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**Minutes
Of
33rd Meeting of the Finance Committee
Held on 04.02.2022 at 11:30 AM**

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The 33rd Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 04.02.2022 at 11:30 AM onwards.
The following members were present in meeting: -

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| 1. Professor Sat Prakash Bansal
Vice- Chancellor | Chairman |
| 2. Professor S. K. Garg
Nominee of the Executive Council | Member |
| 3. Prof. Kulbhushan Chandel
Nominee of the Court | Member |
| 4. Sh. Rai Singh Thakur
Nominee of the Executive Council | Member |
| 5. Dr. Hari Singh
Nominee of the Executive Council | Member |
| 6. Sh. Mohamed Rizwan
Director (IFD)
Ministry of Education
(Nominee of Jt. Secretary & FA, MOE) | Ex-Officio Member |
| 7. Sh. C.P. Ratnakarn
Under Secretary, MOE | Ex-Officio Member |
| 8. Sh. H.C. Yadav
Section Officer, UGC
(Nominee of Joint Secretary, UGC) | Ex-Officio Member |
| 9. Prof. Vishal Sood
Registrar (Addl. Charge) | Special Invitee Member |
| 10. Sh. Narinder Kumar
Finance Officer | Ex-Officio Secretary |

Prof. S.K. Garg, Nominee of Executive Council, Sh. Mohamed Rizwan, Director (IFD), Ministry of Education and Sh. C.P. Ratnakarn, Under Secretary, MOE attended the meeting through Google Suite/video conferencing.

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Thereafter, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor apprised the members about the Agenda Items tabled for discussion. After brief general discussion, each item was taken up for discussion in detail. The item-wise details of discussion held and decision taken are as under:-

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL :

Item No. 33.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 32nd Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 01.10.2021 (Annexure - 33.1)

The minutes of the 32nd Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 01.10.2021 are placed at Annexure 33.1 for the kind perusal and confirmation of the Hon'ble Members.

With reference to the Minutes of 31st Meeting of Finance Committee circulated on dated 01.10.2021, the observations of the IFD & UGC are as follows:-

IFD Observations:-

1) Agenda Item No. 32.1 regarding purchase of new vehicle for VC.

It was communicated to CU Himachal Pradesh that purchase of new vehicle for VC should be within the ceiling prescribed by the Department of Expenditure vide their OM No. 03(1)/E-IIA/2009 dated 06.08.2014. However, in the draft minutes, it has been stated that the decision taken by the majority be given due cognizance and implemented.

In this regard, it is stated that no decision, even if taken by majority, can violate Government of India instruction on the subject. Therefore, the following amendments are proposed for incorporation in the minutes.

"No decision can violate Government of India instructions even if taken by majority. If University feels the need for any particular vehicle for the VC, due to particular terrain/ geography of the area, costing above the Department of Expenditure instructions, a suitable proposal with valid justification along with FC/ EC recommendation may be forwarded to Ministry of Education for taking approval of Department of Expenditure".

2) Agenda item No. 32.6 regarding self-financing scheme for UG & PG courses in CU Himachal Pradesh.

University is proposing to create 05 seats under self-finance and 05 seats for International students/ NRI supernumerary in each department for the purpose of making University self-reliant in the future. In this regard, the following comments are proposed:

"IFD is not agreeing to the proposal. University is advised to restrict itself at this stage to first fill the sanctioned seats in each Department, For the purpose of IRG, the fee structure for the already sanctioned seats may be suitably decided".

3) Agenda Item No. 32.8 regarding proceedings of Building Works committee.

The following amendments are proposed:

"University is advised to follow the DPR already approved and begin the construction at the earliest".

4) Agenda item No. 32.9 regarding remuneration to Driver and Cook.

The following amendments are proposed:

"This being an administrative issue may be decided at administrative level and the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor authorized to take a final view in the matter as provided under the rules. Hence, agenda item is withdrawn".

