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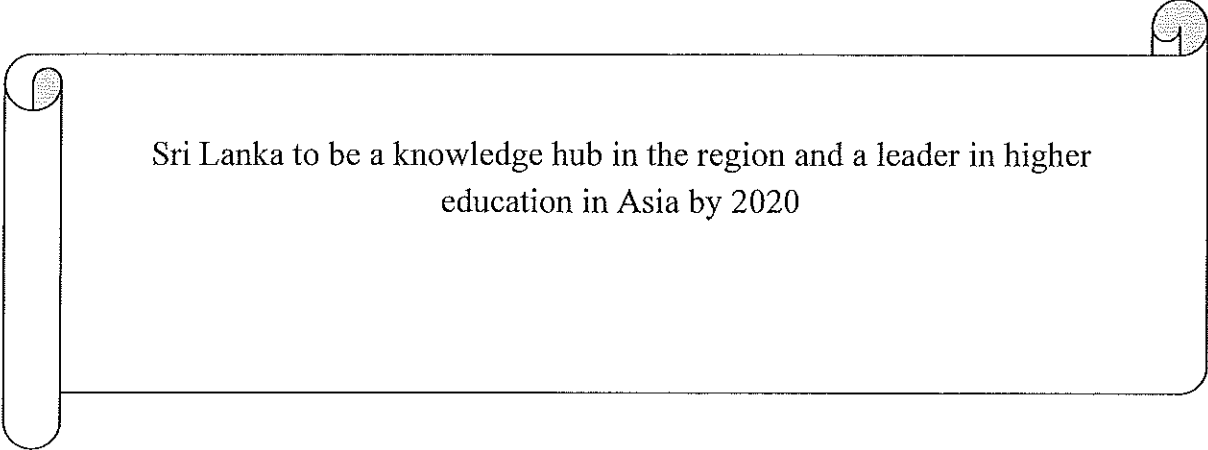
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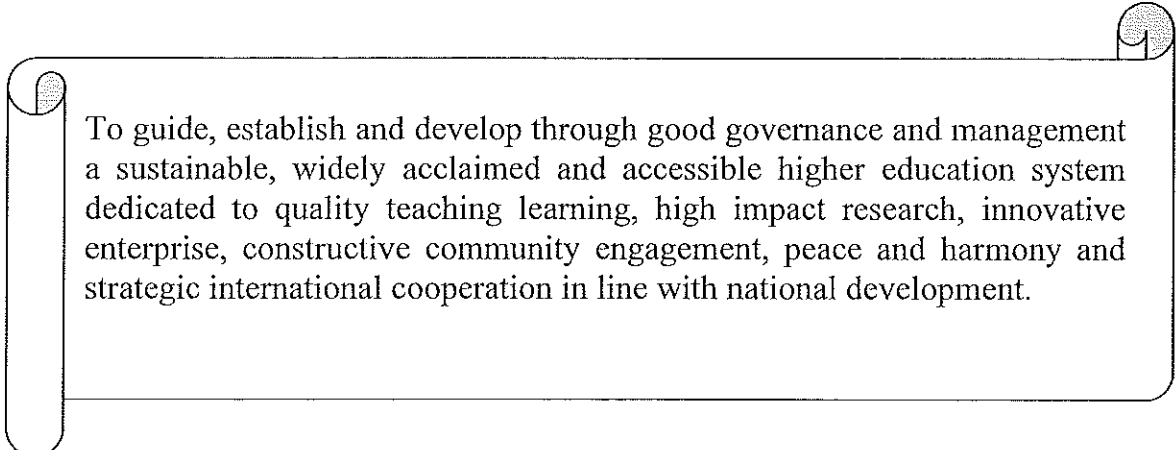
VISION AND MISSION OF THE UGC

VISION



Sri Lanka to be a knowledge hub in the region and a leader in higher education in Asia by 2020

MISSION



To guide, establish and develop through good governance and management a sustainable, widely acclaimed and accessible higher education system dedicated to quality teaching learning, high impact research, innovative enterprise, constructive community engagement, peace and harmony and strategic international cooperation in line with national development.

