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GOA UNIVERSITY
Taleigao Plateau, Goa

Minutes of the Twenty First Meeting of the Tenth Executive Council held on Friday, 21st July, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Hall of Goa University under the Chairpersonship of the Vice-Chancellor, Goa University.

Members Present

Prof. Suhas Pednekar	Member
Dr. Unnikrishnan. S.	Member
Prof. Datta B. Naik	Member
Dr. Aparna Devdatta Patil	Member
Dr. Ajit Parulekar	Member
Shri Sudin Naik	Member
Prof. Savita S. Kerkar	Member
Prof. Gopal Krishna Rao	Member
Dr. Anura Prashant Bale	Member
Prof. S. Krishnan	Member
Registrar	Member Secretary (Ex-Officio)

Members who conveyed their inability to attend/could not attend.

Shri Arjun Chowgule	Member
Shri Shrinivas Vasudeva Sinai Dempo	Member
Dr. Ganesh Gaonkar	Member
Secretary (Education)	Member (Ex-Officio)
Secretary (Finance)	Member (Ex-Officio)

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the Esteemed Members to the Twenty First Meeting of the Tenth Executive Council.

Thereafter the agenda were taken up for discussion.

D 1.1 (i) To confirm the minutes of the 20th Meeting of the Tenth Executive Council held on 26/05/2023.

RESOLUTION I: The Executive Council confirmed the minutes of the 20th Meeting of the Tenth Executive Council held on 26/05/2023.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Non-Teaching))

D 1.2 (i) Action taken on the minutes of the 20th Meeting of the Tenth Executive Council held on 26/05/2023.

RESOLUTION II: The Executive Council noted the action taken on various decisions as per the minutes of 20th Meeting of the Tenth Executive Council held on 26/05/2023.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Non-Teaching))

D 1.3.2 (i) To consider the minutes of the Eleventh meeting of the Xth Academic Council held on 9th December, 2022.

RESOLUTION III: The Executive Council approved the minutes of the Eleventh meeting of the Xth Academic Council held on 9th December, 2022.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Acad.(General))

D 1.3.2 (ii) To consider the minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Xth Academic Council held on 14th February, 2023 & 23rd February, 2023.

RESOLUTION IV: The Executive Council approved the minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Xth Academic Council held on 14th February, 2023 & 23rd February, 2023.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Acad.(General))

D 1.3.6 (i) To consider the Recognition of teachers as Ph.D. Research Guide and Post-Graduate teacher of the Goa University under the Ordinance OA-2.

RESOLUTION V: The Executive Council approved the Recognition of the following teachers as Ph.D. Research Guide and Post-Graduate teacher of Goa University as per the Ordinance OA-2.

Ph.D. Research Guide:

Sr. No.	Name	Subject	Institution/College
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1.	Dr. John Kurian P.	Marine Geophysics	National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research, Vasco-Da-Gama
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Post-Graduate teacher:

Sr. No	Name	Subject	Institution/College
1	Dr. Dattaprasad Gajanan Samant	General Surgery	Goa Medical College and Hospital, Bambolim, Goa
2.	Dr. Rupa Satish Padwalkar	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Goa Medical College and Hospital, Bambolim, Goa
3.	Dr. Annelly Maxie D'Lima	Paediatrics	Goa Medical College and Hospital, Bambolim, Goa

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Acad.(PG))

D 1.3.6 (i) To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Endowment Committee held on 14/06/2023.

RESOLUTION VI: The Executive Council approved the minutes of the Endowment Committee Meeting held on 14/06/2023.

It was suggested by the House to modify the conditions for selection for the Dr. Santosh Kabadi Scholarship as the GCET Examination will be discontinued from year 2024-2025.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Acad.(PG))

D 1.4.1 (i) To consider and approve Selection Committee meeting report for promotion under Career Advancement Scheme from Associate Professor to Professor and from Professor to Senior Professor.

The House was informed that the Selection Committee meeting for promotion under Career Advancement Scheme from Associate Professor to Professor and from Professor to Senior Professor was held on 28th June, 2023 in the discipline of Electronics, School of Physical and Applied Sciences.

