

Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Board of Management, University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga held on 08-12-2016 in the Meeting Hall of Vice-Chancellor Office, UAHS, Shivamogga.

Members present

1. Dr. C. Vasudevappa, Vice-Chancellor, UAHS, Shivamogga : Chairman
2. Dr. T. K. Siddarame Gowda, Former Director of Instruction (PGS) : Member
3. Dr. H. L. Harish, Agro-Industrialist : Member
4. Dr. M. Manjunatha, Dean (Agri.), COA, Shivamogga : Member
5. Dr. P. Narayanaswamy, Registrar, UAHS, Shivamogga : Member Secretary

Members who expressed their inability to attend/not present

1. The Principal Secretary, Horticulture Department, GoK : Member
2. The Deputy Secretary, Finance Department, GoK : Member
3. The Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, GoK : Member
4. Dr. S. Bhaskar, Assistant Director General (AFF & CC), New Delhi : Member

At the outset, Dr. P. Narayanaswamy, Member Secretary of the Board and Registrar, UAHS, Shivamogga welcomed all the Members to the 15th Meeting of Board of Management and requested Dr. C. Vasudevappa the Chairman of the Board to conduct the meeting. Following is the Action Taken Report of the 14th meeting of BOM held on 06-10-2016.

PART – ‘A’

The Vice Chancellor and Chairman requested the Registrar to readout the ATR of 14th meeting of BOM and also requested the Hon'ble members to confirm the ATR. The ATR was totally approved however, with the suggestions on certain items which are as follows:

Item No.-1: Centenary year Celebration of ZAHRS, Babbur Farm Hiriyur and inauguration of College of Horticulture, building at Hiriyur.

The Zonal Agricultural and Horticultural Research Station, Babbur Farm, Hiriyur started in the year 1916 as Agricultural Research Station and now grown to the level of Zonal Agricultural and Horticultural Research Station. It has completed its 100 years. To commemorate the service rendered by the farm for the farming community in the fields of agricultural research and extension, it is essential to celebrate its Centenary year. In addition, the College of Horticulture, Hiriyur is already imparting education to B.Sc. (Hort.) students in its own new buildings, laboratories, library, hostels for both boys and girls, playgrounds, etc. It has good number of teachers and staff. The building was constructed during 2014-15, which has to be officially inaugurated. Hence, it is proposed to celebrate the Centenary year of the farm and Inauguration of the College building during the month of December, 2016 simultaneously by inviting Ministers, VIPs and Scientists associated with the development of farm and the College. The expenditure to be incurred could be met out of University grants allocated to Research Station and the College.

After the inspection of fields at Hiriyur from the Members of the Board of Management during December 2016, the event may be organized during January.

(Action: Registrar and Estate Officer)

Item No. 5: Proposal to provide the promotion opportunities from Lab Assistant to Sr. Lab. Assistant and Field Assistant to Sr. Field Assistant in UAHS, Shivamogga.

The University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga was established on 21-09-2012. After the formation of the University, the UAS, Bengaluru and UHS, Bagalkot transferred the movable and immovable properties to University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga including Teaching and non Teaching Posts under vide no. ಅಕ/ಸಾವಿ-2/ಕೃವಿವಿಬೆಂ-ಕೃತೋವಿವಿ,ಶಿ/ ಹಸ್ತಾಂತರ/2012-13 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 31-03-2013 and No. R/UHSB/ UAHS (Shivamogga) /transfer / 2012-13, dated:27-03-2013. Further, at the time of transfer of Non teaching posts, the UAS, Bengaluru transferred 6 Sr. Field Assistants and 3 Sr. Lab.

requested to accord the approval to provide the promotion to Lab. and Field Assistants against the existing clear vacancy of Sr. Field Assistant (2 Posts) and Sr. Lab. Assistant (2 Posts). To provide promotion opportunities from Field Assistant to Sr. Field Assistant and Lab Assistant to Sr. Lab Assistant to the eligible candidates, since the posts have fallen vacant due to retirement of staff from the University service in University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga.

The Board approved the item and suggested that the Committee meant for the Promotion may look into the Promotion of remaining one more position of Field Assistant.

(Action: Registrar)

Item No. 11: Guidelines for sponsoring teachers for attending National and International Conference/ Seminar/ Symposium, etc. within and outside the country.

