

Central University of Bihar
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MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

No. 01 OF THE YEAR – 2009

SATURDAY, THE OCTOBER 10TH, 2009, AT 11.00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 1. | Prof. Janak Pandey, Vice Chancellor | - Ex-Officio Chairman |
| 2. | Prof. Sachidanand | - Member |
| 3. | Prof. A. Lakshmi Nath | - Member |
| 4. | Prof. N.R. Farooqui | - Member |
| 5. | Prof. V. Mukunda Das | - Member |
| 6. | Prof. Y.D. Prasad | - Member |
| 7. | Prof. Bhikshu Satyapal | - Member |
| 8. | Prof. V.C. Pande | - Member |
| 9. | Prof. Santosh C. Panda | - Member |
| 10. | Prof. A.C. Sinha | - Member |
| 11. | Prof. R.K. Sinha | - Member |
| 12. | Prof. Manju Mehta | - Member |
| 13. | Prof. M.K. Das | - Member |
| 14. | Prof. S.K. Srivastava | - Member |
| | Mrs. Rashmi Tripathi | Deputy Registrar - Secretary |

Members who could not attend on account of pre- occupation :-

1. Prof. S.C. Lakhotia
2. Prof. G.R. Desiraju
3. Prof. Nandu Ram
4. Prof. S. Parasuraman
5. Prof. 'Amita Chatterjee
6. Prof. A.K. Bhatnagar

Note : Prof. M.N. Ahmad Ansari has resigned on health grounds and the MHRD has been communicated for necessary action.

Agenda No.01/09

The Vice-Chancellor to welcome the members to the first meeting of the first Academic Council of the Central University of Bihar followed by introduction of the Hon'ble members, under the Central Universities Act, 2009, and to share with the members his views on the academic state of the University, the developments in the academic sphere since the enforcement of the Act on January 15, 2009, and academic imperatives and objectives as a Central University.

Resolution No.01/09

At the outset, the Vice Chancellor extended a warm welcome to the Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council to its first meeting, after the enforcement of the Central Universities Act, 2009 w .e .f. 15th January, 2009 and expressed confidence that with the support of the distinguished members, the University would march ahead efficiently.

The Vice-Chancellor introduced each member, highlighting their eminence in their respective fields. He presented an over-view of developments since his assumption of office on 2nd March, 2009 and highlighted the tasks ahead for fulfilling the objects for which the Central University of Bihar was established.

The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members with the Act and the Statutes and the challenging task of framing the Ordinances. He stated that the Central Government had requested the University to

commence its work in the State Capital, pending the finalization of its location. He expressed gratitude to Prof. H.C. Pande, Vice-Chancellor Emeritus, Birla Institute of Technology and Prof. V. Mukunda Das, Chandragupt Institute of Management by providing space and enabling the University to commence academic functioning.

The Vice-Chancellor also briefed the members about the multidisciplinary Master Programme in Development Studies (**MDS**) of the University, and Entrance Test for the Academic Session 2009-2010, which was conducted at Patna, New Delhi and Mumbai facilitating selection of its first batch of 30 students. In the absence of regular faculty, the programme has taken off with the valuable help of contract / visiting faculty. In addition to supplement quality faculty the collaborative support of reputed institutions such as the TISS (Mumbai), IGIDR (Mumbai) and the IDS (Jaipur) have been also received.

The members congratulated the Vice-Chancellor for making a sound beginning and assured him of their unstinted support and cooperation in his constructive endeavours.

The members were confident that the University would through its programmes, projects and outreach, make notable contributions to overall development of its locale. The members further appreciated the progress made by the University and its decision to launch innovative MDS under the School of Social Sciences and policy.

The members further suggested the following for the development of the University :-

- (i) Collaboration with other national and international institutions.
- (ii) Create environment of learning with quality academic ambience.
- (iii) Experts and professionals working in various settings should be invited for interaction with students.

Agenda No.02/09

The Secretary to report, for bringing on record, the Notification of the Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Secondary and Higher Education, No. F.42-4/2009-Desk (U) dated 30-07-2009, intimating the constitution of the first Academic Council of the University by the Government of India, under Section 44(d) of the Central Universities Act, 2009, for a term of three years with immediate effect.

Resolution No. 02/09 The Academic Council resolved that the Notification No.F.42/4/2009-Desk(U), dated 30th July, 2009 intimating the Constitution of the First Academic Council of the University for a term of three years with immediate effect be recorded (vide Annexure-1).

