



## UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

### Preliminary Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Syndicate held on 01.11.2021

Place of Meeting : University Buildings  
Thiruvananthapuram  
Time : 09.30 AM

#### Members present:

1. Prof.(Dr.) V.P.Mahadevan Pillai (*In the Chair*)  
Vice-Chancellor
2. Prof.(Dr.) P.P.Ajayakumar  
Pro-Vice-Chancellor
3. Sri.B.P.Murali
4. Dr.K.B.Manoj
5. Dr.K.G.Gopchandran
6. Adv.K.H.Babujan
7. Sri.Bijukumar.G
8. Dr.S.Nazeeb
9. Adv.B.Balachandran
10. Sri.Arunkumar R
11. Adv.A.Ajikumar
12. Prof.K.Lalitha
13. Smt.Renju Suresh

#### Online presence

1. Dr.Mathew.V
2. Sri.Jairaj.J
3. Dr.M.Vijayan Pillai
4. Sri.Riyas Vahab

#### **Item No. 1. Draft Senate Interpellations for the meeting of the Senate scheduled to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 – reg.**

(Ac.A.I.)

The answers to the questions given notice by the Members of the Senate for the meeting of the Senate scheduled to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 are given as Appendix for consideration and approval.

#### **Resolution of the Syndicate**

**RESOLVED** that the draft answers to the questions to be answered at the next meeting of the Senate scheduled to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2021, be approved with modifications.

#### **Item No.02. Submitting proposal to DST for the assistance through the new initiative “Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institutes (SATHI)”- Consideration of- reg.**

(Ad.DIII)

The Hon.Director of CLIF, vide letter dated 30.10.2021 has forwarded the copies of the announcement from DST in connection with the scheme ‘SATHI’ (Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institutes) and informed the following

- i) The Department of Science and Technology (DST) has initiated a programme named SATHI for setting up shared, professionally managed science & Technology infrastructure facility, with the main intention of creating facility which can be readily accessible to academia, start-ups, manufacturing units, industries and R&D Labs. SATHI Centre will be equipped with major analytical instrument and advanced manufacturing facility, which is not usually available in the beneficiary organization. The main emphasis of the programme is to provide professionally managed service with efficiency, accessibility and transparency of higher order under one roof to service the demand of industry, start-ups and academia.
- ii) CLIF, the flagship Centre of the University of Kerala, along with the Science Departments of the Campus, fits very well into the Aims and Objectives of the DST- SATHI Programme and there is great scope for the University to get this coveted assistance. The only gap areas are in those of Industrial R&D, MSME, Incubators and Start-ups, which can be worked as per requirement of SATHI.
- iii) As per the Governing Body Meeting of CLIF held on 09.08.2021, Dr. G. M. Nair, Hon. Director, CLIF had been asked to coordinate the preparation of the proposal seeking assistance from the Faculty of the Science Departments. Based on that they have done the initial groundwork to frame the proposal. DST on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021 notified and called for proposals to be submitted on or before 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021. DST wants this to be a participatory programme wherein the host institution shall have to bear 25% of the total project cost (on a DST 75% : Host 25%). An undertaking to this effect is to be given by the Vice-Chancellor of the host institution in this regard while submitting the proposal and proposing this clause to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for an appropriate decision. Government of Kerala can be approached to get an assurance to this effect.
- iv) University of Kerala has approved a Committee for the preparation of the proposal with the following members:
  - Prof.(Dr).G.M.Nair, Convenor
  - Prof.(Dr).K.G.Gopchandran, Department of Optoelectronics
  - Prof.(dr).Shaji, Department of Geology
  - Dr.Sony George, Department of Chemistry
  - Dr.G.Subodh, Department of Physics
  - Dr.P.A.Jeneesh, Department of Biochemistry
  - Dr.Suresh Das. Emeritus Professor, IISER,Trivandrum (Advisor)

The Hon.Director of CLIF has requested the Vice-Chancellor to place the proposal in the ensuing Syndicate Meeting so as to get an approval of pledging 25% of the approved budget (having an upper limit of assistance of Rs.125.0 Crores including both Recurring + Non-Recurring) while submitting the proposal. As per the Notification of DST, the share of 25% (of total sanctioned amount) will be contributed by the Host Institution from its own income sources and not from diverting the funds available with the Host Institution under the Grant in-Aids received from other Departments of Governments of India or from the CFI, Government of India.

