RASHTRIYA UCHCHATAR SHIKSHA ABHIYAN
(RUSA)

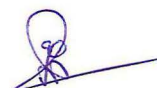# PUDUCHERRY STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL
(PSHEC)

MINUTEES OF THE
5th MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON
15-05-2018

Directorate of Higher & Technical Education Campus
Lawspet, Puducherry

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE PUDUCHERRY STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL HELD ON 15-5-2018

The fifth meeting of the Puducherry State Higher Education Council was held on 15-5-2018 at 12.30 noon in the Conference Hall of Puducherry State Higher Education Council under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Puducherry. The following members were present:

1. Thiru R. Kamalakannan
   Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education   ....   Chairman

2. Thiru A. Anbarasu, IAS
   Development Commissioner-cum-Secretary to
   Government (Education)   ....   Vice Chairman

3. Thiru Yasam Lakshmi Narayana Reddy
   Director of Higher & Technical Education   .....   State Project Director

4. Dr. K. Muthuchelian
   Director & former Vice-Chancellor,
   Madurai Kamaraj University   ....   Member

5. Dr.E.M. Rajan
   Principal(Retd)   ....   Member

6. Dr.M.P. Ramanujam
   Professor of Botany (Retd)   ....   Member

7. Dr. P. Dhananjayan
   Principal, Pondicherry Engineering College   ....   Member

8. Dr. S.Rajasekaran
   Rep. by the Principal, AAGAC, Karaikal   ....   Member

9. Thiru Prasad
   Rep. By Principal, Dr.S.R.K.GAC, Yanam   ....   Member

10. Dr. A.J. Pethus Aroqiasamy
     Principal, MGGAC, Mahe   ....   Member

11. Thiru S. Suresh, Executive Engineer
     Rep - by Chief Engineer, PWD., Puducherry ....   Member

12. Tmt V.Jeeva
    Under Secretary (Finance), Puducherry   ....   Member

13. Dr.S. Mohandoss
     Associate Professor & HOD Chemistry (Retd)....   Member
     Secretary

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Mr. Shriram Subramanya, CEO & MD, Integra Software Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Puducherry, Fr. J. Paul, Secretary, Pope John Paul II College of Education, Puducherry, Dr. G. Anjaneyasamy, Dean, School of Management, Pondicherry University and Thiru D. Sandanasamy, Principal, KPTC., Karaikal have informed their inability to attend the meeting.

Agenda item No.5.1: welcoming the new Vice-Chairman of the Council and introduction of the members.

The DHTE / SPD welcomed the Chairman, new Vice Chairman and the members. The members introduced themselves to the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Agenda item No.5.2: Action taken report on the minutes of the 4th meeting held on 18-4-2017:

Noted

Agenda item No.5.3: Review of the Activities under RUSA :

item No.5.3.1: To apprise the grants received from MHRD under various components under RUSA1.0:

The members were apprised of the grants received from MHRD for various Components under RUSA 1.0 and were informed that the Government is taking necessary steps for getting the 100% Central Share for RUSA 1.0. The Vice Chairman informed that the Honorable Chief Minister, Honorable Minister for Higher Education and Secretary (Education) have already written letters to MHRD in this regard.

Item No.5.3.2: To apprise and ratify the grants sanctioned and released to various Colleges under RUSA 1.0.: Annexure-I.

Ratified

Item No.5.3.3: To apprise the Utilization Certificates submitted to the MHRD under RUSA 1.0.: Annexure-II

Ratified

Item No.5.3.4: To apprise the progress of the building proposals in various Colleges under RUSA 1.0.:

The Executive Engineer, Special Buildings Division-II, PWD., Puducherry requested to release the balance amount of Rs.0.92 crores from the Government fund to complete the construction at Indira Gandhi College of Arts & Science, Kadirkamam. The Chairman viewed that the fund allotted to the PKIET and construction of building in PKIET may be expedited.

Agenda Item No.5.4: To approve the annual Audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2015 - 16 and 2016 - 2017: (ANNEXURE-III)

Approved and permitted to submit the same to the Government.

Agenda Item No.5.5: To approve the Action Plan for the release of grants received as 2nd Installment of RUSA 1.0.: Annexure-I.

Approved.

The members were apprised of the grants received as second installment under RUSA 1.0. The members were apprised of the proposals for providing Wi-Fi facilities to 14 RUSA beneficiary Colleges at a cost of Rs.88.64 lakhs and Video Conferencing facilities to all the Colleges which will help the Council and the Administration to have frequent review of the activities of various Colleges and also for virtual class room facility.

Agenda Item No.5.6: To approve the proposal to claim funding for various eligible components under RUSA 2.0 and permit to submit the State Higher Education Plan for these components with the approval of the Government: ANNEXURE-IV

Approved.