UGC Observations:-

Item No	Agenda	University Comments	UGC Comment
FC: 32/ 01	Confirmation of the minutes of the 31st Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27.08.2021.	The comments of the IFD stand of incorporated in the Minutes circulated on dated 27.08.2021 at page No. 10. Hence revised Minutes need not to be issued. The comments of IFD as quoted above were discussed by the members and it was decided that the decision taken by the majority be given due cognizance and implemented. Further all the comments as stated above be placed before the Executive Council for final decision.	UGC reiterates that the purchase of staff cars be regulated strictly as per O.M. No. 03(1)/E-IIA/2009 dated 06th August 2014 issued by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure regarding revision of guidelines for purchase of staff cars which provides that the Models of cars with Net Dealer Price (NDP) of upto Rs. 4,75,000/- available in the DGS&D Rate Contract only can be considered for purchase as staff car.
FC: 32/ 06	To Place before the Finance Committee proposal for UG & PG Courses in CUHP.	The Finance Committee were informed that a meeting of Academic Council was held on 29th of September, 2021 with regard to Self-Finance seats in various departments for UG & PG Students in CUHP. The Finance Committee deliberated upon the recommendations of the Academic Council and recommended that 05 seats under Self-Financing and 05 seats for International students/NRI as per recommendations of the Academic Council may be created supernumerary in each department. It will help the University to be self-reliant in near future. However, it is further re-iterated that no additional posts shall be given for said supernumerary seats. Accordingly the recommendations of Finance Committee be placed for approval of Executive Council.	University may take the appropriate action as conveyed by the IFD of MoE vide letter No. F.9 3/2018-IFD.pt dated 06 th October, 2021.

FC: 32/ 08	To place before the Finance Committee proceedings of Building Works Committee.	The Finance Committee deliberated upon the proceedings of Building Works Committee and accorded its approval including the MOU. The committee further deliberated upon the observation submitted by the UGC and MoE and decided that the new agency i.e. CPWD shall prepare the need based new DPR with minor changes (additions/ alterations) as per requirement. Finance Committee appreciated the view point of Building Works Committee that the executing agency i.e. CPWD shall ensure the quality construction work inclusive of all infrastructural basic amenities, furniture & fixture etc. and ready to use possession of all the proposed buildings, Auditorium, Examination Centre etc.. Further it was decided that the CPWD should ensure the execution of work in a time bound manner so that Academic activities do not suffer on this score.	The University is advised to initiate the work as per approved DPR and to send the works more than Rs. 75 Lakhs to UGC for seeking approval of the UGC standing committee.
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The Compliance of aforesaid observations has been mentioned in the ATR at Annexure 33.2.

Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 33.1 received vide letter No. F. No.54-4/2020-CU.III dated 01.02.2022 through email dated 01.02.2022, quote "Minutes of the last meeting may be discussed and decided subject to their compliance with Government of India rules, regulations, etc."

Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 33.1 & 33.2 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU) Vol.II dated 31.01.2022 through email dated 31.01.2022 quote "The minutes of the meeting has been examined in UGC office and seems to be in order except item No. 32.6 and 32.8."

32.6 - University may take the appropriate action as conveyed by the IFD of MoE vide letter No. F. 9-3/2012-IFD.pt dated 06th October, 2021.

32.8 - University may take the appropriate action as conveyed by the IFD of MoE vide letter No. F. 9-3/2012-IFD.pt dated 06th October, 2021. However, the works more than Rs. 75.00 Lakhs may be sent to UGC for seeking approval of the UGC Standing Committee.

The observations of the CU Bureau and IFD of MoE, if any, may also be considered while confirming the minutes and the ATR".

The Observations of IFD and UGC noted and the minutes were confirmed.

Item No. 33.2: Action Taken Report about on the decisions of the 32nd Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 01.10.2021 (Annexure-33.2).

The report of action taken on the decisions of the 32nd Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 01.10.2021 is placed before the Committee as per Annexure 33.2 for kind perusal and confirmation of the Hon'ble members.

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Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 33.2 received vide letter No. F. No.54-4/2020-CU.III dated 01.02.2022 through email dated 01.02.2022, quote "May be considered."

Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 33.1 & 33.2 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU) Vol.II dated 31.01.2022 through email dated 31.01.2022 quote "The minutes of the meeting has been examined in UGC office and seems to be in order except item No. 32.6 and 32.8."

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The observations of the CU Bureau and IFD of MoE, if any, may also be considered while confirming the minutes and the ATR".

The action taken report on the decision of the 32nd Meeting of the Finance Committee noted & approved.

Item No. 33.3 Status of Annual Accounts/Audit Paras/Utilization of Funds/HEFA Projects & Computerizations etc.

- 1. Annual Account Report for discussion.**
- 2. Completion of Audit paras observations.**
- 3. Utilization of Funds received under OH-35 during the last three years.**
- 4. Progress of HEFA Projects and other normal works.**
- 5. Progress of computerization of accounting of financial matters.**

The status report in respect of above sated items is as under:-

1. Annual Account Report for discussion: - The audit of the Annual Accounts has been conducted by the audit party of Pr. Director of Audit (Central), Chandigarh w.e.f. 08.11.2021 to 21.11.2021 at Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala (H.P.). The Separate Audit Report on accounts is still awaited.

