

Kerala State Higher Education Council

Minutes of the 6th Executive Body meeting held on 19-07-2018

The Sixth Executive Body Meeting of the third KSHEC was held at the office of the Council on 19-07-2018. Prof. Rajan Gurukkal P.M., Vice Chairman presided. The following members attended the meeting.

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| 1.Prof. Rajan Gurukkal P.M. | : | Vice Chairman, KSHEC |
| 2.Dr. Rajan Varughese | : | Member Secretary, KSHEC |
| 3.Dr. Fathimathu Zuhara | : | Member, Executive Body, KSHEC |
| 4.Dr. J. Rajan | : | Member, Executive Body, KSHEC |
| 5.Dr. R.K. Suresh Kumar | : | Member, Executive Body, KSHEC |
| 6.Dr. K.K. Damodaran | : | Member, Executive Body, KSHEC |

The following agenda was transacted and decisions taken.

Item No. 1 Annual Report 2017-18

The Executive Body meeting approved the Annual Report for 2017-18.

Recommended to reconstitute the Committee appointed to Study the Problems of Filling of Teaching Post in Universities.

Item No. 2 Annual Audit and Account Report for 2017-18

The Executive Body meeting approved the Annual Audit and Accounts Report for 2017-18

Item No. 3 Open University

The Executive Body meeting approved the implementation procedures for the institution of Kerala Open University based on Ram Takwale Committee Report, presented by Prof. Fathimathu Zuhara, Chairperson of the committee constituted for the same.

Item No. 4 State Higher Education Plan (SHEP) & RUSA 2.0- Reporting

Reported the State Higher Education Plan (SHEP) submitted to the RUSA Mission, New Delhi

Item No. 5 Conduct of two day workshop for Non-Teaching Staff (NTS) of Government/ Aided colleges- Reporting

Reported the conduct of two day workshop for Non-Teaching Staff (NTS) of Government/ Aided colleges on 18th and 19 July 2018 held at RTTC, BSNL, Kaimanam, Thiruvananthapuram.

Item No. 6 Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Equivalency/Recognition of Degrees- Reporting

Reported the minutes of the meetings of the Committee on Equivalency/Recognition of Degrees.

The Executive Body meeting also approved the Norms/Guidelines of Equivalency/Recognition of Degrees as given below.

Norms/Guidelines Relating to Equivalency/Recognition of Academic Programmes or Areas of Studies and Nomenclature and Degrees of Other Universities

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Kerala State Higher Education Council Act (2007 & 2017), Amendment of Section 4 of the Principal act-

(zd)- evolve common academic guidelines for Universities in the State for mutual recognition, approval or equalization of academic programmes or areas of studies and nomenclature thereof;

(ze)-evolve common academic guidelines for Universities in the State for recognition, approval or equalization of academic programmes or areas of studies and nomenclature thereof of various programmes conducted by Universities or higher education institutions outside the State and outside the country; the following norms have been formulated:-

- 1. All universities, higher educational institutions (HEIs), agencies and employers shall recognize the degrees awarded by national institutes like Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs), and other national level stand-alone institutions.**
- 2. All universities/HEIs/employers in the state shall recognize the BS/MS degrees of IISERs, IISc, State/Central Universities, and other HEIs.**

3. No equivalency/recognition shall be insisted upon for degrees obtained from National Institutes like Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs) or other institutions recognized by University Grants Commission (UGC).
4. There shall be reciprocal recognition of degrees awarded by the Indian Universities/other HEIs as listed out and updated by the University Grants Commission.
5. Universities/HEIs/Employment Agencies/Employers in the State shall follow the nomenclature of degrees prepared and listed by the UGC.
6. Universities/HEIs/Employment Agencies/Employers shall follow the conditions, policies and procedure stipulated by Association of Indian Universities (AIU) for according recognition/equivalence of qualification / Degrees awarded by Foreign Universities.
7. Universities/HEIs/Employment Agencies/Employers shall approve/ recognize Degrees acquired through Open and Distance Learning complying with the latest University Grants Commission Open and Distance Learning Regulations.
8. Equivalency/Recognition of Degrees acquired through Open and Distance Learning before the promulgation of the UGC Open and Distance Learning Regulations, 2017 shall be decided by the university concerned.
9. Universities/HEIs/Employment Agencies/Employers shall approve/ recognize Degrees awarded by Private Universities with the recognition/approval of the UGC, and which comply with the relevant UGC norms/regulations as amended from time to time.
10. There shall be a State Level Academic Committee (SLAC) constituted by Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) for the purpose of disposing of objections/disputes/complaints regarding the nomenclature of Academic Programmes/Degrees and according approval/recognition/ equivalence. (See the SLAC constituted by the KSHEC appended).
11. Universities/HEIs/Employment Agencies/Employers shall refer unsettled issues of nomenclature of Academic Programmes/Degrees and their approval/recognition/equivalence to KSHEC for decision by the SLAC. In all issues of nomenclature of Academic Programmes/Degrees and their approval/recognition/equivalence the aggrieved candidates shall appeal to the KSHEC for the decision by SLAC.

