



UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

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Minutes of the Special Budgetary Meeting of the Senate held on 27th March, 2024

Time : 12.00 Noon
Place of Meeting : Senate Chamber, University Buildings,
Thiruvananthapuram

Members Present:

1. Dr. Mohanan Kunnummal (Online Presence)
Vice-Chancellor (In the Chair)
2. Dr. Gabriel Simon Thattil
3. Dr. R. Vasanthagopal
4. Dr. Sumesh Divakaran
5. Prof. Razia K I
6. Dr. Sujith Vijayan Pillai MLA
7. Dr. Nazeeb S
8. Dr. Sam Solomon
9. Sri. Vinod K Joseph
10. Dr. B Asok
11. Sri. Aji P.L
12. Sri. Santhoshkumar S
13. Sri. Vishnu Gopan
14. Dr. Bijukumar K
15. Dr. Soju S
16. Sri. Hashim M
17. Dr. Ajesh S.R
18. Sri. Firos Khan
19. Dr. Nithya U S
20. Dr. Sivaprasad A
21. Dr. Abraham A
22. Dr. T R Manoj
23. Dr. M Lenin Lal
24. Adv. R.B Rajeev Kumar
25. Smt. S Pushpalatha
26. Sri. Ajay D.N
27. Sri. Binukumar K
28. Sri. Ahamed Fazil Y
29. Sri. Osbon Y
30. Sri. Aazif N
31. Kum. Avya Krishnan S
32. Kum. Dhanuja C.D
33. Sri. Fahad Mohammed Firoz
34. Kum. Mariyam Jasmine

35. Sri. Vaishnav U	
36. Sri. Vishnu S	
37. Smt. Kavitha O B	
38. Sri. P S Gopakumar	
39. Dr. Vinodkumar T G Nair	
40. Sri. G Sajikumar	
41. Sri. Sreekumar P	
42. Adv. Manju V K	
43. Dr. Divya S R	
44. Dr. Paulraj R	
45. Adv. Muralidharan Pillai G	
46. Dr. Shijukhan J S	
47. Prof.(Dr.) P.M Radhamany	
48. Dr. Biju A	(online)
49. Sri. S N Raghuchandran Nair	(")
50. Dr. E A Siril	(")
51. Dr. E Shaji	(")
52. Dr. Prasad J, Chairman, State Advisory Board of Education	(")
53. Dr. Rahim K	(")
54. Prof.(Dr.) Prakasah K C	(")
55. Dr. Sobha K D	(")
56. Sri. M S Faisal Khan	(")
57. Dr. B Rajendran	(")
58. Adv. Gopukrishnan C	(")
59. Dr. A Bijukumar	(")
60. Sri. L R Sajeev kumar, Additional Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Kerala	(")
61. Dr. Gopchandran K G	(")
62. Dr. Pramod N	(")
63. Dr. Ajimol P G	(")
64. Dr. Meena T Pillai	(")
65. Dr. Sree Prasad R	(")
66. Kum. Devika R G	(")
67. Dr. Jyolsna S	(")
68. Dr. S Mini Venugopal	(")
69. Dr. Manju S Nair	(")
70. Sri. Amarnath S V	(")
71. Dr. Bindu T V	(")
72. Prof. Manoj V	(")
73. Dr. S Jayan	(")

The Special Budgetary Meeting was called to order at 12.00 noon by Dr. Mohanan Kunnummal, Honorable Vice-Chancellor. He welcomed all members present.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the House that this meeting was originally scheduled for March 25th and 26th, 2024. However, due to the announcement of the parliamentary election, prior permission from the Election Commission was required to convene the meeting. Consequently, this meeting is being conducted today in a hybrid mode. Only items for which the commission granted permission will be discussed. All other items will be considered at the next Senate meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor instructed the Registrar to inform the members about the items with obtained permission.

The Registrar announced that only the Vote-on-Account can be presented, along with agenda items 1, 2, 3, and 5. These include Award of Degrees, Annual Accounts, Preliminary Budget Estimates (limited to the Vote-on-Account for the first quarter of the Financial Year 2024-2025), and Annual Reports. Items 4, 6, 7, and 8 of the agenda will be discussed in the next meeting.

At this point, Dr. Ajesh S.R., a member of the Senate, raised concerns that items like the budget should only be presented at a regular Senate meeting, which is the University's highest governing body. He acknowledged the University's awareness of presenting and approving the budget during the budget session but highlighted the postponement of the meeting previously scheduled for March 25th and 26th. Dr. Ajesh S.R. expressed his concern about the lack of initiative from the authorities regarding the earlier preparation of the audit report, accounts, and budget. He requested an explanation and urged the convening of a regular Senate meeting.

Dr. S. Nazeeb, another member of the Senate, intervened and clarified that the Election Commission's intervention occurred when the budget and related matters were being prepared. He also pointed out that the Vice-Chancellor had already informed the House about the meeting being held with the Election Commission's permission.

The Vice-Chancellor then invited the House to follow the agenda.

