

(o) recommend to the Management Council through the Academic Council, proposals for the conduct of inter-faculty and area or regional studies, common facilities, such as instrumentation centers, knowledge resource centers, Science and Technology Parks, entrepreneurship development and industry incubation center, intellectual property rights center, workshops, hobby centers, museums, etc.;

(p) control, regulate and co-ordinate research activities to maintain standards of teaching and research in the university departments, post-graduate departments in colleges and recognized institutions;

(q) recommend to the Academic Council proposals for conduct of post-graduate courses in university departments, post-graduate departments in colleges and recognized institutions;

(r) recommend to the Academic Council the norms of recognition of post-graduate teachers and research guides in post-graduate departments in colleges, autonomous colleges and institutions, empowered autonomous colleges, cluster of institutions and recognized institutions;

(s) recommend to the Academic Council the norms of recognition of under-graduate teachers and project guides in under-graduate departments in colleges, autonomous colleges and institutions, empowered autonomous colleges, cluster of institutions and recognized institutions;

(t) recommend to the Academic Council the norms of recognition of experts working in industries or private professional skills development companies or private skills development institutions, as recognized teachers for the certificate or diploma or advanced diploma or associate degree programmes which may be run by colleges, institutions, autonomous colleges and institutions, empowered autonomous colleges or cluster of institutions, empowered skills development colleges and private skills education provider, as recommended by the university authorities;

(u) be responsible for ensuring standards of under-graduate and post-graduate teaching and research in the faculty;

(v) be responsible for ensuring academic development of the faculty under his purview and proper implementation of the decisions of the Board of Studies, Faculty, Academic Council, Management Council and the Board of Examinations and Evaluation in respect of his faculty;

(w) be responsible for creation of a repository of questions with model answers which shall be continuously updated and expanded;

(x) enquire into any malpractices committed in any academic programmes in the faculty by a university department, affiliated or conducted or community or autonomous, empowered autonomous colleges or cluster of institutions or recognized institutions, on being directed by the Academic Council and submit a report of the findings to the Academic Council;

(y) render necessary assistance for redressal of grievances of the students in the faculty;

(z) prepare proposals for award of fellowship, scholarship and other distinctions in the faculty for submission to the Academic Council;

(za) prepare reports as required by the various authorities or bodies of the university, the State Government, the Central Government, the Central Educational Commissions or Councils, Commission and any such other body;

(zb) exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as prescribed by or under this Act or assigned to him by the Vice-Chancellor or Pro-Vice-Chancellor from time to time.

Director of
Board of
Examina-
tions and
Evaluation.

17. (1) The Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation shall be a full time salaried officer and shall work directly under the directions and control of the Vice-Chancellor. He shall discharge his functions under the superintendence, direction and guidance of the Board of Examinations and Evaluation, and shall be concerned with the implementation of the policies and directives given by the Board of Examinations and Evaluation.

(2) The qualifications and experience for the purpose of selection of the Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation shall be as may be specified by the State Government, by an order published in the *Official Gazette*.

(3) The Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the selection committee constituted for the purpose under this Act:

Provided that, in appointing the Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation preference shall be given to the persons with proven capacity of use of technology in delivery of education.

(4) Appointment of the Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation shall be for a term of five years or till he attains the age of superannuation, whichever is earlier and he shall be eligible for re-appointment by selection on the recommendation of a selection committee constituted for the purpose, for only one more term of five years in the university in which he is serving.

(5) The Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation shall,—

(a) be the principal officer-in-charge of the conduct of university examinations, tests and evaluation, and declaration of their results;

(b) be the Member-Secretary of the Board of Examinations and Evaluation and of the committees appointed by the Board except the committees constituted for appointment of paper-setters, examiners and moderators;

(c) be responsible for making all arrangements necessary for holding examinations, tests and evaluation, and for timely declaration of results;

(d) evolve and implement in consultation with the Board of Examinations and Evaluation, processes for proper and smooth conduct of examinations and evaluation;

(e) prepare and announce in advance the programme of examinations, after seeking approval of the Board of Examinations and Evaluation;

(f) arrange for printing of question papers;

(g) postpone or cancel examinations, in part or in whole, in the event of malpractices or if the circumstances so warrant, and take disciplinary action or initiate any civil or criminal proceedings against any person or a group of persons or a college or an institution alleged to have committed malpractices, in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor;

(h) take disciplinary action where necessary against the candidates, paper setters, examiners, moderators, or any other persons connected with examinations and evaluation, found guilty of malpractices in relation to the examinations and evaluation;

(i) review, from time to time, the results of university examinations and evaluation, and forward reports thereon to the Board of Examinations and Evaluation;

(j) strive to declare the results of every examination and evaluation conducted by the University within thirty days from the last date of the examination for that particular course and shall in any case declare the results latest within forty-five days as provided in section 89 and in case of delay, prepare a detailed report outlining the reasons;

(k) take all steps for implementation of all academic and administrative decisions taken by the Board of Examinations and Evaluation;

(l) implement decisions taken by the various university authorities, connected with the examination and evaluation process;

(m) implement all policy and operative decisions with reference to the choice based credit system, both at the under-graduate, post-graduate levels and in other teaching programmes;

(n) organize workshops for teachers in the subjects concerned, in order to acquaint them with new trends in the assessment processes, such as cognitive and summative assessment, creation and use of repository of questions, use of technology in paper setting and conduct of examinations, tests and evaluation;

(o) ensure innovative and effective use of information and communication technology in the entire process of the conduct of examinations and evaluation;

(p) arrange for proper assessment of performance of candidates at the examinations and process the results;

(q) ensure that answer books for all degree examinations are assessed through the central assessment system;

(r) ensure that every teacher and non-teaching employee in the university, affiliated or conducted college or recognized institution renders necessary assistance and service in respect of examinations of the university and in evaluation process;

(s) carry out all other duties and functions assigned to him by the Board of Examinations and Evaluation;

(t) undertake any other task assigned to him by the university authorities to carry out the objectives of the Board of Examinations and Evaluation, and to ensure that the objects of the university are accomplished;

(u) exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as prescribed by or under this Act or assigned to him by the Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor, from time to time.

Finance and
Accounts
Officer.

18. (1) The Finance and Accounts Officer shall be the principal finance, accounts and audit officer of the university. He shall be a full-time salaried officer and shall work directly under the superintendence, direction and control of the Vice-Chancellor.

(2) The Finance and Accounts Officer shall be a person who is a chartered accountant or a cost accountant, with professional experience of not less than five years.

(3) In case the person possessing the qualifications and experience as specified in sub-section (2) cannot be appointed, the Finance and Accounts Officer may be appointed from amongst the Government Officers of the State Finance and Accounts Service, holding the post not below the rank of Deputy Director.

(4) The Finance and Accounts Officer shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Selection Committee constituted for the purpose under this Act.

(5) The appointment of the Finance and Accounts Officer shall be for a term of five years or till the age of superannuation, whichever is earlier, and he shall not be eligible for re-appointment in that university.

(6) The Finance and Accounts Officer shall,—

(a) exercise general supervision over the funds of the university and advise the Vice-Chancellor as regards the finances of the university;

(b) hold and manage the funds, property and investments, including trust and endowed property, for furthering the objects of the university, with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor;

(c) ensure that the limits fixed by the university for recurring and non-recurring expenditure for a year are not exceeded, and that all allocations are expended for the purposes for which they are granted or allotted;

(d) keep watch on the state of the cash and bank balances and investments;

(e) ensure effective revenue management by keeping watch on the process and progress of collection of revenue, and advise the Vice-Chancellor on the methods to be employed in this regard;

(f) perform the duties under clauses (a) to (e) as per the Maharashtra Universities Account Code;

(g) get the accounts of the university audited, regularly;

(h) ensure that the registers of buildings, land, equipment, machinery and other assets are maintained up-to-date and that the physical verification and reconciliation of these assets and other consumable material in all offices, conducted colleges, workshops and stores of the university are conducted regularly;

(i) propose to the Vice-Chancellor that explanation be called for unauthorized expenditure or other financial irregularities from any academic member or non-vacation academic staff or an officer of the university of the rank of Assistant Registrar or equivalent and above;

(j) propose to the Registrar that explanation be called from any non-academic member of the university, other than the teacher, non-vacation academic staff and an officer of the university of the rank of Assistant Registrar or equivalent and above, for unauthorized expenditure or irregularities in any particular case, and recommend disciplinary action against the persons in default;

(k) call for, from any office, centre, laboratory, conducted college, department of the university or university institution, any information and returns that he thinks necessary for the proper discharge of his financial responsibilities;

(l) maintain the minutes of the meetings of the Finance and Accounts Committee;

(m) be responsible for preparation and maintenance of accounts by double entry accounting system, on accrual basis, presenting the annual financial estimates (budget), statement of accounts and audit reports, to the Finance and Accounts Committee and to the Management Council;

(n) prepare financial reports as required by the various authorities or bodies of the university, the State Government, the Central Government, the Central Educational Commissions or Councils, Commission, University Grants, Commission and All India Council for Technical Education and any such body providing funds to the university;

(o) exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as prescribed by or under this Act or assigned to him by the Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor, from time to time.

19. (1) The Director of Sub-campus shall be a full time officer who shall work under the superintendence, direction and control of the Vice-Chancellor.

Director of
Sub-Campus
University.

(2) The Director of Sub-campus shall be a person who is holding the post of professor or principal or equivalent position in any university or institute of national repute engaged in teaching, research and development activities, with not less than fifteen years teaching or research or administrative experience.

(3) The appointment of the Director of Sub-Campus shall be made by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the selection committee constituted for the purpose under this Act.

(4) The Appointment of the Director of Sub-Campus shall be for a term of five years or till the age of super-annuation, whichever is earlier, and he shall be eligible for re-appointment, by selection on the recommendation of a selection committee constituted for the purpose, for only one more term of five years in the university in which he is serving.

(5) The Director of Sub-Campus shall,—

- (a) be the chief academic and administrative officer of the Sub-Campus;
- (b) oversee and monitor the administration of the academic programmes of the colleges and recognized institutions in the district;
- (c) oversee and monitor general administration of the Sub-Campus of the university and ensure efficiency and good order of the university departments or schools or institutions on the Sub-Campus;
- (d) act as a link between the university, colleges and recognized institutions in the district, as well as departments, schools or institutions on the Sub-Campus of the university;
- (e) ensure that appropriate actions as are needed for maintenance of quality of teaching, as specified by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell and the university authorities, are initiated, records thereof are maintained, teachers appraisal by students is carried out and reports thereof are sent to university authorities;
- (f) co-ordinate evaluation, academic training workshops or seminars, quality measurement and other academic, administrative, financial and related activities in the district and on the Sub-campus;
- (g) ensure establishment of inter-institutional and intra-institutional information and communication technology linkages among the affiliated colleges and recognized institutions in the district;
- (h) ensure that the decisions of the colleges or university departments, schools, institutions on the Sub-Campus and their functioning is not inconsistent with this Act, Statutes and Regulations;
- (i) organize workshops and training programmes for the benefit of the teaching and support staff in the district and on the Sub-Campus;
- (j) ensure that financial discipline is maintained and expenditures of the campus are within the budgetary provisions recommended by the Sub-Campus committee and sanctioned by the Finance and Accounts Committee of the university;
- (k) ensure that the annual audited accounts related to the Sub-Campus are prepared and sent to the university at the end of each financial year;
- (l) undertake any other task that may be assigned to him by the university authorities to ensure that the objectives of the university are accomplished;
- (m) exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as prescribed by or under this Act or assigned to him by the Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor, from time to time.

Director of
Innovation,
Incubation
and
Linkages.

20. (1) The Director of Innovation, Incubation and Linkages shall be a full time salaried officer who shall be responsible for creation and cultivation of an enabling environment to propagate the concept of innovation, for converting innovative ideas into working models through a process of incubation which shall finally lead to creation of an enterprise and to cultivate, establish, maintain and strengthen the link of the university with premier national and international universities and institutions. He shall work directly under the superintendence, direction and control of the Vice-Chancellor.

(2) The qualifications and experience for the purpose of selection of the Director of the Innovation, Incubation and Linkages shall be as may be specified by the State Government, by an Order published in the *Official Gazette*.

(3) The Appointment of Director of Innovation, Incubation and Linkages shall be made by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the selection committee constituted for the purpose under this Act.

(4) The Appointment of the Director of Innovation, Incubation and Linkages shall be for a term of five years or the age of superannuation, whichever is earlier, and he shall be eligible for re-appointment by selection on the recommendation of a selection committee constituted for the purpose, for only one more term of five years in the university in which he is serving.

