

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Central University of Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017 at 10.30 a.m. in the Committee Room of the Academic Block of the University at Sarnath, Varanasi.

The following members participated in the meeting personally/ or through Advice Note(s).

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| 1. Prof. Geshe Ngawang Samten<br>Vice-Chancellor, CUTS  | Chairman                     |
| 2. Shri Pradeep Kumar Rawat, IFS<br>Joint Secretary (EA)<br>Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.        | Member                       |
| 3. Jt. Secretary, MOC)<br>Govt. of India<br>Ministry of Culture ( BTI)<br>New Delhi                         | Member(Advice note received) |
| 4. Financial Advisor (IFD)<br>Govt. of India<br>Ministry of Culture, New Delhi                              | ----- do-----                |
| 5. Geshe Dorjee Damdul<br>Representative of Director, LTWA, Nominee of<br>H.H., the Dalai Lama)             | Member                       |
| 6. Professor Deo Raj Singh<br>Economics, CUTS   | Member                       |
| 7. Dr. D. D. Chaturvedi,<br>Dean, Faculty of Shabad Vidya<br>Associate Professor, CUTS, Sarnath<br>Varanasi | Member                       |
| 8. Dr. R.K. Upadhyay<br>Registrar, CUTS, Sarnath  | Secretary                    |

Financial Adviser (IFD), Ministry of Culture, New Delhi and Director/Dy. Secretary(BTI), Ministry of Culture, New Delhi could not attend the meeting. However, they have forwarded their ADVICE NOTE(s) through E.Mail on the Agenda of the Special Board of Governors Meeting with request to place the same before the said meeting, which were put up before the Board of Governors Meeting.

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Welcome to August Members of the F.C. by the  
Vice-Chancellor of the CUTS.

At the outset the Chairman welcomed all the august members of the Board particularly to Shri Pradeep Kumar Rawat, IFS, who came all the way to CUTS in spite of his active schedules in MEA during the closing month of the current Financial Year and Ven. Dorjee Damdul for sparing time and coming here for the cause of the University affairs. He also thanked the Administrative Ministry as well as IFD of Ministry of Culture for sending ADVICE NOTE(S) on the Agenda of the Special Board meeting in spite of their busy schedules being last month of Financial year 2016-17. He also expressed his extreme hope for the guidance, support and cooperation of the august members for further augmentation of the University activities – especially highlighting towards university's efforts for promotion of Sowa-Rigpa, the Tibetan Medical Science, which has rich heritage and strong potential to serve the humanity in general and in particular with special attention on treatment of chronic diseases, in case of ailments where the victims are disappointed moving all other doors of treatment have received benefits from Sowa-Rigpa. He gave a brief historical back grounds of Sowa-Rigpa starting from its inception to its recognition by the Govt. of India and also highlighted its utility focussing its practices on large scales in Boarder areas like: Ladakh, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Lahul Spiti, and other places of Himalayan region etc. He also let the august members know the reasons for calling the Special Meeting of the Board in such a short span of time.

Thereafter, the agenda items were discussed.

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Considering the Revised Estimate for the year  
2016-17 and Budget Estimate for the year  
2017-18.

Plan ( Rs. In Lakhs)

	<u>Approved B.E.</u> 2016-17	<u>R.E.</u> 2016-17	<u>B.E.</u> 2017-18
Grat-in-Aid General (31)	450.00	322.00	481.00
Grant in Aid salaries	350.00	200.00	500.00
Grant for creation of Capital Assets	1000.00	2325.00	4300.00
N.E.R.	50.00	00.00	50.00
Total	<u>1850.00</u>	<u>2847.00</u>	<u>5331.00</u>

Non-Plan ( Rs. In lakhs)

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	<u>Approved B.E.</u> 2016-17	<u>R.E.</u> 2016-17	<u>B.E.</u> 2017-18
Grant in Aid salaries	1600.00	1821.40	2024.00
Grant in Aid general	<u>445.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>	<u>751.50</u>
	<u>2045.00</u>	<u>2421.40</u>	<u>2775.50</u>

