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## **MINUTES OF ECRIC MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

An online meeting (regarding Research activities) was held on **21<sup>st</sup> December 2021** at 10.00 am with Dr.Murugan, Trust Board member in the chair. Principal Incharge Dr. D. B. Usha Rani and Dean of Research Dr. S. Uma Gowrie (Aided) were present.

Dr. Uma Gowrie, Dean of Research (Aided Stream), Dr. Krishna Prema, Head, Department of Micro Biology (Self-Supporting), Dr.SudhaParimala, Department of Chemistry(Aided), Dr.C. N. Deepa, Department of Bio Chemistry, Dr.Pavithra, Department of Human Rights and Duties Education, Dr.Menaka, Department of Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics and Mrs.Jayashree, Department of Economics (Aided) attended the meeting. The following points were discussed.

Principal Incharge welcomed all the members. Dr. Uma Gowrie read out the agenda. He thanked the chair person and other trust board members for the support given to all the ECRIC activities.

1. The first agenda was Increase in Ph.D fellowship from 5 to 10 students. Mr.Murugan approved increase in Ph.D fellowship (Full-Time) from 5 students to 10 students selected based on Merit with effect from June 2021 (As per ECRIC guidelines). Henceforth in the next academic year, application should be invited, scrutinized and selected during March to June by the Research Committee constituting Principal, Vice Principals, Dean of Research (Aided) and (Self Supporting) and placed before external members from Science and Humanities.
2. Reimbursement of publication fees to a maximum of Rs.10,000/- per Faculty per year for the research paper indexed in **UGC CARE list/Scopus/Web of Science** journal was approved for 5 Faculty members from Aided for 11 Research papers and 20 Faculty members from Self Supporting for 26 Research papers. Prof.Murugan insisted henceforth, the reimbursement has to be based on impact

factor in addition to indexed journals and further the scrutiny should be by the Research Committee along with an external members.

3. Dr.Murugan asked the Dean of Research to circulate the information for the Faculty members selected for the major and minor projects (2020 – 2021) should submit a report for the mid-term evaluation by external experts for further allotment of funds. Screening and selection of the Faculty projects received during the academic year 2021-2022 to be implemented during 2022- 2023 should be screened by Deans of Research with the panel of experts (1 from Science and 1 from Humanities).
4. Dr.Murugan also added that Projects received from external agencies by the Faculty should pay the overhead charges mentioned in their approval letter to the college of which 33% can be claimed by the Principal Investigator of the project. Dr.Sudhaparimala thanked Murugan sir for giving approval.
5. Dr.Murugan said that February 28<sup>th</sup> would be celebrated as National Science Day. On that day Research day be celebrated in our college. On Research day, Research supervisors those who have finished one or more Ph.D students could be felicitated as a token of appreciation and they could be given Rs. 3,000 cash prize per student per academic year. Also, Faculty receiving external funding should be given a letter of appreciation from the Chairperson and recognized during Research day. He also applauded Dr. D.B. Usha Rani for getting an SCERT project. He also added that Ph.D students with best paper awards in National and International Conference will also be recognized on Research day.

Dr.Usha Rani thanked Dr.Murugan and she added this kind of appreciation would definitely motivate the Research guides and also others to apply for Guideship. Dr. Uma Gowrie thanked Dr.Murugan, Principal Incharge and all the ECRIC members who attended the meeting.

Members who attended the meeting on **21<sup>st</sup> December 2021.**

1. Chair person : Dr.Murugan
2. Principal Incharge : Dr. D. B. Usharani

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3. Dean of Research(Aided) : Dr. S. Uma Gowrie

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4. Dr. K. Krishna Prema, Head, Department of Microbiology

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5. Dr.S. Sudha Parimala, Department of Chemistry

6. Dr.Deepa C. N, Department of Biochemistry

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7. Dr.M.B. Pavithra, Department of HR&DE

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8. Dr.D. Menaka, Department of CN &D

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9. Mrs.C.Jayashree, Department of Economics