2. Completion of Audit paras observations: -A Standing Audit Committee has been constituted vide letter No. 1-6/CUHP/GA/2010/Vol.-IX/3040-46 dated 10.07.2018 to review the progress of settlement of audit paras. The first meeting of said committee was convened on 13.10.2020 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of CUHP wherein a detailed discussion in respect of each outstanding paras was held. Based on the said discussion of each Audit Para reply with reference to record was prepared and placed before the Audit Party visited recently w.e.f. 17.02.2022 onwards to conduct the transaction Audit for the Financial Year 2019-20 to 2020-21. Most of the para have been recommended for settlement except those which are sub-judice due to pending court cases. The final outcome shall be reported in next meeting.

3. Utilization of Funds received under OH-35 during the last three years: The unspent funds of Rs. 3741.84 Lakhs of 11th & 12th Plan available with CUHP has been approved for construction activities of new Campus building

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at Dehra Campus by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India vide Letter No. F. No. 4-12/2020-CU-VII dated 10th December, 2021 (**Annexure 33.3**). The said amount is being utilized for development of Campus at Dehra Campus.

4. Progress of HEFA Projects and other normal works: - HEFA projects in CUHP yet to be implemented.

5. Progress of computerization of accounting of financial matters:-

- I. The fee is being collected through on-line mode.
- II. Tally software is being utilized for accounting purpose.
- III. The payment under OH-31, OH35 and OH 36 are being released through PFMS.
- IV. New Treasury Single Account (TSA)-PFMS has been implemented. Implementation of Samarth portal is being ensured. Salary Module, account of Leave through Samarth portal has been fully operational. The inventory management through Samarth portal is under process.

Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 33.3 received vide letter No. F. No.54-4/2020-CU.III dated 01.02.2022 through email dated 01.02.2022, quote "May be discussed. Necessary action may be taken to dispose off pending audit paras. if any. Annual Accounts may be prepared as per the Revised Format of Accounts for CEIs."

Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 33.3 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU) Vol.II dated 31.01.2022 through email dated 31.01.2022 quote "

1. Annual Account Report for discussion – Noted. However, University may expedite the matter with the CAG to get the SAR at the earliest.

2. Completion of Audit paras observation – Each pending audit paras may be discussed in the meeting. University may make serious efforts to settle their pending paras.

3. Utilization of Funds received under OH-35 during the last three years – Noted.

4. Progress of HEFA Projects and other normal works – Noted.

5. Progress of computerization of accounting of financial matters – Noted".

1. Annual Account Report for discussion: - The Members of Finance Committee were apprised that the Audit of Accounts for the Financial Year 2020-21 has been conducted by the CAG. The SAR is still awaited. The Members deliberated upon the issue and directed to expedite the report within weeks' time positively.

2. Completion of Audit paras observations: - The Members were apprised that Transaction Audit for the Financial Year 2019-2020 & 2020-2021 has been conducted by the CAG w.e.f. 17.01.2022 to 28.01.2022. The compliance of Old outstanding Audit Para(s) has been shown to the Audit. The final outcome will be reported to the Finance Committee in next meeting.

3. Utilization of Funds received under OH-35 during the last three years: The Information placed on record noted.

4. Progress of HEFA Projects and other normal works:- The Hon'ble Vice-

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Chancellor apprised the Members that a Proposal for Allocation of Funds to the tune of Rs. 17.50 Crore under HEFA Scheme for Construction of Hostels and Residences for EWS Category Students and Staff of CUHP has been submitted to the Ministry of Education which may kindly be considered.

5. Progress of computerization of accounting of financial matters:- The Computerization of Accounts through PFMS, Tally Software and Smarth Portal has been implemented.

Based on above stated deliberations, the Finance Committee approved the matter and recommended for approval of the Executive Council.

Item No. 33.4 To place before the Finance Committee the Budget Estimates for the Year 2022-23 (Annexure-33.4).

The Budget Estimates for the year 2022-23 have been prepared as per provisions of Statutes 7(7) (C) and is enclosed herewith as annexure 33.5 for consideration.

Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 33.4 received vide letter No. F. No.54-4/2020-CU.III dated 01.02.2022 through email dated 01.02.2022, quote "May be discussed."

Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 33.4 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU) Vol.II dated 31.01.2022 through email dated 31.01.2022 quote "Subject to the condition that the estimates are based on the realistic assessment of requirement of funds for the University and also subject to availability of funds from Govt. of India, the Budget Estimate for the financial year 2022-23 for Salary, Recurring and Creation of Capital Assets of Central University of Himachal Pradesh may be recommended, subject to availability of funds from Government of India".

