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**MINUTES OF THE 16TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON
30TH NOVEMBER 2010 AT INDIA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, NEW DELHI.**

1. The 16th meeting of the Executive Council of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) was held at India International Centre, New Delhi, at 10:30 A.M. on 30th November 2010, under the Chairmanship of Shri N. N. Vohra, Hon'ble Chancellor, SMVDU (His Excellency the Governor of J&K).
2. The following participated:
 - i) Prof. (Dr.) R.N.K. Bamezai Vice Chancellor-SMVDU. Chairman, Executive Council
 - ii) Prof. (Dr.) M.L. Garg Dean, College of Engineering-SMVDU. (Member)
 - iii) Prof. (Dr.) Riyaz Punjabi Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir. (Member Ex-Officio)
 - iv) Prof. (Dr.) Varun Sahni Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu. (Member Ex-Officio)
 - v) Prof. (Dr.) Vinayshil Gautam Professor, Department of Management Studies, IIT Delhi. (Member)
 - vi) Sh. R.K. Goyal, IAS Chief Executive Officer-SMVDSB & Principal Secretary to HEG, J&K. (Member)
 - vii) Prof. (Dr.) R.S.Misra Dean of Students-SMVDU. (Member Ex-Officio)
 - viii) Prof. (Dr.) Dinabandhu Mukhopadhyay Dean, College of Management-SMVDU. (Member)
 - ix) Ms. Roop Avtar Kaur, IFS Registrar, SMVDU. (Secretary)
 - x) Prof. (Dr.) V. Verma Director, School of Biotechnology-SMVDU (Member)
 - xi) Prof. C. L. Razdan Director, School of Architecture & Landscape Design-SMVDU. (Member)

Sh. R.S.Pawar, Chairman NIIT Ltd., and Prof. (Dr.) V.S.Raju, former Director IIT Delhi, who could not attend the meeting, were granted Leave of Absence.

3. The meeting commenced with the Vice Chancellor, Prof. R.N.K. Bamezai welcoming members to the meeting. In his opening remarks, the Chancellor expressed serious concern about the qualified and experienced faculty in the State Universities becoming unavailable in the context of the simultaneous setting up of 16 Central Universities in the country and two such Universities in the J&K State. He said that the State of Jammu & Kashmir would have 09 Universities, including the Central University of Jammu and the situation is likely to become critical, as there is a proposal to set up 03 new Private Universities in the State. The Chancellor wondered whether such a large number of Universities could be equipped and manned with adequate infrastructure and faculty resources. The Chancellor stated that there is a need to closely assess the actual numbers of local students seeking University education and then relate the no. of Universities/ Off Campuses/ Private Colleges required to be set up; whether these institutions are meant for the benefit of our own students or the students from outside the state; what are the new courses/ disciplines that these universities would possibly offer, that are not being offered by other Universities, or whether our standards will be relatively lower, so that our seats get filled. The Chancellor remarked that these critical issues would need to be adequately considered by the Government at the appropriate level. The Chancellor added that there are a number of institutions which are neither recognized either by any national or state level regulatory authorities and, therefore, would need to be dealt with firmness. The Chancellor emphasized that the courses offered by an University should not be duplicated and the employability must always be taken into consideration. He further added that we need to meet the expectations of students in terms of employability and quality of education.
4. At the Vice Chancellor's request, the Chancellor released the University's Annual Report for 2009-2010.
5. Subsequently, the Agenda items were taken up ad-seriatum and the decisions taken are as reported hereunder:

Item No. 16.1 Welcoming new members to the 16th Executive Council Meeting

- 5.1 The Vice Chancellor informed about the induction of three new members: (i) Prof. Dinabandhu Mukhopadhyay, who had joined as Professor, in Management (designated as Dean College of Management) (ii) Prof. R.S.Misra, Professor & Director of School of Philosophy & Culture, with the responsibility of Dean of Students and (iii) Prof. C. L. Razdan, Professor & Director SALD.

Item No. 16.2 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 3rd May 2010, held at IIC Delhi.

- 5.2 The Executive Council confirmed the Minutes (as circulated) of the 15th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 3rd May 2010.

Item No. 16.3 Action taken on the EC's decisions at its 14th Meeting held on 26th September, 2009.

- 5.3 The Council noted the reported position.

Item No.16.4 Action taken on the decisions taken at the 15th meeting of the Executive Council held on 3rd May' 2010.

