

COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Minutes of the 324th meeting of the Syndicate held on 6th March 1993

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

Time : 11.00 a.m

Members present:

- 1 Dr. A. N. Maheshwari
Vice - Chancellor (in the Chair)
2. Dr. S Balaraman
Pro-Vice-Chancellor
3. Dr. K. G. Balakrishnan
4. Shri Binoy Viswam
5. Shri. M.P.M. Ishaque Kurikkal
6. Shri Johnson P. John
7. Dr. P. Leelakrishnan
8. Prof. M. P. Nair
9. Shri K. R. Prasad
10. Prof. D. Ramakotaiah
11. Dr. M. Shahul Hameed
12. Shri. P. Subramonia Iyer
13. Dr. P. V. Vijayan

Also present: Shri S. Meeran Maluk Mohamed Registrar

Before the scheduled items of agenda listed for the meeting were taken up, the attention of the Syndicate was drawn to the O. P. 2059 of 1993 and CMP No. 3884 of 1993 in which the University, the Vice-Chancellor, two members of the Syndicate by name and the Syndicate were made respondents. It was resolved that a counter affidavit on behalf of all the respondents be filed by the Registrar as per the provision in the Act. Further resolved that Shri. Johnson P. John and Dr. P. Leelakrishnan be authorised to draft the counter affidavit.

Item No. 324.01: Report of action taken up on the decision of the meetings of the Syndicate held on 5.12.1992.

Resolved that the report of action taken on the decision of the Syndicate at its meeting held on 5.12.1992 be noted.

Arising out of the discussion, it was resolved that the Regulations for the grant of leave to University teachers for study purposes be placed before the Syndicate for consideration urgently.

Item No. 324.02: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 6.2.1993

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 6.2.1993 be confirmed subject to the following emendations.

i) The word / 'Certificate' be added after P.G Diploma in the first resolution under item 323.04.

ii) The words 'Commuted leave to' be added after the word 'granting' in the penultimate line of the preamble to item 323.05.

iii) The resolution under item 323.07 be modified as under:

"Resolved that Shri K. J. James be permitted to resume duty as Reader in the Department of Ship Technology and disciplinary action be continued as per Statute 10 of the Cochin University of Science and Technology First Statutes 1991, as the explanation submitted by Shri James was not found satisfactory".

iv) The decision under 323.13 be as under :

"Resolved to decline the proposal.

Resolved further that the various posts for which ready rank lists do not exist be notified for preparing fresh rank lists.

Resolved also to appoint persons against vacancies on temporary basis from the lists obtained from the Employment Exchange."

(Conf)

Item No. 324.03: Report of the Vice-Chancellor on important development in the University since the last meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor reported :

1. He had attended the conference of UGC/AIU Vice-Chancellors held at Pondicherry from 21st to 23rd February 1993. The Conference was attended by 130 Vice-Chancellors of the different Universities in the country. Theme of the Conference was 'Financing of Higher Education'. It was resolved in the Conference that the non-plan requirements of the Universities shall continue to be the responsibility of the government, as no other alternate sources of funding have been envisaged ever since the setting up of Universities by acts of Legislature / Parliament. In view of the resource curtailment, the Conference called for practicing austerity measures by the Universities. The Conference also desired that the Universities may augment

their revenue by setting up consultancy centres for generating funds for implementing developmental proposals. It was also recommended to request the State Governments not to adjust the revenue earned by the Universities through consultancy work while sanctioning annual grant.

2. An 'AQUAFEST 1993' show was organised by the students and teachers of the Department of Industrial Fisheries from 25.2.1993 to 28.2.1993. The show was intended to make awareness among the students and public at large the various aspects of underwater life. The show was widely acclaimed by the press and others.

Arising out of the discussion, the Syndicate resolved to place on record its appreciation of the efforts put in by the students and teachers of the Department of Industrial Fisheries for organising 'AQUAFEST 1993'. The Syndicate also resolved to hail the efforts put in by Dr. M. Shahul Hameed, Head of the Department of Industrial Fisheries for organising the show.

3. Shri Kamal Nath, Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Forests will be visiting the Cochin University campus on 20th March 1993. During his visit he will deliver the first oration of L. M. Singhvi Endowment on Environment at the Auditorium of the Department of Electronics.

4. (i) The Electronic-Mail facility has been fully commissioned. In addition to providing cost effective world-wide communication links with educational institutions, this facility will allow our teachers to log-in to computers of other institutions and get access to scientific and library data-bases.

