



UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

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Assurances given and decisions taken at the Special Meeting of the Senate held on 26th August, 2021

Online meeting (through google meet)

Time : 8:30 a.m

Members Present:

1. Prof. (Dr.) V.P. Mahadevan Pillai
Vice-Chancellor (In the Chair)
2. Prof. (Dr.) P.P Ajayakumar
Pro-Vice-Chancellor
3. Major (Dr.) Abdul Khalam
4. Dr. S. Nazeeb
5. Sri. Ajith Kumar J.N
6. Dr. Vishnu V.S
7. Sri. Jairaj. J
8. Dr. Dileep A.S
9. Dr. Sumi Alex
10. Sri. Sibi .C. Babu
11. Dr. Abraham
12. Dr. M. Vijayan Pillai
13. Sri. Arunkumar. R
14. Sri. Bijukumar. G
15. Sri. S. Jayaram
16. Smt. Aleena Amal
17. Sri. Al Anand .P
18. Sri. Joel John Joseph
19. Sri Riyas Vahab
20. Sri. Sachu .S. Nair
21. Sri. Nowfal. N
22. Adv. Muraleedharan Pillai. G
23. Adv. B. Balachandran
24. Adv. K. H Babujan
25. Dr. K.B Manoj
26. Adv. A. Ajikumar
27. Smt. Renju Suresh
28. Prof. K. Lalitha
29. Dr. Gopchandran K.G
30. Dr. Pramod Kiran R.B (Online)
31. Dr. B. Rajendran (")
32. Dr. Rani Abraham (")

33. Prof. S. Shifa	(")
34. Dr. Sabeen H.M	(")
35. Sri. Osbon .Y	(")
36. Dr. A. Balakrishnan	(")
37. Sony. P. John	(")
38. Sri. Ajayakumar. V	(")
39. Dr. K.R Kavitha	(")
40. Sri. Ananthu. S. Pochayi	(")
41. Smt. Yamuna Devi T.S	(")
42. Adv. Gopukrishnan C.G	(")
43. Sri. Suresh Babu R.S	(")
44. Sri. Harikumar G.K	(")
45. Dr. Jayakumar .K	(")
46. Dr. A. Helen	(")
47. Smt. Shajitha. S	(")
48. Sri. B.P Murali	(")
49. Dr. Babitha G.S	(")
50. Dr. Sekaran. S	(")
51. Dr. Vinodkumar T.G Nair	(")
52. Sri. Anilkumar R	(")
53. Dr. S. Ajayakumar	(")
54. Dr. N. P Chandrasekharan	(")
55. Dr. Usha Sujith Nair	(")
56. Prof. G. Prasad	(")
57. Smt. Arya Prasad	(")

The meeting was called to order at 8.30 a.m by Prof. (Dr.) V.P. Mahadevan Pillai, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. The Chair welcomed all the members present for the meeting.

(I) Business brought forward by the Vice-Chancellor and the Syndicate.

01. Amendment to Chapter IV "Levy of Fees by the University" of Kerala University First Ordinances,1978-Consideration of- reg. (Ac.L)

The University had levied earlier a fee of Rs.250/- from Private Organisations/Companies/Agencies who approach the University for verification of genuineness of mark lists/certificates etc issued by the University, vide UO. No. Ac AII/I/11644/2003 dated 29.04.2003. Later the Syndicate at its meeting held on 13.12.2004,while considering the recommendations of the Syndicate and the Senate on examinations, resolved that the rate of fee for verification/attestation of genuineness of mark lists/degree of certificates, proforma etc received from private organizations, companies etc be enhanced to Rs.500 from the existing rate of Rs. 250/- and .U.O No. Ac.AII/I/11644/2004 dated 16.12.2004 was accordingly issued.

The fee for genuineness verification of Degree Certificates / marklists forwarded from various Private agencies has been enhanced to Rs.1000/- vide U.O.No. M&C.2/1249/2006 dated 04.07.2006.The fee for genuineness verification of mark lists/degree/Diploma certificates and other documents on request placed by foreign embassies was fixed as Rs.1000/- vide UO NO. M&C 1.2/1717/2015 dated 24.03.2015. The said levy of fees has been incorporated in the Kerala University First Ordinances,1978 as Amendment No.262 by incorporation of a new Clause 23.A.6. . As per UO No.Ad AV.03/9871/2019 dated 01.04.2019 additional 5% increase in fee was levied for all services/fees. The University Orders issued in this regard are to be incorporated by amending Kerala University First Ordinances, 1978 as "Fee for Genuineness verification of Degree Certificate/Mark lists enhanced to Rs.1050/- be incorporated as Clause 23.A.7 in Chapter IV ," Levy of fees by the University" of Kerala University First Ordinances, 1978

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 17/8/2021 vide item no.31.113 considered the proposal for amendment of the enhancement of fee for genuineness verification of Degree Certificates/ Mark

lists as a new Clause 23.A.7 under Chapter IV -"Levy of fees by the University" of the Kerala University First Ordinances,1978 and resolved to approve the said amendment proposal and to place the same before the Senate for consideration.

The Amendment Proposal is as follows:

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

“That in ‘Chapter IV - “Levy of fees by the University” of the Kerala University First Ordinances, 1978, the Clause 23.A.7 shall be added immediately after Clause 23.A.6.

Clause 23.A.7	Amended fee
Fee for Genuineness Verification of Degree Certificates/ Mark lists	Rs.1050/-

The above amendment to the Kerala University First Ordinances, 1978 under Chapter IV “Levy of fees by the University “is placed before the Senate as envisaged under Section 37(1) of the Kerala University Act, 1974 for consideration and adoption.

