

## ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES

**Minutes of 359<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting held on May 20, 2020  
at AIU House, New Delhi through Virtual Mode**

### **Present**

1.	Prof. M M Salunkhe, President, AIU	In Chair
2.	Prof. Tej Pratap, Vice President, AIU	Member
3.	Prof. Sandeep Sancheti, Imm. Past President, AIU	Member
4.	Dr A S Dhawan	Member
5.	Dr. P Manishankar	Member
6.	Prof. N C Gautam	Member
7.	Prof. (Dr.) Vivek A Saoji	Member
8.	Prof Prem Kumar Kalra	Member
9.	Dr. N Sundararajan	Member
10.	Prof. ORS Rao	Member
11.	Prof. Rajan Welukar	Member
12.	Prof. J M Vyas	Member
13.	Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar	Member
14.	Prof. Nageshwar Rao	Member
15.	Prof. Victor Gambhir	Member
16.	Prof. Rajbir Singh	Member
17.	Prof. Parvinder Kaushal	Member
18.	Prof. (Dr.) Ami Umakant Upadhyay	Member
19.	Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU	Member Secretary

The following member could not attend the Meeting and was granted leave of absence by the President:

1. Dr. Paritosh K Banik

The following members did not attend the meeting:

1. Prof. Sarva Narayan Jha
2. Dr. B Janardha Reddy, IAS
3. Prof. N Ethirajalu

The President and Secretary General, AIU welcomed the members of Governing Council and especially Prof. Rajan Welukar, Prof. Prem Kumar Kalra, Prof. Parvinder Kaushal, Prof. (Dr.) Ami Umakant Upadhyay who were attending the GC meeting for the first time.

Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU briefed the Governing Council members about the following initiatives undertaken by AIU during lock down period due to COVID-19 Pandemic:

1. Three Online Workshops for training the faculty on "How to teach Online" in collaboration with QASPIR.

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2. Online Workshop for Placement Officers in collaboration with Jeevitam for conducting online placements of students.
3. Webinar on "University Social Responsibility" in collaboration with PRIA.
4. Collaboration with National Digital Library of India for disseminating the online library resources.
5. Call for Articles for compiling a Book to showcase the efforts made by the Indian Universities for protecting the interests of the students during the COVID-19 pandemic. A Blog was also created for the purpose.
6. An Interactive Session of Vice-Chancellors with Sadhguru, was held in which a video message by Hon'ble HRM was also played.
7. The popular weekly journal of AIU "University News" has been digitized and e-copy of the University News is uploaded on AIU website every Monday along with the back issue so that there is no break in the periodicity in the University News.
8. Scholarly Articles from eminent authors are released every Friday from AIU website which will eventually be compiled in the form of an AIU Book entitled "Reimagining Indian Universities".
9. Collaborated with FICCI for online Interaction with the Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways of India and Shipping & MSME, Shri Nitin Gadkari Ji on "Impact of Higher Education in Post COVID Economy".
10. Online One-week course on Community Engagement and University Social Responsibility in collaboration with PRIA.
11. AIU office donated one day salary to the PM CARES fund and appealed to all Member Universities to donate generously.
12. Online Demonstration session of Microsoft Team software for online teaching, assessment and evaluation was arranged which is now available free of cost (online teaching) to all Higher Education Institutions.
13. A WhatsApp group of Vice-Chancellors was created for academic exchange. On reaching the maximum capacity of 256 Members, a second WhatsApp group was created which is currently having 90 Vice Chancellors as Members. These WhatsApp groups are giving easy access to AIU for dissemination of information and to know what is happening in the university system.

14. A Proposal to create a Network of International Educators has been framed with the help of Experts which is placed before the Committee today.
15. AIU Twitter account is now followed by 2600 people. 2000 followers have been added during the lockdown period.
16. To ensure that the students don't miss the campus life an online campaign "Kuch Artistic Karo-Na" was launched to enable the students to upload videos of their performance. The initiative received a huge response and 2359 entries from 579 universities were received. They are being shortlisted for felicitating the best ones.
17. AIU also arranged an Interactive Session of Hon'ble HRM with Vice Chancellor on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 but due to some urgent engagement of HRM it had to be postponed.

Governing Council Members put on record their appreciation for Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU for the activities/initiatives undertaken by AIU during lockdown period and wished that such initiatives shall continue further. They complimented the President and Secretary General for the active role played by AIU in promoting higher education, especially during Corona pandemic.