The Finance Committee considered the Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2022-23 and recommended for approval of the Executive Council.

Item No. 33.5 To place before the Finance Committee the information regarding Grants-in-Aid released by the UGC, New Delhi under Recurring-31, Capital-35 and Salary-36 components for the year 2021-22.

The UGC has released the Grant-in-aid under Recurring (31), Capital-35 and Salary(36) components for the year 2021-22 up to 31.12.2021 as per detail given below:-

			Rs. In Lakhs
Sr. No.	Head of Accounts	B.E. Allocation for 2021-22	Grant Released upto 31.12.2021
1.	Recurring-31	875.20	674.03
2.	Capital -35	300.00	225.00
3.	Salary-36	2421.50	1814.92

Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 33.5 received vide letter No. F. No.54-4/2020-CU.III dated 01.02.2022 through email dated 01.02.2022, quote "May be discussed."

Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 33.5 received vide letter No. 29-

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6/2017 (CU) Vol.II dated 31.01.2022 through email dated 31.01.2022 quote "Noted".

The Finance Committee noted the Grant released by the University Grants Commission.

Item No. 33.6 To place before the Finance Committee Research Projects received by the University from various funding agencies after the last meeting of the Finance Committee.

The detail of Research Projects sanctioned by the different funding agencies are as under:-

Sr. No.	Title of Project	Funding Agency	Duration	Sanctioned Financial Outlay (Rs.)
1.	Research Project entitled " <u>A Comprehensive Study of Metallaproteome of RNA Viruses: An Approach Towards Identification of Noval Therapeutics Targets.</u> " (Mrs. Himisha Dixit)	ICMR	03 Years	4,73,600.00
2.	Research Project entitled "Developing Emission Inventory For Non-Attainment Cities in India" (Dr. Ankit Tandon)	CSTEP	-----	13,17,500.00
3.	Research Project entitled " <u>Insight into Secretome, Metallome and Metabolic Pathways of Rickettsial Pathogens: A Way Towards Candidate Immunogens For Translational Medicine</u> " (Dr. Dixit Sharma)	DHR	03 Years	35,50,500.00
4.	Research Project entitled " <u>बौध् धर्म दर्शन का सामाजिक-रसांस्कृतिक जीवन पर प्रभाव: एक अध्ययन</u> " (Dr. Gireesh Gourav)	ICPR	03 Year	5,00,000.00
5.	UGC-BSR Research Start-Up Grant for newly recruited faculty at Assistant Professor level in Science Department of the University (Dr. Divya Nair)	UGC	03 Year	10,00,000.00
6.	UGC-BSR Research Start-Up Grant for newly recruited faculty at Assistant Professor level in Science Department of the University (Dr. Shiwani Berry)	UGC	03 Year	10,00,000.00
7.	UGC-BSR Research Start-Up Grant for newly recruited faculty at Assistant Professor level in Science Department of the University (Dr. Noorjahan)	UGC	03 Year	10,00,000.00
8.	Research Project entitled "In vivo and In vitro study on synergistic effect on medicinal plants in breast cancer of mice" (Dr. Ranjit Kumar)	NMPB	03 Year	40,10,229.00

Comments of Ministry of Education (CU Bureau) on Agenda Item 33.6 received vide letter No. F. No.54-4/2020-CU.III dated 01.02.2022 through email dated 01.02.2022, quote "May be discussed."

Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 33.6 received vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU) Vol.II dated 31.01.2022 through email dated 31.01.2022 quote "Noted".

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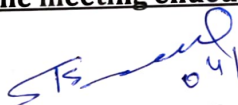
The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor apprised the Members that in addition to above stated Projects around Rs. 1.28 Crore received by the University in last Five Months. More Projects are submitted and under consideration of various funding agencies.

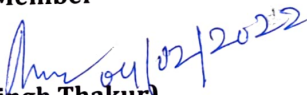
Sh. Mohamed Rizwan, Director (IFD), Ministry of Education placed an appreciation on record for getting a number of Projects and funds there under.


The Finance Committee unanimously also appreciated the efforts made by the CUHP especially by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor under whose able guidance the CUHP has succeeded to get number of Projects in a shorter duration of Five Months and advised to incur expenditure after observing all codal formalities.


Recommended for approval of the Executive Council.

The meeting ended with a vote of Thanks of the Chair.



04/02/2022
(Prof. Kulbhushan Chandel)
Member


04/02/2022
(Rai Singh Thakur)
Member



4/2/2022
(Dr. Hari Singh)
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