The UAS, Bengaluru is providing funds to teachers attending symposia held within and outside the country as ICAR is not providing the grants. Many teachers from UAHS, Shivamogga have submitted proposals for international travel and detailed guidelines for sanction of travel grants for participation of teachers/scientists in international conference/ seminar/ symposium outside the country as well as within the country need to be finalized. The guidelines developed in this regard were approved in the 12th Academic Council meeting held on 24-08-2016. Since two applications for paper presentation in symposium abroad have already been submitted, the BoM is requested to take a decision applicable from the date of the 12th Academic council meeting approval, to encourage teachers/ scientists attending National & International conference/ seminar/ symposium, etc. within and outside the country. Budgetary provision of Rs. 5 lakhs is available for current year.

The Board approved the item, and suggested to tag on a visit to a good laboratory/ training programme to the selected candidates in addition to the Symposium for increasing the capacity of the individual.

(Action: Dean (PGS) and Registrar)

Item No. 13: Provision for Donor Gold Medal in the name of Smt. Manjula Harish Babu, Bomma Samudra, Hosadurga Taluk, Chitradurga District to the meritorious Undergraduate B.Sc (Hort.) student at College of Horticulture, Hiriyyur.

Mr. Harish Babu, Business man of Hosadurga city of Chitradurga District has donated a sum of Rs. 1,60,000/- to the University towards institution of Donor Gold Medal in the name of **Smt. Manjula Harish Babu, Bomma Samudra, Hosadurga Taluk, Chitradurga District** to the meritorious Undergraduate student at the College of Horticulture, Hiriyyur, through the Demand Draft of Rs. 1,60,000/- (Rs. one lakh sixty thousand only) bearing. DD No.507110, dtd: 08.08.2016 drawn in favour of the **Comptroller, UAHS, Shivamogga**. The proposal was approved in the 12th Academic Council meeting held on 24-08-2016 with a suggestion to institute the medal with the title **Smt. Manjula Harish Babu Memorial Gold Medal**, to recognize meritorious UG student of B.Sc. (Hort.), College of Horticulture, Hiriyyur and to honour.

The Board suggested that if there are more than 5 gold medals to one person in a particular discipline, the remaining gold medals could be given to the next candidate in the merit list. However, this is not in accordance with the rules for awarding gold medal to meritorious students and this was clarified to the Board of Management.

(Action: Dean (PGS) and Registrar)

Other Issues Discussed: The Board of Management discussed the following issues

2. Demonstration on vertical farming to be taken up in the University.

Demonstration will be taken up this year for which already a committee is set up to look into the issues involved in establishing vertical farming infrastructure particularly for fodder maize production.

The Board also asked to initiate the vertical farming activities at all the campuses and to go for a common tender to bring down the cost.

(Action: Professor and University Head, Horticulture, & Professor and Head, Agronomy, Shivamogga)

4. Collaboration between IT companies to be established for developing start ups.

Start up programs will be developed in collaboration with K-Kisan, E-Sap, M-Kissan Geosys, etc.

Incubation facilities like Biotechnology, Mushroom production etc. for startup programs to be

PART-B

Agenda Items for 15th Meeting of Board of Management were presented by the Registrar and Member Secretary. The following decisions were arrived at.

Item No. 1: Approval of the list of Under Graduates and Post Graduates (including Ph.D) students who have applied for 2nd Convocation to be admitted to the B.Sc (Agri.), B.Sc(Hort.), B.Sc(Forestry.), M.Sc and Ph.D Programmes.

The 2nd Convocation of the University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga, will be held on 09-12-2016. Applications were called from the degree completed students to get the Convocation Degree Certificates – In Person/In Absentia by the Registrar, University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga. In response to the advertisement several students had applied for the Convocation for confirmation of the Degrees. A list of students who had completed their Degree Programmes during the years 2014-15 and 2015-16 was prepared to admit the eligible Candidates to various Bachelors and Masters Degree (including Ph.D) Programmes as per the Under graduate and Post Graduate Academic Regulations No: 22:1 and 25:1 respectively.

The Board after thorough deliberations approved the item and asked the Registrar to correct the mistakes if any without any penalty if it is the mistake of University. If the students make mistake then the corrected copy has to be issued after collecting a penalty of Rs. 500/- per student. The Board informed the University to implement the action pending confirmation of the minutes.

(Action: Registrar)

Item No. 2: Approval of the list of Under Graduate and Post Graduate students for award of Gold Medals during 2nd Convocation who have Completed their B.Sc (Agri.), B.Sc(Hort.), B.Sc(Forestry.), M.Sc and Ph.D Programmes.

The 2nd Convocation of the University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga, will be held on 09-12-2016. The University Gold Medal Committee for the award of Gold Medals under the Chairmanship of Director of the Education held on 04-11-2016 has recommended the names of Under Graduate and Post Graduate students in different Degree programmes/ disciplines/ subjects to award the Gold Medals in the 2nd Convocation. The decision was taken as per the list of eligible meritorious students prepared by all the Deans of the respective Colleges. To recognize meritorious students in various Bachelors, Masters and Ph.D Degree Programmes and to honor them during the 2nd Convocation.

