

Minutes of the 331st Governing Council Meeting held on February 27, 2015 at AIU House, New Delhi.

Present:

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| 1. Dr H M Desai, President, AIU | in Chair |
| 2. Prof (Dr) Ranbir Singh, Vice President, AIU | Member |
| 3. The Most Rev Prof Rajendra B Lal, Immediate Past President, AIU | Member |
| 4. Prof S W Akhtar | Member |
| 5. Prof A Lakshminath | Member |
| 6. Prof Deepak Behera | Member |
| 7. Prof Furqan Qamar, Secretary General, AIU | Member Secretary |

Prof. Tej Pratap, Prof. Mushahid Husain, Prof. V Kutumba Sastri, Vaid Rajesh Kotecha, Prof. C K Kokate, Prof. P Venkat Rangan, Dr. Sachidanand Joshi, Dr. Raviprakash G Dani, Prof. K M Bujarbaurah, Dr. M N Patel and Prof. Harish Padh expressed their inability to attend the meeting of the Governing Council.

At the outset Dr H M Desai, President, AIU welcomed members attending the Governing Council Meeting. He specially welcomed Prof (Dr) Ranbir Singh, Vice President, AIU and Prof S W Akhtar who were attending the meeting of the Governing Council for the first time. Thereafter, agenda items were taken up for discussion.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

- 331/01 To confirm the Minutes of the 330th Governing Council Meeting held on December 3, 2014 at AIU House, New Delhi.

Confirmed

ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES

- 331/02 To report action taken on the Minutes of the 330th Governing Council Meeting held on December 3, 2014 AIU House, New Delhi.

Noted and approved.

ITEMS TO REPORT

- 331/03 To report the changes in the composition of AIU Governing Council.

- (a) Prof. Tej Pratap, VC, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture and Technology, Srinagar will be representing on the Governing Council on the basis of his individual seniority from North Zone for a period of two-year with effect from January 15, 2015 in place of Prof D S Chauhan, Vice Chancellor, GLA University, Mathura who has completed his 2-year term on the Governing Council.
- (b) Prof. S W Akhtar, Vice Chancellor, Integral University, Lucknow will be representing on the Governing Council on the basis of his individual seniority from North Zone for a period of two year with effect from January 21, 2015 in place of Prof P B Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Amity University, Manesar, Gurgaon who has completed his 2-year term on the Governing Council.

- (c) Prof. J Mahender Reddy, Vice Chancellor, The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, Hyderabad will be representing on the Governing Council on the basis of his individual seniority from Central Zone for a period of two-year with effect from December 18, 2014 in place of Prof G D Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Bilaspur University, Bilaspur who has completed his 2-year term on the Governing Council.

Noted and approved.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 331/04 To consider signing MoU with Ninedotnine Mediaworx Pvt. Ltd.

[Note: Ninedotnine Mediaworx Pvt. Ltd. company incorporated under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and having its office at A-262, Defence Colony, New Delhi 110024. 9.9 Media is a leading community based media house that has a diverse set of traditional and new media business spanning print, online, research, conferences and events. Its objectives inter alia include bringing visionaries, policy makers, educationists and directors of institutions together to address the challenges of Indian higher education sector. It also aims at empowering key decision-makers with ideas and knowledge that will help them create and lead institutions of high quality. The organization has been conducting a survey and preparing a comprehensive database relating to the satisfaction level of students across various disciplines and institutions in higher education at the first phase. This survey will be extended to include faculty, researchers and administrative staff and employers in subsequent phases. The 9.9 Mediaworx has approached AIU to be a partner in this endeavour. In order to initiate participation in the event, the Association may have to sign a MoU with 9.9 Meidaworx. The Draft MoU is enclosed at Annexure 6.01

Annexure 4.01

The Secretary General explained the background for signing MoU with the Ninedotnine Mediaworx Pvt. Ltd. Members appreciated and approved the proposal.

- 331/05 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 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.
- (a) **Baddi University of Emerging Sciences and Technology, Solan** is a self-financed private funded university which was established through an Act (Act 21 of 2009) dated 06.06.2012. The said ordinance was repealed by an Act of State Legislature (Act 20 of 2013) Notified on 30th July, 2010. The University has been empowered to award degrees as specified by the UGC under section 22 of UGC Act, 1956 as intimated vide their letter No.8-7/2010(CPP-I/PU) dated March 12, 2010. The University has completed 2-year of existence and has been registered u/s 22 of the UGC Act, 1956. The University fulfills both the criteria laid down by the General Body for grant of provisional membership of AIU.

