

Association of Indian Universities

Minutes of the 339th Governing Council Meeting held on June 30, 2016 at AIU House,
New Delhi-110002

Present:

1. Prof (Dr) Ranbir Singh, President, AIU	In Chair
2. Prof D S Chauhan, Vice President, AIU	Member
3. Dr H M Desai, Immediate Past President, AIU	Member
4. Prof R C Sobti	Member
5. Prof S W akhtar	Member
6. Prof Mushahid Husain	Member
7. Prof G N Pandey	Member
8. Prof S S Kadam	Member
9. Dr G Bhaskaran	Member
10. Prof Shiv Kumar Pandey	Member
11. Dr Matthew Prasad	Member
12. Prof Paramjit S Jaswal	Member
13. Prof C K Kokate	Special Invitee
14. Prof Furqan Qamar, Secretary General, AIU	Member Secretary

At the outset, Prof (Dr) Ranbir Singh, President, AIU welcomed all the members of the Governing Council, attending the meeting especially Prof G N Pandey who attended the Governing Council Meeting for the first time. Thereafter, agenda items were taken up for discussion.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

- 339/01 To confirm the Minutes of the 338th Governing Council Meeting held on February 4, 2016 at Sardar Patel University, District Anand, Gujarat.

Confirmed.

ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES

- 339/02 To report action taken on the Minutes of the 338th Governing Council Meeting held on February 4, 2016 at Sardar Patel University, District Anand, Gujarat.

Noted and approved.

ITEMS TO REPORT

- 339/03 To report the following corrections made in the decisions taken in the 337th Meetings of the Governing Council held on 18.12.2015 at AIU House, New Delhi.

- (i) The date of Governing Council Meeting which has been erroneously typed as 18.1.2016 instead of 18.12.2015, the same has been corrected and necessary orders are issued accordingly;
- (ii) The date of personal promotion of Dr. Usha Rai Negi, Assistant Director (Res) was inadvertently written as 2008 instead of 1.1.2006 in the resolution of the Governing Council meeting held on 18.12.2015 under agenda item No.337/04 (Sl. No.38 & 39). She was given last personal promotion on 1.1.2006.

Accordingly, she has been given personal promotion and placed in PB-3 GP of Rs.5400 w.e.f.1.1.2006. Hence, the reporting item.

Corrections approved.

- 339/04 To report that the Empowered Committee of the University Grants Commission vide its letter No.F.4-1/2014(BSR)Pt.VI dated March 1, 2016 has informed that " Providing financial support to Agricultural Universities is policy matter and the Committee does not have the mandate to take decision on the matter".

- [Note: The General Body of the Association at its 89th Annual Meeting (General Session) while considering proposals received from Ch. Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar on "Supporting basic research in Agricultural University" (2) research emphasis on environment, human health; (3) Accreditation of UG agricultural degrees by ICAR in on SAUs at National Level; (4) Funds for supporting proper utilization of green waste and resolved to forward these proposals to UGC and ICAR for consideration. The reply received from the UGC vide its letter dated March 1, 2016 is given as appendix 8.01.

Annexure 4.01

Noted.

- 339/05 To report retirement/contractual appointment/extension and resignation of contractual employees in AIU Secretariat:

Annexure 5.01

Noted and approved.

- 339/06 To report that Prof Furqan Qamar, Secretary General, AIU has been nominated on the newly constituted Governing Council of the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras, as a Government representative.

Noted and approved.

- 339/07 To report that Prof Furqan Qamar, Secretary General, AIU will be representing on the Indian Council for School Certificate Examination in ex-officio capacity for a period of two year (2016-18).

Noted and approved.

- 339/08 To report that Prof Furqan Qamar, Secretary General, AIU has been nominated on the Drafting Committee of a Global Convention on the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications according to the 38th General Conference's, 2015 decision (38 C/Resolution 12) and on an invitation received from UNESCO, Paris. Prof Furqan Qamar, Secretary General, AIU attended the first Meeting of the Drafting Committee held at UNESCO, Paris on May 11-12, 2016. The round trip air fare, accommodation and local transportation charges were borne by UNESCO.

Noted and approved. Members congratulated Prof Furqan Qamar on being nominated on this prestigious Committee.

- 339/09 To report that Prof (Dr) Ranbir Singh, President, AIU and Prof Furqan Qamar, Secretary General, AIU were invited by the Association of Universities in Asia and Pacific, Thailand to attend and be the Chair/Keynote Speaker in its Conference on "Innovation and Entrepreneurship and Transnational Technology Transfer" held at Zhengzhou China during May 27-28, 2016. The sponsor for the Conference agreed to cover international round trip airfare (Economy), hotel accommodation and local transportation at Zhengzhou of the Secretary General. They travelled by their entitled

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Class and hence the difference in air-fare, VISA and Insurance charges, per diem and miscellaneous/ contingencies expenses were borne by the Association as per AIU Rules.

Noted and approved.

- 339/10 (a) To report that Prof Furqan Qamar, Secretary General, AIU has been invited by the Association of Commonwealth Universities, London as a Speaker in the ACU Conference of University Leaders scheduled to be held on July 27-29, 2016 at Accra, Ghana to speak on the theme "The University Responsibility in India" and to discuss the Social Responsibilities of Universities and how these are fulfilled in the Indian context. The Registration fee, Accommodation and local travel for attending the Conference will be met by ACU. The round trip air-fare, VISA, and Insurance charges, per diem and miscellaneous/contingencies expenses will be borne by AIU as per rules.
- (b) To report that Prof D S Chauhan, Vice President, AIU and Vice Chancellor, G L A University, Mathura will be attending the ACU Conference of University Leaders scheduled to be held during July 27-29, 2016 at Accra, Ghana. The roundtrip air-fare, Registration fees, accommodation, VISA and Insurance charges, local travel, per diem and miscellaneous/contingencies expenses will be borne by AIU as per AIU rules.
- (c) To report that a delegation under the Chairmanship of Prof (Dr) Ranbir Singh, President, AIU, with Prof Furqan Qamar, Secretary General, AIU and Mr Sambhav Srivastava, Section Officer (Evaluation) will be visiting Malaysia during June 19 to 22, 2016 for discussing with the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) signing of Memorandum of Understanding on Mutual recognition of qualifications between India and Malaysia. The visit is being undertaken on behalf of Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Higher Education, Government of India. All expenses roundtrip air-fare, accommodation, local transportation, VISA Charges, per diem, Miscellaneous/Contingences expenses will be borne by AIU. Members will be travelling by the class of their entitlement as per AIU Rules.