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION (UGC)

Introduction

The University Grants Commission (UGC) which functions as the apex body for guidance and coordination of functions of the state university system in Sri Lanka was established on 22nd December 1978 under the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978. The main responsibilities of the UGC include planning and coordination of higher education, allocation of funds to Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), maintenance of academic standards of HEIs, regulation of admission of students to HEIs, regulation of the administration of State HEIs and assist in progress and development of all state HEIs coming under its purview.

The Chairman is the Chief Executive Officer and Accounting Officer of the Commission and is in control of the day to day administration of the affairs of the Commission and chairs the meetings of the Commission. There are Departments, Divisions, and Units with allocated duties and functions at the UGC to coordinate and streamline activities of the UGC. The State HEIs established under the University Act include 15 Universities, 11 Postgraduate Institutes, and 7 Institutes. In each University the governing authority is the Council while the supreme academic body is the Senate. The Chief Executive Officer in a University and an Institute are the Vice Chancellor and the Director respectively.

Role of the UGC

The Commission is mandated by the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 with the following main responsibilities and objectivities:

1. Planning and coordination of university education so as to conform to national policy.
2. Apportionment of Higher Educational Institutions, of the funds voted by parliament in respect of university education, and the control of expenditure by each such Higher Educational Institution.
3. Maintenance of academic standards in Higher Educational Institutions.
4. Regulation of administration of Higher Educational Institutions.
5. Regulation of admission of students to each Higher Educational Institution, and Exercise, performance and discharge of such powers, duties, and functions as are conferred, imposed on, or assigned to the Commission by or under Universities Act No. 16 of 1978.

Executive Summary

This Annual Report reviews the activities carried out by the UGC during the year 2018. The key highlights and achievements during the year under review encapsulate the areas of Admission of Students to Universities, Academic & Research Development, Staff Development, Infrastructure Development, Information Technology (IT) Development, Quality Assurance, Financial Administration & Management, and Academic Cooperation & Research Collaboration with foreign universities.

With the UGC Strategic Plan 2013-2017 extended into the year 2018, in planning and executing the activities described in the Annual Report 2018, the goals, objectives and Key Performance Indicators (KPI) of the UGC Strategic Plan 2013-2017 were taken into account along with the emerging expectations and needs of the country, human requirements in the proposed knowledge-based economy and the policies of the Sri Lankan Government.

Admission of Students to Universities / HEIs for the Academic Year 2017/2018

In January 2018, the UGC called applications for university admissions for the academic year 2017/2018 from prospective candidates based on the results of the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination held in August 2017. Accordingly, the selection of students for each undergraduate degree programme under the normal intake was finalized and the cut off marks were released in July 2018. Similarly, the selection of students under the special provisions were also finalized during the period under review.

The key details pertaining to university admissions of the Academic year 2017/2018 are summarized below;

Number of candidates sat for the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination of August 2017	253,357
Number of students eligible for university admissions for the academic year 2017/2018 based on the released G.C.E.(A/L) results	163,160
The number of students selected/admitted :	
(1) Normal	30,141
(2) Special Intakes ⁽¹⁾	409
Total Number of Students selected/admitted	30,550

Note : ⁽¹⁾ **Special Intakes:** This represents the students admitted under special provisions which included those who have excelled in fields other than studies at National/International level and other categories such as foreign qualifications, Armed Forces & Police, blind & differently abled, teachers and admission appeals. However, students admitted under **Additional Intake** for special subjects for the academic year 2017/2018 are not included here as it is not yet being finalized.

With the objective of increasing the university intake, in 2018 one new course of study was added to the list of courses available in the university system and was implemented for the academic year 2017/2018 as follows;

The course of Study: Financial Engineering

University: University of Moratuwa

Intake: 50

Academic and Research Development

In order to facilitate the goal of widened participation and equitable access to higher education, Universities and HEIs were encouraged to introduce locally and globally recognized new and innovative courses and degree programmes. To support this endeavor, the approval was granted for the following during the year 2018;

- Two (02) new Faculties at University of Jaffna and at the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka.
- Twenty Seven (27) New Departments of Study.
- One (01) New Course of Study.
- Twelve (12) New Undergraduate degree programmes
- One (01) New External degree programme.
- Seven (07) New Postgraduate degree programmes.

