar | Public Information Officer (Administrative & Academic matters) |
| 3 | Finance Officer | Public Information Officer (Finance matters) |
| 4 | Controller of Examinations | Public Information Officer (Examination matters) |
| 5 | Director (International Relations & Academic Admissions) | Public Information Officer (Student admission matters) |

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| 6 | Director (Publications & Public Relations) | Public Information Officer (Public Interest matters & suo-motu disclosures) |
| 7 | Planning & Development Officer | Asst. Public Information Officer (concerned Administrative matters) |
| 8 | Deputy Registrar (Admn-I) | Asst. Public Information Officer (concerned Administrative matters) |
| 9 | Deputy Registrar (Admn-II) | Asst. Public Information Officer (concerned Administrative matters) |
| 10 | Deputy Registrar (Academic) | Asst. Public Information Officer (concerned Academic matters) |
| 11 | Joint Registrar (Finance) | Asst. Public Information Officer (Financial matters) |
| 12 | Deputy Registrar (Exam - I) | Asst. Public Information Officer (concerned Examination matters) |
| 13 | Deputy Registrar (Exam - II) | Asst. Public Information Officer (concerned Examination matters) |
| 14 | Joint Registrar (International Relations & Academic Admissions) | Asst. Public Information Officer (Student admission matters) |

Notes:

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| 1 | All requests seeking information from the University to be addressed to: THE REGISTRAR, COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, COCHIN UNIVERSITY P.O., KOCHI - 682022, KERALA. |
| 2 | The fee of Rs.10/- can be paid at the University Cash counter (in cash) and the Receipt attached to the request addressed to the Registrar. |
| 3 | If the fee payment is proposed to be made by way of Demand Draft , the same may be obtained preferably from SBT, in favour of : The Registrar, CUSAT and made Payable at : SBT, Cochin University Campus branch. |
| 4 | If obtaining a Demand Draft from SBT branch is not possible, the same may preferably be obtained from any other Nationalised bank and made payable at: Ernakulam. |
| 5 | Fee payment by any other mode - Postal Orders, Money Orders, Court fee stamps etc. will not be accepted. |
| | Copies of documents to be furnished, if any will be charged according to the rate fixed by the State Information Commission, Kerala. |

5. In Item No.530.09 the words 'and selling of books published by CUSAT' be inserted in the third line of last paragraph of the minutes after the words 'Administrative office'.

6. In Item No.530.15 the following sentence be added as the last paragraph of the minutes :-

“The Chairperson has to initiate action.”

7. In Item No.530.23 the resolution be modified as follows :-

“Resolved that the proposal for establishing a Kendriya Vidyalaya in the University Campus be approved with the available space.”

8. The following corrections be made in **Annexure VII** of the Minutes :-

(1) **Appendix III – REGULAR FELLOWSHIP**

- (i) The year shown as ‘2009’ be corrected as ‘2008’ in sl.no.3, column no.3 under **IV. Department of Chemical Oceanography.**
- (ii) The year shown as ‘2008’ be corrected as ‘2007’ in two places in sl.no.1, column no.3 under **XIV Department of Polymer Science & Rubber Technology.**

Filling up of vacancies are to be initiated immediately.

(2) **Appendix IV – TRANSFERRED FELLOWSHIP**

- (i) The dates shown in sl.no.12, column no.3 as 07.08.2007 be corrected as 07.08.2008, sl.no. 13, column no.3 as 06.08.2007 be corrected as 06.08.2008 and sl.no.14, column no.3 as 22.07.2007 be corrected as 22.07.2008 respectively under **I. DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED CHEMISTRY.**
- (ii) The date shown as 12.12.2007 be corrected as 12.12.2006 in sl.no.3, column no.3 under **IV. DEPARTMENT OF A CHEMICAL OCEANOGRAPHY.**
- (iii) The date shown as 22.02.2008 be corrected as 22.03.2008 in sl.no.5, column no.3, under **VIII. SCHOOL OF LEGAL STUDIES.**
- (iv) The dates shown as 18.04.2007 to 18.02.2008 be corrected as 18.04.2006 to 18.02.2007 in sl.no.1, column no.3, under **XI. DEPARTMENT OF POLYMER SCIENCE AND RUBBER TECHNOLOGY.**
- (v) The date shown as ‘05.102006’ be corrected as ‘05.10.2006’ shown in sl.no.2, column no.3 above.