(5) The Director of Innovation, Incubation and Linkages shall,—

(a) be the principal officer who shall lead and provide vision to the Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Enterprise with his dynamism and enterprise;

(b) spearhead the awareness and training programmes for imparting education on intellectual property rights and aspects associated therewith;

(c) organize training programmes for creating awareness on the importance of entrepreneurship;

(d) organize and create support system for cultivation and incubation of good ideas into a scalable mode that would eventually culminate into the establishment of small, medium and large industry;

(e) work towards creating a liaison with national and international bodies and agencies involved in creating and developing entrepreneurial skills in students;

(f) take all steps to facilitate colleges to establish linkages with knowledge based and other types of industries;

(g) conduct training programmes to guide the young entrepreneurs in operational aspects, legal aspects, intellectual property rights, patent related issues, business model creation and financial aspects;

(h) implement the policies and strategies for promotion of international linkages with premier national and international universities and institutions, as envisaged by the Board of National and International Linkages and the university authorities;

(i) process applications for visits of teachers and students from university departments, institutions, conducted colleges, colleges and recognized institutions to national and international universities or institutions and assist them on logistic support for such visits;

(j) oversee and monitor administration of Foreign Students Assistance Cell which gives facility of a Single Window Operation to the foreign students;

(k) process the applications received from foreign students for their visits to other parts of India;

(l) supervise the working of the Migrant Indian Students' Cell established for providing Single Window Operation for students coming from other parts of the country;

(m) undertake any other task that may be assigned to him by the university authorities, to ensure that the objectives of the Board for Innovation, Incubation and Enterprise and Board of National and International Linkages are accomplished;

(n) exercise such other powers and perform such other duties, as prescribed by or under this Act or assigned to him by the Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor, from time to time.

Director,
Knowledge
Resource
Center.

21. (1) Director, Knowledge Resource Center shall be a full time salaried officer of the university and shall be in-charge of the Knowledge Resource Centre in the university. He shall work directly under the superintendence, direction and control of the Vice-Chancellor.

(2) The qualifications, experience, emoluments and terms and conditions of service of the Director, Knowledge Resource Center shall be as recommended by the University Grants Commission, in the case of university librarian and adopted by the State Government.

(3) The appointment of the Director Knowledge Resource Center shall be made by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the selection committee constituted for the purpose.

(4) The Director Knowledge Resource Center shall,—

(a) be a Member-Secretary of the Knowledge Resource Centre Committee and shall ensure proper implementation of the decisions taken by the Knowledge Resource Centre Committee;

(b) be the custodian of all books, periodicals, manuscripts, journals in print, audio and digital format, and equipment in the Knowledge Resource Center;

(c) evolve and implement such processes and procedures to ensure that the books, periodical, manuscripts, journals and equipment in the Knowledge Resource Centre are not lost or damaged, and no irregularities take place in the Knowledge Resource Center;

(d) cause periodical verification of stock, prepare appropriate report that includes losses, and place it before the Knowledge Resource Center Committee;

(e) be responsible for the development, modernization, up keeping and management of university Knowledge Resource Center;

(f) render assistance and guidance to the concerned officer at Knowledge Resource Center on the Sub-Campus of the university;

(g) render assistance and advice to libraries and librarians of affiliated colleges and recognized institutions by conducting annual meeting of the librarians of affiliated colleges and recognized institutions;

(h) conduct training programmes and workshops to update the skills and knowledge of librarians of affiliated colleges and recognized institutions;

(i) create awareness among the students of various departments of the university regarding the availability of resources, information, search techniques and databases through the information literacy programme;

(j) undertake any other task assigned to him by the university authorities to ensure that the objectives of Knowledge Resource Center are accomplished;

(k) exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as prescribed by or under this Act or assigned to him by the Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor, from time to time.

22. (1) The Director of Lifelong Learning and Extension shall be a full time salaried officer of the university and shall be responsible to carry out the activities of the Board of Lifelong Learning and Extension. He shall work directly under the superintendence, direction and control of the Vice-Chancellor.

Director
of
Lifelong
Learning
and
Extension.

(2) The qualifications, experience, emoluments and terms and conditions of service of the Director of Lifelong Learning and Extension shall be as recommended by the University Grants Commission and adopted by the State Government.

(3) The Director of Lifelong Learning and Extension shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the selection committee constituted for the purpose under this Act.

(4) The appointment shall be for a term of five years or till the age of superannuation, whichever is earlier and he shall be eligible for reappointment in the manner provided in sub-section (3) for only one more term of five years in the university in which he is serving.

(5) The Director of Lifelong Learning and Extension shall be the *ex-officio* head of the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension.

(6) The Director of Lifelong Learning and Extension shall,—

(a) be responsible for implementation of policies and recommendations of the Board of Lifelong Learning and Extension;

(b) promote research in the field of lifelong learning, value education, life skills for adults and senior citizens, and for longevity;

(c) organize lower level skills development programmes for training female and male nurses to handle elderly patients or terminally ill patients;

(d) organize the teaching programmes which include certificate and diploma programmes for graduate students and advanced diploma programmes at post-graduate level in value education and longevity;

(e) organize post-graduate teaching programmes exclusively in the domain of value education and life skills for adults and senior citizens;

(f) organize and co-ordinate awareness activities for adults and senior citizens on life skills for coping with old age, information on social organization and Government Schemes for elderly persons and briefing on home for the aged;

(g) undertake any other task as may be assigned by the university authorities so as to carry out objectives of the Board for Lifelong Learning and Extension;

(h) exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as prescribed by or under this Act or assigned to him by the Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor, from time to time.

Director of
Students'
Develop-
ment and
Director of
National
Service
Scheme.

23. (a) (1) The Director of Students' Development shall be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, from amongst the teachers having minimum aggregate teaching experience of ten years and desired exposure in the field of extra-curricular and extension activities. He shall work directly under the superintendence, directions and control of the Vice-Chancellor.

(2) The emoluments, tenure, and terms and conditions of service shall be as prescribed by the Statutes.

(3) The Director of Students' Development shall,—

(a) work towards promotion of cultural, recreational and welfare activities of students in colleges, institutions and university departments;

(b) conduct leadership training programmes for students;

(c) ensure that there are mentors and counselling cells for the young students in colleges, institutions and university departments;

(d) organize anti-ragging committees and squads and ensure that all necessary measures are taken to prevent ragging in the university, colleges and the institutions;

(e) look into the grievances and general welfare of the students;

(f) help in building-up the all-round personality of students and to groom them to be future leaders and confident adults;

(g) organize cultural and recreational activities jointly with regional, national and international bodies;

(h) promote the interest of the youth and develop their skills for appreciation of the fine and performing arts, pure arts and literary skills;

(i) organize university, state, national and international level competitions, skills development workshops and interactive programmes in various fields for the students;

(j) train the students for state, national and international level competitions in various cultural activities;

(k) conduct elections to the University Students' Council;

(l) to prepare the report of the Board of Students' Development to be submitted before the Senate;

(m) undertake any other task assigned to him by the university authorities to carry out objectives of the Board of Students' Development;

(n) exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as prescribed by or under this Act or assigned to him, by the Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor, from time to time.

(b) (1) the Director of National Service Scheme shall be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from amongst the teachers having minimum aggregate teaching experience of ten years, experience of at least three years as NSS Programme Officer and desired exposure in the field of National Service Scheme activities.

(2) The emoluments tenure and terms and conditions of service shall be as prescribed by the Statutes.

(3) The Director of National Service Scheme shall,—

(i) work towards promotion, co-ordination and conduct of different activities under National Service Scheme in colleges, institutions and university departments;

(ii) organize university, State, National and International level workshops, seminars, camps, competitions for National Service Scheme volunteers;

(iii) train the students for State, National and International competition;

(iv) undertake any other task assigned to him by the State National Service Scheme co-ordinator and the university authorities to carry out the objectives of National Service Scheme;

(v) exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as prescribed by or under this Act or assigned to him by the Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor, from time to time.

24. (1) The Director of Sports and Physical Education shall be a full time Director, and Physical Education salaried officer responsible for promoting the culture of sports and supervising sports related activities in the university, colleges and recognized institutions. He shall work under the superintendence, direction and control of the Vice-Chancellor.

Director of
Sports and
Physical
Education

(2) The qualifications and experience for the purpose of selection of the Director of Sports and Physical Education shall be such as may be specified by the State Government, by an order published in the *Official Gazette*.

(3) The Director of Sports and Physical Education shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the selection committee constituted for the purpose under this Act.

(4) The appointment of the Director of Sports and Physical Education shall be for a term of five years or the age of superannuation, whichever is earlier, and he shall be eligible for re-appointment by selection on the recommendation of a selection committee constituted for the purpose, for only one more term of five years in the university in which he is serving.

(5) The Director of Sports and Physical Education shall,—

(a) cultivate excellence in various domains of sports and also to promote a spirit of healthy competition;

(b) promote sports, culture and organize activities in the field of sports in colleges, institutions and university departments;

(c) co-ordinate and organize activities related to various sports jointly with regional and national bodies;

(d) organize university level competitions, sports skill development camps in various sports on the university campus;

(e) train students for regional, national and international competitions in various sports;

(f) to prepare the report of the Board of Sports and Physical education to be submitted before the Senate;

(g) undertake any other task that may be assigned to him by the university authorities, so as to carry out objectives of the Board of Sports and Physical education;

(h) exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as prescribed by or under this Act or assigned to him by the Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor, from time to time.

Officers,
members of
authorities,
bodies and
employees
of univer-
sity to be
public
servants.

25. All salaried officers, members of the authorities, committees or bodies, teachers of the university and other employees of the university, shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of section 21 of the Indian Penal Code.

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CHAPTER IV AUTHORITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

Authorities
of
University.

26. The following shall be the authorities of the university, namely:

- (1) the Senate;
- (2) the Management Council;
- (3) the Academic Council;
- (4) the Faculty;
- (5) the Board of Deans;
- (6) the Board of Sub-campus of the university;
- (7) the Board of Studies;
- (8) the Board of University Departments and Inter-disciplinary studies;
- (9) the Board of Post-Graduate Education in Colleges;
- (10) the Board of Lifelong Learning and Extension;
- (11) the Board of Examinations and Evaluation;
- (12) the Board of Information Technology;
- (13) the Board of National and International Linkages;
- (14) the Board for Innovation, Incubation and Enterprise;
- (15) the Board of Students' Development;
- (16) the Board of Sports and Physical Education;
- (17) the Board of Research;
- (18) such other bodies of the university as are designated by the Statutes, to be the authorities of the university.

27. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other provisions of this Act, in consultation with the Chancellor, the State Government shall, by an order published in the *Official Gazette*, specify the eligibility conditions for being elected, nominated or co-opted as a member of any authority of the university.

Power of State Government to specify eligibility conditions for being member of any authority of university.

28. (1) The Senate shall be the principal authority for all financial estimates and budgetary appropriations and for providing social feedback to the university on current and future academic programmes.

Senate.

(2) The Senate shall consist of the following members, namely:—

- (a) the Chancellor - Chairperson;
- (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (c) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;
- (d) the Deans of Faculties;
- (e) the Director of Board of Examinations and Evaluation;
- (f) the Finance and Accounts Officer;
- (g) the Directors of Sub-campus of the university;
- (h) the Director, Innovation, Incubation and Linkages;
- (i) the Director of Higher Education or his nominee not below the rank of Joint Director;
- (j) the Director of Technical Education or his nominee not below the rank of Joint Director;
- (k) the Director Knowledge Resource Center of the university;
- (l) the Director of Board of Students' Development;
- (m) the Director of Sports and Physical Education;
- (n) the Director of Board of Lifelong Learning and Extension;
- (o) ten Principals of affiliated, conducted, autonomous colleges which are accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) or National Board of Accreditation, (NBA), as the case may be, to be elected by the collegium of principals from amongst themselves; of whom one each shall be a person belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, De-notified Tribes (*Vimukta Jatis*) or Nomadic Tribes, Other Backward Classes, and one shall be a woman;

(p) six representatives of Management - to be elected from among the collegium of management representatives of the affiliated colleges or institutions out of whom one shall be from Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes or Denotified Tribes (*Vimukta Jatis*) or Nomadic Tribes or Other Backward Classes category, by rotation, and one shall be woman :

Provided that, such representatives of management to be elected shall be the representatives of management of colleges which are accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council or National Board of Accreditation as the case may be :

Provided further that, where a management conducts one or more Colleges or institutions, only one representative of such management shall be eligible for being included in collegium of Management Representatives;

(q) the president and the secretary of the University Students' Council;

(r) ten teachers other than principals and directors of recognised institutions to be elected by the collegium of teachers from amongst themselves of whom one each shall be a person belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, De-notified Tribes (*Vimukta Jatis*) or Nomadic Tribes, Other Backward Classes, and one shall be a woman;

(s) three teachers to be elected by the collegium of University teachers from amongst themselves, of whom one shall be a person belonging to the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes or De-notified Tribes (*Vimukta Jatis*) or Nomadic Tribes or Other Backward Classes, by rotation, and one shall be a woman;

(t) ten registered graduates having graduated at least five years prior to the date of nomination, to be elected from amongst the collegium of registered graduates, of whom one each shall be a person belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, De-notified Tribes (*Vimukta Jatis*) or Nomadic Tribes, Other Backward Classes, and one shall be a woman :

Provided that, the registered graduates shall not include the graduates falling in or covered by the category of teachers (regular or on contract basis, irrespective of their teaching experience), principals, heads of the departments, management or any other categories mentioned in this sub-section;

(u) ten persons nominated by the Chancellor, of whom four shall be from the field of agriculture, social work, co-operative movement, legal, financial, banking and cultural activities and of the remaining six persons, one is from the industry, one is an educationist, one is a scientist, one is a person from performing and fine arts or literature or sports, one is from an organization involved in Environment or Preservation of Nature related tasks, and one is from an organization involved in women's development or senior citizens welfare or communications and media;

(v) two persons, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor one shall be a non-teaching employee of the university and one shall be from amongst the non-teaching employees of the affiliated colleges or recognized institutions;

(w) two Members of Legislative Assembly nominated by Speaker of Legislative Assembly for a tenure of two and half years;

(x) one Member of Legislative Council nominated by Chairman of Legislative Council for a tenure of two and half years;

(y) one Member of Municipal Council or Municipal Corporation to be nominated by Vice-Chancellor by rotation for a tenure of one year;

(z) one representative of the Education Committees of Zilla Parishads within the university area, nominated by the Education Committee for the term of one year, by rotation;

(za) the Registrar - Member-Secretary.

