

## RESEARCH COMMITTEE

### Minutes

Meeting of the Research Committee was held on October 03, 2018 at 02.30 p.m. at AIU House, New Delhi. The following members were present:

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| 1. Prof Sandeep Sancheti<br>Vice Chancellor<br>SRM Institute of Science & Technology, Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu &<br><b>President, AIU</b> | Chairman         |
| 2. Prof M M Salunkhe Member<br>Vice Chancellor<br>Bharati Vidyapeeth<br>Pune-411 030<br>Maharashtra &<br><b>Vice President, AIU</b>       | Member           |
| 3. Prof Anamik Shah<br>Vice Chancellor<br>Gujarat Vidyapith,<br>Ashram Road, Navjivan Post<br>Ahmedabad – 380 014(Gujarat)                | Member           |
| 4. Prof S L Soni<br>Director, NIT Uttarakhand<br>Srinagar, Garhwal  | Member           |
| 5. Prof Manoj Kumar Mishra<br>Vice Chancellor<br>Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra<br>Ranchi-835215 (Jharkhand)                        | Member           |
| 6. Prof Furqan Qamar<br>Secretary General, AIU  | Member Secretary |
| 7. Dr Amarendra Pani<br>Deputy Director & I/c Research  | Secretary        |

Prof P K Khosla, Vice Chancellor, Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences, Dr (Fr) Thomas C Mathew Vice Chancellor, CHRIST University, Hosur Road, Bengaluru, Prof N V Ramana Rao, Director, NIT, Warangal could not attend the Meeting due to some prior commitment.

Prof Sandeep Sancheti, President, AIU welcomed the members and Secretary General, AIU apprised about the activities of the Research Division. Dr Amarendra Pani, Deputy Director and In charge of Research Division and Secretary of Research Committee presented a brief background on the establishment of Research Division, objectives, mandated functions and activities undertaken, following which the agenda items were taken up.

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## AGENDA

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Research Committee Meeting held on October 27, 2017.

*Confirmed*

2. To consider the **Action Taken Report** on the Minutes of the Research Committee Meeting held on October 27, 2017.

*Approved*

*Resolution: The Committee further directed that the Research Division must coordinate with the concerned Division to report complete action taken on each item.*

3. To Report joining of a Senior Research Assistant in the Research Division

Note: Consequent of the Recruitment held in AIU two Senior Research Assistants were selected and appointed letters were issued. One of the selected candidates declined to join whereas another candidate **Dr Sandeep** joined as Senior Research Assistant (SRA) on August 31, 2018.

*Noted*

4. To report the collaboration with WHEEBOX, an Online Talent Assessment Company for Mapping the Employability Skills of the Products of Higher Education and Building '**India Skill Report 2019**'

Note: A request was received from WHEEBOX in 2015 seeking AIU Collaboration in Mapping the Employability Skills of Higher Education Products and Building "India Skill Report". The Research Division took up the task after MoU was signed by AIU with WHEEBOX. Since 2015 this has been a regular activity of the Research Division. All supports are provided by Research Division to Wheebox in mapping the Skill Sets of the final year students of the member Universities of AIU. Certificate of Endorsement bearing AIU, WHEEBOX and FICCI logos are awarded to the candidates appearing in this exercise and the India Skills Reports are published on year to year basis. In the current year the process is going on the "**India Skills Report-2019** shall be released during **November 2018**. In the whole exercise Research Division plays a major role as an Academic Partner.

*Noted*

*Resolution: Copies of the Reports both in Soft and Print Form be obtained by Research Division and circulated to member institutions.*

5. To Report the successful organization of the 2nd International Conference on '**Internationalization at Home (IaH): Strategies for Building Global International and Intercultural Competencies**' at Symbiosis International University, Pune in collaboration with AIU

Note: A request was received from Symbiosis International University seeking collaboration of AIU in organizing an International

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Conference on the above theme at Symbiosis International University on **April 06-07, 2018**. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive event in collaboration with SIU. The Research Division collaborated and provided necessary support in successfully organizing the Conference. No Financial Grant was given. Report was not received from Symbiosis.