(ii) The Central Library of the University has started receiving by air mail, weekly issues of current contents on diskettes. These diskettes of articles published in over 2500 journals in science, engineering and technology.

Item No. 324.04: Ph.D. thesis entitled "Studies on Biochemical Genetics of the Grey Mullet *Mugil Cephalus Linnaeus*" submitted by Shri S. Vijayakumar - Evaluation Reports and minutes of viva voce examination - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the individual reports of the Examiners, together with the consolidated report of the Chairman, Board of Examiners and the minutes of the viva voce examination in respect of the Ph. D. thesis submitted by Shri S. Vijayakumar, full-time research student who worked under the guidance of Dr. M. K. George, Scientist, Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi-31.

Resolved that Shri S. Vijayakumar be declared eligible for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the Faculty of Marine Sciences for his thesis "STUDIES ON BIOCHEMICAL GENETICS OF THE GREY MULLET *MUGIL CEPHALUS LINNAEUS*".

(Exam. A)

Item No. 324.05: M.Sc. (By Research) Thesis entitled, "Distribution and Abundance of Macrobenthos in the Cochin Backwater" submitted by Shri Narayanan, B. Evaluation reports and minutes of viva voce examination - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the individual reports of the Examiners, together with the consolidated report of the Chairman, Board of Examiners and the minutes of the viva voce examination in respect of the M. Sc. (By Research) thesis submitted by Shri Narayanan, B., part-time research student who worked under the guidance of Dr. P. Sivasdas, Assistant Director, National Institute of Oceanography, Cochin.

Resolved that Shri Narayanan, B. be declared eligible for the award of the M. Sc. (By Research) Degree under the Faculty of Marine Sciences for his thesis "Distribution and Abundance of Macrobenthos in Relation to Major Habitat Variables in the Cochin Backwater".

(Exam. A)

Item No. 324.06: B. Tech. degree courses-Amendment to the Rules for revaluation of answer books - Consideration of - reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the standing Committee on Academic Matters, the proposal for modifying the Rules relating to revaluation of the answer books of B. Tech. Degree Course.

"Resolved that the rules for the revaluation of answer books of the B. Tech. degree courses be amended to include provisions for (1) giving full marks on revaluation to the candidates, and (2) if the difference between the original and revalued marks is more than 10% award of marks shall be finalised in consultation with the Passing Board".

(Exam. A)

Item No. 324.07: Recognition as Research Guide-Application of Dr I. S. Bright Singh, Lecturer, School of Environmental Studies - Consideration of

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the application from Dr. I. S. Bright Singh for recognition as Research Guide under the Faculty of Environmental Studies for guiding Ph. D. Research Students.

Resolved that Dr I. S. Bright Singh be recognised as a Research Guide under the Faculty of Environmental Studies.

(Ac. B)

Item No. 324.08: Ph. D. Registration Application of Smt. Dolly Augustine - Consideration of

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the application from Smt. Dolly Augustine for granting her registration for doing research leading to the award of Ph. D. Degree under the Faculty of Science.

Resolved that Smt. Dolly Augustine be granted registration for doing research leading to the award of Ph. D. degree under the Faculty of Science w.e.f. date of provisional registration on the topic 'Some Problems of Algebra and Topology' under the guidance of Dr R. S Chakravarthy, Reader, Department of Mathematics & Statistics

(Ac. B)

Item No. 324.09: Department of Law - Application for registration for research leading to the Ph. D. Degree - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the applications from Shri. P. S. Soman, Lecturer and Shri. D. Rajeev, Reader, Department of Law for granting registration for doing research leading to the award of Ph. D. degree under the Faculty of Law.

Resolved that :

a) Shri. P. S. Soman, Lecturer, Department of Law be granted part-time registration for doing research leading to the award of Ph. D. degree in the Faculty of Law under the guidance of Dr. P. Leelakrishnan on the topic "Right to Live".

b) Shri. D. Rajeev, Reader, Department of Law be granted part - time registration for doing research leading

to the award of Ph. D Degree under the Faculty of Law on the topic 'Public Employment: Judicial perspectives of Backwardness' without supervising guide.

(Ac. B)

Item No. 324.10: Change of Supervising Guide - Request of Shri. Bino Thomas - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the request from Shri. Bino Thomas for permission to change the Supervising Guide from Dr. C. M. George to Dr. C. A. Francis in the light of the demise of the former.