Further in order to provide more and increased opportunities for students, steps were taken to restructure the existing degree programmes by introducing new knowledge and skills to make them relevant to the present needs of the country. Accordingly two (02) department name changes and forty six (46) undergraduate degree programme name changes were affected in 2018.

There were eighteen (18) Standing Committees and one (01) other Committee that functioned in the UGC for various disciplines during 2018, reporting and making recommendations to the Commission on matters pertaining to higher education in the respective areas.

The UGC held its inaugural 'National Law Teachers Conference' on the 26th January 2018 which also marked the first ever visit by a Chief Justice of the country to the apex body of the State Universities. This is the first time that such a conference had been organized in Sri Lanka for the law teachers of the State University system and the conference theme was "Evaluating the Relevance of Legal Education". This can be considered as a workshop of National Importance, where the participants explored nine key areas under the given theme and through detailed discussions, came up with ten recommendations.

During the year under review, the UGC took initial steps to establish a centre called 'UTEL Testing Services' at the University of Colombo for conducting the University Test of English Language (UTEL), which is a national level test conducted for the undergraduates of state universities in Sri Lanka under the supervision of the UGC. Accordingly, the Pilot test of UTEL

was conducted in November and December of 2018 with the aim of checking the feasibility of offering UTEL in the long-run through the proposed center.

Financial Administration and Management

Based on the request of the University Grants Commission, an amount of Rs. 56,239.50 Million was allocated for the year 2018, which was approved by the Treasury. This consisted of Rs. 36,785.50 as Recurrent Expenditure and Rs. 19,454.00 as Capital Grants. By the end of the year 2018, 97.6% and 72.4% of the allocated funds were utilized for Recurrent and Capital expenditure respectively, which showed a combined utilization of 88.9% amounting to Rs. 50,033.00 Million.

During the year under review, five (05) Audit and Management Committee meetings were held with the objective of monitoring all important aspects of administrative and operational activities of the UGC and HEIs as per good management practices introduced by the Treasury. Further, the Central Internal Audit Division of the UGC coordinated regularly with internal audit divisions of the Universities/HEIs to ensure proper governance within the system.

In 2018, 26 Commission Circulars and 18 Establishments Circular letters were issued by the UGC within the powers, duties, and functions vested in the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978. These were circulated giving necessary instructions and guidelines related to decisions and policies arrived at the Commission for the smooth functioning of the UGC and the Higher Educational Institutions.

Management of the Staff Affairs at the UGC

The approved cadre for the UGC Secretariat for 2018 was 306, covering both Executive and Non-Executive staff. As of December 31, 2018, existing staff was 250 representing 18% unfilled vacancies. The Commission welcomed 36 new people to the secretariat during the year, which included 33 new appointments and 3 transfers from HEIs. On the other hand, there were 30 people who left the UGC services due to transfers to HEIs, releases to HEIs/other Government Institutions, retirements, resignations as well as a vacation of post and a completion of a contract.

Within the UGC, there were 14 job promotions, 12 service confirmations, 1 employee reversion and 15 internal transfers recorded in 2018, while fifteen employees with more than 25 years were recognized for the long and commendable services they rendered to the University system and were rewarded with cash grants.

The UGC continued to provide many opportunities for its staff to enhance their skills and working knowledge. During the year under review, 11 members of the Executive staff and 43 members of the Non-Executive staff participated in short term training and development workshops conducted locally, while short term foreign training was provided to 12 members of the Executive staff. Further, financial assistance were provided for the MBA postgraduate studies of 3 employees of the Executive staff, in order to facilitate their professional development through enhanced working knowledge and exposure.

In collaboration with the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation, a Health Insurance Coverage with improved benefits was provided for all permanent employees of the UGC Secretariat in 2018 with the option of a family cover on personal account at an attractive and reasonable fee.