In this regard, the following may be noted

- i) The Governing Body CLIF at its meeting held on 09.08.2021 decided to entrust Dr.G.M.Nair, Hon. Director, CLIF to prepare and apply for Central Government Projects such as “Sophisticated Analytical and Technical Help Institutes (SATHI)” of DST in coordination with the Faculty of the Teaching Departments of the University.
- ii) The Syndicate at its meeting held on 23.09.2021, vide item no.32.24 considered the Minutes of the Governing Body of CLIF at its meeting held on 09.08.2021 and resolved to approve the recommendation of the Governing Body.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the request of Hon.Director, CLIF to get an approval of pledging 25% of the approved budget (having an upper limit of assistance of Rs.125.0 Crores including both Recurring + Non-Recurring) while submitting the proposal for the assistance through the new initiative “Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institutes (SATHI), is placed before the Syndicate for consideration and appropriate decision.

**Resolution of the Syndicate**

**RESOLVED** to grant permission to submit the proposal to DST for the assistance through the new initiative scheme “Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institutes (SATHI)” by pledging 25% contributed by the University from its own income sources of the approved budget (having an upper limit of assistance of Rs.125.0 Crores including both Recurring + Non-Recurring).

**Item No.03 Start-up Grant for new Teachers- Item No. 51 of Budget Speech 2020-21- Proposal from Dr. Gabriel Simon Thattil, Director, IQAC- enhancement of grants by 15,00,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh only)- Consideration of- reg:- (Pl. A)**

The University of Kerala, with a view to encourage young teachers to involve in high quality research using cutting-edge technology and research that has social outcomes and useful applications, initiated a scheme “Start up Research Grant for New teachers”. An amount of Rs. 40,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakh only) had been envisaged for the same in the Budget Speech 2020-21, vide Item No. 51 of Budget speech 2020-21.

Out of this, an amount of Rs.29,88,000/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh and Eighty Eight Thousand only) was released as provisional advances to 12 project investigators during FY 2020-21. As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the remaining amount of Rs.10,12,000/- (Rupees Ten lakh Twelve thousand only) was released as provisional advance to Dr. Gabriel Simon Thattil, Director, IQAC, towards conduct of new start-up projects vide U.O.No.30389/PLANNING A/2020/UOK dated 22.10.2021.

For utilizing the amount, applications were invited for Startup grants for Research Projects. At the first stage, the Scrutiny committee (approved by the Vice-Chancellor) selected 11 proposals for Rs.10,12,000/- (Rupees Ten lakh Twelve thousand only). These proposals were approved by the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held 26.10.2021 and the Syndicate held on 28.10.2021. Hence, **the amount of Rs. 40,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs only) earmarked for the scheme ‘Startup Grant for New Teachers- Item 51 of Budget Speech 2020-21’ has been completely utilized.**

Dr. Gabriel Simon Thattil, Director, IQAC, vide his letter dated 29.10.2021, has submitted a proposal of 15 more research projects screened by the scrutiny committee alongwith the minutes and requested to enhance the grant by Rs.15,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh only). The proposals selected by the Scrutiny Committee is listed below:

Sl. No.	Name of Investigator	Project Title	Amount
1.	Dr Sheeja S R Professor Department of Economics	COVID 19 amidst Extreme Vulnerability: Unveiling the Challenges Experienced by coastal Fisher women in Kerala	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)
2.	Dr Subodh G Assistant Professor Department of Physics	Development of Boron Nitride Quantum Dots for Latent Fingerprint Identification	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)
3.	Dr Josukutty C A Associate Professor and Director Survey Research Centre Department of Political Science	The New Geopolitics in the Indo Pacific: Impact on India’s National Security	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)
4.	Dr Rajesh S V &Dr. Abhayan G S Assistant Professors Department of Archeology	Documentation of Indus Age Ceramics from Western India	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)
5.	Dr Biju T Associate professor Department of Commerce	Behavioral Economics in Local Communities – Prospects for Developmental Researches	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)
6.	Dr Sreejith Parameswara Panicker Assistant Professor Department of Zoology	Production of Collagen from fish integument and evaluating the efficiency for wound healing applications	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)