(3) The Chancellor shall normally preside over the senate and in his absence the Vice-Chancellor shall preside.

(4) The Senate shall meet at least twice a year on the date to be fixed by the Chancellor. One of the meetings shall be the annual meeting.

29. The Senate shall transact the following business at its meeting, namely:—

Functions
and duties
of Senate.

(a) to give suggestions to the university authorities on improvements that can be made in all areas and domains that are an integral part of the university, namely, academics, research and development, administration and governance;

(b) to review current academic programmes and collaborative programmes;

(c) to suggest new academic programmes consistent with the societal requirements in higher education;

(d) to suggest measures for improvement and development of the university;

(e) to confer, on the recommendation of the Management Council, honorary degrees or other academic distinctions;

(f) to review broad policies and programmes of the university and suggest measures for its improvement and development;

(g) to receive, discuss and approve the annual financial estimate (budget), the annual report, accounts, audit reports and their satisfactory compliances along with its certification by the auditor and the disciplinary or otherwise action taken report in this regard by the University;

(h) to approve comprehensive perspective plan and annual plan for the location of colleges and institutions of higher learning, as recommended by the Academic Council;

(i) to review and adopt the report of students' grievance redressal report to be presented by Registrar of the University;

(j) to review and adopt the reports of the Board of Students' Development and Board of Sports to be presented by the concerned directors;

(k) to give suggestions to the University authorities on improvements that can be made in the area and domains of student welfare, sports, cultural activities of the University;

(l) to make, amend or repeal statutes.

Management
Council.

30. (1) The Management Council shall be the principal executive and policy making authority of the university and shall be responsible for administering the affairs of the university and carrying out such duties, which are not specifically assigned to any other authority.

(2) There shall be not less than four meetings of the Management Council in a year.

(3) The procedure for conduct of business to be followed at a meeting including the quorum at the meeting and such other matters in relation to meetings as may be necessary, shall be such as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(4) The Management Council shall consist of following members, namely:—

(a) the Vice-Chancellor-Chairperson;

(b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;

(c) one eminent person from the field of education, industry, agriculture, commerce, banking, finance, social, cultural and other allied fields to be nominated by the Chancellor;

(d) two Deans to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor for tenure of two and half year;

(e) One head or Director, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from amongst the heads or Directors of University Departments or University institutions for a tenure of one year, by rotation:

Provided that, in rotating the heads or Directors amongst Departments or University institutions, the earlier Departments or University institutions, which were given an opportunity of representation shall be ignored;

(f) two principals to be elected by the Senate from amongst the principals who are the members of the Senate, out of whom one shall be elected from amongst the principals who have been elected from Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes or De-notified Tribes (*Vimukta Jatis*) or Nomadic Tribes or Other Backward Class categories, by rotation;

(g) two teachers who are not principals or directors of recognised institutions to be elected by the Senate from amongst the teachers and university teachers who are the members of the Senate, out of whom one shall be elected from amongst the teachers and university teachers who have been elected from Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes or De-notified Tribes (*Vimukta Jatis*) or Nomadic Tribes or Other Backward Class categories, by rotation;

(h) two representatives of managements to be elected by Senate from amongst the representatives of management who are members of Senate, and further provided that same management shall not have second consecutive institutional representation:

Provided that, out of the two representatives under this clause, one member shall be elected by rotation, from amongst the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes, or De-notified Tribes (*Vimukta Jatis*) or Other Backward Class;

(i) two registered graduates elected by Senate from amongst elected registered graduate members of Senate, out of whom one shall be elected from amongst the registered graduates who have been elected from Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes or De-notified Tribes (*Vimukta Jatis*) or Nomadic Tribes or Other Backward Class categories, by rotation;

(j) two members elected by the Academic Council from amongst its members, one of whom shall be from amongst the elected teachers who are members of the Council and another shall be a woman;

(k) one eminent-expert from the institute or organization of National repute to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor in consultation with the Chancellor;

(l) the Secretary, Higher Education or his nominee not below the rank of Deputy Secretary or Joint Director of Higher Education;

(m) the Director of Higher Education or his nominee, not below the rank of Joint Director of Higher Education;

(n) the Director of Technical Education or his nominee not below the rank of Joint Director of Technical Education;

(o) the Registrar-Member-Secretary;

¹[Provided that, for the election of the candidate from the reserved categories, under clauses (f), (g), (h) and (i), for the initial term of Management Council, immediately after the commencement of this Act, point of rotation for reserved categories under the said clauses shall be decided by drawing of lots by Vice-Chancellor, and while drawing of lots, it shall be ensured that the person belonging to each reserved category shall have representation on the Management Council.]

(5) The Finance and Accounts Officer and the Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation shall be invitees of the Management Council, but they shall have no right to vote.

(6) President of the university students council shall be invitee, who shall attend the meeting as and when invited:

Provided that, such President shall be invited at least in every three months to discuss the issues related to the students' development, welfare and grievances.

31. The Management Council shall have the following powers and duties, namely:—

(a) to review and deliberate on short and long term reforms in academic, research and development activities, finances, management and governance that are taking place at the national and global level with a view to allow them to percolate into the university;

(b) to study and decide upon the operative mechanism for the reforms that would be recommended by the Commission in all the domains of the university;

(c) to make such provisions, as may enable colleges and institutions to undertake specialized studies and courses, and where necessary or desirable, organize and make provision for common laboratories, libraries, museums and equipment for teaching and research;

(d) to establish departments, colleges, schools, centres, institutions of higher learning, research and specialized studies, on the recommendation of the Academic Council;

(e) to recommend to the senate, the draft of statutes or amendment or repealment of statutes for approval;

Powers and duties of Management Council.

1. This proviso was added by Mah. 27 of 2018 s. 2.

(f) to make, amend or repeal ordinances and regulations;

(g) to control and arrange for administration of assets and properties of the university;

(h) to discuss and approve with modifications, if any, the annual financial estimates or budget, that is to say the fund which may be received from State Government, university funds and other funding agencies separately, as received from the Finance and Accounts Committee;

(i) to consider proposals to enter into, amend, carry out and cancel contracts on behalf of the university;

(j) to determine the form of common seal for the university and provide for its use;

(k) to accept, on behalf of the university the transfer of any trusts, bequests, donations and transfer of any movable, immovable and intellectual property to the university;

(l) to transfer by sale or otherwise, any movable or intellectual property rights on behalf of the university;

(m) to transfer by sale or lease or contract any immovable property to other organization with the prior permission of the State Government:

Provided that, any immovable property may be permitted to be used for the specific period, for the purpose of providing essential physical facilities for accomplishment of objects of the university, such as bank, canteen, post office, mobile towers, etc., without prior approval of the State Government;

(n) to create immovable assets in the form of land, building and other infrastructure out of reserve funds, for its campus and sub-campus;

(o) to borrow, lend or invest funds on behalf of the university as recommended by the Finance and Accounts Committee;

(p) to lay down policy for administering funds at the disposal of the university for specific purposes;

(q) to provide buildings, premises, furniture, equipment and other resources needed for the conduct of the work of the university;

(r) to recommend the conferment of honorary degrees and academic distinctions;

(s) to institute and confer such degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions as recommended by the Academic Council and arrange for convocation for conferment of the same, as provided by the Ordinances;

(t) to institute fellowship, travelling fellowship, scholarship, studentship, exhibitions, awards, medals and prizes and prescribe Regulations for their award;

(u) to make Regulations for collaborations with other universities, institutions and organizations for mutually beneficial academic programmes recommended by the Board of Deans;

(v) to create posts of university teachers and non-vacation academic staff from the funds of the university and from the funds received from other funding agencies, on the recommendation of the Academic Council, as and when required, and prescribe their qualifications, experience and pay-scales;

(w) to create posts of officers, non-teaching skilled, administrative, ministerial staff and other posts from the funds of the university and from the funds received from other funding agencies, as and when required, and prescribe their qualifications, experience and pay-scales;

(x) to prescribe honoraria, remunerations, fees and travelling and other allowances for paper-setters and other examination staff, visiting faculty, and fees or charges for any other services rendered to the university;

(y) to recommend to the Academic Council the comprehensive perspective plan and annual plan for the location of colleges and institutions of higher learning, as prepared by the Board of Deans;

(z) to consider and approve proposals for change or transfer of management and shifting of locations of colleges and institutions, as prescribed in the Statutes;

(za) to receive and consider report of the development activities of the university received from the Registrar every six months;

(zb) to confer autonomous status on university departments, university institutions, affiliated colleges and recognized institutions on the recommendation of the Academic Council, as per the Statutes;

(zc) to assess and approve proposals for academic programmes received from the Academic Council;

(zd) to consider and adopt the annual report, annual accounts and audit report in respect of State Government funds, university funds and funds received from other agencies separately;

(ze) to cause an inquiry to be made in respect of any matter concerning the proper conduct, working and finances of colleges, institutions or departments of the university;

(zf) to delegate, any of its powers, except the power to make, amend or repeal Statutes and Ordinances, to the Vice-Chancellor or such officer or authority of the university or a committee appointed by it, as it thinks fit;

(zg) to define the functions, duties, powers and responsibilities of non-teaching employees in the university, in respect of the posts created from the funds of the university and from the funds received from other funding agencies;

(zh) to deal with the cases related to the violation of prescribed fees according to the provisions of the Maharashtra Educational Institutions (Prohibition of Capitation Fee) Act, 1987 and other relevant Acts;

(zi) to accept donations, gifts and other forms of financial support from alumni, philanthropists, industries and other stakeholders and prescribe the procedure to be followed by the university for accepting such donations, gifts, etc;

(zj) to impose penalties upon the erring colleges or recognized institutions after following the procedure laid down by the Statutes;

(zk) to recommend to the State Government through the Vice-Chancellor to appoint an Administrative Board for the affiliated college to run the management of such college in case of disputes regarding the management of such colleges, till the dispute is statutorily resolved. The constitution of this board and the process of its appointment shall be as prescribed by the Statutes. The decision of the State Government in this regard shall be final and binding;

(zl) to develop and adopt students' charter.

Academic
Council.

32. (1) The Academic Council shall be the principal academic authority of the university and shall be responsible for regulating and maintaining the standards of teaching, research and evaluation in the university. It shall also be responsible for laying down the academic policies in regard to maintenance and improvement of standards of teaching, research, extension, collaboration programmes in academic matters and evaluation of workload of the teachers.

(2) The Academic Council shall meet not less than four times in a year.

(3) The Academic Council shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Vice-Chancellor, Chairperson;

(b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;

(c) Deans of Faculties and Associate Deans (if any);

(d) Directors of Sub-campus;

(e) Director Innovation, Incubation and Linkages;

(f) the Vice-Chancellor shall nominate the following members, as per the recommendations of the search committee appointed by him for this purpose, in consultation with the Chancellor, namely:—

(i) eight Principals of conducted, autonomous or affiliated colleges which are accredited by the National Assessment and Accrediation Council (NAAC) or National Board of Accreditation (NBA), as the case may be of whom one shall be woman and one shall be a person belonging Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes or De-notified Tribes (*Vimukta Jatis*) or Nomadic Tribes or Other Backward Class, by rotation;

(ii) two professors out of whom one shall be a person belonging Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes or De-notified Tribes (*Vimukta Jatis*) or Nomadic Tribes or Other Backward Class, by rotation;

(iii) one head of a recognized institution;

(g) two teachers, representing each faculty, with not less than fifteen years of teaching experience to be elected by the collegiums of teachers from amongst themselves out of whom one each shall be a person belonging Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes or De-notified Tribes (*Vimukta Jatis*)/ Nomadic Tribes or Other Backward Class provided that the reservation per faculty shall be decided by drawing lots:

Provided that, out of the teachers representing each faculties, under this clause, one shall be a woman, to be decided by drawing lots.

(h) one representative of management nominated by the Senate, from amongst the representatives of managements, who are the members of Senate;

(i) Eight eminent experts from the institutes or organizations of national repute, such as Indian Institute of Technology, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Indian Institute of Management, Indian Space Research Organization, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Institute of Cost Accountants of India, Institute of Company Secretaries of India, Indian Council for Social Research, Industrial Associations, Indian Olympic Association and allied fields and as much as possible representing all the faculties, nominated by the Chancellor;

(j) the Director of Higher Education or his nominee, not below the rank of the Joint Director, Higher Education;

(k) the Director of Technical Education or his nominee, not below the rank of the Joint Director, Technical Education;

(l) Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation;

(m) Chairpersons of Board of Studies;

(n) Registrar-Member Secretary.