Human Resource Support for the University System

In 2018, a total of 958 new cadre positions were approved for Universities/HEIs by the Department of Management Services (DMS). This increase done based on the UGC recommendations is recorded as the highest number of new cadre positions approved by the DMS during the last 5 years.

The UGC under its responsibility of administrative grade appointments/promotions to Universities and HEIs, made 139 appointments and 23 promotions during 2018. In addition, the UGC also made 7 appointments and 8 Promotions to the posts in other Staff Grades during the year, while handling and facilitating a total of 218 transfers within the University system.

During the 12 month period from January to December 2018, the UGC received a total of 2102 applications from Universities/HEIs for Motor Vehicle Permits on Concessionary Terms, which will be processed through the Ministry of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education in due course.

Assistance and Support for Higher Educational needs of University Academics

During the year under review, the UGC worked towards creating opportunities for the academic staff, especially the young university academics to pursue their higher educational needs. These efforts were primarily conducted through the Division of Research and International Cooperation (DRIC) and they are as follows;

- Providing financial grants (up to a maximum ceiling of 3.5 Mn per year including living expenses) to 18 state university/HEI lecturers to pursue their Master's and Doctoral degree studies from the first round 2018 applicants, while the selections for the second round are still in progress.
- The signing of a fresh MoU between the UGC and the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) upgrading the QUT Postgraduate Scheme, where the QUT will offer up to 12 RTP (Research Training Programme) Fees Offset (International) sponsorships per annum through the UGC for Ph.D. studies of the academics.
- Selecting 3 applicants for Ph.D. programmes and 2 applicants for Master degrees programmes under the UGC - International University of Japan (IUJ) Postgraduate Scholarship Programme.
- Preparing a draft MoU between the Griffith University, Queensland Australia (GUQ) and the UGC, Sri Lanka and forwarding the same for Commission approval in early 2019, which once signed will facilitate members of the academic staff of the HEIs under the UGC to complete their Doctoral requirements (Ph.D.) at the GUQ.

- Implementing the MoU signed between the GoSL and Heidelberg University, Germany, by providing assistance to maintain the Sri Lankan Chair at the South Asia Institute (SAI) of the Heidelberg University, Germany.
- Shortlisting and nominating 4 candidates for the Commonwealth Medical Fellowships 2018 in the United Kingdom.
- Conducting an introductory workshop at the UGC Auditorium on 'Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development' (AHEAD) programme. This was organized with the collaboration of the World Bank officials where, the Vice Chancellors and some Senior Academics of all Universities participated along with the relevant officers of the UGC.
- Initiating discussions for a collaboration between the Erasmus+ programme and the higher education sector in Sri Lanka with the view of enhancing more higher educational opportunities to the state university staff in 2019.
- Duly communicating to all/relevant universities and HEIs about 26 notifications received by the UGC from different authorities about various types of scholarships, fellowships, seminars and training programmes.

Infrastructure Development work of HEIs

For the year under review, a total sum of Rs. 19,469 million was allocated for new constructions, continuation projects, rehabilitation projects, acquisitions and infrastructure projects in newly established universities and for capacity building in existing Universities/HEIs. However, due to various restrictions by the Treasury in releasing funds, the universities and HEI's received only about Rs. 14,098 million by the end of the year.

The UGC received 48 new project proposals from Universities/HEI's, out of which 26 projects were approved and submitted to the National Planning Department (NPD). The NPD granted approval for 14 new projects and a total of 19 projects including project proposals processed in the previous years were approved by the Cabinet of Ministers during the year. A total of 98 projects with an estimated value of Rs. 30,248 million were completed and handed over to the university system, while 11 new projects physically commenced work in 2018. A total of 90 construction projects amounting to Rs. 47,783 million were in progress at different design and construction stages within the university system by end of the year.