The Board after thorough deliberations approved the item and asked the Registrar to correct the mistakes if any if any without any penalty if it is the mistake of University. If the students make mistake then the corrected copy has to be issued after collecting a penalty of Rs. 500/- per student. Further, informed the University to award the medals pending confirmation of the minutes.

(Action: Registrar)

Item No. 3: Proposal for ratification of appointment on compassionate ground in respect of Smt. Lakshamma wife of Late Mr. Sannaiah working as Sr. Farm Labourer at Agricultural and Horticultural Research Station, Madikeri, who died while in service on 04-12-2014.

The University has appointed Smt. Lakshamma, as Farm Labourer on Compassionate Ground due to death of her husband, Mr. S. Sannaiah on 04/12/2014, while working as Senior Farm Labourer at AHRS, Madikeri. The place of appointment is shown at ZAHRS, Mudigere as per the order No. UAHS(S)/R/ Appt.on Comp.Gr./ Smt.Lakshamma/2285/ 2016-17, dated: 05-11-2016. However, in the 14th BOM it was approved for the AHRS, Madikeri. The change of place of posting is due to certain problems experienced in the AHRS, Madikeri. The same is placed before the Board for kind ratification. Karnataka Civil Services Compassionate Ground Appointment Rules 1996 Notification No. ಸಿಆಸುಇ 100 ಸೇಅನೇ 95, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12-09-1996, DPAR 19 S99 dated: 24-11-2000 and DPAR 11 SC 2001, dated: 28-05-2002.

The Board ratified the decision taken by the University.

Item No. 4: Study tour to Israel for all the Members of Board of Management, UAHS, Shivamogga.

The Board approved the proposal to take up study tour by the Members of the BOM to Israel in the 10th Meeting of Board of Management to study the innovations in Precision Agriculture/Horticulture and other innovative Agri./Hort. technologies adopted by the Israel farmers. But the tour could not be taken up. It is again proposed that the team will visit the Vegetable and Fruits, high-tech Horticulture, precision farming Plantations equipped with precision farming technologies, in addition to SEKAM Farm-Cooperative and Integrated Farm at Cairo, Egypt during the study tour. The proposal is placed before the BOM along with travel plan (open dates) for consideration and onward transmission to GOK for further approval. The University has ear marked Rs. 50.00 lakhs for this purpose.

The Board approved the item and also suggested to plan a programme of Board Members to visit Jain Irrigation, Maharashtra which could be co-ordinated by the Director of Research.

(Action: Director of Research)

Item No. 5: Introduction of New Pension Scheme to the employees of the University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga who are recruited on or after 01-04-2006 and to nominate the Comptroller, UAHS, Shivamogga as the Nodal Officer for correspondence for the operation of the scheme.

The State of Karnataka has introduced the New Pension Scheme (NPS), for the persons recruited and joined the State Civil Services on or after 01-04-2006 vide Government Order No. D (Spl) 04 PET 2005, dated 31-03-2006 followed by Government order dated 29-03-2010 and 20-10-2010. Government of Karnataka vide letter No. AGD 47 AUB 2014 dated 23-02-2016 has advised the University to adopt the New Pension Scheme to the persons newly recruited and joined the University on or after 01-04-2006 under the guidelines contained in the Government Orders dated 31-03-2006, 29-03-2010, 20-10-2010 as well as circular dated 21-02-2015 and also to nominate the Comptroller, UAHS, Shivamogga as the Nodal Officer for correspondence for the operation of the scheme. University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga proposes to adopt the New Pension Scheme to the employees who are recruited on or after 01-04-2006 as per the directions of the Government vide letter No. AGD 47 AUB 2014 dated 23-02-2016. Hence, the proposal is submitted to the Board of Management with a request to approval. University is already deducting 10% of basic Pay + DA of all recruited employees on or after 01-04-2006 and contribution of the University at the same rate are kept in the SB A/c.

The Board approved the Item for implementing the new pension scheme to the people appointed after 01-04-2006 by nominating Comptroller, University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga as Nodal Officer.

(Action: Comptroller and Registrar)

Table Agenda Item No. 1: Institution of Donor Gold Medal in the name of "Dr. B.R. Ambedkar" for the best outgoing Schedule Caste or Schedule Tribe students of the Year one each for both B.Sc. (Agriculture) and B.Sc. (Horticulture) students of UAHS, Shivamogga.