*Noted*

**Resolution:** *Efforts be made for obtaining the report from Symbiosis and be uploaded in AIU Website with link to be provided to the member institutions.*

6. To report the successful organization of a National Conference on 'Rejuvenation of Under Graduate Education in India' in collaboration with Centre for Educational and Social Studies (CESS) National Institute of Advanced Studies at Indian Institute of Sciences Campus, Bengaluru.

Note: A request was received from Centre for Educational and Social Studies (CESS), National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru seeking AIU Collaboration for organizing the above Conference. The event was organized during August 10-11, 2018 at Indian Institute of Sciences Campus. Research Division extended necessary supports as Academic/Knowledge Partner in organizing the event. No Financial Grant was given. Around 90 papers were presented in the conference. Efforts are being made to bring out the proceedings of the conference with around 40/45 selected good papers. CESS has sought financial help from AIU to bring out the Proceedings. They have been informed that Research Division shall assist in short listing, compiling, editing and all other academic support in bringing out the proceedings which may be a joint Publication of AIU and CESS without any Financial Support.

*Noted*

**Resolution:** *Efforts be made to obtain the report from CESS and the proceeding be published as a joint publication of AIU & CESS. No financial support for the printing cost be provided to CESS*

7. To report the Rescheduled dates of the Roundtable of Vice Chancellors of Open and Distance Education Universities

[Note: A proposal was received from the Vice Chancellor of Dr. B R Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad seeking AIU Collaboration in organizing the above Roundtable. The Research Division provided necessary academic support and a Financial support of Rs. 3.00 lakhs was sanctioned. Roundtable is scheduled to be held now on **November 11-12, 2018**.

*Noted*

8. To report the Progress of the Research Compendium of the Research Projects presented in Anveshan: National Research Convention

[Note: Anveshan: the National Student Research Convention was organized at Chitkara University, Punjab in which 75 Research Projects selected at

Zonal Level Conventions were presented out of which 15 best projects in five categories such as Basic Science, Engineering & Technology, Health and Allied Sciences, Agriculture, Social Science & Humanities; Business Management, Law were selected and cash award with mementoes and certificates was awarded. The publication of the Compendium is in process.]

*Noted*

9. To report the Progress of Database Project on Financing of Universities in India

[Note: In the process of reviving the preparation of Database, a regular activity of the Research Division, which was discontinued for some period, a project on the Data base on Financing of Universities was initiated in 2016. After reminders and continuous pursuance data was received from 120 Institutions. Further it was decided to publish it in data base pamphlet/booklet format. Data entry of maximum institution has been complete. The draft pamphlet with an introduction on the current and evolving procedure of Financing of Universities along-with a brief status analysis is in progress.]

*Noted*

**Resolution:** *Efforts be made to capture the Financial and other Data furnished by Universities/ Institutions on NIRF, NAAC, AISHE Portal. It will save the time of receiving filled in Data format. Audited Financial data should be included for authenticity.*

10. To report the completion of the Research Study on Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policies in Higher Education: A Study on Centers of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policies in Indian Universities

[Note: A study on the aforementioned title was taken up in which questionnaires were sent to all the 35 centers (CSSEIP) of Indian universities. In total 15 centers responded out of which two centers had provided incomplete data. The data provided by other 13 Centres were analysed. And some secondary source of data such as annual reports, policy documents, mission and objectives of the centres etc. also analysed. The draft report is ready.]

*Noted*

**Resolution:** *The draft report be circulated to the members of Research Committee before finalization and the recommendations be crisply prepared.*

11. To consider the proposal for taking a Research Project on Impact of Refresher Programmes on developing Research and Teaching Skills: A study of UGC Human Resource Development Centres (HRDC) in Indian Universities.