- 5.4 The Chancellor noted with concern the slow pace of induction of new faculty, even though 103 faculty positions were created in January 2010. He desired to know the specific reasons for some faculty members leaving the University. The Vice Chancellor said that the recruitment process has been initiated some time back and the recommendations of the Selection Committee in regard to the Electronics and Communication Engineering and Computer Science and Engineering had been recently forwarded to the Chancellor's office for kind consideration. The Vice Chancellor agreed to complete the recruitment process, on urgent basis.
- 5.5 The members were informed that the proposal to set up a Centre for Dogri Research is tabled as **Agenda Item No.16.6.11**.
- 5.6 The Council was informed that **Student Merit Cum Means Scholarship Scheme (SMMSS) as approved in the 15th meeting of the EC held on 3rd May 2010, has been implemented** vide Notification No.: SMVDU A&E/10/565-69 & SMVDU A&E/10/585-89, dated 27th July 2010 and 29th July 2010 respectively.
- 5.7 The Council was informed that **Gender Sensitization Committee against Sexual Harassment [GSCASH]** at SMVDU has since been notified.
- 5.8 The Council was informed that **Certificate course in Ethical Value** as approved by the Council has since been notified vide notification No: SMVDU/A&E/10/590, dated 29th July 2010.

16.4.1.7 Change in the Grading System

- 5.9 The Chancellor desired that the Task Force (set up at the last meeting of the Executive Council) should timely deliberate on the issues involved and try to evolve a common approach towards the Grading System.
- 5.10 The Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, clarified that the grading and conversion system adopted at SMVDU is being followed by some of the best institutions in the country. The Chancellor stressed that the Vice Chancellors of the Universities of Kashmir and Jammu and SMVDU should meet and deliberate on the afore-cited issue.

16.4.1.8 Change in nomenclature of Schools

- 5.11 The Council noted the reported position.

16.4.1.9 Minimum attendance for compliance

- 5.12 The Council noted the reported position.

16.4.1.10 Revised Ph.D. Ordinances

- 5.13 The Council noted the reported position.

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16.4.2 Recommendation of 2nd meeting of the Pay Review Committee

16.4.2.1 Minutes of 2nd Pay Review Committee.

- 5.14 The Vice Chancellor informed that the recommendations of the 2nd Pay Review Committee have since been placed before the Chancellor for kind consideration. CEO, SMVDSB stated that the Chancellor has scheduled a discussion on 8th December, 2010 at Raj Bhavan, to discuss all the issues involved, in a comprehensive manner.

16.4.3 Construction of Road Network, Drainage, Culvert in Rehabilitation Colony for Ousters of SMVD University. [Agenda Item No. 15.5, in the 15th EC Agenda]

- 5.15 The Chancellor desired the Vice Chancellor to vigorously follow up the matter and let him know if his intervention is needed at any stage.

16.4.4 Grant of Dearness Allowance to University Employees

- 5.16 The Council noted the reported status.

16.4.5 Fixing the Age of superannuation of Non-Teaching Staff members at SMVD University. [Agenda Item No. 15.7, in the 15th EC Agenda]

- 5.17 The Chancellor desired that the issue of age of superannuation of non-teaching staff should be considered by the Pay Review Committee, before its consideration by the Executive Council.

16.4.6 Recommendations of the 9th meeting of the Finance Committee

16.4.6.1 to 16.4.6.5 The Council noted the reported position.

16.4.6.6 Detailed forecasting of the requirement of funds or capital expenditure over the next five years.

- 5.18 The Chancellor desired that Vice Chancellor should timely furnish the University's requirement in regard to Capital Works for the next five years, as had been discussed at the last meeting of the Council.

16.4.7 National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT). [Agenda Item No. 15.9, in the 15th EC Agenda]

- 5.19 The Chancellor enquired about the present status of the implementation of the projects under NMEICT. The Registrar informed that 1 gbps link has since been established after initial testing and commissioning is yet to be concluded, which involves some coordination between NIC and NMEICT. The Chancellor was further informed that BSNL's request for storage space for its equipments has been agreed to by the University administration.

16.4.8 Reconstitution of Buildings & Works Committee

- 5.20 The Council noted the reported status.

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16.4.9 **Policy for teaching staff member of SMVD University. [Agenda Item No. 15.11, in the 15th EC Agenda]**

- 5.21 It was decided that the aforesaid matter would be discussed at the meeting scheduled by the Chancellor on 8th December, 2010.

