

CONFIRMED**COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY****MINUTES OF THE 476th MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD ON 24.8.2004**

Place of meeting : Administrative Buildings
Kochi - 682 022

Time : 10.30 a.m.

Members present:

1. Dr. Cyriac Thomas (in the Chair)
Vice-Chancellor
2. Sri K.A. Zakkariya
3. Sri Lopus Mathew
4. Prof. B. Suseelan
5. Dr. K.T. Damodaran
6. Dr. K.G. Balakrishnan
7. Sri V.K. Ebrahimkunju, MLA
8. Sri Ezhukone Narayanan, MLA
9. Sri E.M. Najeeb
10. Sri K. Mohammed Ali, MLA
11. Dr.K.N. Chandrasekhara Pillai.

Also Present:

Registrar

Item No.476.01 Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate (475th) held on 4.8.2004.

The Syndicate considered the draft minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate (475th) held on 4.8.2004, and approved the same with the following emendations:

- 1) In item No. 475.01 – Confirmation of the minutes of the Syndicate (474th) held on 17.7.2004 – against Sl. No. (4) the resolution be modified as follows:-

“In item No. 474.90, the decisions taken on the implementation of computerized pay roll system be referred to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance and Purchase

Item No.476.06 Proposal for establishing the Prigogine Centre for Complexity Studies – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic matters, the proposal submitted by Dr. V.P.N. Nampoore, International School of Photonics for establishing the Prigogine Centre for Complexity Studies, at the International School of Photonics, in the light of the observations furnished by the Departmental Council of the International School of Photonics.

Resolved that the Prigogine Centre for Complexity Studies be established at the International School of Photonics without any financial commitment on the part of the University.

(Pl.UGC)

Item No.476.07 Audit report for the year 2000-01 issued by local fund audit – Consideration of – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase, the Audit Report for the year 2000-2001 issued by the Local Fund Audit.

Resolved that the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance and Purchase study the audit report in detail and submit their recommendations, keeping in view the fact that a large number of paras are still outstanding which need to be expeditiously settled.

(IA&A)

Item No.476.08 CUCEK – Infrastructure facilities – Representation from Kuttanad Engineering College Samrakshana Samithi forwarded by the Department of Higher Education (B) – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered the representation from Kuttanad Engineering College Samrakshana Samithi, and forwarded by the Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, requesting to take initiative to start the construction of main block of Cochin University College of Engineering Pulinkunnu immediately.

Resolved that the Syndicate committee constituted vide minutes item No.472.98, while considering the request of the University Engineer to accept the modified estimate for construction of main block (Phase I) for CUCEK, to make an on the spot study in the matter, be expedited. Also resolved that the PWD Superintending Engineer, Aluva to be included when visiting the site.

(Pl.A)

Item No.476.09 was deferred for consideration.

Item No.476.10 Presentation of research project proposals – Enhancement of limit of TA from I Class to II A/C train fare – Consideration – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Finance and Purchase, the request of some teachers to sanction II A/C fare towards T.A. for presentation of research projects/schemes at various funding agencies, from University funds.

Resolved that the teachers deputed for presentation of research projects/schemes at various funding agencies be eligible for reimbursement of II A/C fare towards Travelling Allowance.

(Pl.B)

Item No.476.11 Establishment – Kerala State Training Policy – Implementation in the University.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase and Staff and Establishment, the Government Order No. G.O.(P) No.1/04/P&ARD dated 1.1.2004 relating to the implementation of Kerala State Training Policy under the MGP initiative which envisages transformation of the employees in Government Departments, Agencies and organisations into fully develop, duty conscious, development oriented, well behaved, competent and motivated members of work teams who are committed the promotion of public welfare.

Resolved that the above Government order be adopted for implementation in the University, and a detailed plan of action to impart training to all categories of University staff may be submitted by the Administration to the Syndicate for consideration.

(Ad.A)

Item No.476.12 Establishment – Request for promotion from the Plumbers – Authorisation made by the Syndicate – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered, along with recommendation of the standing committee on Staff and Establishment, the matter of changing the authorization made by the Syndicate in its meeting held on 17.1.2004, to study and report on the request of Plumbers for promotion, consequent to the ceasing of membership of Dr. A. Mohandas.

Resolved that further action to be taken on the basis of the recommendation of the Sub Committee. The Vice Chancellor is authorised to implement the recommendation of the Committee.

(Ad.A)

Item Nos. 476.13 to 476.15 were deferred for consideration.

