

UNIVERSITY OF COCHIN

PRELIMINARY MINUTES OF THE 40TH (SPECIAL) MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD ON 20-11-1974 AT 10-30 A.M. TO MEET THE U. G. C. VISITING COMMITTEE.

Place of meeting

University Buildings
Hill Palace
Tripunithura

Members Present

1. Prof. Joseph Mundassery, Vice Chancellor (in the Chair)
2. Dr. C.P. Kuriakose, Pro Vice Chancellor
3. Sri. P.N. Menon
4. Prof. C.T. Benjamin
5. Sri. K. X. John
6. Dr. C.V. Kurian
7. Dr. S. Vasudev
8. Dr. (Mrs.) Molly Thomas

Members of the U. G. C. visiting Committee present:-

1. Sri. I. C. Menon,
Deputy Secretary, U. G. C.
2. Prof. Thirtha
Bangalore University
3. Prof. Rajagopal
Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
4. Prof. Augastialingam
Annamalai University
5. Prof. Deshpande
Nagpur University.

40.01. At the very outset the Vice Chancellor introduced the members of the Syndicate to the U.G.C. visiting Committee.

welcoming the commission, the Vice Chancellor placed the pressing needs of the University before the commission. He pointed out that the expenditure incurred by the University on items sanctioned by the U.G.C. under the fourth five year plan has not been reimbursed so far and that the direction from the U.G.C. to the effect that these are to be charged to the fifth five year plan allocation will be a great handicap for the development of the University. He also pointed out that the University has no other source of income and that unless a substantial amount is given to the University, it would not be possible to implement the plan proposals. He impressed upon the members of the commission the unique features of Cochin University and pleaded for maximum financial aid from the U.G.C.

Dr. Thirtha while stressing the financial difficulties facing the country as a whole and the U.G.C. in particular, stated it should be possible for the U.G.C. to release the grant due for the expenditure incurred on the sanctioned items under the fourth five year plan.

A discussion followed when clarification was sought by the committee on the various Fifth Plan proposals.

(They appreciated the special problems of the University and agreed to use their good offices for getting proper assistance and aid from the U.G.C. for the development of the University).

40.02 with the permission of the Chair, the Pro Vice Chancellor brought before the notice of the Syndicate the necessity for extending the term of the office of the consultant for Ship Technology Course whose term of appointment ended on 17-11-1974. He also pointed out that several items of work remain to be done by way of preliminary arrangements. The Vice Chancellor had extended the term of the office of the consultant for Ship Technology upto 20-11-1974, the day of the Syndicate. The proposal was to extend the term by 3 months.

The Syndicate considered the proposal and resolved as follows.

- a) The action taken by the Vice Chancellor in extending the term of office of the Consultant for Ship Technology upto 20-11-1974 be ratified.

2) The Consultant for Ship Technology be permitted to continue for 3 months from 17-11-1974 on a consolidated honorarium of Rs. 1500/-p.m

Concluding the session, the Vice Chancellor thanked the members of the Visiting Committee and once again requested to help this nascent University with all proper help and guidance.

Dr. Thirtha on behalf of the members of the Committee thanked the University for all the arrangements made for their visit. He also thanked the members of the Syndicate on behalf of the commission.

The session came to a close at 11.30 A.M

Tripunithura,
25-11-1974

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