33. (1) The Academic Council shall have the following powers and duties, namely:—

Powers and duties of Academic Council.

(a) to ensure that the university becomes a vibrant hub for promotion of research and development, interactions and linkages with industries, cultivation of intellectual property rights and entrepreneurship and incubation of knowledge linked industries;

(b) to consider and approve with modifications, if any, the matters referred to it by the Board of Studies through the faculty;

(c) to ensure that there are choice based credit systems for all certificates, diplomas, degrees, post-graduate programmes and other academic distinctions;

(d) to ensure that the spirit of research and entrepreneurship percolates to all colleges and recognized institutions of the university;

(e) to approve fees, other fees and charges as recommended by the Board of Deans through the fee fixation committee;

(f) to recommend to the Management Council, the institution of degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions;

(g) to propose draft of Ordinances relating to the academic matter to the Management Council;

(h) to make, amend or repeal Ordinances and Regulations relating to academic matters;

(i) to allocate subjects to the faculties;

(j) to prescribe qualifications and norms for appointment of paper-setters, examiners, moderators and others, concerned with the conduct of examinations and evaluation;

(k) to consider and make recommendations to the Management Council for creation of posts of university teachers and non-vacation academic staff, required by the university from the funds of the university and from the funds received from other funding agencies and prescribe their qualifications, experience and pay-scales;

(l) to prescribe norms for recognition of any member of the staff of an affiliated college or recognized institution as a teacher of the university, in consonance with the norms of the University Grants Commission and the State Government;

(m) to prescribe norms for granting affiliation, continuation of affiliation, extension of affiliation to colleges, and recognition, continuation of recognition, extension of recognition to institutions of higher learning and research or specialized studies;

(n) To grant affiliation to colleges or institutions in accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations;

(o) to accord recognition to various certificate, diploma, advanced diploma and degrees programmes run by private skills education providers and empowered autonomous skills development colleges, in consonance with the norms of the University Grants Commission and the State Government;

(p) to recommend to the senate the comprehensive perspective plan as prepared by the Board of Deans and recommended by the Management Council;

(q) to approve annual plan for the location of colleges and institutions of higher learning, as prepared by the Board of Deans and recommended by the Management Council;

(r) to recommend to the Management Council conferment of autonomous status on institutions, departments, affiliated or conducted colleges and recognized institutions in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes;

(s) to approve new courses, inter-disciplinary courses and short-term training programmes referred to it by the Board of Deans;

(t) to approve the course syllabi, paper-setters, examiners and moderators paper-setters, and evaluation schemes of various courses recommended by the faculty concerned;

(u) to advise the university on all academic matters and submit to the Management Council feasibility reports on academic programmes recommended by the Senate at its previous annual meeting;

(v) to create policy, procedure and practice for choice based credit system for all academic programmes;

(w) to create policy for mobility of students among various universities of the State and also lay down the policy for giving flexibility to choose and learn different course modules among different faculties in a university or other universities in the State;

(x) to work out the procedures, policies and practices to introduce more flexible approach to education and of 'adaptive pace of learning' with minimum and maximum duration for completion of a degree and other academic programmes;

(y) to ensure that the research projects are an integral part of choice based modules for post-graduate programmes;

(z) to prepare academic calendar of the university for the subsequent academic year as per the guidelines from the University Grants Commission and the State Government, three months before the expiry of the current academic year;

(za) to recommend to the Management Council establishment of departments, colleges, schools, centres, institutions of higher learning, research and specialized studies;

(zb) to exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed on it by or under this Act, the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations.

(2) The Academic Council shall refer all matters or decisions involving financial implications to the Management Council for approval.

34. (1) The faculty shall be the principal academic co-ordinating authority of the university in respect of studies and research in relation to the subjects included in the respective faculty and also in respect of studies and research in multi-faculties. Faculty.

(2) The university shall have the following faculties, namely:—

- (i) Faculty of Science and Technology;
- (ii) Faculty of Commerce and Management;
- (iii) Faculty of Humanities;
- (iv) Faculty of Inter-disciplinary Studies.

(3) Each faculty shall comprise of such subjects as prescribed by the Statutes.

(4) A faculty shall consist of the following members, namely :—

- (a) the Dean of the faculty - *ex-officio* Chairperson;
- (b) the Associate Dean, if nominated under sub-section (5) of section 15;
- (c) Chairpersons of each Board of Studies for the subjects comprised in the faculty;
- (d) one person, nominated by each Board of Studies, who is an approved teacher and is otherwise eligible to be nominated as a member of the Board of Studies;

(e) five special invitees, who are eminent scholars with proven academic achievements and industrial or professional exposure in the subjects within the faculty, to be nominated by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor in consultation with the Dean of the faculty.

Powers and
duties of
Faculty.

35. The faculty shall have the following powers and duties, namely:—

(a) to consider the report on any matter referred to it by the Management Council, Academic Council or Board of Deans;

(b) to create time bound operative mechanism for implementation of the academic policy decisions;

(c) to consider and recommend with modifications, if any, to the Academic Council, the matters referred to it by the Board of Studies;

(d) to recommend to the Academic Council the course syllabi, course structures and evaluation schemes of various courses, as forwarded by the Board of Studies;

(e) to study and certify the curricula made by the autonomous colleges, empowered autonomous colleges or cluster of institutions;

(f) to recommend to the Board of Deans the requirements regarding the conduct of post-graduate or under-graduate teaching, research, training and instruction, in university departments or institutions, affiliated colleges and recognized institutions, including the manpower requirement;

(g) to consider and recommend to the Board of Deans, new courses, interdisciplinary courses and short-term training programmes referred to it by the Boards of Studies or the Board of University Departments and Inter-disciplinary Studies;

(h) to ensure that guidelines framed by the Academic Council in relation to teaching, research, training and instruction are implemented;

(i) to plan and organize inter-departmental and inter-faculty programmes in consultation with the Board of Deans, Boards of Studies and the Board of University Departments and Inter-disciplinary Studies;

(j) to recommend to the Academic Staff College and the Academic Council, conduct of refresher and orientation programmes for teachers of affiliated colleges and university departments, especially for the revised or newly introduced or inter-disciplinary courses of study, training and advance training, field exposure and deputation;

(k) to prepare and submit the annual report of the functioning of the faculty to the Vice-Chancellor;

(l) to undertake any other task in respect of studies and research in relation to the subjects included in the faculty and also in multi-faculties, as may be assigned to it by the university authorities.

Board of
Deans.

36. (1) There shall be a Board of Deans to co-ordinate, oversee, implement and to supervise the academic activities of the university. It shall be responsible to plan the development of the university in academics, research and development, entrepreneurship, intellectual property rights, incubation of industries and linkages with industries for integrated planning. It shall also plan, monitor, guide and co-ordinate under-graduate and post-graduate academic programmes and development of affiliated colleges.

(2) The Board of Deans shall consist of the following members, namely:—

- (a) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Chairperson;
- (b) the Deans of faculties;
- (c) the Director of Innovation, Incubation and Linkages.

37. (1) The Board of Deans shall have the following powers and duties, namely:—

Powers and
Duties of
Board of
Deans

(a) to make recommendations to the Academic Council for the conduct of post-graduate courses in university departments and post-graduate departments in colleges and recognized institutions;

(b) to consider and recommend to the Academic Council, new courses, inter-disciplinary courses and short-term training programmes referred to it by the faculty;

(c) to control, regulate and co-ordinate research activities to maintain standards of teaching and research in the university departments and post-graduate departments in colleges and recognized institutions;

(d) to recommend to the Academic Council, the norms of recognition of post-graduate teachers and research guides in colleges and recognized institutions;

(e) to grant recognition to the post-graduate teachers and research guides as recommended by the Research and Recognition Committee in accordance with the norms prescribed by the Academic Council;

(f) to recommend to the Vice-Chancellor recognition of private skills education providers and empowered autonomous skills education colleges by following the procedure as prescribed under this Act;

(g) to consider and recommend to the Academic Council the proposals submitted by the private skills education providers and empowered autonomous skills development colleges in respect of starting new certificate, diploma, advanced diploma and degree programmes and designing the curricula thereof;

(h) to prepare a comprehensive perspective plan of five years for integrating therein the plan of Development in a manner ensuring equitable distribution of facilities for higher education, as per the guidelines framed by the Commission;

(i) to prepare the annual plan for the location of colleges and institutions of higher learning, in consonance with the perspective plan;

(j) to conduct academic audit of the university departments, institutions, affiliated colleges, autonomous university departments and institutions, empowered autonomous colleges, cluster of institutions, empowered autonomous skills development colleges and recognized institutions, which shall be carried out by an Academic Audit Committee, having an equal number of internal and external members;

(k) to oversee the continuation of affiliation to colleges and continuation of recognition to institutions through a system of academic audit;

(l) to recommend proposals to the Academic Council for the establishment of conducted colleges, schools, departments, institutions of higher learning, research and specialized studies, academic services units, libraries, laboratories and museums in the university;

(m) to consider and make recommendations to the Academic Council for creation of posts of university teachers and non-vacational academic staff required by the university, from the funds of the university and from the funds received from other funding agencies, and prescribe their qualifications, experience and pay-scales;

(n) to make proposal to the Management Council for the institution of fellowship, travelling fellowship, scholarship, studentship, medals and prizes and make regulations for their award;

(o) to recommend to the Management Council through the Academic Council, the proposal for the conduct of inter-faculty and area or regional studies, common facilities, such as instrumentation centers, workshops, hobby centers, museums, etc.;

(p) to recommend to the Academic Council the proposals to prescribe fees, other fees and charges through a Fee Fixation Committee;

(q) to draft Ordinances and place them before the Management;

(r) to draft regulations and place them before the Management Council and the Academic Council, as the case may be, for its approval.

(2) The Board of Deans shall appoint a Research and Recognition Committee for each Board of Studies,-

(a) The Research and Recognition Committee shall consist of the following members, namely :-

(i) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, *Ex-officio* Chairman;

(ii) Dean of the faculty concerned and Associate Dean of the concerned group of subjects, if any;

(iii) the Chairperson, Board of Studies;

(iv) two experts in the subject, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, not below the rank of Professor, who have successfully guided at least three Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) students and have published research work in recognized or reputed national or international journals, anthologies, etc., one of whom shall be from outside the university;

(b) the Research and Recognition Committee shall have the following powers and duties, namely:—

(i) to approve the topic of thesis or dissertation in the subject;

(ii) to recommend to the Vice-Chancellor a panel of referees for thesis or dissertations for awarding post-graduate, doctorate and higher degrees, based on the criteria as approved by the Academic Council;

(iii) to recommend to the Board of Deans, by following appropriate process, names of post-graduate teachers, research scientists in the recognized research and other institutions, active research and development experts having of not less than ten years' experience in research and development laboratories or centres in variety of industries, for recognition as approved research guides;

(iv) to undertake any other task in academic and research and development matters, as may be assigned to it by the Board of Deans, the Faculty and the Academic Council.

38. (1) There shall be a Board of sub-campus of the university to organize the task and activities of the sub-campus. It shall consist of the following members, namely:—

Board of Sub-campus of University.

(a) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Chairperson;

(b) the Deans of faculties;

(c) the Finance and Accounts Officer;

(d) the Directors of all Sub-Campuses;

(e) the Director, Innovation, Incubation and Linkages;

(f) two members of the Management Council, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, one of whom shall be a principal and the other shall be a representative of the management;

(g) the Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation;

(h) the Director, Board of Students' Development;

(i) the Director, Sports and Physical Education;

(j) one Principal, one Teacher, one management representative from the affiliated, autonomous colleges within the jurisdiction of each sub-campus to be nominated by the Management Council;

(k) the Registrar - Member-Secretary.

(2) The Board of Sub-Campuses of the university shall meet at least three times in a year.

39. The Board of Sub-Campuses of the university shall have the following powers and duties, namely:—

Powers and Duties of Board of Sub-Campuses of the University.

(a) to co-ordinate the under-graduate and post-graduate educational activities in the district;

(b) to ensure implementation of various academic, administrative and governance mechanisms of the parent university;

(c) to co-ordinate the intra-institutional and inter-institutional information and communication technology linkages among the institutions of higher education in the district;

(d) to carry out in association with colleges workshops and training programmes for the benefit of teachers and non-teaching employees;

(e) to co-ordinate the examination and evaluation related activities in the district;

(f) to co-ordinate creation of research plans, development plans and other fund raising activities for the colleges and institutions in the district and establish links with the central office of the parent university;

(g) to co-ordinate teaching and learning activities at post-graduate level amongst the colleges and institutions, and render necessary assistance in this regard;

(h) to work as a district level gateway of the university for all academic and administrative tasks of students, research students, teachers, supporting staff and other members of the society;

(i) to prepare financial needs and annual financial estimates (budget) for the financial year and submit it to the central office of the parent university;

(j) to undertake any other task as may be assigned by the university authorities so as to carry out objectives of the university.

