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Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Executive Council of the Central University of Tamil Nadu held on 9th June, 2012 at Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru 560 012.

The following members attended the meeting.

1	Prof. B.P. Sanjay	Chairman	Vice Chancellor, CUTN
2	Prof. U.R Ananthamurthy	Member	Professor & Writer (Jnanapith Awardee)
3	Prof. Javeed Alam	Member	Former Chairman, ICSSR
4	Dr. M. Annamalai	Member	Senior Adviser, ISRO Headquarters,
5	Prof. N. Periasamy	Member	(Rtd.) Professor, TIFR, Mumbai
6	Prof. E.D. Jemmis	Member	Director, IISER, Thiruvananthapuram
7	Shri V.K. Sridhar	Registrar & Secretary, CUTN	
8	Shri P.V. Ravi	Finance Officer, CUTN	Invitee

The following members joined through video conferencing:

1	Shri Anant Kumar Singh	Member	Joint Secretary, Higher Education Department, MHRD (in place of Secretary, Higher Education Department, MHRD)
2	Smt. Valsala Hariharan (Joined the meeting later)		Deputy Secretary (CU), MHRD

Leave of absence was granted to the following members:

1. Prof. M.S. Jayati Ghosh, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, JNU, New Delhi.
2. The Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.
3. Prof.M.Chidambaram, IIT Madras, Chennai.

Agenda Item 1: Introductory remarks of the Chairman

The Vice Chancellor in his opening remarks briefly explained the progress and made a Presentation. The Executive Council Meeting leveraged technology to facilitate the participation of Shri Anant Kumar Singh, Joint Secretary (CU), MHRD, initially and Smt. Valsala Hariharan, Deputy Secretary (CU), MHRD, later in the meeting via video conferencing. While the structure of the schools were being presented, Shri Singh expressed his intention to say a few things and expressed that a School of languages may be carved out (presently languages are within the School of Social Sciences and Humanities) He also expressed the need to have suitable PG Programme in Hindi as well. In conformity with the national policy pertaining to skills, he desired that CUTN may appropriately work out integration of skills separately or as part of existing programmes. CUTN could also contemplate opening of Community College(s) to address specifically the needs of quality UG Programmes.

The Chairman while responding to the Joint Secretary's observations indicated that in due course, a School of Indian and perhaps foreign languages will be carved out from the School of Social Sciences and Humanities. Proposal to start PG Programmes in Hindi will be initiated through Academic Council. He stated that CUTN will dialogue with industry and trade bodies on the issue of skill development. Further, the UGC is likely to evolve and support a separate scheme, National Vocational Education Framework. CUTN will work under the guidance and support of UGC on this. Prof. Ananthamurthy and Dr. Annamalai stated that University's focus on teaching and research should not be diluted in relation to focus on skills for which already a number of vocational training institutions are in place.

Prof. Jemmis alongwith Prof. Periasamy suggested a reconfiguration of the schools. They specifically highlighted that School of Earth Sciences and (preferably) Atmospheric Sciences be grouped under School of Basic and Applied Sciences. The Chairman assured that the University will have relook at the structure at the appropriate time and when the courses and programmes are firmed up.

He briefly captured the important events since the last Council Meeting held in December 2011.

The Chairman co-organised the meeting held on 03.01.2012 for the implementation of Mass Communication and Journalism at CUTN in Hyderabad University and on 04.01.2012 the Chairman had a discussion with the Vice-Chancellor of EFLU, Hyderabad for the English Language Teaching. Specifically he discussed the setting up of a University language resources centre on the lines of District language centres. This would augment the potential of CUTN to strengthen English language teaching and learning in the district and neighboring areas. On 20.01.2012, Dr. S.S. Bloeria, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Jammu alongwith his team

visited CUTN to understand the modalities of developing a new University. The Chairman co-organised the meetings held on 24.01.2012 at Pondicherry University and on 25.01.2012 at Thiruvavur for the implementation of Mass Communication and Journalism at CUTN.

The Chairman participated in the International conference on "Indian Social Sciences in the Changing World" held at New Delhi on 6th & 7th February, 2012. The Chairman attended a meeting on 09.02.2012 with the Music consultant under the colleges of Govt. of Tamil Nadu at Chennai and then participated in the National Seminar on "Conceptualizing 'Region' : Re-thinking Methodologies" on Feb 9-10th at Hyderabad University. He participated as peer team member in a few NAAC visits.

The Chairman participated in a one day Meeting of Vice-Chancellors and Institution Directors at IIT Bombay on March 1, 2012 on Fostering Innovation in an Academic environment. The Chairman participated in the Life Science experts meeting at University of Hyderabad on 03.03.2012. The Chairman participated in the Consultative meeting on Review of Methodology and Manuals of NAAC, Bangalore on 29.03.2012.

