

**Association of Indian Universities
380th Governing Council Meeting**

Venue: AIU House, New Delhi
Mode: Blended

Date: June 27, 2024
Time: 11:30 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. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai	Member
5. Prof. Sat Prakash Bansal	Member
6. Prof. Nageshwar Rao	Member
7. Dr. Anup K Singh	Member
8. Prof. (Dr.) Savita Sengar	Member
9. Prof. Balvinder Shukla	Member
10. Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar	Member
11. Prof. (Dr.) S P Singh	Member
12. Prof. B R Kamboj	Member
13. Dr. Milind A Barhate	Member
14. Prof. Neelima Gupta	Member
15. Dr. Alok Kumar Chakrawal	Member
16. Prof. D A Nagdeve	Member
17. Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant	Member
18. Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, SG, AIU	Member Secretary

Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, Prof. Suranjan Das, Prof. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Dr. Anup K Singh, Prof. (Dr.) S P Singh, Prof. B R Kamboj, Prof. Neelima Gupta, Prof. D A Nagdeve, Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant 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. Sanjay Kumar Choudhary
2. Dr. Sanjay Behari
3. Dr. M Vijayakumar
4. Dr. B G Singh

The President, Vice President, and Secretary General, AIU warmly welcomed all the members of the Governing Council members of the Association. The members were informed about the sudden demise of Dr M D Tiwari, Former President, AIU and Former Director, IIIT, Allahabad. The GC members conveyed their deep condolences to the family of Dr M D Tiwari and observed a silence for two minutes as a mark of respect. Prof. Neelima Gupta appraised all the GC members about the contribution



made by Dr M D Tiwari in the field of higher education. The GC members suggested that a condolence letter by the Secretary General may be sent to the family of Dr M D Tiwari.

The GC members congratulated Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal for being reappointed as Secretary General of AIU for a second term of 5 years.

The GC also placed on records its appreciation for the contributions made by the outgoing members of the Governing Council, namely Prof Nageshwar Rao, Dr. Kuldeep Kumar Raina, Prof. B. R. Kamboj, Prof. Sanjay Kumar Choudhary, Prof. D.A. Nagdeve, Dr. Sanjay Behari, Dr. Milind A. Barhate and Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant.

Prof. G D Sharma, President, AIU congratulated Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak and Prof. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai for their upcoming tenure as President and Vice President of the Association respectively.

Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU acknowledged the significant initiatives and contributions made by Prof. G D Sharma during his successful tenure and congratulated him for his successful tenure as President, AIU. She warmly welcomed Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak and Prof. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai, the new President and Vice President of the Association.

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

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

380/01 To confirm the Minutes of the 379th Governing Council Meeting held on February 14, 2024.

Confirmed.

ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES

380/02 To report action taken on the minutes of the 379th Governing Council Meeting, held on February 14, 2024.

Noted.

ITEMS FOR REPORTING

380/03 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.

{Public University -03; Private University-12 (Total-15)}

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

- (1) GFSC University, Vadodara, Gujarat w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (2) Adani University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (3) Odisha University of Technology and Research, Bhubaneswar, Odisha w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (4) Durga Soren University, Deoghar, Jharkhand w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (5) JSPM University, Pune, Maharashtra w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (6) Sports University of Haryana, Sonipat, Haryana w.e.f. 23.04.2024 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (7) Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Vishwavidyalaya, Assam w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (8) SKS International University, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh w.e.f. 02.05.2024 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (9) Sanskaram University, Kheri Taluka Patauda, Jhajjar, Haryana w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (10) National Law University of Meghalaya, Meghalaya w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (11) ST Aloysius (Deemed to be University) w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (12) Mind Power University, Nainital, Uttarakhand w.e.f. 08.05.2024 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (13) Sapthagiri NPS University, Kodagu, Bengaluru, Karnataka w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (14) The Apollo University, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (15) Khongnangthaba University, Khurai Konsam Leikai, Imphal East, Manipur-795010 w.e.f. 01.04.2024.

Noted.

