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GOA UNIVERSITY
Taleigao Plateau, Goa

Minutes of the Thirty-Second (Special) Meeting of the Tenth Executive Council held on Friday, 20th September, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Hall of Goa University under the Chairpersonship of the Vice-Chancellor, Goa University.

Members Present

Prof. Suhas Pednekar	Member
Shri Shrinivas Vasudeva Sinai Dempo	Member
Shri Sudin Naik	Member
Prof. Vidhyadatta M. Shet Verenkar	Member
Prof. Anuradha Wagle	Member
Prof. S. Krishnan	Member
Dr. Anura Prashant Bale	Member
Registrar	Member Secretary (Ex-Officio)

Shri Bhushan Savoikar, Director, DHE attended on behalf of the Secretary Education.

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

Shri Arjun Chowgule	Member
Dr. Unnikrishnan. S.	Member
Prof. Datta B. Naik	Member
Dr. Aparna Devdatta Patil	Member
Dr. Ajit Parulekar	Member
Dr. Ganesh Gaonkar	Member
Secretary (Finance)	Member (Ex-Officio)

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the Esteemed Members for the meeting and made a brief presentation on the following points vis-à-vis the progress of the University:

Goa University at NIRF ranking 2024 in comparison with other Universities and the parameters adapted for ranking. It was further informed that NIRF 2024 rank was based on the cumulative data of the preceeding three academic years 2020-21, 2021-22 & 2022-23.

He said that although the total score has been increasing from the year 2022 to 2024, the University ranking had gone down due to following factors:

i. University had no NAAC accreditation related score till 2022. Past three year performance is taken into account while deciding the ranking.
ii. Contribution towards research output has gone down since university lacked senior level professors. Presently, there are 80% faculty at Assistant Profesor level of which 40% are without Ph.D. and hence are unable to guide students to carry out research.
iii. No. of institutions participating in NIRF have increased by 1000.
iv. University due to its small size/ smaller number of students is loosing on parameters like graduate outcome and perception.
v. No. of Research & Development Projects is rising only since the year 2023 and its effect could be seen after 2-3 years.

It was also informed that probably having realized the issues when IITs, IIMs, IISERs and such national institutions including Private Universities are compared together with State Universities, the NIRF itself has now considered a new category of publicly funded state universities for ranking in which Goa University is ranked within the band 51 to 100. There are about 485 such State Universities.

The Vice-Chancellor also gave a brief on the progress of infrastructure development going on under the PM-USHA scheme. He informed that the work orders have been issued for two construction works, out of total seven projects. He also briefed the Hon'ble members on the soft components and green initiatives projects. It was also informed that some new courses will be introduced on campus under the MERU scheme of PM-USHA.

The Vice-Chancellor also informed that the inauguration of the Goa University Research Park Unit (GURU) was done on 18th September, 2024 at the hands of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Dr. Pramod Sawant.

It was also informed that under the hand holding and startup component of DST-PURSE project, 10 researchers have been funded for their initiatives and expecting some of them to come up with the promising IPR or startup.

Thereafter, the Council had discussed the NIRF ranking and opined the following. The University being a centre of excellence requires the best and brightest scholars from across the country and beyond to maintain its academic standards. However, the current restriction of 15 years of domicile and Konkani knowledge, have made it difficult for the University to attract distinguished scholars at the Associate and Professor levels, who can significantly contribute to its academic and research growth.

Hence the Council has entrusted the Vice-Chancellor to approach the Government with a proposal to waive off 15 years of domicile requirement and compulsory knowledge of Konkani for faculty appointment at Associate and Professor level.

Further, the Council has entrusted the Vice-Chancellor to make aware of the status to public.

Thereafter, the items on the agenda were taken up for discussion.

D 1.4.1 (i)

Confidential matter pertains to POSH Act 2013.

D 1.4.1 (ii) To consider and approve the recommendations of the Selection Committee for appointment of Associate Professor/ Assistant Professors in the discipline of Biotechnology at the University on regular basis.

RESOLUTION II: The Executive Council approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the appointment of Associate Professor/Assistant Professors in the discipline of Biotechnology on regular basis at the University as per the details given below:

Discipline - Biotechnology

Selected candidate (UR)

Sr. No.	Name of the Candidate	Designation	Category	Date of Interview
1	Dr. Vikash Kumar Yadav	Assistant Professor (Against the substantive post of Professor)	UR	18th and 19th September, 2024

Wait List (UR)

Sr. No.	Name of the Candidate	Designation	Category	Date of Interview
1	Dr. Sanket Krishnanath Gaonkar	Assistant Professor (Against the substantive post of Professor)	UR	18th and 19th September, 2024

Selected candidate (ST)

Sr. No.	Name of the Candidate	Designation	Category	Date of Interview

1	**Ms. Snesha Umesh Bhomkar**	**Assistant Professor (Against the substantive post of Associate Professor)**	**ST**	**18th and 19th September, 2024**

Wait List (ST) : NIL

Pending finalization of the minutes, it was decided to authorize the Vice-Chancellor to issue offer of appointment to the selected candidates.

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

D 1.7 (i) Proposed part amendment to OC-75 Ordinance relating to the examination in the Faculty of Medicine the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery (M.B.B.S.).

