

*Draft of the*  
**Minutes of the First Academic Council Meeting**  
of the  
**Central University of Jharkhand**  
5<sup>th</sup> of October 2009

The adjourned First Academic Council Meeting of the Central University of Jharkhand was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2009 at 11.00 a.m. at the Brambe Campus, Ranchi.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. D. T. Khathing, chaired the meeting.

The following Academic Council Members were present:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	
1	Prof. D. T. Khathing	Chairperson
2	Prof. A. A. Khan	Professor of Electronics & VC, Ranchi University Shaheed Chowk, Ranchi, Jharkhand
3	Prof. Ram Dayal Munda	Former Vice-Chancellor, Ranchi University, Ranchi
4	Prof. Baleshwar Thakur,	Former Head, Delhi School of Economics, & Former Vice-Chancellor L.N.M. University, Darbhanga
5	Prof. Pramod Tandon,	Vice-Chancellor, NEHU, Shillong
6	Prof. Manvendra Kishore Das	Dean, Faculty of Education, M.G. Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi
7	Mr. Ankush Bhuyan, OSD	Non-member Secretary

**REGRETS:** The following members communicated regrets on their inability to attend this meeting:

1	Prof. Jasodhara Bagchi	Former Professor of English & Former Chairperson, West Bengal Commission for Women
2	Prof. Ved Prakash	Vice-Chairman, UGC
3	Prof. S. P. Thyagarajan	Former Vice-Chancellor, Madras University, Chepauk, Chennai-600 005
5	Prof. Minal Mini,	Former Vice-Chancellor, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong
6	Prof. V. Kannan,	Dept. Of Mathematics, Computer and Information Sciences & PVC, Hyderabad University
7	Dr. P. K. Barhai	Vice-Chancellor, Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi
8	Prof. P. Bhattacharya	Professor of Mathematics, I.T Chennai & Former Vice-Chancellor, Tezpur University
9	Prof. S. F. Falli	Former Vice-Chancellor, Bharati Vidyapeeth, Pune

**AC: 2009//001 Welcome & Introduction**

The Vice Chancellor welcomed the Academic Council Members present and thanked them for attending the first historic Academic Council Meeting. He then introduced the members.

**AC: 2009//002 Appointment of first Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Jharkhand, reporting on:**

Her Excellency, the President of India in her capacity as the Visitor of the Central University of Jharkhand, appointed Professor (Dr.) Darlando Thannni Khathing as the first Vice-Chancellor of The Central University of Jharkhand for a term of five year. (Annexure-1)  
On 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009 Professor Khathing joined as the first Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Jharkhand.

**Resolution**

The Academic Council resolved to welcome the appointment and assured him of all support from its side. The Council expressed confidence that under his leadership the Central University of Jharkhand would play a leading role in higher education in the state in particular and the nation as a whole.

### C:2009//003. Status Report presentation

The Vice Chancellor gave a comprehensive Status Report on the progress made up to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 through a slide presentation (Annexure- II). The presentation included the University Logo, motto and colours:

#### Resolution

- a) The Academic Council resolved to congratulate the Vice-Chancellor for the rapid progress made by the University within such a short span of time and on its endeavour to launch itself into a world class category.
- b) The Council resolved to approve and accept the Logo, the motto and the colours presented for the University. The Council appreciated the design and the concepts adopted in creating the designs and motto.
- The logo design was of the Banyan Tree and the Two Rocks in the centre, and, the motto, "Knowledge to Wisdom", were accepted by the Academic Council. The colours of Gold, Maroon and Dark Green were accepted as the colours of the Central University of Jharkhand.
- c) The Council resolved to accept Cultural Studies as the thrust area of study for the Central University of Jharkhand under which subjects of study the University could aim to be unique and to excel.

### AC:2009//004. Academic Syllabus, ratification of

The Central University of Jharkhand (CUJ) has started with four 5 - year integrated academic programmes, namely, Mass Communication, Business Administration, English and Mathematics. The syllabus for each of the courses was framed by Committees of subject experts. The respective syllabus framing Committees comprised the following:

1. Mass Communication	
1	Prof. Veepa Rao Retd. Professor, Department of Journalism & Mass Communication, H.P. University, Shimla
2	Prof. Umakanta Mishra Retd. P.I.B.Chief, New Delhi & Ex-faculty member of IIMC, Dhenkanal, Orissa.
3	Prof. Lin Thomas Faculty member in Mass Media Department, St. Anthony's College, Shillong.
2. Business Administration	
1	Prof. Ramanuj Majumdar Professor in IIM, Kolkata
2	Fr. P.D. Thomas Former Director, XLRI and present Director XITE, Jamshedpur.
3	Mr. Ronald D'Costa Guest faculty from XLRI, Jamshedpur.
3. English	
1	Prof. G.J.V. Prasad Centre for English studies School of Language Literature and Cultures Studies, Jawahar Lal Nehru University, New Delhi.
2	Dr. Manmatha Kundu Visiting Professor NISER, Bhubaneswar, Orissa
3	Dr. Jatindra Kumar Nayak Sr. Reader Utkal University, Van Vihar Bhubaneswar, Orissa.
4. Mathematics	
1	Prof. Swadheerananda Pattanayak Director, Institute of Mathematics and Applications, Bhubaneswar University, Orissa.
2	Prof. K.C. Prasad Retd. Professor (Mathematics deptt.), Ranchi University of Ranchi.
3	Dr. B.K. Dev Sharma Retd. Faculty, Dept. of Mathematics NEHU, Shillong.