Board
of
Studies.

40. (1) There shall be a Board of Studies for every subject or group of subjects prescribed by the Statutes. The Board of Studies shall be the primary academic body of the university.

(2) The Board of Studies shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) head of the university department or institution in the relevant subject:

Provided that, where there is no university department in the subject, the Board shall, at its first meeting co-opt the head of the department who is recognized for imparting teaching to post graduate students in an affiliated college or a recognized institution having post graduate teaching in that subject;

(b) six teachers having minimum ten years teaching experience, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor in consultation with the Dean of the respective faculty, from the following categories, namely :—

(i) one teacher from amongst the full time teachers of the university departments in the relevant subject;

(ii) two teachers from amongst recognized post-graduate teachers in affiliated colleges, or recognized institutions or post-graduate centers offering post-graduate programme in the concerned subject;

(iii) three teachers from affiliated colleges and recognized institutions other than heads of departments;

(c) three heads of departments from affiliated colleges and recognized institutions to be elected from amongst the collegiums of heads of departments of affiliated colleges and recognized institutions.

(d) the Board of Studies, at its first meeting, shall,-

(i) Subject to the provisions of section 65, elect one of the members as a chairperson of the board of the studies from amongst its members :

Provided that the member to be elected as a chairperson of Board of Studies shall be a post graduate recognized teacher imparting teaching to post graduate students; and thereafter co-opt -

(ii) one professor from other universities; and

(iii) four experts as under :-

(A) a person holding a rank not lower than that of Assistant Director, in national laboratories or institutions; or recognized institutions or industry or experts in the related field having published at least one reference book in the subject; or at least three research papers in recognized national or international journals;

(B) an eminent scholar in the subject;

(C) an eminent person from the subject-related industries or association or professional body;

(D) person having at least ten years working or ownership or advisory or consultancy experience in the field relevant to the subject.

(E) top rankers of the Final Year Graduate and Final Year Post Graduate examination of previous year of the concerned subject as invitee members for discussions on framing or revision of syllabus of that subject or group of subjects for one year.

41. The Board of Studies shall have the following powers and duties, namely :—

Powers and duties of Board of Studies.

(a) to recommend to the Management Council through the faculty or faculties concerned and the Academic Council, the introduction of new diplomas and degrees;

(b) to recommend to the Management Council through the faculty or faculties concerned and the Academic Council, the discontinuation of diplomas and degrees which have become irrelevant;

(c) to recommend to the faculty concerned, the course syllabi, course structures and evaluation schemes of various courses;

(d) to recommended to the reference books or supplementary reading books and such other material useful for study of the course;

(e) to recommend to the faculty, modifications in respect of addition or deletion or updating of courses;

(f) to prepare the panels of paper-setters, examiners and moderators for the university examinations and evaluation, based on the criteria laid down by the Academic Council and recommend them to the Board of Examination and Evaluation;

(g) to suggest to the Dean of the faculty concerned, organization of orientation and refresher courses in the subject in the summer or winter vacations;

(h) to prepare the requirements with regard to library, laboratory, equipment in respect of courses concerned;

(i) to suggest extension programmes with respect to the courses introduced;

(j) to understand the requirements of industry or corporate or society at large and to incorporate them into the syllabi to make the teaching-learning process relevant to the needs of the time;

(k) to encourage learning by collaboration and participation by using information and communication technology tools;

(l) to design curricula, add vocational content to every discipline and to prescribe the minimum period to pursue skill development programme and the level of proficiency expected;

(m) to ratify curricula, all processes and practices developed by the autonomous colleges, university departments or institutions, autonomous recognized institutions, empowered autonomous colleges or cluster of institutions, empowered skills development colleges, and recommendations in respect of recognition of teachers or experts.

Board of
University
Depart-
ments and
Interdisci-
plinary
studies.

42. (1) There shall be a Board of University Departments and Interdisciplinary Studies to promote interdisciplinary education and research on campus and also network with national and international institutions and create an academic and research and development environment that allows free flow of ideas amongst several disciplines.

(2) The Board of University Departments and Interdisciplinary Studies shall consist of the following members, namely:-

(a) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Chairperson;

(b) the Deans of faculties and Associate Deans, if any;

(c) four experts, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from other universities or national level research and development laboratories, one each having minimum experience of five years as a professor or equivalent position in research and development laboratories, in each of the disciplines of science, technology, humanities, commerce and management and interdisciplinary studies;

(d) four heads of departments or senior professors representing various subjects or disciplines in an equitable manner, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.

(3) The Dean of Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies shall act as a Member-Secretary.

(4) The Board shall meet at least three times a year.

43. The Board of University Departments and Interdisciplinary Studies shall have the following powers and duties, namely:—

Powers and duties of Board of University Departments and Interdisciplinary studies.

(a) to devise long term policy and strategy for promotion of quality post-graduate education on university campus;

(b) to prepare a comprehensive development plan for post-graduate education in university departments;

(c) to work on annual financial estimates (budget) for university departments;

(d) to co-ordinate the research and development activities with the Board of Research;

(e) to establish linkages with foreign and Indian premier teaching and research and development institutions or universities for strengthening of teaching and research and development activities on the campus of the university;

(f) to work in tandem with the Board of National and International Linkages to collaborate with national and international agencies, universities (including deemed or self-financed universities) and institutions for sharing of academic resources, running joint teaching programmes, running joint degree programmes with national and international universities or institutions;

(g) to promote interdisciplinary teaching programmes on the campus by co-ordinating amongst teachers and also to make policy for sharing of academic and research and development infrastructure;

(h) to promote the choice based credit system in the university departments, the affiliated colleges and recognized institutions;

(i) to work out and initiate use of technology in delivery of education;

(j) to promote the face-to-face and e-learning process in classroom teaching, use of mini-research and maxi research projects as an integral part of post-graduate learning;

(k) to initiate new approaches and methodology for assessing learning by students as a continuous online process;

(l) to recommend to the Vice-Chancellor,—

(i) the posts of university teachers (including aided posts and the posts for the purposes of sub-section (2) of section 8) to be filled by selection, who possess the prescribed minimum and additional qualification;

(ii) emoluments and the number of posts to be filled ; and

(iii) the number of posts under sub-clause (i), which may be reserved for the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes, *Vimukta Jatis* (De-Notified Tribes) or Nomadic Tribes or Other Backward Classes.

(m) to undertake any other task as may be assigned by the university authorities to carry out the objectives of the Board of University Departments and Interdisciplinary Studies and of the university.

Board of
Post-
Graduate
Education
in Colleges.

44. (1) There shall be a Board of Post-Graduate Education in Colleges with broad objectives of initiating and strengthening of quality post-graduate programmes in various disciplines of learning in colleges.

(2) The Board of Post-Graduate Education in Colleges shall meet not less than four times in a year, two of which shall necessarily be in the month of September or October and December or January, each year.

(3) The Board of Post-Graduate Education in Colleges shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor - Chairperson;

(b) the Deans of faculties and Associate Deans, if any;

(c) one faculty-wise expert from other universities, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, each having minimum experience of five years as a professor;

(d) three faculty-wise heads of departments in colleges, with minimum experience of five years as a recognized post-graduate teacher, from post-graduate centres in colleges, preferably from different districts to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;

(e) Directors of all sub-campuses;

(f) Deputy Registrar of the administrative section concerned, shall act as the Secretary of the Board.

(4) The Board of Post-Graduate Education in Colleges shall have the following powers and duties, namely :—

(a) to recommend creation of a new post-graduate centre in a particular discipline or a new course in the existing post-graduate centre in an affiliated college;

(b) to create synergy for the growth of the post-graduate centers at district level through district sub-campuses;

(c) to initiate and encourage the use of technology in a blended form of education in the post-graduate centers;

(d) to propagate and keep track of quality enhancement in post-graduate centers by initiating teachers capacity enhancement activities;

(e) to initiate research and development activities in post-graduate centers;

(f) to undertake any other task as may be assigned by the university authorities so as to carry out objectives of the Board of Post-Graduate Education in Colleges.

Board of
Lifelong
Learning
and
Extention.

45. (1) There shall be a Board for Lifelong Learning and Extension to create skilled and learned human power through its various degree level programmes and skills development programmes.

(2) The Board for Lifelong Learning and Extension shall meet at least twice in a year.

(3) The Board for Lifelong Learning and Extension shall consist of the following members, namely:—

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor - Chairperson;
- (b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;
- (c) the Deans of faculties;
- (d) three eminent experts, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, working in the domain of lifelong learning skills, value education and in field of longevity;
- (e) two teachers from university departments, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, who are actively engaged in innovation, research and development;
- (f) two teachers from the colleges, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, who are actively engaged in innovation, research and development and extension;
- (g) the Director, Centre of Lifelong Learning and Extension-Member-Secretary.

46. (1) The Board of Lifelong Learning and Extension shall have the following powers and duties, namely:-

- (a) to create synergy at policy and operative level mechanism for co-existence and co-operation between various teaching, research and development institutions and various regional and national bodies and governmental agencies in the domain of lifelong learning, value education and life skills for senior citizens;
- (b) to supervise and monitor the activities of an independent Centre for Life-long Learning and Extension that shall be set up by the university to carry out the objectives of the Board;
- (c) to look into budgets and financial needs of the Centre for Lifelong Learning and Extension;
- (d) to prepare an annual programme of activities of the Centre for Lifelong Learning and Extension and to review the same periodically;
- (e) to submit an annual report to the Management Council;
- (f) to undertake any other task that may be assigned by the university authorities to carry out the objectives of the Board of Lifelong Learning and Extension.

(2) There shall be a Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension headed by the Director, to carry out the objectives of the Board of Lifelong Learning and Extension.

47. (1) The Board of Examinations and Evaluation shall be the authority to deal with all matters relating to examinations and evaluation. The Board of Examinations and Evaluation shall also oversee the conduct of examinations in the autonomous colleges, institutions, university departments and university institutions.

(2) The Board of Examinations and Evaluation shall meet at least twice in an academic year.

Powers and duties of Board of Lifelong Learning and Extension.

Board of Examinations and Evaluation.

(3) The Board of Examinations and Evaluation shall consist of the following members, namely:—

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor - Chairperson;
- (b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;
- (c) the Deans of Faculties and Associate Deans, if any;
- (d) two Principals other than Dean, nominated by the Management Council;
- (e) one professor of the university departments, to be nominated by the Management Council;
- (f) one teacher from affiliated Colleges other than heads of Departments or Principals with the minimum teaching experience of fifteen years to be nominated by Management Council;
- (g) one expert in the field of evaluation in computerized environment, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;
- (h) one expert not below the rank of Deputy Registrar of other Statutory University from the State of Maharashtra who has experience related to examination work in computerized environment as an invitee to be nominated by Vice-Chancellor;
- (i) Director of Higher Education or his nominee not below the rank of Joint Director;
- (j) Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation - Member- Secretary.

Powers and duties of Board of Examinations and Evaluation.

48. (1) The Board of Examinations and Evaluation shall have the following powers and duties, namely:—

(a) to devise policy, mechanism and operational strategies to do the tasks relating to assessment of performance of students efficiently and in a time bound manner;

(b) to ensure proper organization of examinations and tests of the university, including moderation, tabulation, evaluation and timely declaration of results:

Provided that, the Board of Examinations and Evaluation shall, for the purposes of this clause, give effect to the recommendations of the Board of Students' Development and the Board of Sports and Physical Education, regarding alternative arrangements.

(c) to prepare the financial estimates relating to examinations and evaluation for incorporation in the annual financial estimates (budget) of the university and shall submit the same to the Finance and Accounts Committee;

(d) to arrange for strict vigilance during the conduct of examinations so as to avoid use of unfair means by the students, teachers, invigilators, supervisors, etc.;

(e) to establish procedures and devise operative mechanism for credit assessment in the modular structure by the teachers and use computer technology for the entire process of assessment and evaluation including creating and effectively using a repository of question banks;

(f) to ensure that the assessment of answer books for award of degrees, diplomas or certificates shall be done centrally through central assessment system by following system of masking and de-masking of answer books or any other alternative system for ensuring the objective of secrecy;

(g) to undertake examination and evaluation reforms in order to make examination and evaluation system more efficient;

(h) to appoint paper-setters, examiners and moderators from amongst the persons included in the panels prepared by the respective Boards of Studies and, where necessary, having regard to the recommendations made by the committee under clause (b) of sub-section (5), remove them or debar them;

(i) to approve detailed programme of examinations and evaluation as prepared by the Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation;

(j) to consider the reports of review of results of university examinations forwarded by the Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation;

(k) to hear and decide the complaints relating to conduct of examinations and evaluation;

(l) to exercise such other powers in relation to examinations and evaluation as may be assigned to it by or under this Act.

(2) In case of any emergency requiring immediate action to be taken, the Chairperson of the Board of Examinations and Evaluation or any other officer or person authorized by him in that behalf, shall take such action as he thinks fit and necessary, and shall report the action taken by him at the next meeting of the Board.