The Chairman asked the Registrar to apprise the Board with the latest developments occurred on account of some differences in respect allocated budget under head Grant in-Aid-General. The Registrar explained the matter before the Board and stated that this issue has also been discussed in the F.C. meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2017 wherein the University position has been given. The august members may have a look on it. University contention that it did not receive any written information about the changes made in allocated budget set in the last meeting of the F.C. held on April 25, 2016 does not match with the MOC comments on its advice note dated 21-3-2017, which speaks that vide communication dated 30-03-2016( P.17-18 c) and dated 29-12-2016 the P& B Division has kept the B.E. and R.E. for CUTS, at Rs. 2045 Lakhs, added Shri Pradeep Kumar Rawat, a member of the Board. The University clarified that no such communications were received, as has been referred. However, the telephonic message were received only after submission of the University position in respect of the Ministry's letter F.No. G-20011/10/2016 dated September 26, 2016 relating Pre-Budget discussion for R.E. 2016-17( Plan & Non-Plan) abd B.E. 2017-18 ( Plan & Non-Plan) wherein the University furnished its position stating Rs. 1600-00 Lakhs under Salary Head and Rs. 445-00 Lakhs under Grant in-General Head vide letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 through E.Mail. On receipt of this, the Ministry immediately communicated on phone that the allocated budget under Salary Head has been changed and now it is Rs. 1755-00 Lakhs and asked the University to furnish again the University position taking into account the amount of Rs. 1755-00 Lakhs under Salary Head. Accordingly, taking into account the telephonic message, the position was re-sent on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 depicting Rs. 1755-00 Lakhs under Salary head and Rs. 445-00 lakhs under Grant-in-Aid General head, and that was okey with the Ministry, as the Ministry did not communicate anything thereafter. As such there was no reason left with the University to have any doubt on its allocated budget under Grant-in-Aid-General and accordingly, the University has incurred the expenditure, which has been clearly mentioned in the Minutes of the F.C.

Observing all above facts and position referred above, the Board noted that the University has already incurred expenditure of Rs. 387.64 Lakhs under Grant-in-Aid General treating its allocated budget of Rs. 445-00 Lakhs,

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which is already excess of Rs. 290-00 Lakhs, as referred in the Advice Note(s) of the Administrative Ministry. In such a situation, the University has no other option but to approach the Ministry with request to regularize the expenditure incurred under head Grant-in-Aid General. The Board also expressed concern over the incidence and asked the University about the corrective measures to be undertaken to avoid such matters in future. The Board resolved that the University must obtain position of the budget allocation in writing from the Administrative Ministry in future.

With above observations Board approved the proposed RE for the year 2016-17 and B.E. for the year 2017-18 in the light of the recommendation of the F.C.

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### **Construction of Sowa-Rigpa Building including Pharmacy, its Appliances and Furniture.**

The Board discussed the matter elaborately with regard to the facilities being created. The Chairman apprised the Board that the Secretary Culture has desired that project be scaled down to construction of 4 floors only instead of the nine as proposed. Accordingly, the proposed project has been scaled down to construction of 4 floors only as 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the project and further expansion of 5 floors may be undertaken observing its activities, requirements and availability of resources in future.

Apprehensions were expressed with regard to running expenditures including man-power requirement once the facilities are created. It was clarified by the Chairman that the Hospital is a part of Sowa-Rigpa Department and thus it is a mandatory requirement for providing proper training to Sowa-Rigpa students because the medical practice is an inseparable part of medical education. Currently, in absence of proper infrastructure, almost all activities of Sowa-Rigpa Department are run in the rooms of other departments including O.P.D., Classes, Pharmacy, Research etc. Such situation will never allow Sowa-Rigpa Department to grow further in spite of its high potentiality to serve the ailing humanities. Therefore, the current infrastructural proposal has been made and already submitted to the Ministry observing the current necessities and keeping in view long term of the area and potential beneficiaries. He was also of the view that once the Sowa-Rigpa department is equipped with the minimum required infrastructure, the department will be able to generate some revenue by charging the costs of the medicines and also services rendered to the society and thus will be in a position to sustain the maintenance and other operational costs of infrastructure to some extent in the beginning and at larger scale after a span of 8 to 10 years-time.

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The Board heard all this and appreciated the project giving emphasis that that efforts be kept continued ensuring that the facilities being created must sink with the demand.

With above the board approved the project in the light of the F.C. recommendation

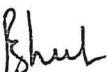
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**Any other item with the permission of the Chair.**

- i) **Considering the Minutes of the F.C. meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2017.**

The Board considered the F.C. recommendation and approved it.

Thereafter, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair

  
( Dr. R.K. Upadyay )  
Registrar

  
(Prof. Geshe N. Samten)  
Vice-Chancellor