It further approved the constitution of the **State Level Academic Committee (SLAC)** with the following members.

Members of the State Level Academic Committee (SLAC)

1.	Prof. P.M. Rajan Gurukkal(Chairperson)	Vice Chairman, KSHEC
2.	Dr. Rajan Varughese(convenor)	Member Secretary, KSHEC
3.	Dr. N.V. Varghese	Vice Chancellor, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi Email: vc@nuepa.org
4.	UGC Nominee	
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8.	Dr. Balan Nambiar	Artist
9.	Dr. Anurag Kumar	Director Indian Institute of Science Bangalore, 560 012, India Phone: (+91) 80-2360-0855 e-mail: anurag@iisc.ac.in
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11.	Dr. C.P. Chandrasekharan	Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences Room No: 319, SSS II Jawaharlal Nehru University Email: cpc@mail.jnu.ac.in , cpchand@gmail.com
12.	Dr. Vineetha Menon	Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, Kannur University
13.	Dr. Ravikumar K.S.	Pro-Vice Chancellor, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Kalady, Ph: 9447711010
14.	Dr. Raghavendra Gadagkar	Professor, Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Sir. C.V. Raman Avenue, Bangalore-560012 Email:ragh@iisc.ac.in
15.	Prof. Dhruv Raina	Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University Room No: 222 Off. Phone: 011-26704418 Email: dhruv@mail.jnu.ac.in d_raina@yahoo.com

Item No. 7 Minutes of the meeting of the Pro- Vice Chancellors- Reporting

Reported the minutes of the meeting of the **Pro- Vice Chancellors Committee** held on 22/05/2018

Item No. 8 Establishment of a unit of All India Higher Education Survey(AIHE)- Reporting

Reported the Establishment of a unit of **All India Higher Education Survey(AIHE)** in the Council, as per direction of the Department of Higher Education, Government of Kerala.

Item No. 9 British Council India 70th Anniversary Award- Reporting

Reported the details of British Council India 70th Anniversary Award function organised by KSHCE as per the direction of the Department of Higher Education, Government of Kerala.

Item No. 10 Minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting of Erudite-Scholar-in-Residence Programme- Reporting

Reported the Minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting of Erudite-Scholar-in-Residence Programme held on 06/06/2018

Item No. 11 Appointment of daily wage employees on contract basis as per Governing Body decision- Reporting

Reported the implementation of the Governing Body decision related to the continuation of daily wage employees on contract basis.

Item No. 12 Kairali Award instituted by the Government of Kerala- Reporting

Reported the details of Kairali Award instituted by the Government of Kerala

Additional Agenda

Item No.A1 Draft Bill on Higher Education Commission of India

Resolved to organise a two day National Conference on the Draft Bill on Higher Education Commission of India on 6th and 7th August 2018 at Thiruvananthapuram.

Item No.A2 Remarks on draft UGC Regulation on Minimum Qualification for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges – 2018

The meeting approved the Remarks on draft UGC Regulation on Minimum Qualification for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges – 2018

Item No.A3 Payment of monthly mobile charges of the Vice Chairman and Member Secretary

It was decided to follow the existing provisions of The Kerala State Higher Education Council Rules 2008, issued vide GO (P) No 29/2008/H.EDN dated 26-03-2008 with regard to various allowances admissible to the Vice Chairman and the Member Secretary of the Council.

It was further resolved to continue with the existing facilities such as residential phone, mobile connection and Internet connection and payments/bills of these facilities to the Vice Chairman and Member Secretary.

Item No.A4 Medical Reimbursement of the Member Secretary –Reporting

Reported the Reimbursement of medical bill of the Member Secretary amounting to Rs. 10537/- (Rupees Ten thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Seven only) which was countersigned by the District Medical Officer of Health, Ernakulam.

Item No.A5 Perspective Plan for Setting up New Engineering Institutions-Reporting

Reported the details of the Perspective Plan for Setting up New Engineering Institutions in the state

Item No.A6 Perspective Plan for New colleges of Architecture in the State-Reporting

Reported the details of the Perspective Plan for New colleges of Architecture in the State

Item No.A7 Perspective Plan for Starting New Polytechnics in the State-Reporting

Reported the details of the Perspective Plan for Starting New Polytechnics in the State

Item No.A8 Perspective Plan for State Higher Education with Special Reference to Arts & Science Colleges in Kerala-Reporting

Reported the details of the Perspective Plan for State Higher Education with Special Reference to Arts & Science Colleges in Kerala

Item No.A9 Report on B.Voc Courses in State Universities-Reporting

Reported the details of the Report on B.Voc Courses in State Universities-

The minutes were read and confirmed.

The Executive Body meeting began at 11 am and came to an end at 1.30 pm

Member Secretary

Vice Chairman