The Chairman attended the 42nd Board of Governors meeting at MSE, Chennai on 18.05.2012. The Chairman participated in the 12th meeting of the Governing Council of INFLIBNET at UGC on 28.05.2012 and also attended the Common Ordinance Meeting held on 29.05.2012 & 30.05.2012 at CU Himachal Pradesh, Dharmashala.

The Chairman thanked all the Executive Committee members for their unstinted support and hoped to seek their expertise to build the University as a good academic institution.

After the introductory remarks of the Chairman, the agenda for the day was taken up for discussion.

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of the minutes of the fifth meeting of the Executive Council held on 10.12.2011

The Executive Council considered the Fifth Meeting of the Executive Council held on 10.12.2011. The Executive Council noted that comments have been received from Prof. N. Periasamy and Prof. J.A.K. Tareen and the same have been incorporated in the minutes.

Decision:

The Executive Council resolved that the minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the Executive Council held on 10.12.2011 be confirmed.

Agenda Item 3: Action taken on the minutes of the previous [fifth] meeting of the Executive Council.

The Executive Council perused the item regarding the suggestion to devise the screening norms more clearly and explicitly involving Academic Council.

Decision:

The Executive Council noted that the Academic Council has endorsed the present method of screening followed by the University.

Agenda Item 4: Approval of the Minutes of the Third Finance Committee Meeting held on 10th December, 2011, Fourth Finance Committee Meeting held on 28th April, 2012 and Fifth Finance Committee Meeting held on 1st June, 2012.

The Chairman briefed the members about the essence of the decisions and recommendations of the Third, Fourth and Fifth Finance Committee Meetings held on 10.12.2011, 28.04.2012 and 01.06.2012. The Minutes as circulated to the members of the Finance Committee was tabled before the Executive Council.

Decision:

The Executive Council noted the information contained in the minutes and approved the minutes of the Third, Fourth and Fifth Meetings of the Finance Committee held on 10.12.2011, 28.04.2012 and 01.06.2012.

Agenda Item 5 Approval of the minutes of Fifth Meeting of Academic Council held on 3rd February, 2012 and Sixth Meeting of Academic Council Meeting held on 21st April, 2012.

The Chairman briefed the members on the important items / decisions taken in the Fifth and Sixth Meetings of the Academic Council held on 03.02.2012 and 21.04.2012. During the discussions, the members felt that M.A (Regional Studies) course proposed (perhaps inadvertently) in 12th Plan should be dropped.

Decision:

The Executive Council noted the information contained in the minutes and approved the minutes of the Fifth and Sixth Meeting of the Academic Council subject to the modification suggested in the courses proposed in 12th Plan.

Agenda Item 6 **Approval of the Minutes of the 3rd Building Committee Meeting held on 4th February, 2012**

The Chairman briefed the members on the major discussions / decisions taken in the Third meeting of the Building Committee involving on-going works and approval of preliminary estimates for the Phase II buildings.

Decision:

The Executive Council noted the information contained in the minutes and approved the minutes of the Third meeting of the Building Committee. ✓

Agenda Item 7 **Details of administrative and financial decisions taken by the University since the last meeting**

The Chairman presented the major administrative and financial decisions taken by the University from December 2011 to May 2012. The Chairman also briefed the action taken for filling up the posts of Lower Division Clerks, Upper Division Clerks, extension of tenure granted to contract staff, appointment of Academic Co-ordinator (short-term contract) and walk-in-interviews conducted for the posts of Assistant Professor on contract basis. The Council perused the details of positions filled, deposits made, purchases and other details placed before the Executive Council.

Decision:

The Executive Council noted the information and accorded its approval for the appointments made to the various non-teaching positions, extension granted to contract staff and appointment for the post of Academic Co-ordinator. The Executive Council also approved the appointments for the posts of Assistant Professor on contract basis for one academic year as given below. The Chairman mentioned that the selection committee had indicated that a few candidates in certain disciplines could be considered based on need. The Executive Council authorised the Vice Chancellor to offer appointments to such candidates, if the need arises.