[Note: A study on the aforementioned title was initiated in 2015. Due to shortage of manpower the project couldn't be taken up. Following the recruitment of a Senior Research Assistant, the proposal for starting the project is being proposed.]

*Approved*

**Resolution:** *The study be recast as Faculty Development Programme for the Academic Staff in Indian Universities and the Scheme of Pt Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission*

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*of Teaching and Teachers(PMMMNMTT)be included in the study.*

12. To consider organizing the following National Workshops/Seminars in 2018-19 (Regular activities).

- i. National Workshop on Emerging Trends in Information Technology in University Management
- ii. National Workshop on Management of University Administration
- iii. National Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences
- iv. National Workshop on Examination Reforms in Higher Education
- v. National Seminar on Women's Studies in India

[**Note:** All the Five events are the regular activities of the Research Division. As per MHRD Guidelines, one event is to be held in one of the **North Eastern States**. Considering the high demand for workshops on Research Methodology in Social Sciences, it was decided that two Workshops i.e. in Research Methodology will be organized in the current Financial Year (FY). One each of the remaining four events will be held in the Financial Year 2018-19. Notifications inviting proposals for collaboration from member universities were given in *University News* and in AIU Website. In view of the time constraints, the received proposals were shortlisted and programmes were allocated which may be ratified by the Committee.]

*Approved*

***Observation:** Since the Programmes have already been started, it should have been mentioned as reporting Item. The Secretary General explained that these programmes are of the current year. Because of the Session change and taking over as New President in the month of July the calendar of events is being submitted to Research Committee Meeting for approval. The proposal for these events were invited by notifying in University News and Uploading in Website. The calendar was prepared in anticipation of the approval of the Research Committee Meeting.*

13. To consider the proposal for organizing the Roundtable of Vice Chancellors of Central Universities at Tezpur University, Assam during December 28-29, 2018.

[**Note:** It was resolved in the Research Committee Meeting in 2015-16 to organize Ten Roundtables of Vice Chancellors of Universities in various disciplines. Five Roundtables such as Sanskrit, State Universities, Private Universities, Engineering & Technology and Health Sciences were already held earlier. The Roundtable of Vice Chancellors of Central Universities will be the sixth in Series. The event is scheduled during **December 28-29, 2018**.

*Noted*

14. To consider the proposal for organizing **Anveshan: Student Research Convention** for the financial year 2018-19.

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15. Any other Item with the permission of the Chair

- i. To consider enhancement of the Financial support to member Universities those organize AIU Programmes in Collaboration

Note: Approval for Financial Support amount for the host universities of AIU programmes was obtained in 2016 as per following:

- a) IT & Management Workshop: **Rs : 3.00 lakhs** (3 days duration, for 45-55 Participants)
- b) Research Methodology Workshop: **Rs 4.00 lakhs** (7 days duration for 50-60 Participants)
- c) Seminar: **Rs 3.00 lakhs** ( Two days duration for 45-55 Participants)
- d) Roundtables: **Rs 4.00 lakhs** (Two days duration)
- e) Anveshan : Research Conventions: **Rs 3.50 lakhs** for Zonal and **Rs. 5.00 Lakhs** for National)

Note: In some of the events due to increase in the number of participants, the host universities are insisting for enhancing the financial support. In view of this proposal for enhancing the amount of Financial support was proposed)

**Resolution:** *Research Committee resolved that the financial support need not be enhanced. Instead the Registration fees as prescribed by AIU be allowed to be retained fully by the host universities*


- ii. To consider the proposal of Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad seeking AIU collaboration and Financial support for organizing a Roundtable of Vice Chancellors on Sustainability of Rural Economy

Approved

**Resolution:** *The Committee approved the proposal in principle and resolved that the Vice Chancellor of Gujarat Vidyapith be requested to send a detail proposal mentioning the tentative dates, themes, subthemes, expected participant, financial estimate, expectations from AIU, etc.*



Prof Furqan Qamar  
[Secretary General]



Prof Sandeep Sancheti  
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