The House considered and approved the amendment proposal to the Kerala University First Ordinances, 1978 under Chapter IV “Levy of fees by the University” as envisaged under Section 37(1) of the Kerala University Act, 1974.

02. Withdrawal/ Cancellation of Degrees - Unauthorised hike in moderation due to software error – Amendment Proposal – Kerala University First Statutes, 1977 – Enabling the University to cancel the Examination/ Degrees of the Candidates – Consideration of-reg. (Ac.L)

Chapter II Section 5 Clause XXVIII provides that the University shall have the power to do such other acts as may be required to further the aims and purpose of the Act.

Chapter V Section 34 Item (k) provides that the Statutes may provide for all other matters which by the Act are to be, or may be prescribed by the Statutes.

Section 35, sub section (2) provides that the Syndicate may propose to the Senate the draft of any Statute for consideration and such draft shall be considered by the Senate at its next meeting. Sub section (3) provides that the Senate may approve the draft of the Statute proposed by the Syndicate and pass the Statute or reject it or return it to the Syndicate. Sub section (5) provides that where any Statute has been passed by the Senate, it shall be submitted to the Chancellor for his assent.

Chapter 27 Statute 1 of the Kerala University First Statutes, 1977 provides for the conferment of Degrees. Statute 2 provides for the granting of Diplomas and Certificates. Statutes 3. provides for the granting of titles. Statutes 4 prescribes the conditions for eligibility to receive the same. Statutes 5 provides the manner of awarding the same.

It has come to the notice of the Syndicate that atleast in rare occasions Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates or Titles awarded by the University contain certain errors/mistakes crept in due to an intentional/ unintentional act or due to an error in the software. In such situations the same have to be recalled, and of the situation warranty need to be corrected and reissued. At present there is no Statutory provision to make such recall and reissue. Fresh Provisions have to be incorporated in the Statutes to redress this issue.

The appropriate position where it is to be incorporated is in Chapter 27 as Statute 5 A.

The draft of the amendment to be incorporated is thus:

“5A. Recalling of Degrees, Diplomas, Titles etc conferred/ awarded:- Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates, Titles etc awarded may be recalled at any time after it is made where evidence is placed before the Syndicate to show that any person to whom such Degree, Diploma, Certificate, Title etc. was awarded by mistake of fact. For the purpose of this Statute, mistake of fact means the person did not undergo the prescribed course of Study or Research specified in Statute 4 or the results of the examination published were erroneous to the extent of recording that the candidate had passed the examination whereas in fact the candidate has failed in the examination:

Provided that every person affected by the recalling of the Degree, Diploma, Certificate, Title etc. shall be given sufficient opportunity as determined by the Syndicate to complete the prescribed

course of study and pass the prescribed examination if the situation warrants correction and reissue of the Degree, Diploma, Certificate, Title etc. and if otherwise the Syndicate may take such decision as it deem fit.

Provided further that the completion of the prescribed course of study and passing the prescribed examination thus, shall be deemed to have been completed and passed as was originally declared to have been completed or passed as the case may be, except in cases where there are specific recommendations made otherwise by the Syndicate duly ratified by the Senate”.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 17.08.2021 vide item No.31.134 has considered the amendment proposal to the Kerala University First Statutes, 1977 Chapter 27 by incorporating new (Clause) Statute “**5A. Recalling of Degrees, Diplomas, Titles etc., conferred/ awarded**”.

The Syndicate has resolved to approve the amendment proposal to Kerala University First Statutes 1977, Chapter 27 and to place the same before the Senate for consideration.

Any amendments/ incorporation to Kerala University First Statutes shall be made by following the procedure prescribed under Section 35 (2) of the Kerala University Act, 1974.

Amendment Proposal

“That under Chapter 27 of the Kerala University First Statutes, after Statute 5, Statute 5A be incorporated as

5A. “Recalling of Degrees, Diplomas, Titles etc., conferred/ awarded”

Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates, Titles etc., awarded may be recalled at any time after it is made where evidence is placed before the Syndicate to show that any person to whom such Degree, Diploma, Certificate, Title etc. was awarded by mistake of fact. For the purpose of this Statute, mistake of fact means the person did not undergo the prescribed course of Study or Research specified in Statute 4 or the results of the examination published were erroneous to the extent of recording that the candidate had passed the examination whereas in fact the candidate has failed in the examination:

Provided that every person affected by the recalling of the Degree, Diploma, Certificate, Title etc. shall be given sufficient opportunity as determined by the Syndicate to complete the prescribed course of study and pass the prescribed examination if the situation warrants correction and reissue of the Degree, Diploma, Certificate, Title etc. and if otherwise the Syndicate may take such decision as it deem fit.

Provided further that the completion of the prescribed course of study and passing the prescribed examination thus, shall be deemed to have been completed and passed as was originally declared to have been completed or passed as the case may be, except in cases where there are specific recommendations made otherwise by the Syndicate duly ratified by the Senate”.

The amendment proposal is placed before the Senate as envisaged under Section 35 (3) of the Kerala University Act, 1974 for consideration and adoption.

The House considered and approved the amendment proposal as envisaged under Section 35 (3) of the Kerala University Act, 1974.

The Chair thanked the members for their co-operation.

The meeting was adjourned sine-die at 10.20 a.m.

***Sd/-
Registrar***

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Pro Vice-Chancellor***

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Vice-Chancellor***

***University Buildings,
Thiruvananthapuram.
26.08.2021***