The President, SC / ST Teaching and Non-teaching Association, UAHS, Shivamogga has donated a sum of Rs. 3,20,000/- (Rs. Three Lakh Twenty Thousand Rupees only) vide Cheque Nos. 263308, and 263309, dated: 28-11-2016. The amount includes corpus fund of Rs. 1,60,000/- including Gold Medal cost of Rs. 10,000/- each for B.Sc. (Agriculture) and B.Sc. (Horticulture) graduates for every year. As requested by the President, SC / ST Teaching and Non-teaching Association, UAHS, Shivamogga two Gold Medals in the name of "Dr. B.R. Ambedkar" will be instituted from this year for the best outgoing meritorious and eligible Schedule Caste or Schedule Tribe students one each from B.Sc. (Agriculture) and B.Sc. (Horticulture) degrees. This will be awarded from 2nd Convocation of the University and onwards. The proposal has been approved in the 13th Academic Council Meeting held on 07-12-2016.

The Board approved the Item.

(Action: Registrar)

Table Agenda Item No. 2: Approval of the list of SC or ST students for the award of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Donor Gold Medal one each for B.Sc. (Agri.) and B.Sc. (Hort.) Under Graduates.

The 2nd Convocation of the University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga will be held on 09-12-2016. The Deans of COA, Shivamogga, COH, Mudigere and Hiriya were requested to send the list of SC or ST students who have completed B.Sc. (Agri.) and B.Sc. (Hort.) degrees for awarding Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Gold Medal. Based on the recommendations of the College Deans a list was compiled by the Registrar's office. The Committee constituted for awarding the Gold Medals for the eligible and meritorious SC or ST category students from B.Sc. (Agri.) and B.Sc. (Hort.) Under Graduate degree students, has recommended one student from B.Sc. (Agri.) degree from College of Agriculture, Shivamogga (Meghana N) and one student from B.Sc. (Hort.) from College of Horticulture, Hiriya (Soumya N B). Subsequently, the list is approved in the 13th Academic Council Meeting held on 07-12-2016. Hence, the proposal is submitted to recognize the meritorious SC or ST students from among the B.Sc. (Agriculture) and B.Sc. (Horticulture) students and to honor them during the 2nd Convocation.

The Board approved the Item.

(Action: Registrar)

Table Agenda Item No. 3: The age criteria to be fixed for applying to the posts of Assistant Professor at entry level in University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga.

The University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga is following procedures, like the qualifications and score cards of Officers, Teachers, Technical and Service Personal to fill up the vacant posts. The University has advertised different posts under different disciplines. At the time of advertisement the University has not mentioned the age as one of the criteria for applying to the Posts of Assistant Professor like 45 years for SC/ST candidates, 43 years for OBC candidates and 40 years for General candidates as announced by UAS, Bengaluru in its latest advertisement. Since the UAHS, Shivamogga is following the recruitment procedures followed by UAS, Bengaluru, the proposal is submitted to the Board of Management for kind perusal and approval. As per the Corrigendum issued by Administrative Officer UAS, Bengaluru, Vide No/ Ao/ RT/ 11/ 53/ Current Posts/ Librarian// 2016-17, dated: 25-11-2016, has fixed the age as one of the criteria for applying for the posts of Assistant Professor at entry level like, 45 years for SC/ST Candidates, 43 years for OBC candidates and 40 years for General Candidates. Now the same is put up for kind consideration of Board of Management to be implemented by UAHS, Shivamogga. The University has to fill up Assistant Professor Posts by direct recruitment as per previous advertisement. However, previously the age was not fixed as criteria for applying to Assistant Professor Posts as it was not implemented by UAS, Bengaluru. Now the UAS, Bengaluru has fixed the age criteria for applying to Assistant professors Posts as per the Corrigendum of Administrative Officer UAS, Bengaluru. Since, this University is following the procedures of UAS, Bengaluru, for the time being for recruitment purpose, the proposal is placed before the Board of Management for kind perusal and approval to implement the same.

The Board after critical evaluation suggested that in view of variations existing between the different farm Universities and to bring the uniformity, this issue could be placed before the Co-ordination Committee for final decision and hence deferred.

(Action: Registrar)

Other Issues Discussed

1. Suggested to provide Drip irrigation to mango plantation at Shivamogga campus.

(Action: Associate Director of Research, Shivamogga)

2. The Board suggested the University to improve the open air theater in the quadrangle with suitable infrastructure (a sort of greenhouse technology) for conducting various University functions. A committee may be constituted with Estate Office as Chairman to look into this immediately.

(Action: Estate Officer)

