

- (v) Ordinance on the Asia Theological Association (Bangalore) Endowment.

The Committee, under the Chairmanship of Prof. R.R. Mishra, was constituted by the Vice-Chancellor on 26.2.97, for drafting the ORDINANCE on Rs. 2 lakhs Encowment as offered and received recently from Asia Theological Association (ATA), and to examine the points raised by ATA vide their letter as at Annexure - 'A'.

The Ordinance was prepared accordingly, and along with the Report and Recommendations of the Committee, it was placed to the Academic Council in its 55th meeting held on May 2 and 3, 1997; which resolved that the Ordinance as at Annexure - 'B' be approved (No.AC:55:97:5:8:(ii)).

Hence, the Ordinance on ATA Endowment as approved by the Academic Council is now placed before the Executive Council for necessary decision.

No.G.45-13/Acad/Christian-Studies/91/9946  
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Prof. B. Pakem,  
Vice-Chancellor,  
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Dear Prof. Pakem,

Thank you for your letter of 24 January, 1997 as well as your personal assurance of the matter being considered regarding Chair of Christian Studies.

I will be soon sending you Rs. 200,000 once the formality of Board sanctions have been obtained. This should reach NEHU by early April at the latest.

As our process in Andhra University is coming to its final stages, I am placing three matters for the appropriate body in NEHU to consider in relation to our proposal.

1. We may find it more conducive to refer to our project as a "Centre for Christian Studies" rather than a Chair. Andhra University has found this more convenient and it may be the same with our collaboration in NEHU.

2. Kindly note that on behalf of ATA there will be some of its institutions in India who will be participating in this Chair. We will be able to name these as soon as possible. We will work together and this will enable us to share the responsibilities together. For instance, we already have Asian Institute of Theology in Bangalore and Union Biblical Seminary in Pune who are interested. We may find one other. This will be the ones who officially may need to be recorded in our agreement.

3. August may be the best for us to start with our first lecture and we can finalise dates and details as and when our matter gets formalised in your University.

I hope to be coming to Meghalaya in April and will be able to meet with you briefly. Thank you for your interest in theological education.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- Ken R. Gnanakan.

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ANNEXURE - B

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 55TH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 2ND AND 3RD MAY, 1997.

- (ii) Donation from Asia Theological Association Draft Ordinance/ Recommendation/Report.

No.AC:55:97:5:8:(ii) : The Council considered the recommendations of the Committee appointed to go into the Endowment offer made by the Asia Theological Association and the Ordinance thereon, and RESOLVED that the Ordinance at Annexure 'C' be approved.

As our process in Andhra University is coming to its final stages, I am placing these matters for the appropriate body in HEMU to consider in relation to our proposal.

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2. Kindly note that on behalf of ATA there will be some of its in-stitutions in India who will be participating in this Chair. We will be able to name these as soon as possible. We will work together and this will enable us to share the responsibilities together. For instance, we already have Asian Institute of Theology in Bangalore and Union Bi-othical Seminary in Pune who are interested. We may find one other. This will be the ones who officially may need to be recorded in our agreement.

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I hope to be coming to Medhavia in April and will be able to meet with you briefly. Thank you for your interest in theological education.

Yours sincerely,

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## ORDINANCE ON THE ASIA THEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (BANGALORE) ENDOWMENT.

1. Title: The Endowment shall be called Asia Theological Association (Bangalore) Endowment.
2. The Objectives :  
The Objectives of the Endowment shall be the following :  
(subject to availability of fund).
  - i) To organise every year a series of lectures at the University on various aspects of Christianity, and/or Environment.
  - ii) To organise at least one national seminar on matters related to Christianity and/or Environmental awareness.
3. Operation of the Fund :
  - i) The amount of the endowment fund shall be put in a fixed Deposit in a nationalised Bank as decided by the University from time to time, such that the largest possible proceeds from the interest on the fixed deposits can be obtained every year.
  - ii) Any tax may be levied on the interest accrued on the annual/ interest of the fund will be paid out of the fund.
  - iii) The Finance Officer of the University shall be responsible for maintenance of proper accounts of the fund and its annual proceeds and the account shall be audited every year along with the accounts of the University.
  - iv) The audit fees and other related expenses shall be met out of the annual proceeds of the fund.
  - v) If due to some unavoidable reasons, the lectures/seminars to be organised by the endowment could not be held in any particular year the unutilised proceeds for that year shall be added to the fund and deposited in the bank to earn interest for the endowment.
  - vi) The endowment shall be operational after one year of the deposit of the fund in the bank, that is, after the proceeds from the interest on the fund is appropriable by the University for the endowment.
4. Operation of the Endowment :  
The operation of the Endowment will be as follows :-
  - i) Every year a distinguished scholar will be invited to deliver a series of lectures relating to Christianity and/or Environment.
  - ii) The scholar will be paid an honorarium of upto Rs.10,000/- (ten thousand) for the lectures.
  - iii) All the expenditure on honorarium, TA/DA expenses, hospitality, seminar etc., shall be met from the interest accrued from the fund.
5. Management of the Encowment :  
There shall be a committee for the Management of the endowment. The constitution of the committee shall be as follows:-

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| i)    | Vice-Chancellor - Chairman                                   |                    |
| ii)   | Head, Deptt. of Philosophy, NEHU                             | - Member-Secretary |
| iii)  | Head, Deptt. of Sociology, NEHU                              | - Member           |
| iv)   | Head, Deptt. of Anthropology, NEHU                           | - Member           |
| v)    | Head, Deptt. of History, NEHU                                | - Member           |
| vi)   | Head, Deptt. of Pol. Science, NEHU                           | - Member           |
| vii)  | Head, Centre for Environmental Studies, NEHU                 | - Member           |
| viii) | Head, Deptt. of English, NEHU                                | - Member           |
| ix)   | Two Nominees of the Asia Theological Association, Bangalore. | Member             |

- Note : i) The Asia Theological Association shall bear the expenses on travel and other related expenses incurred by their nominees;  
ii) The Committee shall meet at least once every year.

