Minutes of the Third meeting of the 13th Library Committee

Date: 28/10/2020 Time: 3.30 p.m. Venue: Online

The Chairman welcomed the members to the third meeting of the 13th Library Committee of the Goa University Library. He then requested the Member Secretary to proceed with the agenda.

The agenda of the meeting was taken up for discussion:

A.1 The minutes of the second meeting of the 13th Library Committee held on 10th December 2019 was approved after discussion

A.2 Action taken report

Librarian informed that due to the pandemic situation library could not take up any action on the suggestions given in the last meeting. But placed on record other activities of the library including provision of remote access to e-resources etc.

- A.3 Librarian presented the SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) for library for avoiding the spread of covid-19. Chairman and other members of the committee complimented and accepted it and advised to make it available on University website.
- A.4 Statement of expenditure incurred on Books and Journals was presented by the Librarian. After discussions the budget estimates and statement of expenditure on purchase of books & Journals was accepted.
- A.5 Any other Matters with the permission of the chair
- A.5.1 Based on the prescription for buying e-books for the library in place of printed books members expressed their views
- A.5.2 Head of the Department of Biotechnology expressed concern over the high price of E-books. Prof. Krishnan suggested buying of hard copies of books is good, as copies of e-books available are not recent ones.
 - Prof. Nirmala Suggested to go for specific text books and not to buy books of old editions
 - Chairman suggested that the pandemic scenario compels us to go for e-books to serve students who do not come to the campus.
 - Chairman insisted that 31st January as cutoff date for the purchase of hard copies of books.
 - Librarian informed the meeting about an e-book presentation on 3rd and 4th November 2020 and requested faculty to attend the same
- A.5.3 Chairman also suggested allotting of funds with the help of the formula suggested by Prof. Sudarshan for the new departments.
- A.5.4 Prof. Parienkar suggested to make separate collection of preliminary books on Konkani available in the library.

A.5.5 The committee discussed about the usage of databases by the faculty and research scholars. Librarian presented the website containing the usage reports. The chairman expressed concern over the low rate of usage of the subscribed and INFLIBNET provided databases. Chairman also suggested to constitute a committee to look into the subscription and usage of eresources. It was decided to subscribe to the databases subscribed in 2019-20, subject to the availability of funds.

Meeting ended at 5.00 p.m. with thanks to the chair

The members who attended the meeting of the Library Committee and those who sought leave of absence is appended.

University Librarian/Member Secretary

Vice-Chancellor/Chairperson