- (b) **Kalinga University, Naya Raipur** is a self-financed private University established through an Act of State Legislature of Chhattisgarh by an amendment (No.6 of 2011) of the Chhattisgarh Private Universities (Establishment and Operation) Act 2005 (No.13 of 2005) notified on March 25, 2011. The University has completed 2-year of existence. The University has provided a copy of UGC letter No.F.4-3/2014 (CPP-I/PU) dated September 26, 2014 in reply to application under RTI Act, 2005 has intimated that "Kalinga University, Raipur has been established by an Act of State Legislature of Chhattisgarh as a Private university and is empowered to award degrees as specified under Section 22 of UGC Act through its main campus at regular mode with the approval of Statutory Bodies/Councils wherever its required.
- (c) **REVA University, Bengaluru**, is a self-financed private University established through an Act of State Legislature of Karnataka The REVA University Act, 2012 (Karnataka Act No.13 of 2013) published in the Karnataka Gazette Extra Ordinary on 7.02.2013. 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.8-13/2009(CPP-I/PU) dated November 28, 2014. The University fulfills both the criteria laid down by the General Body for grant of provisional membership of AIU.
- (d) **Calorx Teachers' University, Ahmedabad** is a self-financed private University established through an Act of State Legislature of Gujarat established through an Act of State Legislature of Uttar Pradesh (Act No.8 of 2009) notified on July 7, 2009. 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.16-1/2015(CPP-I/PU) dated February 6, 2015. The University fulfills both the criteria laid down by the General Body for grant of provisional membership of AIU.
- (e) **Mahatma Jyoti Rao Phoole University, Jaipur**, is a self financed private University established through an Act of State Legislature of Rajasthan (Act No3 of 2009) "The Mahatma Jyoti Rao Phoole University, Jaipur Act, 2009 notified on February 5, 2009. 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.8-9/2009(CPP-I/PU) dated August 21, 2009. The University fulfills both the criteria laid down by the General Body for grant of provisional membership of AIU.
- (f) **J K Lakshmipat University, Jaipur**, is a self-financed private University established through an Act of State Legislature of Rajasthan (Act No 19 of 2011) "The J K Lakshmipat University, Jaipur Act, 2011 notified on September 15, 2011. 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.8-17/2011(CPP-I/PU) dated December 2, 2011. The University fulfills both the criteria laid down by the General Body for grant of provisional membership of AIU.

For Public Funded Universities:

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

- (g) **School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal**. The Institute is a public funded University established through an Act of Parliament as a Society registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860 (21 of 1860) on line with School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi as an Institute of National Importance. The Institute thus qualifies for grant of provisional membership of the Association.

Resolved to grant provisional membership of the Association to the above universities as per AIU Rules and Regulations from the year 2014-15/2015-16 or with effect from the date of completion of two-year of existence, whichever is later.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

- (h) To consider grant of Associate Membership of the Association of Indian Universities to Asian University for Women, Chittagong, Bangladesh:

[Note: The provision of AIU Rules for granting Associate Membership to University level Institutions of neighbouring countries is as 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 recognised 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.

(a) The Asian University of Women, Chittagong (Bangladesh) was established as a private University through an Act of Bangladesh Parliament. Through "Asian University for Women Act, 2006 (Act No.40 of the year 2006) The University Grant Commission of Bangladesh has certified that the Asian University for Women is deemed as a recognized International University by the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh and the Act provides the requisite authority to the University to offer various academic program and grant degrees that will be recognized for higher education and employment in Bangladesh."

(b) To consider grant of Associate Membership of the Association of Indian Universities to De Montfort University, Leicester, UK

[The matter was placed before the 327th Governing Council Meeting held on 30.06.2014 with the following note from the Evaluation Division.

Note from Equivalence Division.

The De Montfort University, Leicester is an accredited University in UK. However, grant of Associate Membership to the University has nothing to do with equivalence of degrees/diploma etc as these two things cannot be related to each other.