RESOLUTION VII: The Executive Council approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee for Promotion under Career Advancement Scheme from Associate Professor to Professor and from Professor to Senior Professor in the discipline of Electronics, School of Physical and Applied Sciences as under:

Sr. No	Name	Discipline	Promotion Level	Date of Eligibility
1	Prof. Rajendra S. Gad	Electronics	Professor to Senior Professor (Academic Level 15)	01/05/2022
2	Dr. Jivan S. Parab	Electronics	Associate Professor to Professor (Academic Level 14)	29/05/2023

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Teaching))

D 1.4.1 (ii) To consider the recommendations of the Selection Committee in respect of Prof. Kotha Mahender dates of eligibility for placement as Senior Professor under Career Advancement Scheme.

The Members were informed that Prof. Kotha Mahender had applied for promotion from Professor to Senior Professor under CAS. The Pre-Screening Committee found him eligible for a personal appearance before a Committee. The Selection Committee in its meeting held on 27th July, 2022, recommended to promote him on 18th July, 2019 instead of his date of eligibility as 18th July, 2018. The DHE vide letter dated 30/05/2023 had suggested to act as per the provisions of Goa University Statute SB-15.6.3. Therefore, the matter is placed before the House to decide whether the eligibility date for promotion of Prof. Mahender is to be revised or retained. It was also informed that Prof. Mahender has not made representation against the decision of the Executive Council. Vice-Chancellor informed the members about the deliberations that took place in the said meeting of the Selection Committee.

After deliberations, the House noted that based on the minutes of selection committee, a benefit of doubt needs to be provided to the faculty member and it would be advisable to revise the date of eligibility in his favor.

RESOLUTION VIII: The Executive Council decided to consider the date of eligibility for promotion as 18/07/2018 instead of 18/07/2019 in case of Prof. Kotha Mahender under the Career Advancement Scheme.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Teaching))

D 1.4.2 (i) Appointment of Dr. M.P. Tapaswi as Consultant at DIQA on contract basis.

The House was informed that EC in its meeting held on 07/02/2022 had approved to appoint Dr. M.P. Tapaswi as Consultant at the Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance, Goa University on contract basis. The Director, DIQA had reported that services of Dr. Tapaswi are required to perform certain important activities for the University for the

academic year 2023-2024. Also, the amount to be paid to him for each activity per annum is placed for approval.

RESOLUTION IX: The Executive Council approved to appoint Dr. M. P. Tapaswi as Consultant at the Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance, Goa University on contract basis for the academic year 2023-2024.

Further, it is also approved to pay an amount of Rs.1,00,000/- per annum (per activity) to Dr. M.P. Tapaswi for the preparation and submission of the following activities only:

Activity	Amount to be paid
AQAR	Rs.1,00,000/-
NIRF Ranking	Rs.1,00,000/
QS Asia Ranking	Rs.1,00,000/

Further, the House advised to discontinue with the India Today Ranking and the WEEK Survey application. It was also decided to train a staff of DIQA under Dr. Tapaswi to avoid more dependency on a retired staff.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Non-Teaching))

D 1.4.2 (ii) Request to accept resignation from the post of Deputy Registrar received from Shri Sachin K. Sambhaji.

The Registrar informed the House that Shri Sachin K. Sambhaji was appointed to the post of Deputy Registrar (Administration) on regular basis at University. He was also permitted to keep lien on his post of Assistant Director (Engineering) at DDLI, Goa University for a period of two years from 01/06/2023 to 31/05/2025, which was approved by the VC on behalf of the Executive Council. Further, it was informed that Shri Sambhaji submitted resignation letter dated 03/07/2023 from the post of Deputy Registrar (Administration) for personal reasons.

RESOLUTION X: The Executive Council approved the request of Shri Sachin K. Sambhaji to resign from the post of Deputy Registrar (Administration) and further to join back his post of Assistant Director (Engineering) at DDLI, Goa University.

