

**Association of Indian Universities**  
**Minutes: 377<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting**

**Venue:** AIU House, New Delhi  
**Mode:** Blended

**Date:** November 10, 2023  
**Time:** 03:00 pm

**Present**

1. Prof. G D Sharma, President, AIU	In Chair
2. Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, Vice President, AIU	Member
3. Prof. Suranjan Das, Imm Past President, AIU	Member
4. Prof. Balvinder Shukla	Member
5. Prof. Paramjit Singh Jaswal	Member
6. Prof. B R Kamboj	Member
7. Prof. (Dr.) S P Singh	Member
8. Dr. Kuldeep Kumar Raina	Member
9. Dr. Sreeramana Aithal	Member
10. Dr. Sanjay Behari	Member
11. Prof. ADN Bajpai	Member
12. Prof. Najma Akhtar	Member
13. Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant	Member
14. Prof. Sat Prakash Bansal	Member
15. Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, SG, AIU	Member Secretary

Prof. G D Sharma, Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, Prof. Suranjan Das, Prof. (Dr.) S P Singh, Dr. Kuldeep Kumar Raina and Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal attended the meeting in physical mode. The rest of the members joined the meeting virtually.

The following members could not attend the meeting due to some unavoidable reasons and were granted leave of absence:

1. Prof. (Dr.) Savita Sengar
2. Prof. Surendra Pratap Singh
3. Prof. Anup K Singh
4. Dr. Dineshkumar R Shah
5. Prof. S K Singh
6. Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar
7. Prof. (Dr.) Pramod Yeole
8. Prof. Neelima Gupta

The President, Vice President and Secretary General, AIU welcomed all Governing Council members of the Association. After this, agenda items were taken up for discussion, consideration and decision.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**



377/01 To confirm the Minutes of the 376<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting held on August 08, 2023.

**Confirmed.**

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

377/02 To report action taken on the Minutes of the 376<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting held on August 08, 2023.

**Noted.**

#### **ITEMS FOR REPORTING**

377/03 To report the grant of membership of the Association of Indian Universities to the following Universities:

[Note: The Governing Council in its 365<sup>th</sup> GC Meeting held on September 14, 2021 resolved to authorize the President of the Association to approve the grant of membership of AIU to the applicant universities subject to fulfillment of the condition of AIU rules and regulations and the matter be reported to the GC subsequently.

{INI-01; Public University – 12; Private University-10 (Total- 23)}

The University should be registered u/s 2(f) of UGC Act, 1956

- (1) Madhusudan Law University, Cuttack, Odisha w.e.f. 01.04.2023.
- (2) Prestige University, Indore, Madhya Pradesh w.e.f. 25.07.2023 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (3) National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh w.e.f. 01.04.2023.
- (4) Vidhyadeep University, Surat, Gujarat w.e.f. 01.04.2023.
- (5) ITM Skill University, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra w.e.f. 04.07.2023 (Date of UGC letter).
- (6) Swaminarayan University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat w.e.f. 01.04.2023.
- (7) Dr. P.A Inamdar University, Pune, Maharashtra w.e.f. 07.06.2023 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (8) The Neotia University, Kolkata, West Bengal w.e.f. 26.04.2023 (Date of UGC letter).
- (9) Bareilly International University, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh w.e.f. 01.04.2023.
- (10) Bagalkot University, Jamakhandi, Karnataka w.e.f. 18.07.2023 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (11) Haridwar University, Roorkee, Haridwar, Uttarakhand w.e.f. 19.09.2023 (Date of UGC letter).

- (12) Kodagu University, Kodagu, Karnataka w.e.f. 25.07.2023 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (13) Haveri University, Haveri, Kerimattihalli, Karnataka w.e.f. 25.07.2023 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (14) Kumar Bhaskar Verma Sanskrit & Ancient Studies University, Nalbari, Assam w.e.f. 29.08.2023 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (15) Bidar University, Bidar, Karnataka w.e.f. 02.08.2023 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (16) Maharashtra State Skills University, Mumbai, Maharashtra w.e.f. 21.07.2023 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (17) Koppal University, Koppal, Karnataka w.e.f. 21.07.2023 (Date of UGC Letter)
- (18) Kalahandi University, Bhawanipatna, Odisha w.e.f. 01.04.2023.
- (19) Hassan University, Hemagangothri, Hasan, Karnataka w.e.f. 25.07.2023 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (20) Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies, Basar, Telangana w.e.f. 01.04.2023.
- (21) Universal AI University, Karjat, Raigad, Maharashtra w.e.f. 13.07.2023 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (22) Puducherry Technological University, Puducherry w.e.f. 01.04.2023.
- (23) Arka Jain University, Jharkhand w.e.f. 01.04.2023.