The Governing Council resolved that:

It was resolved that matter be examined in details and be placed for consideration of the Governing Council in its next meeting.]

[An item relating to twinning degrees awarded involving the above university was placed in the agenda of Equivalence Committee and a court case is also pending in which AIU is also made a party]

Resolved to grant Associate membership of the Association to (1) Asian University of Women, Chittagong (Bangladesh) and (2) De Montfort University, Leicester, UK. The Governing Council further resolved that the letter conveying grant of Associate Membership must clearly mention that the grant of equivalence to degrees awarded by these Universities by AIU shall be subject to rules and regulations laid down in this regard.



- 331/06 To consider a proposal received from Prof V Kutumba Sastry, VC, Shree Somnath Sanskrit University, regarding amendment in UGC Regulations pertaining to the qualifications of teachers and academic staff.

Annexure 06.01

There was a detailed discussion on the issue. The Governing Council resolved to constitute a Committee drawing members/subject experts from various disciplines (Agriculture, Management, Science, Social Science, Law etc) to look into the matter and submit its recommendations.

- 331/07 To consider New Group Gratuity Cash Accumulation Scheme of LIC for employees of AIU.

[Note: A detailed item with regard to New Group Gratuity Cash Accumulation Scheme was placed before the 330th Governing Council Meeting for consideration. The GC resolved as follows:

"The Governing Council appreciated the proposal but resolved that the proposal be routed through the Finance Committee. To expedite the proposal, it was decided that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be obtained by circulation and placed in the next meeting of the Governing Council for consideration and approval."

As directed, the above item was submitted before the Finance Committee members vide letter No.AC/FC/2014-15/773-777/236401-06 dated 01.01.2015 for their valuable comments. Three members of the Finance Committee were present in the Governing Council held on 3.12.2014 in which the deliberations took place on the subject item (Item 330/ 19). The reply received from one of the members reads as:

"This scheme is beneficial for both the employer and employees as it takes care of uncertainties relating to payment of gratuity by employer which may be huge in cases of employee turnover or VRS.

The employees are benefited because five years of continuous services requirement is removed in case of death or disablement of employees. I would suggest that the scheme should be accepted after analysis of the following:

1. Optional provision to pay enhanced gratuity as extended death benefit to employees: We need to analyse why it is optional and when this option is exercisable?
2. Removal of five years requirement: Clarity on type of disablement is required. In my opinion, the scope of such benefit should be enlarged to maximum possible extent. Gratuity is gratuitous payment by employer, he can always pay it before completion of five years of service."

The observations of the member were sent to LIC of India and the Point wise reply received from the LIC of India is as follows:

1. Optional provision to pay enhanced gratuity as extended death benefit to employees: We need to analyse why it is optional and when this option is exercisable?

Rep: As per the special feature of the scheme, there is a provision of payment of future service gratuity in case of death of an employee during the service. To avail this facility, a very nominal premium is required to be paid. The premium for this extended death benefit is very low. Therefore we advise all employers to opt for the enhanced death benefit (cover for future service gratuity). It is always good to exercise this option since the beginning of the scheme. This facility of extended death benefit is available from day 1 of commencement of the policy. All employers including Big Corporate Houses/Govt/PSU/ Autonomous bodies have opted for this enhanced death benefit. This aspect has already been taken care of in the proposal submitted to AIU.

2. Removal of five years requirement: Clarity on type of disablement is required. In my opinion, the scope of such benefit should be enlarged to maximum possible extent. Gratuity is gratuitous payment by employer, he can always pay it before completion of five years of service."

Rep: As per the gratuity act, Gratuity is payable in case of death/disablement even before the completion of 5 years of service. Disablement means, unable to continue the service or earn due to the disability. Due to this, he is discharged from the services. In our scheme, it is for the employer, if the employer desires to pay the gratuity even before the completion of 5 years to all its employees, it can pay the gratuity to the employees. We pay gratuity as per the gratuity rules of the employer.

I shall be glad to reply any of the query on the scheme.

