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**Minutes of the online XVIII Meeting of SC/ST Advisory Committee held on 30.11.2020.**

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**Minutes of the meeting of the committee constituted vide Order No. 1603/BBAU/2020 dated 26.10.2020 to SC/ST Advisory Committee.**

Meeting of the committee constituted vide Order No. 1603/BBAU/2020 dated 26.10.2020 to SC/ST Advisory Committee held on 30.11.2020 at 11:30 A.M. through online mode. Following were present in the meeting:-:

1. Vice-Chancellor, Chairman
2. Prof. Sudarshan Verma, Liaison Officer
3. Prof. S. K. Pandey, OSD (Satellite Centre)
4. Prof. Rajesh Kumar, HoD (DEM)
5. Prof. Sanatan Nayak, HoD (Economics) Member
6. Prof. B. S. Bhadauria, DSW, Member
7. Prof. Sarthik Bagh, Deptt of Political Science, Member
8. Dr. V. Elangovan, Associate Professor (Deptt of Zoology)
9. Dr. Manjari Raj Oraon, Asst. Professor (Deptt of Political Science), Member
10. Registrar, Special Invitee
11. In charge (SC/ST Cell)

Shri Gokaran Prasad, Assistant Registrar (VCS) could not attend the meeting.

At the outset Chairman welcomed all the members and after that following agenda were taken up.

**<u>Agenda item 1</u>-Action taken on Annual Report of O/o CCPwDs for the year 2016-17 & 2017-18.**

**UGC has directed to furnish the point wise Action Taken Report as per direction of letter No. F.No. 11-3/2020-SC/ST dated 03.02.2020. Ministry of Education (MHRD) has reproduced two points pertaining to the D/o Higher Education in the Annual Reports of CCPD (Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities) which are as under:-**

**Annual Report, 2016-17**

5. ***Setting up of the Department of Disability studies in Central/State Universities with a view to creating pool of academician and rehabilitation professionals.***
16. ***Separate sitting arrangement for Divyangjan on ground floor only wit accessible approach in all competitive examinations by UPSC/SSC/CBSC and other academic programmes for Engineering and professional Courses.***

**Annual Report, 2017-18**

**6. *Website accessibility should be strengthened expedited.***

**The UGC letter alongwith annexed copy of letter from Department of Higher Education is annexed on *Annexure-1*.**

**In view of this, Agenda item is placed for consideration and recommendation on the above issue.**

With the permission of Chair, Member secretary has read out the agenda. Registrar of the University has contended that this matter belongs with the divyanagjan and thus beyond the purview of this Advisory Committee. Committee deliberated on the issue and observed that SC/ST Cell of the UGC and MHRD has forwarded this letter to the University. As in practice, SC/ST Cell of the University also taking care of the policies related to the divyanagjan and no separate cell for divyangjan is functional in the University. Committee also noted that in various other Universities, also, SC/ST Cell is looking after such matters. Accordingly, committee unanimously agreed to discuss the agenda and resolved to setup separate Advisory Committee in the line of SC/ST Advisory Committee for OBC and divyanagjan both. Further, committee considered the actionable point of Annual Report of O/o CCPwDs for the year 2016-17 & 2017-18 as provided by UGC as well as Ministry of Education. Committee observed that opening of department requires approval of various Authorities of University including Planning Board and Academic Council; therefore, committee opined that RSO may be nominated as Co-ordinator of the Department to do the needful to functionalise the Department. Further, for point 16 of Annual Report of the O/o CCPwDs for the year 2016-17 committee observed that University departments are enriched with the lift and ramp and wherever these facilities are not adequate, classes at ground floor should be arranged for all those courses having divyangjan student. On the issue of the Website accessibility, Registrar has appraised the Committee that almost all of the buildings of the University have already been connected with wifi network however process of installing Campus wide wifi networking has been initiated and soon we will avail the campus wide wifi network.

**Resolution-**

Separate advisory Committees for OBC and divyangjan may be constituted and RSO may act as Member secretary in both the Committees to avoid any overlapping of issues. The recommendations of these Committees may be forwarded to Registrar for its implementations. Further, RSO will act as Co-ordinator for the Department of Disability Studies to complete all the requisite procedure for starting the department. To take care of the divyangjan, classes of the courses having differentially disabled student running in the building without lift facility should be arranged at the ground floor of the said building.

**Agenda item 2- Reservation in M.Phil/ Ph.D admission test.**

**University provides 50% reservation of seats to SC/ST category students and 10% reservation to EWS category student as per ordinance of the University and Government guidelines. There is no provision for reservation to OBC category student in admission in the University.**

**UGC regulation (2016) as amended in 2019 and as well notified vide letter No. 819/BBAU/19 dated 12.07.2019 provides instructions of admission in Ph.D/M.Phil programme.**

**Point 2.2, 3.2 and point 5.4 of the said notification is related to relaxation of marks in the eligibility and entrance examination.**

**As per sub-clause (A) of clause 5.4 of said regulation states that "50% of total marks in the entrance examination would be basis to qualify for the interview. Further, *a relaxation of 5% marks (from 50% to 45%) shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-creamy layers) / differently-abled category in their respective category in the entrance examination* conducted by the University as per the University Grants Commission Gazette Notification No. 325, Extraordinary Part-III, Section-4 dated 27.08.2018 (First amendment in 2018)."**

**In view of above, as such there is no respective category of reservation for OBC candidates. Therefore, such relaxation may not be admissible to student belongs to OBC category willing to take admission.**

**The University notification is annexed on *Annexure-2.***

**Agenda item is placed for consideration before the Advisory Committee.**

Committee resolved that since the matter pertains to the OBC, the same may be sent to the OBC cell. Therefore, committee deferred the agenda item.

**Resolution-**

Agenda item has been deferred.

**Agenda item 3- Allotment issues of PWD at ground floor for residential quarter/faculty room where lift is not available.**

In the meeting of Equal Opportunity Cell dated 23.10.20, case of a teaching faculty (PH) regarding allotment of ground or Ist floor in type-B residential building

on the basis of physical disability and medical purpose. Committee referred this issue to Residential Accommodation Allotment Committee and expected that allotment of ground or Ist floor to him as per rule.

Minutes of the meeting of Equal Opportunity Cell is annexed on *Annexure-3.*

Therefore, agenda item is placed for consideration/information before the committee.

**Resolution**

Noted

**Agenda item 4- Admission on zero-fee basis for students belonging to SC/ST category.**

**Students belong to SC/ST category get the admission on zero-fee basis as per guidelines of UP Post matric Scholarship. However, some time few students failed to get the scholarship due to any of the reason and in absence of any time frame departments faced problem to recover the fees from them. Therefore, a time frame may be decided that in what time they will submit the fees.**

**The University circular alongwith office order of Samaj Kalyan Anubhag is annexed on *Annexure-4.***

**Agenda is submitted for consideration and approval please.**

**Resolution**

A committee with following to look after the Zero-fee and other admission related issues may be constituted

i. Prof. Sudarshan Verma - Chairperson
ii. Prof. Sarthik Bagh - Member
iii. Prof. B. S. Bhadauria - Member
iv. Dr. V. Elangavon - Member
v. Dr. Manjari Raj Oraon - Member

Chairperson of the Committee is authorised to co-opt any other member for the committee. The recommendations of the Committee will be placed before this committee and thereafter the same may be placed before the Academic Council for deliberations.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.