Resolved that Shri Bino Thomas, full - time research scholar, school of Management Studies be permitted to carry out his research work under the guidance of Dr. C. A. Francis in place of late Dr. C. M. George.

(Ac B)

Item No. 324.11: Change of topic of research in respect of Shri Souriar Sebastian, Research Scholar, Division of Computer Applications - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the request from Shri Souriar Sebastian, research scholar, Department of Mathematics and Statistics for permission to change the topic of research.

Resolved that Shri Souriar Sebastian be permitted to change his topic of research from 'Fuzzy Topology' to Fuzzy Algebraic Structures' and the change be effective from 1-12-1992, the day on which the Departmental Research Committee met.

(Ac B)

Item No. 324.12: Ph D. thesis entitled "A study of the performance of the Jeevan Sathi and Jeevan Mithra Policies offered by LIC". Resubmitted by Shri Baby Joseph. Evaluation reports consideration of

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the individual report of the Board of Examiners and the consolidated report of the Chairman in respect of the Ph.D. thesis re-submitted by Shri Baby Joseph who had worked under the guidance of Prof. P. N. Rajendra Prasad, formerly Professor in the School of Management Studies

Resolved that the thesis be referred to a Fourth Examiner.

(Exam.A)

Item No. 324.13: Change of topic of research of Sr. M. M. Kochuthresia.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the request from Sr. M. M. Kochuthresia, research scholar, School of Management Studies for permission to change the topic of her Ph.D. research.

Resolved that Sr. M. M. Kochuthresia be permitted to change her topic of research from 'women and Social Change in Kerala, with special reference to the post-independence period' to 'women and Political Change in Kerala since Independence'.

(Ac.B)

Item No. 324.14: School of Marine Sciences Applications for registration for research leading to the Ph.D. Degree Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the applications from Shri Ajith Joseph K., Valiaveetil House,

Villooni P. O and Shri Shajon K.P., Kuttickat House, Koratty, Trichur for granting registration for doing research leading to the award of Ph.D. Degree under the Faculty of Marine Sciences.

Resolved that:

a) Shri Ajith Joseph K., Valiaveetil House, Villooni P.O., Arpookkara be granted full-time registration for doing research leading to the award of Ph.D. Degree under the Faculty of Marine Sciences on the topic 'Strait Dynamics' under the guidance of Dr. A. N. Balchand, Reader in the School of Marine Sciences w.e.f. the date of provisional registration.

b) Shri Shajan K. P., Kuttickat House, Koratty, Trichur be granted full-time registration for doing research leading to the award of Ph.D. Degree under the Faculty of Marine Sciences on the topic 'Quaternary Sedimentary deposits of the Coast and sea level change' under the guidance of Dr. P. Seralathan, Reader in the School of Marine Sciences w.e.f. the date of provisional registration. (Ac B)

Item No. 324.15: Construction of new septic tank in Ladies Hostel 'Aiswarya' at Thrikkakara Campus.

The Syndicate noted the action of the Vice-Chancellor in having approved the action taken by the University Engineer in awarding the work of construction of a new septic tank at 5% above the estimate amounting to Rs. 60,000.

Resolved that the action of the Vice-Chancellor be ratified.

(PLA)

Item No. 324.16: Centre for Biotechnology - Purchase of Nikon Trinocular Research Microscope YS2-H with phase contrast and photographic attachments. Advance - Reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Finance and

purchase, the proposal for sanctioning purchase of one Nikon Trinocular Research Microscope (Alphaphot) - 2 YS2 P-H with phase-contrast and Photographic attachment from M/s. Nikon Corporation Japan through their Indian Agents M/s. Towa Optics (India) Ltd., Madras at a cost of 6,16,445/- for the Centre for Bio-technology.

Resolved that purchase of the above Microscope be sanctioned.

Resolved further that a certificate be obtained from the Indian Vender to the effect that no other firm is producing the Microscope with the same or equivalent specifications, before the supply order is issued.

(PLA)

Item No. 324.17: Functioning of the University Hostels
Action taken by the Vice - Chancellor on the basis of the recommendations of the Sub-committee of the Syndicate-Reported.

