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MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD AT
10.00 A.M. ON 3rd NOVEMBER, 2011 (THURSDAY) AT HOTEL MASCOT,
TRIVANDRUM

The Sixth Meeting of the Executive Council was held on 3rd November, 2011 (Thursday) At
Hotel Mascot, Trivandrum

Members Present:

1.	Prof. Jancy James , Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod	CHAIRMAN
2.	Ms. Valsala Hariharan, Deputy Secretary, MHRD, Govt. of India, New Delhi, (Nominee) Representing Secretary, MHRD Government of India , New Delhi	Member
3.	Prof. Baleshwar Thakur Former Head, Delhi School of Economics and Former Vice-chancellor, L.N.M. University , Darbhanga.	Member
4.	Dr. Babu Joseph Eminent Educationist Delhi	Member
5.	Dr.M.Anandakrishnan, Board of Governors, IIT Kanpur and IIT Rajasthan	Member

6.	Prof. (Dr) A. Sukumaran Nair, Former Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.	Member
7.	Prof.(Dr.) C.G.Ramachandran Nair, "Neekar", Former Secretary to Govt. of Kerala and Chairman, Science Technology & Environment, Faculty of Science, University of Kerala	Member
8.	Mr. N.N.Sampath Kumar Registrar, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod	Ex-officio Secretary

Special Invitee:

1.	Mr. P. Bhaskaran Finance Officer Central University of Kerala Kasaragod.	Special Invitee
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Members who expressed their inability to attend due to preoccupation:

1.	Secretary in-charge of Higher Education, Government of Kerala, Trivandrum	Ex-officio Member
2.	Prof. S.F.Patil, Former Vice-Chancellor, Bharati Vidyapeeth, Pune.	Member
3.	Prof. Chandrasekharan Pillai Former Director, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi Presently Director, National Judicial Academy, Bhopal	Member

4.	Prof. P.K.Abdul Aziz, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University	Member
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The Vice Chancellor welcomed the members to the meeting. She apprised the council about the new Faculty who have joined the University. She brought to the notice of the members about the recent news item in The Hindu Daily alleging irregularities in the recruitment of faculty in certain departments. She informed the members that all the stipulated norms of the revised UGC regulations have been followed in recruiting the faculty and the entire selection process has been transparent and fair. The recruitment has been done based on the recommendation of the duly constituted Selection Committee and approved by the Executive Council. Many RTI applications have been received in this regard and the university is preparing the replies to them. The Vice Chancellor expressed concern about such news reports, which may dissuade expert faculty from joining the university. Members appreciated the transparency maintained in the entire recruitment process. With regard to the allegations, if required, a suitable press note may be issued by the Vice Chancellor as a rejoinder explaining the details of the stringent selection process undertaken and about the transparency maintained in the recruitment at all levels.

It was brought to the notice of the members that the selection of the faculty to the department of Economics could not be completed as the members nominated by the visitor declined to be the member of the Selection Committee on two occasions and this has delayed the selection process. The Economics department is running short of required faculty. Members opined that in order to overcome this difficulty, it would be better to seek approval of Visitor for a panel of experts instead of one single expert as Visitor's Nominee. This will help the Vice Chancellor to replace an expert who declines the offer or meets with an unexpected inconvenience, without delay, as the member of the selection committee. A suitable request in this regard may be sent to MHRD. To prepare a panel of experts for Economics, various famous economics institutions like CDS, Trivandrum, Centre for Economics & Social Studies, Delhi School of Economics etc, may be contacted. It was informed by the Vice-Chancellor that as per the revised MHRD guidelines, the presence of the nominee of the Visitor is not mandatory, but the guideline fixes a quorum for the

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selection committee. The matter has been brought before the Council in subject no EC: 06:08 in this meeting for approval for adoption.

Prof. M. Anandkrishnan pointed out that, in order to get appropriate person as the head of the department or centre, the University should function in a suitable environment. He said that modern amenities in Kasaragod are minimal, compared to the developed cities or metropolis near which many other new Central Universities are located. Hence getting experts who are willing to relocate to Kasaragod is a very difficult task. The E.C. members felt the need for an extensive search for eminent persons in the relevant field, who are willing to join the university given all its constraints. Even necessary age relaxation may be provided if the candidate is found exceptionally suitable and appoint the person as provided in the UGC rules.

