

MANGALORE UNIVERSITY
CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES

Proceedings of the Advisory Committee Meeting of Centre for Women's Studies held on 11.12.2020 at 11.00 a.m. in the Syndicate Hall, Mangalagangothri.

Members Present:

1. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor
Mangalore University : Chairman
2. The Registrar
Mangalore University : Member
3. The Finance Officer
Mangalore University : Member
4. Prof. Kishori Nayak.K
Dean, Faculty of Arts
Professor, Department of English
Mangalore University : Member
5. The Deputy Director
Department of Women and Child Welfare
Zilla Panchayath, Mangalore : Member
6. Smt. Merlyn Martis
Director, DEEDS
Ananda Apartment, Opp. Kadri Petrol Bunk
Mangalore-575002 : Member
7. Dr. Anita Ravishankar
Director, Centre for Women's Studies
Mangalore University : Convener

Members not present:

1. The Head
Department of Women's Studies
University of Calicut, Calicut University PO
Malappuram, Kerala-673635 : Member
2. Prof. Manimekalai.N
Director, Centre for Women's Studies
Bharathidasan University, Kalamandalam Campus
Tiruchirapalli-620 023 : Member
3. Dr. Preethi Keerthi D'Souza
Asst. Professor, Department of Commerce
Mangalore University : Member

The meeting began with the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor welcoming the members after which he asked the Director of the Centre to conduct the proceedings. The meeting was conducted as per agenda.

Agenda-1

Presenting of Report of Centre's Activities during 2019-20.

The Director of the Centre for Women's Studies presented the reports of the activities of the Centre for the years 2015- March 2019 and the same was approved. The Director also brought to the notice of the members present that the same was submitted to the UGC.

Agenda - 2

Approval of expenses and accounts 2019-20.

The Director submitted the expenses of the Centre for Women's Studies. This is submitted as Utilization Certificate to the UGC at the end of every financial year. For the financial year 2019-20 an amount of Rs. 5,32,382/- was spent. The accounts have already been submitted to the UGC as utilization certificate, after being signed by the Finance Officer and audited by the Chartered Accountant.

Money has been released by the UGC till March 2018. The Director stated that follow up is going on at the UGC office personally and also through the Liaison Officer Sri. Rajashekhar Savanur. Since there is a paucity of funds there is a delay but the UGC will be releasing the money shortly. The total amount to be got from the UGC for the financial years 2018-19 and 2019-20 is Rs 9,30,746/.

Agenda -3

Approval of proposal and Budget for 2020-21

- a. The Director brought to the notice of the members that from the last academic year two elective papers were being offered as choice based elective papers under the CBCS for Post Graduate students of Mangalore University. These papers are:

- Gender and Development in the 2nd semester
- Women and Entrepreneurship Development in the 3rd semester.

It was decided that teachers for teaching these above papers could be Dr. Anita Ravishankar /Ms Merlyn Martis or any other qualified person from among NGO's. Dr. Preethi Keethi D'souza -Department of Commerce, Dr. Yashaswini.B- Department of Social Work and Dr. Wajeeda Bano - Department of Economics could be requested to teach as Guest lecturers during Sundays for which payment could be done or they could teach the papers without a remuneration on Saturdays.

It was also decided to take a Project officer / Research Assistant for the Centre who could teach these papers and also assist the Centre's Research and Extension activities.

- b. The Director informed that it was decided to conduct the following webinars and workshops

National level lectures to be conducted through Webinars and online platforms:

- Gender Budgeting in Universities.
- Towards arriving at a Gender Policy in Universities.
- Preventing Sexual Harassment and implementing POSH Act 2015 in Institutions of Higher Education.
- Feminist Jurisprudence.
- Gender and New Education Policy.
- Lecture for International Women's Day.

Workshops-Online/Offline

- POSH Act 2015 and its Implications for Teaching and Non Teaching staff of Mangalore University.
- POSH Act 2015 for ICC, IQAC, Women's Cell Co-ordinators of Udupi Colleges.
- POSH Act 2015 for Women's Cell Co-ordinators of Madikeri Colleges.
- Gender Champions Training in collaboration with Directorate of Student Welfare for student representatives of Mangalore University.
- Gender Sensitization training and Gender Champions training for all class representatives in collaboration with Directorate of Student Welfare.
- Eco-Fem – A learning journey; Contributing to a Better World.
A workshop for students of the University and affiliated Colleges.
- Organizing Men to say No to Violence on Women. Workshop for students of Mangalore University.
- Creating Healthy Marriages and Happy Families through a Gender Sensitive Approach. A workshop for students.
- Medical Camps in collaboration with Gram Panchayats in the adjoining villages with emphasis on preventive and curative health of women as part of Extension work.
- Workshop on the New Mental Health Act which has come out in November 2020
It was also decided that if the Centre could fix a timeline for all the activities it would be good.

Webinar

- Two Day National Webinar on Gender Challenges during and after Lockdown

The above was approved.

- c. The Director also put forth that a Short Term ten day course on Feminist Research Methodology through online mode would be offered for Research Scholars and Faculty. This was also approved.

The Advisory Committee also approved a budget of Rs 15,00,000/ for the activities of the Centre for Women's Studies.

Agenda-4

Any other Matter with the permission of the Chair and referred to University:

- a. The Committee appreciated the fact that Mangalore University was one of the 20 University chosen to operationalise the Gender Equity section of the New Education Policy.
- b. The Committee also decided that preparations for forming a Department of Women's Studies could be started. The Director could be entrusted to follow up on this issue. Apart from Post Graduate programmes it could also offer certificate and Diploma programmes.
- c. The Committee entrusted the Centre for Women's Studies to inspect the Ladies Wash rooms and Rest rooms and suggest measures for improvement.
- d. The Committee also decided that if there was a need for separate wash rooms for Transgenders, then this could also be taken up after discussing the same with concerned NGO's.

The Director of the Centre thanked all the members of the Advisory Committee for their participation and their valuable suggestions.

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Director

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Registrar

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Vice-Chancellor