

**Association of Indian Universities**  
**Minutes: 366<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting**

**Venue: AIU House**  
**16, CIG Marg**  
**New Delhi-110002**

**Date: November 17, 2021**  
**Time: 10:30 am**

**Present**

1.	Col. Dr. G Thiruvassagam, President, AIU	In Chair
2.	Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice President, AIU	Member
3.	Prof. Prem Kumar Kalra	Member
4.	Prof. Roop Kishore Shastri	Member
5.	Dr. Jagannath Patnaik	Member
6.	Prof. Rajan Welukar	Member
7.	Prof. Ina Shastri	Member
8.	Prof. (Dr.) P Kaliraj	Member
9.	Prof. R V Raja Kumar	Member
10.	Prof. (Dr.) Upinder Dhar	Member
11.	Prof. K Seetharama Rao	Member
12.	Prof. (Dr.) Ami Umakant Upadhyay	Member
13.	Dr. Premavathy Vijayan	Member
14.	Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU	Member Secretary

The following members could not attend the meeting:

1. Dr. Tej Partap
2. Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak
3. Prof. Sunaina Singh
4. Prof. Bikaschandra Singha Mahapatra
5. Prof. Prof. S Mahendra Dev
6. Dr. S Sudalaimuthu
7. Prof. S Sudarsana Sarma
8. Prof. (Dr.) Sunil Kumar Joshi
9. Dr. C Raj Kumar

Col. Dr. G Thiruvassagam, President, AIU, Prof. K Seetharama Rao and Dr (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU attended the meeting in person from AIU House.

Dr. Tej Partap and Prof. S Sudarsana Sarma could not attend the meeting due to some unavoidable circumstances and requested for grant of leave of absence.

The President and Secretary General, AIU welcomed all members of Governing Council. Col. Dr. G Thiruvassagam, President, AIU started his address with a verse from 'THIRUKKURAL' which meant "Able Governance means planning, saving and distributing."

During his address, the President mentioned that he had shared a Quarterly Report of the activities, programmes, and reformation within the Administration with all the Member University Vice-Chancellors including the Governing Council Members. He thanked the GC Members for their contribution and support in executing those activities. He promised that a Half-yearly report and the third quarter report shall be shared with the members. Further, he briefed all the Governing Council members about the progress of the work of various Sub-Committees constituted by AIU.

Prof. Rajan Welukar, VC, Auro University, Surat invited all the GC member for the Vice Chancellors' Meet on the theme 'Integral Education and Transformational Leadership' scheduled to be held during January 7-8, 2022 on the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo at Auro University, Surat.

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

### **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

366/01 To confirm the Minutes of the 365<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting held on September 14, 2021.

***Confirmed.***

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

366/02 To report action taken on the Minutes of the 365<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting held on September 14, 2021.

***Noted.***

***ATR on the Item No. 365/10: The GC resolved that the legal opinion obtained for the recovery of the excess payment to the AIU employees may be forwarded to the committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice president, AIU and VC, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.***

***ATR on the Item No. 365/12: In respect of the Item No. 08, para (b) of the minutes of Equivalence Committee Meeting held on September 13, 2021, the GC resolved following amendments in the minutes and it may be read as:***

***"para 8 (b): If a public college/private aided college in India or abroad is collaborating with foreign universities and if the degree is awarded by***

*the foreign university, then it shall be considered for equivalence on fulfilling the other parameter of AIU."*

***ATR on the Item No. 365/13: The house was informed that the post of US (Audit) has been advertised. The last date is 5<sup>th</sup> December and the applications will be processed as per established rules and recruitment process.***

### **ITEMS FOR REPORTING**

366/03 To report the grant of membership of the Association of Indian Universities to the following Universities:

1. Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata, West Bengal w.e.f. 16.09.2021
2. Indrashil University, Kadi, Gujarat w.e.f. 17.09.2021
3. VIT-AP University, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh w.e.f. 22.09.2021
4. WBUTTEPA, Kolkata, West Bengal w.e.f. 22.09.2021
5. The Bhartiya Skill Development University, Jaipur w.e.f. 01.04.2021
6. Atlas Skill Tech University, Kurla West, Mumbai w.e.f. 07.09.2021
7. CT University, Ludhiana, Punjab w.e.f. 01.04.2021
8. Bengaluru North University, Kolar, Karnataka w.e.f. 18.10.2021

#### ***Noted.***

366/04 To consider and approve the 'Report of the Student Welfare Committee'.

***The GC members appreciated Prof. Suranjan Das, Chairperson and the members of the Student Welfare Committee for the comprehensive report formulated within a stipulated time frame. The GC resolved that the report of the committee may be forwarded to UGC, Ministry of Youth Affairs, Apex Bodies and Chairman of the Higher Education Council of all the states. The AIU may get the report printed and also share it with all member universities for suitable incorporation.***

366/05 To consider the Revised Accreditation Framework- Suggestions for incorporation in the Quality Indicator Framework.

