

Minutes of the meeting on the proposed amendment to the BPUT Act, 2002 and the First Statutes-2006 of BPUT held on 19.11.2012 at 12.30 P.M. in the 2nd Floor Conference Hall of the Secretariat under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister, Employment and Technical Education & Training.

The meeting was chaired by the Hon'ble Minister, Employment and Technical Education & Training, Odisha, Bhubaneswar. The list of the members present is enclosed at **annex-A**.

At the outset, the Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, E&TE&T Department briefed the members on the need of the proposed amendment to the BPUT Act, 2002 and the First Statutes of BPUT, 2006. The Additional Secretary to Government, E&TE&T Department made the power point presentation on the proposals. The detailed discussion held on each of the items of the proposal and the decisions taken thereof are as under.

1. In order to strengthen the functioning of the BPUT, involvement of the State Government in the affairs of the University is essential for providing policy/administrative direction. Hence, the provision of the Pro-Chancellor shall be inserted in the Act.
2. The term of the Vice-Chancellor shall be for a period of 3 years and he shall be eligible for reappointment for another term. The provisions of Sec. 9(5) of the Act shall be amended accordingly.
3. The term of office of the Registrar shall be for a period of 03 years. The Registrar shall be from the Odisha Administrative Service cadre not below the rank of Joint Secretary.
4. The posts of the Deputy Registrars shall be filled up from outside. The provisions for engagement of retired employees to fill up these posts shall be made in the Statutes. The age limit for engagement of the retired employees to the post of Deputy Registrars shall be enhanced to 65 years. The work of the Deputy Registrars shall be classified in the Statutes.
5. The Finance Officer of the University shall be from the Odisha Finance Service(OFS) cadre not below the rank of Joint Secretary to Government. One more post of Accounts Officer(Internal Audit) in the rank of Group-A(Jr.) shall be inserted in the Act and the Statutes. The said post shall be filled up from OFS cadre or form outside by the retired employees.
6. The post of Deputy Registrar(Admn.) shall be either in the rank of Jr. Class-I or Sr. Class-I. This may be filled up on contractual basis from outside, if required.
7. Provision for inclusion of 5 student representatives in the Academic Council of the University shall be made in the Act. These student members shall be nominated by the Pro-Chancellor.

8. The procedure adopted by the JNTU, Hyderabad for selection and appointment of the teaching and non-teaching employees shall be followed. The experts for the Selection Committee shall be from the institutions of repute within the State except BPUT. There shall be a State Government nominee in the Selection Committee.
9. The provision for a Student Grievance Redressal Cell shall be incorporated in the Act.
10. There shall be a provision for non-negotiable academic calendar in the Statutes.

Besides, the following decisions were taken on the examination and other issues relating to the BPUT.

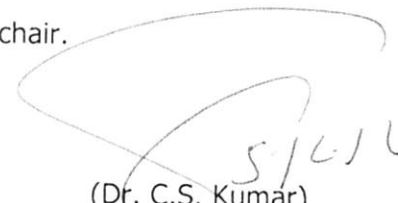
(a) The examination for the back papers shall be conducted in the summer vacation of each year.

(b) The University shall take steps for de-affiliation of institution which does not comply with the instructions of the University for deputing its teachers for examination/evaluation duty.

(c) The University shall take expeditious steps for disposal of the cases on sanction of fund from the Student Welfare Fund. A meeting will be taken up with all concerned under the chairmanship of the Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, E&TE&T Department for streamlining the matter.

(d) The Vice-Chancellor, BPUT shall take immediate administrative measures to streamline the internal administration of the BPUT office and to maintain transparency in the functioning of the University.

The meeting ended with vote of thank to the chair.


(Dr. C.S. Kumar)

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government