



SIKKIM UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF 33RD MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
HELD THROUGH ONLINE / OFFLINE MODE AT MEETING HALL BARAD
SADAN, SIKKIM UNIVERSITY, GANGTOK, SIKKIM - 737102
ON 31ST OCTOBER 2022 FROM 11:30 A.M. ONWARDS

Members present:

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| 1. Prof. Avinash Khare, Vice-Chancellor | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Pramod Tandon [EC'S Nominee] | Member |
| 3. CMA (Dr.) B.B. Mishra [EC'S Nominee] | Member |
| 4. Dr. A.N. Shankar [EC'S Nominee] | Member |
| 5. Shri Mrytyunjay Behara [Visitor's Nominee] | Member (Represented by
Mr. Praveer K. Saxena, US (CU),
MoE) |
| 6. Mrs. Darshana M. Dabral [Visitor's Nominee] | Member (Represented by
Mr. Mohammed Rizwan, Director
(Finance), IFD, MoE) |
| 7. Dr. Jitendra K. Tripathi [Visitor's Nominee] | Member |
| 8. Shri Pratap Keshari Dash [Finance Officer] | Secretary |

Shri K.V.S. Kameswara Rao, Registrar & Special Invitee could not attend the meeting as he was pre-occupied with reception of Hon'ble Minister of State for Education Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh who was visiting Sikkim University on 31.10.2022.

Dr. C.B. Chhetri, Dy. Registrar (F) I/c was present to assist the Committee.

Having been attained the quorum of the meeting, the Chairman called the meeting to order. The Chairman welcomed all the members to the 33rd meeting of the Finance Committee.

The Chairman requested Finance Officer & Secretary to present the Agenda of the Finance Committee. Having received the permission from the Chairman, the agendas were taken up one by one along with the comments of IFD, MoE & UGC on each of the Agenda items received before the date of meeting.

SECTION – 1
CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES &
ACTION TAKEN REPORT

33.1.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the 31st meeting of the Finance Committee held on 28th February, 2022:

Subject to strict compliance of relevant statutory provisions of the University and also strict compliance of the related Govt. of India instructions and guidelines including those issued by the Central Vigilance Commission, the Committee confirmed the minutes of 31st meeting of the Finance Committee held on 28th February, 2022.

33.1.2 Confirmation of the minutes of the 32nd meeting of the Finance Committee held through circulation of Agenda on 7th June, 2022:

Subject to strict compliance of relevant statutory provisions of the University and also strict compliance of the related Govt. of India instructions and guidelines including those issued by the Central Vigilance Commission, the Committee confirmed the minutes (including addendum) of 32nd meeting of the Finance Committee held through circulation of agenda on 7th June, 2022.

33.1.3 Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 31st & 32nd meeting of the Finance Committee held on 28.02.2022 & 07.06.2022 respectively:

The Secretary presented the Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 31st & 32nd meeting of the Finance Committee held on 28.02.2022 & 07.06.2022 respectively. While clarifying the comments of the IFD, MoE for procurement of new ambulance, the Secretary informed the Hon'ble members of the committee that the new ambulance vehicle (Type-II) was procured at a cost of Rs. 11.62 Lakhs through GeM on recommendation of 28th FC and with the approval of Ministry vide letter no. vide letter no. F.No. 36-4/2021-CU-V dated 16.06.2021.

After due deliberations, the Finance Committee noted the Action Taken Report on the minutes of 31st & 32nd meeting of the Finance Committee held on 28.02.2022, 07.06.2022 respectively, subject to strict compliance of relevant statutory provisions of the University and also strict compliance of the related Govt. of India instructions and guidelines including those issued by the Central Vigilance Commission.

SECTION – 2
REPORTING ITEMS

33.2.1 Settlement of XI Plan Account with the UGC:

The committee noted the refund of unspent balance of XI Plan Fund and Merged Scheme along with the interest amounting Rs.1138.34 Lakhs to the UGC vide University letter No.SU/NEW-UC 2021-22F/378 dated 15.07.2022 in compliance to the UGC letter No F.30-1/2007(CU) dated 04.07.2022.

33.2.2 Approval for Extension of proposal for setting up of permanent campus of Sikkim University at Yangang and Physical/Financial Progress of the Project till 30.09.2022:

The committee noted the approval for extension of permanent campus construction project of Sikkim University at Yangang upto 31.12.2024 accorded by the Ministry vide letter no.F.No.36-I/2018-CU-V dated 03.08.2022 subject to the condition that there will not be any cost overrun. The committee also noted the slow Physical and Financial Progress of the campus construction Project till 30.09.2022. The Finance Committee advised the University to expedite the process for completion of the building project within the stipulated period i.e. 31.12.2024 subject to strict compliance of the relevant statutory provisions the University and also strict compliance of the related Govt. of India instructions and guidelines including those issued by the Central Vigilance Commission and University.

