

**HEMVATI NANDAN BAHUGUNA GARHWAL UNIVERSITY
SRINAGAR GARHWAL**

**Minutes of 10th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on
June 29, 2016**

The 10th meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 29th June, 2016 in the Committee Room, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi.

Following members were present-

1. Prof. Jawahar Lal Kaul, Vice Chancellor - Chairman
2. Dr. K.P. Singh, Joint Secretary (C.U.), - Member
UGC, New Delhi
3. Shri R.D. Sahay, Ex- Joint Secretary, - Member
MHRD
4. Shri A.K. Dogra, Ex- Financial Adviser, - Member
UGC
5. Mr. Mahmood Fazal, Dy. Secretary (Fin), - Representing
MHRD JS&FA, MHRD
6. Shri Surat Singh, Dy. Secretary (C.U.), - Representing
MHRD J.S., MHRD
7. Dr. Padmakar Mishra, Finance Officer, - Ex officio,
HNBGU Secretary

Prof. D.S. Negi, OSD (VC Secretariat) and Er. Vijaynand Bahuguna, Ex. Engineer (I/C) also attended the meeting as special invitees.

At the outset the Chairman welcomed all members of the Finance Committee and expressed gratitude to the outside members of the Finance Committee who in spite of their busy schedule agreed to attend the meeting. The Committee also expressed thanks to the outgoing member of the Finance Committee Prof. A.K. Gupta, Director, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology.



Thereafter the agenda items were taken up. After having extensive discussions and deliberations, the following resolutions were made:-

Agenda Item No. 1: To Confirm the Minutes of the 9th Meeting of Finance Committee held on January 23, 2016.

RESOLUTION

The minutes were confirmed after a brief discussion.

Agenda Item No. 2: Any issue arising out of the Minutes.

Shri K.P. Singh, Joint Secretary, UGC suggested that the minor change suggested earlier by him be incorporated. This reads as follows under Agenda Item no. 2 regarding the power point presentation made by the University " UGC would meet the requirement by way of additional Grant or by re-appropriation".

Further, he also suggested that the University may go ahead with the process of granting Non-NET fellowship as they would continue.

Agenda Item No. 3: To consider and approve the "Action Taken Report" on the decisions taken by the Finance Committee in its 9th Meeting held on 23.01.2016.

RESOLUTION

The Action taken reports were approved with the following suggestions:

- (a) Regarding the delegation of financial powers to certain officers of the university, the committee suggested that the university may constitute a committee to frame detailed delegation of financial powers at all levels in line with the GFR 2005 and Delegation of Financial Power Rules as also on the basis of the practice followed in other central universities.



(b) The committee advised the university to prepare the white paper on self financing courses being run at present as suggested earlier, at the earliest. The committee desired that the white paper should be in the form of a comprehensive viability report and must be placed in its next meeting. There was also a suggestion that Shri Surat Singh, Dy. Secretary (CU), MHRD may be co-opted as a member on the Committee which is to prepare the details.

(c) The committee emphasized upon the speedy settlement of pending advances. The Finance Officer informed that there has been appreciable progress on this front and almost 50% cases of old pending advances have been settled. The committee expressed satisfaction over the progress and desired that in the next meeting up to date information with figures be presented.

Agenda Item No. 4: A power point presentation to apprise the august body regarding various developmental activities of the university along with progress of expenditure under Plan and Non-Plan grants. (Annexure-3).

RESOLUTION

The committee while appreciating the progress of expenditure under Plan and Non-Plan, suggested that while awarding/assigning the work to State Govt. agencies their mandate for carrying out a particular work must be kept in mind.

Agenda Item No. 5: To consider and approve the unaudited Annual Accounts 2015-16 of the university.

RESOLUTION

While going through the un-audited annual accounts of the university for the year 2015-16, the committee noted that provisions for pensionary benefits have not been projected in the accounts based on actuary valuations. The Finance Officer explained that HNB Garhwal University was earlier a state university and was subsequently converted into a central university in 2009. The rationalization report of various posts, their pay scales and grade pay as received from the UGC were still in the process of being



implemented and some of the pensionary benefits like leave salary encashment for the teaching staff and medical facilities were still unclear. The University was not in a position to make a projection. He further informed that the Vice-Chancellor in the capacity of Chairman of Finance Committee and the Executive Council, approved the Annual Accounts 2015-16 and the same was submitted to Director General Audit (Central), Allahabad for conducting audit. This was done to meet the deadline for submission of annual accounts with SAR to the MHRD. The Finance Officer assured the committee that the projection of provision of pensionary benefits would be taken up in a right earnest and be included in the annual accounts of the current financial year i.e. 2016-17.