16.4.10 **Reporting Items**

- 5.22 The status (as reported) was noted.

16.4.11 **Issues for discussions. [Agenda Item No. 15.13, in the 15th EC Agenda]**

16.4.11.1 **Grant of fellowship to Ph.D. students**

- 5.23 The Chancellor desired to know the to-date status in regard to the above proposal. The VC informed that a detailed proposal has been discussed in the meeting of Deans / Directors and a Committee has been constituted to examine the proposal and submit recommendations within a period of one month. The Chancellor was informed that current admissions in Ph.D programme in different disciplines are being undertaken as per UGC norms.

16.4.11.2 **MoU between SMVDU & IIM-Jammu**

- 5.24 The Chancellor observed that it would be immensely beneficial for the University to periodically assess the achievements of the MoU between SMVDU and IIM, Jammu.

16.4.11.3 **Establishing Incubators/Diagnostics at SMVDU**

- 5.25 The Chancellor enquired about the broad contours of the proposed arrangement with M/s Aceprobe and emphasized that SMVDU needs to establish very clear guidelines about such MoU's with the Industry, considering the crucial interest of the students, faculty and University.

16.4.11.4 **Feasibility for setting up of SMVD Kiosks en-route to Shrine**

- 5.26 The Vice Chancellor informed that a proposal is being formulated.

16.4.11.5 **SMVDU Colloquium Series**

- 5.27 The Chancellor expressed satisfaction at the commencement of the Colloquium Series. In this context, the possibility of Joint / Adjunct Professorship for the three Universities was discussed. Prof. Varun Sahni mentioned that the University of Jammu have set up a Vice Chancellor's Consortium to discuss about visiting / adjunct faculty and the terms and conditions governing the salary sharing agreement and pension liability. The Chancellor said that we need to think for additional remuneration for such faculty and the designation of the person in the receiving University. Prof. Riyaz Punjabi said that there is no provision for such remuneration as per the Kashmir University Statutes. Prof. Varun Sahni said that the MoU between the University of Jammu and SMVDU is in line with their Statutes.

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16.4.11.6 SMVDU Teachers Training Programme

- 5.28 The Chancellor enquired about the present status of the aforesaid proposal in regard to the SMVDU Teachers Training Programme. The VC informed that a proposal would be formulated very early.

16.4.12 Any Other Item with the permission of the Chair. [Agenda Item No. 15.14, in the 15th EC Agenda]

16.4.12.3 Meeting with legal Counsel

- 5.29 The Chancellor observed that the legal cases require vigorous follow-up at the level of the VC, on regular basis.

Item No. 16.5 Reporting Items.

16.5.1 New Staff Appointments.

- 5.30 The Council noted the reported position.

16.5.2 New Faculty Appointments.

- 5.31 The Council noted the reported position.

16.5.3 Resignation of Staff Members.

- 5.32 The Council noted the reported position.

16.5.4 Resignations/ Completion of Terms of Faculty Members.

- 5.33 The Council noted the reported position.

16.5.5 Details of Academicians/Industry Experts/Professional Practitioners

- 5.34 The Chancellor expressed satisfaction at the University's efforts in arranging the visit of Academicians/Industry Experts/Professional Practitioners to deliver lectures on various issues/subjects, conduct workshops and or/examine the project/conduct Viva-Voce of the students.

16.5.6 Details of activities conducted by the Entrepreneurship Development Cell.

- 5.35 The Chancellor desired to know the details of the beneficiaries and the outcome of the activities conducted by the Entrepreneurship Development Cell. The Vice Chancellor clarified that it is basically a capacity building cell for the benefit of surrounding areas and the College of Management is in the process of developing suitable case studies for the purpose. Prof. Vinayshil Gautam said that National Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Board of Department of Science & Technology, Board of the Ministry of Industries and Technical Consultancy Organizations in the respective States possess the required expertise for conducting such programmes and could provide expert services for creating a cadre for manning entrepreneurship cell. Prof. Riyaz Punjabi stated that University of Kashmir has been conducting similar programmes and the experts from University of Kashmir could be deputed to SMVDU if necessary.