Item No.476.16 Revised course structure – Approval of and fixing the date of effect – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the matter of approving the revised course structure of M.Tech Polymer Technology (Full time and Part time) and fixing the date of effect of the same.

Resolved that the revised course structure of M.Tech Polymer Technology (Full time and Part Time) approved by the meeting of the Academic Council held on 17.9.2003 be approved, and the same be made effective from 2002-2003 batch.

Item No. 476.17 was deferred for consideration.

Item No.476.18 Vertical extension to Administrative building – Electrification – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase and Works, the proposal of the University Engineer to entrust the work of Electrification of the vertical extension to Administrative Building at 5% above the estimate rate to Sri Ajayakumar K, Kuttapparambil House, Azad Road, Kaloore, Kochi-17.

Resolved that the proposal of the University Engineer to entrust the work of Electrification of the vertical extension to Administrative Building at 5% above the estimate rate to Sri Ajayakumar K, Kuttapparambil House, Azad Road, Kaloore, Kochi-17, be approved, the accepted P.A.C. being Rs. 3, 94,052/-.

Further resolved that the expenditure in this connection be met from the Head of Account 1-97-0-T-Works-4-Others-613 provided in the current year's budget of the University.

(Pl.A)

Item No. 476.19 was deferred for consideration.

Item No.476.20 Proposal for installing water meter in the quarters in Thrikkakara campus – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase, and Works, the proposal of the University Engineer for installing water meters in the quarters in Thrikkakara campus. In view of the present water scarcity in the campus and also the charges levied by the Kerala Water Authority.

Resolved that the Vice Chancellor be authorised to constitute a sub Committee to study the feasibility of either installing the water meter in the quarters in Thrikkakara campus or effect an increase in the water charges, and submit its recommendations to the Syndicate.

(Pl.A)

Item No.476.21 Annual maintenance to University Buildings in Thrikkakara Campus – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase, the proposal of the University Engineer to award the work of Annual Maintenance to University Buildings in Trikkakara Campus to Sri T.C. Kurian, Cherukuzhyil House, Perumpilly P.O at his quoted rate of 32.5 % above estimate rate, less cost of Departmental materials.

Resolved that the proposal of the University Engineer to award the work of Annual Maintenance to University Buildings in Trikkakara Campus to Sri T C. Kurian, Cherukuzhyil House, Perumpilly P.O at his quoted rate of 32.5 % above estimate rate less cost of Departmental materials, the total expenditure including tender excess and cost of departmental materials, being Rs.17,38,381/- be approved.

(PLA)

Item Nos. 476.22 to 476.24 were deferred for consideration.

Item No.476.25 Scheme of External Improvement – Proposals – Consideration of – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters the detailed scheme for external improvement for the B.Tech Engineering programmes of the University.

Resolved that the scheme of external improvement for B.Tech Engineering programmes be approved and the same be added as clause No.10 to the B.Tech Engineering Regulations 2003 with regard to the Scheme of External Improvement.

(Exam)

Item No.476.26 Kerala Education Grid Project – Extension of period of validity of memorandum of understanding (MOU) – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Academic matters and Finance and purchase, the proposal for extension of the period of validity of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) existing between Kerala Education Grid and the Cochin University of Science and Technology (as in appendix - II) for two years up to 20th November 2004.

Resolved that the period of validity of the Memorandum of Understanding existing between Kerala Education Grid and the Cochin University of Science and Technology (as in *Appendix - II*) be extended for a period of two years up to 20th November 2005.

Further resolved that a report on the progress of activities thus far carried out be prepared by the CUSAT Project Supervisor and submitted to the Syndicate.

(PLB)

Item Nos. 476.27 and 476.28 were deferred for consideration.

Item No.476.29 Reply to Memo of charges in respect of Sri Sherry Kunju – Deck Officer for appropriate future action – Consideration of – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Staff and Establishment the reply furnished by Sri Sherry Kunju C.M, Deck Officer (Retd.) to the Memo of charges issued to him as a part of disciplinary proceedings initiated against him for proceeding on L.W.A. without handing over charge of the post to the Director, School of Marine Sciences and also for unauthorised absence from duty.

Resolved that the period of unauthorised absence of Mr. Sherry Kunju C.M. Deck Officer, (Retired) be treated as L.W.A. and the eligible pensionary benefits be released to him.