Details of Item 330/19

The Gratuity payment to AIU employees on their retirement/quitting Service is being made from AIU Gratuity Fund by transferring the funds from AIU as approved in the Budget and the expenditure is booked in the Books of Account when gratuity payment is actually released in favour of the employee concerned as per AIU Gratuity Rules during the concerned financial year. With the existing scheme, the AIU is not in a position to book as on date liability of gratuity on annual basis as we do not fulfill the requirement of Section 36(1)(V) of Income Tax Act, 1961 which provides that any sum paid by an assessee as contribution towards an approved gratuity fund shall be allowed as a deduction in computing the business income. The funds set apart by way of reserve for gratuity (or for any other purpose) are not allowed as a deduction in computing the net income for income tax purpose.

In this regard, Finance Division has submitted a proposal during 2004-05 with regard to actuarial valuation of gratuity liability of AIU and booking the expenditure in the Books of Accounts on lump sum/year to year basis in respect of permanent employees of the Association so that not only the increase in liability on account of increase in number of years of service put in by the employee but also due to revision in salary payable on promotion or revision in DA rate is taken care of by the employer by booking the expenditure on year to year basis. However, the same could not be accepted by the then Secretary General and the requisite note is given under Significant Accounting Policies of Audited Accounts of the Association.

IMPORTANT PROVISIONS OF AIU GRATUITY RULES

- The existing employees of the Association shall be deemed to have been covered by AIU Gratuity Rules from the commencement of their service in the AIU so far as accrual of benefits under these rules is concerned based on the qualifying service given in the rules.
- It is obligatory on the part of the employer to pay gratuity according to AIU Gratuity Rules to an employee on quitting the service of the Association.
- The AIU Gratuity Fund shall vest in a Board of Ex-Officio trustees consisting of the Chairman, the Secretary General and one of the Deputy Secretaries nominated by the Chairman.
- The gratuity under these rules shall finally be sanctioned by the Chairman on the eligibility report from Finance Division on the recommendations of the Trustees.
- A copy of AIU Gratuity Rules will be provided to LIC in case the Scheme is considered and approved by the Governing Council.

In order to meet the actual liability of Gratuity as on date, a proposal has been received from LIC with regard to New Group Gratuity Cash Accumulation Scheme which appears to be beneficial for AIU as well as for the employees. The Scheme is approved under part 'C' of the fourth schedule of the Income tax Act, 1961 and there is a sovereign guarantee to LIC policies by GOI. Some of the important provisions/benefits of the LIC's Group Gratuity Scheme for meeting the gratuity liability are submitted below:

ADVANTAGES TO THE EMPLOYER

- i) The gratuity liability can be funded in the year in which it arises by remitting contribution to LIC for meeting future liability.
 - ii) The Fund will provide high yield on the contribution. The Return declared by LIC for the last 5 years ranges from 8.75% to 9.66%.
 - iii) The problem of liquidity gets automatically eliminated when LIC is a Fund Manager.
 - iv) The administration of fund is done in a scientific manner and claims are promptly settled. The claim is paid through the employer after receipt of the claim form.
 - v) Tax Benefit-All payments made to LIC are treated as management expenses u/s 36(1)(V) of Income Tax Act, 1961. The yield available to the contribution is not taxable u/s 10(25(iv) of the IT Act., 1961
 - vi) 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 statutory liabilities.
 - vii) The employer can pay the past service contribution in lump sum or may be in instalments spread over 5 years.
 - viii) The power of appointing the Trustees shall be vested in the Employer. The trustees of the AIU Gratuity Fund shall have the control of the Fund and shall decide all difference or disputes which may arise under the rules either as to the interpretation thereof or as to the rights and obligations of the Employer or of the Members or of their beneficiaries and the decision of the Trustees in all cases shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.
1. As per Section 11(1) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, a charitable trust or institution will have to apply at least 85% of the income to charitable purposes. Where 85% of the income is not applied to charitable 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 10, the purpose and period (which in no case exceed 5 years) for which the income is accumulated or set apart. By opting this scheme, the Association can book the payable contribution towards gratuity against the accumulated surplus available with AIU for the financial year 2010-11 and this will be treated as admissible regular business expenditure.