Prof. Riyaz Punjabi

16.5.7 **Details of Students enrolled in SMVDU.**

- 5.36 The Chancellor desired to know the specific reasons for not enrolling students to M.Tech (Energy Management) course in the current Academics Session. The VC replied that admission to M.Tech (Energy Management) was suspended this year, as the University needs to secure the AICTE's approval. The Chancellor stressed the need for very early resumption of the M.Tech. (Energy Management) Programme, in view of its crucial importance to the J&K State.
- 5.37 The Chancellor desired that the tabulated information as given in the Agenda should also mention the total approved intake capacity against each course, to be able to know the capacity utilization. The VC said that the pattern of AIEEE ranking of the admitted students has shown considerable improvement.

16.5.8 **Details of National/International Seminars/ Workshops / Conferences attended by the Faculty Members of SMVD University.**

- 5.38 The Chancellor inquired about the source of funds for undertaking the visits of faculty members, to attend the national/ international Seminars, workshops, etc.
- 5.39 The VC informed that UGC had earlier given one time travel grant of Rs. 8 lakh and, besides, the resources are either provided by other funding agencies or made available from the University funds.

16.5.9 **Minutes of meetings of Deans and Directors.**

- 5.40 The Chancellor inquired about the present status of M.Tech (Computer Science & Engineering) course and whether the same has received the AICTE approval. The VC informed that the required AICTE approval is being secured and the faculty required for the same is also being recruited.

16.5.11 **Creation of New Schools.**

- 5.41 The Chancellor emphasized that adequate advance planning must be done before the courses are initiated in the School of Biology & Chemistry, particularly in regard to the availability of faculty and laboratory infrastructure.

16.5.12 **Certificate course in Ethical Values.**

- 5.42 The VC informed that the Academic Council has recommended that the original Nomenclature of the Course i.e "Professional Ethics" be retained. Prof. Vinayshil Gautam said that IIT, Delhi, has a National Centre for Ethics for Engineers for engineering students and advised the VC to study the model at IIT, Delhi, which has been operational for many years.
- 5.43 Prof. Misra, Dean, College of Humanities & Social Sciences explained that this course is meant to be a value addition to the existing curriculum for B.Tech. students. Prof. Vinayshil Gautam emphasized that there is a need to delineate professionalism from Ethics and provide a behavioral dimension to it. The Chancellor stressed that the Campus environment at the SMVDU should be based on an intellectual foundation, which should serve as a role model for all other Universities in the State.

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- 5.44 The Chancellor inquired about the response to the afore-cited Course to which Prof. Misra replied that when the course was named as "Professional Ethics", more than 30 students had expressed their willingness to enroll for the same. However, on changing the name, not even a single student came forward for enrolment. Prof. Gautam remarked that the above course should be a part of the larger curriculum and should not be run as a distinct course. The Chancellor further desired that there should be series of Talks spread over semesters instead of having stereo typed lectures; as well as Inter- University Debating and Declamation Contests related to Professional Ethics.

16.5.13 Discontinuation of M.Tech.[Energy Management] course.

- 5.45 The VC stated that admissions to M.Tech. (Energy Management) course would be resumed, soon after the requisite approval is secured from the AICTE.

16.5.15 Appointment of Public Information Officer

- 5.46 The CEO, SMVDSB pointed out the requirement of designating the Appellate Authority, under the J&K Right to Information Act, 2009. The Council desired the VC to take necessary action on urgent basis.
- 5.47 The Members remarked that person designated as the Public Information officer by the University should be of the higher rank (of the level of an Assistant Registrar). The VC stated that the vacant posts of Assistant Registrars are being filled up shortly and one of the persons so appointed would be designated as the PIO.

16.5.17 Visit to JNU, Delhi University, ERNET INDIA and M/s. INVENTUM Technologies Noida.

- 5.48 The Chancellor inquired about the outcome of the visit of Mr. Naveen Gondhi, I/c Director, Network Centre who visited JNU, Delhi University, ERNET India and M/s INVENTUM TECHNOLOGIES Noida from 9th of August to 12th of August 2010 to survey the latest network technologies being utilized in their centre of excellence for networking. The VC informed that the aforesaid visit was aimed at exploration of new techniques, for adoption in the University.
- 5.49 The Chancellor further inquired about the status of placement on the Campus. The VC informed that the Campus placement trend has considerably improved over the last year and several known private companies visited the University Campus this year.

16.5.19 Constitution of 'Reflectia'- Publication Repository Group.

- 5.50 The Chancellor appreciated the initiatives taken by the university.

16.5.20 Celebration of Software Freedom Day.

- 5.51 On a query from the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor informed that Open Source Software is being utilized in the University and besides, the aforesaid celebration has provided exposure to the students in regard to the latest developments in the field.