***The GC resolved that the matter pertaining to the Revised Accreditation Framework- Suggestions for incorporation in the Quality Indicator Framework may be forwarded to the AIU Accreditation and Ranking Committee for including it in its comprehensive recommendations.***

366/06 To consider integrating Colleges with Association of Indian Universities.

**The GC resolved that being a major policy decision it requires detailed deliberations and amendments in the AIU Bye Laws. It was recommended that the proposal for integrating Colleges with Association of Indian Universities may be discussed during AIU Zonal VCs Meet 2021-22 in the AIU Business Session. Also, opinion of Autonomous Colleges may be obtained in this regard. Based on the feedback, matter may be placed in the GC for the consideration and decision after which it will be required to be placed in the AGM for approval of the member universities.**

366/07 To consider organizing a "Dandi March" on 13th April 2022, with the participation of at least one student from each Member University in commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day.

**The President, AIU briefed the GC members in respect of the proposal for organizing the "Dandi March" from "Tiruchirappalli to Vedaranyam" by covering a distance of 160 kms along the coast, and by involving students of the Member Universities, on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Further, he explained that around 500-600 students from 845 AIU member universities are expected to participate. Each member university will be asked to send at least one student for participating in the march which will take place for 4 days covering a distance of approximately 160 km. The members of the Governing Council would also be invited to take part in the March along with President, AIU. To meet out the expenditure like providing a minimum of two sets of khadi uniform, khadi cap, khadi bag for all the participants, three times food, two times snacks, medical facilities by way of taking two medical vans all the way, transportation to transport the luggage of volunteers using two or three buses all the way and lodging arrangements for boys and girls separately, preparation of placards, distribution of pamphlets, organizing village-level meetings, inaugural programme expenses at Tiruchirappalli, valediction expenses at Vedaranyam, and other miscellaneous expenses, a sum of about Rs. 50 lakhs would be required out of which Rs. 15 lakhs of contribution is required to be provided by the AIU and the remaining amount may be arranged through sponsorship.**

**The Governing Council accepted the programme to be undertaken and the financial contribution of the AIU as well and approved it in principle and resolved to authorize President and Secretary General, AIU to take the decision in this regard.**

366/08 To consider and approve for the formats and guidelines of the various Awards, Programmes and Schemes proposed to be offered by AIU to its Member Universities.

**The GC resolved to approve the formats and guidelines of the various Awards, Programmes and Schemes proposed to be offered by AIU to its Member Universities submitted in the meeting and authorized the President, AIU to go for a few more corrections by involving a few members of the GC and to publish the same as well as to circulate it among all the Member Universities as early as possible.**

366/09 To consider AIU's Journal on International Journal of Public Policy and Research.

**The GC resolved to approve the proposal of AIU's "International Journal in Public Policy and International Research" and the Editorial Board to be constituted.**

366/10 To consider the long pending Annual Subscription arrears in respect of AIU member Universities.

**The GC resolved that a letter to the Vice Chancellors by name to universities in arrears for more than 3 years be written by the President citing that services and benefits provided by AIU to the members will not be extended in case subscription arrears are not remitted within a period of one month. Besides all the adequate steps may be taken to obtain the long pending Annual Subscription arrears in respect of AIU member Universities.**

366/11 To consider the Minutes of the Equivalence Committee Meeting held on 13-07-2021 through online mode to grant equivalence to 4 years Fellow Programme in Management of Self-Financing Autonomous Management Institutions recognized by AICTE towards equivalence with PhD Programme of Indian Universities.

**GC approved the methodology for grant of equivalence of Fellow Program with PhD and recommended that AIU may continue with the process initiated for the grant of equivalence to 4 years "Fellow Programme in Management" of Self-Financing Autonomous Management Institutions recognized by AICTE with PhD Programme of Indian Universities.**

366/12 To consider the extension of term of the contractual appointment of Shri Gopinathan V.T., Consultant (Admn) for a period of six months.

**Approved.**

366/13 To consider and approve the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on November 16, 2021.

**Approved.**

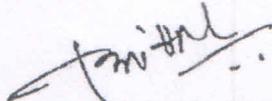
366/14 To consider simplifying the complex nomenclature of universities.

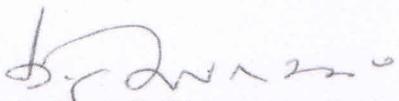
*The President, AIU informed the GC that he has personally handed over a representation to this effect to the Hon'ble Minister of Education during his meeting with him.*

366/15 To consider the permission to continue the approval of offering Distance Learning Programs.

*The GC was informed that the matter pertaining to the permission to continue the approval of offering Distance Learning Programs has already been referred to the UGC, the concerned agency for its consideration.*

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

  
Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal  
Secretary General

  
Col. (Dr.) G Thiruvassagam  
President