- A copy of each of the syllabus was placed before the Academic Council (**Annexure-III**).
- (a) The Vice-Chancellor in his capacity as Chairman of the Academic Council and as per UGC letter number D.O. No. F.24-36/2009(CU) (U) dated 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2009, approved the syllabus for starting classes as scheduled in the first week of August 2009.
  - (b) The matter of the syllabus being considered for the next semester and subsequent year(s) was also placed before the Council.

**Resolution**

- a. The Academic Council resolved to ratify the Vice – Chancellor's action.
- b. The Academic Council resolved to approve in principle the respective Syllabus for the first six Semesters. These would be subject to yearly reviews.

**AC:2009//005. First Ordinance of the Central University of Jharkhand, consideration of**  
As per The Central University Act 2009, the first Ordinance would need to be prepared by the Vice-Chancellor and approved by the Executive Council. Prior to placing before the Executive Council the Draft of the first Ordinance is placed before the Academic Council for its consideration. (**Annexure IV**)

**Resolution:**

The Academic Council perused the draft Ordinance in great detail and after incorporating suitable clauses resolved to provisionally approve and accept the first Ordinance Draft for placing in the Executive Council Meeting to be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October, 2009.

**AC:2009//006. Recruitment & Manpower**

The members were informed about the regular faculty and non-teaching posts that have been sanctioned and advertised for. It was explained that in addition to the normal faculty qualification criteria stipulated by the UGC, the new recommended qualifying criteria proposed UGC on quantifying the qualification factors, were sought from candidates. A copy of such criteria is attached (**Annexure- V**). The matter was placed before the Council for advice on any aspect(s) that might need to be considered.

**Resolution**

The Academic Council noted the action taken.

**AC:2009//007. Subject Experts, nomination of**

The Chairperson informed the members that recruitment of regular faculty would be initiated after the screening of applications was completed. The Selection Committees would include at least two Subject Experts in each subject. The subjects are Mass Communication, Business Management, English and Mathematics. The Posts are Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor in each subject. The matter was placed before the Academic Council for consideration and advice on nomination of names of subject experts.

**Resolution**

The Academic Council listed a number of names of subject experts and resolved to authorize the Chairman to include other names as may later be received from the members and as per his discretion.

**AC:2009//008. New Courses/programmes/facilities.**

The Central University of Jharkhand would need to work on new Courses programmes /facilities that could be introduced in the next academic year (2010-2011). The proposals would then be placed before the UGC for its consideration. The possibility of the Government of Jharkhand transferring the entire 34<sup>th</sup> National Games Facilities and assets to the Central University was also presented.

**Resolution**

- (a) The Academic Council after due deliberation resolved to approve starting courses in Physics, Chemistry and Life Sciences under the School of Natural Sciences, Nanotechnology under the School of Engineering and Technology, Water Engineering and Management under the School of Natural Resources Management and a School of Cultural Studies, all of which to start during the next academic year. A school of Education was also approved to be established.
- (b) The Academic Council welcomed the possibility of the Government of Jharkhand transferring its entire 34<sup>th</sup> National Games infrastructure and facilities to the Central University of Jharkhand and resolved to approve to establish a School of Sports where sports education and all aspects of Sports human resources development could be offered..

**AC:2009//009. Action Plan for Academic and Administrative Reforms.**

The UGC, vide its letter No.24-36/2009(CU) dated 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009 forwarded the Action Plan for Academic and Administrative reforms to be followed in all the new Central Universities. (Annexure -VI)

The matter was placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

**Resolution**

The Academic Council resolved to accept in principle and adopt the recommendations of the Action Plan which should be in conformity with the Central University Act and Statutes 2009.

**AC:2009//010 Any other matter**

The members expressed satisfaction with the deliberations and placed on record the extensive contributions of Honourable member Professor Tandon in reviewing the Draft First Ordinance.

**The meeting ended at 2.00 pm. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.**

Date:05-10-2009

**Ankush Bhuyan**  
Non-member Secretary  
OSD-Administration

**ANNEXURES**

- I. VC Appointment Letter
- II. Status Report
- III. Syllabus
- IV. Ordinance
- V. Criteria for Faculty Recruitment (PASS Form)
- VI. Action Plans for Academic & Administrative Reforms