(3) (a) In order to appoint paper-setters, examiners and moderators, the Board of Examinations and Evaluation shall constitute committees for every subject consisting of, -

(i) the Dean of the concerned faculty - Chairperson;

(ii) Associate Dean, if any;

(iii) the Chairperson of the Board of Studies concerned;

(iv) two members of the Board of Studies, nominated by it from amongst its members of whom at least one shall be a post-graduate teacher;

(v) the Director of Board of Examinations and Evaluation shall act as a Secretary of such committee.

(b) The committee shall prepare lists of persons for various examinations and tests, included in the panels to be prepared by the Board of Studies and shall submit them to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, who shall submit the same with his recommendations, if any, to the Board of Examinations and Evaluation, which shall then appoint paper-setters, examiners and moderators, and where necessary referees.

(c) No member of the Board of Examinations and Evaluation or the committees constituted under this section shall be appointed as a paper-setter, examiner, moderator or referee:

Provided that, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall have power to appoint a member of the Board of Examinations and Evaluation or the committees constituted under this section, as a paper-setter, examiner, moderator or referee where no teacher relating to such subject who is not a member of the Board of Examinations and Evaluation or the committees is available.

(4) It shall be obligatory on every teacher and on the non-teaching employee of the University, affiliated, conducted colleges, community colleges or recognized institutions to render necessary assistance and service in respect of examinations of the university and evaluation of students as prescribed by statutes. If any teacher or non-teaching employee fails to comply with the order of the university or college or institution, in this respect, it shall be treated as misconduct and the employee shall be liable for disciplinary action. In case of failure on the part of the teacher or non-teaching employee of any affiliated college, conducted college, community college or recognized institution, to comply with the order of the university in this respect, the Vice-Chancellor shall have power to take an appropriate action against them, which may include imposing penalties including suspension of approval to the appointment of a teacher, as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(5) (a) In order to investigate and take disciplinary action for failure to comply with the order of the university for rendering assistance or service in respect of examinations by or on behalf of the university or evaluation of students or malpractices and lapses on the part of candidates, paper-setters, examiners, moderators, referees, teachers or any other persons connected with the conduct of examinations including the pre-examination stage and the post-examination stage or at any stage whatsoever, the Board of Examinations and Evaluation shall constitute a committee of not more than five persons of whom one shall be the Chairperson;

(b) Such committee shall submit its report and recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor, who may direct the Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation, the disciplinary action to be taken against the person or persons involved in the malpractices, directly or indirectly, and the Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation shall proceed to implement the decision of the Vice-Chancellor.

Board of
Information
Technology.

49. (1) There shall be a Board of Information Technology to create an umbrella structure to professionally manage the selection, deployment and use of application software and technology in Academics, Finances and Administration, address the issues relating to use of the right kind of technology, software, hardware and connectivity to deploy technology in all domains of activities and associated tasks of the university and to project the funds required for that purpose.

(2) The Board of Information Technology shall meet at least three times in a year.

(3) The Board of Information Technology shall consist of the following members, namely:—

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor - Chairperson;
- (b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;
- (c) the Deans of faculties and Associate Deans, if any;
- (d) the Director of Board of Examinations and Evaluation;
- (e) the Finance and Accounts Officer;
- (f) one professor from university departments having knowledge and expertise in the domain of software and hardware, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;
- (g) two experts in the field of information and communication technology, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, one of whom shall be an expert in software and the other in the field of hardware;
- (h) the Registrar;
- (i) the Dean of Faculty of Science and Technology shall act as a Member-Secretary.

50. The Board of Information Technology shall have the following powers and duties, namely: —

- (a) to plan information technology services through information technology infrastructure;
- (b) to decide the annual budget of the university for creating technology related infrastructure;
- (c) to devise strategy for creation of virtual classrooms and laboratory infrastructure;
- (d) to lay down the policy for networking in the various campuses of the university;
- (e) to lay down the policy for generating financial resources in the field of higher education, research and development and allied projects or programmes;
- (f) to advise and assist the university to create inter-university and intra-university networks for connecting university administration, departments and colleges;
- (g) to assist the university to be part of the national knowledge grid;
- (h) to assist the university network, for connecting it with other universities in the State;
- (i) to ensure quality and efficiency in the various levels of information technology infrastructure and services within parameters defined by the university;
- (j) to devise a policy and strategy plan for use of technology in all aspects connected with academics, evaluation, finances and administration;

Powers and duties of Board of Information Technology.

(k) to monitor use of technology in administration, finances and evaluation activities of the university;

(l) to devise strategy and technology, financial requirement and operative level mechanism for use of information-flow-line for integrating face-to-face and e-learning objects and also for creation of virtual lecture and laboratory infrastructure;

(m) to work out an approach and operating plan for creation of a repository of data on students, teachers, technical and other staff and other relevant information;

(n) to advise on purchase of software, hardware and networking for university departments and university system as a whole;

(o) to assist and advise the use of technology in blended learning, making of e-learning objects, and teachers training in use of multi-media;

(p) to work out appropriate policy and procedure for creation of a Data Repository Cell for creation, up-gradation and maintenance of data on students, teachers as well as other staff members in the institutions and give a Unique Identification Number;

(q) to undertake any other task as may be assigned by the university authorities so as to carry out objectives of the Board of Information Technology.

Board of
National
and
International
Linkages.

51. (1) There shall be a Board of National and International Linkages to cultivate, establish, maintain and strengthen the link of the university with premier national and international universities and institutions.

(2) The Board shall meet at least three times in a year.

(3) The Board of National and International Linkages shall consist of the following members, namely:-

(a) the Vice-Chancellor - Chairperson;

(b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;

(c) the Deans of faculties and Associate Deans, if any;

(d) one member of the Management Council, from amongst its elected members, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;

(e) one senior professor, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from the university post-graduate Department;

(f) two principals, of whom one shall be from autonomous or empowered autonomous colleges or empowered autonomous institutions and one shall be from affiliated colleges to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;

(g) one expert from industries having proven expertise about National and International linkages to be nominated by Commission;

(h) the Director, Innovation, Incubation and Linkages-Member-Secretary.

52. The Board of National and International Linkages shall have the following powers and duties, namely:—

Powers and Duties of Board of National and International Linkage.

(a) to work on long term policy and strategy for promotion of inter-linkages with premier national and international universities and institutions;

(b) to evolve a process to collaborate with national and international agencies, universities, colleges and institutions for sharing of academic resources, running joint research and development and teaching programmes, running joint degree programmes with national and international universities, colleges and institutions;

(c) to evolve mechanism for visits of teachers or research and development scientists or experts from industry and other entities, to the university departments, colleges and institutions and vice-versa, and also to work out the details on logistic support for such visitors;

(d) to evolve mechanism for visits of teachers and students from university departments, colleges and institutions to national and international universities, colleges or institutions and vice-versa, and also to work out details on budgetary provisions and logistic support for such visits;

(e) to evolve a mechanism to assist foreign students and migrant Indian students, their admissions and completion of other statutory formalities;

(f) to organize cultural and other activities such as visits of foreign students and migrant Indian students to other parts of India;

(g) to make arrangements for other logistic infrastructure, if any, created by the university for foreign students and migrant Indian students;

(h) to work out budgetary provision for activities of the Board and for providing various services to foreign students and migrant Indian students;

(i) to undertake any other task as may be assigned by the university authorities so as to carry out objectives of the Board of National and International Linkages.

53. (1) There shall be a Board of Innovation, Incubation and Enterprise for creation and cultivation of an enabling environment to propagate the concept of innovation and to convert the innovative ideas into working models through a process of incubation which shall finally lead to the creation of enterprise.

Board of Innovation, Incubation and Enterprise.

(2) The university shall establish an independent Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Enterprise to carry out the objectives of the Board for Innovation, Incubation and Enterprise. The Centre shall exercise the powers and perform the duties as may be assigned by the Board, from time to time.

(3) The Board for Innovation, Incubation and Enterprise shall consist of the following members, namely:-

(a) the Vice-Chancellor - Chairperson;

(b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;

(c) the Deans of faculties and Associate Deans, if any;

(d) five prominent industrialists, nominated by Commission from manufacturing, information and communication technology, bio-sciences and technology, agro-industries and service industries;

(e) one senior manager from the lead bank of the District in which head quarter of the University is located to be nominated by Vice-Chancellor;

(f) two teachers from university departments or university institutions, who are active in innovation, research and development nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;

(g) two teachers, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, from colleges who are active in innovation, research and development;

(h) the representative of Department of Information and Technology, not below the rank of the Deputy Secretary;

(i) the Director, Innovation, Incubation and Linkages - Member-Secretary.

(4) There shall be minimum three meetings of the Board to be conducted in the year.

Powers and duties of Board of Innovation, Incubation and Enterprise.

54. The Board of Innovation, Incubation and Enterprise shall have the following powers and duties, namely:-

(a) to create synergy at policy and operative level mechanism for co-existence and co-operation between various research and development activities in university departments, colleges and various industries in the State and in other States;

(b) to create synergy through operative policy mechanism and support system for incubation of good ideas such as product, process, service and innovation, into a scalable mode so as to establish small, medium and large industries;

(c) to establish a system to support protection of intellectual property rights at national and global level;

(d) to establish a system so as to guide and help young entrepreneurs in operational, legal, business model creation and financial support;

(e) to project and plan the activities to be carried out by the Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Enterprise;

(f) to prepare annual programmes of activities of the Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Enterprise and review the same periodically;

(g) to prepare the annual budget of the Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Enterprise;

(h) to oversee and monitor the activities of the Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Enterprise;

(i) to submit an annual report of working of Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Enterprise to the Management Council;

(j) to undertake any other task as may be assigned by the university authorities to carry out the objectives of the Board for Innovation, Incubation and Enterprise.

55. (1) There shall be a Board of Students' Development to plan and oversee the various cultural and welfare activities of the students in colleges, institutions and university departments. The activities of the Board of Student's Development shall be carried out by the Director of Students' Development.

Board of
Students'
Development.

(2) The Board of Students' Development shall consist of the following members, namely:-

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor - Chairperson;
- (b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;
- (c) one professional, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, in the field of Performing Arts;
- (d) one professional, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor in the field of Art and Fine Arts;
- (e) two teachers, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor involved in cultural or welfare activities out of whom one shall be woman;
- (f) office bearers of University Students Council;
- (g) District Co-ordinators of Culture and Student Welfare for each district to be nominated by Management Council;
- (h) Director of National Service Scheme (NSS) of the University;
- (i) the Director, Board of Students' Development, Member- Secretary.

56. (1) The Board of Students Development shall have the following powers and duties, namely :-

Powers and
duties of
Board of
Student's
Development.

- (a) to take necessary steps for promotion of culture and students' development activities in colleges and university departments;
- (b) to establish links with regional and national bodies in the various cultural activities and to promote various activities jointly with them;
- (c) to take up activities in colleges and university departments to promote interest and skills for appreciation in the field of performing arts, pure art and painting skills;
- (d) to hold university level competitions, skills development workshops, interactive activities in order to bring the society closer to the colleges, institutions and university;
- (e) to establish rapport with groups (excluding political parties), societies and other professional bodies so as to involve them in the activities of Board of Students Development;
- (f) to devise, develop and implement innovative schemes of students development including Earn and Learn Scheme, Education Loan, Vice-Chancellors Aid Fund, Endowment Schemes, Student Exchange Schemes, etc;
- (g) to devise a mechanism of grievance redressal of student and prevention of sexual harassment and ragging of students and to prepare and submit the Annual Report of the Board to Senate for approval;

(h) to devise a mechanism to implement recommendations of the Commission as regards students' development and culture.

(i) to take necessary measures to ensure participation of well-trained teams in various regional, national and international level competitions, and cultural, recreational and other activities.

(j) to devise, develop and implement schemes of career counselling, psychological counselling and rehabilitation and upliftment of differently-abled students.

(k) to co-ordinate activities of National Service Scheme(NSS)and National Cadet Corps (NCC) in university and affiliated Colleges.

(l) to recommend to competent authority to make alternative arrangements regarding examinations for students participating in the inter-university or national or international sports, cultural competitions or NCC, NSS events during the relevant schedules of examinations as prescribed by Ordinances.

(m) to undertake any other task as may be assigned by the university authorities so as to carry out objectives of the Board of Students' Development and Students' Development Cell.

(2) There shall be a Students' Development Cell and Students Grievance Redressal Cell in the university and in the colleges and recognized institutes to devise an operational level mechanism to assist the Students and provide for prompt redressal of students grievances. These Cells shall be as under,-

(a) Students' Development Cell,-

to assist students on the issues and difficulties in various facets related to their day to day life and other aspects connected with their academic world, personality development and healthy campus life. Such cell in the university shall be headed by Director, Students' Development. The Cell shall consist of other seven members nominated by Vice-Chancellor from amongst the Teachers on the Campus and President and Secretary of the Students Council to be the ex-officio members. There shall be Students' Development Cell in each college and recognized Institution which shall be headed by Vice-Principal or Senior Teacher Nominated by the Principal and other four members shall be nominated by the Principal to include Teachers, Female Teacher, Social Worker, Counselor and office bearers of College Students Council to be the ex-officio members.

