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UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
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**PROFORMA FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORT-  
STATE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES**

**Part-I-Preliminary**

(i)	Constitution of the Expert Committee	Sl. No.	Name	Committee
		1	Prof. Dr. Ashok Aima Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu, Jammu	Chairman
		2	Prof. Dr. Dharmendra S. Sengar Professor of Law, Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow	Member
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		YMCA University of Science and Technology)	
		5 Prof. Dr. B.R. Chahar Chairman, GATE, Dept of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi	AICTE Nominee
		6 Shri Y R Sadasiva Reddy Member, BCI, Bangalore	BCI Nominee
		7 Dr. N. Gopukumar UGC, WRO, Pune	Coordinating officer
(ii)	Date (s) of the visit	22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2019	
(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation / difficulties relevant to the report)	All members participated in the two day visit.	

#### Part-II-Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University (refer 1.1 of the format)	A.H. Memorial Trust, the promoting body of PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY manages a number of institutions right from nursery schools to higher educational institutions. Presidency University is a private university established by a State Act, passed by the Govt. of Karnataka, in 2013. The University has established schools in Engineering, Law and Management.
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University (refer 1.4 of the format)	7 <sup>th</sup> July, 2014
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties / courses	Academic session in Presidency University started from 2015. The university has three schools viz. School of Engineering, School of Law and School of Management.
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust / Society that governs the University	The A.H. Memorial Trust which governs the Presidency University runs and manages a number of Schools and Colleges. It runs schools under the name Presidency Schools across Karnataka. The Trust is responsible for establishing Presidency College, Hebbal,



		<p>Bengaluru offering Undergraduate and Postgraduate Management and Commerce programmes, a Business School and MCA and other Computer Applications programmes.</p> <p>The Vision of the promoters is adequately reflected in the following vision statement of the Trust. "In a caring and positive environment, <u>Presidency</u> will provide education to empower students; to recognise and optimise their full potential, to achieve personal standards of excellence in academic work as well as in supportive areas of physical, cultural and social development, inculcating civic and human values".</p>
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### Part-III-Summary Report

#### A. Legal Status

(i)	Is the University duly established under the law and as required in the UGC regulations? (refer 1.10 and 1.11 of the format)	Yes, the University was established by an Act called <b>PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY ACT, 2013, Karnataka State Act No. 41 of 2013</b> notified vide No. 772- Part IV-A of Karnataka Gazette, dated 16 <sup>th</sup> May, 2013 & Notification No: ED 23 URC 2014, dated 7 <sup>th</sup> July, 2014 Annexure-2 & 2(A) )
(ii)	Is the Trust /Society involved in promoting the University sufficiently focused on educational activities and independent of their business or any other interest, if any	<p>The Trust is involved in promoting the University and also 12 other educational institutions.</p> <p>Trust is focusing mainly on educational activities</p>

#### B. Organization Description

(i)	Does the University abide by UGC	The University authority has certified that the
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	Regulations on off-campus centres Yes      No                      Not Applicable (refer 2.4 of the format)	University does not have any off-campus campus centre ( <b>Appendix V</b> )
(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-shore campus centres Yes      No                      Not Applicable (refer 2.5 of the format)	The University authority has certified that the University does not have any off-shore campus centre ( <b>Appendix VI</b> )
(iii)	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of competent authority of the Government of India? Yes      No                      Not Applicable (refer 2.6 and 2.7 of the format)	The University authority has certified that the University does not offer courses under distance mode ( <b>Appendix VI A</b> )

### C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focused or adequately diverse?	The University presently offers programmes in Engineering, Management, Law and Design. The courses offered are diverse.
(ii)	Are the list of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956?	Degrees offered by the University are as per Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956.
(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake is as per the norms / intake sanctioned by the concerned Statutory Council(s)/UGC	Intake for each programme is sanctioned by the department of Higher Education in the notification. Accordingly, intake is as per the sanctioned intake.
(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concern Statutory councils(s)?	Approval letter from BCI has been obtained. But the University is yet to obtain AICTE approval for Engineering and Management courses. Application has already been submitted ( <b>Annexure 3 and 3A</b> )
(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students? (refer 4.5 of format)	The Management claims to have been providing merit scholarship. However, most of it is in the form of fee waiver/concession based on merit and other factors.
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed (refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format)	The prospective students are informed about the criteria for admission, rules & regulations,

