

Association of Indian Universities
Minutes: 382nd Governing Council Meeting

Venue: AIU House, New Delhi
Mode: Blended

Date: January 03, 2025
Time: 3:00 pm

Present

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| 1. Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, President, AIU | In Chair |
| 2. Prof. G D Sharma, Imm Past President, AIU | Member |
| 3. Prof. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai | Member |
| 4. Prof. Sangeeta Shukla | Member |
| 5. Prof. Sat Prakash Bansal | Member |
| 6. Prof. C Patvardhan | Member |
| 7. Prof. (Dr.) Savita Sengar | Member |
| 8. Prof. Anand Kumar Tyagi | Member |
| 9. Dr. Anup K Singh | Member |
| 10. Prof. Manoj K Arora | Member |
| 11. Dr. M Vijayakumar | Member |
| 12. Prof. P L Dharma | Member |
| 13. Dr. Bansh Gopal Singh | Member |
| 14. Prof. Pravat Kumar Roul | Member |
| 15. Prof. Neelima Gupta | Member |
| 16. Dr. Alok Kumar Chakrawal | Member |
| 17. Prof. Yogesh Singh | Member |
| 18. Dr. Rajan Welukar | Member |
| 19. Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, SG, AIU | Member Secretary |

Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, Prof. G D Sharma, Prof. Neelima Gupta, Dr. Alok Kumar Chakrawal, Dr. Rajan Welukar 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.) Faizan Mustafa
2. Prof. (Dr.) B L Sharma
3. Prof. Harilal B Menon
4. Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar

The President, and Secretary General, AIU warmly welcomed all the esteemed members of the Governing Council of the Association, especially Prof. Sangeeta Shukla and Dr. Rajan Welukar who were attending GC meeting for the first time

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



CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

382/01 To confirm the Minutes of the 381st Governing Council Meeting held on September 24, 2024.

Confirmed.

ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES

382/02 To report action taken on the minutes of the 381st Governing Council Meeting held on September 24, 2024.

Noted.

ITEMS FOR REPORTING

382/03 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.

{State Public Universities -07; State Private Universities- 23; Associate Member University-02 (Total- 32)}

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

- (1) SRH University, Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (2) SRH Fernhochschule – The Distance Learning University, Riedligen, Germany w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (3) DRIEMS University, Cuttack, Odisha w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (4) MIT Vishwaprayag University, Solapur, Maharashtra w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (5) Dr. Preeti Global University, Madhya Pradesh is a State Private University w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (6) Vishvakarma Skills University, Jaipur, Rajasthan w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (7) Jai Minesh Adivasi University, Kota, Rajasthan w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (8) Baba Mast Nath University, Rohtak, Haryana w.e.f. 14.10.2024 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (9) Guru Nanak University, Hyderabad, Telangana w.e.f. 14 October 2024 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (10) SDGI Global University, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (11) IILM University, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (12) Sanjivani University, Kopergaon, Maharashtra w.e.f. 13.09.2024 (Date of UGC letter).