Noted and approved.

- 339/11 To report that President, AIU has nominated Prof Deepak Behera, VC, Berhampur University, Berhampur and Prof A Lakshminath, VC, Chankaya National Law University, Patna on the Staff Affairs Committee from Central and Eastern zone respectively.

Noted and approved.

- 339/12 To report implementation of New Group Leave Encashment Scheme of LIC of India with regard to payment of Earned Leave Encashment being paid on superannuation to the permanent employees of the Association with overall limit of 300 days.

[Note: As per Rules, the employee(s) of the Association are entitled to cash equivalent of leave salary in respect of the period of earned leave at their credit subject to overall limit of 300 days at the time of retirement on superannuation.

The cash equivalent of leave salary for Earned Leave at the rate(s) in force on the date of retirement is paid in one lump sum to the employees. The payment used to be released from the provision made in the yearly Budget in the concerned financial year in this regard. Expenditure used to be booked in the Books of Account when the payment was actually released in favour of employee(s). Although the employees of the Association accumulate Earned Leave on year to year basis subject to maximum limit prescribed in the rules but the total expenditure used to be booked in the year of

retirement of an employee. As per this scheme/ practice, the actual yearly liability of the Association was not depicted in the Books of Account on annual basis.

AIU has already implemented the New Group Gratuity Cash Accumulation Scheme of LIC for the benefit of AIU Employees as approved and appreciated by the Governing Council of the Association in its meeting held on 27.02.2015.

On similar lines, we obtained a proposal for the Group Earned Leave Accumulation/ Encashment Scheme for AIU Employees from LIC for meeting the Employer's statutory liability in a systematic way with regard to payment of Earned Leave Encashment dues on superannuation of employee(s) of the Association. The proposal received from LIC was submitted for consideration of Finance Committee Members through circulation vide letter No. AC/FC/2015-16 dated 21.3.2016.

As per this proposal, the New Group Leave Encashment Scheme (NGLES) was procured for the employees of the Association by booking the expenditure in the FY 2015-16:

Employer's Liability	Premium Amount	Remarks
As on date Liability based on actuarial valuation	Rs.1.73 Crores	As per the proposal of LIC
Yearly premium from FY 2016-17 onwards	Rs. 5 lacs approximately	Yearly liability of the employer based on actual number of leave accumulated by the employee

The advantages of adopting this Scheme/Plan of LIC are:

ADVANTAGES TO THE EMPLOYER

- i) The earned leave liability can be funded in the year in which it arises.
- ii) The problem of liquidity gets automatically eliminated once the provision for as on date liability is made in the Books of Account.
- iii) Statutory liability is booked on year to year basis, thus reflecting true picture of the income and expenditure of the concerned financial year. Actual surplus available to the organization can be ascertained after meeting all the statutory liabilities.
- iv) This is the prudent way of meeting the liability in a systematic way
- v) Funds invested with LIC enjoy sovereign Guarantee of the Central Government of India

ADVANTAGES TO THE EMPLOYEE

- i. Earned Leave Payments on retirement/resignation are secured.
- ii. The facility of earned Leave Payment is available on the exit of an employee].

Approved.

339/13 To report the Appellate Order issued by the Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeals) (Exemptions) in respect of Assessment Year 2011-12.

[Note: During the course of assessment proceedings for the AY 2011-12, the Assessing Officer issued number of notices u/s 143(2) of IT Act, 1961. All the notices were complied with by submitting the requisite documents, details and explanations called for. The books of accounts were also produced before the Deputy Director of Income Tax (E) through our Statutory Auditors.

This was followed by a Notice of Demand of Tax for Rs.2,72,16,450 for the AY 2011-12 under section 156 of Income Tax Act, 1961 from the DDIT (Exemption) along with Assessment Order u/s 143(3) dated 24.3.14. The tax demand was raised by the Assessing Officer (DDIT(E) by stating:

"Your application for stay has been considered and in view of the facts of the same and circumstances stated by you, the petition for stay is rejected. You are directed to deposit at least 50% of the outstanding demand within 7(seven) days of receipt of this

letter and balance 50% shall remain stayed till the disposal of appeal before the CIT (Appeal) or six months whichever is earlier subject to fulfillment of first condition that 50% of demand is deposited within seven days of receipt of this letter. In case you fail to deposit such demand, coercive measures including attachment of your bank accounts shall be resorted to."

An appeal under Form No. 35 (No. 189/13-14 U/S 250 of the Income Tax Act 1961) was filed by the Association on 24.4.2014 before the Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeal) against the Assessment Order issued by the Assessing Officer.

The matter was personally discussed with DDIT(E) by the Statutory Auditors and Deputy Secretary (F) to keep the demand under abeyance till the appeal with the Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeal) -XXI of the Association is heard for the AY 2010-11 for which association had already deposited Rs.2572460/- (50% of tax demand).

On our request DDIT(E) issued revised order on 8.8.14 with a direction to deposit a sum of Rs.1,36,08,225/- (50% of demand for AY 2011-12) in 8 equal installments. Rs.1,36,08,225/- was deposited with the Income Tax Department in 8 equal installments.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Deputy Director of Income Tax (E) has countered our replies in the earlier order also by stating following provisions:

By insertion of the new proviso in Section 2(15) certain type of activities (advancement of objects of general public utility) considered otherwise charitable were taken out of the definition of charitable activity if they were found to be engaged in trade and commerce.