7.	Dr Shaji A Professor School of Distance Education	Religion, Ideology and Politics : Reimaging the Progressive Transformation of Kerala	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)
8.	Prof V Anitha Professor and Head Department of Economics	Economic Implications of Human Animal Conflict in Kerala	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)
9.	Dr. Jayakumar M S Assistant Professor Department of Sociology	Migration, development and disparities: comparison of emigrant and non emigrant households	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)
10.	Dr. Girish Kumar R Professor Department of Political Science	University Innovation Systems in Kerala Assessing Academia-Industry Linkage & Student Startups	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)
11.	Dr Sajna A Assistant Professor Department of History	Becoming Visible : The History of Childhood in Kerala – A Reading	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)
12.	Dr. Sheeba M Kurian Assistant Professor Department of Malayalam	ശാരീരിക ഭിന്നശേഷിയുടെ രൂപനിർമ്മിതി : മലയാളത്തിലെ സാംസ്കാരിക പ്രതിനിധാനങ്ങളുടെ വിശകലനം	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)
13.	Dr. Salom Gnana Thanga Professor Department of Environmental Sciences	Development of rhizosphere based system bioaugmented with sulfate reducing bacteria for treatment of sulphonated azo dyes	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)
14.	Dr. Saja K Assistant Professor Department of Biotechnology	Regulation of a disintegrating and metalloprotenase with Thrombospondin motifs-4 (ADAMTS-4): Role of dietary oil	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)
15.	Dr Sameer Babu Assistant Professor Department of Education	A study of aggressive behavior, social withdrawal and self-esteem in relation to video game addiction among early adolescents in the new formal	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)
			<b>Rs. 15,00,000/- (Rupees FifteenLakh only)</b>

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the proposal submitted by Dr. Gabriel Simon Thattil, Director, IQAC is placed before the Syndicate for consideration and remarks.

***Resolution of the Syndicate***

**RESOLVED** that the proposal submitted by the, Director, IQAC for Startup grant (Seed Money) for teachers be approved.

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**Item No.04. *Learners Support Centres – Refund of registration fee (Rs. 25,000/-) to Locus Academy for Arts, Management and Science Studies, Thodupuzha - Judgment dated 5.10.2021 in WA no 1029 of 2021 filed by University of Kerala against the judgment in WP (C ) no 27404/2013 of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala – Consideration of- reg.***

***(Ad.Misc)***

The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in its judgment dated 5.10.2021 in Writ Appeal no 1029 of 2021 filed by the University of Kerala against the judgment in WP(C ) no 27404/2013 filed by Locus Academy for Arts, Management and Science Studies, Thodupuzha has stated that the writ appeal filed by the University fails and accordingly, it is dismissed. The Hon'ble High Court has pointed out that taking into account the factual and legal circumstances, the Hon'ble Court has no hesitation to hold that the appellants (University of Kerala) have not made any case for interference with the judgment of the learned Single Judge, there being no jurisdictional error or other legal infirmities, justifying the Court to interfere in the judgment in an intra court appeal filed under Section 5 of the High Court Act, 1958.

It may be noted that the Hon'ble High Court in its judgment dated 17.03.2020 in WP( C) no 27404 of 2013 filed by Locus Academy for Arts, Management and Science Studies, Pala Road, Thodupuzha, has directed the University to refund the amount of Rs.25,000/- collected towards registration fee within a period of three months from the date of receipt of copy of the judgment. In reply to this office letter dated 10.08.2020 seeking the learned opinion on whether there is a scope for preferring Appeal/Review against the judgment, the Standing Counsel vide letter dated 27.08.2020 had pointed out that 2 possibilities arise from the judgment, one being the liability to pay Rs.25,000/- and the other, the chance of similar applicants claiming back their amounts. As the judgment does not direct the University to make the payment to all identically placed applicants, the University is not bound to make the payment to others by virtue of the judgment alone. But if the judgment is not taken in appeal and is not set aside, University will be bound by the judgment and all similar claims if raised will have to be ordered without any objection or demur. Further the Standing Counsel had pointed out that as the University had raised a contention in the Counter Affidavit that the registration fee is identical to the fee collected for affiliation of colleges, and as it is not refundable in the case of rejection of affiliation, the decision not to challenge the judgment from that angle might have adverse ramifications for the University. The Standing Counsel thus has concluded that though the chances for success are quite poor in the appeal, to prevent any claim for refund from applicants for affiliation of colleges/courses, rejected by the University, placing reliance on the judgment, it is better that the University prefer an appeal against the judgment. Accordingly, University had filed writ appeal no 1029 of 2021 against the said judgment of the Hon'ble High Court.

It may also be noted that 21 other applications who did not satisfy the requirements fixed by the University were rejected.