Item No.531.02 Award of 8 marks moderation to a student of B.Tech Electronics and Communication Engineering against the decisions of the Passing Board – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the Enquiry Report regarding the issue along with the Memo of Charges issued to Dr. Babu Sunder and the reply given by him and also the report on the present status of the issue.

The Syndicate noted the present status of the issue and authorised the Vice-Chancellor to take action against the then Controller of Examinations based on the enquiry report.

(Ad.A)

Item No.531.03 Comprehensive report on the functioning of the Internal Audit & Inspection (IA&I) Section.

The Syndicate considered the comprehensive report on the functioning of the Internal Audit & Inspection (IA&I) Section prepared by the Finance Officer and resolved that the Syndicate Standing Committee to study the issue along with the input from the Finance Officer.

(IA & I)

Item No.531.04 Persons with disabilities (equal opportunities, protection of rights and full participation) Act 1995 – Identification of the posts suitable for recruitment – Consideration of.

Place it before the Standing Committee for its recommendation.

Item No.531.05* Establishment – Teachers on contract basis in Kunjali Marakkar School of Marine Engineering – Request for hike in their consolidated pay per mensum – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the requests from Sri. P.V.Sasikumar and Sri. R. Venugopal, Senior Marine Engineers in Kunjali Marakkar School of Marine Engineering (KMSME) regarding hike in their consolidated pay per month and the letter of the Director, KMSME recommending the same.

The Syndicate enhanced the consolidated pay per mensum of the teachers working on contract basis in Kunjali Marakkar School of Marine Engineering as shown below w.e.f. the date of Syndicate decision :-

| Sl. No. | Name of person & Designation | Existing consolidated pay (p.m.) | Enhanced consolidate pay (p.m.) |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Sri. P.V.Sasikumar Professor (Marine Engineering) | Rs.25,000/- | Rs.35,000/- |
| 2 | Sri. N. Gangadharan Nair Professor (Course-in-Charge) | Rs.30,000/- | Rs.40,000/- |
| 3 | Sri. R. Venugopal Senior Marine Engineer | Rs.22,500/- | Rs.32,500/- |

(Ad.)

Item No.531.06 KMSME – Qualification and scale of pay of the post of Warden-cum-Physical Trainer – Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered the action of the Vice-Chancellor in according sanction for outsourcing the service of the Warden-cum-Physical Trainer and Mess-Manager-cum-Assistant Warden at Kunjali Marakkar School of Marine Engineering, from the list forwarded by the Zilla Sainik Welfare Officer, Ernakulam for a period of one year at a consolidated remuneration of Rs.10,000/- p.m. and Rs.8000/- p.m. respectively.

The Syndicate ratified the above action of the Vice-Chancellor.

Regarding fixing of qualification and scale of pay for the above post be referred to the Standing Committee on Staff & Establishment for its consideration and recommendation.

(Ad.G)

Item No.531.07 Implementation of the Scheme of 'Establishment of Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy' – Approval of UGC grant-in-aid – Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered the proposal of implementation of the UGC approved Scheme of 'Establishment of Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy'.

The Syndicate accepted the proposal in principle and resolved that –

- (i) Institution of the posts be done after getting concurrence from State Government.
- (ii) Support of SC and ST Development Department be explored for extended support of the Centre.
- (iii) Pursue with Dr. D. Rajasenan, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences for further actions.

(PL)

Item No.531.08 Dr. P. R. Wilson, Professor and former Director, School of Management Studies – Enquiry into allegations of inappropriate behaviour – Report submitted - Reg.

The Syndicate considered the Report submitted by the Enquiry Commission on the enquiry into the allegations of inappropriate behaviour of Dr. P.R. Wilson, Professor and former Director, School of Management Studies.

The Syndicate accepted the report of the Enquiry Commission.

(Ad.D)

Item No.531.09* “Construction of Software Engineering Block in School of Engineering and sanction for extra item as per KITCO’s estimate – Extension of time – Ratification of Vice-Chancellor’s action – Report of the CTE – Pending issues – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Work on the ‘construction of Software Engineering Block in School of Engineering and sanction for extra item as per KITCO’s estimate’.

The Syndicate approved the recommendations of the Works Committee and resolved the following, subject to discussion with M/s. Vijaya Constructions, the contractor :-

1. To accept the recommendations of the Chief Technical Examiner, Government of Kerala.
2. To complete the work using the same contractor.