As already stated that the activities of the applicant fall under the last limb, i.e. advancement of any other object of general public utility and since these activities involve providing services for a fee are clearly hit by the proviso to section 2(15) of the Income tax Act.

The inclusive definition of charitable purposes states among other things, relief of the poor, education, and medical relief etc. as in the nature of charitable purpose. The concept of charitable purpose may be manifested in different forms like relief of poor, education, medical relief etc. but a charitable purpose should always take care of the welfare and interest of the public and especially the poor section of the public. Running a society only for the purpose of co-coordination between the universities **does not show any work of charity being undertaken by the society.**

The Appeal Proceedings before the Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeal)-40 were attended by the DS(F) and officials of our Statutory Auditors from time to time with a request that the activities of the Association fall under section 2(15)(b) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and benefit U/S 11 & 12 of Income Tax Act may be allowed. Finally, the CIT(A) issued an Appellate Order No.709 dated 18.1.2016 u/s 250(6) by stating:

"After due consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case, I, in exercise of powers vested in me allow the appeal of the assessee. The AO was not justified in disallowing the claim of the exemption under section 11 of the Act. The learned CIT (A) appreciated these facts and directed the AO to allow the exemption u/s 11(1) with all the consequential benefits as the assessee is not involved in any trade, commerce or business to attract the mischief of Proviso of section 2(15) and the object, aim and purpose of existence of Society is solitary i.e. education and non else.

In the result, the appeal of the assessee is allowed and accordingly the AOI is directed to allow the exemption us/11(1) with the consequential benefits'.

The Association will continue to avail the exemption U/S 11(1) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 now with the issuance of order by CIT(A) i.e. by applying at least 85% of the income of the Society/Trust to charitable purposes. Where 85% of the income is not

applied to charitable or religious purposes, the charitable trust may accumulate or set apart either the whole or part of its income for future application for such purposes in India. Such income so accumulated or set apart will not be included in the total income of the trust or institution in the year of receipt of income, provided such trust or institution has specified by means of a notice to the Assessing Officer, in Form No. 10, the purpose and period (which in no case exceed 5 years) for which the income is accumulated or set apart].

Noted.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 339/14 To consider providing a Copy of the Universities Handbook, List University Institutions in India, University News and other publications to Governors of respective States in India.

[Note: The Association of Indian Universities is publishing various books relating to Higher Education from time to time viz. Various Handbooks on Professional Education, University News, Occasional Papers on a topical theme relating to Higher Education. Complimentary Copies of these publications are sent apart from Members to the President of India, Vice President of India Office, MHRD, UGC and Heads of Apex Bodies.

The Office of the Governor in various states plays a vital role in providing linkages with the Universities in their respective states because Governor is also the Chancellor of State Universities.

It is proposed that complimentary copy of the Universities Handbook, AIU Members Directory, University News and other publications may also be sent to each Governor of respective States in India.]

Approved.

- 339/15 To consider a proposal received from Prof Bhuvnesh Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi Vedic Vishwavidyalaya, Katni, Madhya Pradesh on "Transcendental Meditation™"

Annexure 15.01

Noted.

- 339/16 To consider a proposal received from the Vice Chancellor, Desh Bhagat University, Mandi Gobindgarh, Punjab to allow the University printing of AIU logo along with the logo of the University on University Degrees.

Annexure 16.01

Resolved that the proposal may not be accepted.

- 339/17 To consider a proposal received from the Director General, ICAR vide his DO No. Secy (DARE) & DG(ICAR)/201/41 dated 11.01.2016 addressed to the Chairman, UGC regarding issue of a notification by UGC declaring undergraduate degrees offered by agriculture universities as professional degree course.

Annexure 17.01

It was resolved to forward the matter to the University Grants Commission.

- 339/18 To decide the theme for discussion at the AIU National Seminar to be held during the 91st Annual Meeting to be held at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati in 2017.

[Note: The General Body of the Association at its 90th Annual Meeting held at Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar resolved to organize the next Meeting of the Association at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati. A National Seminar will be held during the Annual Meeting for which a theme is to be decided.

During the last few years, the following were the topics for discussion at the AIU National Seminar:

- 2016 Role of Higher Education in Transforming India
- 2015 Promoting Excellence in Higher Education
- 2014 Rashtriya Ucchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)
- 2013 Research in Higher Education institutions for Sustainable Development
- 2012 Reforms and Innovation in Higher Education Towards World Class Standards
- 2010 Governance of Higher Education
- 2009 Evaluation Systems
- 2008 Quality and Relevance of Higher Education
- 2007 Report of the National Knowledge Commission
- 2006 150 Years of University Education in India
- 2005 Role of Universities in Empowerment of Socio-economic weaker sections
- 2004 Engagement of Universities with the Society"
- 2003
 - Threats and Opportunities in Higher Education in the context of GATS and
 - Networking among Indian Universities and credit transfer within the Universities in India.
- 2002 Quality Assurance in Higher Education
- 2001 Technology Enabled Flexible Education and Development

The matter was discussed in detail and the following theme was decided for the National seminar:

"Celebrating Higher Education: Accomplishment and Achievement of Higher Education in post-Independence Era".

The Committee which visited Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati also informed that the adequate infrastructure and facilities are available for organization of the Annual Meeting.

It was resolved that University may be requested to communicate the suitability of organization of the Annual Meeting during February 3-5, 2017 or February 10-12, 2017.

- 339/19 To consider grant of provisional membership of the Association of Indian Universities to the following Universities:

[Note: The General Body of the Association at its 84th Annual Meeting laid down the following criteria for granting provisional membership of the Association to University Level Institutions:

For Public Funded Universities:

The University should be registered u/s 2(f) or 22 of UGC Act, 1956.