Agenda No.03/09

The Secretary to request the Academic Council to record the new Central Universities Act, 2009 and the first Statute made thereunder :-

"Gazette Notification published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part-II, Section-1 (No.25 of 2009), New Delhi, dated 20-03-2009, whereby the Government of India notified the 15-01-2009 as the day on which all the provisions of the Central Universities Act, 2009 shall come into force".

Resolution No. 03/09 The Secretary apprised the Academic Council that the Act and the Statutes made thereunder had already been circulated to the Hon'ble Members for their kind perusal.

The Academic Council resolved that the Central Universities Act, 2009 (including the Statutes made thereunder) be recorded.

Agenda No.04/09

In pursuance of Clause No.6(4) of Statute, to report the order dated 20.08.2009 of the Vice-Chancellor, in appointing Mrs. Rashmi Tripathi, Deputy Registrar (**on deputation**), to act as Secretary of the Academic Council, till the Office of the Registrar is vacant.

Note: Said order reported to the Executive Council held on 12th September, 2009.

(The said Order is circulated vide ANNEXURE-2)

Note: Mrs. Rashmi Tripathi, Deputy Registrar withdrew when the item was discussed and decided.

Resolution No.04/09 The Chairman pointed out that Statute 6(4) prescribed that "when the office of the Registrar is vacant or when the Registrar is, by reason of illness, absence or any other cause, unable to perform the duties of his office, the duties of the office shall be performed by such person as the Vice-Chancellor may appoint for the purpose", and such duties include the ex-officio functions of the Secretary of the Executive Council and the Academic Council.

The Academic Council **resolved** that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor, in pursuance of the Statute 6(4), in appointing Mrs. Rashmi Tripathi, Deputy Registrar (on deputation) to act as Secretary of the Executive Council and the Academic Council (vide Annexure-2), till the office of the Registrar is vacant, be approved.

Agenda No.05/09 The Chairman to propose that gratitude be suitably expressed and recorded to **Her Excellency, the President of India, the Government of India** and the Members of the Houses of Parliament, the University Grants Commission, for their role and contribution in establishing the new Central University of Bihar.

In addition to the above, the Chairman also to propose thanks and gratitude to the Chief Minister and other functionaries of the State Government of Bihar, and specially to Prof. H.C. Pande, Vice-Chancellor Emeritus, BIT, Patna.

Note: The Executive Council vide Resolution No. 05/09 dated 12.09.2009 whole-heartedly acknowledged gratitude.

Resolution No.05/09 The Chairman stated that with the enactment of the Central Universities Act, 2009, the Central University of Bihar has come in existence, for which the University community, including members of the Academic

Council and the public at large, were deeply indebted to Her Excellency, the President of India, the Members of the Council of the Ministers, the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, the Hon'ble Members of the Houses of Parliament, the University Grants Commission and to all others who have played a constructive role and made contributions in the establishment and operationalization of the Central University of Bihar.

The Members of the *Academic Council* associated themselves wholeheartedly with the acknowledgement of gratitude by the Vice-Chancellor, and unanimously **resolved** as follows :-

"The first meeting of the Academic Council of the Central University of Bihar articulates a deep sense of indebtedness to Her Excellency, the President of India, the Hon'ble Members of the Council of Ministers and the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India and the Hon'ble Members of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha and the University Grants Commission for the enactment of the Central Universities Act, 2009 leading to the establishment of the Central University of Bihar.

The Academic Council also records its gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar, Shri Nitish Kumar, the Chief Secretary, the Principal Secretary, HRD and other functionaries of the Bihar Government, and to Prof. H.C. Pande, Vice-Chancellor Emeritus, Birla Institute of Technology–Mesra, Patna for making available space temporarily for Camp Office and other academic activities and to other well-wishers of the University, for their sterling role and contributions in the establishment and operationalization of the University."

The Academic Council further **resolved** to join the Vice-Chancellor in sincerely thanking Prof. V. Mukunda Das, Director, Chandragupt Institute of Management, for extending all support and cooperation to the University, in the initiation of its functioning in the premises of the Institute.

Agenda No.06/09

The Chairman to make a statement on the task ahead for fulfilling the objects of the University and apprising with the decision of the Executive Council regarding constitution of a Committee consisting of representatives of the Executive Council and the Academic Council and other experts identified by the Vice Chancellor for preparing a Road Map.

