



UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT

Abstract

DoR-Modifications in the Calicut University Research Regulations 2016 for sanctioning of Research Guideship to the teachers at the nearby Research Centres - item No.2018.82* Syndicate decision implemented - orders issued.

Directorate of Research

U.O.No. 2419/2018/Admn

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- Read:-*1)Letter No.D.O.No.F.10-6/2011(PS) Misc. dated 06.07.2015 & 04.08.2015 from the Secretary, UGC
2)Recommendation of the SC on Courses & Research in its meeting held on 29.12.2017.
3)The minutes of the Meeting of the Syndicate held on 27.01.2018, vide item No.2018.82*.

ORDER

The Secretary, University Grants Commission vide reference cited 1st above, informed that, it has come to its notice that some of the Universities are circumventing the provisions of UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil. / Ph.D.) Regulations, 2009, by utilising the services of Adjunct Faculty as Supervisors. It is reiterated that only regular faculty (not Adjunct Faculty) can be appointed as Research Supervisors which has already been iterated in the earlier communications. In case of any aberration by the University, it will be proceeded against as per the UGC Act, 1956 and the name of the University will be put in the defaulters list on the UGC website.

Meanwhile the UGC has published the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for award of M.Phil / Ph.D degrees) Regulation, 2016 in their website. Accordingly, the same was implemented in the University with effect from 13.12.2016.

However, the application for Ph.D. registration under the adjunct faculty category, received prior to the implementation of Calicut University Research Regulation 2016,had been kept pending. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 06.05.2017 vide item No. 2017.495* resolved to approve the recommendations of the Syndicate sub-committee constituted for the study on the matter of granting Ph.D. registration to applicants who come under the adjunct faculty category. And also recommended to

- (i) to dispose all pending cases of applications for Ph.D. registration under adjunct faculty category submitted on or before 12.12.2016 by providing co-supervisor / co-guide and
- (ii) all applications for Research Guideship, that has been kept pending due to the issue of adjunct faculty received on or before 12.12.2016 may be considered favourably, if they are eligible otherwise.

The first part of the recommendations has been implemented and orders were issued in this regard.

As per clause 5.2 of Calicut University Regulations for Research 2016 , "A full-time regular teacher satisfying all conditioning as a Research Supervisor at a nearby research centre of the University in the same discipline, shall be permitted to continue with existing students by appointing a co-supervisor at the Research centre. Granting guideship to faculty who do not have a recognised research centre in the institution they are working in, eventhough they have applied for guideship before the UGC Regulations 2016 was implemented will serve no purpose as they cannot register students under them for Ph.D.

As per clause 6.2 of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D) Regulation 2016, "only a full time regular teacher of the e concerned University/Institution Deemed to be a University / College can act as a supervisor. The external supervisors are not allowed. However, Co-supervisor can be allowed in inter-disciplinary areas from other departments of the same institute or from other related institutions with the approval of the Research Advisory Committee". Hence, the second part of the Syndicate resolution is against the clause 6.2 of the UGC Regulation 2016.

After considering the matter, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has ordered to place the matter before the Syndicate for consideration. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 12.07.2017 vide item No. 2017.758*, considered the matter of applications received from eligible faculty members for the Research guideship that has been kept pending due to the issue of adjunct faculty prior to implementation of Research Regulation 2016 in the University and resolved to constitute a committee consisting of Dr. K.M. Nazeer, Syndicate Member (Convenor), Dr. C. Abdul Majeed, Syndicate Member, Dr. C.C. Babu, Syndicate Member and Sri. Salahudheen P.M., Syndicate Member to study the matter in detail and to prepare a proposal incorporating the methods adopted by other Universities in similar cases.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has accorded sanction to implement the Syndicate resolution and orders were issued in this regard.

Accordingly, the meeting of the Syndicate subcommittee was convened on 30.08.2017 and submitted its report. The Syndicate subcommittee recommended to delete the Clause 5.2 of Calicut University Regulations for Research 2016 leading to Ph.D., as it is against UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D.) Regulation 2016, vide Clause 6.2. Considering the matter, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on 18.09.2017 ordered to place the recommendation of the Syndicate Subcommittee before the Syndicate.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 20.09.2017, vide item No.2017.1162* considered the report of the sub-committee and resolved to approve the recommendations of the Sub-committee in principle, and further resolved to refer the matter to the amendment committee for appropriate action.

Meanwhile, the Syndicate at its meeting held on 07.12.2017 vide item No.2017.1431* resolved to entrust the Standing Committee on Courses and Research to recommend modifications in the Calicut University Research regulation 2016 regarding sanctioning of Research Guideship to the Teachers at the nearby Research Centres for amendment and to place the same before the next Academic Council.

The Syndicate Standing Committee on Courses & Research in its meeting held on 29.12.2017 recommended the following:

- 1) To delete the clauses 5.1, 5.2 & 5.8 of the Calicut University Research Regulation 2016.
- 2) To approve the clause 6.1 of the UGC regulations (Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of M.Phil / Ph.D. Degree) 2016 as such.
- 3) To approve the clause 6.2 of the U.G.C regulations (Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of M.Phil / Ph.D. Degree) 2016 with clarification as "external supervisors / teachers" and adding the phrase "outside the jurisdiction of the University".

After considering the matter the Hon'ble Vice -Chancellor on 11.01.2018, has ordered to place the recommendation of the Syndicate Standing Committee on Courses & Research before the Syndicate.

The meeting of the Syndicate which was held on 27.01.2018,vide Item No.2018.82*, considered the recommendations of the Syndicate Standing Committee on Courses & Research and resolved to approve the same.

After considering the matter, the Vice Chancellor has ordered on 09.02.2018 to implement the decision of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 27.01.2018,vide item No.2018.82*. Therefore, the decision of the Syndicate, vide item No.2018.82* is implemented.

Orders are issued accordingly.

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To

All members of the Syndicate.

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