16.5.21 Setting up of Diagnostics/ Incubators at SMVDU.

- 5.52 The Chancellor stressed the need for defining broad parameters, through adequate consultations, for securing the University-Industry collaborations in future, while keeping the University's interest in view. The Chancellor further desired to know about

the statutory requirement of consultation with any Statutory Body of the University, before arriving at any understanding with M/s ACERPROBE Technologies (India). It was agreed that the VC would suitably examine all aspects in this regard.

16.5.22 Constitution of Anti Ragging Committee & Anti Ragging Squad at SMVDU.

5.53 The Chancellor appreciated the aforesaid initiative taken by the University.

16.5.23 Educational (enterprise) Resource Planning [ERP] project sanctioned under the National Mission on Education through Information Communication Technology [NMEICT]

5.54 While appreciating the University for becoming a part of this prestigious project, the Chancellor wanted to know its outcome achieved by the University. The Vice Chancellor stated that ERP project would facilitate E-programming at a very low cost and achieve automation in several Administrative, Financial and Academic processes within the University.

16.5.24 Closure of B.Tech. Admissions

5.55 The Chancellor desired that the tabular statement indicating admission details must also include a column reflecting the number of sanctioned seats, in regard to each Branch of Engineering, to ascertain the capacity utilization.

16.5.25 Award of Ph.D. degree to Mr. Amit Kumar Garg, Assistant Professor, School of Electronics & Communication Engineering

5.56 The Council noted the reported position.

16.5.26 to 16.5.32

5.57 The Council noted the reported information

16.5.33 Prof. V.Verma, Dean College of Sciences & Director, School of Biotechnology awarded the Industrial Medal Award for the year 2009 in recognition of his pioneering work in field of Microbial Biotechnology.

5.58 The Council noted the reported position.

16.5.34 ISRO sponsored Project titled "Design & Demonstration of a Set of Algorithm for High Reliability Wireless Data Acquisition & Control"

5.59 The Council expressed satisfaction at the reported position.

16.5.35 INSPIRE Camp II : An innovative program for School Children

5.60 Expressing satisfaction at the aforesaid initiative, the Council noted the reported position.

Roop Kumar

AGENDA ITEMS

Item No. 16.6 Decisions taken by the Academic Council in its 14th meeting held on the 27th Oct'10.

16.6.1 Considering adoption of UGC Regulations with respect to Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities & Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of the standards in Higher Education 2010

(i) **Minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers & other academic staff.**

5.61 The Council adopted the UGC Regulations in regard to the Minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers and other academic staff.

(ii) **Adoption of Revised Pay Scales, Service Conditions & Career Advancement Scheme including age of superannuation.**

5.62 The Vice Chancellor informed about the decision taken at the 10th Meeting of the Executive Council (held on 17th August 2007) regarding the age of superannuation for the faculty members, keeping in view the performance and medical fitness. It was further informed that the teaching faculties in the Central Universities superannuate at the age of 65 years, as against 60 years in the case of State Universities. The Chancellor stated that the J&K State Government is yet to decide on the retirement age in respect of Universities of Kashmir and Jammu (from 60 to 62 years). It was agreed that the SMVDU would continue to adopt a flexible policy with regard to the age of superannuation considering the overall shortage of faculty. In this context, it was agreed that, till further review, the faculty members should be retired at the age of 62 years, whereafter they could be re-employed (upto the age of 65 years) on the basis of critical performance review, with the approval of the Executive Council.

(iii) **Adoption of Leave rules as notified by UGC.**

5.63 It was decided that an internal committee should be constituted by the Vice Chancellor, to look into the Leave Rules as notified by the UGC to closely examine its overall implications for the University.

5.64 The Chancellor desired that an updated version (to-date) copy of the SMVDU's Revised Statutes/ Ordinances should be prepared and placed before the Council at its next meeting.

(iv) **Incentives for Ph.D. / M.Phil. and other Higher Qualifications:**

5.65 The Executive Council adopted the UGC Regulations (notified on 30-6-2010) in regard to Ph.D / M.Phil and other qualifications and desired that the relevant University Statutes be suitably amended.

16.6.2 Considering the proposal to shift 03 Faculty Members of Chemistry to School of Biology & Chemistry.

5.66 The Council approved the recommendation of the Academic Council (at its meeting held on 27-10-2010) to shift 03 Faculty Members of School of Chemistry to the School of Biology & Chemistry, subject to the condition that the proposed arrangement does not alter the inter-se seniority position in regard to the concerned faculty members.