Resolution No.06/09

The Chairman briefed the members about the **Resolution No.09/09** of the Executive Council (12th September, 2009) to constitute a Group consisting of three members each from the Executive Council and the Academic Council and other eminent scholars, for preparing a Road Map for the development of the University.

The Chairman further informed the members that in addition to the Master Programme in Development Studies (MDS), which has already commenced, further planning for the proposed Five-Year Integrated Master Programme in Statistics and Mathematics, Actuarial Science, and such other inter-disciplinary areas as may appear feasible and relevant in the context of available recourses and expertise, has to begin.

The Academic Council resolved that the Vice-Chancellor is authorized to nominate three persons to the Group from unrepresented areas of Law, Science, and Technology from amongst the members of Academic Council, to prepare the short-term and long-term Vision Plan for the development of the University.

Agenda No.07/09

The Secretary to report Order dated 25-06-2009 of the Vice-Chancellor in exercising his emergency power as laid down under section 11 (3) of the Central Universities Act, 2009 in framing Ordinance as per the provision of under Section 28 (2) of the Central Universities Act, 2009 which empowers the Vice-Chancellor to make the first Ordinances with the previous approval of the Executive Council.

Note: (1) Since the Executive Council was not constituted, keeping in view of the certain academic programmes to commence in the Academic Session 2009-10, and accordingly to conduct the process of admission to the relevant academic programmes, it was necessitated to pass and implement the above Order.

(2) The Executive Council vide Resolution No. 11/09 dated 12.09.2009 endorsed the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

Resolution No.07/09 The Secretary reported that as the Executive Council was constituted only on 30th July 2009, but in the meantime it was imperative to commence academic programmes for the academic session 2009-10 and conduct the process of admissions thereto, which necessitated the provision of a Transitory Ordinance for the purpose, to fulfil the requirement of Section 28(1)(a) of the Central Universities Act, 2009. Accordingly, the Vice-Chancellor was called upon to frame, under Section 28(2) of the Act, the Ordinance on "Admissions to Courses of Study in the University", and also to approve the same on behalf of the Executive Council, by issuing Order dated 25th June, 2009, in exercise of his emergency power as laid down in Section 11(3) of the Act. The said Transitory Ordinance would stand incorporated in the first Ordinances upon their promulgation.

The Academic Council **resolved** that the said Order of the Vice-Chancellor, dated 25th June, 2009, and the "Ordinance on Admissions to Courses of Study in the University" (*vide* Annexure-2) approved thereby on behalf of the Executive Council, be endorsed and recorded.

Agenda No.08/09

In pursuance of the Order of the Vice-Chancellor dated 25-06-2009, the Secretary to report action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in exercising his emergency power as laid down under Section 11 (3) of the Central Universities Act, 2009, in approving the **"(i) Regulations for Admission to the Masters Programme in Development Studies, and**

(ii) Regulations on Teaching and Evaluation for the Master's Programme (M.A./M.Sc.) in Development Studies".

Note: The Executive Council vide Resolution No.11/09 dated 12-09-2009 endorsed the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

Resolution No.08/09 The Secretary reported that clause 2 of the Ordinance on Admissions to Courses of Study in the University (*vide* Resolution No.07/09), empowered the Vice-Chancellor, pending the framing of Regulations under clause 1 of the Ordinance, to make and give effect to rules and provisions on matters relating to admissions, which shall have the same force as the said Regulations, and shall be reported to the Academic and Executive Councils. Accordingly, the Vice-Chancellor had made and given effect to the following Regulations, by separate Orders dated June 25th, 2009, and the same had been reported to and endorsed by the Executive Council.

The Academic Council resolved that the said Orders of the Vice-Chancellor and the Regulations framed and enforced thereby (*vide* Annexures 4-'A' and 'B') be approved and recorded.

Agenda No.09/09 In pursuance of the following Clause No.2 of the Regulations of Teaching and Evaluation for the Master's Programme (M.A./M.Sc.) in Development Studies to report the curriculum of the Master Programme as developed through Workshops/Meetings :-

"2. Pending the appointment of regular and adjunct faculty for the Centre, the Curriculum of the Master Programme shall be developed (through Workshops/Meetings) by eminent experts identified by the Chairman of the Academic Council. The curriculum of the Master Programme so developed shall be reported to the Academic Council for approval."