The Syndicate noted the action of the Vice-Chancellor in having taken the following decisions on the recommendations of the sub-committee constituted by the Syndicate to look into the various aspects on the functioning of the University hostels.

a) The posts of Assistant wardens were redesignated as Resident Assistant wardens and the existing Assistant wardens who are willing to stay in the hostels were permitted to continue as Resident Assistant wardens.

b) The New Ladies Hostel was named as Hostel No. VI and the Resident Assistant warden of Hostel No. III was put in charge of Hostel No. VI also.

c) A monthly conveyance allowance of Rs. 200/- per month was sanctioned to the wardens of the Hostels, instead of honorarium of Rs. 150/- paid to them at present.

d) The University Engineer was requested to prepare the estimate for construction of compound walls around Hostel No. I and V and also the 1st floor of the Hostel No. VI.

e) Arrangements were made to post one Security Guard in each of the hostels for 8 a. m. to 4. p.m. shift from private security agencies.

Resolved that the action of the Vice-Chancellor be ratified.

(Ad A)

Item No. 324.18: Amendment to the Rules for allotment and occupation of Residential Family type quarters of the University-Ratification-Req.

The Syndicate noted the action of the Vice-Chancellor in having amended clause 10 (i) of the Rules for the allotment and occupation of the University quarters as under:

"The Registrar shall ordinarily invite applications for allotment of each type of University quarters once in six months and the priority lists prepared as per relevant rules shall be valid for allotment for the period of six months giving effect from the date of publishing of the priority list. The priority list shall be forwarded to the University Engineer along with necessary instruction and the University Engineer shall fill up the vacancies arising during the said period from the list and shall timely inform the Registrar about the fresh allotment giving effect from time to time."

Resolved that the action of the Vice-Chancellor be ratified.

(Ad.E)

Item No. 324.19: Leave without allowances to join husband abroad-Consideration of

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Staff & Establishment, the

request from Smt. Padmini P., Assistant Grade I Administrativ office for leave without allowances for a period of one year w.e.f 1-4-1993 for enabling her to join her husband working abroad.

Resolved that Smt Padmini P. be granted leave without allowances for a period of one year w.e.f 1-4-1993 subject to the Rules governing grant of such leave.

(Ad.A)

Item No. 324.20: Dr Babu T. Jose, Professor & Head, School of Engineering appointed as Honorary Head of the Nodel Centre of National Technical manpower Information system established in the University Reporting of-Reg

The Syndicate noted the action of the Vice-Chancellor In having appointed Dr Babu T Jose, Head, School of Engineering as the Honorary Head of the Nodel Centre in place of Prof. N. Ranguathan and given him additional charge of the Project Officer of the Centre during the period of absence of Shri T. R. Premnath.

Resolved that the action of the Vice Chancellor be rectified.

(Ad.D)

Item No. 324.21: Appointment of Smt. Valsamma Paul as Lecturer in Jurisprudence/Criminal Law in the University - Writ Appeals, 187 and 416 of 1992 - Orders of the Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala dated 15.2.1992 - Engaging Advocate on record to move the Supreme Court-Reg

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committees on Staff & Establishment and Finance & Purchase, the Judgement in writ appeal Nos. 187 and 416 of 1992 filed by Smt. Valsamma Paul wherein the University was directed to move the Supreme

Court of India to vacate or clarifying the order of general stay passed in Civil Appeal No 2850 of 1981.

Resolved that the Legal Advisor of the University be requested to submit before the Hon'ble High Court at the time of consideration of the C.M.P. on 17.3.1993 that the University may not be forced to move the Supreme Court.

Dr. Leelakrishnan kept away from the meeting when the item was taken up for consideration. (Ad D/GA &EI.)

Item No. 324 22 : Amendment to Statutes relating to salary and other conditions of service of the Pro - Vice- Chancellor - Reg.

Resolved that the action taken in the matter be noted. (Ad. D)

Item No. 324.23 : M. Tech. in Computer Science - Rules Relaxation to SC/ST

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the proposal for evolving a uniform pattern of rules of eligibility for admission to the M. Tech Courses conducted the University.

Resolved that the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic Matters be requested to examine this Matter in detail.

(UGC (S) Cell for SC/ST)

Item No. 324 24.: Special, Casual, Leave - Requests from University teachers for SCL for delivering Guest Lectures engaging classes etc. at other Universities / Colleges - Reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Staff & Establishment

and Academic Matters, the proposal for relaxing provision for the grant of Special Casual Leave to University teachers so as to enable them to avail of the said leave for delivering lectures at UGC/Government sponsored refresher courses, orientation programmes and also to deliver special lectures in Academic Staff colleges of other Universities

Resolved that the University teachers be permitted to avail of special casual leave to deliver lectures at UGC/Government/University sponsored refresher courses, orientation programmes and also to deliver special lectures in academic staff colleges of other Universities.