**Noted.**

377/04 To report the following changes in the composition of AIU Governing Council:

- (1) Prof. Sanjay Pratap Singh, VC, The Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati, Assam was nominated on the Governing Council of the Association on the basis of his individual seniority from East Zone for the period of two years i.e., from 29.07.2023 to 28.07.2025 in place of Prof. Jagannath Patnaik, VC, The ICFAI University Sikkim who has completed her tenure on GC on 01.07.2023.
- (2) Dr. Vijender Kumar, VC, Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur, Maharashtra was nominated on the Governing Council of the Association on the basis of his individual seniority from Central Zone for the period of two years i.e., from 26.09.2023 to 25.09.2025 in place of Lt. Gen V K Sharma (Retd.), VC, Amity University, Gwalior, M.P who has demitted the post of VC. Amity University, Gwalior on 20.09.2023.

**Noted.**



377/05 To report the final report of the 1<sup>st</sup> National Women Vice Chancellors' Conference, 2023, held during July 17-18, 2023 at IILM University, Gurugram.

**The GC appreciated the initiative of the Association for conducting the 1<sup>st</sup> National Women Vice Chancellors' Conference, 2023 and resolved that the final report may be circulated to all the member universities of the AIU.**

377/06 To report the minutes of the meeting between Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), held on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 at India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road New Delhi.

**The GC resolved that the minutes of meeting between Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) may be circulated to all the member universities of the AIU for enabling AIU member universities to carry out various activities for the betterment of higher education, especially exchange of faculties, students, researchers etc. with ACU member universities under the flagship of AIU.**

377/07 To report that consequent upon their selection approved by the Governing Council in its 370th & 374th Meeting held on 02.08.2022 & 22.03.2023, the following candidates have joined their duties against the posts as per details given below:

Sl. No.	Name	Post and Pay Level	Date of Joining	Mode of appointment
1.	Shri Kaveesh Gupta	Under Secretary (Audit), Level-11	20.09.2023 (F/N)	By Direct Recruitment
2.	Mrs. Nazneen Begum	Under Secretary, Level-11	29.09.2023 (F/N)	By Direct Recruitment

**Noted.**

377/08 To report the progress in Consultancy Service launched by AIU to support member universities in accomplishing various activities/tasks.

**Noted. The GC resolved that the consultancy scheme need to be strengthened further and the concerned division shall submit a monthly review on the progress of the consultancy scheme.**

377/09 To report the visit of AIU Delegation to visit Taiwan during 08-14 October, 2023 to understand the scope of partnership and signing of MoUs with Taiwan's Universities, particularly in the fields of semiconductor.

**Noted. The GC also resolved that the brief report of AIU Delegation to visit Taiwan during 08-14 October, 2023 may be circulated to the AIU member universities along with the contact details of the Taiwanese universities visited.**

377/10 To Report Performance of the Indian Universities team in the World University Games

**The GC appreciated the consistent efforts of AIU for promoting the university games. The GC unanimously cherished the contribution of medal winners for their splendid performance. The GC members were of the view that AIU may felicitate the medal winners of World University Games during the forthcoming Annual General Body Meeting. AIU may also try for some sponsorship from sports companies for rewarding the medal winners during the felicitation ceremony. The GC also resolved that AIU may forward appreciation letters to the medal winners and the universities which the medals winners represented during World University Games. These universities may also be requested to felicitate them at the state level. A letter about their achievement may also be sent to all the universities. The pictures may be uploaded on AIU website and wide publicity should be given in the University News.**

377/11 To consider the report of Round Table Conference for Newly Appointed Vice Chancellors held during 17-19 October, 2023 at University of Kashmir.