After that, agenda items were taken up for discussion, consideration and decision.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

- 358/01 To confirm the Minutes of the 358<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting held on March 03, 2020 at AIU House, New Delhi.

*Confirmed.*

#### **ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES**

- 359/02 To report action taken on the Minutes of the 358<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting held on March 03, 2020 at AIU House, New Delhi.

*Noted & Approved.*

*However, in respect of ATR on the Item No. 358/02 regarding payment of arrears of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC to the employees who were re-employed after superannuation, the Governing Council resolved to put up the issue based on all the facts in view of GC decision of 2015 for appointment of Consultants, appointment letter, rules of GOI/AIU in respect of hiring of Consultants etc. and implementation issues arising in payment of arrears of 7<sup>th</sup>*

CPC to the employees who were re-employed after superannuation. The matter may be placed again before the GC in its next meeting.

Also, in respect of ATR on the Item No 358/26, Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU apprised the Governing Council that consequent upon the Judgement of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi passed on 13.02.2020, the AIU has filed an appeal in the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 06.03.2020. The Diary No. is 9273. However, the SLP could not be listed for admission so far as the courts were closed during lockdown.

#### ITEMS FOR REPORTING

359/03 To report the following nominations in the composition of AIU Governing Council:

- (a) Prof. N Ethirajalu, Vice Chancellor, PRIST University, Thanjavur will be representing on AIU Governing Council on the basis of Individual Seniority from South Zone with effect from September 01, 2019 for the period of 02 Years i.e. up to August 31, 2021.
- (b) Prof Prem Kumar Kalra, Director, Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Dayalbagh, Agra will be representing on AIU Governing Council on the basis of his Individual Seniority from North Zone with effect from 22 March, 2020 for the period of 02 years i.e. up to 21 March 2022.
- (c) Dr. Parvinder Kaushal, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Y S Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Solan, Himachal Pradesh will be representing on AIU Governing Council on the basis of his Individual Seniority from North Zone with effect from March 01, 2020 for the period of 02 years i.e. up to February 28, 2022.
- (d) Prof. Rajan Welukar, Vice Chancellor, Auro University of Hosp. & Management, Surat will be representing on AIU Governing Council on the basis of his Individual Seniority from West Zone with effect from March 01, 2020 for the period of 02 years i.e. up to February 28, 2022.
- (e) Prof. (Dr.) Ami Umakant Upadhyay, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Babsaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat will be representing on AIU Governing Council on the basis of Co-option by AIU Governing Council with effect from January 01, 2020 for the period of 02 years i.e. up to December 31, 2021.

**Noted.**

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359/04 To report the following changes in AIU Sub-Committees.

S No	Details of Members	Sub-Committee
1.	Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar VC, Netaji Subhash Open University in place of Dr K M Bujarbaruah, VC, AAU on completion of term on GC	Staff Affairs
2.	Prof. Rajan Welukar VC, AURO University of Hospitality & Management, Surat in place of Dr. Rajan Saxena, VC, SVKM's Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies on completion of term on GC	Finance
3.	Dr. Parvinder Kaushal VC, Dr. Y S Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry Solan (HP) in place of Prof. PK Khosla, VC, Shoolini University on completion of term on GC	Cultural
4.	Dr N Sundararajan VC, JAIN (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru in place of Prof. (Dr.) R Venkata Rao, VC, National Law School of India on completion of term on GC	Cultural
5.	Prof Prem Kumar Kalra Director, Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Agra (UP) in place of Prof. PK Khosla, VC, Shoolini University on completion of term on GC	Research
6.	Dr. Parvinder Kaushal VC, Dr. Y S Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry Solan (HP) in place of Prof GRC Reddy, VC, Sharda University on completion of term on GC	Equivalence
7.	Prof. Prof. Victor Gambhir, VC, Maharishi Markandeshwar (Deemed to be University) in place of Prof. Talat Ahmad, VC, University of Kashmir on completion of term on GC	Equivalence

*Noted.*

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**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

359/06 To consider grant of provisional membership of the Association of Indian Universities to the following Public/ Private Universities:

1. Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University, Vakkad, Kerala w.e.f. 01.04.2020
2. Chhindwara University, Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh w.e.f. 01.04.2020
3. Shri Guru Ram Rai University, Dehradun, Uttarakhand w.e.f. 01.04.2020
4. Sri Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education, Tumkur, Karnataka w.e.f. 01.04.2020

*The GC resolved to grant provisional membership of the Association of Indian Universities to the above Universities from the date mentioned against each university.*

359/07 To approve the AIU Annual Report for the Year 2019-20.