The Committee while approving the unaudited annual accounts for the year 2015-16, however, desired that the university should make efforts to make this projection in consultation with actuary experts preferably in the present accounts itself and include it in the annual accounts which has been submitted for audit.

Agenda Item No. 6: To report the audited Annual Accounts for the year 2014-15 of the University.

RESOLUTION

The Committee noted the same.

Agenda Item No. 7: Details of Pending audit paras/observations raised by the C&AG.

RESOLUTION

The Finance Committee went through the observations and directed the university to make all out efforts to get them settled at the earliest.

~~Agenda Item No.8: To convey the instruction issued by the MHRD vide letter No. F.No. 61-19/2015-Desk(U) dated March 3, 2016 on "Improving financial management and strict compliance of rules/procedures in the central universities". .~~

RESOLUTION

The committee noted the same.



Agenda Item No. 09: To consider the proposal for enhancement in the honorarium being paid to Non-NET, Non-Ph.D. part time/guest teachers.

RESOLUTION

On the request of the Chairman, the agenda item was withdrawn.

Agenda Item No. 10: To consider the proposal for enhancement in the honorarium being paid to two Yoga Instructors from Rs. 15,000/- to Rs. 20,000/- p.m.

RESOLUTION

In view of the UGC letter in this regard, the committee approved the proposal to pay Rs. 20000/-pm to the two Yoga Instructors from the available funds under the relevant head of Plan grants.

Agenda Item No. 11: To consider the proposal for enhancement in the payment to Daily Wages employees who have completed more than ten years of service.

RESOLUTION

The Finance Committee directed that the proposal be re-examined in the light of DoPT guidelines 1993 in this regard and ascertain if the scheme of grant of temporary status to daily wagers is still in operation or not. It was also suggested that Ministry of Labour guidelines for according/upgrading the category of semi skilled/skilled/highly skilled be also explored in order to give relief to such daily wage employees who have been working for a considerable period of time.

Agenda Item No. 12: To consider the proposal for allocation/Ear marking of an additional amount of 300 lakhs for making interest non-interest bearing advance to the regular employees for the purpose of House Building Advance, conveyance advance, festival advance, computer advance, motorcar advance etc. from the past savings available with the university. (Annexure-11)

RESOLUTION

The Finance Committee approved the proposal of ear-marking/allocating Rs. 300.00 lacs from the past savings provided it was a carry forward from the funds granted by the State Govt. The



Committee was also informed that Rs. 200.00 lacs was already included in the annual Non-Plan Budget for this purpose. Thus the total available funds would be Rs. 500.00 lacs which would be given as loan for various purposes as per Govt. of India rules laid down in this regard.

The Finance Committee desired that a proposal for the utilization of the remaining amount of Rs. 600.00 lacs out of a balance/fund of Rs-900.00 lacs be presented in the next meeting of Finance Committee.

Agenda Item No. 13: Reporting of re-appropriation of fund allocation within sub-head of Non Salary items under non-plan budget for the year 2015-16 on account of preparation for NAAC team visit. (Annexure-12)

RESOLUTION

The Committee noted it.

Agenda Item No. 14:

- A- Reporting of committed payment of Rs. 700 lakhs to CPWD for slope protection work at Chauras Campus and special repairs/renovation of Tehri Campus staff quarters.**
- B- To consider the balance liabilities amounting Rs. 335.684 lakhs (271.07 + 64.614 lakhs) on these works from the interest accrued on plan and other accounts /Internal receipts of University:-**

RESOLUTION

After brief discussion, the Committee approved the proposal of the university. Dr. K.P. Singh, JS, UGC indicated that the release of the remaining amount of Rs.8.71crores for the first phase of slope protection work was under the active consideration of the UGC.



Any other Agenda with the permission of the Chair

Any other Agenda-01:

- X Extending additional benefits to Dr. Suresh Kumar Chandola, Assistant Professor in the Department of History of the University who was appointed after 01-01-2004 and unfortunately died in harness. (Annexure-A)

Consequent upon the implementation of the New Pension Scheme with effect from 01-01-2004 the benefits of Invalid Pension/Disability Pension and Family Pension/Extraordinary Family Pension/Liberalized Pensionary Award relief are not available to the Government servants who have been appointed after 01-01-2004.

