

## Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Governing Body of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Council held on 23-01-2018 at KSHEC Thiruvananthapuram

The first Governing Body Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Council (2017) was held at the office of the Council on 23-01-2018. Prof. C. Ravindranath, Hon. Minister for Education presided. The meeting began by 10.30 AM.

The following members attended the meeting

Prof.(Dr). Rajan Gurukkal P.M	-	Vice Chairman, KSHEC
Smt. Usha Titus IAS	-	Principal Secretary Higher Education
	-	State Project Director, RUSA
	-	Vice Chancellor (i/c), Malayalam University
Prof. P. K. Radhakrishnan	-	Vice Chancellor, Kerala University
Dr. Babu Sebastian	-	Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University
Dr. R.K. Mohammed Basheer,	-	Vice Chancellor, Calicut University
<a href="#">Dr. R. Chandrababu</a>	-	Vice Chancellor, Kerala Agricultural University
Prof. Gopinath Ravindran	-	Vice Chancellor, Kannur University
Dr. Dharmarajan P.K.	-	Vice Chancellor, SS University of Sanskrit
Dr. B. Ekbal	-	Member, Kerala State Planning Board
Smt. M. S Jaya IAS	-	The Director of Collegiate Education
Dr. K. P. Indiradevi	-	The Director of Technical Education
Mr. Udaya Kumar A.	-	The Kerala Engineering Research Institute
Dr. R.V.G Menon	-	Member
Dr. Fathimathu Zuhara	-	Member - Executive Body
Dr. J. Rajan	-	Member - Executive Body
Dr. Joy Job Kulavelil	-	Member - Executive Body
Dr. R.K. Suresh Kumar	-	Member - Executive Body
Dr. K.K Damodaran	-	Member - Executive Body
Sri. N Sathyanandan	-	Member
Dr. Rajan Varughese	-	Member Secretary, KSHEC

The Chairman welcomed all the members of the governing body of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Council. In his opening remarks, Education Minister emphasised the need for formulating a comprehensive academic master plan for the development of higher education in the State. He also stressed the need for strengthening the study of fundamental ideas in various disciplines for the growth of a democratic and equitable society. He urged the Council to contribute in this direction.

The following agenda was transacted at the meeting:

### **Item No.1.Thirteenth Five Year Plan (13<sup>th</sup> FYP) Proposals of the KSHEC**

Governing Body approved the 13<sup>th</sup> FYP Proposals of the KSHEC

#### **❖ Integration of Brain Gain Concept to Erudite Scheme**

Governing Body approved the proposal for Integration of Brain Gain Concept to Erudite Scholar-in-Residence Scheme

#### **❖ University Level Quality Standardisation and Teacher Training Programmes**

Governing Body approved the proposal.

Education Minister urged all Vice – Chancellors to get the Graduate Attributes prepared by the bodies concerned and declared for their universities.

#### **❖ Dhaishanik Paryavaran (Learning Ecosystem)**

Governing Body Approved the programme.

It was suggested to use the expression Learning Ecosystem

#### **❖ Prabudhata (Community Higher Education)**

Governing Body Approved the programme

#### **❖ Unnathi Bhavan. (Establishment of permanent campus for KSHEC)**

Governing Body approved the proposal for the establishment of a permanent campus for KSHEC. The Chairman disclosed to have obtained primary consent regarding the site of the campus. It was further resolved to authorise the Vice Chairman to take up the matter further, with the government.

#### **❖ Cluster of Colleges Scheme**

Governing Body approved the revised Guidelines of the Cluster of Colleges Scheme and the new perspective explained by the Vice Chairman. Governing Body also approved the suggestion to include the Research Institute of the region in the Cluster.

#### **❖ Academic Volunteer Bank (AVB)**

Governing Body approved the proposal for setting up an Academic Volunteer Bank (AVB) and further resolved to initiate steps in this direction.

### **Item No.2.Autonomous Colleges**

Dr. Joy Job Kulavelil reported the progress in the working of the committee setup by the Executive Body to study the functioning of the autonomous colleges in the State. Governing Body approved it.