3. To approve the revised estimate amounting to Rs.3,71,37,690/- (Rupees Three crores Seventy One lakhs Thirty Seven thousand Six hundred and Ninety only) forwarded by KITCO, the consultant.
4. To extend the time of completion of work upto 31.03.2009.

The Syndicate authorised the Vice-Chancellor / Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Dr. Joy Job Kulavelil to have discussions with M/s. Vijaya Constructions, Thrissur for further actions.

(UE)

Item No.531.10* Construction of compound walls – Associated problems.

The Syndicate considered the matter of construction of compound walls and associated problems along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Works.

Resolved to complete the work urgently by the Engineering Department considering the following :-

- (i) Wherever there are spaces without dispute, the works may be completed.
- (ii) The disputed areas, if any, may be addressed separately.
- (iii) Under stage VI, inspection report from the District Collector be obtained so as to take decision on blocking of pathway between stages VI and VII.

(UE)

Item No.531.11* Securing original land documents of CUSAT – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the matter of securing original land documents of CUSAT along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Works regarding securing original land documents of CUSAT.

The Syndicate resolved the following :-

- (i) To expedite the issue, the service of an expert (retired Revenue Officer) may be sought, in consultation with the Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Works.

- (ii) Constituted a committee consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Convenor, Works Committee to find out the Revenue Officer.
- (iii) To obtain legal opinion on the issue urgently.
- (iv) The Revenue Minister may be met by higher authorities along with detailed documentary evidences as a last step if necessary.

(UE)

Item No.531.12* Rain Water Harvesting – Ground Water collection and distribution in CUSAT – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the proposal for Rain water harvesting and Ground Water collection and distribution in CUSAT in detail and the revised estimate by Socio Economic Unit Foundation, Thrissur – 680 018 along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Works on the same.

The Syndicate approved the revised estimate of Rs.75,24,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five lakhs and Twenty Four thousand only) for implementation of Rain Water harvesting and Ground Water collection and distribution in CUSAT.

Also resolved that the expenditure may be met from the State Plan Funds under Additional Central Assistance (ACA Scheme) and if this is not possible funds may temporarily be diverted from the Self-financing Sector, considering the importance and urgency of the work as this will result in considerable savings for the University towards water charges in coming years.

(UE)

Item No.531.13* Providing individual water meter.

The Syndicate considered the possibility of providing individual water connection to quarters along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Works.

Resolved that the existing system may continue and the water charges levied from employees residing in quarters be increased to Rs.50/- per month w.e.f. 01.07.2008.

(UE)

Item No.531.14 Clarification regarding the items discussed in the meeting of the Staff Council held on 12.05.2008 – Consideration of the Syndicate – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the clarifications regarding the items discussed in the meeting of the Staff Council held on 12.05.2008.

The Syndicate resolved the following :-

- (i) Regarding Item No.2/SC – Additional canteen facility, the Syndicate sanctioned the work having an estimated cost of Rs.4,40,000/-, with special facilities for washing area, kitchen shed for fire wood hearth and renovation of pantry.
- (ii) Regarding Item No.5/SC – Safety measures in all Labs/Buildings, report of the Fire & Safety Department to be presented in the next meeting of the Syndicate.
- (iii) Regarding Item No.10/SC – Construction of compound wall, Vice-Chancellor is entrusted to negotiate with students about their inconvenience, if any.
- (iv) Regarding Item No.11/SC – Waste disposal from the University Campus, the Director, School of Environmental Studies be requested to submit a revised Project Report for the same. However, the engagement of Kudumbasree will be continued. The proposal to provide a bio gas plant to ICH canteen having an estimate cost of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rs. Five lakhs only) is approved.
- (v) Regarding scarcity of water in the University, Syndicate approved the award of the work of construction of an additional pond (an open well is preferred) to Socio Economic Unit Foundation, Thrissur – 680 018.
- (vi) Regarding Item No.2 (Outside agenda) - Power failure in the campus has to be addressed separately and seriously. Explore the possibility to have a transformer of our own.
- (vii) Regarding Item No.3 (Outside agenda) – Quarters maintenance, Engineering Department may furnish a report on quarters maintenance.

The Syndicate noted that so far the Minutes of the meeting of the Staff Council were not placed before the Syndicate and resolved that hereafter the Minutes of the meetings of Staff Council be placed before the Syndicate then and there. The Syndicate also resolved to arrange a review meeting of the work – ‘Road Widening’.