- (13) MNR University, Sangareddy, Telangana w.e.f. 14.10.2024 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (14) Ashoka University, Sonapat, Haryana w.e.f. 18.11.2024 (Date of the approval of President, AIU)
- (15) Spicer Adventist University, Pune, Maharashtra w.e.f. 18.11.2024 (Date of the approval of President, AIU)
- (16) Indira Gandhi Technological and Medical Sciences University, Ziro, Arunachal Pradesh w.e.f. 18.11.2024 (Date of the approval of President, AIU)
- (17) Shri Ramasamy Memorial University, Gangtok, Sikkim w.e.f. 18.11.2024 (Date of the approval of President, AIU)
- (18) D Y Patil University, Ambi, Pune w.e.f. 18.11.2024 (Date of the approval of President, AIU)
- (19) Jaypee University, Anoopshahr, Uttar Pradesh w.e.f. 18.11.2024 (Date of the approval of President, AIU)
- (20) CMJ University, Jorabat, Meghalaya w.e.f. 18.11.2024 (Date of the approval of President, AIU)
- (21) Shri Krishna AYUSH University, Kurukshetra, Haryana w.e.f. 18.11.2024 (Date of the approval of President, AIU)
- (22) Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat w.e.f. 18.11.2024 (Date of the approval of President, AIU)
- (23) Bhattadev University, Barpeta, Assam w.e.f. 18.11.2024 (Date of the approval of President, AIU)
- (24) Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh w.e.f. 18.11.2024 (Date of the approval of President, AIU)
- (25) Institute of Advanced Research, Gandhinagar, Gujarat w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (26) FS University, Firozabad, Uttar Pradesh w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (27) Amaltas University, Dewas, Madhya Pradesh w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (28) Rabindranath Tagore University, Hojai, Assam w.e.f. 29.11.2024 (Date of the approval of President, AIU)
- (29) DBS Global University, Dehradun, Uttarakhand w.e.f. 27.06.2024 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (30) Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh w.e.f. 05.11.2024 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (31) Maya Devi University, Dehradun, Uttarakhand w.e.f. 11.06.2024 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (32) Flame University, Pune, Maharashtra w.e.f. 01.04.2024

Noted and Approved.

382/04 To report the following changes in the composition of AIU Governing Council:

- (1) Prof. Sangeeta Shukla, VC, Ch. Charan Singh University, Meerut was nominated on the Governing Council of the Association on the basis of




his individual seniority from North Zone for the period of two years i.e., from 25.09.2024 to 24.09.2026 in place of Prof Balvinder Shukla, VC, Amity University Uttar Pradesh who has completed his tenure on the Governing Council on 23.08.2024.

- (2) Prof. Rajan Welukar, VC, Atlas Skill Tech University, Mumbai was nominated on the Governing Council of the Association on the basis of his Co-option by President, AIU for the period 28.11.2024 to 30.06.2025 in place Prof. Anil Shukla, VC, Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University, Ajmer who has demitted the post of VC of Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University, Ajmer on 27.11.2024.

Noted. Prof. Sangeeta Shukla and Prof. Rajan Welukar were welcomed by all the members of the Governing Council.

- 382/05 To report the appointment of Shri Gyanender Gaharwar on Compassionate grounds for the post of Lower Division Clerk (LDC) in Pay Level-2 in AIU.

Noted and Approved.

- 382/06 To report the approval of the proposal for issue of Commemorative Postage Stamp on Centenary Celebration of AIU received vide Philately Division, Dept. of Posts, Ministry of Communications D.O letter No. P-16/129/2024-Phil-DOP dated 11.12.2024.

Noted and Approved.

- 382/07 To report that as on date AIU is in receipt of following amount for the AIU Centenary Celebration, received from Centenary Partners and AIU member universities:

| Sl No. | Name of University/ Companies | Amount |
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| 1. | SKF | 1160008 |
| 2. | Pearson Edu | 900000 |
| 3. | BMT Noida | 294000 |
| 4. | APEX University | 300000 |
| 5. | Jaquar | 1470000 |
| 6. | Shoolini University | 500000 |
| 7. | Galgotias University | 1160000 |
| 8. | IMT Gaziabad | 588000 |
| 9. | University of Gujarat | 200000 |
| Total | | 6572008 |

Noted.

- 382/08 To report signing of MoU between the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) with the Association of Arab Universities (AARU), as well as the Association of African Universities (AAU) separately, to promote educational partnership and cooperation.

Noted.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 382/09 To consider and approve the minutes of the Equivalence Committee, Meeting, scheduled to be held on 24.12.2024.

Approved.

- 382/10 To consider and approve the travel and per diem expenses of Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, President, AIU and Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, AIU during his official visit to China to take part in the 3rd Global University Associations Forum and 2024 International Forum on Higher Education during 09.10.2024 to 15.10.2024.

Approved.

- 382/11 To consider and approve the payment of the difference of economy and business class by AIU in respect of the travel expenses of Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, President, AIU and per diem expenses during his official visit to Hollings Center for International Dialogue, Turkey to part in the South Asia Higher Education Symposium, Istanbul, Türkiye during 10.11.2024 to 14.11.2024.