(b) Students Grievance Redressal Cell,-

there shall be Students Grievance Redressal Cell at the University and each college and recognized institutions to resolve the Grievances of Students and to suggest to the higher authorities different ways and means to minimize and prevent such grievances. The functional mechanism of working of Students Grievance Redressal Cell shall be as prescribed by Statutes, prepared in accordance with the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Grievance Redressal) Regulations, 2012, or any other regulations for the time being in force.

57. (1) There shall be a Board of Sports and Physical Education in the university to promote the culture of sports and look after sports related activities. The activities of the Board shall be carried out by the Director of Sports and Physical Education.

Board of Sports and Physical Education.

(2) The Board of Sports and Physical Education shall consist of the following members, namely:-

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor - Chairperson;
- (b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;
- (c) three professionals, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor with established credibility in different fields of sports;
- (d) District Sports Officer of the district where the University Head Quarter is located;
- (e) one teacher from the university department of Physical Education, nominated by the Management Council;
- (f) two sports teachers, from affiliated, conducted or autonomous colleges, nominated by the Management Council;
- (g) Zonal or Divisional president (principal of the host college) and secretary (director physical education of the host college) with the tenure of one year;
- (h) the President, Secretary of the University Student Council;
- (i) one student member from sports of University Student Council nominated by the President of University Students Council under sub-clause (v) of clause (b) of sub-section (4) of section 99;
- (j) the Director, Sports and Physical Education - Member-Secretary.

58. The Board of Sports and Physical Education shall have the following powers and duties, namely:-

Powers and duties of Board of Sports and Physical Education.

- (a) to take necessary steps for promotion of sports culture and activities in the field of sports in colleges and university departments;
- (b) to establish links with regional and national bodies in the various sports and to promote various activities jointly with them;
- (c) to establish rapport with groups, societies and other professional bodies so as to involve them in the activities of Board of Sports and Physical Education;
- (d) to take up activities in colleges, recognized institutions and university departments to promote interest and also skills in various sports as per the policy of the university and also national policies in the field of sports;
- (e) to hold university level competitions, sports skills development camps, interactive activities and also training workshops in various sports in order to bring the society closer to the colleges, institutions and university;
- (f) to encourage participation in regional, national and international level activities and competitions through well trained teams in various sports;

(g) to recommend to competent authority to make alternative arrangements regarding examinations of students participating in the inter-university or national or international sports tournaments or events during the relevant schedules of examinations as prescribed by Ordinances;

(h) to undertake any other task as may be assigned by the university authorities so as to carry out the objectives of the Board of Sports and Physical Education.

59. (1) There shall be a Board of Research to cultivate, promote and strengthen research activities and also to plan, co-ordinate, supervise and to raise finances for research activities in university departments, colleges and recognized institutions.

Board of
Research.

(2) The Board of Research shall consist of the following members, namely :-

(a) the Vice-Chancellor - Chairperson;

(b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;

(c) the Deans of faculties and Associate Deans, if any;

(d) four eminent researchers, of national or international repute nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, with proven experience; one each from pure and applied sciences and technology, humanities, commerce, accounts and finances, and interdisciplinary studies;

(e) two teachers, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from university departments;

(f) two teachers, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, from colleges or recognized institutions having a strong base in research culture;

(g) eight eminent persons from different areas of Science, Commerce, Agriculture, Banking, Finance, Industry, Intellectual Property Rights, etc., who are conversant with the global trends as well as regional issues to be nominated by Chancellor;

(h) the Director, Innovation, Incubation and Linkages -Member-Secretary.

(3) The Board of Research shall meet at least three times in a year.

60. The Board of Research shall have the following powers and duties, namely:-

Powers and
duties of
Board of
Research.

(a) to work on long term policy and strategy for promotion of research culture in the university, colleges and recognized institutions;

(b) to advise and encourage the teachers to take up research in emerging areas at individual and group level;

(c) to promote inter-disciplinary research programmes by co-ordinating amongst teachers and also to make and articulate policies for sharing of research and development infrastructure;

(d) to encourage the university departments, colleges and recognized institutions to hold research seminars in all disciplines for the research students;

(e) to publish research journals, monographs for different disciplines;

(f) to decide upon policy for maintenance of standards of research for Ph.D. degrees, in consonance with the norms of the University Grants Commission and other regulatory bodies;

(g) to work on creation of research and development data base for work done in university departments, colleges and recognized institutions in a stand-alone mode or as group activity or in collaboration with industries and other research and development laboratories;

(h) to work out and initiate research in delivery of education, pedagogy of face-to-face and e-learning, impact of e-learning and virtual classrooms on learning and understanding of students, open distance learning and conventional education;

(i) to make efforts and also assist the teachers, university departments, colleges and recognized institutions to raise the funds for research activities;

(j) to work out the budget for research activities of the university;

(k) to mobilize money from the industry for enhancing research activities;

(l) to identify problems and issues related to the region within the jurisdiction of the university and to take special initiative to address such issues through systematic research;

(m) to work on long-term policies and strategies for creating synergy between researchers and industries resulting into promotion of knowledge and technology transfer and productive conversion of research;

(n) to encourage industries to promote, adopt and participate in the basic and applied research projects;

(o) to establish central research laboratories with the help of participation of national and international industries;

(p) to undertake any other task as may be assigned by the university authorities so as to carry out objectives of the Board of Research.

61. The constitution, powers, functions and duties of the authorities of the university, not laid down under any of the provisions of this Act shall be as prescribed by the Statutes.

Powers, functions and duties of Authorities.

62. (1) The term of every authority constituted under this Act shall commence on 1st September and shall be of five years from the said date and the term of the members of every authority shall expire on the expiry of the said period of five years, irrespective of the date on which a member has entered upon his office.

Term of office of members of Authority.

(2) The process of election, nomination and co-option shall be commenced at least three months before expiry of the term of the authority and shall be completed not later than 30th November in that year :

¹[Provided that, for the initial term of the authorities of the Universities, immediately after the commencement of this Act, the process of election, nomination and co-option shall be completed not later than 31st May 2018.]

63. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or the Statutes made thereunder, where a person, elected, nominated, appointed or co-opted, as the case may be, as an officer of university or a member of any of the authority or bodies of the university by virtue of his being eligible to be so elected, nominated, appointed or co-opted as such an officer or a member under any of the categories of officers or members specified by or under the relevant provisions of this Act in relation to such office, authority or body, he shall cease to be such an officer of the university or a member of such an authority or a body as soon as he ceases to belong to such category and shall be deemed to have vacated his office as such officer or member.

Cessation of membership.

1. This proviso was added by Mah. 27of 2018, s.3.

Disqualifi-
cation for
membership
of authority.

64. A person shall be disqualified for being a member of any of the authorities, bodies and committee of university and voting to the authorities, bodies and committees, if he-

- (a) is of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court; or
 - (b) is an undischarged insolvent; or
 - (c) has been convicted of any offence involving moral turpitude; or
 - (d) is conducting or engaging himself in private tuitions or private coaching classes; or
 - (e) has been punished for indulging in or promoting unfair practices in the conduct of any examination and evaluation, in any form, anywhere; or
 - (f) has willfully omitted or refused to carry out the provisions of this Act, Statutes or Ordinances, or has acted in any manner detrimental to the interests of the university; or
 - (g) has been punished in any form, by the competent authority for committing a misconduct; or
 - (h) discloses or causes to disclose to the public, in any manner whatsoever, any confidential matter, in relation to the examination and evaluation, the knowledge of which he has come to be in possession, due to his official position:
- Provided that, the right of voting of the person in respect of clauses (e) and (g) shall remain suspended during the term of punishment under the said clauses.

Ineligibility
for second
consecutive
term.

65. No person shall be a member of Management Council or Chairman of Board of Studies, for a second consecutive term whether, as an elected, nominated or co-opted member, as the case may be:

Provided that, any person who was the member of the Management Council of the university or Chairman of the Board of Studies, for the first time whether as elected, nominated or co-opted member, as the case may be, on the date of commencement of this Act, shall not be deemed to have enjoyed the consecutive term if he is nominated or elected or co-opted for the first time after the commencement of this Act.

Conclusive-
ness of
decision of
authority.

66. Save as otherwise provided by or under the provisions of this Act, each authority of the university while acting and exercising its powers and discharging functions or duties assigned to it by or under the provisions of this Act, shall have the exclusive jurisdiction to deal with and decide the matters assigned to it and discharging functions or duties assigned to it by or under the provisions of this Act.

Election to
be by
proportional
representation.

67. (1) Every election to any authority or body of the university under this Act, except the elections to the post referred in clauses (a) to (e) of sub-section (2) and clauses (a) to (e) of sub-section (3) of section 99, shall be held by ballot in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote and as prescribed by the Statutes.

(2) The other details relating to elections not specified in the Act shall be as prescribed by the Statutes.

68. (1) A member, other than an *ex-officio* member, may resign by writing under his signature. A nominee of the Chancellor may resign by addressing to the Chancellor, and any other member may resign by addressing to the Vice-Chancellor. The person shall cease to be a member upon his resignation being accepted by the Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor, as the case may be, or upon expiry of thirty days from the date of resignation, whichever is earlier.

Resignation
of
membership.

(2) If a person nominated, elected, appointed or co-opted to any authority or body remains absent without prior permission of the authority or body for three consecutive meetings, he shall be deemed to have vacated his membership and he shall cease to be a member from the date of the third such meeting in which he has remained absent:

Provided that, such member should have attended at least one meeting in the previous year.

69. (1) Save as otherwise provided by this Act, all matters with regard to the conduct of meetings of the authorities, bodies or committees, if any, constituted by the university, shall be such as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

Meeting of
authorities.

(2) A meeting of an authority or body shall be convened on the date determined by the Chairperson by a notice issued by its Secretary.

(3) Except as otherwise provided, the quorum for a meeting shall ordinarily be one-third of the number of the sitting members. If there is no quorum, the meeting shall be adjourned by the Chairperson to a specific time on the same day, or on a later date and no quorum shall be necessary for such adjourned meeting. No quorum shall be necessary on the following day of the continued meeting.

(4) Where no provision is made by or under the Statutes for a President or Chairperson to preside over a meeting of any authority or body of the university or when the President or the Chairperson so provided for is absent and no provision is made for any other person to preside, the members present shall elect a person from amongst themselves to preside at the meeting.

(5) Save as otherwise provided, all items, questions, matters or proposals on the agenda shall be decided by a majority of votes of members present. The Chairperson shall have a vote. In case of equality of votes, the Chairperson shall have the casting vote. The secretary, if not a member, shall have the right to participate in the deliberations but shall not have the right to vote.

70. (1) When any vacancy occurs in the office of a member, other than an *ex-officio* member or, a member nominated by the Chancellor, of any authority or other body of the university except Management Council before the expiry of his normal term, the vacancy shall be filled by nomination of a person by the Standing Committee constituted under sub-section (3) who is otherwise eligible to be elected on the said authority or body from the same category.

Casual
vacancy and
Standing
Committee
to fill
vacancies.

(2) In case, any vacancy occurs in the office of a member, other than an *ex-officio* member of Management Council of the university, it shall be filled as soon as possible, by nomination or election or co-option, as the case may be, of

a person by the authority, body or the officer concerned. The person so nominated, elected or co-opted shall be a person who is otherwise eligible to be nominated, elected or co-opted on the said authority or body from the same category. The person so nominated, elected or co-opted shall hold office only so long as the member in whose place he has been nominated, elected or co-opted shall have held it, if the vacancy had not occurred.

(3) The constitution of the Standing Committee for filling in the vacancies mentioned in sub-section (1) shall be as follows, namely :-

- (a) Pro-Vice-Chancellor - Chairman;
- (b) Chancellor's nominee on Management Council;
- (c) one dean nominated by Management Council;
- (d) one elected member of the Management Council nominated by that Council;
- (e) one principal nominated by Senate from amongst its members;
- (f) one teacher nominated by Senate from amongst its members;
- (g) one graduate nominated by Senate from amongst its members;
- (h) Registrar - Member-Secretary.

(4) The term of the Standing Committee shall commence on 1st September and shall be of five years from the said date. The term of the members shall expire on the expiry of the said period of five years, irrespective of the date on which a member has entered upon his office.

CHAPTER V

THE STATUTES, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS

Statutes and their subject matters.

71. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Statutes may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:-

- (1) conferment of honorary degrees and academic distinctions;
- (2) establishment and maintenance of the sub-campuses university departments, institutions, conducted colleges, institutions of higher learning, research or specialized studies and hostels;
- (3) constitution, powers, duties and functions of authorities of the university not laid down under any of the provisions of this Act;
- (4) abolition of university departments or institutions and conducted colleges;
- (5) rules of procedure for conduct of business at the meetings of authorities of the university;
- (6) appropriation of funds of the university for furtherance of the objects of the university;
- (7) norms for grant of autonomy to university departments or institutions, affiliated colleges and recognized institutions, subject to the approval of the State Government;

(8) acceptance and management of trusts, bequests, donations, endowments and grants from individuals or organizations;

(9) disciplinary action against defaulting teachers, officers and other employees of the university, affiliated colleges and recognized institutions other than the colleges or institutions managed and maintained by the State Government or Central Government or local authorities;

(10) conditions of residence, conduct and discipline of the students of the university, colleges and recognized institutions, and the action to be taken against them for breach of discipline or misconduct, including the following :-

(a) use of unfair means in an examination, or abetment thereof;

(b) refusal to appear or give evidence in any authorized inquiry by an officer in charge of an evaluation and examination, or by any officer or authority of the university; or

(c) disorderly or otherwise objectionable conduct, whether within or outside the university;

(11) mechanism and procedure for redressal of grievances of the students;

(12) functions and duties of Students' Council in university, colleges and recognized institutions;

(13) procedure for conduct of elections to various authorities and bodies;

(14) conditions and procedure for grant of approval to the appointments of the teachers in the colleges and recognized institutions and suspension or withdrawal thereof;

(15) inspection of colleges, recognized institutions, halls and hostels;

(16) procedure to be followed while granting permission for transfer of management;

(17) norms and Procedure to be followed while nominating members on authorities, boards and committees by the Vice-Chancellor under this Act;

(18) norms of grant and withdrawal of affiliations to colleges and institutions;

(19) transferring, in public interest, of the management of a college or institution by the university and the conditions for such transferring, subject to the approval of the State Government;

(20) qualifications, recruitment, code of conduct, terms of office, duties and conditions of service including periodic training and advance training, field exposure, deputation, assessment of teachers, officers and other employees of the university and affiliated colleges except those colleges or institutions which are maintained by the State or Central Government or local authority, retirement benefits and the manner of termination of their services as approved by the State Government, provided that these shall not be in contravention of State Government policies in this regard;

(21) procedure to be followed for purchases under sub-section (7) of section 98;

(22) any matter which is to be prescribed by Statutes or which is necessary to give effect to the provisions of this Act.

Statutes how
made.

72. (1) The Statutes may be made, amended or repealed by the Senate in the manner hereinafter provided.

(2) The Statute Committee shall be constituted by Management Council as under :-

(a) One member of Management Council from amongst the elected members of that Council - as Chairman,

(b) One Dean,

(c) One Professor of university department or affiliated colleges,

(d) One Principal of affiliated college,

(e) Registrar of the university,

(f) Law Officer of the university as Member-Secretary.

Such Statute Committee shall prepare and propose draft Statutes concerning the matters referred to in the last preceding section and shall present to the Management Council for its recommendations to senate.

(3) The Management Council, if it thinks necessary, may obtain the opinion of any officer, authority or body of the university with regard to any draft Statute which is before it for consideration.

(4) Every Statute passed by the Senate shall be submitted to the Chancellor who may give or withhold his assent thereto or send it back to the Management Council for reconsideration. The Chancellor may send the draft Statutes to the State Government for its views, if there are implications, financial or otherwise, on the part of the State Government in the implementation of such Statutes.

(5) No Statute passed by the Senate shall be valid or shall come into force until assented to by the Chancellor.

(6) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing sub-sections, the Chancellor, either *suomotu* or on the advice of the State Government, may, direct the university to make provisions in the Statutes in respect of any matter specified by him and if the Senate fails to initiate adopt the direction within sixty days of its receipt, the Chancellor may, after considering the reasons, if any, communicated by the Senate for its inability to comply with such direction, make or amend the Statutes in that respect, suitably.

(7) The Senate may take into consideration the draft of a statute either of its own motion or on a proposal by the management council. In the case of a draft which is not proposed by the management council, the senate, before considering the same, shall obtain the opinion of the management council:

Provided that, if the management council fails to submit its opinion within three months from the date it receives the draft, the senate may proceed to take the draft into consideration.

(8) The Senate if it thinks necessary may also obtain the opinion of any officer, authority or body of the university in regard to any draft statute which is before it for consideration:

Provided that, any such draft statute pertains to academic matters, the senate shall obtain the opinion of the academic council before considering the same.

(9) The Management Council shall recommend the draft statutes to senate for approval and every statute passed by the senate shall be submitted to the Chancellor.

(10) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing sub-sections, the State Government shall have power to prescribe uniform Statutes on the subjects through publication in the *Official Gazette*, which shall be binding on the universities.

73. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Ordinances may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:-

Ordinances
and their
subject
matters.

(1) conditions under which students shall be admitted to courses of study for degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions;

(2) Norms and process of fixation of fees, other fees and charges for courses and programs to be adopted by fee fixation committee under this Act;

(3) fees for affiliation and recognition to colleges and institutions;

(4) conditions governing the appointment and duties of examiners;

(5) conduct of examinations, other tests and evaluation, and the manner in which the candidates may be assessed or examined by the examiners;

(6) recognition of teachers of the university and the conditions subject to which persons may be recognized as qualified to give instruction in the university departments, colleges and recognized institutions;

(7) norms to be observed and enforced by colleges and recognized institutions regarding transfer of students;

(8) The constitution, powers, duties and functions of the Equal Opportunity Cell including provisions for establishing a Cell in accordance with the provision of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunity, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 and the guidelines and directives of the University Grants Commission issued from time to time;

(9) Mechanism for prevention of ragging of students of university and affiliated colleges;

(10) Mechanism for prevention of sexual harassment of teachers, employees, students of university and affiliated colleges and redressal of grievances relating to sexual harassment, incidences and penalty for those who indulge in sexual harassment, in accordance with the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Work place (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013;

(11) any academic matter which, by or under this Act or the Statutes is to be prescribed by the Ordinance or which is necessary to give effect to the provisions of this Act.

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Ordinances
and their
making.

74. (1) The Management Council may make, amend or repeal Ordinances in the manner hereinafter provided.

(2) The Board of Deans shall prepare and propose draft Ordinances concerning the matters referred to in section 73.

(3) No Ordinance concerning academic matters shall be made, amended or repealed by the Management Council unless a draft thereof has been proposed by the Academic Council.

(4) All Ordinances made by the Management Council shall have effect from the date of the meeting or from such date as it may direct, but every Ordinance so made shall be submitted to the Chancellor within two weeks from the date of the meeting. The Chancellor shall have the power to direct the Management Council, within four weeks of the receipt of the Ordinance, to suspend its operation, and he shall, as soon as possible, inform the Management Council of his objection to it. He may, after receiving the comments of the Management Council, either withdraw the order suspending the Ordinance or disallow the Ordinance, and his decision shall be final.

Regulations.

75. (1) Subject to the provisions prescribed by or under this Act, Management Council may make Regulations consistent with this Act, Statutes and Ordinances, for,-

(a) institution of fellowship, travelling fellowship, scholarship, studentship, medals and prizes and for their award;

(b) collaborations with other universities, institutions and organizations for mutually beneficial academic programmes;

(c) the conditions under which students shall be admitted to courses of study for degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions;

(d) preservation of record of the university;

(e) providing for all or any of the matters which, by or under this Act, Statutes or Ordinances, are to be or may be provided by Regulations;

(f) all non-academic matters for which provision is, in the opinion of the Management Council, necessary for the purposes of this Act, Statutes or Ordinances.

(2) Subject to the provisions prescribed by or under this Act, the Academic Council may make Regulations relating to the academic matters, consistent with this Act, Statutes and Ordinances.

(3) The Board of Deans shall draft and place for approval of the Management Council or the Academic Council, as the case may be, the Regulations, providing for the matters referred to in sub-sections (1) and (2) and for all or any of the matters which, by or under this Act, Statutes or Ordinances, are to be or may be provided by Regulations.

CHAPTER VI

**MAHARASHTRA STATE COMMISSION FOR HIGHER
EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

76. (1) There shall be established the Maharashtra State Commission for Higher Education and Development.

Maharashtra
State
Commission
for Higher
Education
and
Development.

(2) The composition of the Commission shall be as follows, namely:-

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| (a) the Chief Minister | Chairperson; |
| (b) the Minister for Higher and Technical Education | Vice-Chairperson; |
| (c) the Minister for Finance | Member; |
| (d) the Minister for Medical Education | Member; |
| (e) the Minister for Industries | Member; |
| (f) the Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship | Member; |
| (g) the Minister of State for Higher and Technical Education | Member; |
| (h) the Leaders of Opposition in the State Legislative Council and Assembly | Members; |
| (i) three members of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, nominated by the Speaker of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly | Members; |
| (j) two members of the Maharashtra Legislative Council, nominated by the Chairman of the Maharashtra Legislative Council | Members; |
| (k) two eminent industrialists to be nominated by Chancellor | Members; |
| (l) one eminent professional from the domain of finance or commerce or education or law and judiciary, having experience of creation of education linkages with real life situations, nominated by the Chancellor | Member; |
| (m) two Scientists or Technocrats or Social Leaders for their eminence in Techno-social-Development work nominated by the Chancellor | Members; |
| (n) one educationist having experience in reforms in the nature, role and delivery of education, nominated by the Chancellor | Member; |
| (o) two Vice-Chancellors of the Public and Private Universities in the State nominated by the Chancellor | Members; |
| (p) two Principals nominated by the Chancellor for their contributions in linking of education with social development, | Members; |
| (q) two senior eminent teachers from universities or colleges with the minimum Teaching and Research experience of fifteen years nominated by the Chancellor. | Members; |
| (r) the Secretary, Higher and Technical Education Department | Member; |
| (s) the Secretary, Medical Education and Drugs Department | Member; |
| (t) the Secretary, Planning Department | Member; |

(u) the Secretary, Finance Department	Member;
(v) the Secretary, School Education Department	Member;
(w) the Secretary, Industries Department	Member;
(x) the Secretary, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Development Department	Member;
(y) the Director of Technical Education	Member;
(z) the Director of Higher Education	Member;
(za) the Director of Medical Education and Research	Member;
(zb) the Joint Secretary, Western Regional Office of University Grants Commission	Member;
(zc) the Chief Executive Officer of the Commission	Member-Secretary:

Provided that, if the Chief Minister holds the portfolio of Higher and Technical Education, Industries, Medical Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship or Finance he may appoint any other Minister as a member.

(3) Term of office of the appointed members of the Commission shall be of five years and shall be co-terminus with the term of the Legislative Assembly.

(4) The Commission shall meet at least twice in a year.

(5) The Commission shall be the authority of the State Government in charge of, and responsible for, the higher education in the State. The Commission shall be the planning, monitoring, co-ordinating and evaluating authority and shall act as a think-tank for higher education, including technical, medical, management, professional education and emerging fields in the education such as Bio-Sciences and Technology and those which would emerge on the horizon of knowledge in future. The Commission shall create synergy between various stakeholders namely, the State Government, public and private universities, private skills education providers and industries.

Functions
and duties
of the
Commission.

77. (1) The functions and duties of the Commission shall be as follows, namely:-

(a) to prepare guidelines for perspective plan of five years for each university for the location of colleges and institutions of higher learning in a manner ensuring equitable distribution of facilities for higher education, in consultation with the respective university;

(b) to approve comprehensive perspective plan submitted by the university;

(c) to advise the State Government on exploring new ways and means for raising of additional resources and allocation of funds for public and private universities, and for education information and communication technology network;

(d) to create synergy at policy and operative level mechanism for co-existence and co-operation between different types of educational institutions in the domain of pure, technical and professional education at core and domain specific skills level in the State;

(e) to understand and keep track of developments that are taking place at national and global level in delivery of education, use of technology in education, administration and governance of education and evolve an appropriate policy and strategy for the educational systems in the State to be in phase with these changes;

(f) to create synergy through operative policy for research culture in pure and applied domains in all subjects in various disciplines and across different disciplines in educational institutions and also research culture needs and demands of industries;

(g) to create a policy and strategy for sharing of academic and knowledge resources infrastructure amongst various educational institutions and the State, Central and industry research and development laboratories;

(h) to establish and maintain educational information communication network in tandem with the national grid and also enhance the geographical reach so as to bring each and every educational institution into the educational information communication network and to keep track of technology changes and upgrade the network from time to time;

(i) to establish linkages with National Knowledge Commission, the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology and Human Resources Development;

(j) to create a repository of e-learning objects and virtual experiments and support material in digital format for teaching-learning processes in frontline environment;

(k) to develop a policy and strategy for percolation of use of technology for administration, evaluation and governance of educational institutions and to promote establishment of an e-platform to carry out these tasks by use of information and communication technology;

(l) to explore the scope for sharing research journals, research and technology reviews and other such material that enhances scope and quality of research by use of Information and Communication Technology through creation of network of various knowledge resource centers in educational and research and development institutions in the State and also at national level;

(m) to prepare programmes in the various subjects in the sphere of higher education, keeping in view the overall priorities, perspectives and needs of the society and expectations from higher education;

(n) to advise the State Government in respect of determining and maintaining uniformity of standards of education in the universities;

(o) to advise on promoting co-operation and co-ordination of the various educational institutions among themselves and explore the scope for interaction between the universities on the one hand, and industry and other organizations on the other hand;

(p) to suggest ways and means of raising additional resources for higher education from industry and other sources;

(q) to advise on inter-university programmes for various activities undertaken by the universities;