(Ad.A)

Item No.476.30 Levying of Additional fee for the urgent issue of Degree Certificate – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Academic Matters, and Finance and Purchase the proposal for introduction of fast-track scheme for issue of degree certificate after levying a fee.

Resolved that the proposal be declined.

(Ac.A)

Item No.476.31 Appointment of Information Scientist in the University in the pre-revised scale – Request for revision of scale of pay – Consideration of – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Finance and Purchase, the request from Smt. Liny Varghese, Information Scientist, University Library to grant her the revised scale of pay of Rs. 8000-13500 which is the corresponding scale of the pre-revised scale Rs.2200-4000.

Resolved that a confirmation be furnished to the Syndicate that the person appointed as Information Scientist in the University possesses the requisite qualifications as prescribed by the University for the post.

Further resolved that the UGC stipulations on qualifications for the post of Information Scientist and the notification issued by the University for this post, also be placed before the Syndicate.

(Ad.A)

Item No.476.32 Promotions under the Career Advancement Scheme of AICTE – Clarifications in reckoning of previous service – Review of previous cases.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees of the Syndicate on Finance and Purchase and Staff and Establishment, the issue of reckoning previous service for purpose of career advancement under the AICTE scheme.

Resolved that a committee consisting of Sri K.A. Zakkariya (Convener), Dr.A.Aravindakshan, Dr. K.T. Damodaran and Prof. B. Suseelan be constituted to examine this matter in detail and make recommendations. The committee is also to examine all similar issues."

Item No.476.33 "CONSPI"- A New Technical Institution (MBA) – CUSAT Recognition – Request – Consideration of – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the request of CONSPI Academy of Management Studies, Nemon, Thiruvananthapuram for recognition of their institution by the University for the conduct of MBA programme.

Resolved that the Vice-Chancellor be authorised to constitute an inspection committee to visit the institution to assess the facilities of the Institution for considering their request for recognition by the University for the conduct of the MBA programme.

Ac.C

Item No.476.34 School of Industrial Fisheries – Establishing "Centre for Aquaculture Sustainability and Biodiversity conservation" – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters the proposal forwarded by the Director, School of Industrial Fisheries for establishing a Centre for Aquaculture Sustainability and Biodiversity conservation submitted by Sri B. Madhusoodana Kurup, Professor, School of Industrial Fisheries.

Resolved that a detailed report regarding the financial commitment for the proposed project be called for and also the details regarding the existing project under the School of Industrial Fisheries be submitted for consideration of the Syndicate.

(Pl.A)

Item No.476.35 Recognition as Research Guide under the Faculties of Technology, Science and Environmental Studies – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Academic Matters, the request of Dr. T.K. Dhamodaran, Scientist, Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi for recognition as Research Guide under the Faculties of Technology, Science and Environmental Studies of the University.

Resolved that Dr. T.K. Dhamodran, Scientist, Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi be recognized as a Research Guide of this University under the Faculty of Science.

Further resolved that a verification be made whether the Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi has got recognition with any other University.

(Ac.B)

Item No.476.36 Correction in item No. 466.04 in the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 7.11.2003 (regarding the granting of Ph.D. Registration to Sri Sajeev V.P) – Consideration of – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the matter of effecting a correction in minutes of item No. 466.04 of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 7.11.2003 regarding the granting of Ph.D Registration to Sri Sajeev V.P.

Resolved that the resolution under minutes item No. 466.04 of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 7.11.2003 regarding the granting of Ph.D. Registration to Sri Sajeev V.P. be corrected as "the decision of the Standing Committee be implemented"

(Ac.B)

Item No.476.37 Set up of the Directorate of Publications and Public Relations – Creation of essential posts – Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Finance and Purchase, the issue of setting up of a Directorate of Publications and Public Relations.

Resolved that a committee be constituted with Dr. K.N. Chandrasekharan Pillai as Convener and Dr. K.T. Damodaran and Sri E.M. Najeeb as members to study the issue and make recommendations.

Item No. 476.38 was deferred for consideration.

Item No.476.39 Proposal for creation of a Centre for Techno Strategic Studies (CTESS) at CUSAT – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the proposal for creation of a Centre for Techno Strategic Studies (CTESS) at CUSAT.