ADVANTAGES TO THE EMPLOYEE

- Gratuity payments are secured.
- The condition of completion of 5 years of service in case of death and disablement of an employee due to accident or disease is not necessary for gratuity payment.
- Upon the death of a member whilst in service before Normal Retirement Date, the benefits payable will be equal to fifteen days' salary as on the date of death for each year of his anticipated service subject to a maximum of Rs. 10,00,000/-.
- In case of death of an employee, LIC has a provision (optional) to pay enhanced gratuity as extended death benefit i.e. a gratuity an employee would have earned on his retirement based on his last drawn salary.

The above item was included in the agenda of the 330th Governing Council Meeting (Item No.330/19 wherein it was resolved as under:

"The Governing Council appreciated the proposal but resolved that the proposal be routed through the Finance Committee. To expedite the proposal, it was decided that the

recommendations of the Finance Committee be obtained by circulation and placed in the next meeting of the Governing Council for consideration and approval."

The proposal was sent to members of the Finance Committee and the Vice President, AIU raised 2 (two) queries viz. (1) Optional provision to pay enhanced gratuity as extended death benefit to employees: We need to analyse why it is optional and when this option is exercisable?

(2) Removal of five years requirement: Clarify on type of disablement is required. In my opinion, the scope of such benefit should be enlarged to maximum possible extent. Gratuity is a gratuitous payment by employer, he can always pay it before completion of five year of service.

The reply received from the Branch Manager through his e-mail dated 13.02.2015 is appended as annexure. The matter is placed for approval of the Governing Council for implementation in AIU.]

The Governing Council appreciated the initiative and approved the proposal for implementation from the current financial year.

- 331/08 To consider programme for the 89th Annual Meeting scheduled to be held at Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra.

[Note: The Governing Council at its 326th Meeting held on June 10, 2014 decided to organize the 89th Annual Meeting of the Association at Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. The theme for the AIU National Seminar was decided as "Promoting Excellence in Higher Education" [Sub-Themes: Recruitment of Faculty; Norms for NAAC Accreditation; Uniform applicability of Credit Base Choice System; Academic Autonomy.]

Accordingly, tentative programme for the Annual Meeting has been drawn as below for approval.]

Day I	
10.00am to 11.45am	Inauguration
11.45am to 12.00Noon	Tea Break
12.00Noon to 2.00pm	Business Session [Members Only]
2.00pm to 3.30pm	Lunch
3.30pm to 5.00pm	General Session
5.00pm to 6.30pm	Interaction with Heads of Foreign Sister Organisations
6.30pm to 8.30pm	Cultural Programme
8.30pm onwards	Dinner
Day II	
9.30am to 11.30am	AIU National Seminar on Promoting Excellence in Higher Education
11.30am to 12.00Noon	Tea Break
12.00Noon to 1.30pm	AIU National Seminar Session-II Promoting Excellence in Higher Education
1.30pm to 2.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm to 3.30pm	AIU National Seminar Session-III Promoting Excellence in Higher Education
3.30pm to 3.45pm	Tea Break

3.45pm to 4.30pm	Finalisation of Recommendations of AIU National Seminar
4.30pm onwards	Local Sightseeing
8.30pm onwards	Dinner
Day III	
9.00am to 10.30am	Inter-action with Heads of Apex Bodies
10.30am to 11.00am	Tea Break
11.00am to 12.00pm	Inter-action with Heads of Apex Bodies
12.30pm to 1.30pm	Valedictory Session
1.30pm to 2.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm onwards	Sight Seeing
8.00 pm	Dinner

Resolved to authorize the Secretary General, AIU to discuss the matter with the Vice Chancellor of Host University giving time to communicate dates for organization of Annual Meeting. In case the Kurukshetra University expresses its inability to host the AGM or is not able to announce revised dates in consultation with AIU soon, the Secretary General may approach the next university or next to next University for hosting the 89th Annual General Meeting.

331/09 To consider co-opting a member on the Governing Council for a period of 2-year with effect from 1.1.2015.

[Note: Prof Paramjit S Jaswal co-opted on behalf of the Governing Council has completed his 2-year term on the Governing Council on 31.12.2014. A new member has to be co-opted in his place on the Governing Council.

The Rule 8(c) relating to cooption is given below:

- C. Co-opted Members
 - I. The President will co-opt two members for the duration of his tenure of office.
 - ii. The Governing Council will co-opt two members for a period of two years.