The Hon'ble Members also suggested preparing a succession plan regarding the positions of Divisional Heads of University to be appointed/promoted in future.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Non-Teaching))

D1.7(i) Proposed part amendment to Statute SB-12 relating to the Acceptance of Endowments for institution of Fellowships, Scholarships, Medals, Prizes and other awards and also institution of Research Chairs.

The Registrar informed the Members that the House in its meeting held on 19/04/2022 had suggested that the term of the Endowment should be for a limited period of ten years subject to renewal considering the need for enhancement of endowment amount due to inflation. Accordingly, the Endowment Committee in its meeting held on 23/06/2022 and 27/06/2022 recommended a part amendment to Statute SB-12 which was approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 05/05/2023, and the same was vetted by the Drafting and Vetting Committee on 20/06/2023.

RESOLUTION XI: The Executive Council approved the part amendment to Statute SB-12 relating to the Acceptance of Endowments for institution of Fellowships, Scholarships, Medals, Prizes and other awards and also institution of Research Chairs.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Legal)/Assistant Registrar-Acad.(PG))

D 1.8 (i) Proposal for admitting students to consider award of Degrees/Diplomas in presentia at the Convocation or in absentia at any time after the approval of the Executive Council.

RESOLUTION XII: The Executive Council approved the proposal for admitting the students for award of Degrees/Diplomas in presentia at the convocation or in absentia at any time after the approval of the Executive Council in the respective Faculty/School.

The motion moved by Prof. Savita Kerkar, Dean, Biological Sciences & Biotechnology on behalf of the Dean, Goa Business School, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Dean, School of Chemical Sciences, Dean, School of Earth, Ocean & Atmospheric Sciences, Dean, Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy, Dean, School of Physical and Applied Science, Dean, Shenoji Goembab School of Languages and Literature, Dean, D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies, Dean, School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies, Dean, School of International And Area Studies, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Dean, Faculty of Performing, Fine Arts & Music was approved by the House.

The motion was proposed by Hon'ble Member Dr. Unnikrishnan S. and was seconded by Hon'ble Member Shri Sudin Naik.

(Action: Controller of Examinations)

D 1.8 (ii) Proposal for Change in name of Saraswat Vidyalaya Society.

The House was informed that, the Principal, Saraswat Vidyalaya Society's Sridora Caculo College of Commerce & Management Studies, had submitted a letter informing about the change in name of the Society from "SARSWAT VIDYALAYA SOCIETY" To "SARASWAT EDUCATION SOCIETY". The same is placed before the House for formal approval.

RESOLUTION XIII: The Executive Council approved the request of Principal, Saraswat Vidyalaya Society's Sridora Caculo College of Commerce & Management Studies for change in name of the Society from "SARSWAT VIDYALAYA SOCIETY" To "SARASWAT EDUCATION SOCIETY".

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Acad.(General))

D 1.8 (iii) To consider the panel of Subject Experts for teaching appointments and for Career Advancement of Teachers in various Colleges.

RESOLUTION XIV: The Executive Council approved the panel of Subject Experts for teaching appointments and for Career Advancement of Teachers in various Colleges under the following disciplines:

1.	School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology a) Microbiology b) Botany c) Biotechnology d) Zoology
2.	School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies a) Sanskrit
3.	Faculty of Performing, Fine Art and Music a) Dramatic Literature (Additional names) b) Acting Direction (additional names)

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Acad.(Colleges))

D 1.8 (iv) To consider the petition in public interest for implementation of Goa Official Language Act, 1987 and suggestions for development of Official language Konkani.

The Registrar informed the Members that University had received a letter dt. 23/01/2023 from the Assistant Director (ACAD), DHE seeking comments on the Petition in public interest for implementation of Goa Official Language Act, 1987 filed by Revolutionary Goans Party and sought suggestions for development of official language Konkani on the following two points:

- Compulsory option of answering all the exams in official language Konkani and conduct all the written exams and interviews of Government jobs in official language Konkani.
- Issue all the Certificates of Goa University in official language Konkani.

An interim reply was sent to DHE informing that the matter would be placed before the statutory bodies of University since the issue of medium of instruction and answering of examinations is governed by the Ordinances of the Goa University.

