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COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

MINUTES OF THE 383rd MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE  
HELD ON 7--6--1997

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Place of meeting : Administrative Buildings  
Kochi-22.

Time : 11 a.m.

Members present

1. Dr. K. Babu Joseph  
Vice-Chancellor. (in the Chair)
2. Sri. V.J. Pappoo  
Pro-Vice-Chancellor.
3. Sri. K.K. Gopalakrishnan
4. Dr. P. Leelakrishnan
5. Sri. T.A. Ahmed Kabir
6. Sri. M.A. Thomas, M.L.A.
7. Dr. K.G. Nair
8. Dr. A. Mohandas
9. Dr. M. Shahul Hameed
10. Dr. M.P. Chandrasekharan

Also present: Dr. K.G. Balakrishnan, Registrar.

When the meeting was called to order some members pointed out that they received the agenda items and the draft minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 2-6-1997 only on the date of the meeting. Under the circumstances they requested that the confirmation of the minutes of the last Syndicate be taken up in the next meeting, and the item related to Senate questions along with very important items if any, only be taken up in this meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor agreed to the request and took up the following items.

Item No.383.04: Senate meeting scheduled on 16-6-1997 - Questions asked by the members of the Senate and answers thereto by the Syndicate - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered the draft answers to the questions to be answered on the floor of the Senate scheduled for 16-6-1997 and the proposal for assigning questions among the members of the Syndicate for answering supplementaries.

Resolved that the answers to the questions asked by the members of the Senate be answered on the floor of the House.

The questions and answers were allotted to the members.

(Conference)

Item No.383.04; Ex.I

The Syndicate had constituted a sub-Committee consisting of Dr. K.G. Nair as Convener, and Shri. T.A. Ahmed Kabir, Shri. P.N. Prasannakumar and Dr. K.C. Joseph MLA, as members to study the problems of the MCA students and to bring a report to the next meeting of the Syndicate. The committee had discussion with Heads of Departments under the Faculty of Technology and student representatives.

The report of the sub-Committee was considered by the Syndicate. Detailed discussions were held on each point and with sufficient modifications the Syndicate resolved to approve the minutes and implement recommendations of the sub-Committee. The recommendations made by the committee as modified are as follows:

1. The auditorium of the Department of Computer Science be made available to Department of Computer Applications as regular class room. Course seminars may be organised in the auditorium of Department of Electronics on mutual arrangement.

2. The building being constructed for MCA (over Engineering Sciences Block III) be allocated to the Department of Computer Applications. However, for the requirement of the under graduate programmes two rooms be made available on a provisional basis.

3. Sufficient number of Guest Faculty be appointed to handle classes for the entire course syllabi of a paper or in parts. Remuneration including TA/DA be fixed for the entire lecture courses, considering the experience/expertise of the faculty not exceeding Rs.15,000/-.

4. Library facilities are to be augmented urgently. All Heads of Departments in the Faculty of Technology have agreed to a proposal to have a common library for the Faculty of Technology. Urgent steps be adopted to construct a block for this purpose. As an immediate step, a Library Assistant be appointed in the Computer Science Department and the library facilities be extended to all students under the School of Computer Science Studies. All books of the Departments under the School be transferred to this library.

5. The Director of School of Computer Science Studies be instructed to adopt a work plan so that the facilities available in the Computer Centre and laboratories be properly shared and used by faculty and students of all Departments under the School. A definite work plan including time sharing and extended time in this regard be worked out by Heads of Departments of Computer Science and Computer Applications.

Item No.383.04 : Ex.2

It is reported that there were some problems with regard to the award of sessional marks for the students of LL.B. Course conducted by the School of Legal Studies. The Syndicate decided to go into the details of the method of

awarding sessional marks in the LL.B. course and to suggest a concrete proposal for the award of sessional marks in a unified manner in all the courses run by the University.

Resolved that a committee consisting of Sri. T.A. Ahmed Kabir as Convener, and Dr. P. Leelakrishnan and Sri. K.K. Gopalakrishnan as members be constituted for this purpose, and the first meeting of the above committee shall be held at 10 a.m. on 9-6-1997.

Item No.383.46: Purchase of laboratory furniture for the multi-storeyed building of the School of Marine Sciences - Reg.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Finance and Purchase, the request of the Director, School of Marine Sciences for sanctioning the purchase of laboratory furniture for the multi-storeyed building for the School as per detail appended at a total cost of Rs.29,73,107/- excluding taxes, loading and unloading charges, transportation charges, etc. from Forest Industries Travancore Limited, Aluva.

Resolved that the proposal be approved subject to the assessment report of the University Engineer on the actual requirement of furniture department-wise, debiting the expenditure from "Major Head 97 - O.T. Works (Expenditure) 1. Departments (Plan)".

Further resolved that a sum of Rs.15,00,000/- be advanced to the Director, School of Marine Sciences for effecting the purchase.

(Ad.C)

Item No.383.48 : Ph.D. thesis entitled "Biochemical and Biotechnological Studies on the Cyano Bacterium Synechosystis Salina Wislouch" submitted by Sri. Francis, M.S. - Evaluation reports and minutes of viva-voce examination - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered 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 Sri. Francis, M.S., Part-time Research Scholar, School of Marine Sciences, Cochin University of Science and Technology who worked under the guidance of Dr. Jacob Philip.

Resolved that Sri. Francis, M.S. be declared eligible for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the Faculty of Marine Sciences for his thesis "Biochemical and Biotechnological Studies on the Cyano Bacterium Synechosystis Salina Wislouch".

(Exam.)

Item No.383.49: Ph.D. thesis entitled "Biodegradation of Phenolic Compounds in different Ecosystems in Cochin" submitted by Smt. Imelda Joseph - Evaluation reports and minutes of viva-voce examination - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered 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 Smt. Imelda Joseph, Full-time Research Scholar, Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi-14 who worked under the guidance of Dr. V. Chandrika.

Resolved that Smt. Imelda Joseph be declared eligible for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the Faculty of Marine Sciences for her thesis "Biodegradation of Phenolic Compounds in Different Eco-systems in Cochin".

(Exam.)

Item No.383.51 : Electrification of 3rd and 4th floor of multi-storeyed building at Lakeside campus.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Works, the proposal of the University Engineer to award the work of electrification of 3rd and 4th floor of multi-storeyed building at Lakeside campus to M/s. Electroskill, Paliparambil, Ambalamugal, Kochi-682 302 at their quoted rate which is 1% below PAC of Rs.7,74,720/-, the total expenditure being Rs.7,66,973/-

Resolved that the proposal of the University Engineer be approved.

(PLA)

Item No.383.52: Ph.D. thesis entitled "Studies on Benthic Microalgae in Cochin Estuary" submitted by Sri. Sivadasan, K.K. - Evaluation reports and minutes of viva-voce examination - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered 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 Sri. Sivadasan, K.K., Full-time Research Scholar, School of Marine Sciences, Cochin University of Science and Technology who worked under the guidance of Dr. K.J. Joseph.

Resolved that Sri. Sivadasan, K.K. be declared eligible for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the Faculty of Marine Sciences for his thesis "Studies on Benthic Microalgae in Cochin Estuary".

(Exam.)

All other items of the agenda were deferred for consideration in the meeting of the Syndicate scheduled on 21-6-1997.

The meeting came to an end at 1.00 p.m.

Kochi-22, )  
12-6-1997. )

Sd/-  
REGISTRAR