### **Item No.3.Open University**

Dr. Fathimathu Zuhara reported the progress in the working of the committee appointed by the Executive Body for preparing procedures for the institution of Open

University. Education minister suggested to submit the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for setting up the Kerala State Open University. Governing Body approved the suggestion.

**Item No.4.Higher Education Council Scholarship Scheme**

Governing Body approved the continuation of the Scholarship Scheme of the Kerala State Higher Education Council. In the process of discussion a suggestion came up for including the Scholarship as a non plan head of expenditure. Governing Body approved the suggestion.

**Item No.5. Minutes of the EB Meeting held on 29-11-2017**

Governing Body approved the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Body held on 29-11-2017.

**Item No.6. Annual Report of 2016-17 along with Audited Accounts and Audit Report**

Governing Body approved the Annual Report of 2016-17, the Audited Accounts and the Audit Report.

**Item No.7. Budget (2017-18)**

Governing Body approved the KSHEC Budget for 2017-18

**Item No.8. Continuation of the services of daily wage employees as contract Staff.**

1)The Governing Body approved the following new posts for the Higher Education Council as detailed below and authorised the Vice Chairman to take up the matter further with the government.

Sl.No	Post & number of posts	Mode of appointment proposed	Remarks
1	Joint Registrar (Admn – Academic Linkage) - 1	Deputation/Re-employment	
2	Programme Officer (Internationalization of Higher Education) – 1	Permanent recruitment/contract posting in the Scale of pay of Associate Professor	
3	Research Officer – 3	Deputation	
4	Technical Assistant (Systems) - 1	Permanent recruitment/contract	
5	International Higher Education coordinator	Permanent recruitment/contract	
6	Section Officer – 1	Deputation	
7	Assistant – 3	Deputation/Contract	
8	Data Entry Operator – 2	Permanent recruitment/contract	
9	Drivers – 1	Contract	

2) The Chairman required deferring for clarification, the item of conversion of the service of Daily Wage employees into that of staff on contract basis.

3) Governing Body decided to extend the benefit of the government GO Vide G.O(P).No.56/2017/Fin dated 28/04/20174) to the following personnel working on contract basis at the Council with retrospective effect from 01.04.2017.

Sl no	Name	Designation	Present Remuneration	Enhanced remuneration	Difference
1	Smt.Divya.A.S	Assistant, Office of the Vice Chairman	Rs. 27,800/-	Rs. 29,200/-	Rs.1400/-
2	Smt.Vimala.S	Data Entry Operator	Rs. 19,000/-	Rs.19,950/-	Rs. 950/-
3	Sri.Vaishak.S	Office Attendant	Rs. 16,500/-	Rs. 17,325/-	Rs. 825/-

4) The Government, considering the recommendation of the Governing Council of the first Council, vide GO(Ms) No.387/2010/H.Edn dtd. 6/12/2010 had permitted KSHEC to engage the following daily wage employees on contract basis with scale of pay.

	Name	Post
1.	Shri. Jose Raj.S	Peon
2.	Shri. Bincy Thomas	Peon
3.	Shri. Cineesh Kumar.K.R	Driver
4.	Shri. Antin Vinod.H	Driver

The Governing Body ratified the action of the previous Council to sanction benefits of the 10<sup>th</sup> pay revision to the above mentioned contract employees and make a recommendation to the Government to regularize the action of sanctioning the benefits of 10<sup>th</sup> pay revision to the aforesaid 4 contract employees engaged with scale of pay.

## **Additional Agenda**

### **Item A1. Problems of Researchers in the State.**

Governing Body resolved to authorise the Vice Chairman to constitute a committee to study the problems of researchers in the State universities, and recommend remedial measures.

**Item A2. Problem of filling up Teaching posts in Universities and Colleges.**

Governing Body resolved to authorise the Vice Chairman to constitute a committee to study the problem in filling up teaching posts in universities. The Education Minister clarified that the problem of filling up of teaching post in affiliated colleges would be resolved very soon.