Item No.531.15* Application of Dr. Jayadas N H for recognition as Research Guide – Consideration of – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the application of Dr. Jayadas N.H., Senior Lecturer, School of Engineering for recognition as Research Guide under the Faculty of Engineering along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic Matters and the Dean, Faculty of Engineering.

Resolved that Dr. Jayadas N.H., Senior Lecturer, School of Engineering be recognised as Research Guide of the University under the Faculty of Engineering.

(Ac.B)

Item No.531.16 Recognized Institutions – Extension of Provisional Recognition for the Academic Year 2007-08 – Granted – Action of the Vice-Chancellor under section 11(11) of the CUSAT Act 1986 – Reporting of – Reg.

Considering the recommendations of the respective Inspection Committees the Vice-Chancellor, by invoking the powers under section 11(11) of the CUSAT Act, 1986, has granted extension of Provisional Recognition for the academic year 2007-08 to the following Recognised Institutions :-

1. College of Engineering, Thrikkariapur.
2. College of Engineering, Thalassery.
3. College of Engineering, Attingal.
4. College of Engineering, Kidangoor.
5. College of Engineering, Adoor.
6. Model Engineering College, Thrikkakara.

The Vice-Chancellor has also approved the formats for the Inspection Report and Self Appraisal Report and included the ahead of the Academic Wing as the Member Secretary of all Inspection Committees to be constituted to inspect the Recognised Colleges for the extension of provisional recognition, increase in intake, approval to start new courses, etc.

The Syndicate ratified the above actions of the Vice-Chancellor.

(Ac.C)

Item No.531.17* Plumbers of the University – Request for modification of the scale of pay of the post – Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered the representation submitted by Sri. M.K. Hamsa and Sri. V. Premanandan, Plumbers, Engineering Department for modification the scale of pay of the post along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees of the Syndicate on Staff & Establishment and Finance & Purchase on the same.

Resolved to revise the pay scales of plumbers from Rs.5650-8790 to Rs.6680-10890 w.e.f. the date of decision of the Syndicate.

Also resolved that necessary speedy action should be taken to fill the vacant posts.

(Ad.G)

Item No.531.18 Dr. A. P. Preethy, Lecturer, Department of Electronics – Resignation from Service – Reported – Reg.

The Vice-Chancellor, after completing the formalities, accepted the resignation of Dr. A.P. Preethy, Lecturer, Department of Electronics from University Service w.e.f. 10.09.2001 F.N., ie., the date on which she entered on Leave Without Allowances, subject to reporting to Syndicate.

The Syndicate ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor.

(Ad.D)

Item No.531.19 Lecturers on contract basis – Enhancement of remuneration to existing Lecturers including MCA/LLM holders – Sanctioned – Reporting of – Reg.

Sanction was accorded by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor to enhance the remuneration of Lecturers on contract basis with MCA/LLM qualifications to Rs.14,000/- p.m. vide U.O.No.Ad.D3/27063/00 dated 12.12.2007, subject to reporting to Syndicate.

Considering representations from Lecturers of contract basis Vice-Chancellor has accorded sanction for the enhancement of remuneration of all the existing Lecturers on contract basis appointed before 15.09.2007 as per the revision vide resolution of the Syndicate (item no.522.25 dated 15.09.2007), subject to reporting to Syndicate.

The Syndicate ratified the above actions of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor.

(Ad.D)

Item No.531.20 Declaration of Probation in respect of Dr. C.V. Jayamani, Professor, School of Management Studies – Action taken by the Vice-Chancellor – Reporting of – Reg.

The Vice-Chancellor, after completing the formalities, has accorded sanction to declare the probation of Dr. C.V. Jayamani, Professor, School of Management Studies as

having been completed satisfactorily with effect from 27.12.2007 A.N., subject to reporting to Syndicate.

The Syndicate ratified the above action of the Vice-Chancellor.

(Ad.D)

Item No.531.21 Extension to Leave Without Allowances to join spouse abroad – Granted to Smt. Sudha P. Menon – Correction in the date – Reg.

The Syndicate ratified the action of the Registrar correcting the date of extension of LWA granted to Smt. Sudha P. Menon, Assistant w.e.f. from '1.5.2004' to '1.6.2004' in the U.O.No.Ad.A1/318/91 dated 20.8.2004.