Resolution No.09/09 The Chairman invited the attention of the Members to the circulated documentation and the initial and revised Course structures of the Master's Programme (M.A./M.Sc.) in Development Studies (*vide* Annexure-5). While reviewing the emergence of Development Studies as

a field of academic enquiry in the post-colonial context, he pointed out that concentration of institutions imparting courses in the discipline is in the developed countries. He further highlighted the need to bridge the gap between the Developing States and Development Studies. In our own country, the lead has been taken by some of the leading institutions in western India (TISS and IGIDR, Mumbai), with courses grounded generally on economic development. The University has, through the Centre of Development Studies under the School of Social Sciences and Policy, endeavoured to proceed on a more holistic approach to development while not losing sight of the need to anchor such courses in Economics. He gave a brief account of the sequence of consultation with scholars and professionals, through two Workshops and a Review Meeting, which gave special attention to Pedagogy and the processes to be followed in teaching, research and practice, that resulted in the detailed formulation of the course, which was presented at a special "Curtain Raiser" Symposium attended by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar and other academic experts which drew an appreciative response.

The members then discussed in detail the course structure that includes Foundation, Core and Specialized courses, with Training/Fieldwork, Project/Dissertation components, distributed over four Semesters, aggregating to 80 credits (with one Credit representing around ten class contact hours). Members offered detailed observations and suggestions on specific courses and components of the Programme. They argued the need for greater or more specific emphasis on :

- Gender
- Tribal
- Social justice issues
- Development experience
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Quantitative skills
- Incorporation of Human Development
- Science and Technology components

- Futuristic concerns and perspectives
- Rural change
- Language and Culture
- Industrial Development and Policy matters
- Assignment of Rural case Studies
- Rigorous Protocols of fieldwork
- Enlarging the Elective Specialisations to enable the students to proceed to research work.

It was specially argued that a number of laws have been passed by State and National Legislature and Nation's Parliament related to social justice, social development and environmental protection encouraging sustainable development. It was suggested that either a course on law and development should be planned or in various courses a module be added to cover relevant material. The relevant legal aspects should be integrated with each course.

Some members held that the course was heavy, with 80 credits, and needed to be scaled down to around 64-70 credits, whereas others felt that the credits for some constituents needed to be raised. It was also felt that the course had many laudable features, but needed to contend with the challenges of placement, to be really successful and worthwhile. The comments, recommendations and critiques of the members were carefully noted by the Secretary for further consideration and revision work to be undertaken soon.

The Chairman thanked the members for their valuable interventions and advice, and while submitting that some of their views were already reflected in the broad structure of the Programme, or would in the normal course be woven into the detailed contents of each course as developed by the concerned instructors, gave the assurance that all steps would be taken to integrate or underscore their ideas and concerns in the Programme.

The Academic Council **resolved** that the course structure of the Master's Programme (M.A./M.Sc.) in Development Studies, as presented in a revised form, be approved, while recording the assurance of the Chairman regarding incorporation of the suggestions and advice received from the members and for which consensus was arrived at.

Agenda No.10/09

The Secretary to report the Action Plan for Academic and Administrative Reforms, as communicated by the University Grants Commission vide their Notification D.O. No. F.1-2/2008 (XI Plan), dated March, 2009.

Note: (1) The Action Plan Outlines main steps, the Central and State Universities and other education institution of higher education need to consider and adopt in respect of

- ***Semester System***
- ***Choice-based credit system***
- ***Curriculum Development***
- ***Admission procedures***
- ***Examination Reforms***

(2) The Notification of University Grants Commission already reported to the Executive Council in its meeting held on 12th September, 2009 and the Executive Council resolved to report it to the Academic Council for approval and its implementation.

Resolution No. 10/09 The Academic Council **resolved** that Action Plan for Academic and Administrative Reforms, as communicated by the University Grants Commission, by Notification D.O. No. F.1-2/2008 (XI Plan) of March 2009, on speedy and substantive academic and administrative reforms in higher education for promotion of quality and excellence in University(vide Annexure-6), which had been recommended by the Executive Council on 12th September, 2009, be approved, recorded and implemented.