The Academic Council in its meeting held on 05/05/2023 resolved that University would issue University Certificates both in English and the official language Konkani from the Academic Year 2023-2024 onwards. The other option was not considered as the same would not be feasible and would be a challenge for implementation for professional Programmes such as Medicine and Engineering as well as the Science.

RESOLUTION XV: The Executive Council agreed to stand taken by the Academic Council in the matter and approved to issue the University certificates both in English and Konkani languages from the Academic Year 2023-2024 onwards.

Further, it was suggested to amend and include the above criteria in the Ordinance OA-9 which governs Medium of Instructions.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Acad.(Colleges))

D 1.8 (v) Institutional Development Plan for Goa University (IDP 2022-2032).

The Vice-Chancellor gave detailed presentation on the SWOC analysis which helps in identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges and assists University in making strategic plans and decisions in uplifting the overall level of institution. He also made a detailed presentation with regards to NIRF Ranking and strategies to work on for improvement in ranking. The draft Institutional Development Plan for Goa University (2022-2032) which was drafted as a part of the Implementation of National Education Policy-2020 was explained to the Hon'ble Members by the Vice-Chancellor.

The Hon'ble Members appreciated the Vice-Chancellor for his efforts and study with regards to the above presentation.

RESOLUTION XVI: The Executive Council approved the draft Institutional Development Plan for Goa University (2022-2032).

Further, the following was suggested by the Hon'ble Members for implementation at University:

- **To initiate industry partnership and to introduce industrial programmes on campus.**
- **To have an academia industry cell under RDRM.**

- **To invite industrial resource person to interact with the students directly.**
- **To increase Research activities by the faculty members.**
- **To check possibility of setting up flexi-laboratories wherever possible.**
- **To identify Budget Head for University Endowment.**

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Non-Teaching))

D 1.8 (vi) Proposed part amendment to Rule-03 Rules relating to the formation of the Goa University Campus Student's Union.

The Academic Council in its meeting held on 05/05/2023 approved the proposed part amendment to Rule-03 Rules relating to the formation of the Goa University Campus Student Union to bring clarity with regards to eligibility.

RESOLUTION XVII: The Executive Council approved the part amendment to Rule-03 Rules relating to the formation of the Goa University Campus Student's Union.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Legal)/DR-DTT)

R1 (i) Sanction of Sabbatical leave to Professor Shaila Desouza, Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance & Public Policy, Goa University.

The House was informed that Prof. Shaila Desouza, Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance & Public Policy had requested for Sabbatical leave from 04/07/2023 to 30/06/2024 which was approved by the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Executive Council.

RESOLUTION XVIII: The Executive Council ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving to grant Sabbatical leave to Prof. Shaila Desouza, Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance & Public Policy from 04/07/2023 to 30/06/2024.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Teaching))

R1 (ii) Sanction of Study leave to Shri Vinayak Bapat, Assistant Professor, Shenoi Goembab School of Languages & Literature, Goa University.

The House was informed that Shri Vinayak Bapat, Assistant Professor, Shenoi Goembab School of Languages & Literature had requested for Sabbatical leave from 13/06/2023 to 21/12/2023 which was approved by the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Executive Council.

RESOLUTION XIX: The Executive Council ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving to grant Sabbatical leave to Shri Vinayak Bapat,

Assistant Professor, Sheno Goembab School of Languages & Literature from 13/06/2023 to 21/12/2023.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Teaching))

R1(iii) Sanction of re-appointment of Prof. P.K. Sudarsan as Consultant to look into drafting/vetting of various Statutes/Ordinances.

The Registrar informed the Hon'ble Members that the House in its meeting held on 23/09/2022 had resolved to appoint Prof. P.K. Sudarsan, Former Professor, GBS, Goa University as Consultant on contract basis for a period of six months to look into the drafting/vetting of various Statutes/Ordinances with the sanctioned consolidated salary of Rs.50,000/- p.m.