16.6.3 **Ratification of the provisions governing residence of students and their discipline, etc., as proposed in the Hostel Residents Guide Book.**

- 5.67 The Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB stated that Hostel Residents Guide is an important legal document, prescribing punishment for an act of indiscipline including ragging and there is ample scope for improving its language/ context. Referring to the term, "Dismissal" used in the aforesaid document, the Chancellor desired to know whether such phrase is commonly used in other Universities and suggested the use of the term, "expulsion/rustification". He expressed the need for clearly defining the composition of the Disciplinary Committee. The Council approved the adoption of the Hostel Residents Guide Book, subject to aforesaid observations.

16.6.4 **Considering the adoption of modified Ordinances governing Ph.D. Programme at SMVDU**

- 5.68 The Executive Council approved the adoption of the modified Ordinances governing Ph.d. Programme, subject to their being fully consistent with the UGC's Regulations/ Norms.

16.6.5 **Considering the adoption of modified norms governing Sponsored Research & Consultancy at SMVDU**

- 5.69 The Chancellor inquired about the norms being followed at the IITs, regarding the Sponsored Research & Consultancy. Prof. Vinayshil Gautam stated that 35% of the Project Fund is credited to the institute and SMVDU could devise its own norms for encouraging the Sponsored Research & Consultancy. The Vice Chancellor added that the aforesaid proposal was adequately debated in the meeting of the Deans / Directors.
- 5.70 After a brief discussion, the Council approved the proposal in regard to the modified norms governing Sponsored Research & Consultancy.

16.6.6 **Considering relaxation in Attendance for Students representing the University in different Sports & Cultural events.**

- 5.71 The Council approved the proposal for Relaxation in Attendance for Students representing the University in different Sports and Cultural events.

16.6.7 **Proposal for approving the list of Research Scholars, MBA & MBA [Business Economics] Students, and B.Tech. [Computer Science & Engineering], B.Tech. [Electronics & Communication Engineering], B.Tech. [Mechanical Engineering] and B.Tech. [Industrial Biotechnology] students qualifying for the issue of their respective Degrees.**

- 5.72 The list of Research Scholars, MBA & MBA [Business Economics] Students, and B.Tech. [Computer Science & Engineering], B.Tech. [Electronics & Communication Engineering], B.Tech. [Mechanical Engineering] and B.Tech. [Industrial Biotechnology] students qualifying for the issue of their respective Degrees; was approved by the Executive Council.
- 5.73 It was further decided that the Vice Chancellor shall timely furnish a proposal to the Chancellor for scheduling the University Convocation before March 2011.

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16.6.8 **Considering proposal for introduction of 2 year full-time PG course, "M.Tech. [Electronics & Communication Engineering] from August 2011.**

- 5.74 The Executive Council approved the introduction of M.Tech. (Electronics & Communication Engineering) program from Academic Session 2011-12, subject to prior approval from the AICTE.

16.6.9 **Considering proposal for introduction of 2 year full-time PG course, "Masters in Transportation & Environment – Landscape Planning".**

- 5.75 The Executive Council approved the proposal to introduce a 2 year full time PG Course in Transportation & Environment-Landscape Planning, subject to the qualified faculty being appointed before undertaking the admission to the aforesaid programme.

16.6.10 **List of Scientists from IIIM-Jammu [CSIR Lab] who have applied for Registration as Supervisors at SMVDU.**

- 5.76 The Executive Council approved the recommendations of the Academic Council in regard to the aforesaid proposal.

16.6.11 **Establishment of a Dogri Research Centre at SMVDU**

- 5.77 Referring to the discussion at the last meeting of the Executive Council, the Chancellor pointed out that he had particularly stressed upon the need for undertaking a well considered assessment of the level of attainment and the nature of activities of the Department of Dogri at the University of Jammu, before a similar Department is considered to be established at SMVDU to ensure against any avoidable duplication. He regretted that the aforesaid proposal has been brought up again before the Council, without any reference whatsoever to the discussions at the last meeting and any assessment carried out in this behalf.

- 5.78 Prof. Riyaz Punjabi opined that the proposed Centre should adopt a diversified approach, by including other languages like Gojri and Pahari. Prof. Vinayshil Gautam suggested setting up a Centre for the study of comparative literature. The Chancellor stressed the need for an integrated approach for the study of Literature and Languages.

