

Association of Indian Universities

Research Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Research Committee Meeting held at 12.00 Noon on August 23, 2011 at AIU House, New Delhi

Dr. P T Chande, President, AIU &
Vice Chancellor,
Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya,
Nagpur

Prof. Swatantra Kumar,
Vice Chancellor,
Gurukul Kangri Vishwavidyalaya
Haridwar

Prof. M.M. Salunkhe
Vice Chancellor
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Rajasthan

Dr. S. Rama Devi Pani, i/c Research Division, AIU

Dr. Usha Rai Negi, SRA, Research Division, AIU attended the Meeting by Invitation.
Dr. S.N. Puri, Vice Chancellor, Central Agricultural University, Imphal, and Vice President AIU; Prof. A K Pujari, Vice Chancellor, Sambalpur University, Sambalpur; Prof. Jancy James, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Kerala, Kerala and could not attend the Meeting

Dr. P T Chande, President, AIU welcomed the Members of the Committee.

Thereafter, agenda items were taken up for discussion.

- 1. To confirm the Minutes of the Research Committee Meeting held on May 29, 2009 at AIU House, New Delhi.**

Confirmed

- 2. To report the Follow-up/Action Taken on Minutes of the Research Committee Meeting held on May 29, 2009 at AIU House, New Delhi.**

Noted

3. To report change in staff:

- i. Dr Fazlur Rehman joined as Research Fellow/Trainee in December 04, 2009. His tenure was till December 03, 2010. He was given extension from December 10, 2010 to January 31, 2011. The tenure was complete. He has got further extension for six months or completion of the project in hand. He rejoined on Feb 15, 2011. His salary was enhanced from 12000/- to 15000/- from the date of his extension.
- ii. Ms Priyanka Agarwal joined as Research Fellow/Trainee in January 11, 2010. She worked till May 17, 2010 and went on maternity leave and discontinued thereafter.
- iii. Dr Yogita Thakur joined as Research Fellow/Trainee in March 15, 2010. Her tenure is till March 15, 2011. Her tenure has been further extended w. e. f March 17, 2011 for six months or the completion of the project in hand. Her salary was enhanced from 12000/- to 15000/- from the date of hir extension.
- iv. Dr Bijayalaxmi Mishra, Assistant Director joined as Deputy Secretary International Division w.e.f June 2010. Thereafter, she was selected as Deputy Director, DEC,IGNOU. Consequent upon her selection as Deputy Director, DEC, she resigned AIU and joined IGNOU in June 2011.
- v. Dr Amarendra Pani, Assistant Director joined as Deputy Registrar, HNB Gharwal University, Srinagar on lien.
- vi. Consequent upon Dr. Amarendra Pani's joining HNB Gharwal University, Dr. Sistla Rama Devi Pani was given the charge of heading the Research Division

The shortage of manpower was acknowledged by the Research Committee. It was decided that the vacant research posts will be filled soon.

Noted and Conformed

4. To report Anveshan: Student Research Convention

Zonal level competitions held as follows:

North Zone: University of Jammu, Jammu on June 4-5, 2010

West Zone: M S University of Baroda, Vadodra, on June 22-24, 2010

South Zone: University of Calicut, Calicut, on July 7-9, 2010

East Zone: Only one entry was received in East Zone. Therefore, it was merged with South Zone

National Convention: Panjab University, Chandigarh August 11-13, 2010

Noted

5. To report the Seminars/Conferences/ Workshops Organized

- i) National Workshop on Research Methodology in Basic Sciences, November 26-29, 2009, Osmania University, Hyderabad
- ii) National Workshop on IT Applications in Management of University Administration and Examination Reforms in Higher Education, December 27-30, 2009, at IIT, Allahabad
- iii) National Workshop on Financial Management of Institutions of Higher Education from April 16-18, 2010, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

The Committee noted with dismay the combining of IT Workshop, Management Workshop and Seminar on Examination Reforms which in normal course would have been separate.

This combining has defeated the purpose of intended training to the participants. In the light of this the committee resolved that each activity be conducted independently at different institutions for its total impact.

6. To report publication of the following :

- i. Women Development Initiatives taken by Women Studies Centres in Indian Universities
- ii. Foreign Education Providers in Higher Education in India
- iii. Status of Basic Science Research in Institutions of Higher Education (Chemistry)
- iv. Status of Biotechnology in Indian Universities
- v. Comparative Analysis of Operational Aspects of Institutions of Higher Education for Determining Quality Measures

Noted

7. To report about the status of the Projects

A) COMPLETED

- i) Status of Self-financing Courses in Indian Universities (Submitted for publication).
- ii) Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace: An Assessment Impact of Supreme Court Judgment
- iii) International Students in Indian Universities: Trend Analysis from 2004-2009 (Updation of Yearly Database)

- iv) Multi Centric Gender Study (In the first phase the study is being undertaken by Kurukshetra University for the State of Haryana), Draft Report Received.

It was decided that :

- ***the Project Reports of the finished Projects be published immediately.***
- ***Complementary copies of all the new publications of AIU be sent to all the member Vice Chancellors and the academic staff of the Research Division, AIU free of cost as and when published. Two copies of each publication be given to AIU Library as reference material.***
- ***Gist of the Project Reports be published in the University News time to time for information of the Readers.***

B) IN PROGRESS

- i) Status of Computerization and Use of Information Technology in the University Libraries
- ii) Assessment of Quality of Elementary Education in Urban, Rural & Tribal Set-up (the study in three zones North, East and West have already started and MoUs signed). The study outsourced to Rohilkhand University, Bareilly is in final stage.