Explanation

1. As in the case of the Rajya Sabha, Co-options shall be so arranged that one member shall retire each year and, furthermore, if any casual vacancy occurs it shall be filled for the residual period only.
2. While co-opting persons on the Governing Council an attempt will be made to give representation to interests and points of view which are not otherwise represented on the Governing Council]

Resolved to co-opt Prof Mathew Prasad, VC, Uttarakhand University of Forestry and Horticulture, Bhalsar for a period of two years with effect from 1.1.2015.



- 331/10 To consider the Minutes of the Equivalence Committee Meeting held on December 30, 2014 at AIU House, New Delhi.

Annexure 10.01

The Governing Council considered the Minutes of the Equivalence Committee Meeting and approved the same.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

- 331/11 To consider Minutes of the Screening Committee Meeting held on 2.2.2015 at AIU House, New Delhi for the post of Additional Secretary and Joint Secretary (Administration) in AIU.
Annexure 11.01

[Note: The Governing Council in its 330th Meeting held on 3.12.2014 at AIU House, New Delhi constituted a Screening Committee under the Chairmanship of the Most Rev. Prof Rajendra B Lal, Immediate Past President and Vice Chancellor, SHIATS, Allahabad for screening applications for the post of Additional Secretary and Joint Secretary (Administration) in AIU(item No.330/14). A Meeting of the Committee was held on 2.2.2015 at AIU House, New Delhi. The Minutes of the Screening Committee Meeting will be placed on the table.]

Minutes were approved. It was resolved to approve the Recruitment Rules approved by the then President, AIU for the post Additional Secretary and Joint Secretary (Administration). The posts be re-advertised with the Recruitment Rules as approved by the then President, AIU, and as appended per Annexure 11.02.

- 331/12 To consider the Minutes of the Research Committee Meeting held on January 8, 2015 at AIU House, New Delhi

Annexure 12.01

The Governing Council considered the Minutes of the Research Committee Meeting and approved the same.

- 331/13 To consider a proposal received from Prof S W Akhtar, Vice Chancellor, Integral University regarding "Freedom for International Collaboration"

The Governing Council resolved to refer the matter to the same Committee as constituted under item No.331/06.

- 331/14 To consider nomination of a member on the Governing Council on the basis of individual seniority from West Zone in place of Prof S C Sahastrabudhe, who has demitted the office of the Director, Dhirubhai Ambani Institution of Information and Communication Technology, Gandhinagar.

[Note: Prof. S C Sahastrabudhe, Director, Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology, Gandhinagar is representing on the GC on the basis of his individual seniority from West Zone. He has completed his term of office Director and a new Director has taken over on 20.01.2015 thereby ceased to be a member of the Governing

Council. A new member in his place is to be nominated on the Governing Council in place of Prof Sahastrabudhe:

West Zone:

Name of VC/Dir	University	VC from	To	Remarks
Dr H M Desai	DD University	2.6.2000	Continuing	President
Prof Aditya Shastri	Banasthali	2/4/2003	Continuing	Served on GC
Prof Deepak Tilak	Tilak Maharashtra	1/6/2004	Continuing	Served on GC
Prof S Parasuraman	TISS	16/8/2004	Continuing	Served on GC
Prof V Kutumba Sastry	Somnath Sanskrit Sampurnanand Sans Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi	14/6/2013 4/8/2008 12/05/2003	Continuing 3/8/2011 11/5/2008	serving on gc yy=mm=dd
Prof Rajan M Welukar	University of Mumbai YCMOU, Nashik	7/7/2010 21/9/2004	6/7/2015 20/9/2009	9=05=24
Prof Manoj Soni	Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University	1.8.2009	Cont	8=05=00
	MS University of Baroda	18.4.2005	17.4.2008	
Prof S S Kadam	Bharati Vidyapeeth, Pune	5.12.2006	Continuing	8=00=26

There is a report in the news paper that the Governor has directed the VC/University of Mumbai to abstain from attending the office and discharging his duties as the Vice Chancellor with immediate effect. In view of the above, matter is submitted for consideration and decision.]

Resolved to seek exact position from the Chancellor's Office in this regard and take necessary action as per rules.

