

Kerala State Higher Education Council

Minutes of the 9th Executive Body meeting held on 14-12-2018

The Ninth Executive Body Meeting of the third KSHEC was held at the office of the Council on 14-12-2018 at 11.00 am. 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
3. Dr. Fathimathu Zuhara : Member, Executive Body, KSHEC
4. Dr. R.K. Suresh Kumar : Member, Executive Body, KSHEC
5. Dr. K.K. Damodaran : Member, Executive Body, KSHEC

The following agenda was transacted and decisions taken.

Item No. 1 -State Assessment and Accreditation Centre (SAAC)

Reported the submission of a note on SAAC to the Government with modifications suggested by the Executive Body.

Item No. 2- Incentive for Teachers..

Resolved to forward the Report on Incentive for Teachers to Government with emphasis on improved measures for ensuring openness and transparency in the selection of the awardees.

Dr.R.K.Suresh Kumar presented a separate view by way of a detailed note.

Item No. 3 - Qualification and Service Conditions of Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff in Self financing Institutions.

Resolved to approve with modification the Rules related to Qualification and Service Conditions of Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff in self financing Institutions and decided to forward the same to the Government.

Item No. 4- Cluster of Colleges – Proposal for differently - abled students

Resolved to approve the proposal submitted by Cluster of Colleges, Ernakulam for differently-abled students and grant Rs. 25 lakhs for the colleges in the Ernakulam cluster.

Item No. 5- State Institute of Linguistic Diversity Studies.

Resolved to forward the proposal related to the establishment of State Institute of Linguistic Diversity Studies submitted by Researchers of Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University, Tirur, to the Vice Chancellor of the University, for remarks.

Item No. 6 -Up gradation of CACEE into Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension of Kerala University.

Resolved to recommend to the Government to upgrade Centre for Adult Continuing Education and Extension (CACEE) in Kerala University into Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension (DLLE) and for the regularization of the existing staff in CACEE.

Item No. 7- Department of Malayalam at AMU

Resolved to recommend to the Government of Kerala to take initiative in persuading the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) to upgrade the existing Malayalam Section in the university into a Department of Malayalam in AMU.

Item No. 8- Reporting – Chancellor’s Award -2018

Reported the details of the Chancellor’s Award 2018, including formation of the Selection Committee, inviting applications from universities, Selection Committee meetings held at the Council and Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bangalore, team visits to the short listed universities and the final selection

Also reported that the Selection Committee chaired by Prof. C N R Rao based on institutional appraisal presented by the Vice Chancellors of the short listed universities and the score secured against various criteria in the appraisal form, unanimously selected the Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam for the Chancellor’s Award 2018 and Kerala Veterinary and Animal Science University, Wayanad for the Chancellor’s Young and Emerging University Award 2018.

Item No. 9- Reporting – Prabudhata.

Reported the details of the implementation of the prabudhata project including the inauguration of the Prabudhata installations designed by Costford, at University of Kerala, (Palayam Campus) on 24-11-2018 and at Karakulam Grama Panchayat on 05-12-2018.

Additional Agenda

Item No. A1.- Reporting International Conference on Thoughts and Ideas for Rebuilding a Resilient Kerala from December 27 to 30 2018.

1. Reported the formation of the Steering Committee and the Core Committee and various Sub Committees for the International Conference on Thoughts and Ideas for Rebuilding a Resilient Kerala. Also reported that the Steering Committee meeting of the International Conference held on 13/11/2018, had decided to entrust KSHEC to associate JANA AVISHKARA, Peoples Participatory Portal, Thrissur (NGO), for organizing International Conference of Thoughts and Ideas. As decided by the Steering Committee, the Core Committee shall act as the Executive Committee of the Conference.

Steering Committee members

1. Hon’ble Minister for Higher Education – (Chairman)
2. Chief Secretary
3. Principle Secretary, Higher Education
4. Dr. Rajan Gurukkal, Vice Chairman, Kerala State Higher Education Council
5. Shri. C.P Narayanan, Ex. M.P
6. Dr. Rajan Varughese, Member Secretary, Kerala State Higher Education Council – (Member Convenor)
7. Dr. Michael Tharakan, Chairman, KCHR
8. Dr. K.N Ganesh, Retd. Professor, University of Calicut

Core Committee members

1. Dr. Rajan Varughese, Member Secretary, KSHEC (Chairman, Core Committee)
2. Sri. C.P. Narayanan (Ex MP)
3. Additional Secretary, Higher Education
4. Registrar, KSHEC
5. Mr. P.K. Shivadas
6. Mr. K. Sivakumar
7. Finance Officer, KSHEC, (Member Convener)

The Budget of the Conference for various items of expenditure approved by the Steering Committee as given below is also reported.

International Conference of Thought and Ideas for a Resilient Kerala

Tentative Estimate

Sl. No	Expenditure heads	Anticipated Expenditure (Amount in lakhs)	Remarks
1.	Ground work and publicity material	Rs.2 lakhs	
2.	Venue- Rent	Rs.2 lakhs	
3.	Light & Sound	Rs.3 lakhs	
4.	TA/DA for participants/ for initial preparations	Rs. 10 lakhs	3-5 foreign delegates, 25+ national panelists, around 150 outstation research scholars and 300 Kerala research scholars are expected to participate
5.	Food and hospitality	Rs.9 lakhs	
6.	Accommodation charges	Rs.8 lakhs	
7.	Organizational Expenses	Rs.5 lakhs	Honorarium for foreign delegates and national panelists
8.	Secretarial Help	Rs.3lakhs	
9.	Transportation	Rs.2 lakhs	
10.	Stationary	Rs.0.5 lakh	
11.	Documentation, including photography/ videography	Rs.5 lakhs	
12.	Incidental Expense	Rs.05 lakh	
	Total	Rs.50 lakhs	

Item No. A2.-Report of the Committee to Study the Admission Procedure in Engineering Colleges in Kerala

Resolved to approve the report and forward the same to the Government.

