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MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF SHRI MATA VAISHNO DEVI UNIVERSITY HELD ON 22nd OF AUGUST, 2001 AT J&K HOUSE, CHANAKYAPURI, NEW DELHI.

PRESENT

1. Shri G.C. Saxena, Governor J&K, Chancellor (in the Chair)
2. Professor B.B. Chattoo, Vice-Chancellor
3. Mr. Justice T.S. Thakur
4. Shri R.S. Pawar
5. Professor P. Rama Rao
6. Professor N. Balakrishnan
7. Ms. Sushma Choudhary, I.A.S.
8. Dr. S.S. Bloeria, I.A.S.
9. Shri B.B. Vyas, I.A.S.
10. Dr. C.M. Seth, I.F.S., Registrar

The Chancellor at the outset made a mention of the sad demise of Shri Dewang Mehta, former President of National Association of Software Service Companies (NASSCOM), who was associated with Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University as a member of the Search Committee for the post of the Vice-Chancellor and as a member of Academic Advisory Committee. One minute's silence was observed for the peace of departed soul.

2/00 Before the Agenda was taken up for consideration, the Chancellor made the following observations :

- i) He welcomed Professor B.B. Chattoo as the first Vice-Chancellor of SMVD University and said that he is an eminent biotechnologist who has won national honours. He wished him the best of luck and all success. The other members were also welcomed to the 2nd meeting of the Executive Council.

- ii) He attributed the delay of about one year in the fixed schedule regarding the establishment of the University and problems in the land acquisition process resulting from internal disputes and resistance being offered by the land-owners and hoped that by the end of September 2001, a substantial portion of the land will come in the possession of the University, as a new Collector has been posted to expedite the process.
- iii) The Master Plan of the Campus had already been finalized. A brief presentation of the Plan was made by Mr. Sumit Ghosh, architect. The members made certain suggestions for improvements in the Master Plan. The Architect said, he will keep in mind all the points while designing the individual blocks.
- iv) While explaining the financial position of the University, it was given out that the provision of Rs. 20 crores as seed money as well as recurring annual grant of Rs. 3 crores per year by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, will not be sufficient to meet the requirements and the growing needs of the University and that additional resources shall have to be generated as donations. Members were requested to think of ways and means to raise resources. One of the suggestions was to raise loan from SMVDSB out of its surplus funds to be repaid in easy installments along with interest or get a loan from a Financial Institution which can be underwritten by SMVDSB.
- v) There were several suggestions from other members also for mobilizing additional financial resources for the University, such as, online contribution, from NRIs living in other countries who can claim Income Tax exemptions as per rules operating in their respective countries.
- vi) Emphasis was laid on comprehensive computer connectivity and IT based management systems in the University.
- vii) Involvement of members was requested in the search for good faculty.
- viii) The need was highlighted for fresh thinking on the procedures for admissions and determination of fee structure.

Thereafter, the Agenda was taken up for consideration.

2/01 Confirmation of the Minutes.

Resolved that the minutes of the Executive Council meeting held on 30th September 2000, be confirmed.

- 2/02 Report about action taken on the decisions of the Executive Council in its meeting held on September 30, 2000.

Resolved that action taken be noted.

- 2/03 Constitution of Academic Advisory Committee.

Resolved that the action taken be noted.

- 2/04 Arrangements for Water Supply to Campus.

Resolved that the proposal be approved. Resolved further that arrangements for treatment of water be also made.

- 2/05 Arrangements for Electric Supply.

Resolved that the proposal be approved.

- 2/06 Providing leased-line dedicated optical fibre connectivity and computerization of the University.

A presentation on IT connectivity was made by Mr. Abhinav Dhar of NIIT, Delhi. Different proposals received from NICS, VSNL, STPI were also discussed. Some of the members suggested that the latest technology of wireless connectivity be also considered.

It was resolved that before a final decision is taken, a sub-group of experts drawn from Executive Council and Academic Advisory Committee be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to consider the various options and make specific recommendations to the Council at its next meeting.

- 2/07 Consideration of proposal regarding creation and filling up of the post of Director IT.

Resolved that the proposal be approved.

- 2/08 Constituting of Project Construction Management Group.

Resolved that the proposal be approved.

2/09 Delegation of powers in respect of the Construction Wing.

Resolved that the proposal be approved.

2/10 Creation of positions of non-teaching staff for the University.

Resolved that the positions as proposed be approved, except the position of Cashier, whose work may be performed by Account Assistant.

Resolved further that IT based service unit be created after the Director IT is appointed.

Resolved also that rest of the posts be filled up by the Vice-Chancellor, to run the day-to-day working of the University. It was also emphasized that the University should adopt modern management culture and drastically reduce, if not altogether eliminate, employment of Class IV employees.

2/11 Pay Scales of Non-teaching Staff.

It was resolved that the matter regarding the pay scales and the recruitment rules and procedures to be adopted by the University be deliberated in the meetings of the sub-group to be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor for this purpose.

Resolved further that services of Finance Officer may be obtained on deputation basis, if considered desirable, by the University till full-fledged Accounts Wing is established and the workload demands the services of a permanent incumbent.

2/12 Introduction of Triple Benefit Scheme or CPF-cum-Gratuity Scheme.

Resolved that CPF-cum-Gratuity Scheme be adopted and modalities worked out accordingly.

2/13 Approval of logo of the University.

Resolved that LOGO be approved.

The choice of motto was zeroed down to बुद्धि उ सारथि
The Vice-Chancellor, however, desired to consult more scholars for a better motto. It was resolved that the matter be further examined in consultation with scholars and, in case no better alternative is available within one month, the matter as proposed be taken as approved and final.

2/14 Approval of holidays to be observed by the University.

Resolved that the Vice-Chancellor be authorized to finalize the list of holidays to be observed by the University, taking into consideration the proposed list.

Resolved further that the University should observe six-day week in order to maximize the contact hours and achieve the target of 180 days' teaching in a year as proposed by the UGC.

2/15 Report about the membership of AIU & ACU.

Resolved that the report be noted.

2/16 Report about the drafting of Ordinances and compilation of the University Calendar.

Resolved that the report be noted.

Resolved further that the rules of Jammu & Kashmir Universities be not imitated and only the best rules suiting the requirements of the University be incorporated. It was also resolved that a sub-group be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor in order to finalize the rules and regulations.

2/17 Approval of Budget Estimates for the year 2001-02.

Resolved that the Budget Estimates be approved to meet the expenditure requirement of the current year.

Resolved further that in case higher allocations are needed for construction programmes after the land is taken possession of, the same be reflected in the revised estimates.

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

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CHANCELLOR


REGISTRAR