

# Research Committee

## Minutes

Meeting of the Research Committee was held on **September 12, 2019** at 11:00 am at AIU House. Following members were present:

Prof M M Salunkhe, Vice Chancellor, Bharati Vidyapeeth, Pune, Maharashtra & <b>President, AIU</b>	Chairman
Prof P Manisankar Vice Chancellor Bharathidasan University Tiruchrapalli-620 024 (TN)	Member
Prof N J Pawar Vice Chancellor Dr D Y Patil Vidyapeeth Pune-411 018 (MS)	Member
Prof Anamik Shah Vice Chancellor Gujarat Vidyapeeth Ahmedabad-380 014(Gujarat)	Member
Prof S L Soni Director, NIT Uttarakhand Srinagar-246 174 Garhwal, (Uttarakhand)	Member
Dr (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal Secretary General, AIU	Member Secretary
Dr Amarendra Pani Joint Director & Head, Research AIU	Secretary

Prof Tej Pratap, Vice Chancellor Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture & Technology & Vice President, AIU, Prof P K Khosla, Vice Chancellor, Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences, Solan, Prof N V Ramana Rao, Director, National Institute of Technology, Warangal could not attend the meeting due to some prior commitment.

Prof M M Salunkhe, President, AIU & Vice Chancellor, Bharati Vidyapeeth Pune, Maharashtra Chaired the Meeting. Dr (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General welcomed the members Dr Amarendra Pani, Joint Director and Head of Research Division and Secretary of Research Committee presented the agenda items.

## AGENDA

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Research Committee Meeting held on October 03, 2018.

*Confirmed*

2. To consider the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the Research Committee Meeting held on October 03, 2018.

*Approved*

**Resolution:** *On Item No 11 of the ATR, the Committee resolved that University Grants Commission may also be consulted about their willingness to collaborate with AIU in this project.*

3. To Report joining of a Research Assistant in the Research Division.

*Noted*

4. To report the collaboration with WHEEBOX, an online Talent Assessment Company for Mapping the Employability Skills of the Products of Higher Education and Building '*India Skill Report 2019*'

*Noted*

**Resolution:** *Resolved that Wheebox be asked to provide the data demography of the online assessment. A feedback analysis be done for identifying the Skill gaps to enable us to recommend the policy corrections. MNIT, Jaipur be approached for collaboration. The Committee also proposed that WHEEBOX be asked to display AIU Logo on the front Cover page.*

5. To Report the successful organization of the Third International Conference on '*Building Strategic Partnerships towards Collaborative International Learning*' at Symbiosis International University, Pune in collaboration with AIU.

*Noted and Approved*

6. To report the successful organization of a National Conference on "*Vision 2030 for Education*" in collaboration with ASSOCHAM on June 27, 2019, 2019 at Hotel Taj Mahal, Man Singh Road, New Delhi.

*Noted and Approved*

7. To report the successful organization of a National Conference & Roundtable of Vice Chancellors of Open and Distance Education Universities

*Noted*

8. To report the successful organization of **Anveshan**: National Student Research Convention at Ganpat University, Mehsana, Gujarat

*Noted*

**Resolution:** *Resolved that Possibility be explored to collaborate with National Innovation Council and the Event be conducted like Hackathon of AICTE for better visibility and exploring the possibility of Research Funding.*

9. To report the Successful organization of a Roundtable on Draft National Education Policy (NEP) -2019 at India International Centre, New Delhi on July 24, 2019.

*Noted*

**Resolution:** *Resolved that the recommendations be sent to MHRD, UGC, AICTE, member universities and be presented before CABE in its forthcoming Meeting.*

10. To report the successful organization of a one day workshop on 'India at Top 100' in collaboration with Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) August 09, 2019 (2.00 pm to 5.00 pm) at AIU House.

*Noted and Approved*

11. To report the facilitation of Meeting of Selected Indian University Vice Chancellors with a High-Level delegate from UK under UKIERI on September 02, 2019.

*Noted and Approved*

12. To report the AIU Collaboration with World Bank and TEQIP-3 (MHRD) in organizing a Workshop on "Mobilizing philanthropic financial support to Higher Education Institutions and involving alumni and external stakeholders: the case of US Universities."

*[Note: A request was received from Francisco Marmolejo - Lead Education Specialist, World Bank seeking AIU Collaboration for organizing the above event. AIU Collaborated in successful organization of the event without any financial liability.*

*Noted and Approved*

13. To report the scheduling of a Seminar on 'Nurturing Women Leaders through a Network of Women's Higher Education Institutions' on **September 13, 2019** at World Bank office, New Delhi

*Noted and Approved*

14. To report AIU Collaboration with UNESCO & PRIA in organising an International Conference on “*Educating the Mind, Body & Heart: Gandhi and Higher Education Today*” scheduled to be held on **September 18, 2019** at IIC, New Delhi

*Noted and Approved*

15. To Report the Scheduling of a Round table of Vice Chancellors on *Gandhiji's Vision for Sustainable Development: A Unified and Integrated Approach for 21st Century* during **September 30 to October 01, 2019**

*Noted and Approved*

16. To report the AIU partnering with QS in facilitating the *QS India Summit* scheduled during October 20-22, 2019 at *Cidade De Goa Resort, Goa*

*Noted and Approved*

17. To consider modification of resolution No 15 (i) of RCM held on October 03, 2018 for withdrawing the policy provision of retaining the registration fee of various AIU programmes by the host universities and writing off the non-recoverable amount due to expiry of Demand Drafts collected against registration fees for various programme.