Item No. A3. - Payment of Rs. 9,32,703/- to KSSTM towards Electricity/Water/Security charges.

Reported the payment of Rs. 9,32,703/- as expenditure towards Electricity / Water / Security charges etc. by the Higher Education Council to the KSSTM authority for the year 2017-18

Item No. A4. - Dr. K. K. Damodaran Committee to enquire into the complaints of students of Devagiri College (Autonomous) Kozhikode

Reported the appointment of Dr. K.K. Damodaran Executive Committee member, KSHEC to enquire in to complaints of students of Devagiri College (Autonomous), Kozhikode.

Item No. A5. - Appointment of auditors - Accounts of KSHEC for the year 2018-19

Resolved to appoint M/s Mohan & Mohan Associates, Chartered Accountants, A-21, Jawahar Nagar, Kowdiar, Thiruvananthapuram as the Auditors for the financial year 2018-19 as they have quoted the lowest audit fee of Rs. 1,20,000/-+ GST

Item No. A6.- Equivalency of Ph.D(Biotechnology) as equivalent to Ph.D (Micro Biology)- representation from Dr.Supriya.R and Dr.Nimisha.R.Nair

Based on the Gazette Notification and UO issued on the basis of the decision of the Academic Council, University of Kerala with respect to the equivalency of Ph.D in Biotechnology to Ph.D in Micro Biology, and after long deliberation on the matter, came to the conclusion that Ph.D in Bio Technology can be considered equivalent to Ph.D in Micro Biology

Item No. A7. - Interim report of the Committee Constituted for Restructuring of the Curriculum of Teacher Education (B Ed.)

The following recommendations in the Interim Report of The Committee were approved and decided to forward the same to the Government.

1. Composite institutions offering Teacher Education Programmes may be permitted to offer the 4 year Integrated Programmes in Teacher Education namely B.Sc. B.Ed, and BA. B.Ed as per the NCTE Regulation (2014) (Appendix No. 13) and also the new 4 year Integrated Teacher Education Programmes (ITEP) namely B.Sc. B.Ed, and BA. B.Ed (Pre-primary to Primary) (Appendix-16) and B.Sc. B.Ed, and BA. B.Ed (Upper Primary to Secondary) (Appendix-17) as per the NCTE Amendment Regulations, 2018 notified in the Gazette of India dated on 20th November, 2018.
2. Composite institutions may offer B.Sc B:Ed or B.A B:Ed or both in all school subjects or selective school subjects at the same time, depending on the institute infrastructure, resources and availability of faculty. Preference may be given to those composite institutions that are already running various teacher education programmes such as D. Ed/B. Ed/M. Ed.

3. A Committee at the state level, preferably under the auspices of KSHEC, shall be constituted to assess whether the colleges that apply for permission/NoC to start the four year integrated programmes meet the minimum requirement such as infrastructure, faculty etc. NoC may be issued only on the basis of the recommendations of this Committee.
4. While granting NoC, preference may be given to the public funded and accredited institutions including Government and Aided Institutions which have already ensured quality in teaching and learning.
5. The existing stand-alone Government and Government Aided Teacher Education Institutions may be converted to composite institutions by offering the three year integrated Programme namely B.Ed M.Ed as per the NCTE Regulation 2014 (Appendix-15).
6. Curriculum for integrated programmes may be framed on the basis of NCTE guidelines and model curriculum, following wide consultation with the respective academic bodies of the Universities.
7. The Admission to the 4 year Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP) may be made through a State-wide Common Entrance Examination (CEE) which focuses on assessing students' Teaching Aptitude. Only those students who qualify in the CEE may be given admission to the 4 year ITEP in different institutions of the state to ensure the desired quality.

Item No. A8.- Nominating Dr. Suresh Das (Executive Vice President, KSCSTE) to the Committee on Restructuring of PG Curriculum.

Approved the nomination of Dr. Suresh Das (Executive Vice President, KSCSTE) to the Committee on Restructuring of PG Curriculum.

Item No. A9.- Graduate attributes

The following Graduate Attributes (GAs) and Undergraduate Learning Outcomes were reported by the Vice Chairman.

The meeting approved the same and urged the universities to finalise GAs and notify them in the university website at the earliest.

GAs Common to universities

- Grasp of the fundamentals in the knowledge area chosen for graduation.
- Ability to understand deeply.
- Ability to analyze.
- Language power to communicate knowledge orally and literally.
- Awareness of Constitutional Values especially gender justice and secularism.
- Scientific outlook.
- Awareness of environment and sustainable development.
- Specific knowledge about national affairs.

- General knowledge about world affairs.
- Technological, Multidisciplinary, and Multicultural adaptability.
- Holistic understanding and Interdisciplinary perspective.
- Social responsibility.

Undergraduate Learning Outcomes as stipulated by UGC and NAAC

a) Contributing to the national development, b) Fostering global competencies, c) Inculcating value systems, d) Promoting the use of technology, and e) Striving for excellence. Based on these and keeping in view of international employability, each university may add the following competencies as GAs: a) Competency to handle sophisticated IT tools, b) Ability to work in multidisciplinary, multicultural and interdisciplinary environment, c) Competency in developing research networks, d) Entrepreneurial skill, e) Ability to assess development impact on the environment, and f) Familiarity with corporate research culture.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

The Executive Body meeting began at 11.00 am and came to an end at 2.00 pm



Vice Chairman



Member Secretary