Agenda No.11/09

The Secretary to report the proposal submitted to the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi by the Vice Chancellor for Annual Plan

of Academic Programmes and Physical Infrastructure for the year 2009-2010 and subsequent receipt of D.O. No. F.24-36/2009 (CU), dated 26-06-2009 of the UGC regarding introduction of courses from this Academic Session and approval of following Academic Programmes and Teaching and Non-Teaching positions :-

- (i) Academic Programmes – PG Programme in Development Studies
PG Programme in Mathematics
PG Programme in Statistics
- (ii) Teaching Positions – 18
- (iii) Non-Teaching Positions – 27

Note: *The proposal for Annual Plan for Academic Programmes and Physical Infrastructure for the year 2009-2010 reported to the Executive Council in its meeting held on 12th September, 2009.*

Resolution No.11/09 The Secretary reported that the proposal submitted by the Vice-Chancellor to the UGC in respect of the Annual Plan for Academic Programmes and Physical Infrastructure for the year 2009-10, and for creation of teaching and non-teaching positions had been endorsed by the Executive Council by Resolution No. 16/09, dated 12th September, 2009.

The Chairman pointed out that the University Grants Commission has sanctioned a post of Assistant Librarian. In view of the anticipated requirements for library facilities and services, it would be appropriate to have an additional post of Deputy Librarian. He further stated that since the University's academic vision and plans and developmental perspective did not envisage conventional structures and processes for examinations and evaluations, and instead posited experiential learning and open and on-going (continuous) evaluation, with the key roles of course instructors, mentors and academic committees, the functions of the Controller of Examinations needed to be re-conceptualised away from arranging for and superintending the examinations, as prescribed in Statute 8(5), and towards the analysis and coordination of the Choice-Based Credit Systems and varieties of assessment and evaluatory modes, as postulated in the Action Programme for academic

and examination reforms, and the concurrent maintenance and monitoring of the academic and performance records of students and also the records of alumni.

The Academic Council **resolved** that the proposal submitted by the Vice-Chancellor to the UGC in respect of the Annual Plan for Academic Programmes and Physical Infrastructure for the year 2009-10, and for creation of teaching and non-teaching positions and the sanction order of the UGC in this regard (*vide* Annexures 7-'A' & 'B'), which had been endorsed by the Executive Council by Resolution No. 16/09, be recorded and approved for implementation.

The Academic Council further **resolved** that the UGC be approached to approve one additional post of Deputy Librarian in the appropriate Pay Band and Grade Pay.

The Academic Council also **resolved** that the UGC be requested to reconsider the role and functions of the Controller of Examinations, in the context of the postulated programme of academic and examination reforms, and in the meantime to agree to keeping the sanctioned post of Controller of Examination in abeyance and providing instead for a Deputy Registrar (Academics), who would maintain the academic and performance records of students and also the records of alumni.

Agenda No.12/09

The Chairman to apprise the Academic Council regarding follow up action related to approved programme, sanctioned positions (Academic positions) by the University Grants Commission.

- (i) Academic Programme of Master in Development Studies launched in 2009-10.
- (ii) Faculty positions (Contractual / Visiting) for Development Studies have been advertised nationally. The process of selections is in progress.

Note: *The approved Academic Programme and sanctioned positions of the University Grants Commission already*

reported to the Executive Council in its meeting held on 12th September, 2009.

Resolution No.12/09 The Chairman apprised the Academic Council of the follow up action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in respect of the approved academic programme, by instituting and commencing the Master in Development Studies, and the sanctioned academic and non-academic positions, by issuing appropriate advertisements (*vide* Annexure-8). The Chairman also stated that the same had been reported to the Executive Council meeting held on 12th September, 2009, and further that he as the Vice-Chancellor had, in pursuance of established practice in Central Universities and other institutions of higher learning, directed that, pending the filling of the sanctioned academic positions on regular basis, faculty be engaged on contractual basis on appropriate terms and conditions, commensurate with qualifications, experience and nature of academic work to be assigned, for periods of not more than eleven months in any one instance.

The Academic Council **resolved** that the action taken as aforesaid, in pursuance of the sanction of the UGC for Academic Programmes and Academic and Administrative Positions, be approved and recorded.

The Academic Council also **resolved** that the engagement of contract faculty for 11 months, till the sanctioned academic positions are filled on regular basis, be approved (*vide* Annexure-8).

Agenda No.13/09 To report the decision of the Executive Council made in its meeting held on 12th September, 2009, regarding collaborative programme between CUB and the Times Group for finalization of **Emblem (Logo and Motto)** of the University.

