

**Kerala State Higher Education Council**  
**Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Executive Body meeting held on 05-09-2019**

The fourteenth Executive Body Meeting of the third KSHEC was held on 05-09-2019 at 11.00 am. at the office of the Council. Prof. Rajan Gurukkal P.M. Vice Chairman presided.

The following members attended the meeting.

1. Prof. Rajan Gurukkal P.M. : Vice Chairman, KSHEC
2. Dr. Rajan Varughese : Member Secretary, KSHEC
4. Dr. J. Rajan : Member, Executive Body, KSHEC
5. Dr. K. K. Damodaran : Member, Executive Body, KSHEC

Dr. Fathimathu Zuhara & Dr. Joy Job Kulavelil sought leave on health grounds.

Dr. R. K. Suresh Kumar in a letter has informed of his absence till February 2020 on account of foreign travel.

**The following agenda was transacted and decisions taken.**

**Item No.1 Annual Report for 2018-19**

Approved the Annual Report of KSHEC for 2018-19

**Item No. 2 State Assessment and Accreditation Centre (SAAC).**

The details related to the conduct of the district level orientation programmes for Principals/ IQAC Coordinators organized by SAAC were reported. The meeting also approved the SAAC Manual including the State Specific Criteria, Key Indicators ,Matrices etc. developed for Assessment and Accreditation. It was decided to complete the district level orientation programmes by September/ October 2019.

**Item No. 3 National Education Policy 2019.**

Approved the note forwarded to the Government on Draft National Education Policy 2019. It also approved the specific suggestion of Kerala pertaining to NEP 2019 submitted to the government.

**Item No. 4 Governing Council of Inter University Centres.**

Resolved to approve the following recommendations related to the constitution of Governing Council of Inter University Centres based on UGC directive.

## Recommendations

The following directions by way of Government Orders are necessary to check the instances of the host university's intrusive approach towards IUCs that are instituted by the Government.

1. In the Original Order the Government have insisted that the IUCs shall be functioning under the direction of its specialist and without any permanent teaching/research faculty, under a Governing Council in Government and an Executive Committee (EC) at the Centre concerned. Most IUCs do not have their Governing Council (GC) and those with IUCs, who have one is either headed by the Minister or headed by the Chief Minister. A couple of members of the Syndicate of the respective university are part of the GC. All the IUCs have ECs.
2. It is not practical for Ministers/the Chief Minister to be heading the Governing Council of each IUC. Such great Offices need not be put in charge of small organizations like IUCs, mostly less than a regular Department of the University. Instead, it is appropriate to have a Common Advisory Body (AB) for all the IUCs in the state with the Chief Minister as its Chairman and the relevant Ministers (Higher Education, Agriculture, and Culture), Vice Chancellors of universities having IUCs, and Directors of the IUCs. Retaining the other conditions, the GO cited vide Ref.1 has to be amended accordingly.
3. Each IUC shall have a GB with Vice Chancellor as the Chairman and Pro-Vice Chancellor as the Vice Chairman, and the Director of the IUC as its Member Secretary. Two members of the Syndicate (Convenors of the Academic and Finance Committees), the Registrar, Finance Officer and Joint Director of IUC shall be members.
4. Each IUC shall have of an EB with the Director of the IUC as its Chairman and Joint Director of the IUC as its Vice Chairman. There shall be five academics as members (as recommended by the Director of the IUC and approved by the Vice Chancellor).
  - The regular activities shall be administered by the Executive Committee.
5. All IUCs shall have their own structural space. Since the functioning of the centre requires a full time Director, it is necessary to sanction a regular post in the grade of

a Professor in all IUCs. It is necessary to have sufficient support staff on contract basis for each IUC. A common administrative support staff under a Deputy Registrar is necessary if the number of the IUCs exceeds five.