The members were apprised of the implementation of RUSA 2.0 as a challenging mode and the abstract of the State Higher Education Plan proposed to be submitted to the MHRD was discussed and in detail. The Council approved the SHEP and permitted to submit the SHEP for the Components for which the various Colleges are eligible under RUSA 2.0

Agenda Item No.5.7: To approve the Academic & Administrative Audit Committee Report submitted by the Committee:

The Chairman of the Academic and Administrative Audit Committee submitted the report of their audit conducted in 21 Government and Society Colleges. The Chairman briefed the out-come of the audit and informed that the Committee has assessed the Institutions on par with the criteria of National Accreditation Body NAAC and has graded the Colleges on a 4 point scale. The Chairman also briefed the various suggestions, SWOP analysis of the various Colleges and the steps to be taken for the improvement of the quality and infrastructure of higher education in various Institutions in the U.T. of Puducherry.

The Chairman, PSHEC informed that the report may be circulated to the Principals and thereafter to get their remarks and Action Plan for the improvement of the Colleges.
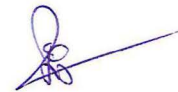
The Chairman, AAAC suggested the Council:

i) to organize One-day Orientation Programmes for the Principals of the Colleges regarding the outcome of the Audit Report,

ii) to convene a meeting with the Principals of the Polytechnic Colleges to improve the quality and the out-come, and

iii) to guide various Institutions for the best grading in NAAC accreditation. The above suggestions were agreed by all the members.

The Chairman, PSHEC informed to organize the one-day Orientation Programmes for the Principals of the Colleges and meeting with the Principals of the Polytechnic Colleges in the second week of June 2018.

The members felt that periodical review meeting and monthly report has to be submitted by the Principals on the academic and other activities carried out in the College.

All the Colleges may be guided by the AAAC to go for the next cycle of accreditation or re-accreditation for upgrading their scores and also for NIRF ranking. The Colleges which have been already ranked may assist the other Institutions.

Item No.5.8: The recommendations of the Council to the Government of Puducherry for the development and improvement of the quality of higher education in the U.T. of Puducherry are:

The Council, after detailed discussions, suggested the following recommendations to the Government of Puducherry for the development and improvement of the quality of higher education in the U.T. of Puducherry:

i. Endeavour to start a School of Planning and Architecture.

ii. Endeavour to establish IIM after getting the approval of the U.T. of Puducherry and Government of India.

iii. To start specialized branches like Pharmaceutical Engineering, Bio-medical Engineering, Medical Electronics, Agricultural Engineering, Food Technology and Food Processing, Marine Engineering, Naval Architecture, Chemical Engineering, Petro Chemical Engineering at PKIET Karaikal

iv. To start 5 additional batches at PEC in Civil Engineering, Mechanical Education, Electronics & Communication Engineering, Electrical & Electronics Engineering and Electronics & Instrumentation Engineering on a self-financing mode for which the candidates may be admitted by JEE-IIT main examinations.

v. All the Colleges may be provided with Wi-Fi facilities.

vi. All the Colleges to be connected though Video Conference.

vii. Endeavour to upgrade MNGPC and KPTC to integrate the Institute of Technology.

viii. All the Colleges to start specialized courses in addition to the normal courses offered now.

ix. All the Colleges must try to get autonomous status.

x. The Colleges must design and start non-traditional new courses like Fisheries Science, Banking and Insurance, Disaster Management etc.

xi. To establish a National Law School by Converting Dr. Ambedkhar Govt. Law College, Puducherry.

xii. To set up Incubation Centre at Tagore Arts College and Bharathidasan Government College for Women.

xiii. To establish Agriculture University and Veterinary University in a phased manner.

xiv. To bring the Bharathiar Palkalaikoodam and Pondicherry Institute of Linguistic and Culture under the aegis of Directorate of Higher & Technical Education.

xv.   To start B.Voc course based on the employment opportunities of the various regions of the U.T. of Puducherry in the existing Colleges.

xvi.   To provide research Fund to the Colleges as per the recommendations of NAAC, other Departments like Department of Science and Technology, State Ground Water Board etc. may be approached.

xvii.   To recommend to the Government for the development of Puducherry Airport and providing Airport facility at Karaikal which will facilitate the students and faculty from other States and other countries to access to the Institutions at Puducherry and Karaikal region?

xviii   To consider for the repayment of interest or to give concession in the interest rate for the loans to the students

xix.   To consider to provide stipend to the fulltime research Scholars in the Government colleges.

xx.   To start PG Centre in AAGAC., Karaikal by converting all the PG courses in AAGAC in the campus which was vacated by the NIT-P.

5.9.   Any other matter with the permission of the Chair:

The members also discussed on the following points and approved.

i.   The AAAC may analysis and submit a report of the achievements and outcome of PKFA Scheme.

ii.   To review and continue the Mentor System for the first year students from the beginning of their academic year in the Institutions.

iii.   To conduct Bridge courses and remedial classes for the weaker students every day in the evening after College hours.

iv.   The State Project Director explained the members on the online admission procedure for admission through CENTAC for all the colleges in the UT of Puducherry and the demo shown to the members on it. The members welcomed the move and appreciated the initiative.

Finally, it was decided to conduct the next Council Meeting in the second week of August 2018 and the Vice Chairman thanked all the members who were present.

(YASAM LAKSHMI NARAYANA REDDY)
STATE PROJECT DIRECTOR