In the discussion that ensued Dr. Babu Joseph, Dr. Sukumaran Nair, Dr. C. G. Ramachandran Nair and Dr. Baleshwar Thakur made their observation that at higher education level, there has been complete overlapping of disciplines, and subjects are fast evolving as interdisciplinary in nature. Subjects in Life Sciences have been restructured to share the features of more than one subject, just as under the umbrella of Physical Sciences, Nano technology, Material Science and a host of subjects that cut across or merge disciplines are taken up for academic programmes and research. Hence, programmes in interdisciplinary subjects need to be started. The members suggested formulation of a set of norms for convergence of various interdisciplinary programmes for the purpose of faculty recruitment within the gambit of the UGC regulations. It was also suggested to form a committee to decide the merging of various disciplines at specific levels of higher education.

With regard to the movement of CMS at Pala the Vice Chancellor requested the committee members to visit the centre and to submit its report at the earliest.

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EC:06:01	To consider confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Council held on 21 st September, 2011
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The comments made by Prof. Abdul Aziz, member of the Executive Council was discussed and based on the discussion relevant resolutions were formulated in the subject no. EC:06:10 of this meeting.

Following the above observations, the Executive Council resolved to confirm the minutes of the 5th meeting of the Executive Council.

EC:06:02	To consider and accept Action Taken Report on the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Council held on 21 st September, 2011
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Executive Council accepted the action taken report.

EC:06:03	Appointment of Head, Dept. of Comparative Literature
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The Executive Council ratified the appointment of Dr. Joseph Koyippally Joseph, Associate Professor, Department of Comparative Literature, as Head of the Department with effect from 30th October, 2011 for a period of three years or till further orders.

Further, the Executive Council directed to follow the practice of appointing head of Department by rotation basis for 3 years on the basis of seniority or based on the recommendation of the Council of Deans, who may choose the head by election as the case may be.

It was decided that in order to determine the seniority of a faculty in a given cadre, the station seniority shall be considered as provided in the New Central University Act 2009 irrespective of the merit status of the candidate in Rank list as per the minutes of the selection committee.

EC:06:04	Appointment of Head, Dept. of Physics
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The Executive Council ratified the appointment of Dr. Vincent Mathew, Associate Professor, Department of Physics, as Head of the Department with immediate effect for a period of three years or until further orders.

EC:06:05	Appointment of Dean, School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences
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The Executive Council ratified the appointment of Dr. Vincent Mathew, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Physics, as the Dean of the School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences with immediate effect until further orders.

EC:06:06	Appointment of Dean, School of Languages and Literature
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The Executive Council resolved to appoint Dr. Joseph Koyippally Joseph, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Comparative Literature, as the Dean of the School of Languages and Literature with immediate effect until further orders.

EC:06:07	Appointment of Dean, Students' Welfare
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The Executive Council resolved to appoint Dr. Prasad Pannian, Associate Professor, Department of Comparative Literature, as the Dean of Students' Welfare until further orders.

EC:06:08	Amendment to the Statutes 18(2) regarding composition of the Selection Committees for appointment in various teaching positions and Statutory Officers
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The Executive Council resolved to adopt the amended statutes forthwith.

EC:06:09	Authorization to declare results and offer of appointment for various faculty positions in the Department of Economics on the recommendation of the Selection Committees
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In view of the amended statutes 18(2) as mentioned in subject no. EC: 06:08, the Executive Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to declare the results and to issue offer of appointment to the selected candidates as recommended by the duly constituted Selection Committee after completion of the selection process.