380/04 To report the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Saylor Academy, USA and Association of Indian Universities (AIU) on providing free access of courses to students of AIU member universities.

Noted and approved.

380/05 To report selection and appointment of Section Officers in AIU.

Noted and approved.

380/06 To report non-selection for the post of Library Assistant and Research Assistant.

Noted.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 380/07 To consider and approve the proposal of conducting separate conferences for Medical, Agricultural, and Law Universities in addition to the Zonal Vice Chancellors' Conferences.

The GC resolved that AIU as a pilot project, may conduct 'AIU Satellite Conferences' of one day on the themes related to Medicine, Agriculture and Law in addition to the Zonal Vice Chancellors' Conferences. Various AIU member universities that offer courses in Medical, Agricultural and Law subjects may also participate in such conferences. The experience of these conferences shall form the basis for their continuation in future. The GC also resolved that a financial assistance of Rs. 2 Lakh may be provided to the host universities for conducting these conferences. In addition, the GC unanimously decided to continue the practice of conducting the AIU Conference of Women Vice Chancellors on yearly basis.

It was also resolved that a committee may be formed to revisit the financial assistance provided by AIU to universities for hosting various AIU conferences.

- 380/08 To consider and approve the proposal for participation of Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi in the 3rd Global University Associations Forum (GUAF) Meeting and 20th International Association of University Presidents (IAUP) Triennial Conference to be held in Beijing, China on 11-12 October, 2024 & 13-15 October, 2024 respectively.

Approved.

- 380/09 To consider the proposal of AIU led delegation comprising of 20-25 member universities to a networking seminar planned in collaboration with the Spanish Service for the Internationalization of Education (SEPIE), an Autonomous Body under Spanish Govt., in Spain from 07-11 July 2024.

Approved. The GC resolved that the accommodation charges of Prof. G D Sharma and Prof. Neelima Gupta, senior members of the Governing council will be borne by AIU. In addition, the expenditure on local transport in Spain for all the members of the delegation shall be borne by AIU as a goodwill gesture.

380/10 To consider and approve the proposal for the Centenary Celebration of the Association.

The GC resolve to approve the following proposals for the Centenary Celebration of the Association:

- (a) Release of Stamp/ First Cover/ Coin on completion of 100 years;**
- (b) Release of AIU History;**
- (c) 100 Centenary lectures may be organized at different member universities of AIU while may be later compiled into a book;**
- (d) Composition of AIU Song of 1-2 minutes duration;**
- (e) Release of Coffee table book;**
- (f) Getting 2 acres land for new building of AIU;**
- (g) Creating a logo on celebrating 100-years activities of AIU and its promotion on AIU Website, letter head and emails;**
- (h) Virtual Museum**

The GC also resolved that a steering committee for Centenary Celebration and Sub-committees or various activities stated above may be constituted for the smooth conduct of the Centenary Celebrations of the Association. AIU should also constitute a committee to recommend agencies and seek sponsorship for various activities organized during Centenary Celebrations. Small brochure may be created for each activity to attract sponsorship.

380/11 To consider and approve the minutes of Finance Committee Meeting held on 24th May, 2024.

Approved.

380/12 To consider and approve the minutes of 33rd AGM Sports Board held at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha on 08th May, 2024.

Approved. The GC also proposed to look for the option for including the winter sports in the AIU University Sports.

380/13 To consider and approve the minutes of the 16th Meeting of the Inter-University National Cultural Board (IUNCB) held at Swami Vivekanand Subharti University, Meerut on 22nd May, 2024.

Approved. The Vice President, AIU also suggest that AIU may consider holding programming contests and hackathons.

- 380/14 To consider and approve the proposal for conducting Pan India Inter University Conference on "Developing Innovative Sustainability Ecosystems 2024".

Approved with no financial liability on AIU.

- 380/15 To consider and approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee Meeting after deliberation on the legal opinion obtained from AIU's empaneled Advocate regarding Sponsorship Fee.

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

- 380/16 To consider and approve the withdrawal of the membership of AIU from Sangai International University, Churachandpur, Manipur.