6. Functions of the Endowment Management Committee.

A. Convening of the Committee meetings.

The meeting of the committee shall be convened by the member Secretary in consultation with the Chairman.

B. Lectures :

- i) The Committee shall draw a panel of 5 names of the scholars of repute in the field of Christian studies/Environment to deliver the lectures.
- ii) The Committee shall decide the broad theme of the lectures every year.
- iii) The Member Secretary, in consultation with the Chairman shall contact the scholars for the purpose.
- iv) On acceptance of the offer by the scholar, the Member Secretary in collaboration with other members of the endowment management committee shall be responsible for drawing up the details of the programme and organise the lectures.
- v) The scholar shall be contacted sufficiently ahead of time of the commencement of lectures. The scholar is expected to submit the manuscript of the lectures to the University well in advance of the commencement of the lectures to facilitate circulation among the audience of the lectures.

C. Seminars :

- i) The Endowment Management Committee shall in its meeting decide the broad theme of the national seminar.
- ii) The Member Secretary and other local members shall draw up the list of resource persons/participants in the Seminar and contact them for participation.
- iii) The Member Secretary and other local members shall manage and organise the Seminar.

7. Publication of Endowment Lectures and Proceedings of the Seminar :

The Endowment lecture series and the proceedings of the seminars may be published by the University subject to availability of resources in the endowment. However, the Asia Theological Association, Bangalore, may publish the same at their own expenses, provided that the University does not decide to publish them within one year for whatever reason. The copy right shall vest with the agency (NEHU, or the Asia Theological Association, Bangalore, as the case may be) publishing the lecture series/proceedings of the seminar.

3. Annual Report :

The Registrar shall prepare an annual report at the end of each financial year on the administration of the fund and organisation of the endowment lectures/seminars and place the report before the Executive Council.

R E P O R T

Report of the Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor as per Notification No.G.45-13/Acad/Christian Studies/93-9438 dated 26.2.97 for establishing a Chair in Christian Studies.

The Committee made the following observations :

1. The Donor may be requested to remit the proposed amount of Rs.10 lakhs will be paid by the donor in a single installment, so as to facilitate the deposit of the fund in the fixed deposits with the Bank to earn largest amount of interest from the fund.
2. The Committee proposes that there should be series of lectures by the scholar and at least one seminar.
3. It is not possible to institute a centre for Christian Studies with an amount of 5 lakhs.
4. In case the Asian Theological Association, Bangalore wishes to institute a Chair (in the grade of a Professor) in Christian Studies, they may deposit Rs.60 lakhs(one-time full payment) with the University.
5. The proposed centre for Christian Studies and/or Environment shall be at par with the existing centres of NEHU at present. For this purpose an amount of Rs.100 lakhs (one time full payment) is required so that it can be put in the fixed deposit to earn an interest of about 12 lakhs rupees. The proceeds (of Rs.12 lakhs) be spent in the following manner :
  - i) To institute the post(s) of a Professor and a Reader in Christian Studies.
  - ii) One Steno-typist. (iii) One Peon. (iv) Space, furniture and office equipments. (v) Library and research. (vi) Organisation, management and publication of Asia Theological Association (Bangalore) Endowment lecture series and at least one National Seminar on Christian Studies. (vii) Will be operated after sufficient accrument of interest.

The objectives of the centre shall be to give interdisciplinary courses of short term duration related to Christianity and/or environment and to carry out research projects on the related themes. The Centre will also organise the Asia Theological Association, Bangalore Endowment lectures series and the at least one National Seminar on Christian Studies and or environment.

6. The recognition of M.Th. and M.Div. is a matter to be referred to the parity Committee of the University.
7. The Ordinance on the Asia Theological Association (Bangalore) Endowment will be operational only after sufficient accrual of interest from the fund.
8. The report of the Committee including the draft Ordinance on Asia Theological Association(Bangalore) Endowment may be sent to Asia Theological Association, Bangalore for their perusal.

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the same but the Tribunal of Arbitration shall have to be vetted first by the Legal Adviser and the same is to be brought to the next meeting of the Executive Council. The Council considered the Procedure of Appeal and RESOLVED to approve the same. The Council also approved the Ordinance on constitution of the Grievance Redressal Committee.

- (ii) Ordinance on maintenance of discipline and proper conduct among students of the University.

No:EC:93:97:5:1:(ii): The Council considered the draft amendment on Maintenance of Discipline and Proper Conduct among the students of the University and RESOLVED to approve the same.

- (iii) Amendment of Ordinance OA-3,OA-4 and OA-11

No:EC:93:97:5:1:(iii): The Council considered the amendments of Ordinances of OA-3,OA-4,OA-11 and OB-13 and RESOLVED to approve the same and the following lines may be added to Clause 4(2) of Ordinance OA-11.

'However, in case of Units in the Centre, a faculty member may be designated as Acting Director in the Centre'.

- (iv) Ordinance on the Asia Theological Association (Bangalore) Endowment.

No:EC:93:97:5:1:(v): The Council considered the draft Ordinance on the Asia Theological Association Endowment and RESOLVED to approve the same.

- (v) Ordinance on Condition of service etc.

No:EC:93:97:5:1:(vi): The Council considered the recommendations of the Academic Council to look into the Ordinances on Conditions of service and RESOLVED that the following additional members may be included in the Committee which will function as a Committee

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