Business brought forward by the Vice-Chancellor and the Syndicate.

01. Award of Degrees, Diplomas, Titles and Certificates. (C.E/D.D)

The Following resolution moved by Adv. Muralidharan Pillai G, Member, Syndicate and Convenor, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations and seconded by Prof.(Dr.) P M Radhamany, Member, Syndicate was unanimously adopted by the House.

“That, all candidates who have passed the various examinations under the different Faculties and also those who carried on research under the prescribed conditions and who have been adjudged worthy, to be awarded the Research Degrees under the various faculties and whom the Syndicate during the period from 29th November, 2023 to 26th March, 2024 on the report of the examiners, has certified to be qualified to receive the respective Titles, Diploma, Certificates and Degrees and those students of Autonomous Colleges who have successfully completed their course of study and are duly recommended by the Governing Council of the respective Autonomous Colleges during the aforesaid period for award of Degrees be admitted to those Titles, Diplomas, Certificates and Degrees and in token thereof they may be presented with the respective Titles, Diplomas, Certificates and Degrees.”

02. Annual Accounts 2022-23 - Approval - reg. (Accounts-II)

As per Para 10, Chapter 6 of the Kerala University First Statutes 1977, the Syndicate shall consider the Annual Accounts of the University and place it before the Senate for approval at its Annual Meeting. Annual Accounts approved by the Senate is to be submitted to the Government for placing before the State Legislative Assembly.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 14/08/2023 vide item no: 02.118.10 approved the draft of the Annual Accounts for the financial year 2022-23. As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, Annual Accounts for the financial year 2022-23 is placed before the Senate for consideration.

The House considered and approved the Annual Accounts 2022-23.

The Vice-Chancellor informed everyone that due to current circumstances, a full budget cannot be presented at this time. However, a vote on account can be presented and approved to cover essential expenses such as salaries, pensions for employees and teachers, and other non-deferrable expenditures. The full budget presentation and discussion will take place after the election process.

Adv. G Muraleedharan Pillai

The Senate is informed that MCC clearance is not required for executive bodies of Universities to pass a vote on account. Therefore, the vote on account and anticipatory statement of expenditure for the first quarter of the financial year 2024-2025 (from April 1st, 2024 to June 30th, 2024) is presented for approval.

03. Preliminary Budget Estimates 2024-2025 – Consideration of – reg. (Finance II)

As per section 47(1) and (2) of Chapter VII of the Kerala University Act, 1974 and Statute 10(1) under Chapter 6 of the Kerala University First Statutes 1977, the Preliminary Annual Financial Estimates of the University is to be placed before the Senate for approval. Accordingly, the Preliminary Budget Estimates 2024-25 along with the Explanatory Memorandum is placed before the annual meeting of the Senate scheduled to be held on 27th March 2024 for consideration and approval.

The Principal Secretary to Government had informed that Model Code of Conduct clearance is not required for passing Vote on Account by the Executive Body of the Universities vide Letter No. B3/112/2024 – HEDN dated 26.03.2024. Owing to the declaration of Model Code of Conduct which came into force with effect from 16.03.2024 in connection with the announcement of the general election 2024, the House RESOLVED to approve the vote on account (Anticipated Statement of Expenditure) for the First Quarter of the Financial Year 2024-25, ie from 1st April 2024 to 30th June 2024.

05. Annual Report of the University for the year 2023 – Review of the draft Annual Report– Consideration of- reg. (Ac.D)

As per Sub-Section (5) Statute (10) in Chapter 6 of the Kerala University First Statutes 1977, the Annual Report of the University of Kerala as approved by the Syndicate should be placed before the annual meeting of the Senate for review.

The meeting of the Syndicate held on 15.03.2024 vide Item No.09.03 considered the Draft Annual Report of the University pertaining to the Calendar year 2023 and resolved to approve the Draft Annual Report of the University pertaining to the Calendar year 2023 and place the same before the Senate for consideration.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the Draft of the Annual Report of the University pertaining to the Calendar year 2023 is placed before the Senate for consideration.

The House considered and approved the Annual Report for the year 2023

After completing the discussion of permissible agenda items, the Vice-Chancellor informed everyone that the remaining items would be discussed in detail at the next Senate meeting, which is considered a continuation of this meeting.

Dr. S. Nazeeb informed the House that Dr. Gabriel Simon Thattil was present and that his term as a Senate member would expire on March 30th, 2024. As this was his final Senate meeting, Dr. Nazeeb requested an appreciation for his service.

The Vice-Chancellor acknowledged the valuable services rendered by retiring employees and teachers, specifically mentioning Dr. Gabriel Simon Thattil's efficient service as the IQAC Director and Head of the Department. The House expressed its wholehearted appreciation for Dr. Thattil.

The Chair thanked the Members for their co-operation.

The meeting came to an end at 12.25 p.m

**Sd/-
REGISTRAR**

**Sd/-
VICE-CHANCELLOR**

*University Buildings,
Thiruvananthapuram.
27.03.2024*