- (a) **Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Bihar**, is a public funded Central University, established through an Act of Parliament namely "The Central Universities (Amendment)



Act, 2014 (No.35 of 2014) notified on December 18, 2014. The University is eligible to grant provisional membership of the Association from 1.4.2016.

- (b) **P E C University of Technology, Chandigarh** is a public funded University. PEC University of Technology (formerly Punjab Engineering College (PEC) having its roots in Lahore as Mugalpura Engineering College since 1921, moved to its present campus in 1953 as PEC affiliated to Panjab University, Chandigarh. The institute became Deemed University in 2003 through a MHRD notification No.F.9-38/2001-U.3 dated 16.10.2003 and rechristened as PEC University of Technology in 2009. It is a Grant-in-Aid institution under administration of Union Territory of Chandigarh, Government of India. The University is eligible to grant provisional membership of AIU from 1.4.2016.
- (c) **A P J Abdul Kalam Technological University, Thiruvananthapuram** is a public funded University established through an Act of State Legislature of Kerala through A P J Abdul Kalam Technological University Act, 2015 (17 of 2015) notified on August 31, 2015. The University has been empowered to award degrees as specified by the UGC under section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956 vide their letter No.F.9-22/2015 (CPP-I/PU) dated 6.10.2015. The University is eligible to grant provisional membership of AIU with effect from 1.4.2016.
- (d) **Khawaja Moinuddin Chishti Urdu, Arabi-Farsi University, Lucknow** is a public funded University established through Uttar Pradesh State Universities (Amendment) Ordinance 2012 notified vide Notification No.597(2)/LXXIX-V-I-12-2(ka)6-2012 , dated 6.8.2012. The University is empowered to award degrees as specified by the UGC under section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956 vide UGC letter No.F.9-22/2010 (CPP-i/PU) dated 14.03.2016. The University is eligible for grant of provisional membership of AIU with effect from 1.4.2016.
- (e) **Durg Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur Naka, Durg, Chhattisgarh** is a public funded University established through an Act of State Legislature of Chhattisgarh through Chhattisgarh Act (No.16 of 2015) notified on April 24, 2015. The University is empowered to award degrees as specified by the UGC under Section 22 of UGC Act, 1956 through its own departments, its constituent colleges and or/through its affiliated colleges in regular mode with the approval of statutory bodies/councils wherever required vide their letter No.F.9-2/2016(CPP-I/PU) dated 17 March, 2016. The University qualifies for grant of provisional membership of AIU with effect from 1.4.2016.
- (f) **The Assam Science & Technology University, Guwahati**, is a state public funded University, established through an Act of State Legislature of Assam vide Assam Act No.VI of 2011 notified on April 25, 2011. The University is empowered to award degrees as specified by the UGC under Section 22 of UGC Act, 1956 through its own departments, its constituent colleges and or/through its affiliated colleges in regular mode with the approval of statutory bodies/councils wherever required vide their letter No.F.5-5/2014(CPP-I/PU) dated May 11, 2016. The University qualify for grant of provisional membership of AIU with effect from May11, 2016 (The date of issue of UGC letter).
- (g) **Maharaja Ranjit Singh State Technical University, Dabwali Road, Bhatinda** is a public funded University established through an Act of State Legislature of Punjab (Punjab Act No.5 of 2015) through The Maharaja Ranjit Singh State Technical University Act, 2014 (Act No.5 of 2015) notified on February 12, 2015, later renamed

as Maharaj Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University vide Punjab Act No.19 of 2016 notified on May 19, 2016. The University has been empowered to award degrees as specified by the UGC under section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956 vide their letter No.F.9-11/2015 (CPP-I/PU) dated 12.02.2015. The University is eligible to grant provisional membership of AIU with effect from 1.4.2016.

For Self-financed Private Universities:

- a) The University should be registered u/s 2(f) or 22 of UGC Act, 1956; and
- b) The University should have standing of 2(two) Years.

- (h) **Shree Guru Gobind Singh Tercentenary University, Gurgaon** is a self-financed private University established through an Act of State Legislature of Haryana Haryana Private Universities (Amendment) Act No. 8 of 2013 - and completed two year of existence in January 2015. The University has been empowered to award degrees as specified by the UGC under section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956 vide their letter No. F.No 5-3/2016 (CPP-I/PU) dated April 21, 2016 The University fulfills both the criteria laid down by the General Body for grant of provisional membership of AIU and is eligible to grant provisional membership from 21.04.2016 (the date of issue of UGC letter).
- (i) **Periyar Maniammai Institute of Science and Technology, Thanjavur**, is a self financed Deemed University. The Deemed to be University status was conferred vide MHRD Notification NO.F.9-28/2001-U.3 dated 17.08.2007. The University has completed 2-year of existence on 16.8.2009. The name of the University was included in the list of 44 Universities listed in Category "C". The University is eligible to grant provisional membership of AIU with effect from 1.4.2016.
- (j) **Sri Sri University, Cuttack** is a self financed University established through an Act of State Legislature of Odisha, The Sri Sri University Act, 2009 notified on February 22, 2012. The University has completed 2-year of existence on 21.02.2014. The University has been empowered to award degrees as specified by the UGC under section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956 vide their letter No. F.No 8-9/2012CPP-/PU) dated March 9, 2016 The University fulfills both the criteria laid down by the General Body for grant of provisional membership of AIU and is eligible to grant provisional membership of AIU from 1.4.2016.
- (k) **Rama University Uttar Pradesh, Kanpur**, is a self financed private University established through an Act of State Legislature of Uttar Pradesh (UP Act No.1 of 2014) notified on 10.01.2014 and has completed 2-year of existence on 09.01.2016. The University is empowered to award degrees as specified under Section 22 of UGC Act through its main campus in regular mode with the approval of statutory bodies/councils, wherever it is required through their letter No.F.8-5/2014(CPP-I/PU) dated 4.8.2015. The University fulfills both the conditions for grant of provisional membership of AIU with effect from 1.4.2016.
- (l) **Vivekananda Global University, Jaipur** is a self financed private University established through an Act of State Legislature of Rajasthan as VIT University Jaipur (The VIT University, Jaipur Act, 2012 – Act No.11 of 2012) notified on May 2, 2012. The name of the University was changed to "The Vivekanand Global University, Jaipur" through "The VIT University, Jaipur (Change of Name) Act, 2013 (Act No.25 of 2013) notified on September 16, 2013. The University has completed 2-year of existence on May 1, 2014. The University is empowered to award degrees as specified

under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956 through its main campus in regular mode with the approval of statutory bodies/Councils wherever its required vide UGC letter No.F.5-3/2016(CPP_I/PU) dated 4.5.2016. The University fulfills both the conditions for grant of provisional membership of AIU with effect from 4.5.2016 (date of issue of UGC letter).