Approved.

- 382/12 To consider and approve the proposal for Granting AIU Associate Membership to Autonomous Colleges (First Phase) and subsequently to Industry Representatives (EdTech Companies) to Expand Membership Base and Enhance Corpus Fund (Without Voting Rights).

As per the recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, there will be three categories of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs): Research Universities, Teaching Universities, and Degree Awarding Institutions. In alignment with this framework, the Governing Council (GC) believes it is an appropriate time to grant AIU Associate Membership to colleges designated by the UGC as Autonomous Colleges. Currently, these Autonomous Colleges enjoy a high degree of academic, administrative, and financial autonomy. They independently frame curricula, conduct examinations, and




function similar to universities, with the exception of awarding degrees.

Given their operational framework, the GC has deemed it appropriate to extend Associate Membership to UGC-designated Autonomous Colleges that have achieved a minimum NAAC 'A' grade.

This Associate Membership will be granted without voting rights, with the understanding that it is a preliminary step toward enabling these colleges to eventually become degree-awarding institutions as per NEP 2020. Furthermore, this move will contribute to building the institutional capacity of these colleges in alignment with the NEP's vision.

The Governing Council also resolved to set the Associate Membership Fees as follows:

Rs. 40,000 (Rupees Forty Thousand only) plus GST for Government Autonomous Colleges

Rs. 1,00,000 (Rupees One Lakh only) plus GST for Private Autonomous Colleges

To formalize this decision, the following amendment to the AIU Bye-Laws was approved by the Governing Council:

Chapter 2: Rules and Regulations:

*A new section, Para 2.1(c), shall be added after Para 2.1(b), as follows:
Para 2.1 (c): Colleges designated by UGC as Autonomous Colleges will be enrolled as "Associate Members (Autonomous Colleges)."*

As this is a significant policy change requiring an amendment to the AIU Bye-Laws, the matter shall be presented before the Annual General Body of the Association for their consideration and approval.

In the interim, the AIU may engage with Autonomous Colleges to seek their opinion regarding their potential association with the AIU.

Further, regarding granting of Associate Membership to Industry Representatives, EdTech Companies, Standalone Management Institutions, and Research Institutions, the Governing Council authorized the President of AIU to constitute a committee.

The Committee will be tasked with thoroughly reviewing and discussing the types of EdTech Companies, Industries, Startups, Research Institutes, and Premier Institutions (other than Universities, and those under the Government of India) that may be considered for association with AIU.

- 382/13 To consider and approve the proposal for an AIU-led delegation of 25-30 universities to UK including Scotland and Ireland. The visit is organized in collaboration with the National Indian Students and Alumni Union (NISAU), UK from 11th to 20th February 2025 aimed at fostering collaborations with over 100 UK universities through joint research, academic programs, campus visits, and networking with global academic and industry leaders.

Approved.

- 382/14 To consider and approve the proposal for organizing Bharat-Sri Lanka Higher Education Summit, scheduled on 28-29 January 2025 at Colombo, Sri Lanka. This summit aims to advance the internationalization of higher education and strengthen academic and research collaborations between Indian and Sri Lankan universities and international students recruitments.

Approved.

- 382/15 To appraise the Governing Council of AIU on the status of Equivalence of Foreign School Boards.

The Governing Council authorized President, AIU to approve the recommendations of the Equivalence Committee for the cases of Equivalence of Foreign School Boards.

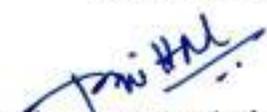
- 382/16 To consider AIU signing MoU with SkillingYou for launching Skill based Courses.

Approved.

Any Other Items

- 382/17 In order to broaden the vision of AIU and expand the scope of activities including revenue generation for the Association, the Governing Council resolved that a letter may be written by the Association to all members of the Governing Council, requesting suggestions for the same. It was also resolved that the President, AIU, may form a committee to deliberate on these issues.

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


Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal
Secretary General


Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak
President