

Association of Indian Universities
Minutes: 378th Governing Council Meeting

Venue: AIU House, New Delhi
Mode: Blended

Date: January 16, 2024
Time: 11:00 am

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. Sanjay Behari	Member
10. Prof. ADN Bajpai	Member
11. Prof. (Dr.) Savita Sengar	Member
12. Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant	Member
13. Prof. Sat Prakash Bansal	Member
14. Prof. Surendra Pratap Singh	Member
15. Prof. S K Singh	Member
16. Prof. Anup K Singh	Member
17. Dr. Dineshkumar R Shah	Member
18. Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar	Member
19. Prof. Neelima Gupta	Member
20. Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, SG, AIU	Member Secretary

Prof. G D Sharma, Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, Prof. Suranjan Das, Prof. (Dr.) S P Singh, Prof. (Dr.) Savita Sengar, Dr. Dineshkumar R Shah, Dr. Sanjay Behari, Prof. Sat Prakash Bansal 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. Dr. Sreeramana Aithal
2. Prof. (Dr.) Pramod Yeole

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

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

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378/01 To confirm the Minutes of the 377th Governing Council Meeting held on November 10, 2023.

Confirmed.

ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES

378/02 To report action taken on the 377th Governing Council Meeting held on November 10, 2023.

Noted.

ITEMS FOR REPORTING

378/03 To report the grant of membership of the Association of Indian Universities to the following Universities:

[Note: The Governing Council in its 365th 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. Accordingly, the following universities have been granted membership of AIU:

{Public University – 05; Private University-08 (Total- 13)}

- (1) Cluster University, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh w.e.f. 01.04.2023.
- (2) Sarla Birla University, Ranchi, Jharkhand w.e.f. 09.11.2023 (Date of UGC letter).
- (3) Geeta University, Panipat, Haryana w.e.f. 01.04.2023.
- (4) JECRC University, Jaipur, Rajasthan w.e.f. 01.04.2023.
- (5) Vikrant University, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (6) AIPH University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha w.e.f. 01.04.2023.
- (7) University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering, Bengaluru, Karnataka w.e.f. 04.05.2023 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (8) Sigma University, Vadodara, Gujarat w.e.f. 21.06.2023 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (9) Assam Women's University, Jorhat, Assam w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (10) Chamarajanagara University, Chamarajanagara, Karnataka w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (11) Bankura University, Bankura, West Bengal w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (12) The Aryavart International University, North Tripura, Tripura w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (13) Mohan Babu University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh w.e.f. 01.04.2024.

Noted.

378/04 To report the progress of Publication- 'India Higher Education Profile'.

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Noted. The GC appreciated the efforts of the AIU in bringing out the Publication titled 'India Higher Education Profile' and recommended that efforts shall also be made to analyze the data and bring out the findings in the report which would be beneficial to the member universities of the Association.

- 378/05 To report the Progress of the Consultancy Services launched by AIU to support member universities in accomplishing various activities/tasks.

The GC appreciated the initiative and suggested that wide publicity be given to this. It should be published in the AIU University News on frequent intervals and a brochure may also be created and circulated to all the AIU member universities. It can work like an ecosystem for Innovation, Incubation, Startups, Accreditation and Ranking. The GC also resolved that the ibid services may be extended to autonomous colleges and all the colleges affiliated with the AIU Member Universities.

- 378/06 To report the Progress of Database on "Indian Diaspora/PIO occupying various Coveted positions in Foreign Universities and other HEIs.

The GC acknowledged the efforts made by the Association for compiling the database on "Indian Diaspora/PIO occupying various Coveted positions in Foreign Universities and other HEIs". However, the GC resolved that an email may be sent to all the experts of the database while mentioning that AIU is in the process of making the directory, and in case of any objection; they may inform the Association within a specified period. It was also suggested that to enable the beneficiaries, country-wise and subject-wise data may also be given. A 'Disclaimer' should also be given mentioning that data is obtained from the websites of foreign universities.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 378/07** To consider and approve the Nomination on the AIU Governing Council on the basis of Co-option by Governing Council in place of Prof. Najma Akhtar, VC, Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi.

The GC resolved that all the GC members may suggest one name of the serving Vice Chancellor/Director of the AIU member universities to the President, AIU. The GC authorized the President, AIU to nominate one member on the Governing Council of the Association on behalf of the GC based on suggestions received from the GC members. The co-option will be for a period of two years and the same will be effective from the date of nomination.

378/08 To consider and approve the temporary contractual appointments of 04 more Data Entry Operators and 04 Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) through authorized outsourced manpower agency M/s Pankaj Security Service.

The GC resolved to approve the appointment of temporary contractual appointments of Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) against the vacancy that arose due to the retirement of the MTS through the authorized outsourced manpower agency M/s Pankaj Security Service. However, it was resolved that the item for the temporary contractual appointments of 04 more Data Entry Operators may be routed through the Finance Committee.

378/09 To consider and approve the AIU and EPSI "India Pavilion" in the NAFSA 2024 Annual Conference & Expo scheduled to be held at New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S during 28th May, 2024 to 31st May, 2024.

The GC approved the collaboration between AIU and EPSI. The AIU may send letters to the member universities, inviting them to Indian Pavilion in NAFSA Conference. The President, AIU was authorized to decide about the GC members who can be provided subsidized rates for participation in NAFSA Conference.

378/10 To consider and approve the minutes of expert committee meetings on the development and promotion of university sports held on 02.01.2024.

Approved. The GC resolved that the schemes developed for the promotion of university sports may be circulated to all the member universities of the Association. The sports need to be developed further in universities.

378/11 To consider and approve the minutes of 'Establishment Committee', held on 02.01.2024.

Approved.

378/12 To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of Equivalence of Fellow Program in Management (FPM) awarded by standalone management institutes with PhD Degree of Indian Universities, held on 28th & 29th December, 2023.

Approved.

378/13 To consider and approve the proposal received from Center for Learning Innovations and Customized Knowledge Solutions (CLICKS) in Dubai, UAE for participating in the 6th MENA Higher Education Leadership Forum (MENA-HELFF) on the theme "Towards a New Generation of Engaged Universities: The Need to Act, Adapt, and Transform" and scheduled to be held during 17-18 April, 2024 at Dubai Mall Hotel, Dubai, UAE.

Approved.

C. J. Shetty

[Signature]

378/14 To consider and approve the Revised Recruitment Rules for the post of PS to SG.

Approved.

378/15 To consider and approve the organisation of Bharat-Nepal Higher Education Summit from 15th to 17th February 2024 at Kathmandu University, Nepal.

Approved. The GC appreciated this and complimented AIU for this initiative.

378/17 To consider the adoption of DoPT OM No.3/3/2016-Estt.(Pay II) dated 1.5.2017 and as amended from time to time regarding pay fixation of re-employed pensioners in AIU.

Approved.

378/16 To consider proposal for initiation of the process for selection of next Secretary General, AIU.

(*The Item was discussed at the last)

During the discussion on the item, the Secretary General, AIU recused herself as the matter was directly related to her re-appointment.

The Governing Council recorded its appreciation for the excellent work and contribution made by Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, the present Secretary General, and unanimously resolved to re-appoint her and to issue the offer letter to her as Secretary General of the Association for the second term effective from the date of expiry of her present term. Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, shall, however, convey to the President, AIU, in writing about her availability and acceptance of appointment for the second term latest by 31st January, 2024.

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

P. Mittal
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Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal
Secretary General

G. D. Sharma
19.01.2024

Prof. G D Sharma
President