- 5.79 After detailed discussions, it was decided that Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU and Prof. Vinayshil Gautam would timely meet and prepare an approach paper for his consideration.

16.6.12 **Creation of posts of non-teaching staff for specific purposes.**

- 5.80 The Chancellor observed that the proposal does not mention any details in regard to the annual financial implication and source of funding and desired to know the justification for the aforesaid posts, particularly when a large number of teaching/ non-teaching posts continue to remain vacant. He added that the proposal would need to be referred to him by the VC, with adequate justification and aforesaid details.

Item No. 16.7 **Revised panel of Expert nominees of the Executive Council for the various Selection No. Committees for recruitment of Faculty positions at SMVD University.**

- 5.81 The Council ratified the panel of Experts Nominees of the Executive Council for various selection committees for recruitment to Faculty Positions as approved by the Chancellor.

The Chancellor kindly agreed to the VC's suggestions to further carry out revision, wherever necessary, in the aforesaid panel, with the Chancellor's approval.

Item No. 16.8 Grant of Dearness Allowance to University employees as per Central Govt. norms.

- 5.82 The Council approved the enhancement of DA from the existing rate of 35% to 45% with effect from 1st July 2010, in favour of the University employees.

Item No: 16.9 Recommendations of the Finance Committee (via circulation).

16.9.1 Adoption of Annual Accounts of SMVDU for FY 2009-10

- 5.83 The Executive Council approved the adoption of Audited Annual Accounts of the SMVD University for the Financial year 2009-10, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

16.9.2 Engagement of Statutory Auditors FY 2010-11

- 5.84 The Executive Council ratified the appointment of M/s. Gupta Gupta & Associates, Jammu as Statutory Auditors of the University for Financial year 2010-2011.

Item No. 16.10 Reconstitution of Building & Works Committee.

- 5.85 The Council approved the adoption of amended ordinance as provided at chapter 10 of the Statutes, Ordinances & Regulations governing Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, consequent to the necessary amendments approved by the Executive Council at its 15th meeting held on 03/05/2010.

Item No. 16.11 Issues for discussion.

Proposal of opening off-shore campuses in SARRC countries for exchange programme

- 5.86 It was decided that a well considered approach would be formulated and an Approach Paper would be placed before the Chancellor for consideration.

Item No. 16.12 Any Other Item with the permission of the Chair.

16.12.1 Decisions taken by the University Building & Works Committee in its meeting held on 19th Nov'10.

16.12.1.1 Construction of Level III – A Residential Quarters

- 5.87 The Executive Council approved the recommendations of the Building & Works Committee to construct one block of level III A residences comprising 12 units [2 BHK], with 4 units each at the ground, 1st and 2nd floors, at an estimated cost of 180.00 lakh (to be completed within a period of 12 months from the date of commencement of work) from out of the funds received from the University Grants Commission.

16.12.1.2 to 16.12.1.7

- 5.88 The CEO, SMVDSB pointed out as several residential buildings, constructed in the past reportedly continue to remain unoccupied, while several faculty members have been ^{Committing} connecting from Jammu and at the same time drawing HRA from the University. The VC clarified that the University has already stopped payment of HRA to faculty members

who have refused to reside on the Campus. However, adequate faculty quarters are required as a number of new faculty members are likely to join the University in the coming months.

- 5.89 The Chancellor observed that the University needs to closely examine the land availability within the Campus and prepare a long term plan for infrastructure development, based on its academic plans. The Chancellor desired that the VC should come up with a comprehensive proposal, which would be discussed during his next visit to the Campus.

16.12.1.8 Street Lights for Boys Hostel, Nilgiri & Vidhyanchal.

- 5.90 The Council approved the recommendation of the Building & Works Committee in regard to the provision of street lights (along with luminaries) for the new boy's hostels (Nilgiri and Vidhyanchal) at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.02 Lakh.

16.12.1.9 Construction, installation and commissioning of 100 KVA transformer sub-station along with its 11 KV overhead network for sports complex.

- 5.91 The Council approved the recommendation of the Building & Works Committee to supply, install, and test and commission 100 KVA transformer sub-station along with its allied 11 KV H.T. distribution network at an estimated cost of Rs. 9.40 Lakh.

16.12.2 Considering revision in the Fee Refund Rules of the University.

- 5.92 The Executive Council decided to adopt the proposed revised Fee Refund Rules.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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