S.No	Name	Category	Subject
1	Mr.Chandra Sekhar Bahinipati	UR	Economics
2	Mr.P.Rajasuresh	OBC	
3	Mr.R.Manivasagan	SC	
4	Mr.N.Seraman	UR	English
5	Mr.Rayson K.Alex	UR	
6	Mrs.V.Lalithambigai	OBC	
7	Dr.Bolleddu Sivanagaiah	SC	
8	Ms.T.Monica Kanga	ST	Physics
9	Mr.I.Prakash	UR	
10	Mr.Santhosh Baskaran	UR	
11	Mr.R.Vasantha Jayakhantha Raja	OBC	
12	Mr.Yapamanu Adithya Lakshmana	SC	
13	Mr.G.Sankara Raju Kosuru	UR	Mathematics
14	Mr.N.Baranibalan	OBC	
15	Mrs.Sony Amrendra	UR	Chemistry
16	Dr.V.Rajendiran	OBC	
17	Mrs.M.Bhagiyalakshmi	OBC	
18	Mr.S.G.Ramkumar	PWD	
19	Mr.Vittal Babu Gudimetla	SC	
20	Dr.S.Anand	UR	Life Science
21	Dr.K.Jayalakshmi	OBC	
22	Mr. G.Sathish	UR	Tamil
23	Mr. K.Jawahar	UR	
24	Mr. S.Ram Mohan	UR	Social Sciences
25	Mr. Amritashva Kamal	SC	

Agenda Item 8 Approval of all items of expenditure for the period from 1st November 2011 to 30th May, 2012

The particulars as contained in the Agenda were placed before the Executive Council. The Council perused all the major items of expenditure incurred by the University from November 2011 to May 2012 under various heads.

Decision:

The Executive Council accorded post facto approval for all items of expenditure incurred by the University as per the details provided in the Agenda.

Agenda Item 9 Approval of the Annual Accounts of the University for the Financial Year 2011-2012

The Chairman tabled the Annual Accounts of the University for the Financial Year 2011-2012. He briefed the members that the accounts were compiled as per the norms laid down by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and scrutinized by an external chartered accountant firm. He also added that the accounts were scrutinized by the Finance Committee in its 5th meeting held on 1st June, 2012 and recommended adoption of the accounts. The adoption of the annual accounts was proposed by Prof. Javeed Alam and seconded by Dr. M. Annamalai.

Decision:

The Executive Council resolved that the annual accounts of the University for the Year 2011-2012 be approved and sent to the Comptroller & Auditor General for audit.

Agenda Item 10 Approval of 3rd Annual Report (2011-2012) of the University

The Council perused the Third Annual Report of the University tabled before it. The Council appreciated the efforts of the University in bringing out the draft report. It also noted that the design and layout of the Annual Report was sleek and impressive.

Decision:

The Executive Council approved the Third Annual Report of the University for the year 2011-12.

Agenda Item 11 Approval of 12th Plan of the University

The Chairman briefed the members about the 12th Plan proposals prepared by the University. The Council also noted that the 12th Plan proposal was placed before the Academic Council at its Sixth meeting held on 21st April, 2012 and subsequently before the Finance Comiitee in its 4th meeting held on 28th April 2012 and has been approved with minor changes / modifications.

During the discussions, points relating to distribution of facility across departments / schools, prioritisation in the event of resource mis-match and relook at the centres were raised. The Chairman while clarifying, outlined the special needs for English language teaching and the necessity to have additional faculty to meet this demand. The Chairman further explained that the centres poposed does not require an organic administrative structure but only seeding of an inter-disciplinary mechanism not straining the resources of the University. Specifically, the members wanted to know about Ecotheory, Ecocriticism and Ethnomathematics. The Chairman explained to the members the significance and importance of the work to be carried out by these centres. However, not withstanding the above, he assured the Council that a centre will be started only if it is going to have adequate faculty backing. He also informed the Council that the University will review its proposals and make course corrections, if there is a resource gap.

Decision:

The Executive Council approved the 12th Plan proposals prepared by the University. The Executive Council also resolved that the University be permitted to allocate faculty resources across disciplines / department as per need and within the overall sanctioned strength.

Agenda Item 12 To ratify the items approved by circulation

The Chairman brieded the members on the items circulated to the members for approval as mentioned below:

1. Amendments to Statute 11 and 13.
2. Memorandum of Understanding with Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai.
3. Appointments to teaching positions in Chemistry Department

Decision:

The Executive Council ratified the items approved by circulation.

Agenda Item 13 A brief report on CUCET 2012

The Registrar briefed the members about the Central Universities Common Entrance Test (CUCET 2012) organized by CUTN for the third consecutive time for admission to various programs in the academic year 2012-2013 in the seven Central Universities namely, Bihar, Jammu, Jharkhand, Kashmir, Kerala, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. The examination is being held in three phases - Offline examination on 3rd June, 2012 and online examination on 9th & 10th June, 2012. He also informed that the registration for CUCET 2012 has trebled to around 20000 compared to CUCET 2011.