The following are key the infrastructure development projects of Universities and HEIs that were in progress during the year 2018;

- Multipurpose Building at the Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, University of Sri Jayawardenapura - Rs. 1,364 Mn
- Multipurpose Building at the Faculty of Management Studies & Commerce, University of Sri Jayawardenapura - Rs. 1,761 Mn
- Faculty of Technology, University of Colombo - Rs. 2,087 Mn

- Faculty of Technology, University of Sri Jayawardenepura - Rs. 2,640 Mn
- Department of Material Science & Engineering Building, University of Moratuwa - Rs.439 Mn
- Building for Mechanical Engineering, University of Moratuwa - Rs. 247 Mn
- Building for the Department of Computer Science, University of Jaffna - Rs. 240 Mn
- State of the Art building complex for the Allied Health Science, University of Jaffna - Rs. 1,125 Mn
- 12 Storied Building for the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna - Rs.1,179 Mn
- 10 storied Ward Complex for Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna - Rs.1,300 Mn
- Pre-Clinical Building for FAMS, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka - Rs. 896 Mn
- Waste Water & Sewerage Treatment Plant, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka - Rs. 200 Mn
- Faculty of Medicine, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka - Rs.3,229.4 Mn

Information Technology Support

The IT division provided continuous management support to ensure healthy and uninterrupted computer systems at the UGC secretariat. In addition to the standard, regular and routine work, the IT division also handled the implementation and maintenance of existing business applications as well as administration and maintenance of existing web sites, e-Governance applications, and online payment gateway.

With INQAAHE and APQN conferences planned for 2019, a new payment gateway module for the UGC to facilitate foreign currency payments by foreign delegates who wish to attend the international conferences/events held in Sri Lanka was created in 2018. Further, the conference web sites were launched in 2018 for the INQAAHE Conference 2019 and APQN Conference 2019.

The online application of the Proposal Management System (PMS) is in the final development stage where some test runs were conducted in 2018, while the Cadre Management System (CMS) software to aid the HR Department functions commenced work in 2018 and it is in the development process.

Financial Assistance to University Students

During the year 2018, a total amount of Rs. 1,803 Million was allocated/received and paid by the UGC as financial assistance to university students, where Rs. 1,268 Million was dispersed as Mahapola scholarships while Rs.535 Million was under the Bursary scheme.

In addition to above, a total of 30 students were granted a one year Mitsubishi Corporation International Scholarships, while 3 more students were selected for full study period scholarships of the Police C.W.C. Benefit Scheme.

MIS functions and Support

In 2018, the MIS division released three important publications/reports related to 2017 Sri Lanka University Statistics, Analysis of Unit Recurrent Cost per Undergraduate of 2017 Academic Programmes and the progress of action taken to recover the amounts due from the staff with regards to breach of bond agreements in HEIs as at 31st December 2017.

Further, through the MIS division, the UGC extended its assistance to the National Science Foundation and Ministry of Health by undertaking and completing three projects of national importance and interest during the year under review.

During 2018, the MIS division initiated a relationship with the Korean Educational Development Institute, Korea (KEDI) with the objective of learning from the Korean experience on how to analyze the requirement for Centralized Management Information System for the UGC.

Legal Affairs

During the year under review, an action was initiated to publish 13 orders and 3 ordinances. A total of 96 court cases filed before Courts of Law and Tribunals against the Commission by various parties were handled by the legal division in 2018. This included 31 cases filed at the University Services Appeals Board (USAB). During the year, the legal division also extended its support and contribution for some other activities within and outside the UGC.

Affairs of Quality Assurance Council (QAC)

According to a Commission decision, the Quality Assurance and Accreditation Council (QAAC) of the UGC which was established in 2005 with the responsibility of maintaining of academic standards in State Universities, changed its name in April 2018 as the **Quality Assurance Council (QAC)**.