Resolved that –

- a) A building with area of 1500 sq.ft. with basic amenities be provided in the Thrikkakara campus by CUSAT. Office automation and other required facilities be provided by the Navy.
- b) The office staff of the Centre comprise the following members:

- (1) One Officer and an Assistant from Navy.
- (2) A Sweeper and a Peon to be engaged on daily wages basis. Payment of casual employees will be met by the Navy.
- (3) The Centre is proposed to start functioning before the end of the current financial year.

c) Advisory Committee be formed with –

- (1) The Pro Vice Chancellor (Chairman)
- (2) The Registrar, CUSAT.
- (3) The Director, Centre for Techno Strategic Studies will act as the Convener of the Advisory Committee.
- (4) The Dean, Faculty of Technology.
- (5) The Dean, Faculty of Marine Sciences
- (6) The Dean, Faculty of Engineering
- (7) The Controller of Examinations
- (8) The Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic Matters
- (9) The Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examination Matters
- (10) Head of the School or his representative of the various Schools of Southern Naval Command recognised by CUSAT.

- d) The first meeting of the Advisory Committee be convened as early as possible, preferably during September 2004 itself.

Item No.476.40 Kerala Law School – University Recognition – Application and Inspection Committee Report – Consideration of – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters the request from the Chief Executive Trustee, K.M.M. Educational Trust, Ernakulam seeking recognition from the University for their newly proposed Law Institute entitled "Kerala Law School", an autonomous self financing educational institutional functioning under the Trust for offering LLB courses, in the light of the report of the inspection committee which visited the institution to assess the facilities available.

Resolved that recognition be granted to Kerala Law School, Ernakulam functioning under the K.M.M. Educational and Charitable Trust for the conduct of the 5 year Integrated LL.B. course for the academic year 2004-05, subject to the fulfillment of the conditions stipulated by the Inspection Committee in its report, and approval of the Government of Kerala and Bar Council of India.

Item No.476.41 deferred for consideration

(Ac.C)

Item No.476.42 Protection of increments and service benefits during LWA – Dr. S. Jayalakshmi, Reader, Dept of Physics – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Academic matters, Finance and Purchase and Staff and Establishment the request of Dr. S. Jayalakshmi, Reader Department of Physics for protection of increment during the period of LWA from 5.6.2002 to 2.6.2003 availed by her.

Resolved that the request be declined.

(Ad.F.)

Item No.476.43 Unauthorised absence of Sri Rasheed K. Mohammed, Lecturer in Electronics & Communication Engineering, SOE – Reply to the notice on Penalty – Consideration of – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Staff and Establishment the matter of imposing disciplinary action against Sri Rasheed K. Mohammed, Lecturer in Electronics and Communication Engineering, School of Engineering.

Resolved that the services of Sri Rasheed K. Mohammed, Lecturer in Electronics and Communication Engineering, School of Engineering be terminated with effect from the date from which he is unauthorisedly absent from University.

(Ad.F)

Item No.476.44 Annual Recognition fee payable by the Engineering/Medical Colleges under CAPE Waiver requested – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase and Academic matters, the request from the Director, Co-operative Academy of Professional Education to waive the condition of payment of the Annual Recognition Fee of Rs. 5 lakhs by the Engineering/Medical Colleges under their management since CAPE is a Government sponsored institution.

Resolved that the request be declined.

(Ac.C)

Item No.476.45 Dr. Jacob Zachariah, Lecturer on unauthorized absence – Report of the Commission of Enquiry – Placing of – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase and Staff and Establishment, the report submitted by Dr. Jose T. Manjooran who enquired into the unauthorised absence of Dr. Jacob Zachariah, Lecturer, Department of Mathematics along with the letter from the Standing Counsel of the University for taking appropriate decision as to whether to terminate the services of Dr. Jacob Zachariah as lecturer in the Department of Mathematics with effect from 1.4.1989 FN after recovering the bonded amount of Rs.35,000/- without charging interest to that amount from the date of its default i.e., on 2.4.1991, as advised by the Standing Counsel.

Resolved that –

i) the resignation of Dr. Jacob Zachariah from the post of Lecturer, Department of Mathematics be accepted and his services dispensed with, w.e.f. 2.4.1991 after recovery of the bond amount of Rs.35,000/- from him, without charging interest as advised by the Standing Counsel.

ii) Appropriate amendments be effected in the wording of the agreement executed for the purpose in order to safeguard the interest of the University as advised by the Standing counsel and the amended version be placed before the Syndicate.

(Ad.D)

Item No.476.46 Recognition of Degrees/Diplomas obtained through Distance Education/Correspondence mode – Fixing of modalities/procedures - Academic Council Resolution – Approval of – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Academic matters, the two resolutions passed by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 14.4.2004 vide item No. 3, relating to recognition of Degrees/Diplomas obtained through Distance Education/Correspondence mode and the matter of fixing of modalities/procedures in this regard.

