

# THE KERALA STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> Governing Council held on 9-12-2009 at KSHEC, Trivandrum

The 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Council was held at the office of the Council at Science and Technology Museum Campus on 9-12-2009. **Shri.M. A. Baby**, Hon'ble Minister for Education and Culture presided. The following attended the meeting:

1. Dr. K.N.Panikkar Vice Chairman
2. Dr. A. Jayakrishnan Vice-Chancellor, Kerala University
3. Prof. Rajan Gurukkal Vice Chancellor, M. G. University
4. Smt. Anwar Jahan Zuberi Vice Chancellor, Calicut University
5. Dr. J. Prasad Vice-Chancellor, Sanskrit University
6. Shri.K.Gopalakrishna Bhatt IAS Director of Collegiate Education
7. Dr.Kuncheria P Isaac Director of Technical Education
8. Dr. P. K. Ashokan Member
9. Sri. C. P. Narayanan Member
10. Dr. Fathimathu Zuhara K Member
11. Prof. K. Aravindakshan Member
12. Dr. M. P. Kannan Member
13. Prof. T. A. Ushakumari Member
14. Prof.Thomas Joseph Member Secretary
15. Prof.A.P.Kuttikrishnan Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Kannur University,  
(On behalf of VC, Kannur University)
16. Dr.C.Sudheendra Ghosh Joint Director, Directorate of Medical Education  
(on behalf of DME)
17. Shri.S.Sreevalsan Dy. Secretary, Finance Department  
(on behalf of Pl.Secy, Finance)

The following agenda was transacted by the Council.

### **Agenda Item No. 1 – Opening remarks of the Chairman**

The Chairman welcomed the members to the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Council and took up the agenda items for the consideration of the Council.

## **Agenda Item No. 2 – Minutes of the previous meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12/03/2009, which were confirmed through circulation, was ratified.

## **Agenda Item No. 3 – Action taken report**

Member Secretary reported on action taken on minutes of the previous meeting, as per agenda circulated. Member Secretary also reported the details of the annual plan proposal of Rs.700 lakhs for 2010-11 submitted to the State Planning Board. The Governing Council ratified the action taken on the minutes and on the annual plan proposal.

## **Agenda Item No. 4 – Restructuring Undergraduate Education**

After detailed discussion, the following decisions were taken.

- (1) The Constitution of the committee on examination reforms was approved by including Dr.Jayakrishnan, Vice-Chancellor, Kerala University and Dr.Rajan Varghese Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University as members, in addition to the existing members.
- (2) A committee consisting of the Pro-Vice-Chancellors of Kerala, Mahatma Gandhi, Sanskrit, Calicut and Kannur Universities would be constituted to review the implementation of the restructured curriculum at the undergraduate level and to suggest further changes, if necessary, in the scheme and its implementation in various universities.

## **Agenda Item No. 5 – Restructuring B.Ed Education**

(1) The constitution of the committee for making recommendations on restructuring B.Ed education was approved by authorizing the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman to nominate two more members who are currently engaged in teaching B.Ed students.

(2) It was also decided to hold extensive consultations with the stake holders on the formulation of the recommendations.

## **Agenda Item No. 6 – Restructuring Post Graduate Education**

The constitution of the committee for making recommendations on restructuring P.G. education was approved with the inclusion of Dr. Jemmis E.D, Director, IISER, Trivandrum, in addition to the existing members.

## **Agenda Item No. 7 – Review of University Acts**

(1) The Council approved the constitution of the committee for making recommendations on the review of University Acts by authorizing the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to include two more members representing central universities / IITs / IIMs / similar institutions.

(2) The Council approved the circulated text of the general principles which would form the terms of reference of the committee constituted for making recommendations on the review of University Acts.

## **Agenda Item No. 8 – Cluster of Colleges**

It was decided to further explore the possibility of persuading the aided college managements to co-operate with the scheme of cluster of colleges, with the objective of extending the scheme and making it more inclusive.

## **Agenda Item No. 9 – Higher Education Scholarship Fund**

It was decided to liaison with the State Government to bring in the necessary amendment to the Act of the Council in order to empower the Council to administer the Fund. Further steps will also be taken to seek FCRA registration from the Central Government.

## **Agenda Item No. 10 – Data Bank on Higher Education**

The proposal as per agenda notes was approved with the modification that the monthly remuneration of Programmers would be fixed at Rs.15,000/-, subject to the proviso that the Vice-Chairman would have the discretion to engage programmers at higher rates, depending on qualification and experience.

## **Agenda Item No. 11 – Draft State Policy on Higher Education**

It was decided to request the Universities to submit their responses to the draft policy within the next two months.

### **Agenda Item No.12 - Teacher Exchange Programme**

The proposal to approach the State Councils of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh for the implementation of the Teacher Exchange Programme was approved.

### **Agenda Item No.13 - Research Journal**

The proposal for starting an inter-disciplinary Research Journal in accordance with the concept note was approved and the Vice-Chairman was authorized to constitute an international advisory panel and a national level editorial panel for the journal.

### **Agenda Item No.14 - National Lecture on Higher Education**

The proposal for instituting an annual national lecture on higher education was approved. The honorarium payable to the national level scholar would be Rs.25,000/-. The Vice-Chairman was authorized to fix appropriate honorarium for any international scholar who might be invited to deliver the lecture. The Council would have the right to publish the national lecture on higher education delivered by the invitees.

### **Agenda Item No.15 - Requests of Daily wage / Contract employees**

(1) It was decided to seek the permission of the Government to engage the daily wage employees M/s. Jose Raj. S, Bincy Thomas, Cineesh Kumar K.R., Antin Vinod.H. on contract basis in scales of pay applicable to the posts they hold.

(2) It was decided to seek the permission of the Government to engage Sri. Pradeepkumar. P, working on contract basis as Confidential Assistant Gr.II. on scale of pay applicable to the post he holds.

(3) It was decided to engage Smt. Lathika. K and Smt. Vimala. S Data entry operators on contract basis for a period of one year on the expiry of their current tenure and to enhance their monthly remuneration to Rs.6,000/- with retrospective effect from 1/8/2009.

### **Agenda Item No.16 - Reporting Administrative Action Taken**

Payment of Rs.2,25,800/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Twenty-five thousand eighty hundred only ) as medical reimbursement to the Vice-Chairman was reported.

**Agenda Item No.17 - Additional Item – Audited statement of accounts  
for the year 2008-09**

The audit report and audited statement of accounts for the year 2008-09 was approved by the Governing Council.

The meeting started at 11.30 A.M. and concluded at 2 p.m.

Thiruvananthapuram

11<sup>th</sup> December, 2009

Member Secretary