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		<p>facilities available etc through the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. University Brochure</li> <li>2. University Prospectus</li> <li>3. University Website</li> <li>4. Admission notification in leading newspapers</li> <li>5. Electronic Media</li> <li>6. Exhibitions</li> <li>7. State Govt.,- Entrance Exam for professional courses</li> <li>8. Direct Counselling</li> <li>9. Educational and career fairs</li> <li>10. Social Media</li> </ol>
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal mechanism and is that working properly? (refer 4.9 of the format)	<p>Grievance redressal mechanism for students and staff are through the following committees.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Student Grievances and Redressal Committee</li> <li>2. Academic Appeals Board</li> <li>3. Class committee:</li> <li>4. Staff Grievances and Redressal Committee</li> </ol>
(viii)	Is the University following proper procedure for formulation and revision of curriculum on periodic basis? (refer 5.1 to 5.4 of the format)	The University has a policy for formulation of curriculum and revision of curriculum.
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system (refer 5.7 to 5.14)	<p>The University has drafted examination rules <b>(Annexure 9A)</b>.</p> <p>There are two components: Component 1 and Component 2</p> <p>Component 1 is subdivided into term tests and assignments; term test carry 40% weightage and assignments carry 20% weightage</p> <p>Component 2 is an end term examination carrying 40% weightage</p> <p>Minimum of 40% in component 1 and 30% in</p>



		<p>component 2 is required for a pass</p> <p>Laboratory examination has three components:</p> <p>Component 1:Conduction of laboratory exercises and submission of report: 50% weightage</p> <p>Component 2: Conduction of Practical Test / Viva / Quiz / Assignments: 20% weightage</p> <p>Component 3: End term laboratory final examinations: 30% weightage</p>
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#### D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission?	Yes. In Engineering and MBA courses, 40% of total seats are controlled by State Government through CET & PGCET examinations and students are admitted on the basis of merit and by following reservation criteria. Remaining 60% of seats are filled by the University. In all courses, students are admitted based on preset criteria as per prospectus/brochure.
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	40% of the seats filled by Karnataka Government following the state reservation policy.

#### E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	The fee details are displayed in the University website.
(ii)	Does the University follow its own declared policy in collecting any fees or charges or are there some charges over and above the publically state fee structure?	<p>The declared fee structure has three fee components.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tuition Fee</li> <li>2. Annual Fee</li> <li>3. One-time fee</li> </ol> <p>Students who avail accommodation &amp; transport facility are charged separately.</p>



(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	Presently fee is collected through DD, Bank Transfers, Credit cards or Debit cards. Steps such as sticking to the declared fee structure, collection of fee through on-line mode etc. will further enhance transparency.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Yes.
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	Fee structure for students entering through CET /PGCET is based on "Govt. of Karnataka Fee Regulation Committee". It is suggested that the University institute a mechanism with the approval of statutory committees for fee fixation.
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains?	The Committee couldn't find any reasons to consider that the university is run solely or primarily for commercial gains

#### F. Faculty

(i)	Does the University follow Pay scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC?	Yes, the University follows 6 <sup>th</sup> Pay Commission scale.
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department)	Qualified faculty members, as per norms, are handling the courses.
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty /guest faculty/ part-time faculty)	Adequate as per admitted strength
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	Yes. However, there should be mandatory provision for an external expert in all faculty selection committees.

#### G. Infrastructure



(i)	Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate? Land and Buildings Class Rooms Laboratories and equipment Library Sports facilities Residential accommodation including hostels	The University has 40.68 acres of land. The committee members visited the campus facilities including departments and other common facilities and has adequate infrastructure facilities. However, residential accommodation is not available at present and hostels are outside the campus. University informed the committee of their plans to create residential infrastructure.
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#### H. Financial Viability

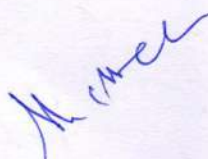

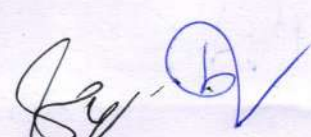
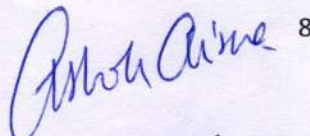
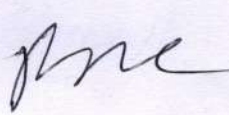
(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	The University has Rs. 15.90 crore in fixed deposit and a bank guarantee for Rs. 10.00 crore. In addition to the income generated by the University, the promoting trust is investing in developing infrastructure.
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#### I. Governance System

(i)	Are various authorities and bodies responsible for the governance of the University in place and working regularly and properly?	The University has constituted the following bodies: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Board of Governors</li> <li>2. Board of Management</li> <li>3. Academic Council</li> <li>4. Research and Innovation Council</li> <li>5. Finance Committee</li> </ol>
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#### J. Research Profile

