

**Association of Indian Universities  
Minutes of the 360<sup>th</sup> Governing Council**

**Venue: Virtual Mode  
On MS Teams**

**Date: June 19, 2020  
Time: 03:00 pm**

**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.	Dr. Paritosh K Banik	Member
15.	Prof. (Dr.) Ami Umakant Upadhyay	Member
16.	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, AIU:

1. Prof. Parvinder Kaushal

The following members did not attend the meeting:

1. Prof. Sarva Narayan Jha
2. Dr. B Janardha Reddy, IAS
3. Prof. N Ethirajalu
4. Prof. Nageshwar Rao
5. Prof. Victor Gambhir
6. Prof. Rajbir Singh

The President, Vice President and Secretary General, AIU welcomed all members of Governing Council. Prof. M M Salunkhe, President, AIU in his opening remarks welcomed the members and thanked the members for their presence. He appreciated the efforts put in by AIU to further the cause of higher education and for assisting the member universities in a number of ways.



Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU briefed the Governing Council members about the various initiatives undertaken by AIU since the last meeting of GC on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2020. She apprised them of various webinars/conclaves/online courses conducted in collaboration with various organizations, in last one month which included the following:

1. A virtual conclave on Higher and Technical Education in collaboration with Elets and Digital Learning.
2. An online course on Community Engagement in collaboration with PRIA.
3. A webinar on Reshaping Higher Education, Vice Chancellors in conversation with Gurudev Sri Sri Ravishankarji, in collaboration with Sri Sri University.
4. A webinar on Online teaching in HE in collaboration with IGNOU and SSUN.
5. A self paced free online course on how to be a online practitioner developed in collaboration with QASPIR, UK. The GC members were requested to further apprise their faculty members about this free online course which is available at <http://qaspir.com/developing-as-an-online-practitioner/>
6. A webinar on Reimagining Learning with Technology in collaboration with Outlook Magazine and Collpoll.
7. A webinar on Innovative ways for integrating e-learning in HE in collaboration with National Law University, Delhi
8. A live demo on how to use TCS ion Digital Glassroom for online teaching and assessment.
9. The results for first round of AIU initiative to unite India through "Kuch Artistic Karona" were announced.
10. The social media presence of AIU is enhancing with addition of 1100 more followers on AIU twitter handle in last one month to take the total to more than 3700.

The members were also informed about the paper published on Eligible Enrolment Ratio in Economic and Political Weekly which was taken up by AIU in a big way since some time for which AIU plans to hold round tables of Vice Chancellors so that the consensus view can be sent to the Government for policy formulation.

All the Governing Council members appreciated Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU for her able leadership, proactive approach and various initiatives being undertaken in the field of Higher Education/ University System.

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

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

360/01 To confirm the Minutes of the 359<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting held on May 20, 2020 at AIU House, New Delhi.

*Confirmed with one modification that in Item No. 359/13, the second line should be revised to, "The GC resolved to agree "in principle" for establishment of INIE".*

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

360/02 To report action taken on the Minutes of the 359<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting held on May 20, 2020 at AIU House, New Delhi.

*Noted & Approved.*

*During reporting of Action Taken, the Secretary General, AIU requested the GC members to send their comments on the recommendations of the Equivalence Committee at the earliest to enable AIU to call the next meeting of the Equivalence Committee.*

#### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

360/03 To consider the recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) for promotions of the eligible employees under promotion quota posts.

*Approved. GC Members extended their heartiest congratulation to the promoted officers of AIU and suggested that the role/job orientation must be carried out according to the post of promoted officers and they should be assigned responsibilities as per their new posts.*

360/04 To consider creating Industry Interface Portal on AIU Website in which AIU may play a "Bridge" Role between the Universities and the Industry.

*The GC appreciated the idea and resolved to agree "in principle" for creating Industry Interface Portal in which AIU may play a "Bridge" Role between the Universities and the Industry. The modalities and implementation strategies in this respect are required to worked out in detail. It was recommended to formulate the Approach Paper in consultation with Prof. O R S Rao, GC Member and VC, ICFAI University, Ranchi.*

360/05 To consider proposals of Confederation of Indian Industries (CII).