It was decided that:

- ***point i) be assessed in the light of its state of art technology used by the universities. INFLIBNET be contacted to know whether a similar project is being run by them. If not then the project be assigned to Library and Documentation Division for completing it with latest information.***
- ***Seek project reports and status of the project from the universities to which the Projects were outsourced***

8. To Consider New Project Proposals For 2011-12

- i. Global Dynamics of higher Education: A study of Preparedness of Indian Institutions
- ii. A Project on Devising Research Quality Indicators for Educational and Social Sciences Researches in India
- iii. Foreign Education Providers in India 2010

- iv. Impact of Government policies on Equalization of Educational opportunities and Increasing Access to Higher Education : An Evaluating Study

Proposal no. i, iii and iv were Noted and Approved.

Proposal ii was appreciated by the Committee but it was deferred for want of manpower and resources.

9. Compilations to be done

- i) Compilation of Presidential Address
- ii) Policy Inputs by AIU

Point –i-Noted and Approved

Pointed ii Deferred

10. To consider the Proposal for Organizing Following Workshops/Seminars/ in 2011-12

- i) National Workshops on Emerging Trends in Information Technology in University Management(A Training Program for University Administrators)
- ii) National Workshops on Management of University Administrators
- iii) National Workshops on Research Methodology in Basic Sciences/ Social Sciences(regular activities organized every year in one discipline alternatively and rotation wise)
- iv) National Workshops on Examination reforms with special Emphasis to Choice Based Credit System and Credit Transfer in Higher Education.(regular activity)
- v) National Seminar on Women's Studies in India

The proposals for organizing the Workshops/Seminars were Noted and Approved

It was decided that the Experts/ Resource Persons for Seminars be selected by AIU preferably.

11. To report on Database (regular activity):

- i) Database on:
 - Enrolment of students at different levels under general category and SC; ST, OBC (including professional/non-professional education) state-wise, gender-wise, faculty-wise.

- Fee Structure in Indian Higher Education Institutions.
 - Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff in Indian Higher Education Institutions.
- ii) A Status Report on Growth and Development of Higher Education in India has been prepared based on the data received from higher education institutions in the country
 - iii) Data on International Students in Indian Universities (*Regularly Updated*).

Noted and Approved

12. To Report the Status of Question Bank

Question Banks in 30 subjects covering various disciplines have been taken up by Research Division. Collaborations have been made with three Universities namely University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, Sant Baba Gadge Amravati University, Amravati and Panjab University, Chandigarh for preparation of Questions Banks. Two workshops each were organized at Rajasthan University, Jaipur and SBGA University, Amravati respectively. Contents in various subjects for Question Banks were developed. Item preparation is in progress.

- i. *Universities of Rajasthan, Jaipur, Sant Baba Gadge Amravati University, Amravati and Panjab University, Chandigarh to whom the projects were outsourced for preparation of Questions Banks be contacted to know the status. The Universities also be asked to submit utilization certificates and report of the work done.*
- ii. *It was also decided to explore the possibility of getting funds from MHRD for the project.*

13. 4th National Research Convention (a regular activity) to be organized. Guidelines prepared initially be followed.

- i) Four Zonal Conventions and one National Convention
- ii) Publication of the Compendium on Anveshan – Student Research Convention 2010
- iii) Recommendations to the universities to promote the winners at zonal as well as university level

- a) Felicitation with some kind of award to all participants
- b) Providing attractive scholarships to these students
- c) Providing them special opportunities without going through the competitive mechanism as they have already established their credibility through these conventions.
- d) The states which have not initiated student research convention to be requested to start the activities in line with AIU at state level which will attract potential researchers of the future.

It was resolved that:

- I. the Guidelines, Rules, Regulations and Terms and Conditions duly approved by the Governing Council initially in 2007 be maintained and the new guidelines brought in amended form stands repealed.***
- II. in future, if any teacher research activity is conducted by AIU, it should not be mixed with Student Activity in the same scheme.***
- III. in addition to the awards to the position holders, some promotional awards also be given to the participants next in series to the first, second and third prize winners.***

- 14. Research Division of AIU is the Academic Wing of the Association. The Salary Structure and promotional avenues the Staff of the Research Division be differentiated accordingly at par with the faculty of Central Universities Academic Grade Pay. Byelaws applicable for the Research Division be inserted as a Separate Section in the AIU Bye Laws.**

It was instructed that:

Detailed Scheme with financial implication be provided with justification for Staff Affairs Committee.

- 15. Any other item with the permission of the Chair.**

The Chair proposed the idea of launching of a New Multidisciplinary Research Journal by AIU.

It was resolved to launch a multidisciplinary Research Journal of Higher Education of National/ International standards. The Journal would contain

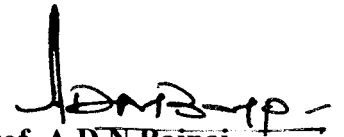
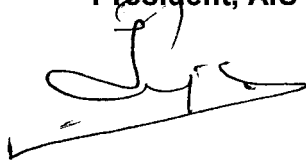
articles from all disciplines and comparative studies of/from different countries.

Dr. S. Rama Devi Pani, In charge, Research Division was assigned the responsibility to work on the design, frame work and guidelines for the journal, and calculate the financial implications.



Prof. P T Chande

President, AIU



Prof. A D N Bajpai

Secretary General (Additional Charge)