(Ad.A)

Item No.531.22 Rotation of Headships – Nomination of new Director in the School of Marine Sciences and nomination of Dr. N. Madhusoodana Kurup to hold full additional charge of the Director, School of Industrial Fisheries – Action taken by the Vice-Chancellor – Reporting of – Reg.

Sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor for the following, subject to reporting to Syndicate :-

1. Nominating Dr. H.S. Ram Mohan as the new Director, School of Ocean Science and Technology w.e.f. 31.05.2008, the date on which Dr. K.T. Damodaran, Director superannuated.
2. Permitting Dr. B. Madhusoodana Kurup, Professor, School of Industrial Fisheries to hold full additional charge of the Director, School of Industrial Fisheries during the temporary absence of Dr. Saleena Mathew, Director, School of Industrial Fisheries for the period from 28.04.2008 to 04.05.2008.

The Syndicate ratified the above actions of the Vice-Chancellor.

(Ad.D)

Item No.531.23* Standard Award Project under UK India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI) – Signing of agreement with University of Surrey, England – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic Matters on the project "Integrated Smart Antennas for next

generation millimeter wave wireless communication" awarded to Dr.C.K. Anandan, Reader, Department of Electronics under the UK India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI) and to be jointly implemented by University of Surrey, England and Cochin University of Science and Technology. The agreement (MoU) signed by University of Surrey and CUSAT for the above is **Annexure – I**.

The Syndicate approved the MoU signed by University of Surrey, England and CUSAT and resolved to implement the collaborative project "Integrated Smart Antennas for next generation millimeter wave wireless communication" in the University.

(IRAA)

Item No.531.24* Admission to Ed.CIL sponsored foreign students to various Courses of CUSAT.

The Syndicate considered the proposal of Educational Consultants India Limited (Ed.CIL) a Govt. of India Enterprise to associate with CUSAT for placement of International students/Persons of Indian Origin/Non Resident Indians to various courses offered at CUSAT along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees of the Syndicate on Finance & Purchase and Academic Matters.

The Syndicate approved the proposal of Educational Consultants India Limited (Ed.CIL) to associate with CUSAT for placement of International students/Persons of Indian Origin/Non Resident Indians to various courses offered at CUSAT and resolved the following :-

- (i) IRAA wing is directed to submit a detailed proposal regarding intake of Ed.CIL sponsored students for framing a policy by the Syndicate.
- (ii) The MoU, certified by the Standing Counsel, can be signed between CUSAT and Ed.CIL for placement of Ed.CIL sponsored students to various courses offered by CUSAT.
- (iii) Institutional Economic Cost to be collected from Ed.CIL sponsored students be fixed at US \$4000 p.a. (covering tuition fee, examination fee, hostel fee and laboratory charges excluding caution deposit and mess fees).

(IRAA)

Item No.531.25 Appointment of Visiting Professors in various Departments/Schools under UGC Unassigned Grant Scheme – Sanctioned by the Vice-Chancellor – Reporting of – Reg.

Sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to Syndicate, to appoint Visiting Professors under UGC-UAG Scheme as follows as per requests of the respective Heads/Directors of the Departments/Schools.

1. Dr.N.M. Mathew, Former Director of RRII, Kottayam in the Department of Polymer Science and Rubber Technology.
2. Dr. P.K. Surendran, Retired Principal Scientist and Head, Microbiology and Biotechnology Division, CIFT, Kochi - 29 in the School of Industrial Fisheries.
3. Mr. A.K. Prakash, Retired Scientist G (Additional Director), NPOL, Kochi in the Department of Electronics.
4. Prof.V.Unnikrishnan Nayar, Retired Professor, Department of Optoelectronics, University of Kerala in the International School of Photonics.

The appointment of the above said Professors is for a period of one year with effect from date of joining and they are eligible for a monthly honorarium of Rs.10,000/-.

The Syndicate ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor.

(PL(UGC))

Item No.531.26* The Minutes of the meeting of the CAT Monitoring Committee, IRAA Unit - Reporting of - Reg.

The Syndicate considered the Minutes of the meeting of the Monitoring Committee for Common Admission Test (CAT) held on 7.5.2008 and 20.5.2008 relating to the conduct of CAT 2008 (Annexure II and III).

The Syndicate approved the recommendations of the Monitoring Committee.

(IRAA)

Item No.531.27* Ship in Campus Lab of the Kunjali Marakkar School of Marine Engineering - Work of supply, erection, commissioning and testing of machinery & equipments awarded - Agreement executed - Partial payment of the cost of items supplied - Request of M/s. Hoosami Metal Industries (P) Ltd. - Consideration of - reg.