Since the work pertaining to NEP 2020, Ordinances for Engineering programmes and work related to weeding out various duplicate/unwanted provisions from the Statutes/Ordinances is still in progress, the Vice-Chancellor considered it necessary to continue the services of Prof. Sudarsan on the same terms and conditions earlier approved by this House and accordingly re-appointed Prof. Sudarsan on behalf of the Executive Council for further period of six months w.e.f. 01/05/2023 to 31/10/2023.

RESOLUTION XX: The Executive Council ratified the decision of the Vice-Chancellor in approving to appoint Prof. P.K. Sudarsan, Former Professor, Goa Business School, Goa University as Consultant on contract basis for a period of six months from 01/05/2023 to 31/10/2023 to look into the drafting/vetting of various Statutes/Ordinances with the sanctioned consolidated salary of Rs.50,000/- per month.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Teaching))

R1 (iv) Grant of lien and acceptance of Technical resignation in respect of Shri Sachin K. Sambhaji, Goa University.

The House was informed that Shri Sachin K. Sambhaji, Assistant Director (Engineering), DDLI, Goa University was granted lien for a period of two years in view of his new appointment as Deputy Registrar at Goa University. The same was approved by the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Executive Council.

RESOLUTION XXI: The Executive Council ratified the decision of the Vice-Chancellor in approving to grant lien to Shri Sachin K. Sambhaji on the post of Assistant Director (Engineering) at the Directorate of Digital Learning and Initiatives (DDLI), Goa University for a period of two years w.e.f. 01/06/2023 to 31/05/2025 in view of his new appointment as Deputy Registrar at Goa University.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Non-Teaching))

R1 (v) Extension of appointment of existing Internal Auditor of Goa University.

The Members were informed that the appointment of M/s. Sankpal Kulkarni & Associates, Chartered Accountants as the Internal Auditor of Goa University was extended further by another year i.e., for the Financial Year 2022-2023 and the same was approved by the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Executive Council.

RESOLUTION XXII: The Executive Council ratified the decision of the Vice-Chancellor in approving to extend the appointment of M/s. Sankpal Kulkarni & Associates, Chartered Accountants as the Internal Auditor of Goa University further by one more year i.e., for the Financial Year 2022-2023.

(Action: Finance Officer)

R1 (vi) Approval for the Minutes of Meeting of Departmental Promotion Committee held on 27/06/2023.

The members were informed that the Departmental Promotion Committee Meeting to consider the Regularization of Ad-hoc appointment of Smt. Bharati Naik, Assistant Registrar was held on 27/06/2023 and the recommendation of the DPC Committee was approved by the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Executive Council.

RESOLUTION XXIII: The Executive Council ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the recommendation of the Departmental Promotion Committee to regularize the appointment of Smt. Bharati Naik on the post of Assistant Registrar on Ad-hoc basis.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Non-Teaching))

R1 (vii) Issuing of Convocation/Degree to five International Students (ICCR) and two other students seeking admission in foreign Universities.

The House was informed that requests were received from five students seeking an early issuance of the Convocation degree certificates to seek admission in foreign Universities. In view of urgency and as authorized by the Executive Council in its meeting dated 11/10/2021, the Vice-Chancellor had approved the issuance of Convocation Degrees to the said five students.

RESOLUTION XXIV: The Executive Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving issue of Convocation degree certificates to the following five eligible students whose results were declared after the last Executive Council meeting held on 26/05/2023:

Sr. No.	Name	College /University	Programme
1	Nduwayezu Janvier	Goa University	M.A. (Geography)

2	Lenard Bunda Mhango	S.S. Dempo College	M.T.T.M.
3	David Kikaawa	D.M.'S College	M.Sc.(Pharmaceutical Chemistry)
4	Musisi Moses	Goa University	M.Sc. (Botany)
5	Mapiki Mutinta Salome	Goa University	M.Sc. (Biotechnology)

(Action: Controller of Examinations)

R1 (viii) Proposed new Ordinance OA-XX relating to the SWAYAM Credit Framework for Online Learning Courses based on UGC Regulations, 2021.