Resolution No.13/09 The Chairman apprised the members of the collaborative arrangement between the Central University of Bihar and the Times Group to facilitate and finalize the selection of the Emblem (Logo and Motto) of

the University, through a national search exercise which would conclude with a National Seminar on "Quality in Higher Education". Out of the total estimated budget of Rs. 16.00 lakh, as quoted by the Times Group and vetted at the level of the University, Rs. 10 lakh would be borne by the Times Group and the remaining Rs. 6.00 lakh by the University. The arrangement had been endorsed by the Executive Council, by **Resolution No. 18/09, dated 12th September, 2009, which also provided for distribution of awards to the best selected designs for the Emblems :**

1st Prize - Rs. 50,000/-

2nd & 3rd Prize (Rs.5000/- each) - Rs. 10,000/-

The Academic Council commended the Chair for this innovative approach in Emblem selection, and **resolved** that the decision of the Executive Council in this regard be recorded.

Agenda No.14/09 The Chairman to present a proposal for introduction of Five-Year Integrated Programmes from the next Academic Session 2010-2011 and requirement of academic positions and infrastructure.

Resolution No.14/09 The Chairman stated that on account of the paucity of time, and the constraints of space and infrastructure, the Five-Year Integrated Masters Programme could not be initiated in the current Academic Session (2009-10), as desired by the University Grants Commission. The detailed scheme of the Programme has to be specified in terms of subjects/inter-disciplinary areas, and experts have to be consulted to develop the Programme in different disciplines/areas.

The Academic Council **resolved** that the difficulties in commencing the Five-Year Integrated Masters Programme in the Academic Session 2009-2010, as desired by the University Grants Commission, be recorded.

The Academic Council further resolved that the proposal for instituting Five-Year Integrated Masters Programmes in Development Studies, Mathematics, Applied Statistics, Computer Science and Actuarial Science, from the next Academic Session, i.e. 2010-11, and the scheme and broad structure of the programmes (*vide* Annexure-9) should further be examined. The Academic Council authorised the Vice-Chancellor to appoint Expert Committee(s) and to take other steps to develop the Programmes and further examine feasibility of specific programmes which could be launched in 2010-2011.

Agenda No.15/09 Any other items, if any, to be further added with the permission of the Chair.

Resolution No.15/09 The Chairman apprised the members of the Academic Council with the following :

Agenda No.15/09 (i) The Ordinance provide increase of the quantum of fees by 10% annually and 10% of fees to be used as fee waiver to deserving students.

Resolution No.15/09 (i) The Academic Council resolved that the action of the University to increase the quantum of fees by 10% annually and 10% of fees to be used as fee waiver to deserving students be recorded.

Agenda No. 15/09 (ii) The 'Earn-while-you-Learn Scheme' has been launched to encourage students to become self-reliant and assist in administrative and academic task (*vide* Annexure-10).

Resolution No.15/09 (ii) The Chairman apprised the members that a number of students have quit their jobs to join the MDS programme, and some of them are also in need of financial assistance. There are a number of jobs which students can enthusiastically do upto a

maximum of 10 hour(s) per week and be paid Rs.25/- per hour for the same as approved by the Executive Council. To avoid misuse and for sustenance of the scheme, necessary rules will be framed and implemented.

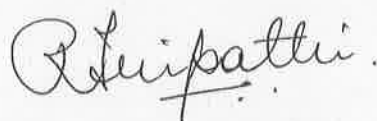
The Academic Council appreciated the initiative taken by the University to make students self-reliant and **resolved** to record.

Agenda No.15/09 (iii) The proposal of Prof. R.K. Sinha, to institute a School of Earth, Biological and Environmental Sciences (*vide* Annexure-11).

Resolution No.15/09 (iii) The Academic Council **resolved** that the proposal to institute a School of Earth, Biological and Environmental Sciences, be approved in principle and recommended that the proposal should be fully discussed by the Expert Group constituted by the Executive Council and the Academic Council.

Agenda No.15/09 (iv) It was suggested by some members that a Centre for Conflict Resolution and Harmony, named after Mahatma Gandhi, be also instituted.

Resolution No.15/09 (iv) The Members expressed appreciation and support for this proposal and **resolved** that the proposal to establish a Centre for Conflict Resolution and Harmony named after Mahatma Gandhi be considered by the Expert Group constituted by the Executive Council and the Academic Council.



(Mrs. Rashmi Tripathi)
Deputy Registrar
&
Secretary



(Prof. Janak Pandey)
Vice Chancellor