

COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Minutes of the 304th meeting of the Syndicate
held on 30-12-1991.

Place of the meeting : Administrative Buildings
Kochi - 22.

Time : 11.00 a m.

Members present :

1. Dr. A. N. Maheshwari
Vice - Chancellor ⁴ (in the Chair)
2. Dr. S. Balaraman
Pro - Vice - Chancellor
3. Dr. K. G. Balakrishnan
4. Shri Binoy Viswam
5. Shri Johnson P. John
6. Shri K. R. Prasad
7. Dr. C. S. Sridhar -
8. Shri P. Subramonia Iyer

Also Present : Shri V. J. Pappoo, Registrar

Item No. 304.00 : Report of the Vice - Chancellor on im-
portant Developments in the University
since the last meeting.

1. The Vice - Chancellor informed that the Department of Higher Education, Government of Kerala has informed that Smt. Annie Abraham, included in the panel of names approved by the Syndicate for appointment to

- the post of Finance Officer of the University be appointed as the Finance Officer.
2. The Department of Electronics was given an award by Rub Plas Education Trust for their innovative research contribution for testing the quality of tyre with the aid of microwaves.
 3. A Seminar in Ocean Electronics was held at the Department of Electronics from 18.12.1991 to 20.12.1991.
 4. The Vice - Chancellor had discussions with the Chairman UGC on 18.12.1991 for sanctioning the proposal of the University for establishing one Audio Visual Research Centre [AVRC] and one Training Centre for training the non-teaching staff of the University.
 5. He also informed that most of the matters pending clearance by the UGC were sorted out with the help of the planning and Development Officer of the University.
 6. The UGC has sanctioned the necessary grant-in-aid for appointment of the Visiting Professors in the University and full amount due to the University towards construction of quarters of the Vice - Chancellor and pro-Vice - Chancellor.
 7. An Expert Team, appointed by the UGC will be visiting the Department of Industrial Fisheries on February 6, 1991 for considering the request of the Department for extending further support of the UGC under D.R.S scheme.
 8. The Department of Physics of the University is likely to be considered favourably for obtaining special assistance under COSIST scheme of the Commission.
 9. A fish protection Jatha starting from Manalur in Trichur District touching several coastal villages via backwaters were organised under the joint auspices of the

Cochin University Union members of the Faculty of the University and the Kerala Sastra Sahitya Parishad during the last week of December 1991 for creating awareness to the public about the various causative factors for the disease recently found in fishes.

Arising out of the report of the Vice - Chancellor it was resolved that

- (i) Smt. Annie Abraham be appointed as the Finance Officer of the University.
- (ii) The request of Dr. Bright Singh, Lecturer, School of Environmental Studies for sanctioning special assistance of Rs. 10,000/- for carrying out his research on diseases of fish be granted as a special case.
- (iii) Further a task force be constituted for disseminating the research on fish diseases being carried out in the University and other associate institutions.

Item No 304.01 : Annual Report for the years 1988 - 1989, 1989-90 and 1990-1991 - Consideration of - Reg.

The Syndicate considered the draft Annual Report on the functioning of the University for the financial years 1988-'89, 1989-'90 and 1990-'91 for submission to the Academic Council for its review as required under Section 24 (vi) of the Cochin University of Science and Technology Act 1986.

Resolved that discussion on the draft Annual Reports for the years 1988-'89, 1989-'90 and 1990-'91 be held in the next meeting, and after making the necessary emendations the same be presented to the Academic Council at its ensuing meeting.

Item No. 304.02 : Request of Shri. K. T. Thomson, Reader, Department of Industrial Fisheries for leave without allowances to take up assignment of the FAO - Consideration of - Regarding.

The Syndicate considered the request from Shri. K. T. Thomson, Reader, Department of Industrial Fisheries for granting him leave without allowances for a period of two years in order to take up an assignment with the Bay of Bengal Programme of the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations.

Resolved that Shri. K. T. Thomson be granted leave without allowances for a period of 11 months, as per the foreign employment scheme contained in G. O. [P] No. 780/83 Fin. dated 16.12.1983 after executing a bond agreeing to serve the University for a minimum period of three years on expiry of the leave. It was further resolved that steps for filling the resultant vacancy be taken expeditiously.

Item No. 304.03 : Report appeared in the Malayala Manorama daily dated 25.12.1991. Denial of the contents in the report due to the distortions of facts and its misleading character - Complaint against the daily to be filed with the Press Council of India - Regarding.

Shri. P. Subramanja Iyer, Member, Syndicate invited the attention of the Vice-Chancellor to the report appeared in Malayala Manorama dated 25.12.1991 with the caption 'Vice-Chancellor against the Pro-Vice-Chancellor' and the report in the paper on 27.12.1991 publishing the denial of the Vice-Chancellor to the effect that the report is a distortion of facts and is misleading. Further, the proceedings of the Commission of 24th December 1991 were neither witnessed by members of the press and nor any official briefing was issued by the Ramaswamy Commission.

The Syndicate resolved that a complain be filed with the Press Council of India to look into this matter.

It was also resolved that the action of the Vice-Chancellor in appointing Advocate Shri. C. K. Sivasankara Panicker, Standing Counsel of the University to appear for the University before the Ramaswamy Commission be ratified.

The meeting came to an end at 1.30 p. m.

University Buildings
Kochi 22
31 December 1991.

Registrar