The Executive Council at its 5th meeting held on 21st September, 2011 had suggested that the proposed land be taken over after evicting all the colony dwellers and any other occupants in the site and that the Govt. be urged to allot 200 acres more of land for use of the University. The Council had also authorized the Vice-Chancellor to request the Govt. of Kerala to relocate the so-called colony encircled by the proposed land and any other individual occupants holding land as an island within the site proposed for the University, so as to facilitate the full enjoyment of the 310 acres of land by the University free of encumbrances. The Vice-Chancellor was also authorized to take over the allotted land immediately, and take necessary steps to prepare a master plan for the campus in order to maintain the tempo of the academic progress and to avoid cost escalation. It was also resolved that in the event of the eviction of the colony dwellers becoming impossible, the issue may be settled by providing sufficient land for giving road access to the public road. In such a case, the additional land proposed for allotment by the Government on the other side of the Panchayath road may also be taken over by the University compensating the loss of land used for the purpose of road access. It was also suggested that the Vice-Chancellor may take immediate steps for taking over of the land at the earliest with the concurrence of MHRD.

On the request, the District Collector, Kasaragod, has submitted a revised sketch of the proposed University Campus at Periya maintaining the 310 acres of land. The revised site layout was discussed in detail in this 6th Meeting of the Executive Council and following are the resolutions:

1. The Executive Council has decided to accept the revised proposal given by the District Collector and recommended taking over the land. It further authorized Vice-Chancellor to submit it to MHRD, Govt. of India for approval. Ms. Valsala Hariharan, Deputy Secy, MHRD promised to report the progress in the matter of land allotment to MHRD and expedite steps for sanctioning the taking over of land by CUK.

2. Executive Council accords approval to provide a road access to the existing community colony encircled by the earmarked land.
3. As soon as the approval of MHRD is obtained, University may take steps to build the boundary wall around the colony and construct fence along the proposed road from the colony to the National Highway.
4. To initiate steps to seek additional 40 acres of land which was shown in the pre-revised sketch submitted during the 5th Executive Council meeting.
5. Initiate steps to seek additional 200 acres of land to the Central University of Kerala adjacent to the existing land as decided in the previous executive council meeting.
6. Take steps to prepare a master plan for campus by constituting a Campus Development Planning Committee and include some of the members of the Executive Council as members on the committee along with reputed architects who are well versed in Green University Campus planning. (Council suggested contacting Consortium of Architects' to assist in finding suitable members for the committee). Further, Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to visit various modern state of the art universities in the country to prepare a suitable master plan for the green campus development.
7. The campus of the University should be set up involving minimum cutting of trees. TERI may be contacted for its expertise, as it has a green building architect division.
8. Executive Council of Central University of Kerala thanks the Govt. of Kerala for providing the land to the Central University of Kerala

EC:06:11	To consider approval of the recommendation of the Selection Committee for the post of System Analyst
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The Executive Council noted that one of the members of the Executive Council, who had agreed to be the member on the selection committee for the Post of System Analyst, could not attend the meeting at the last minute. The Executive Council condoned the non presence of the Executive Council member in the Selection Committee and approved the Minutes of the Selection Committee. Accordingly the E. C. granted its approval to appoint Mr. Sreelesh.V as System Analyst as per the recommendation of the Selection Committee. The Rank list shall be valid upto one year from the date of Interview.

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EC:06:12	Approval of Annual Report for the year 2010-11
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The Council suggested to include the vision of the university as a statement and approved the draft annual report and further authorised the Vice Chancellor to make changes in the annual report wherever necessary.

EC:06:13	Any other item with the permission of the chair
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Recommendations of the Finance Committee and other items were placed before the Council as additional items in the agenda for approval,

EC:AA:06:01	To consider and approve the Separate Audit Report of Comptroller and Audit General of India on the Annual Accounts of the Central University of Kerala for the year 2010-11
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Recommendation of the Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee in its fourth meeting held on 2nd November, 2011 went through the separate Audit Report and other related documents for the year 2010-11 received from the Audit and accepted the Separate Audit Report and recommended it for presentation before the Executive Council for approval.

Resolution of the Executive Council:

The Council approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

EC:AA:06:02	To consider and approve the Revised Budget of the University for the year 2011-12
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Recommendation of the Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee considered the Revised Budget for 2011-12 and recommended to Executive Council. The Committee authorized the Vice-Chancellor to carry out re-appropriation of the budget allocation according to necessity and progress of expenditure.