The Members were informed that the part amendment to Ordinance OC-75 was approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 22/08/2024 and was subsequently vetted by the Drafting and Vetting Committee on 23rd August, 2024.

It was informed that certain criteria such as clinical phases during the entire duration of the degree, assessment criteria, criteria for passing, appointment of Examiners, etc. were modified based on UGMEB Notification No.U.14021/8/2023-UGMEB dated 1st August, 2023 regarding the Competency Based Medical Education Curriculum (CBME), issued by the National Medical Commission.

RESOLUTION III: The Executive Council approved the part amendment to Ordinance OC-75 relating to the examination in the Faculty of Medicine the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery (M.B.B.S.).

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

D 1.8 (i) Matter regarding Structural Audit.

The Registrar requested the members to recall the suggestion made in its meeting held on 19/04/2022 to conduct Structural Audit of the existing buildings of University to assess their present condition and to decide on the need for new buildings. Accordingly, in the first phase, Structural Audit of the Administration Building and 36 number residential 'A' & 'B' type Bungalows was conducted through Goa College of Engineering, Farmagudi and the final reports of the same are received in August, 2024.

The audit has observed large deterioration in the compressive strength of the concrete and 90% corrosion of steel reinforcement of the structure of Administrative Building. It has been also noted that the design concept of the Administrative Building is not suitable for easy maintenance and is also not accessible to the PwD. Similarly, massive deterioration, cracks and leakages in the structural members in 36 number 'A' & 'B' type Bungalows are also noticed by the audit.

The Registrar also informed the Members that the University has already made a request to State Government for sanction of funds for the construction of an Annex to existing Admnistrative Building after the drawing and estimate for the Annex were approved by the Building Committee and this House.

RESOLUTION IV: The Executive Council approved the reports of the structural audit conducted by the Goa College of Engineering, Farmagudi with the following recommendations with regard to the Administrative Building and 'A' & 'B' type residential Bungalows:

a. Administrative Building
Due to poor quality of structural concrete members and uncontrolled corrosion of steel reinforcement in the existing structure, audit has recommended making new building for housing the main administrative offices.

b. 'A' & 'B' type residential Bungalows
The audit has observed cracks in the columns, severe corrosion in the steel reinforcement, discrete bending at the mid span of the beams. The bungalows are in the dilapidated state and are unstably standing and may cause structural failure due to heavy rains or moderate earthquakes.

(Action: University Engineer)

Table Agenda-1: Notice of Resignation issued by the incumbent Registrar:

The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that Prof. V S Nadkarni, incumbent Registrar has submitted a notice of resignation as Registrar and has requested that he may be relieved to join his position at the School of Chemical Sciences after the new Registrar is identified. Prof. Nadkarni recused himself during the discussion on this agenda.

The Members deliberated at length regarding the notice of resignation submitted by the incumbent Registrar, Prof. V S Nadkarni. Vice-Chancellor informed that Prof. Nadkarni had been complaining regarding certain health problems over last few months and hence has requested to accept his resignation.
The Executive Council decided in principle to recommend the acceptance of resignation submitted by the Registrar to Hon'ble Chancellor, as the Chancellor is the appointing authority for the Registrar as per provisions of statute SA-8(1)(b)(1) and SB-8. It was also decided to request Hon'ble Chancellor to permit the University to initiate the process of advertisement of the post of Registrar.

The Vice-Chancellor suggested that till the suitable individual is identified as the next Registrar, Prof. V S Nadkarni may continue to work as the Registrar of the University. The House agreed to this suggestion.

RESOLUTION V: Executive Council resolved in principle to recommend the resignation submitted by the incumbent Registrar to Hon'ble Chancellor's acceptance and process to advertise the position of the Registrar. It was also resolved that Prof. V S Nadkarni may continue to work as the Registrar of the University till new Registrar is appointed.

(Action: Dy. Registrar (Admn.))

The Chairperson informed that this meeting is the last meeting of the Xth Executve Council as the term of the Council is ending on 31/10/2024.

The Chairperson thanked the nominees of the Hon'ble Chancellor, Dr. Suhas Pednekar, Dr. S. Unnikrishnan., Dr. Aparna Devdatta Patil, Prof. Datta B. Naik and Shri Arjun Chowgule, and the nominees of the State Government Shri Shrinivas Vasudeva Sinai Dempo, Shri Sudin Naik, Dr. Ajit Parulekar, Dr. Ganesh Gaonkar on the Executive Council for their contribution, valuable guidance and support to Goa University. The Vice-Chancellor also thanked his nominees for their support.

In response, Hon'ble Member Dr Pednekar thanked the Hon'ble Chancellor for nominating him on the Council and allowing him to contribute to the Higher Education in the State of Goa. Hon'ble Members Shri Shrinivas Vasudeva Sinai Dempo, Shri Sudin Naik also thanked State Government and expressed their deep appreciation for the leadership demonstrated by the Vice-Chancellor with the complete support of the Registrar. Also placed on record good arrangements made during the meetings and smooth handling of all the meetings by the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar.

The meeting ended at 12.45 p.m. with thanks to the Chair.

Sd/-
(Prof. V. S. Nadkarni)
REGISTRAR

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