The Registrar informed the Hon'ble Members that New Ordinance OA-XX relating to SWAYAM Credit Framework for Online Learning Courses based on UGC Regulations, 2021 was approved by the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Executive Council.

RESOLUTION XXV: The Executive Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the New Ordinance OA-XX relating to SWAYAM Credit Framework for Online Learning Courses based on UGC Regulations, 2021.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Legal)/Assistant Registrar-Acad.(PG))

R1 (ix) Proposed part amendment to Ordinance OC-60 relating to Bachelor of Performing Arts (Theatre) Programme BPA (T).

The Registrar informed the Hon'ble Members that the Part amendment to Ordinance OC-60 relating to Bachelor of Performing Arts (Theatre) Programme BPA (T) was approved by the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Executive Council.

RESOLUTION XXVI: The Executive Council ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the Part amendment to Ordinance OC-60 relating to Bachelor of Performing Arts (Theatre) Programme BPA (T).

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Legal)/Assistant Registrar-Acad.(PG))

R1 (x) Part amendments to Ordinances and New Ordinance OC-XX.

The House was informed that the New Ordinance OC-XX relating to Degree of Bachelor of Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences, BNYS Programme and part amendments to Ordinance OC-74, OA-35, OC-10B, OA-22 were approved by the Vice-Chancellor as authorized by the Executive Council in its meeting held on 26/05/2023.

Further, it was informed that the proposed part amendment to **Ordinance OA-20** relating to the Policy of Admission to the Post Graduate Academic Programmes of GU **was not approved** by the Vice-Chancellor, as the eligibility provisions for PG Diploma's and new Programmes such as P.G. Diploma in Translation, Post Graduate Diploma in Applied Statistics, Post Graduate Diploma in Clinical Genetics and Medical Laboratory

Techniques and Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence/Master of Science in Data Science have been included in the said amendment which will be first placed before the Academic Council and later before the Executive Council for approval.

RESOLUTION XXVII: The Executive Council ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the New Ordinance OC-XX relating to the Degree of Bachelor of Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences, BNYS Programme.

RESOLUTION XXVIII: The Executive Council ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the part amendment to Ordinance OC-74 relating to B.Sc (Honours) Fashion and Apparel Design & B.Sc. (Honours) Interior Design Programmes of Goa University.

RESOLUTION XXIX: The Executive Council ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the part amendment to Ordinance OA-35 governing the M.A., M.Sc. M.Com., M.S.W., M.T.T.M., M.P.Ed., M.L.I.Sc., MBA, MBA (FS), MBA (Executive), MCA and M. Sc. (I.H.T.M.), and other such Masters Programmes of study conducted by the on-campus Schools of Goa University and its Affiliated Colleges based on the Choice Based Credit System of Instruction.

RESOLUTION XXX: The Executive Council ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the part amendment to the Ordinance OC-10B relating to the Bachelor of Engineering Degree Programme.

RESOLUTION XXXI: The Executive Council ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the part amendment to Ordinance OA-22 relating to the Credit-Based Master of Business Administration (Financial Services) Degree[MBA (FS)] and Bachelor of Business Administration (Financial Services) Degree [BBA (FS)] at Goa University and Affiliated Colleges under the Goa Business School.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Legal)/Assistant Registrar-Acad.(PG))

R1 (xi) Proposed part amendment to Statute SA-30.

The Registrar informed the Hon'ble Members that in view of the urgency expressed by the DHE vide its email dated 26/06/2023 the Vice-Chancellor had approved the proposed part amendment to Statute SA-30 on behalf of the Executive Council.

RESOLUTION XXXII: The Executive Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the part amendment to Statute SA-30 relating to Disqualifications.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Legal)/Assistant Registrar-Acad.(PG))

R1 (xii) Award of Gold Medals/ Scholarship/ Prizes for the 34th Annual Convocation.

The House was informed that due to Covid-19 Pandemic, some of the University Exams were conducted through Online and Offline mode. For the 33rd Annual Convocation it was decided to consider the best of credits answered in offline mode. The examinations answered in online mode were excluded for the purpose of calculation of Rankers list. However, it may be noted that while issuing the Rank certificate for DST Inspire fellowship for 2019-2021 academic year, marks scored at all the semesters were considered.

