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MINUTES OF THE 28TH MEETING OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 16TH FEBRUARY 2012 IN BOARD ROOM, NEW VC BLOCK

The following were present:

1. Prof. M. Aslam	Vice Chancellor	Chairman
2. Prof. B. S. Sharma	Member, BOM	Member
3. Prof. Geeta Kaicker	Director, SOS	Member
4. Prof Gopinath Pradhan	Director, SOSS	Member
5. Dr. Ravi P: Singh	Director, RSD	Member Secretary
6. Dr. C. K. Ghosh	Nodal Officer, CCU	Special Invitee
7. Dr. Bini Toms	Deputy Director, EDNERU	Special Invitee

Officers of RSD and EDNERU were also present to assist the Committee.

At the beginning, Director (RSD) welcomed the Chairman and the members attending the Meeting of the Student Support Services Committee. He informed that the 28th Meeting of the Committee was being held after a gap of almost three years. He highlighted the importance of the Committee as a Standing Committee of the Board of Management and also read out the powers and functions delegated to the Committee.

The Chairman then addressed the Meeting. He re-iterated the importance of the Committee. He desired that the Committee should meet frequently; at least, once in three months. He emphasized that there is a need for complete revamping of the Regional Support Services, keeping in view 'student-first' approach. It was also emphasized that the Study Centres be multi-faceted delivery centres for student support services.

The Member Secretary then presented the agenda item.

Item No. 28.1: To present status note on the activities of RSD since the 27th Meeting of the SSSC.

The Committee was informed about the status of new Learners' Support Networks since the 27th Meeting of the SSSC. The Committee deliberated on the status report and endorsed the same. Prof. Sharma suggested that there is a need for restructuring of Study Centres with futuristic implications. The financial aspects of the Study Centres were also discussed and Prof. Sharma even suggested for exploring a revenue model for service delivery at Study Centres. It was decided that a Sub-Committee may study the whole issue as a Research Project.

Item No. 28.2: To approve the proposal received from Director DEC (temporarily posted at Zonal Centre), Regional Centre, Thiruvananthapuram for hiring of building for Zonal Centre

The Chairman re-iterated the decision of the University for establishment of Zonal Centres. He emphasized the need of strengthening the Regional Centres to begin with and then concentrating on Zonal Centres. He also informed that a High Power Committee constituted by the BOM is already studying the mandate of the University in the light of the laid Act and Statutes. Its outcome may have a bearing on the University's existing Student Support Services network also. Therefore, we may wait for the Report of the Committee.

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Item No. 28.3: To decide about the scope of SSSC in respect of students enrolled under Community College Scheme and Convergence Scheme.

It was informed that a High Power Committee has already been constituted to look into all aspects of Convergence Scheme and the Community College Scheme and, therefore, the item/matter was deferred without any discussion.

Item No. 28.4: To approve payment of Coordinator/PIC during the ad-interim period after resignation and before notification of new Coordinator/PIC.

The proposal was approved by the Committee. With regard to pending cases for retrospective payments, the Committee decided that administrative decisions be taken by the Division.

✓ **Item No. 28.5: To approve:**

- a) proposals for appointment of new Coordinator/PICs at existing LSCs
- b) proposals for establishment of new LSCs.
- c) proposals for activation of programmes in existing LSCs
- d) proposals for closure/keeping in abeyance of LSCs.

The Committee constituted a Sub-Committee with the following members to look into all such proposals:

1. Prof Gopinath Pradhan	Director, SOSS	Member
2. Dr. C. K. Ghosh	Nodal Officer, CCU	Member
3. Prof. Geeta Kaicker	Director, SOS	Member
4. Director/Jt. Director	RSD	Convener

Further, it was decided that the Sub-Committee shall meet at least once in a month for clearing all such proposals or as and when required.

Item No. 28.6: To report the status of enhancement of the payment norms by the Finance Committee and the Board of Management.

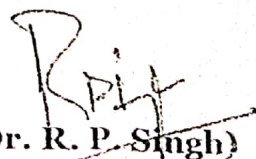
The Committee acknowledged that the present payment norms need revision with effect from July 2012. Final decision in this regard shall be taken after the High Power Committee submits its Report.

Item No. 28.7: To report the status of proposal to the BOM regarding rationalization of manpower at Regional Centres.

The status report was presented before the Committee and it was decided that a final decision in this regard shall be taken after the High Power Committee submits its Report.

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

(Prof. M. Aslam)
Vice-Chancellor & Chairman


(Dr. R. P. Singh)
Director (RSD) & Member Secretary, SSSC