- (m) **Al-Falah University, Dhauj, Fridabad**, is a self financed University established through an Act of State Legislature of Haryana namely the Haryana Private Universities, 2006 (As amended upto 2nd May 2014). The University has completed 2-year of existence in May 2016. The University has enclosed UGC letter No.8-10/2014(CPP-I/PU) dated January 5, 2016 wherein it has been mentioned that:

"The Committee noted the compliance submitted by the University in respect of the observations/suggestions given by the UGC's Inspection Committee and AICTE Expert Committee"

The above recommendations of the Committee along with the Report of the UGC Inspection Committee were placed before the Commission in its 511st Meeting (Item No.1.02(a)(iii) held on 21.12.2015. The Commission ratified the recommendations of the Committee."

The University is empowered to award degrees as specified u/s 22 of the UGC Act through its main campus in regular mode with the approval of statutory bodies/councils, wherever its required as conveyed vide their letter NO.F.5-3/2016(CPP-i/PU) dated June 17, 2016.

Resolved to grant provisional membership of the Association of Indian Universities to above mentioned Universities, subject to fulfillment of criteria laid down in this regard with effect from the year 2015-16 or date of completion of 2-year of existence or recognition of the University by the University Grants Commission u/s 2(f) or 22 of UGC Act, 1956, whichever is later.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

- 339/20 To consider grant of Associate Membership of AIU to UCSI University, Malaysia.

[Note: AIU Rules for grant of Associate Membership of Universities of neighbouring countries is given below:

2.1 (a) Associate Membership

- i. Universities of other countries may, on application, be enrolled as 'Associate Member' of the Association of Indian Universities, provided these Universities are recognized Universities in their respective country.
- ii. Such Associate members will be eligible to participate in all activities of the Association of Indian Universities, but shall not be eligible to Vote.
- iii. The Associate members shall pay the annual membership subscription etc. as is paid by the regular members.

The UCSI University, Malaysia located at No.1, Jalan Menara Gading, UCSI Heights, Cheras 56000 Cheras, Kuala Lumpur is a self financed University established in 2008 and is registered under the Private Higher Education Provider Act, 1996 of Malaysia. The validity of registration of the University under the said Act is upto 06 October, 2018.

A clarification was sought from the University about validity of Registration of the University upto 06 October, 2018 and it has been informed by the Registrar of the University as below:

"All Universities are given a license to operate and manage an Institution of higher education offering a variety of programmes in Malaysia. This license is given for a period five (05) years which will be renewed every five (05) years.

In reference to UCSI University, our license will expire on the 6th October 2018, where we will submit for renewal on the 6th April, 2018 – 6 months earlier."

The name of University is listed in the International Handbook of Universities 2014 25th Edition, Volume 2 at page 2499 as a private University of Malaysia.]

Resolved to grant Associate membership of the Association of Indian Universities to The UCSI University, Malaysia with effect from the year 1.4.2016. Further, the grant of equivalence to degrees/diploma/certificate etc. awarded by such Universities by AIU shall be subject to rules and regulations laid down in this regard.

- 339/21 (a) To consider the Minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting of the Sports Board Meeting and Sports Committee Meeting held on April 5, 2016 at Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak for the year 2015-16.

Annexure 21.01

Noted and approved.

- (b) To consider the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the IU Cultural Board Meeting and Cultural Committee Meeting held on June 17, 2016 at Lovely Professional University, Phagwara, Punjab.

Annexure 21.02

Noted and approved.

- (c) To consider the Minutes of the Evaluation Committee Meeting held on April 4, 2016 at AIU House, New Delhi.

Annexure 21.03

Noted and approved.

- (d) To consider the Minutes of the Staff Affairs Committee Meeting held on June 29, 2016 at AIU House, New Delhi

Annexure 21.04.

Noted and approved with the following correction:

Ref: Resolution under Item No. SAC/05(c). The date of 3rd financial up-gradation in respect of S/Shri Sassi TA, Bahadur Singh and Suresh is approved with effect from 1.4.2015 instead of 1.1.2015. The Minutes of SAC approved subject to above correction.

- 339/22 To consider the amendments in AIU Bye-laws, Chapter-4(Clause No.13).

Note: The Governing Council in its 337th meeting held on 18.12.2015, on the recommendations of the Grievance Committee, approved the adoption of Govt. of India Rules vide OM No.6/8/2009-Estt.(Pay II) dated 17th June, 2010 for transfer on Deputation & Foreign Service for AIU employees.

The existing provisions provided in AIU Bye-Laws, Chapter-4 (Clause No.13) and the provisions laid down in the OM No.6/8/2009-Estt.(Pay II) dated 17th June, 2010 approved by the Governing Council in its meeting held on 18.12.2015 are as hereunder:

Existing Clause	Clause after amendments
"Confirmed employee may be allowed to take up appointment in another organization on Deputation/Foreign Service terms and retain lien on his post in AIU provided he joins a higher post. This facility will be available to an employee for a period of not more than two years during his entire service	Tenure of deputation/ foreign service:- As per the GOI Rules vide OM No.6/8/2009-Estt.(Pay II) dated 17th June, 2010.