**Approved.**

359/08 To approve the minutes of the Equivalence Committee Meeting held on April 27, 2020 through Online Mode.

**The GC deliberated in detail on the recommendations of Equivalence Committee and resolved that since these are major policy decisions, the GC Members may forward their comments on the recommendations of the Equivalence Committee. The suggestions of the GC Members may be placed before the Equivalence Committee for re-consideration. If required one or more members of GC may be invited in EC Meeting as special invitee. The Equivalence Committee may deliberate on the issues based on the suggestions and revised minutes may be placed before the next GC Meeting for approval.**

359/09 To consider the matter regarding collaboration of Association of Indian Universities with service providers for promoting platforms for online learning, assessment & evaluation, online placements and workshops etc. both on free and on cost basis for Academic Faculty Members, Research Scholars, Students, Administrative Functionaries and Technical Personnel of Universities.

**The GC appreciated the efforts of the AIU and resolved that AIU may continue to collaborate with the agencies for creating awareness among universities about various platforms/ pedagogies, as a goodwill gesture through Webinars, Workshops, live sessions, online courses etc. AIU may disseminate**

information about facilities being provided by service providers for online learning, assessment & evaluation etc. to the Member Universities as it would be beneficial for the Universities especially the Universities located in backward, remote or rural areas.

- 359/10 To consider approval for deferring the date of implementation of new rates of Subscription of University News Journal and Annual Subscription of AIU to July 01, 2020 in place of approved date of April 01, 2020.

**The GC resolved to defer implementation of new rates of Annual Subscription and University News Subscription and raising of bills as per new rates w.c.f. July 01, 2020.**

- 359/11 To declare President and Vice President of the Association for the year 2020-21.

**The GC resolved to nominate Prof. Tej Pratap, VC, G.B. Pant University of Agricultural and Technology, Pantnagar as President, AIU for a period of one year with effect from July 1, 2020.**

Further, in view of the fact that Prof. Tej Pratap, President designate for the year 2020-21 was a Vice Chancellor of a Public University and the next Vice President, AIU has to be nominated in order of seniority from the Private Universities in order to rotate Presidentship of AIU between Public and Private Universities, the next senior most Vice Chancellor from Self-financed Private University, Prof. G Thiruvassagam, VC, AMET University, Neelankarai, Tamilnadu was nominated as Vice President for a period of 1 year with effect from July 01, 2020. AIU office was requested to obtain a consent from Prof. G Thiruvassagam, VC, AMET University, Neelankarai, Tamilnadu in respect of his willingness to accept the post of Vice President of AIU.

**The GC also resolved that the nomination of President and Vice President may be placed before the AIU AGBM for its approval.**

- 359/12 To consider hosting the next (95<sup>th</sup>) Annual Meeting of the Association in 2021 in West Zone.

**The GC resolved that the Universities from West Zone willing to host next 95<sup>th</sup> AIU Annual Meet in the year 2021 should give a presentation before the next AGBM, who will decide the venue for the next meeting.**

359/13 To consider the proposal for Establishment of Indian Network for Internationalization of Education (INIE).

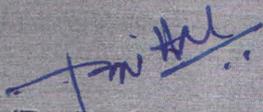
The GC appreciated the establishment of INIE and mentioned that this was a long pending issue. The GC resolved to grant "In Principle" approval for establishment of INIE. AIU may seek legal opinion regarding formation of INIE as per the mandate of AIU and other legal issues involved in this regard. The details must be placed before the Governing Council for consideration.

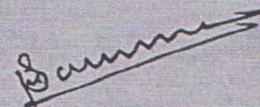
Any Other Item with the permission of Chair

359/14 To consider conduct of 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meet for the Year 2020 through Virtual Mode due to present COVID-19 Pandemic.

The GC resolved that AIU may conduct the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meet through On-line Mode. The agenda may be sent to all the member universities through email in advance. AIU may also arrange AIU Foundation day Lecture online separately, but the Annual Conference may be deferred due to Corona Pandemic.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
(Dr. Pankaj Mittal)  
Secretary General

  
(Prof. M M Salunkhe)  
President