**Noted. The GC also resolved that the report of 'Round Table Conference for Newly Appointed Vice Chancellors held during 17-19 October, 2023 at University of Kashmir may be circulated to the AIU member universities.**

#### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

377/12 To consider and approve the themes and selection of host universities for the AIU 98<sup>th</sup> AGBM/ National Conference of Vice Chancellors' and Zonal Vice Chancellors' Meet 2023-24 as per following details:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Zone</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Host University</b>
1.	South	<b>Theme:</b> Digital Transformation in Higher Education <b>Sub-themes:</b>	<b>October 26-27, 2023</b>	Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi, Karnataka

		<p>(a) The future of credentialling: Digital badges, Micro-Credentialing &amp; Online Degree</p> <p>(b) AI &amp; Analytics in Higher Education: Transforming Decision Making</p> <p>(a) Faculty Development &amp; Digital Pedagogies: Empowering Educators</p>		
2.	East	<p><b>Theme:</b> Integrating Bhartiya Knowledge System (BKS) with Higher Education</p> <p><b>Sub-themes:</b></p> <p>(a) Using Bhartiya Knowledge System based approach for teaching-learning for holistic development</p> <p>(b) Bhartiya Knowledge System in Sustainable Development</p> <p>(a) Embedding Bhartiya Knowledge System for futuristic education</p>	<b>November 21-22, 2023</b>	The Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati, Assam
3.	West	<p><b>Theme:</b> Future of work &amp; skill development</p> <p><b>Sub-themes:</b></p> <p>(a) Sustainable Careers: Navigating a Dynamic work landscape</p> <p>(b) Human centered skills in a Tech driven World: Soft skills &amp; Emotional intelligence</p> <p>(c) Implementation of NEP: Future of Work and Education</p>	<b>December 19-20, 2023</b>	Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai, Maharashtra
4.	Central	<p><b>Theme:</b> Nurturing Research &amp; Innovation Ecosystem</p> <p><b>Sub-themes:</b></p> <p>(a) Collaborative Research Networks: Fostering Inter Disciplinary Research</p> <p>(b) Entrepreneurship &amp; Innovation: From Idea to Impact</p> <p>(c) Innovative funding models for Research</p>	<b>January 18-19, 2024</b>	Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh

5.	North	<b>Theme:</b> Globalization & Internationalization of Higher Education <b>Sub-themes:</b> (a) International Collaborations & Partnerships: Building bridges for Higher Education (b) Global Higher Education Policy & Regulation: Harmonizing Standards (c) Student Mobility & Diversity: Enhancing International Experience	<b>February  15-16,  2024</b>	Kathmandu University, Dhulikhel, Nepal
<b>98<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting / National Conference of Vice Chancellors'</b>				
1.	Higher Education@2047		March- April, 2023	ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (Deemed to be University), Hyderabad

***Noted and approved.***

377/13 To consider and approve the proposal regarding 'Introducing German University Programs in Pune through a local University Partnership - India'.

***Approved.***

377/14 To consider and approve the hosting of 98<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting of the Association for the year 2024 in Central Zone.

***The GC resolved to approve the conduct the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting of the Association at the ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (Deemed to be University), Hyderabad and authorized Prof. G D Sharma, President, AIU to decide the dates of the meeting.***

377/15 To consider and approve the minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on September 20, 2023.

***Approved.***

377/16 To consider and approve the minutes of Equivalence Committee meeting scheduled to be held on November 3, 2023.

**Approved.**

377/17 To consider and approve the Final draft of the National Policy on Blended Learning (NPBL).

**Approved. The GC resolved that the Final draft of the National Policy on Blended Learning (NPBL) may be circulated to the Vice Chancellors of AIU member universities for submitting their comments; if any, within two weeks. Thereafter, President, AIU was authorized to accord the approval to the report. The GC deeply appreciated the efforts of AIU and all the contributors especially Prof. Marmar Mukhopadhyay the Chairman of the committee for preparing National Policy on Blended Learning (NPBL). The GC resolved that a thanks letter may be sent on behalf of the GC to the Chairperson and members of the committee.**

377/18 To Consider and approve the report on 'Implications of Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education'.