The above amended Clause may be incorporated in AIU Bye-Laws (Chapter-4), after the approval of the Governing Council/General Body.]

Noted and approved.

- 339/23 To consider the past practice of circulating the agenda for the Governing Council and other Sub-Committees by the Secretary General, AIU.

[Note: In the past the agenda for the Governing Council and other sub-Committees was prepared and circulated with the approval of the Secretary General, AIU.

However, because of the fact that there was no full time Secretary General for sometime in AIU, the practice of obtaining the prior approval of the President for circulation of agenda started.

It is proposed that the Governing Council may approve the restoration of the old practice whereby the agenda for the Governing Council and other Sub-Committees of AIU may be issued with the approval of the Secretary General.]

Approved.

- 339/24 To consider allowing extension of term of contractual appointment of employees in AIU by the Secretary General, AIU.

[Note: As per AIU Bye Law, appointments on contractual basis of staff is done with the approval of the President AIU for a period of six months which is continued/renewed with a gap of 3 days with the approval of President, AIU.

To facilitate the process and expedite extension of appointment, the President, AIU has delegated this power to the Secretary General. It is proposed that the Governing Council may approve that while fresh appointments on contractual basis shall be made with the approval of the President, AIU, the renewal/extension may be delegated to the Secretary General, AIU.]

Approved.

- 339/25 The University Grants Commission has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof V S Chauhan, Member UGC to consider revision of the pay scale and allowances and service conditions of Teachers in Higher Education. A copy of the Notification dated June 9, 2016 is placed as annexure 25.01.

It seems desirable that the Association should have a view on the subject so that the same can be forwarded to the Pay Review Committee.

Annexure 25.01

After detailed discussion, it was unanimously decided to constitute the following Committee to prepare AIU views on the issue:

**Prof. R B Lal
Prof Ranbir Singh
Prof D S Chauhan,
Prof R K Chauhan
Prof Paramjit S Jaswal
Secretary General AIU**

**Former President, AIU
Immediate Past President, AIU
Chairman
Member
Member
Member Secretary**

To examine and present considered view of the Association before the Committee constituted by UGC.

- 339/26 To consider a proposal received from Dr Abdul Dewale Mohammed, Founder and Executive President of Africa Asia Scholars Global Network, Kent, UK for hosting of

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'Inaugurations of the Forum of Africa Arab and Asia-Pacific University Presidents' (FAAAPUP) and "Pride of Africa Arab and Asia-Pacific University Leadership (PAAAPUL) Global Awards and Expo' jointly with the Association of Indian Universities during March 20-24, 2017.

Resolved to obtain further details in this regard and to convey that since the proposal may require approval of the Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Human Resource Development, the AIU shall communicate its decision in due course of time.

- 339/27 To consider report of AIU Sub-Committee constituted to consider the implications of Lodha Committee Report for reforms in functioning of BCCI on Association of Indian Universities.

Annexure 27.01

[Note: The Governing Council of AIU in its 338th Meeting held on February 4, 2016 at Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat while considering the Impact of Lodha Committee Report on the proposed reforms in functioning of BCCI under item No.338/06 constituted a Committee comprising of Prof Paramjit S Jaswal, Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National Law University Punjab, Patiala and Prof R Venkat Rao, Vice Chancellor, National Law School of India University, Bangalore to examine the implications of the Lodha Committee Report and suggest further action that needs to be taken by the AIU. The report received from the Committee is placed as Annexure 27.01]

Resolved that the Association may present its point of view before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India along with the Services and Railways.

- 339/28 To consider D.O. No.3-3/2014-SP-1 dated May, 2016 received from Dr Sagarpreet Hooda, Director (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India requesting AIU to consider restructuring of College and University Sports programme to deliver the desired results i.e. for bringing the University Sports in the Country at par with the International level.

Annexure 28.01

[Note: The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports desires AIU to take necessary steps to review the College and University Sports programme and restructuring them to deliver the desired results and has requested to furnish a report to the Ministry regarding steps taken by AIU for bring the University sports in the country at par with the international level.

As the Ministry has requested AIU to furnish a report regarding steps taken by AIU for bring the University and College level sports in the Country at par with the International level. Accordingly a detailed note was submitted by the Joint Secretary (Sports) with the following observations:

- The relevant clause No.13.4 (a) of Rules and Regulations contained in AIU Handbook provides exclusive constitutional mandate to Sports Board, headed by hon'ble President, AIU to organize and arrange for the conduct of Inter University Tournaments and Competitions in recognized games and sports; and to fix the venues thereof. The existing format/structure designed and developed by the expert committee is approved by Sports Board, AIU headed by the hon'ble Chairman, AIU for its implementation by the member universities.
- Further, the existing relevant clause No.30 of Rules and Regulations contained in AIU Handbook clearly stipulates that "whenever it appears to the Standing Committee/ Governing Council, AIU that it is advisable to amend any provision of the Rules and Regulations, it may submit the proposition to the members of the Association at least two months in advance of a General Body Meeting. The proposition shall be considered by the Association at the said meeting and, if approved will be incorporated in the Rules and Regulations".
- In view of the above provision(s) of the Rules and Regulations contained in the AIU Handbook, it is mandatory that a proposal for amendment(s), if any, in the existing format of Inter University

Tournaments, needs to be submitted to the Governing Council, AIU within the stipulated period, for their consideration.

- If approved by the Governing Council, the hon'ble President, AIU may kindly like to constitute a sub-committee of experts to recommend the required changes in the existing format/structure of competitive sports in university sector.

The note submitted by the Joint Secretary (Sports) is placed before Governing Council for consideration as Annexure 28.02[Pp 50-57]. It is proposed that a Committee may be constituted to review the existing sports format at University and College level and recommend restructuring for bringing it at par with the world level sports.]