The Syndicate considered the request of M/s. Hoosami Metal Industries (P) Ltd., Bhavnagar, Gujarat for payments @ 75% of these materials already supplied be released without waiting for delivery of all items, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Finance & Purchase.

The Syndicate resolved --

- (i) to grant 75% of the cost of materials already supplied in relaxation to the agreement conditions as the construction of Ship-in-Campus has been delayed.
- (ii) Conversion of EMD through Bank guarantee will be considered later.

(Strat. Plg.)

Item No.531.28 UGC – XI Plan – General Development Assistance – Merged Schemes – Allocation for the year 2007-08 – reporting of.

The Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Syndicate, has approved the following allocation of funds for operating the Merged Schemes under general Development Assistance for the year 2007-2008 as follows :-

| I | Unassigned Grant | Rs. |
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| | a. Travel Grant | 5,00,000.00 |
| | b. Seminar Grant | 5,00,000.00 |
| | c. Publication grant | 2,50,000.00 |
| | d. Visiting professor | 3,60,000.00 |
| II | Basic facilities for women | 70,00,000.00 |
| III | Faculty Improvement programme | 6,40,000.00 |
| IV | SC/ST Cell – equal Opportunity Cell | 2,50,000.00 |
| V | Remedial Coaching for SC/ST and Minority students | 1,25,000.00 |
| VI | Coaching classes for entry in service to SC/ST and Minority students | 1,00,000.00 |
| VII | Facilities for disabled persons | |
| | a. Text book facility for UG & PG students | 50,000.00 |
| | b. Payment of TA/DA to industrial visit | 25,000.00 |
| | c. Establishment of Repository of Books/ Films/Teaching aids | 2,00,000.00 |
| Total (Rupees One Crore Only) | | 1,00,00,000.00 |

The Syndicate ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor allocating Rs.1 Crore as above.

(PL(UGC))

Item No.531.29* Recognised Institutions – Toc H Institute of Science and Technology – Starting of MBA course – Report of the Inspection Committee – consideration of – reg.

The Syndicate considered the Report of the Inspection Committee in respect of Toc H Institute of Science and Technology for starting of MBA as an additional course from the academic year 2008-09, with an intake of 60 students along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic Matters.

The Syndicate approved the Inspection Committee Report and resolved that Toc H Institute of Science and Technology be permitted to start the MBA course from the academic year 2008-09 with a sanctioned intake of 60 students, subject to the following conditions :-

- (i) Before starting the course, approval of the Government of Kerala be obtained.
- (ii) For the current year, 2008-09, admission be made as per CUSAT Regulations from the CAT 2008 rank list.

It is also resolved that a fast track mechanism for framing separate regulation (covering all the aspects including examination) appropriate for the PG courses conducted in the various Recognised Institutions be made.

(Ac.C)

Item No.531.30 Recognized Institutions – Extension of Provisional Recognition for the Academic Year 2007-08 – Submission of Inspection Committee Reports – reg.

Considering the Inspection Committee Report in respect of Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical & Engineering Training, Ernakulam, the Vice-Chancellor, under section 11(11) of the CUSAT Act 1986 approved the Inspection Report and sanctioned extension of the Provisional Recognition of the Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical & Engineering Training, Ernakulam, subject to reporting to the Syndicate and the order of the Vice-Chancellor was communicated vide U.O.No.Ac.C3/Recog. Instt-Exten/07-08 (PF) dated 16.05.2008.

The Syndicate ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor.

Hereafter, the Inspection Committee Report to be submitted before the Syndicate for consideration.

(Ac.C)

Item No.531.31 B.Tech courses – Students admitted under Staff Quota – 50% Fee concession – Reconsideration of earlier decision – Reg.

This item to be brought before the next meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance & Purchase with all relevant details and previous decisions, if any, of the Syndicate in the matter.

(Ac.A)

Item No.531.32 Transfer on work arrangement to CELOS – granted to Dr. A. Mujeeb, Reader, Cochin University College of Engineering, Kuttanad – Cancelled by the Syndicate – Request for Review – reg.

The Syndicate considered the recommendations of the Standing Committees of the Syndicate on Staff & Establishment and Academic Matters on the request of Dr. Mujeeb, Reader, CUCEK to review the decision of the Syndicate relating to his transfer on work arrangement to CELOS.