(i)	How would you rate the research profile of the University in terms of Research orientation, environment, facilities and output?	University is in its nascent stage and signs of promoting research are visible. Faculty are publishing research papers.
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	(please give comments separately on faculties and departments)	But they need to publish papers in quality journals. In order to inculcate a research environment, the management need to provide more support for faculty members to attend seminars, conferences etc. through a policy document and should try to incentivize faculty members who publish papers, get research funds, file patents etc. It calls for collaboration and networking with premier institutions within the country as well as foreign countries. Some initiatives on start-up and seed money is also observed. The committee encourages the university to take above mentioned initiatives.
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#### K. Miscellaneous

(i)	Is the Non-teaching staff adequate, well qualified and paid as per the norms of the concerned State Government?	Non-teaching staff are adequately qualified
(ii)	Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees	From the result analyses of the past batches the assessment system is fair and independent. The academic results are declared on time.
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	As the University is in the third year of operation, University is not eligible for accreditation.

#### L. Strength and Weakness of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strong brand visibility and public recognition</li> <li>2. Locational advantage being nearer to Bangalore International</li> </ol>
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		<p>airport.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. The promoters have more than 40 years of experience in managing educational institutions including schools and colleges across the State</li> <li>4. Campus demonstrates a proactive management for a harmonious relationship amongst all stakeholders</li> <li>5. Built up 40 acre campus with modern landscape and environment friendly campus</li> <li>6. Concerted efforts have been made to develop green campus with water harvesting facility, solar energy and STP.</li> <li>7. Modern academic infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library and other support facilities.</li> <li>8. From records it is evident that faculty has been recruited from some of the premier institutions with strong academic/industrial background, besides having good number of them holding Doctoral degrees.</li> <li>9. Student profile exhibits rich diversity across the states including few overseas students</li> <li>10. The institution has a well-</li> </ol>
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		documented perspective plan for future growth and expansion
(ii)	Weakness of the University	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lack of funded research projects and consultancy.</li> <li>2. No residential facilities for faculty and staff and also hostels (boys and girls) are away from main campus</li> <li>3. Insufficient linkages and tie-ups with Industry and National/International Research Institutions.</li> <li>4. Faculty student ratio is as per the actual admissions.</li> <li>5. Steps have yet to be initiated for public disclosure of mandatory information on the University website</li> </ol>

#### Part –IV-Recommendations

##### Observations of the Committee

- A. Presidency University spread over 40 acre campus and has good and modern infrastructure which includes class rooms, laboratories, auditorium, computer centre, libraries, hostels, and limited sports facilities etc. Many initiatives are underway to develop the campus as a green campus.
- B. The university adopts a practice oriented curriculum wherein 30% to 40% are practical oriented skill based courses. Curriculum is factored with six month monitored Internship program in two phases. A midterm two month program and program ending four month internship, besides having an academic calendar in place.
- C. Unique mandatory University Learning course (ULC) to sensitize and engage students in social, rural, environmental and civic engagements.









- D. The University has signed required MoU for National Academic Depository (NAD) and uploaded the required documents.

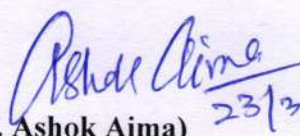
**Suggestions of the Committee which require satisfactory compliance by the University**

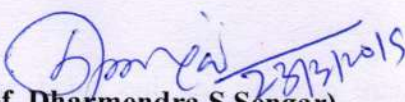
1. Faculty recruitment in adherence to the norms of the regulatory bodies
2. ERP linking all essential modules including admission, fee collection, administration record, accounts, examination etc.
3. Residential facilities in the campus for staff and in-campus hostel facilities, especially for girls.
4. There should be mandatory provision for an external expert in all faculty selection committees
5. In order to maintain transparency and accountability, all mandatory disclosures should be uploaded on the university website

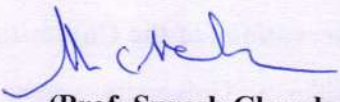
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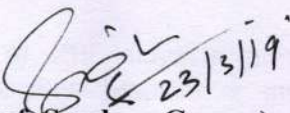
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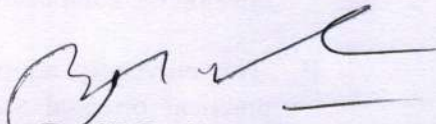
The Committee after visiting academic and other facilities, interacting with all stakeholders and verification of available records recommends to UGC that it may grant approval letter to Presidency University, Bengaluru.


  
(Prof. Ashok Aima) 23/3/2019  
Chairman

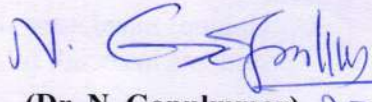
  
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