Resolved to constitute the Committee comprising of Prof Ranbir Singh, Vice Chancellor, National Law University, Delhi; Prof D S Chauhan, Vice Chancellor, GLA University, Mathura and Prof C K Kokate, VC, K L E University, Belgaum and Secretary General, AIU.

339/29 To consider implementation of resolution of the General Body (Business Session) held at its 90th Annual Meeting at Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat:

[Note: The General Body of the Association at its 90th Annual Meeting (Business Session) held at Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar on February 5, 2016 adopted the following resolution under Item No.BS 13:

"A member, who by virtue of his seniority, either on institutional basis or individual basis, was appointed as a member of the Governing Council or any other Statutory Committee(s) of the Association, fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee shall cease to continue to be a member of the Said Committee and shall also not be eligible for holding any post or office bearer of AIU."

The following members did not attend the three consecutive meetings of the Governing Council:

1. Dr H M Desai, Immediate Past President
2. Prof Venkat Rangan, VC, Amrita Vishwavidyapeetham
3. Prof S K Pandey, VC, Pandit Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur
4. Dr K M Bujarbaruah, VC, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat

Dr. H M Desai is representing on the Governing Council on ex-officio capacity. Prof Venkat Rangan and Prof S K Pandey are representing on the Governing Council on the basis of their individual seniority. Dr K M Bujarbaruah is representing on the Governing Council on the basis of institutional seniority of the Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat.]

Resolved that matter may be referred to the General Body of AIU for clarification, till such time status quo be maintained.

339/30 To consider the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on equivalence of degrees between 'Association of Indian Universities' and 'Foundation for International Cooperation in Higher Education of Taiwan' (FICHER).

[Note: The Association of Indian Universities and Foundation for International Cooperation in Higher Education of Taiwan (FICHER) had signed an MoU on 10th March, 2010 for a period of Five Years on Mutual recognition of qualifications/degrees placed as Annexure 30.1.

The two Officials from Taiwan Economic and Cultural Centre in India Mr. Yi-Ta Chen and Mr. Chia-I Chang visited AIU House and have expressed their desire to extend MoU further for a period of five years.

AIU requested FICNET to forward the draft MoU for consideration. If approved, the Draft MoU placed as Annexure 30.1, after the approval of the Governing Council shall be forwarded to Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi for their comments/approval as per the latest Policy adopted by AIU, in this regard.]

Annexure 30.1

Resolved to take the opinion of Ministry of Human Resource Development on the draft MoU to be signed with the FICNET.

330/31 To consider the equivalence of 12-Year Vocational Courses offered by various Boards in India with +2 stage qualifications for the purpose of employment/higher studies.

[Note: The Association of Indian Universities had accorded equivalence to the 12-Year Vocational Stream programme conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education, Delhi and Board of Vocational Higher secondary Examinations, Kerala with +2 stage qualifications for the purpose of employment/higher studies, long back. After that, AIU has not accorded equivalence to the Vocational Steam Examinations conducted by any other Boards in India.

AIU has now been approached by Central Airmen Selection Boards, AF Camps, New Delhi, enquiring about the equivalence accorded to the 12 year Vocational Stream Programmes offered by other Boards in the country. They have also asked AIU to inform, as to whether:

- i) AIU is a competent body to accord equivalence to Vocational Stream programme offered by various State Boards in India?
- ii) If no, what is the status of the two resolutions adopted by AIU earlier?

In the latest "Information Brochure - Policies & Procedures for Equivalence of qualifications/degrees" brought out by AIU updated as on 30th June, 2015, the Policy adopted by AIU with regards to the equivalence to the examinations conducted by the Indian Boards, has been defined as:

"Certificates awarded by such School Boards that are affiliated to the Council of the Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) for the purpose of equivalence are equated with the corresponding examination conducted by the CBSE".

Since AIU has only accorded equivalence to the Vocational Stream programmes of Boards cited above, there are good number of other State Vocational Education Boards which are also conducting Vocational Stream Examinations in their respective States.

In a recent Meeting convened by the Secretary Education (School Education), Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi the matter with regards to the equivalence of Vocational Stream Examinations was discussed and it was informed that in most of the States both Academic and Vocational Stream Examinations are conducted by the same Boards, which are accepted for the purpose of employment as well as for higher studies. There are few Boards which are separately conducting Vocational Stream Examinations in a few States.

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The matter is now placed before the Governing Council, as to whether and how, to accord equivalence to the Vocational Steam Examinations conducted by all the Boards for the purpose of employment/higher studies.

Resolved that decision in this regard be taken in accordance with Para 31 and 35 of "The Policies and Procedure for Equivalence of Qualifications/Degrees (Updated as on 30th June, 2015) as approved by the 334th Governing Council Meeting dated 30.06.2015.

By way of further clarification, the Governing Council resolved that the certificates awarded by the School Boards mean and include vocational stream examination as well.

- 339/32 To consider grant of provisional membership of the Association of Indian Universities to the following Universities:

[Note: The General Body of the Association at its 84th Annual Meeting laid down the following criteria for granting provisional membership of the Association to University Level Institutions:

For Public Funded Universities:

The University should be registered u/s 2(f) or 22 of UGC Act, 1956.

- (a) **Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Delhi** is a public funded deemed to be University. The Institute was set up in 1963 by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India as an autonomous organisation to help professionalize the country's foreign trade management and increase exports by developing human resources; generating, analyzing and disseminating data; and conducting research and was accorded "deemed to be University" status vide Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education Notification No.F.9-31/2001-U.3A dated February 10, 2012. The Institute is eligible to grant provisional membership of AIU with effect from 1.4.2016.

Resolved to grant provisional membership of the Association of Indian Universities to above mentioned Universities, subject to fulfillment of criteria laid down in this regard with effect from the year 2015-16 or date of completion of 2-year of existence or recognition of the University by the University Grants Commission u/s 2(f) or 22 of UGC Act, 1956, whichever is later.