6. Every IUC shall have separate budgetary allocation directly from the State Planning Borad. There shall be a regular and consistent financial support from the Government for the basic functions of the IUCs. This mainly involves the fellowship for the personnel, support for students visiting from other Universities and upkeeping the already acquired facilities.
7. The IUCs must be autonomous in handling the projects funded by outside agencies. They shall be competent to apply for projects and receive funds without getting hassled by the university administration. The Director shall forward project proposals directly as advised by the EB.

**Item No. 5 Implementation of Reservation Policy – UGC Directive.**

Resolved to recommend to the Government/ Universities to implement the new reservation norms considering the University as a single unit for recruitment of teachers in Universities

**Item No. 6 Continuance of SEERI as a recognised centre of Mahatma Gandhi University – Letter of Fr. Jacob Thekkeparambil & Letter of support of academics.**

Resolved to recommend to the Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam to restore recognition to St. Ephrem Ecumenical Research Institute (SEERI), as a recognised centre of Mahatma Gandhi University for Syriac studies considering the uniqueness of the institute for imparting Syriac studies in India and the high academic and infrastructural standards maintained by the institute. The recommendation is also based on the provisions of Mahatma Gandhi University Research Regulation 2010 which states that it shall be competent for the syndicate to recognise any institution engaged in research or specialised studies as specialised research centre of the University.

**Item No. 7 Formation of State Level Consortium for e-journals**

Resolved to recommend to the Government to form a consortium for e-journals for the Higher Education Institutions in the state with the participation of all the Universities in the state and the Kerala State Higher Education Council acting as the nodal agency of the

Consortium as UGC INFLIBNET has stopped free subscription to e-resources to institutions across the country.

**Item No. 8 Reporting – Draft Rules of KSHEC Act 2007 & 2018.**

Reported the details of the draft rules of KSHEC Act 2007 and 18 submitted to the Government.

**Additional Agenda**

**Item No. A1. Draft Rules for Autonomous Colleges in Kerala -University Laws (Third Amendment) Act 2014**

Approved the Draft Rules for Autonomous Colleges in Kerala -University Laws (Third Amendment) Act 2014

**Item No. A2. Core Committee for Kerala Institutional Ranking Framework (KIRF)**

Resolved to authorise the Vice Chairman to constitute a core committee for preparing the details of Kerala Institutional Ranking Framework (KIRF)

**Item No. A3. Reporting - All Kerala Higher Education Survey**

Reported the progress of the All Kerala Higher Education Survey conducted by the KSHEC. It was decided to request the government to issue a Government Order which mandate all Higher Education Institutions in the state to compulsorily participate in the All Kerala Higher Education Survey invoking provisions of the Right to Information Act and UGC/AICTE ewgulations related to mandatory disclosure of information by HEIs.

**Item No. A4. Reporting - SKOCH Award for Prabudhata**

The meeting congratulated Mr. Suresh Babu A. Assistant Registrar and all the staff associated with the Prabudhatha project of the KSHEC for receiving the SKOCH award 2019, New Delhi for innovative schemes in governance.

**Item No. A5. Reporting - PVC Committee meeting on 12/07/2019**

Reported the minutes of the PVC committee meeting.

It was also resolved to recommend the University of Kerala to follow merit based calculation of index marks for PG admission in University Department/ affiliated colleges as

followed by other Universities in the state and to standardise the software for student admission under the Centralised Admission Process (CAP).

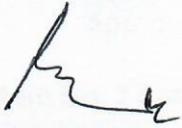
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**Item No. OA1. Letter of HOD, Department of Geography, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady – Financial assistance to Ms. Haritha Venu**

Resolved to recommend to the Government of Kerala to provide special financial assistance to Ms. Haritha Venu recipient of **PGT Excellence Award of University of Glasgow** to meet her expenditure abroad as the Scholarship offered to her covers only a portion of the tuition fee.

**The minutes were read and confirmed.**

The Executive Body meeting began at 11.00 am and came to an end at 1.30 pm



**Vice Chairman**



**Member Secretary**