Decision:

The information was noted by the Executive Council.

Agenda Item 14 A brief report on the progress of construction works

The Chairman briefed the members about the on-going works in the revenue villages of Neelakudi and Nagakudi. The Chairman informed that the Hostel Block for Boys & Girls is ready for occupation. The Superintending Engineer, CPWD and the Architects made a Presentation on the progress of construction activities and the second phase buildings respectively. While the Council appreciated the progress made, it wanted a more proactive approach from the CPWD for speeding up the progress. The Council also directed the CPWD officials to present an itemized Activity Chart / Bar Chart indicating the milestones, target dates and completion dates.

The Council also wanted CPWD to ensure that it has an independent quality team at the site to supervise the quality component. The Council also noted that a large number of buildings are under construction and the University needs support in monitoring this.

Decision:

The Executive Council noted the information. The Council approved appointment of a consultant on contract basis for monitoring the construction works.

Agenda Item 15 Brief report on the results of Odd and Even Semester Examinations

The Chairman briefed about the Even Semester Examinations conducted by the University from 07.05.2012 to 16.05.2012. The Executive Council perused the brief report on the Even Semester Examination appended as Annexure. The Council also noted the Odd Semester results approved by the Fifth Academic Council meeting held on 3rd February, 2012.

Decision:

The information was noted by the Executive Council.

Agenda Item 16 **To consider passing a resolution for opening Kendriya Vidyalaya School at CUTN**

The Chairman briefed the steps taken by CUTN to establish a Central School in the University campus. The Executive Council also noted that the Building Committee in its Second Meeting held on 07.05.2011 has approved the transfer of about 12 acres of land to KVS on a long term lease / outright basis with construction of classrooms and other infrastructure as may be required. This was also duly approved by the Executive Council in its Fourth Meeting held on 28.05.2011.

The Executive Council also perused the specimen resolution and norms stipulated by KVS appended as annexure to the agenda. The Council noted that KV School at Thiruvarur is an essential element and its functioning will attract better talent to the University.

Decision:

The Executive Council passed the following resolution:

Resolved that the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan may open a Kendriya Vidyalaya at CUTN, Nagakudi Village, Thiruvarur, a unit office of the Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur.

2. Further resolved, that the CUTN will bear the entire cost i.e. recurring and non-recurring expenditure including proportionate overhead charges and future development expenditure, and shall also provide suitable and sufficient land, buildings, furniture, equipment etc. and residential accommodation for the staff of the proposed Kendriya Vidyalaya.

3. Further resolved that CUTN will abide by all the terms and conditions as briefly laid down in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Office letter No.F.110/3-3/2011/KVS/(HQ)/(Admn-I)-693 date 10.06.2011 and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan rules and regulations as amended from time to time.

4. Further resolved that CUTN will abide by the enclosed Memorandum of Undertaking executed between CUTN and KVS.

Agenda Item 17 Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

1. To consider the candidature of Prof. M. Palaniandavar for Eminent Professor at CUTN

The Chairman briefed the members about the candidature of Prof.M. Palaniandavar, DST Ramanna Fellow, for Eminent Professor at CUTN. The Council perused the Bio-Data of Prof. M. Palaniandavar appended as annexure and also noted that he has assured, that if he is given an opportunity to work with CUTN, he will arrange for transfer of all projects to CUTN, which will help in starting the research activity in addition to teaching / guiding the M.Sc., students.

Decision:

The Council approved engagement Prof. M. Palaniandavar as Professor, in the Department of Chemistry for a period of one year from the date of joining and his pay and allowance shall be fixed as per norms circulated by UGC for re-employed superannuated Teacher.

2. Notification for filling up of Teaching Positions

The Chairman briefed about the steps taken by the University for filling up the 140 Teaching positions sanctioned by UGC. Offers have been issued to nine candidates and seven candidates have already joined and two more will be joining in the next four weeks.

The Council noted that CUTN has notified for filling up sixty six vacancies including the earlier notified unfilled vacancies.

Decision:

The information was noted by the Executive Council.

3. Filling up of Non-Teaching positions

The Chairman informed the members that an interview was conducted on 04.06.2012 for the non-teaching positions and two candidates were selected for the post of Technical Assistant and one candidate for the post of Junior Professional Assistant.

Decision:

The information was noted by the Executive Council.

4. The Chairman informed the Executive Council about his impending visit to the US to participate in ALA meeting at Penn State and visit to a few other Universities / Institutions.

He also informed the Executive Council about the invitation from University of Tampere to participate as a member of an international team of researchers in Journalism / Communication to study media systems in BRICS. This four year project is likely to be flagged in November 2012.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.