- 339/33 To report that Government of India, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, has nominated the Secretary General, AIU on the newly constituted Project Steering Committee with the aim to provide Entrepreneurship Education through a system of Entrepreneurship Resource and Coordination Hubs all over the Country vide Order No.B-12012/45/2015-SDE dated June 21, 2016.

Noted.

- 339/34 To report that Prof G N Pandey, Vice Chancellor, Arunachal University of Studies, Arunachal Pradesh will be representing on the Governing Council on the basis of his individual seniority from East Zone for a period of two-year with effect from 1.6.2016 in place of Prof A Lakshminath, Vice Chancellor, Chankaya National Law University, Patna who has completed his 2-year term on the Governing Council on 31.5.2016.

Noted.

339/35 To consider the request to accord equivalence to the Ph.D. Degrees awarded by the foreign accredited Universities direct after Bachelor Degrees.

[Note: The existing Policy to accord equivalence to the degree awarded by foreign accredited Universities is as follows:

- (a) are awarded by the foreign universities which are approved/recognized/ accredited in its own country;
- (b) are pursued by a student as a full time regular student on the campus of the university of its Origin or on the duly approved offshore campus of the University;
- (c) the minimum prescribed duration of the programme of the studies is at least the same as applicable in case of Indian universities; and
- (d) the minimum eligibility requirements for admission in the programme of studies is at least the same as applicable in case of Indian Universities."

Keeping in mind the above Policy, Equivalence Certificate is issued only after receiving the documents/Certificate/degrees for of his lower qualifications starting from grade 10 onwards.

In some of the cases, the students having pursued their integrated Degree i.e. BA & MA and M A & Ph.D. in which the first Degree is not awarded by the awarding University.

In above cases, the students are unable to produce either Bachelor OR Master degree as they have pursued Integrated degree programme OR in some cases are allowed to join Ph.D. Degree programme direct after Bachelor degree.

Two such cases have been received by the Evaluation Division in which University of Melbourne has allowed the candidate to pursue Ph.D. after 4-Year Bachelor of Engineering Degree which he had obtained from an Indian University in the field of Mechanical Engineering.

In another case the candidate has been allowed to pursue Ph.D. Degree programme in the field of Chemistry by University of IOWA, an accredited University in US who has obtained 4-Year BE Degree from University of Mumbai.

According to the existing Policy, in some cases, the candidate having obtained 4-Year BE Degrees are allowed to pursue director, Ph.D. by IIMs in India.

The matter is placed before the Committee to consider, as to whether, Ph.D Degree obtained by the candidates without having obtained Master Degree may be considered for according equivalence?]

Resolved to refer the matter to the Equivalence Committee for consideration.

339/36 To consider a representation dated June 28, 2016 from Dr Amarendra Pani, Deputy Director, Research, AIU for granting him Academic Scales.

Annexure 36.01

Resolved to refer the matter to the Staff Affairs Committee for consideration.

Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

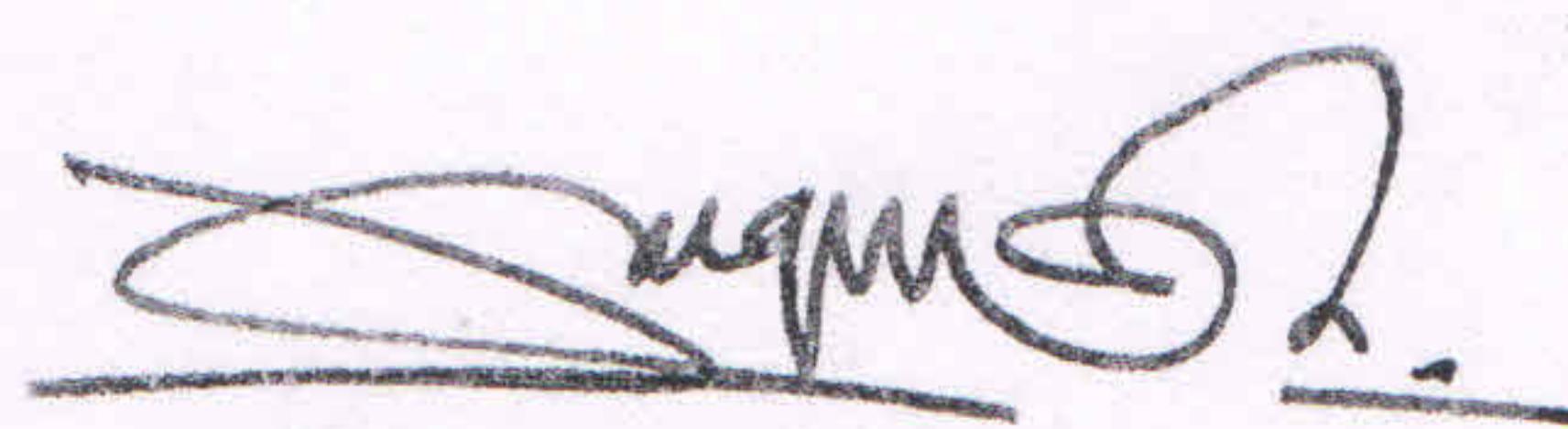
This being the last Meeting as President, AIU, Prof Ranbir Singh's role was highly applauded by the members. Similarly the members appreciated the role of Dr H M Desai as Vice President, President and Immediate Past President on the Governing Council as his term ended on June 30, 2016.

Members welcomed Prof D S Chauhan, as incoming President, AIU.

The members also appreciated the valuable contribution made by Prof. Mushahid Husain and Dr G Bhaskaran, who represented on the Governing Council on the basis of Institutional Seniority having completed their 2-year term on 30.06.2016 and Prof Paramjit S Jaswal who was co-opted by the President, AIU on the Governing Council also completed his term on the Governing Council on 30.06.2016.

Prof G N Pandey was extended welcome by the members of the Governing Council.

The Meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks of the Chair.



[Furqan Qamar]
Secretary General


[Prof Ranbir Singh]

President