Now as the Hon'ble High Court has dismissed the writ appeal filed by the University against the judgment dated 17.03.2020 in WP(C) no 27404 of 2013 filed by the petitioner, Locus Academy for Arts, Management and Science Studies, the said judgment in which it had been directed to refund the amount of Rs.25,000/- towards registration fee to the petitioner has to be implemented urgently.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the judgment dated 5.10.2021 in Writ Appeal no 1029 of 2021 filed by the University of Kerala against the judgment in WP(C ) no 27404/2013 filed by Locus Academy for Arts, Management and Science Studies, Thodupuzha is placed before the Syndicate for consideration and decision.

***Resolution of the Syndicate***

Based on the judgement dated 05.10.2021, the Syndicate **RESOLVED** to refund the amount of Rs.25,000/- (Rs.Twenty five thousand only) towards registration to Locus Academy for Arts, Management and Science Studies, Thodupuzha

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***Item No.05 Department of Optoelectronics – Research Collaboration – Request for endorsing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Government Ayurveda College, Thiruvananthapuram and University of Kerala – reg***

***(Ac.D)***

***Resolution of the Syndicate***

**RESOLVED** that the item be withdrawn.

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***Item No.06 Department of Opto-electronics, Kariavattom – Research Collaboration – Request for endorsing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with DFM Softech Solutions (Design Alpha) Pvt. Ltd., - consideration of – reg***

***(Ac.D)***

The Head, Department of Optoelectronics, Kariavattom has forwarded the proposal for endorsing MoU between University of Kerala and DFM Softech Solutions (Design Alpha) Pvt. Ltd. As per orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the request regarding execution of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between University of Kerala and DFM Softech Solutions (Design Alpha) Pvt. Ltd., is placed before the Syndicate for consideration.

***Resolution of the Syndicate***

**RESOLVED** to approve the proposal for signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between University of Kerala and DFM Softech Solutions (Design Alpha) Pvt. Ltd., in principle.  
**FURTHER RESOLVED** to initiate urgent steps for vetting the MoU legally and execute the same accordingly.

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**Item No.07**      ***Career Advancement Scheme of UGC Regulations, 2010 – placement of Dr.Seema Jerome as Professor at the Department of Malayalam – reconsidering application for promotion – reg.***

***(Ad.DII)***

***Resolution of the Syndicate***

The Syndicate considered the request of Dr.Seema Jerome, Associate Professor, Department of Malayalam, Kariavattom for reconsidering the application for the promotion to the post of Professor and **RESOLVED** to authorise the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a selection committee for the promotion of Dr.Seema Jerome as Professor, Department of Malayalam, Kariavattom under Career Advancement Scheme.

**REGISTRAR**

**PRO-VICE-CHANCELLOR**

**VICE-CHANCELLOR**

University Buildings,  
 Thiruvananthapuram,  
 01.11.2021



## UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

### Preliminary Minutes of the 34<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Syndicate held on 04.12.2021

Place of Meeting : University Buildings  
Thiruvananthapuram  
Time : 10.00 AM

#### **Members Present:**

1. Prof.(Dr.) V.P.Mahadevan Pillai (*In the Chair*)  
Vice-Chancellor
2. Prof.(Dr.) P.P.Ajayakumar  
Pro-Vice-Chancellor
3. Adv.K.H.Babujan
4. Dr.M.Vijayan Pillai
5. Sri.Jairaj.J
6. Dr.K.G.Gopchandran
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9. Dr.K.B.Manoj
10. Sri.Arunkumar R
11. Adv.A.Ajikumar
12. Adv.B.Balachandran
13. Sri.Riyas Vahab

#### **Online presence**

1. Dr.Mathew.V
2. Adv.G.Muralidharan Pillai
3. Sri.B.P.Murali
4. Prof.K.Lalitha
5. Smt.Renju Suresh

#### **Item No. 34.02. Confirmation of the Preliminary Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Syndicate held on 01.11.2021 -reg.**

(Ac.A.I)

The Syndicate considered the Preliminary Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Syndicate held on 01.11.2021 with the following modifications:

#### **Item No.3 In the Agenda Note Sl.No.14 be corrected as:**

14	Dr. Saja K Assistant Professor <b>Department of Biochemistry</b>	Regulation of a disintegrating and metalloprotenase with Thrombospondin motifs-4 (ADAMTS-4): Role of dietary oil	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)
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