Subsequently, it was decided that the Rankers to be identified on the basis of the entire Examination performance for the academic year 2020-2021 irrespective of Online/Offline Examination. The same was approved by the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Executive Council.

RESOLUTION XXXIII: The Executive Council ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving to award Gold Medals/Scholarships/Prizes to the Rankers on the basis of the entire Examination performance for the academic year 2020-2021 irrespective of the Online/Offline Examination.

(Action: Controller of Examinations)

AOB (1): Admission to BA LLB Programs for AY 2023-24

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Hon'ble members that on behalf of the Executive Council of Goa University, he had constituted a Fact-finding High-level Committee (hereafter HLC) vide letter No:GU/R/2023/HLC-Law Admissions/99 dated July 4, 2023 under the Chairpersonship of Professor Savita Kerkar, to inquire into the B.A. L.L.B. admission issue that was brought to his notice.

As per the specific Terms of Reference given to the HLC, it was required to examine the conduct of Goa University - Common Law Admission Test (G-CLAT) for the academic year 2023-24 and subsequent student admission procedure followed based on the merit list so prepared by the G R Kare Law College vis-à-vis the existing practice/University Ordinance OC-34A and other statutory provisions etc., and to find out deficiency if any in terms of maintaining its sanctity in terms of the applicable Ordinance/Statute requirements in that behalf. The HLC was requested to investigate any violation of the admission criteria/Ordinance provision etc., vis-a-vis the provisions of the Ordinances applicable and other information available. Further, the HLC was also supposed to identify the officials/individuals, if any, from the concerned colleges, who were responsible for the said lapses/deviations/deficiencies and to recommend to the Executive Council of Goa University, suitable course of action against such persons. The HLC was further mandated to suggest appropriate measures in order to avoid recurrence of such issues in the future.

The Committee submitted its Report /recommendations on 18/07/2023 and was circulated to all the members during the meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor requested Prof. Savita Kerkar, Chairperson of the HLC and Member, of the Executive Council to explain the observations of the HLC to the Hon'ble Members. After her presentation of the report, the queries raised by Members were adequately clarified. The House noted that the HLC has made recommendations under three headings viz., Admission Process for 2023-24; Conducting G-CLAT 2023; Course of Action against Officials.

After detailed deliberations, the House unanimously resolved to accept the recommendations made under Part B-Conducting G-CLAT 2023; Part C-Course of Action against Officials. However, in terms of the admission process for AY 2023-24, the Members opined that the Report clearly demonstrated Dr. Saba Da Silva's undisputed involvement in every stage as Officiating Principal in the conduct of the said entrance examination with a clear strategy and plan of action to facilitate his son's admission to B.A. L.L.B. Programme of Kare College of Law for the Academic Year 2023-24, by resorting to unethical means and by violating all the prevailing norms, procedures, practices, examination sanctity, breach of confidentiality, Rules and Regulations. The Members were also critical of the fact that a casual approach was followed in the matter of setting and printing of the said G-CLAT question papers, with a high chances of question paper leakage prior to the conduct of the test although no reports are available to that effect till date. Considering the facts on record about setting and printing of the question paper and involvement of unauthorized persons other than qualified examiners etc., the House unanimously agreed that the sanctity and confidentiality has been compromised in the matter and decided not to accept the HLC's recommendations under Part A -Admission Process for 2023-24 and consequently decided to declare the result of the said entrance test and the subsequent admission process as null and void and conduct re-test for the admission. The House also condemned in strongest possible words all the unethical actions taken by Dr Saba Da Silva which clearly raises doubts about his personal integrity as Officiating Principal of the G R Kare College of Law and also the involvement of the Librarian of the said college in unlawful manner.

It was therefore resolved as follows.