331/15 To consider proposal for amendment in the parameters for grant of equivalence to degrees awarded by foreign universities

[Note: As per present practice, the AIU accords equivalence only to such degrees awarded by foreign universities which meet the following parameters:

- the degree has been awarded by a university which is approved/recognised/accredited in its own country;
- the student has pursued the programme of the studies leading to the award of the degree as a full time student on regular basis on the campus of the university;
- The entry qualification for admission to the programme of studies is at least the same as applicable for admission in the same/similar degrees awarded by universities in India; and

- (d) the duration of the programme is at least the same as applicable for the same/similar degrees awarded by universities in India;

Given the above rules, the AIU has not been according equivalence to such foreign degrees:

- (a) that are awarded through distance/open/online/virtual/off-campus mode;
- (b) that are awarded in lesser duration in terms of years of studies than applicable in case of Indian universities even though the student may have completed all the credits specified by the university and/or the semesters as applicable in case of Indian universities;
- (c) where the University has accepted credits taken by students from other universities/degree-awarding institutions including those in India; and
- (d) where the University has granted exemption to the student from certain number of credits or certain number of semesters;

As the number of applications for equivalence falling in the above categories have been rising and the denial of equivalence has been adversely affecting the students, the matter requires urgent attention. Since the next meeting of the Equivalence Committee is not likely to take place soon, the matter is placed before the Governing Council for consideration and necessary direction.]

The Governing Council considered the proposal and resolved as under:

- (a) Degrees awarded through distance/open/online/virtual/off-campus mode: The GC resolved that the AIU should continue according equivalence to only such degrees that have been pursued by students on regular basis as a full time students on the campus of the university. It further resolved that a reference be made to the MHRD, UGC, AICTE, DEC and IGNOU to seek their views on the proposal and the matter be placed in the Equivalence Committee;***
- (b) Degrees awarded in lesser duration in terms of years of studies than applicable in case of Indian universities even though the student may have completed all the credits specified by the university and/or the semesters as applicable in case of Indian universities: The GC considered the proposal and resolved that while AIU must not relax the requirements of the minimum duration of degrees, the duration should, instead of being measured in terms of precise number of months/years, be measured in terms of completion of the number of Semesters/Trimesters and all such cases where the degrees have been awarded upon completion of as many semester/trimester as are prescribed in case of Indian universities be awarded equivalence;***
- (c) Degrees awarded where the University has accepted credits taken by students from other universities/degree-awarding institutions including those in India: GC considered the proposal and resolved that in view of the acceptance of credits and credit transfer is a normal practice in most foreign universities and that the same is also being encouraged in India, the AIU should accord equivalence to such foreign degrees where the duration have been shortened on account of credits accepted by the foreign universities so long as the degrees awarded by foreign universities meets all other parameters specified by the AIU;***
- (d) Degrees awarded where the University has granted exemption to the student from certain number of credits or certain number of semesters: The GC considered the proposal and resolved that given the fact that foreign universities grant exemptions to***



their students on the basis of their academic records/ attainment/transfers from other higher educational institutions, the AIU should grant equivalence to such foreign degrees where the duration have been shortened on account of exemption granted by the foreign universities so long as the degree meets all other parameters specified by the AIU.

- 331/16 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 Self-financed Private Universities:

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

- (a) **Shri Venkateshwara University, Gajraula** is a self-financed private funded university established through an Act (Act 21 of 2009) dated 06.06.2012. The said ordinance was repealed by an Act of State Legislature (Act 26 of 2010) of Uttar Pradesh State Legislature Notified on 12.10.2010. The University has been empowered to award degrees as specified by the UGC under section 22 of UGC Act, 1956 as intimated vide their letter No.8-3/2011(CPP-I/PU) dated May 26, 2011. The University has completed 2-year of existence and has been registered u/s 22 of the UGC Act, 1956. The University fulfills both the criteria laid down by the General Body for grant of provisional membership of AIU

Resolved to grant provisional membership of the Association to the above mentioned university as per AIU Rules and Regulations from the year 2015-16 or with effect from the date of completion of two year of existence, whichever is later.

