

**Minutes of the first meeting of the State Level Academic Committee (SLAC)  
held on 08-03-2019 at 11.00 am in the Syndicate Hall of CUSAT, Kochi**

The following members attended the meeting :

1. Prof. Rajan Gurukkal P.M. Vice Chairman, Kerala state Higher Educaiton Council, Thiruvananthapuram, (**Chairman - SLAC**)
2. Dr. V. P. Mahadevan Pillai, Hon. Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
3. Dr. R. Chandra Babu, Hon. Vice Chancellor, Agricultural University, Vellanikkara, Thrissur
4. Prof. Sabu Thomas, Hon. Vice Chancellor (i/c), Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam
5. Dr. K. Mohammed Basheer, Hon. Vice Chancellor, Calicut University, Calicut
6. Prof.(Dr.) R. Sasidharan, Hon. Vice Chancellor (i/c), Cochin University of Science and Technology, (CUSAT), Kochi
7. Prof (Dr.).A. Ramachandran, Hon. Vice Chancellor, Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies, Kochi
8. Dr. Dharmarajan P.K, Hon. Vice Chancellor, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady
9. Dr. V. Anil Kumar, Hon. Vice Chancellor, Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University, Tirur
10. Prof. (Dr.) K. C. Sunny, Hon. Vice Chancellor, The National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS), Kochi
11. Dr. P. T. Raveendran, Pro - Vice Chancellor, Kannur University, Kannur
12. Prof. K. Gopakumar, Director ( Academic), APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University, Thiruvananthapuram
13. Dr. Rajan Varughese, Member Secretary, Kerala state Higher Educaiton Council, Thiruvananthapuram, (**Convener- SLAC**)

**Decisions**

**Item No: 1. After discussion it was resolved to approve the following Procedure for the meetings of the SLAC.**

1. **Meetings** : SLAC shall ordinarily meet twice a year on dates to be fixed by the Chairman (Vice Chairman, KSHEC).
2. **Special meetings** : The Chairman may whenever he thinks fit, convene a special meeting of the SLAC.
3. **Opinion of Experts** : The Chairman may refer such matters to the experts as he considers it necessary for resolving any matter pertaining to equivalency/ recognition of academic programmes/ degrees and take suitable action on the recommendation of the experts or refer the matter to the SLAC for its decision.
4. **Special Invitees**: The Chairman may invite for any meeting of the SLAC, persons having special knowledge and experience in any subject which may come in for discussion at the meeting . The person so invited shall be competent to take part in the discussion of the SLAC. They shall not how ever be entitled to vote up on any question.
5. **Opinion by Circulation**: For efficient and speedy disposal of complaints, the Chairman may, at his discretion, obtain the opinion of the experts by circulation.
6. **Panel of Experts of SLAC**: The experts shall be persons having specialised knowledge in the subjects concerned holding the rank of Deans or Professors of universities/ Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in India or abroad.

7. **Decisions of SLAC:** The meeting of the SLAC shall take decisions on matters related to equivalency or recognition of degrees or academic programmes based on the opinion/ recommendations of the experts. However the SLAC will have the right to reject/modify the recommendations of the experts after specifically stating the reasons for such modification/rejection

8. **Certificate of Equivalency/ Recognition:** All decisions taken by the SLAC on matters pertaining to equivalency/ recognition are binding on all the universities in the state and certificates of equivalency/ recognition of degrees/ programmes etc. shall be issued by universities to the candidates on the basis of the decision of the SLAC communicated to the universities by KSHEC .

**Item No. 2. Recognition of four PG Programmes of Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University**

Resolved to refer the matter related to recognition of (a) M.A. Cultural Heritage Studies , (b) M.A. Local Development Studies, (c) M.A. Environmental Studies, (d) M.A. Film Studies of Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University for expert opinion after obtaining the details of the scheme and syllabi of the programmes from the University.

**Item No. 3. Recognition of Distance Education Programmes (UG/ PG/ Diploma/certificate) of Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi.**

Resolved to refer the matter of recognition of Distance Education programmes of Jamia Millia Islamia University, conducted at the Al Jamia Al Islamia, (Pattikkadu, Malappuram) centre for expert opinion.

**Item No. 4. Equivalency of MSc Physiology with MSc Zoology for SET examination – Request from Anupama P.**

Resolved to refer the matter for expert opinion

**Item No. 5. Equivalency of BSc (Agricultural Marketing & Co operation) of University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru with BSc (Agriculture) of Kerala Agricultural University - Request from Mrs. Marliya Musthafa T.P.**

Resolved to refer the matter to the Kerala Agricultural University as the matter was not taken up by the candidate at the university level.

**Item No. 6. Equivalency for M Phil in Home Science (Human Development & Family Studies), of University of Madras with M Phil (Child Development) of Universities in Kerala – Request from Leena George, Kaloor.**

Resolved to refer the matter for expert opinion.

**Item No. 7. Qualification for Inspector in Co-operative Department – PSC - The representation of candidates with B Tech/ BBA Degree.**

Resolved to recommend to the PSC to include BBA /B Tech with HDC also as an optional educational qualification for the post of Inspector in the Co-Operative Department.

**Item No. 8. Recognition of MSc (Psychology) of Madras University under Distance mode by Universities in Kerala - Representation from Anil Kumar T.**

Resolved to refer the matter for expert opinion.

**Item No. 9. Equivalency of BS-MS Programme (Biological Science of ISER) with M.sc in Botany/Zoology programme of universities in Kerala- representation from Ms.Asha Raju, Thiruvananthapuram.**

It was unanimously resolved to recognise the BS-MS programme in Biological Science of IISER as equivalent to Post Graduate programmes in Botany and Zoology of State universities in Kerala.

**Item No. 10. The Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal while considering the OA No.555 of 2017 filed by Smt. Priyatha Angel has directed Government to furnish written instructions regarding the time needed for the State Level Academic Committee with regard to the recognition of the Degree obtained from the Annamalai University.**

Resolved to refer the matter to the Kerala Agricultural University for expert opinion.

**Item No. 11. Equivalency of KGTE and BFT Course for the post of VHSC Laboratory Technical Assistant (Clothing and Embroidery) – Representation from Dhanya P.S, Sayi, Lakshmi. G, Geethu K.V, Chinnu Anitta Joseph and Divya. U**

Resolved to recommend to the PSC to include BFT/ Bachelor of Science in Costume Design and Fashion/ Bachelor of Science in Fashion and Apparel Design Technology Course of Mahatma Gandhi University/ Kannur University/ University of Calicut/ Bharatiyar University along with KGTE course of Kerala State Board of Technical Education for the post of VHSC Laboratory Technical Assistant (Clothing and Embroidery).

**Item No. 12.**

It was unanimously resolved to advise PSC/ Universities/ PSUs/ other employment agencies to issue notifications for various posts with Post Graduation as qualification by modifying the existing nomenclature from " MA, MSC, MCom or equivalent"to "Post Graduation in the Subject concerned/ related area". The regulations/ special rules existing in this regard at present shall be amended accordingly by PSC/ Universities/ PSUs / other employment agencies .

The meeting which began at 11.00 am ended by 1.00 pm



**Convener, SLAC  
(Member Secretary, KSHEC)**



**Chairman, SLAC  
(Vice Chairman, KSHEC)**