**Resolution:** *The Committee after due deliberations resolved that the host universities be allowed to collect the Registration Fees of the programme allocated to them. It may be mentioned in the Brochure of the programmes that the Registration Fees either in form of demand drafts or any other mode of remittance be paid to the host universities by the participants directly. The Committee further recommended that the amount lapsed due to expiry of the validity of the Demand drafts are nonrecoverable, hence this be written off and the account be settled. Further the Committee also resolved that in view of the fact that the registration fee henceforth will be collected and retained by the concerned universities, the Financial Assistance given by AIU for each programme be curtailed to as follows: Seminars- Rs 2.00 lakhs, Workshops-Rs 2.00 lakhs, Roundtables- Rs 3.00 lakhs, Anveshan: Student Research Conventions: Rs 3.00 lakhs*

18. To consider notifying member universities of AIU for accepting the Certificates issued to the winners of **Anveshan:** National Student Research Convention for academic credit purposes such as admission as followed in case of Sports & Youth Affairs related activities.

**Resolution:** *Resolved that the matter be taken up with University Grants Commission.*

19. To consider undertaking a Research Study on “*Student Development Index: Conceptualizing and Identifying Relevant Parameters*”

**Resolution:** *The Committee appreciated the idea and approved the Research Study on ‘Student Development Index’*

20. To consider the proposal for undertaking a Research Project on *Good Research Practices in Indian Institutions of Higher Education*.

*Approved*

21. To consider organizing the following National Workshops/Seminars in 2019-20 (Regular activities).

- i. National Workshop on Emerging Trends in Information Technology in University Management
  - ii. National Workshop on Management of University Administration
  - iii. National Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences
  - iv. National Workshop on Examination Reforms in Higher Education
  - v. National Seminar on Women's Studies in India
- i. **National Workshop on Research Methodology:** The Committee was of the view that instead of organizing 7days Research Methodology Workshop, a theme based two days Workshop be organized. It was further decided that the proposals received from Universities in response to AIU Notifications for collaboration in organizing Research Methodology Workshop be kept in abeyance. Fresh Proposal be invited from the top 100 list of universities in NIRF ranking keeping in view their performance in Research to hold a Two days Workshop on “**How to Write an Impactful Research Proposal**”.
  - ii. **National Workshop on Examinations Reform:** The Committee recommended that this workshop be allocated to Aligarh Muslim University. The workshop be organized on the theme: *How to Implement the UGC/AICTE Report on Evaluation Reforms*.
  - iii. **National Workshop on Management of University Administration:** It was decided that this be allocated to Chandigarh University on the theme ‘*Managing Strategic Change in Governance of Indian Universities*’.
  - iv. **National Workshop on Emerging Trends in Information Technology and its application in University Management:** Allocated to Bharati Vidyapeeth, Pune on the theme “*New Dimensions for Using ICT in Universities*”.
  - v. **National Seminar on Women:** Allocated to D Y Patil University Pune on the theme: *New Dimensions of Women Empowerment*.

*Approved*

22. To consider the proposal received from Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER), Chennai seeking AIU Collaboration with financial assistance for organizing A Conclave on Audit of Quality of Academic Research.

*Approved*

23. To Consider the proposal for organizing a Workshop on 'Safe Campus: Implementation of UGC Guidelines/Regulation on Gender Champions and POSH' will be organized by Pt. Ravishankar University, Raipur in **October 2019** in collaboration with, A10

*Approved*

24. To Consider the proposal for organizing Two Workshops on 'Fostering Social Responsibility and Community Engagement' in collaboration with Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Agra and Gandhigram Rural Institute, Madurai in **November 2019** and **January 2020** respectively.

*Approved*

25. To consider organising a Roundtable on "Exploring the concept of using Eligible Enrolment Ratio (EER) in Higher Education as a parameter"

*Resolution: The Committee recommended that a Concept Paper while analyzing national and international data be developed which may be placed for discussion in the Roundtable"*

26. To consider organising a Roundtable on "Building Universities that Matter".

*Approved*

27. To consider organising a Roundtable for Newly Appointed Vice Chancellors.

*Approved*

28. To consider organizing a Roundtable on "Implementation of the Report of the Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF) Task Force "Towards More effective Education: Emergence of STEM Education in India" in collaboration with Vivekananda International Foundation, New Delhi.

*Approved*

29. To consider the proposal for organizing **Anveshan: Student Research Convention** for the financial year 2019-20.

1. East Zone: Proposal received from Jadavpur University, Kolkata. Allocated.
2. West Zone: No Proposal received. Committee decided to allocate it to Ahmadabad University, Ahmadabad.
3. North Zone: No Proposal received. Committee decided to allocate it to Amity University, Manesar, Gurugram.
4. South Zone: No Proposal received. Committee decided to allocate it to Christ University, Bangalore.
5. Central Zone: Proposal received from Jagaran Lake City University, Bhopal. Committee decided to allocate it to JLCU, Bhopal.
6. **National:** Proposal received from Kalinga University, Raipur. Committee decided to allocate it to Rajiv Gandhi Pradyogik Vishwavidyalaya, Bhopal.

30. To consider bringing out a publication "India University Report" to be released on March 23, 2019 during the celebration of AIU Foundation Day.

*Approved*

31. Any other Item with the permission of the Chair

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Secretary General &  
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*Prof M M Salunkhe*  
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[Prof M M Salunkhe]  
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