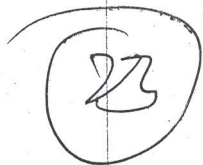


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**Association of Indian Universities
Research Division**

MINUTES

Minutes of the Research Committee Meeting held at 10:30 a.m. on 17th September, 2013 at AIU House, New Delhi.

Present:

The Most Rev. Prof. R.B. Lal President, AIU

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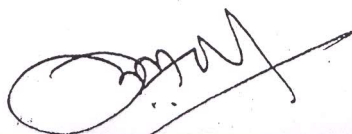
Dr. Amarendra Pani, Dy. Director, Research Division made a presentation to the Committee about the activities of the division. Prof. Rao has pointed out about the decline in the grant from Rs.60.00 lakhs for the year 2011 to Rs.49.00 lakhs for the year 2012 mainly because of AIU had returned the unspent balance of the year 2011 to the MHRD because of which the next year's budget was reduced. In his presentation Dr. Pani informed to the Committee that almost all the positions including the Director position of the division are vacant since long. Further it was also informed to the Committee that the Research Grant received from MHRD is mostly spent on salaries, this is because of diversion of the grant by AIU for paying staff salaries from this account. It was also presented the lack of minimum basic infrastructure in the division has been an impediment for smooth functioning the Research Division. The Committee took a serious cognizance of the issues raised and authorized the Secretary General to take care of the issue on administrative grounds.

The Committee also suggested that to overcome the shortage of staff in the division, advertisement may be issued in University News to invite applications from in-service or retired persons such as Professor level.

Then the Committee has taken up the agenda.

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Research Committee Meeting held on October 06, 2012

Confirmed.



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2. To consider the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the Research Committee Meeting

Noted

3. To consider the Proposal for Organizing following National Workshops/Seminars in 2013-14
 - i. National Workshop on Integration of 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

[Note: One Event to be held in one of the **North Eastern States** as per MHRD Guidelines]

The Committee suggested that the topics for these workshops / seminars, may be invited from the Vice Chancellors of Member Universities by publishing in University News. It was also suggested that the Research Division should interact with UGC and MHRD for seeking their views on selection of topics of the present day importance.

4. To Consider the proposal of organizing Six Student Research Conventions (Zonal-05 and National 01)

The Committee has asked the Research Division to prepare full proposal and put up for its approval. It is advised that compendium be prepared for each event and be put up before the Committee.

5. To consider the Proposal for organizing Two Roundtable Conference of the Vice Chancellors on Promotion of Research in Agriculture and Health Sciences.

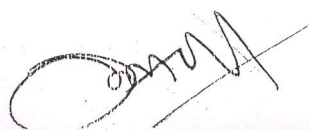
It was resolved that the proposed round table Conference of Vice Chancellors in Agricultural Sciences should be organized on Food Security.

It was also suggested to invite Prof. Khatish V. Katti to participate in this event and suggestions be obtained from Prof. Khatish regarding organizing a seminar on "Energy and Nanotechnology"

The division was advised to collect the views of the Vice Chancellors of Medical Universities to select the topic for research in health sciences. It was also suggested by the Members that WHO may also be contacted to finalize the theme of the seminar on health sciences.

6. To consider the Proposals for conducting following Research Projects

- i. An Evaluative Study of Sustained Academic Reforms in the Institutions of Higher Learning for Determining Policy Measures.



- ii. Examination Reforms in Higher Education: A Study of Cross Category of Institutions
- iii. Impact of Higher Education on Women Empowerment: A Socio-economic Analysis.

It was resolved that letters be sent to the Vice Chancellors of Member Universities inviting research proposals on point No.ii and iii above and proposed research study at point No.i be dropped. The duration of these projects will be of two years. These are to be carried out by the Universities selected by AIU and funding will be given by AIU.

- 7. To consider the proposal for updating the Database on Foreign Education Providers in India for the year 2014-15.

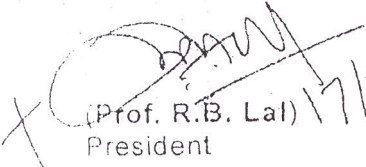
It was resolved that primarily this activity will be taken by International Division, however, Research Division will extend support in updating database on Foreign Education Providers.

- 8. Any other Item with the permission of the Chair

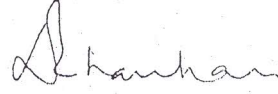
After lengthy discussion, it was suggested that AIU should come out with a booklet containing the information about prominent institutions in Engineering and Technology where large number of Indian students seek admission in foreign countries particularly in Australia, USA, UK and France.

To complete this task, it was advised to liaison with USEFI and concerned agencies of respective countries.

The Meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

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 (Prof. R.B. Lal)
 President

17/9/2013


 (Prof. D.S. Chauhan)
 Secretary General