RESOLUTION XXXV:

1. Resolved that the G-CLAT held on 8th June 2023 and the subsequent admission process for the B.A. L.L.B. Programme for the AY 2023-24 shall be treated as Null and Void. It was also resolved to inform to the Directorate of Higher Education and both the Colleges to suspend classes and withdraw admission of candidates selected based on the said merit lists. The Goa University shall conduct a re-test within a period of fifteen days and the merit list based on the said test shall be prepared by following the same admission criteria which were followed in the previous year. Only those candidates who had applied for the earlier test held on 8th June 2023 shall be permitted to appear for this re-test without charging any additional fees.

2. To request the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa to provide admission to any Graduation Programme under General Education as preferred by a candidate who fail to get admissions to B.A. L.L.B. Programme based on the new merit list, and also to provide such admission at a College of his/her choice by creating supernumerary seats as a one-time measure.

3. To accept all the Recommendations made by the HLC in principle under Part B (Conducting G-CLAT 2023) of the Report for such entrance examinations in future and to make appropriate arrangements for the same with the help of concerned affiliated colleges.

4. To accept all the Recommendations made by the HLC in principle under Part C- (Course of Action against Officials) of the report and hence to recommend both, the Management of the G R Kare College of Law, Margao and the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa, that Dr. Saba Da Silva, Officiating Principal of the G R Kare College of Law and Mr. Anand R Salve, Librarian of the said college be placed under suspension as per the provisions of applicable University Statutes/ Ordinances and the CCS-CCA Rules and Disciplinary Action be initiated against both of them for the award of appropriate (major) penalty by considering the gravity of the situation and seriousness of the issues involved.

5. Resolved to forthwith replace Dr. Saba Da Silva as Member/ Chairperson from all the Committees/ Statutory Bodies of the University.

The House placed on record its appreciation to the Chairpersons and all the Members of the High-Level Committee for detailed study of the issue and submitting the Report within time.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Acad.(Admissions))

A.O.B. (2): Report of the CPSHW of Goa University.

Confidential matter pertains to POSH Act 2013.

A.O.B. (3): Issue pertaining to Contractual MTS.

The Registrar informed the House that as per the approvals taken from the House to appoint non-teaching staff on contractual basis as per requirements, the University had appointed contractual MTS from time to time and services of such 21 MTS were continued till 19/05/2023 by giving breaks of minimum two days. In the meanwhile, the University decided to fill 38 vacancies of MTS on permanent basis and conducted the recruitment

procedure as per applicable rules/O.M. issued by the Government. Since, most of these permanent MTS joined by May 2023 end, there was no need to extend services of the said 21 contractual MTS after their contracts got ended on 19/05/2023. Further, it was open for all these contractual MTS to appear for the screening test held for the permanent positions. However, none of these 21 contractual MTS got selected under permanent positions as they did not succeed in acquiring required merit position. It was also informed that in 2018-19, the said contractual MTS were recruited by conducting personal interviews and not through process of the screening examinations.

The said contractual MTS started approaching social media and political parties alleging injustice to them and the represented at different offices including that of Hon'ble Chief Minister which was forwarded to the University for its comments. It was also informed that several LAQs were received by the University recently in connection with the contractual/permanent appointments of MTS/ LDC positions.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the House that Hon'ble Chief Minister had a telephonic discussion with him in the first week of July 2023 and suggested to explore a possibility of giving them one time and final contractual appointment of three months. Vice-Chancellor also drew attention of the Members regarding the newspaper reports wherein during the ongoing session of Assembly, it was clarified that services of Contractual staff appointed by the Government cannot be regularized directly. Vice-Chancellor further informed that about eight of the said MTS visited him the office and made a request to him to reappoint them suitably.

The Hon'ble Members after the discussion suggested that even offering a last and one-time extension for three months would set a new precedence and they may still keep asking for continuation. Hence, it was suggested that, suitable decision should be taken in consultation with the Government and considering the stand taken by the Government.

RESOLUTION XXXVII: The Executive Council after deliberations authorized the Vice-Chancellor to take suitable decision in the matter in view of the facts mentioned above.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Non-Teaching))

The meeting ended at 2.00 p.m. with thanks to the members.

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(Prof. V. S. Nadkarni)
REGISTRAR

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(Prof. H. B. Menon)
VICE-CHANCELLOR