33.2.3 Submission of Quarterly Utilization Certificate as on 01.04.2022, 01.7.2022 and 01.10.2022 under Salary Head (36), Recurring Head (31) & Capital Assets (35) for the Financial Year 2022-23:

The committee noted the submission of Quarterly Utilization Certificate as on 01.04.2022, 01.7.2022 and 01.10.2022 under Salary Head (36), Recurring Head (31) & Capital Assets (35) for the Financial Year 2022-23.

Minimal utilization of the Capital Grant was observed by the IFD. The house was clarified that the unspent balance under Capital Grants along with the grants demanded for the building project for the C.F.Y will be utilized by 31.03.2023.

SECTION – 3
RATIFICATION ITEMS
Nil

SECTION – 4
MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL

33.4.1 Phase wise requirement of grants for Package-II of Phase-I (Fresh Work of Campus Construction):

The agenda item was discussed in detail and after detailed deliberations, the committee advised that University to submit a proposal on **requirement of grants for Package-II of Phase-I** to the Ministry giving detailed justifications. The hon'ble members were also briefed about the demand of grants of Rs. 51.00 Crores already placed before the MoE vide letter no. SU/2021/FIN-09/HEFA/665 dated 22.09.2022. The committee noted the demand placed by the University for the current financial year.

33.4.2 Sanction of fund to meet the deficit of Rs. 51.23 crores during 2024-25 for Package-II of Phase-I to complete the construction of deferred scope of work for construction of four numbers of hostels:

Responding to the agenda on utilization of the balance fund under 'committed expenditure' approved by the PIB to take up the deferred work of Package-II of Phase-I having total cost of Rs. 51.30 crore, the committee recommended to submit a fresh proposal with a detailed justification to the Ministry.

With regard to the proposal of utilization of unspent balance of XII Plan of Rs. 57.94 Crore to take up deferred work of package-II, the Hon'ble member representing IFD directed the University to refund the same to the UGC as per rules. Considering the requirement of the University, the committee recommended to submit a fresh proposal with a detailed justification for additional grants for construction of 25 seater classroom building having estimated cost of Rs. 54.80 crores to the Ministry.

33.4.3 Requirement of Teaching and Non-Teaching Positions:

(A) Sub: Imbalanced Teaching-Non Teaching Ratio and requirement of additional Non-Teaching Positions of Sikkim University.

(B) Sub: Sanction of Teaching post for the department of Library and Information Science.

The committee noted the shortfall of non-teaching positions and recommended the University to submit a proposal for requirement of additional 89 Non-Teaching positions as proposed in the agenda. Further, the committee also recommended to submit a proposal for 7 teaching positions as proposed in the agenda for the newly opened department of Library and Information Science. Both the proposal to be submitted to the Ministry through UGC

SECTION – 5 **ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR**

33.5.1 Information on the progress of shifting of Academic Departments of Sikkim University to its permanent Campus:

The Vice-Chancellor apprised the Hon'ble members of the committee about the completion of finishing work of the two floors of the Faculty building and ongoing finishing work of the rest of the floors and buildings in Yangang campus. Keeping in mind University's commitment for early shifting to permanent campus and also to reduce its recurring expenditure on building rent, the vice-chancellor informed the house about the University's plan to shift three of its language departments namely Limbu, Lepcha & Bhutia to the completed floors of the faculty building in campus by November 2022. The committee was also informed about the necessary facilities to like health facility, library and cafeteria will be made available in the campus, however, hostel facility will be provided through rented buildings till the construction of hostel in the campus is complete.

With regard to the shifting of the rest of the departments including administrative departments, the vice-chancellor informed the house that the same will be done in a phased manner in consonance with readiness of the floors/building for occupation.

The committee appreciated the steps taken by the University for initiating the shifting process to its permanent campus. The committee was also apprised about the various adversities like hilly terrain, continuous rainfall, flashfloods, landslides, bad road connectivity etc. hindering the timely progress of the University's campus construction work.

The meeting ended with thanks to and from the Chair.



(Pratap Keshari Dash)
Finance Officer & Secretary
Finance Committee



(Prof. Avinash Khare)
Vice-Chancellor & Chairman
Finance Committee