The Syndicate resolved that the item need not be reopened. However, his academic interest can be protected by providing him facility for pursuing his research in CELOS and ISP in consultation with the Director, CELOS.

The Syndicate accepted the recommendation of the Staff & Establishment Committee that "The committee perused the note file dealing with the representation of Dr.A.Mujeeb and felt unhappy over the improper way of noting upon the representation of Dr.A. Mujeeb. It would be in the fitness of things if the section refrains from writing prejudiced notes attributing motives to the apex body of the University. This should not be repeated" and resolved that explanation should be called for from the Section Officer, Ad.F Section (Smt. Shehanas Beegum) who made the noting in the file.

(Ad.F)

Item No.531.33 Enhancement of sitting fee to members of all Statutory bodies – reg.

Deferred.

Item No.531.34 100% Internal Evaluation for all PG Courses (except M.Tech) offered in University Departments/Schools.

Deferred. Views of the students community has to be ascertained.

Item No.531.35 Regulations / Amendment to Regulations – consideration and fixing date of effect – reg.

To be placed before the next Syndicate along with recommendations of the Standing Committee.

Item No.531.36* Regulations / Amendments to Regulations/Modifications in Scheme of Examinations – Action taken by the Vice-Chancellor – Ratification of – Reg.

Considering the urgent nature the Vice-Chancellor invoking the powers of Syndicate as per section 11(11) of the CUSAT Act, 1986 approved the following , subject to reporting the matter to Syndicate.

1. The revised Scheme of Examination for M.Tech. (Opto Electronics and Laser Technology) Degree Course offered by International School of Photonics as in Appendix – I (Item I b(1) of the minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council) is made effective from 2007 admission onwards.
2. The revised Scheme of Examinations for five year M.Sc. (Photonics) course is made applicable from I semester of 2007 admission as well as from VII semester of ongoing batches Appendix – II (Item I b(2) of the minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council.)
3. Modifications in Scheme of Examinations for the M. Phil Photonics course is made applicable from 2007 admission onwards. (Appendix – III (Item I b (4) of the minutes of Academic Council).
4. The Regulations for five year integrated M.Sc. Degree course in Photonics is approved made applicable from 2007 admission onwards (Appendix – IV (Item I b (5) of the Academic Council minutes)).
5. The Eligibility Criteria for admission to M. Tech Degree Course in VLSI and Embedded Systems offered at ER and DC Institute, Thiruvananthapuram is modified as follows and is made applicable from 2006 admission onwards (Clause 2.1 of the Regulation for M. Tech., VLSI & Embedded systems).

“At least a second class B.Sc. Engineering or Equivalent degree in Electronics and Communication Engineering, Electronics and Instrumentation and Electrical and Electronics Engineering.”

Instead of

“At least a second class B. Sc./ (Engineering) or equivalent degree in Electronics and Communication Engineering, Electronics and Instrumentation and Information Technology.”

The Syndicate ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor.

(Conf.)

Item No.531.37* University teacher – Dr. K. Girish Kumar, Reader, Department of Applied Chemistry – UGC Career Advancement Promotion as Professor – Recommendations of the Selection Committee – Consideration of – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the request of Dr.K. Girish Kumar, Reader, Department of Applied Chemistry for promotion as Professor under the Career Advancement Scheme of UGC along with the recommendation of the Selection Committee and approval of the UGC on the request.

Resolved that Dr. K. Girish Kumar, Reader, Department of Applied Chemistry be promoted to the post of Professor on a scale of pay of Rs.16400-450-20900-500-22400 with effect from 29.09.2006 under the Career Advancement Scheme of UGC.

It was also resolved that the matter be placed before the Academic Council for the upgradation of the Reader post held by Dr. K. Girish Kumar in the Department of Applied Chemistry as Professor in the scale of pay of Rs.16400-450-20900-500-22400 with effect from 29.09.2006 so as to promote Dr. K. Girish Kumar as Professor w.e.f. 29.09.2006 under the Career Advancement Scheme of UGC.

(Ad.D)

Item No.531.38* University Teacher – Dr. C.S. Paulose, Reader, Department of Biotechnology – UGC Career Advancement Promotion as Professor – Recommendations of the Selection Committee – Consideration of – Reg.

The Syndicate considered the request of Dr. C.S. Paulose, Reader, Department of Biotechnology for promotion as Professor under the Career Advancement Scheme of