A High Level Task Force (HLTF) constituted by the Government of India has recommended certain additional benefits that can be provided on death or discharge on invalidation/disability of a Government servant covered by the New Pension Scheme. Considering the hardship faced by the employees appointed on or after 01-01-2004, pending the formulation of rules regulating these benefits, Hon'ble President has been pleased to extend certain benefits in the interim. These have been conveyed vide letter no 38/41/06/P&PW(A), Govt. of India, Minister of Personnel Public Grievances and Pensions, Deptt. of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, New Delhi dt. 5th May, 2009. Apart from the above PFRDA have also issued certain guidelines regarding the same.

The case of Dr.Chandola for additional benefits after his untimely demise under the NPS is submitted for the consideration of the Finance Committee. (Annexure-A)

RESOLUTION

The Finance Committee directed the university that the issue may be regulated as per the office Memo issued in this regard by the the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension, Govt. of India and the necessary benefit may be extended as per rules.

Any other Agenda-02:

Budget Estimates 2016-17 of the University based on the legitimate requirement.

In response to the UGC letter No. 21-2/2015(CU) dated 22 December, 2015 the University submitted the Revised Budget Estimates 2015-16 (Non-Plan) in the prescribed format which also contained a column for indicating the requirement for B.E. 2016-17. This was duly submitted to the UGC on 18th January, 2016. The Finance Committee approved the R.B.E. 2015-16 and the Budget Estimates 2016-17 vide agenda item no. 04 in its 9th meeting held on dated 23rd January, 2016.

The **B.E. 2016-17** was to the tune of **Rs. 15038.04 Lakhs** (Salary Rs. 10481.56 Lakhs, other components 957.90 Lakhs, pension & pensionary benefits Rs. 665.58 Lakhs and Non-salary Rs. 2933.00 Lakhs).

Subsequently in response to the UGC letter No. 21-2/2016(CU) dated 04th May, 2016 regarding the Legitimate requirement under Budget Estimates 2016-17(Non-Plan) the University submitted the same to the UGC on 30th May, 2016. The total **B.E. 2016-17 stood at Rs. 16278.32 lakhs** (Salary Rs. 10481.56 lakhs, other components 1080.68 lakhs, pension & pensionary benefits Rs. 665.58 lakhs and Non-salary Rs. 4050.50 lakhs). The increase is mainly on account of Non-Salary the major portion of which the University hopes to meet mainly through its internal resources.

The Legitimate requirement under B.E. 2016-17 is submitted for approval of the Finance Committee. **(Annexure-B)**

RESOLUTION

The Finance Committee approved the B.E. 2016-17 framed on the basis of legitimate requirements in response to UGC letter No. 21-2/2016(CU) dated 04.05.2016 with the observation that the actual amount will be sanctioned against the estimates submitted by the university after discussion with university officials in the meeting at the UGC.

The B.E 2016-17 (legitimate requirement) is as follows:

Items	B.E. 2016-17 (Rs. In lacs)
Salary	10481.56
Other Components	1080.68
Pension & Pensionary benefits	665.58
Non Salary	4050.50
Total	16278.32

Any other Agenda-03:

Rectification of the tasks amounting to Rs. 579.749 lacs instead of Rs. 561.339 lacs.

The Building Committee in its meeting dated 15.02.2016 under agenda item .No. 3 approved the tasks amounting to Rs. 561.33 lacs as well as an amount of Rs. 18.41 lacs under agenda item No. 11 for "providing and laying of overhead LT line at SRT Campus, Tehri. However inadvertently this amount of Rs. 18.41 lacs was left out while making the resolution and a total amount of Rs. 561.339 lacs was approved instead of Rs. 579.749 lacs (Rs. 561.339 lacs + Rs. 18.41 lacs = Rs. 579.749 lacs).

It is proposed that a total amount of Rs. 579.749 lacs instead of Rs. 561.339 lacs may be considered for rectification.


RESOLUTION

The Finance Committee approved the proposed rectification.

The Meeting ended with a thanks to the Chair.

Note: The Final Minutes may be read along with the observations received from Shri Fazal Mehmood, Dy. Secretary (Fin), Integrated Finance Division, MHRD vide letter No. 9-8/2014-IFD dated 19.08.2016. The above mentioned observations shall be treated as an integral part of the Minutes which is Annexed with the Minutes.


Prof . J. L. Kaul
Vice Chancellor


Dr. Padmakar Mishra
Finance Officer