**Item A3. Finances of State Universities.**

Governing Body resolved to authorise the Vice Chairman to constitute a committee to study the finances of State universities.

**Item A4. Common Academic and Examination Calendar for Universities**

Governing Body resolved to setup a committee of Pro-Vice Chancellors to prepare the details related to formulation of a common academic and examination calendar for universities in the state and to monitor university examinations. It was further resolved to examine the modalities to move from annual pattern of vacation (April - May) to split vacation (November - May) in the universities / colleges.

**Item A5. Restructuring of PG Curriculum in Universities.**

Governing Body resolved to authorise the Vice Chairman to constitute a committee of experts to restructure the PG curriculum in the state universities / colleges.

**Item A6. Inter-University Centres (IUC)**

Governing Body resolved to authorise the Vice Chairman to constitute a committee to study problems of Inter - University Centres (IUC) in universities in the state and suggest measures to resolve and ensure hassle free functioning.

**Item A7. All Kerala Higher Education Survey**

Governing Body resolved to conduct a comprehensive annual survey of higher education in the state by the KSHEC.

**Item A8. Purchase of library books.**

Governing Body authorised the Vice Chairman to procure books required for the Council library from suppliers / dealers who shall give at least 15% discount for books on publisher price.

**Item A9. Payment of Honorarium / sitting fee to resource persons, subject experts, professionals etc.**

Governing Body approved the proposal regarding the payment of honorarium / sitting fee to resource persons, subject experts, professionals etc. as detailed below.

**Slab for payment of honorarium/sitting fee/professional charge**

Sl.No	Category	Honorarium/sitting fee/professional charge	Remarks
1	A	Rs.5,000/-	Vice Chairman/ Member Secretary may be given authority to exercise his discretion to fix the category of the person whose service is utilized
2	B	Rs.3,000/	
3	C	Rs.2,000/	
4	D	Rs.1,000/-	

**Slab for payment of honorarium for handling academic sessions**

Sl.No	Category	Honorarium per session	Remarks
1	A	Rs.2,500/-	Vice Chairman/ Member Secretary may be given authority to exercise his discretion to fix the category of the person whose service is utilized
2	B	Rs.2,000/-	
3	C	Rs.1,500/-	

**Item A10. Engaging of Statutory Auditor**

Governing Body decided to engage M/S Mohan & Mohan associates as statutory Auditor of the KSHEC for the financial year 2017-18.

**Item O.A. Equivalency / Recognition Certificate by State Universities**

The Vice Chairman presented the following norms / guidelines for issuance of Equivalency / Recognition Certificate by State Universities.

- a) It should be mandatory for all UGC approved Universities including Deemed to be Universities and Private Universities in the list of Association of Indian Universities (AIU) to mutually recognize their Degrees/Academic Programmes without any formalities and procedures - Reciprocal recognition.
- b) Recognize Degrees/Academic Programmes of the leading Universities of the world without any formalities and procedures based on the list of institutions in the Association of common Wealth Universities (ACU) and International Association of Universities (IAU).
- c) Recognition formalities should be insisted in the case of universities without UGC recognition and foreign universities not so well known.

- d) Equivalency certification has to be avoided as much as possible by putting slash against nomenclature differences. Eg:- B.Tech/ BE/ Bsc.Eng or Biology/ Life Science.
- e) Universities should notify and periodically update nomenclatures of corresponding Academic Programmes and treat them as alternative names for the same.
- f) The nomenclature of the academic Programme/ Degree should not be used for determining eligibility to teaching posts.
- g) As regards teaching posts the course content and candidates' knowledge base should be the factor for deciding suitability.

The Governing Body accepted the norms / guidelines presented by the Vice Chairman and further resolved to entrust the KSHEC to formulate general guidelines for Equivalency / Recognition Certificate by State Universities.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

The Vice Chairman handed over the contributions of the staff of KSHEC towards Okhi relief fund amounting to Rs. 53,429/- (by cheque) to the Education Minister.

The Governing Body Meeting concluded by 2.00PM

Member Secretary