The GC resolved to approve the removal of the name of Sangai International University, Churachandpur, Manipur from the list of AIU member university and AIU Website. It was also resolved that UGC notification may be referred for deleting all those universities from the AIU membership, which are presently not included in the list of universities under section 2 (f) of the UGC Act, 1956.

- 380/17 To consider and approve the proposal received from Prof. (Dr.) Balvinder Shukla, VC, Amity University Uttar Pradesh for "Discounted rate of AIU Membership Fee for Amity Group of Institutions".

The members felt that as AIU considers each of the member universities of the Association as a separate entity, the proposal cannot be considered.

- 380/18 To consider and approve the theme for the 99th AIU National Conference of Vice Chancellors for the year 2025 and sub-themes for the AIU Zonal Vice Chancellors' Meet 2024-25, including selection of host universities.

The GC accorded in-principal approval for theme for the National Conference 'Envisioning Future Higher Education: The Pivotal Role of India' and themes for the Zonal Vice Chancellors' Meet 2024-25 as proposed. However, GC resolved to constitute a committee comprising of Secretary General, AIU, Prof. Balvinder Shukla, VC, Amity University, Noida, Prof. Neelima Gupta, VC, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar and Prof. S P Singh, VC, The Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati to deliberate on the themes and format of the conference in detail. The GC also resolved that the host universities be requested to host the conferences on their campuses rather than in hotels or resorts.

380/19 To consider the proposal for signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) on Academia - Industry Collaboration.

Approved.

380/20 To consider and approve the minutes of Equivalence Committee Meeting, held on June 18, 2024.

Approved.

380/21 To consider and approve the proposal, received from Prof. L. S. Ganesh, Vice Chancellor, ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (Deemed to be University), Hyderabad, Telangana for including the ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (Deemed to be University), Hyderabad in the South Zone instead of its present bifurcation as Central Zone.

Not Approved.

380/22 To consider and approve the proposal for allowing AIU officials to book air tickets for international travel for their official visits through an outside agent or on an individual basis.

The GC resolved that for international travels and other travels by AIU GC members and officials, undertaken from AIU funds, the AIU may identify a travel agent for booking of tickets for the sake of convenience and economy. However, for the expenditure incurred from the Central Government grant received by AIU, the preference shall be given to any of travel agencies identified by the Govt. of India, viz, M/s Balmer Lawrie, Ashoka Travels and IRCTC.

380/23 To consider the proposal of participation of AIU in an official visit organized by the DAAD Regional Office New Delhi from 8th to 13th September 2024 at Germany.

Approved.

380/24 To consider the proposal for signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP.

Approved.

380/25 To consider the proposal for signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and Skills and Education Group (SEG).

Approved.

- 380/26 To consider the proposal for signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and Conference of Rectors of Spanish Universities (CRUE) on promoting collaboration and partnerships among their member institutions.

Approved.

- 380/27 To welcome the new President and Vice President of AIU & to bid farewell to Prof. G D Sharma, President, AIU and VC, USTM, Meghalaya.

All the GC members welcomed Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak and Prof. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai the new incumbent President and Vice President of AIU and conveyed their best wishes for their successful tenure. The GC also put on records the contributions made by Prof. G D Sharma, President, AIU and VC, USTM, Meghalaya for furthering the objectives of AIU. As Prof. G D Sharma could not come physically for the meetings, his official farewell may be organized in the next meeting of the GC.

Supplementary Agenda

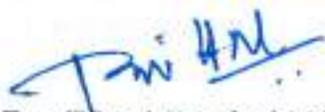
- 380/28 To report that Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal has taken over as the Secretary General of the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi for the second term for a period of 05 years with effect from June 26 2024 (Forenoon).

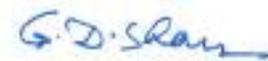
Noted and approved. The members wished her all the best for the next tenure.

- 380/29 To consider the organisation of ASEAN-Bharat Education Summit in December, 2024 at Bangkok in collaboration with ASEAN University Network (AUN).

Approved.

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


Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal
Secretary General


Prof. G D Sharma
President