ITEMS TO REPORT

- 331/17 To report appointments/extension/resignations/termination of contractual employees in AIU Secretariat:

Appointment/Extension

Sr. No.	Name and designation	Period of apptt/extension		Remuneration
		From	To	
1.	Dr. Fazlur Rehman, Fellow/ Trainee (Research)	12.12.2014	11.6.2015	Rs.22,000/- per month
2.	Dr. Yogita Thakur, Fellow/ Trainee	12.12.2014	11.6.2015	Rs.22,000/- per month
3.	Shri A.D. Bhateja, Consultant (Accounts/Finance)	12.1.2015	11.7.2015	Rs.35,000/- per month
4.	Shri Anshuman Ghurniyal, Trainee (DTP Operator)	28.1.2015	27.7.2015	Rs.14,000/- per month
5.	Smt. Rajinder Kaur, Trainee (Library Assistant)	16.2.2015	15.8.2015	Rs.22,000/- per month

Approved.



- 331/18 To report that the British Council has invited the Secretary General, AIU to lead an Indian delegation of around 20 Vice Chancellors, Prof Vice Chancellors, Directors and deans from select private and public Indian higher education institutions on a one week tour to United Kingdom (UK) from March 15 to 21, 2015 to explore India-UK academic collaboration specifically around two way mobility of faculty and students, joint education provision and professional development of faculty. The travel cost, VSA and miscellaneous expenses are to be borne by AIU. The British Council has agreed to cover Secretary General's expenses in UK, if AIU is not able to do so.

The Governing Council considered the proposal and approved that the cost of international travel, visa fee, insurance and international D.A. (per diem) as per rules shall be payable by AIU. Further, expenses in UK shall be borne by the British Council.

- 331/19 To report that the President, AIU has nominated the Secretary General, AIU for representing on the Executive Body of the Indian Association of Social Sciences Institutions, New Delhi for a period of two years.

Noted and approved.

- 331/20 To consider grant of provisional membership of the Association of Indian Universities to the following Universities:

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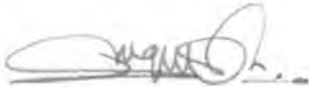
For Self-financed Private Universities:

- 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.
- (b) **Guru Kashi University, Talwandi Sabo, District Bhatinda** is a self-financed private funded university established through an Act (Act 37 of 2011) of state legislature of Punjab published in the Gazette Notification dated 27.12.2011. The University has been empowered to award degrees as specified by the UGC under section 22 of UGC Act, 1956 as intimated vide their letter No.8-12/2011(CPP-I/PU) dated November 27, 2013. The University has completed 2-year of existence and has been registered u/s 22 of the UGC Act, 1956. The University fulfills both the criteria laid down by the General Body for grant of provisional membership of AIU
- (c) **Jaypee University of Engineering & Technology, Guna, Madhya Pradesh** is a self-financed private funded university established through an Act (Act 3 of 2010) of State Legislature of Madhya Pradesh published in the Gazette Notification dated 29.04.2010. The University has been empowered to award degrees as specified by the UGC under section 22 of UGC Act, 1956 as intimated vide their letter No.8-25/2010(CPP-I/PU) dated January 7, 2011. The University has completed 2-year of existence and has been registered u/s 22 of the UGC Act, 1956. The University fulfills both the criteria laid down by the General Body for grant of provisional membership of AIU.

(d) **ITM University, Raipur** is a self-financed private funded university established through an Act (Act 6 of 2012) State Legislature of Chhattisgarh published in the Gazette Notification dated 3.2.2012. The University has been empowered to award degrees as specified by the UGC under section 22 of UGC Act, 1956 as informed under RTI Act, 2005 vide their letter No.4-3/2014(CPP-I/PU) dated November 28, 2014 that "ITM University PH No.137, Uparwara, Naya Raipur, Dt Raipur 493661 Chhattisgarh has been established by an Act of State Legislature of Chhattisgarh as a Private University and is empowered to award degrees as specified under Section 22 of the UGC Act through its main campus at regular mode with the approval of Statutory Bodies/Councils, wherever its required."

Resolved to grant provisional membership of the Association to the above mentioned universities as per AIU Rules and Regulations from the year 2015-16 or with effect from the date of completion of two- year of existence, whichever is later.

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



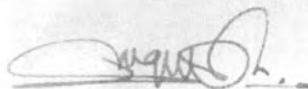
[Prof Furqan Qamar]
Secretary General

[Dr. H M Desai]
President

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[Dr. H M Desai]
President

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President, AIU