Resolved that, among the above two resolutions passed by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 17.4.2004 vide item No. 3, only the following one be approved.

1. Degrees/Diplomas awarded through the Distance/Correspondence mode by Statutory/Deemed Universities recognised by AIU/UGC and for which we have corresponding degrees also may be granted general recognition on a reciprocal basis if the entrance qualification, duration of the course and general standard of attainment of degree are similar to those prescribed by our University as certified by the Chairman, Board of Studies concerned and the Dean of the Faculty concerned.

(Ac.C)

Item No.476.47 Establishment – Library Staff – Smt. Baby Valsala, Assistant Librarian – Audit Objection on the grant of higher grade – Direction from the Government to rectify the “irregularity” – Consideration of – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase and Staff and Establishment, the objection raised by the Deputy Director of Local Fund Audit in the matter of granting of Higher Grade to Smt. Baby Valsala, Junior Librarian, later promoted as Assistant Librarian and the direction from the Government to rectify this irregularity.

Resolved that the irregularity pointed out by the Dy. Director Local Fund Audit in the matter of granting Higher Grade to Smt. Baby Valsala, Junior Librarian be rectified and the action taken be reported to State Government.

(Ad.A)

Item No.476.48 Construction of Sub Station in CUCEK Campus – Estimate Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Works and Finance and Purchase, the estimate amounting to Rs.27 lakhs (Rupees Twenty seven lakhs only) submitted by the Architects and forwarded by the University Engineer for the construction of a Sub Station in CUCEK, Pulinkunnu.

Resolved that the estimate amounting to Rs.27 lakhs (Rupees Twenty seven lakhs only) submitted by the Architects, and forwarded by the University Engineer for the construction of a Sub Station in CUCEK, Pulinkunnu, be approved.

Further resolved that the expenditure in this connection be met from the Head of Account “2-94-2-CBS-CUCEK-T-Work-381-Construction of Sub Station”.

Item No.476.49 Professor C.C. Ouseph Memmorial Endowment – Request for Refund of the Corpus along with interest –Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase of Academic Matters, the request of Dr. M.J. Anto, who contributed the corpus amount of Rs.4,73,039/- towards institution of Prof. C.C. Ouseph Memorial Endowment in the University, to refund the corpus and accrued interest on the amount till date to him.

Resolved that the corpus amount of Rs.4,73,039/- along with interest accrued till date and not disbursed as prize, be refunded to Dr. M.J. Anto after recovering 10% of the interest element towards administrative charges incurred by the University.

(Ac.B.)

Item No.476.50 Electrification to the extended portion of School of Legal Studies – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase and Works, the request of the University Engineer to sanction the estimate amounting to Rs. 3,02,500/- for the work of electrification to the extended portion of the School of Legal Studies prepared based on the 1996 schedule of rates.

Resolved that, the request of the University Engineer to sanction the estimate amounting to Rs. 3,02,500/- for the work of electrification to the extended portion of the School of Legal Studies prepared based on the 1996 schedule of rates, be approved.

Further resolved that the expenditure in this connection be met from the Head of Account “1-97-0-T-1-023” provided in the current years budget.

(PLA)

Item No. 476.51 was deferred for consideration.

Item No.476.52 New panel of Architects approved by Syndicate – Willingness of the Architects – Reporting – Regarding.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Works the matter of reviewing the earlier decision taken by the Syndicate vide minutes item No. 463.26 and 473.42 relating to the approval of new panel of Architects on the basis of the response of Architects and for framing terms and conditions of works.

Resolved that the earlier decisions taken by the Syndicate vide item No. 463.26 and 473.42 need not be reviewed. However the delay happened be explained by the concerned officer.

(PLA)

Item No.476.53 University Teacher – UGC Career Advancement –Dr. K.T. Mathew, Department of Electronics – request for promotion as Professor – recommendation of the Selection committee- judgement of the High Court of Kerala – Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered the request of Dr. K.T. Mathew, Professor, Department of Electronics for promotion as Professor under the Career Advancement Scheme of the UGC, in the light of the judgement of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala on the WP (C) No. 38758 of 2003 (L) filed by him.

Resolved that Dr. K.T. Mathew be promoted as Professor under the UGC Career Advancement Scheme w.e.f. 1.1.1996, and this decision be informed to the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala and the UGC

(Ad.D)

Item No. 476.54 was deferred for consideration.