**Approved. The GC resolved that the report on 'Implications of Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education' may be circulated to the Vice Chancellors of AIU member universities for submitting their comments; if any within two weeks of time period. Thereafter, President, AIU was authorized to accord the approval. The GC appreciated the efforts of AIU and all the contributors for preparing the report on 'Implications of Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education'.**

377/19 To consider and approve the signing of MoU with Edify Online for facilitating the access of Indian Higher Education Institution to International academic faculties/experts.

**Approved. The GC resolved that initially the MoU with Edify Online may be signed for 1 year only. GC also approved the revenue sharing between Edify Online and AIU.**

377/20 To consider and approve the Revised Recruitment Rules for the post of PS to SG.

**The GC approved the Revised Recruitment Rules for the post of PS to SG. It also resolved to include the experience of at least 2 years in private/corporate at Pay Level-6 or equivalent pay in the essential qualifications and the MBA degree from a recognized university in the desirable qualifications for the post of PS to SG.**

377/21 To consider the action plan pertaining to the Internationalization of Indian Higher Education.

**Approved. However, the GC resolved that a dedicated experienced person may be appointed as consultant on contractual basis for a period of 6 months for looking after the work of Internationalization of Indian Higher Education in a project mode. Subsequently, a project unit may be created.**

**Further, in respect of conduct of Education Fairs, the GC unanimously resolved that the countries from where more student intake is expected may be selected for conduct of Education Fairs initially.**

377/22 To consider and approve the invitation from UK Ecctis for participation of AIU in their Annual Conference to be held on 4 & 5 Dec 2023 at London.

**Approved.**

377/23 To consider and approve the minutes of the Sub-Committee of the Inter University National Cultural Board (IUNCB) held on October 4, 2023.

**Approved.**

377/24 To consider and approve the recommendation of the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) for promotion to the post of Joint Secretary.

**The GC resolved to approve the recommendation of the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) for promotion to the post of Joint Secretary and recommended to promote Sh. Kuldeep Dagar, Deputy Secretary to the post of Joint Secretary in the Pay Level-13.**

377/25 To consider the MoU which is to be signed between AIU and NSDC.

**Approved.**

377/26 To consider the proposal for transferring of unclaimed equivalence fees for the cases on-hold for more than six months due to want of documents from applicant.

**The GC resolved that in case of old cases, list of eligible applicants due for refund of Equivalence Fee may be placed on AIU Website with special mention to send a request for refund within a period of 1 month and in case no request is received within the stipulated time The refund shall be paid after deducting the GST and the processing fee.**

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***For new cases, a detailed guidelines in respect of Equivalence Fee refund may be prepared and shall be placed on the AIU Website for the information of the applicants, so that such issues do not occur in future.***

377/27 To consider and approve the proposal of accepting sponsorship from various sources by the Association for its Zonal Vice Chancellors Meets, Annual Meets, Conferences etc.

***The GC resolved to approved the proposal of accepting sponsorship from various sources by the Association for its Zonal Vice Chancellors Meets, Annual Meets, Conferences. The amount of sponsorship should be Rs. 2 lakhs and 5 lakhs for the AIU Zonal VCs Meet and Annual Meet respectively. It was also resolved that the actual cost of putting the stalls may be paid to the host university by the Association from the sponsorship amount.***

377/28 To consider and approve the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the post of Young Professionals on temporary basis.

***The GC approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the post of Young Professionals on temporary basis. The following candidates have been recommended for temporary appointment to the post of Young Professionals in AIU for a period of one year on a consolidated salary of Rs.50,000/ p.m.:***

1. ***Shri Shivam Tripathi, S/o Shri Ratendra Tripathi***
2. ***Shri Kanishka Chakraborty, S/o Shri Kaushik Chakraborty***
3. ***Shri Ankit Mathur, S/o Shri Ashok Kumar Mathur***

377/29 To consider and approve the proposal of purchase a new car for AIU.

***The GC unanimously resolved to approve the proposal for purchase of a new Car. GC recommended that AIU should buy the latest model of Innova, Hycross in petrol or hybrid version, with best features.***

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

  
Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal  
Secretary General

  
Prof. G D Sharma  
President