(Ad.D)

Item No 324 25: Dr. C. K. Rajan, Reader, School of Marine Sciences-Application for LWA under foreign employment scheme-reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Staff & Establishment and Academic Matters, the request from Dr. C. K. Rajan, Reader, School of Marine Sciences for leave without allowances for a period of three years to take up employment as Meteorologist in Soudi Arabia.

Resolved that Dr. C. K. Rajan be granted leave without allowances for a period of three years from the date of avail to take up foreign employment as per the rules governing grant of such leave.

(Ad.D)

Item No 324 26 Ph D thesis entitled "Studies on the Synthesis of Prelog Djerassi Lactone using Baeyer-Villiger Reaction" Sub-mitted by Shri. Sonny Sebastian-Evaluation reports and Minutes of viva voce Examination Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the individual report of the Examiners, together with the consolidated report of the Chairman, and the minutes of the viva

voce examination in respect of the Ph D. thesis sub-mitted by Shri. Sonny Sebastian, full time research student who worked under the guidance of Prof Paul A. Vatakencherry (Retd.), Department of Applied Chemistry of the University.

Resolved that Shri. Sonny Sebastian be declared eligible for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the Faculty of Science for his thesis "Studies on the Synthesis of Prelog Djerassi Lactone using Baeyer-Villiger Reaction".

(Exam A)

Item No. 324 27: Ph.D. thesis entitled "Growth and Characterisation of Te-Se System and Some Tellurides" submitted by Smt. Kunjomana A. G. Evaluation reports and Minutes of viva voce examination-Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the individual report of the Examiners, together with the consolidated report of the Chairman, Board of Examiners and the minutes of viva voce examination in respect of the Ph.D. thesis submitted by Smt. Kunjomana A. G. full-time research student who worked under the guidance of Dr. Elizenath Mathaj, Reader, Department of Physics.

Resolved that Smt. Kunjomana A. G be declared eligible for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the Faculty of Science for her thesis "GROWTH AND CHARACTERISATION OF TE-SE SYSTEM AND SOME TELLURIDES."

(Exam.A)

Item No. 324 28: Visit of researchers in the University to Inter University Centres for doing research, attending workshop etc. Duty leave-Reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Staff and Establishment and Academic Matters, the request from the University Grants Commission for issuing standing instructions to treat the

University teachers as 'on duty' while they go to any of the following Inter University Centres for either doing research or for attending advanced workshop/School:

1. Nuclear Science Centre, New Delhi,
2. Inter University Centre for Astronomy Astrophysics, Pune
3. Inter University Consortium, Indore,
4. Crystal Growth Centre, Madras,
5. MST Radar, Tirupati.

Resolved that University teachers, when they go to any of the above Inter University Centres for either doing research or for attending advanced workshop/School/Seminar, be treated as 'on duty'.

(Ad. D)

Item No. 324.29: Installation of EPABX system in the School of Marine Sciences - Proposal for consideration.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Finance & Purchase, the proposal for installing EPABX system for the Departments at the Lakeside campus at a total cost of Rs. 2,99,077/- from M/s Crompton Greaves Ltd,

Resolved that EPABX system supplied by M/s Crompton Greaves Limited be installed at the Lakeside campus for the use of the three Departments in that campus at a cost of Rs 2,99,077/-

(GA & LA)

Item No. 324.30: Construction of a Seminar Complex at the University campus - Minutes of the works Committee held on 26-2-1993.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on works, the Memorandum of Understanding prepared at the joint meeting of the works

Committee along with the representatives of the Kerala State Nirmithi Kendra held on 26.2-1993:

Resolved that the following members of the Syndicate be requested to visit one or two low cost constructions completed by the Nirmithi Kendra:

1. Shri K. R Prasad
2. Shri M. P. M. Ishaque Kurikkal
3. Shri Johnson P. John
4. Shri P. Subramonia Iyer
5. Prof M. P. Nair, and
6. the Pro-Vice-Chancellor

Resolved further that to authorise this committee to examine the statement of schedule of work and the flow of fund requirements to be included in the Memorandum of Understanding and if the committee feels satisfied the Memorandum of Understanding with the Kerala State Nirmithi Kendra be signed so that funds could be got released from the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India in March 1993.

(PLA)

The meeting came to a close at 2.00 p. m.,

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