Resolution of the Executive Council:

The Council directed to include a remarks column and cite justification for the reduced budget, classification wise hereafter. With the above observations, Council approved Revised Budget for the year 2011-12 as per the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

EC:AA:06:03

To consider and approve the Annual Budget of the University for the year 2012-13

Recommendation of the Finance Committee:

The Council may note that the Finance Committee suggested that an Expert Committee may be constituted to make a realistic assessment of the requirements of funds to be incurred under Capital Expenditure in a phased manner. The proposals to be sent to MHRD/UGC are to be supported by such authentic documents for better understanding and sanction. The Committee also suggested that Building/Infrastructure Committee be constituted immediately to make concrete proposals backed by collective wisdom. The Committee also suggested that a Vision document be prepared showing phase-wise projection of development at least for the next 15 years.

With these suggestions, the Committee approved the budget at an estimated amount of Rs. 151.66 Crore for the year 2012-13 and recommended to EC.

Resolution of the Executive Council:

The Executive Council approved the Recommendation of the Finance Committee.

The Council further resolved to include in the vision document the starting of new courses in the field of Naval Architecture and Oceanography, Marine Engineering, Hospitality Management, Tourism Management, Master of Social Work and Department of Environmental Science etc., The budget may be prepared at appropriate time as and when the infrastructure is made ready.

EC:AA:06:04	To consider appointment of a Standing Counsel
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Recommendation of the Finance Committee:

The Committee in its last meeting held on 2nd November, 2011 felt the necessity of appointing a Standing Counsel to deal with legal issues. It has been advised to get a lawyer from the Central Govt. approved panel of lawyers.

Resolution of the Executive Council:

The Executive Council approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee to appoint a Standing Counsel with suitable remuneration. The Executive Council further authorised the Vice Chancellor to appoint suitable legal experts from local areas like Kasaragod, Kannur etc, and in Ernakulum, even if they are not available in the empanelled list.

EC:AA:06:05	To consider creation of the post of Public Relations Officer (PRO)
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Recommendation of the Finance Committee:

The Committee noted that the University is progressing fast in spite of lack of infrastructural facilities. The first batch of students has passed out and teaching programmes in the current academic year is going on very well. Yet, these have not gained desired publicity for not having a dedicated PRO. Considering the necessity, the Committee recommended for creation of the post of a PRO and advised that the UGC may be requested to sanction the post. The recommendation may be placed before the EC for approval.

The Resolution of the Executive Council:

The Council approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee and accorded approval for creation of the post of PRO in the scale of pay of Assistant Registrar.

Subject: EC:AA:06:06	Adoption of revised recruitment rules for the appointment to the Group 'C' Posts.
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The Executive Council resolved to adopt the revised UGC rules pertaining to the Recruitment of the staff under Group 'C' category modifying the earlier group 'D' posts. It was further resolved to publish a Corrigendum seeking updated details from the applicants for the notified Group D posts as per the revised recruitment rules.

Further, the Vice Chancellor is authorized to make arrangements for the conduct of the written tests and selection interview envisaged as a part of recruitment process for the notified non teaching posts as required. The Vice Chancellor is also authorised to publish results and make appointments on the basis of the selection process.

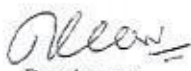
Subject: EC:AA:06:07	Grant of additional extension time to Dr. Santhosh R .Kanade, under SC category selected as Asst. Professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.
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The Executive council resolved not to grant additional extension in joining time in the case of the above candidate or to anyone else in future, who seeks extension beyond the already granted three months extension in joining time.

Subject: EC:AA:06:08	Appointment of Faculty on Deputation from M.E.S College for the Department of Computer Science.
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The Executive Council accorded approval to appoint Dr. Abbas. T. P. on Deputation as Associate Professor, in the Department of Computer Science for one year if he is found suitable after assessing him through a Selection Process by a duly constituted Selection Committee.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the Members and Chairman.



Registrar

Secretary, Executive Council

Submitted to Vice-Chancellor- Chairman of the Executive Council for Approval


Approved
14.11.2011