

ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES

Minutes of the 88th Annual General Body Meeting (General Session), held at Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology University, Bhubaneswar on February 25, 2014 at 10:00 am

At the outset the Most Rev Prof Rajendra B Lal, President, AIU welcomed the members of the Association attending the General Body Meeting. The President, AIU thanked Professor P P Mathur, Vice Chancellor, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, Bhubaneswar for hosting the Annual Meeting and making excellent arrangements for the Annual General Body Meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

GS 01 To confirm the Minutes of the 87th Annual Meeting (General Session) held at Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur on May 5, 2013

Since Minutes were circulated in advance and being no comments were received, the Minutes were confirmed.

ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES

GS 02 To report action taken on the Minutes of the 87th Annual Meeting (General Session) held at Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur on May 5, 2013

Noted and approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF ZONAL VICE CHANCELLORS' MEET 2013-14

GS 03 To consider the recommendations of the South Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet held on November 12-13, 2013 at Kerala University of Health Sciences, Thrissur.

Annexure 3.01

Considered with item No. GS 07

GS 04 To consider the recommendations of the East Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet held on November 19-20, 2013 at Aliah University, Kolkata,

Annexure 4.01

Considered with item No. GS 07

GS 05 To consider the recommendations of the Central Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet held on December 4-5, 2013 at Pandit Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur.

Annexure 5.01

Considered with item No. GS 07

GS 06 To consider the recommendations of the North Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet held on December 19-20, 2013 at Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow.

Annexure 6.01

Considered with item No. GS 07



GS 07

To consider the recommendations of the West Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet held on January 23-24, 2014 at Kadi Sarva Vishwavidyalaya, Gandhinagar

Annexure 7.

Item No. GS 03, GS.04, GS 05, GS 06, GS 07 were considered together. It was decided to constitute a Committee to synthesize the recommendations for taking further necessary action thereon.

GS 08

To consider a proposal received from Prof. Bhuvnesh Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Katni, Madhya Pradesh on "Total Knowledge to Achieve the Highest ideal in the Field of Higher Education:

Noted

Annexure 8.01

GS 09

To consider the proposal received from Dr. Ajit Kumar, Vice Chancellor, NIFTEM, Kundli, Haraya on Impacting Higher Education: Village Adoption Programme

Noted

Annexure 9.01

GS 10

To consider the proposal received from Prof B Madhusoodana Kurup, Vice Chancellor, Kerala University of Fisheries & Ocean Studies, Kochi on "Management Education in India at Cross Road"

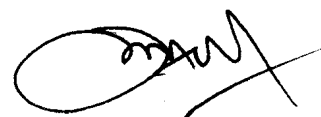
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The role of the UGC, AICTE, Universities, Government, Management Association and the Association of Indian Universities in re-structuring of Management Education in India to meet the needs of the changing situation in the country particularly in the context of Deemed Universities, Private Universities and self financed Institutions in the field of higher education.

A discussion on the topic assumes greater importance in the light of recent verdict of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, taking away the powers of the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) with regards to approval regulations and control of MBA and MCA courses offered by Universities and numerous management Institutions in the Country. Now the role of the AICTE has been reduced merely to advisory in nature, even in the case of engineering education.

The discussion could be specifically focused on the following points.

1. Setting up a separate National Council for Management Education to ensure quality and standard in curriculum. Unfortunately in syllabi, quality of faculty etc.
2. Identifying any single management Education Authority, eliminating the present multiple power points like University, UGC, AICTE or a National Council for Management Education as proposed in this paper.
3. Reinstating the professional status of MBA
4. The Association of Indian Universities should have an active role in formulating policies and programmes for Management Education in the Country.
5. The current proposal for bringing an Ordinance or a new Act of Parliament to reinstate the AICTE as the Regulating Agency to overcome the hurdles created by the verdict of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India needs detailed discussion and consideration at the meeting of the Indian Universities.



The matter was discussed in detail. The situation arising out of the recent judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Members made the following observations:

Prof. Faizan Mustafa expressed his views that since Hon'ble Apex Court has delivered the verdict, we have no option but to follow it. The crux of the judgment is to give greater autonomy to universities in terms of Management Education.

Prof. A.D.N. Bajpai also expressed similar views as was of Prof. Mustafa.

Prof. V.S.S. Potti emphasized the need for an independent accreditation authority for Management education which will not have under the control of bureaucratic and political players but with involvement of industry people. This authority has to deal with quality of management programmes and there will be academic bodies / universities to control these programmes.

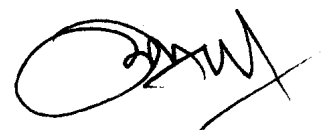
It was countered by the Members that instead of creating separate assessment and accreditation body for management programmes, the existing NAAC may be strengthened with the involvement of more people from industry so as to ensure the suitability of the programmes to cater the needs of the industries.

Prof. R.P. Dahiya stressed upon the need of including the industry people in the activities of universities and at the same time, the industry should also financially contribute in education sector in universities.

One of the Member is opined that involving industry in education sector is not possible in all places, it was quoted that some of the universities were established in remote areas where there is no linkages with industry, in such circumstances, if industry people were involved in accreditation and assessment council, they will assess the programmes of these remotely established universities with their vision.

Since the Hon'ble Apex had delivered its judgment, there is no point in discussing the issue in this forum, pointed out by a Member.

An example of Industry-Institute interaction being followed in ISM, Dhanbad was explained by its Director and it was appreciated by all members. These partnership/linkages are not only at national level and also at international level. It was also mentioned that the industry is actively involved in the curriculum development and given the representation in various committees. The teachers are



deputed to work in the industry with their problems/task to solve them onsite and some time these problems are solved in the Institute on behalf of the Industry.

Members opined that CII, FICCI, ASSCHAM and other apex bodies of Industry be involved in linking institutions with the industry to bridge the gap of linkages between industry and institutions.

At international level, there are strong accreditation bodies. Every University should first have its in-house quality control mechanism.

AIU should consider constituting a high power committee inviting representatives from IIM, FICCI and other industry apex bodies to interact with industry for utilization of contribution under CSR(Corporate Social Responsibility).

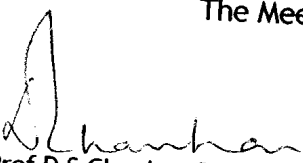
The Association will suggest NAAC to involve representatives from industry in the NAAC and NBA in the accreditation process.


The House was not in favour of another regulatory body as suggested by the Hon'ble Member in the proposal.

It was suggested that there should be greater inter-face between AIU and NAAC because AIU protects the interests of the Universities.

The Industry should come voluntary helping Universities in this regard.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair


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[The Most Rev Prof Rajendra B Lal]
President