

ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES
AIU HOUSE, 16-COMRADE INDRAJIT GUPTA MARG,
NEW DELHI

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24.5.2024 AT 11.30 AM THROUGH PHYSICAL MODE. FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

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| Prof. G D Sharma | In the Chair |
| Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak | Member |
| Prof. Suranjan Das | Member |
| Prof. Balvinder Shukla | Member |
| Prof. Paramjit Singh Jaswal | Member |
| Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal | Secretary General & Member Secretary |
| Mrs. Ranjana Parihar | Joint Secretary (F) & Secretary |

Prof. Suranjan Das, Immediate Past President of AIU and Vice Chancellor of Admas University, and member of the Finance Committee, was unable to attend the meeting due to prior commitments. He was granted leave of absence.

At the outset, the Secretary General extended a warm welcome to the Hon'ble President and Chairperson of the Finance Committee, and the members of the Committee. Following this, the Chairperson extended a cordial welcome to all the members present at the meeting.

Thereafter, Agenda items were taken up by the Joint Secretary (Finance) for discussion, consideration and decision.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

1. To confirm the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held at AIU House on September 20, 2023.

Confirmed.

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ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES

2. To report action taken on the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 20.9.2023.

Approved. The members authorized the Secretary General, AIU to waive off the pending annual subscription of defaulting universities on case-to-case basis.

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REPORTING ITEMS

3. To report compliance with GFR 230(8), 2017 concerning the refund of interest accrued on grant-in-aid, sanctioned by the Ministry of Education, for the financial year 2023-24.

Noted and ratified.

4. To report that Dearness Allowance was disbursed to AIU Staff members in accordance with Bye Law 2.1.

Noted and ratified.

5. To report the opening of a Demat Account for AIU with Canara Bank Securities Limited, a subsidiary of Canara Bank.

Noted.

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ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6. To deliberate on the appointment of an additional 4 Data Entry Operators on a temporary basis through the outsourced agency engaged by AIU.

Approved in principle. DEOs may be appointed on need basis, based on the discretion of the Secretary General.

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7. To deliberate on the investment strategy for AIU's surplus funds.

Members reaffirmed their earlier position as follows:

"Investments of the AIU should be made in Fixed Deposit Receipts of Canara Bank, Nationalized/Scheduled Banks, and other Public Corporations with government stakes. Funds must not be invested in any risky or market-oriented mutual funds or instruments. The safety of the investment is the primary consideration for investment purposes."

8. To deliberate on the legal opinion obtained from AIU's empaneled Advocate regarding Sponsorship Fee.

Members deliberated on the legal opinions submitted by Advocate Dr. Ashwani Bhardwaj and M/s. Rajiv Mehrotra & Associates, CA Firm. Based on these opinions, Members unanimously resolved not to accept sponsorship fees to ensure

that the charitable status of AIU remains unaffected. Accordingly, the matter may be reported back to the Governing Council.

The AIU may accept donations from institutions and agencies without specifying any purpose under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961. These donations shall be utilized for the objectives of the AIU.

(Appendix-V A & B) (Pp 21-41)

9. To deliberate on the commitment made by AIU before the Income Tax Department regarding the utilization of its surplus funds.

Noted. The surplus funds of previous year and advance given to RITES up to 31.3.2024 be first shown as application of funds in the Statement of Assessable Income against the Income for the Financial Year 2023-24 so that there is no tax liability on AIU.

A proactive approach should be adopted to ensure that M/s. RITES and the Nodal Officer (Renovation Work) submit bills for the completed renovation work of the AIU on a priority basis so that surplus funds of FYs 2021-22 & 2022-23 are utilized as per the declaration given before the Income Tax Department.

AIU must ensure that 85% of the gross income is utilized for the objectives of the Association to avoid any income tax liability. Additionally, a systematic approach should be followed to accumulate 15% of the income as surplus on a year-to-year basis.

Further, as per the recommendations of the Sub-committee for development and promotion of university sports excellence, the Registration fees collected by the Sports Board of AIU, be utilized for:

| S. No. | Heads of Expenditure | Assistance in Lakhs |
|---------------|---|----------------------------|
| 1 | Sports Specific Training & Coaching Camps | 50 |
| 2 | Sports Excellence Training Centres in Universities (SETU Centres) | 100 |
| 3 | AIU Combined University Team Participation | 20 |
| 4 | International Sports Exchange Programme Participation/Selection Trials and Special training programme to select the athletes and technical | 20 |

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| | officials | |
| 5 | Hosting of World University Championships | 20 |
| | Grand Total | 210 |

Above recommendations shall be included in RE 2024-25.

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10. To consider creating a Budget Provision for purchase of Staff Car for Secretary General, AIU.

Members granted ex post facto approval for creating a provision of 30 lakhs in the Revised Estimates (RE) for 2024-25 to purchase the latest model of the Innova Hycross hybrid version. This new vehicle will replace Car No. DL 2C AP 3440 (Maruti SX4 – Petrol), which is 12 years old and frequently requires maintenance.

Additionally, it was resolved that another vehicle Maruti Nexa Ciaz with a Budget Provision of Rs. 14 lakhs plus additional taxes be purchased during the current financial year to meet the needs of the AIU. This vehicle will be used as an official vehicle for the President, Vice President, and senior members of the Governing Council on need basis.

(Appendix-VII) (Pp 43-46)

Any Other Item:

During deliberations on Item No. 8 of the Finance Committee agenda, the Hon'ble Vice President of AIU directed that an honorarium of Rs. 5000/- be paid to Mr. Rajiv Mehrotra for their advice regarding the Sponsorship Fee.

It was further resolved that M/s. Rajiv Mehrotra & Associates, CA Firm be hired as consultants of AIU for accounting and tax-related matters.

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