Item No.476.55 Approval of B.Tech. Marine Engineering- Proposal—Regarding.

The Syndicate considered the proposal submitted by the School of Engineering so as to facilitate the approval by the Director General of Shipping for the B.Tech. Marine Engineering programme conducted by the School of Engineering.

Resolved that the proposals, as a whole, be approved in principle and the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance and Purchase may make its recommendations after a detailed study of the proposal.

Item Outside the Agenda

1. The Syndicate considered the report of the Inspection Committee which visited the Sarabhai Institute of Science and Technology, Vellanad, Thiruvananthapuram to assess the facilities of the College for considering the request for recognition of the College for the conduct of certain B.Tech. programmes for the academic year 2004-05.

Resolved that the Sarabhai Institute of Science and Technology, Vellanad, Thiruvananthapuram be granted provisional recognition for the academic year 2004-05 for the conduct of B.Tech. programmes as requested in their application subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated by the Inspection Committee in its report.

2. The Syndicate considered the proposal for holding a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic Matters, for considering the pending applications seeking registration for Ph.D in various Departments of the University in the context that some of the teachers who have applied on FIP scheme for research have requested for speedy approval of their registrations for Ph.D.

Resolved that a special meeting of the Standing Committee on Academic matters be scheduled on 1st September 2004 to consider all pending cases of Ph.D. registrations from various departments of the University, and submit its recommendations for the VC's approval.

3. The Syndicate considered a request from Sri K.P. Asokan, driver in the VC's office to grant him the scale of pay of heavy vehicle driver.

Resolved that Sri K.P. Asokan be posted as Driver of Vice-Chancellor's official vehicle in the scale of pay applicable to the light vehicle driver of the University with all permissible allowances and other benefits, for a period of one year from the date of his joining as Driver on other duty.

4. The Syndicate considered, the names of candidates unanimously listed by the committee constituted for short listing the applicants for the post of Registrar and the matter of submitting a panel of two candidates to the Government for appointment to the post of Registrar..

Resolved that the recommendations made by the committee be approved and the following names be forwarded to Government with request to appoint a person from the panel.

- 1) Dr. A. Ramachandran
Controller of Examinations
Cochin University of Science and Technology
Kochi 682022
- 2) Dr. Keshav Mohan
Principal
IHRD College of Applied Sciences
Adoor

Prof. B. Suseelan dissented.

5. The Syndicate considered a request from the Kerala Institute of Medical Sciences, Anamukham, Anayara P.O., Thiruvananthapuram-29 seeking recognition of the Institute by the University for the conduct of MBA programme in Health Care Administration

Resolved that the Vice-Chancellor be authorised to constitute an Inspection Committee to visit the Institute and make recommendations on the facilities available in the Institute for considering their request for recognition by the University.

6. The Syndicate considered a request from the Kerala Institute of Tourism and Travel Studies, Thycaud, Thiruvananthapuram-14 seeking recognition of the Institute by the University for the conduct of MBA (Tourism) programme run by the Institute.

Resolved that the Vice-Chancellor be authorised to constitute an Inspection Committee to visit the Institute and make recommendations on the facilities available in the Institute for considering their request for recognition by the University.

7. The Syndicate considered a request from the Registrar, Centre for Heritage Studies (CHS), Tripunithura for recognition of the Post Graduate Diploma course in Heritage Tourism Management conducted by CHS by the University, since the students admitted to the programme has already completed the course and has also appeared for the examinations.

Resolved that, considering the special circumstances, recognition be granted by the University for the Post Graduate Diploma course in Heritage Tourism Management conducted by the Centre for Heritage Studies, Tripunithura for the present batch who completed the programme.

8. The Syndicate considered the recommendations made by the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic Matters (which met on 21.8.2004) on the proposal of Dr. B. Madhusoodana Kurup, Professor, School of Industrial Fisheries relating to a joint programme for co-operation in Higher Education with Can Tho University, Vietnam.

Resolved that as recommended by the committee consisting of Dr. K.G. Balakrishnan, Dr. K.T. Damodaran and Dr. A. Arvindakshan who went through the documents supplied by NUFFIC, the proposal be approved and the Vice-Chancellor be authorised to sign the document.

9. The Syndicate considered the recommendations made by the Staff and Establishment Committee on 20.08.2004 regarding the matter of filling up of the post of the Garden maistry and has decided to make the appointment as per the precedence and issue orders accordingly.

The meeting terminated at 1.30 p.m.



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