- (a) Revive the MoU between AIU and CII already expired in June 2018
- (b) CII Smart Manager application for Internship of students during COVID-19 Pandemic

***Appreciated and Approved.***

360/06 To consider grant of provisional membership of the Association of Indian Universities to the following Public/ Private Universities:

1. Sri Krishna University, Chhatarpur, Madhya Pradesh w.e.f **20.05.2020** (Date of UGC letter)
2. Marwadi University, Rajkot, Gujarat w.e.f **01.04.2020**
3. Srimanta Sankaradeva University of Health Sciences, Bhangagarh, Guwahati, Assam w.e.f **01.04.2020**
4. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj University, Panvel, Navi Mumbai Maharashtra **08.06.2020** (Date of UGC letter)
5. Malwanchal University, Indore, Madhya Pradesh w.e.f **19.06.2020** (Date of UGC letter)

6. JG University, Uvarsad, Gandhinagar, Gujarat w.e.f 20.05.2020  
(Date of UGC letter)

*The GC resolved to grant provisional membership of the Association of Indian Universities as per AIU rules and regulations; to the above-mentioned Universities from the date mentioned against each university.*

- 360/07 To approve the minutes of the Research Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2020.

*Approved.*

- 360/08 To consider payment of arrears of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC to the employees who were re-employed after superannuation.

*The GC resolved to place the matter before Finance Committee of AIU for further deliberation.*

- 360/09 To consider creation of two post for the Vice President, AIU.

*The item was deferred.*

- 360/10 To consider AIU signing a MoU with QASPIR, UK for promoting online education and research.

*The GC resolved that the item along with content of MoU may be circulated to GC members for their comments.*

*In addition, the GC also resolved that items of urgent nature may be circulated through email to all the GC members and feasibility of obtaining approval of such mode may be looked upon subjected to AIU Rules & Regulations.*

**Any other item with the permission of the chair**

*While discussing the modalities for holding the upcoming AIU Annual General Body Meeting, which is scheduled to be held on June 26, 2020 through virtual mode due to the prevailing COVID-19 Pandemic situation, in which more than 800 member universities shall be participating, the GC recommended for the purchase of software license for an appropriate Video Conferencing Platform. The GC deliberated in detail on the matter and suggested to purchase the license of Video Conferencing Platform "Zoom" as it can cater to 1000 participants. In case Zoom is not feasible, for any reason, any*

**other similar platform with a capacity to host 1000 participants may be purchased.**

As this was the last GC meeting in capacity of the President, for Prof M M Salunkhe, the GC members along with Prof. Tej Pratap, Vice President, AIU, Prof. Sandeep Sancheti, Immediate Past President, AIU and Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU appreciated the contributions made by Prof. M M Salunkhe during his tenure as President, AIU.

Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU also expressed her gratefulness for the support extended by Prof Salunkhe to her and the AIU and thanked him for the trust reposed in her during his tenure as President, AIU.

Prof. M M Salunkhe, President, AIU thanked GC Members and Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU for their whole-hearted support during his tenure. He congratulated Prof. Tej Pratap on taking over as President, AIU. He also suggested that discussions and deliberations on policy matters relating to higher education shall continue to be conducted by AIU which may be forwarded to the Government of India and other regulatory bodies to assist them in policy formulation.

The GC members also appreciated Prof. Sandeep Sancheti for his contributions as GC member and on his successful tenure as Immediate Past President, AIU. Prof. Sandeep Sancheti appreciated Prof. MM Salunkhe for this tenure as President, AIU and extended his heartiest congratulation to Prof. Tej Pratap for his new assignment as President, AIU. He also appreciated for the various initiatives being undertaken by Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU and for her generous approach besides his heartfelt thanks to AIU.

The GC also appreciated the contributions made by Prof Vivek Saoji as GC member, who in turn expressed his gratefulness to Prof Salunkhe and AIU for giving him an opportunity to be on the GC which was a wonderful experience and a great learning opportunity for him.

The GC members congratulated Prof. Tej Pratap for taking over as President, AIU for next one-year w.e.f 01 July, 2020.

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