During 2018, the QAC carried out the following activities in order to achieve its goals;

- Obtaining quarterly progress reports of the Internal Quality Assurance Units (IQAU) and monitoring performance scorecard to ensure target achievements.
- Work on developing Sri Lanka Qualification Framework (SLQF) mapping mechanism in order to map the degree programmes offered by the State Universities and also obtaining details of below SLQF level 05 programs offered by the state Universities which include Certificate, Diploma, and Higher Diploma courses.
- Establishing of a subcommittee to identify the scope and objective of developing Benchmarks with relevance to the reviewing process and to develop a common format for the Subject Benchmark Statements.
- Completing and web publishing 3 reports out of the 4 Institutional Reviews (IRs) conducted in 2017, progressing with the 2018 planned IRs of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka and the University of Jaffna and initiating the startup work for the IRs scheduled for four universities in 2019.

- Completing and web publishing 41 reports of the Program Reviews (PRs) conducted in 2017, progressing with the 58 PRs of the Faculties of Business and Finance, Management, Commerce, Education, Law, and Fine Arts conducted in 2018, initiating the work of the PRs planned for 2019 and recommending the faculties to conduct the PRs in 2020.
- Recommending amendments to reformat the Application template used by the Academic Affairs Division of the UGC for approval of new faculties and institutes.
- Forwarding recommendations through the Recognition Committee for the 69 items received for recognition.
- Evaluating 119 Degree Programme Proposals and 2 New Faculty/Institute Proposals.
- Developing the edited manuals for Program Review and Institutional Review of the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL).
- Completing the guideline document to identify the extraordinary students in order to get their participation as ambassadors in QA activities.
- Proposing the 2018 activities for the 'AHEAD' programme and monitoring the progress of the same.
- Obtaining information from 12 state universities for internal Circular formulation and Accountability Template formulation in order to develop a mechanism for compliance by Universities for Academic Accountability.

International Conferences to be hosted by the UGC in 2019

The following two international conferences hosted by the UGC will be held in Sri Lanka during 2019.

- (1) The INQAAHE (The International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education) Conference 2019 is scheduled for March 25-28, 2019 under the main Conference Theme '*Quality Assurance, Qualifications and Recognition Fostering Trust in a Globalized World*'. To facilitate the organizing and planning of the event, a delegation from the UGC participated at the INQAAHE 11th Biennial Forum held in Mauritius during May 2018, an agreement between the INQAAHE Secretariat and the Chairman/UGC was signed in August 2018 and based on the discussions with the INQAAHE Secretariat, the activities to be conducted within 2018 with reference to the Conference 2019 were identified and streamlined. Accordingly, a local organizing committee was established and under its guidance, considerable progress was made during 2018 in planning and organizing activities to ensure a successful conference.
- (2) Asia Pacific Quality Network Academic Conference (APQN AAC) and Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2019 is planned for March 28-31, 2019, as per the APQN AAC 2019 agreement signed by Chairman/UGC in Nagpur, India during his participation at the APQN Conference 2018. The planning and organizing of this conference has made a steady progress in 2018 under the local organizing committee appointed by the UGC. The QAC of the UGC is entrusted with the responsibility of deciding on a panel to

evaluate the papers submitted for the APQN Conference 2019.

Gender Equity and Equality (GEE), Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) and Ragging in Universities/HEIs

In order to ensure Universities/HEIs under the purview of the UGC have the institutional capability to ensure a conducive, gender-just working and learning environment to all its members, the UGC through the Centre for Gender Equity and Equality (CGEE) carried out several important activities during the year under consideration. These are summarized below;

- Establishing and maintaining the Centralized Grievance Redress Mechanisms at the UGC which included an online SGBV complaints portal, online ragging complaints portal (www.ugc.ac.lk/rag) & 24/7 Call Centre (+94 112 123 700) and the UGC database on ragging and SGBV. Over 250 complaints were received during 2018, which have been acted upon.
- Launching an emergency Safety Mobile App in June 2018, enabling university students and staff to seek help in an emergency situation and piloting it during August - December 2018.
- Creating awareness and publicity within the university system with respect to ragging and SGBV using print/electronic media.
- Continuing efforts and involvement of the high powered multi-sectoral taskforce that was established in 2017 with a specific and clear purpose of preventing and eliminating Ragging in the Universities.
- Establishing Network of specialized Gender Focal Points comprising of centres, cells, committees etc. in the university system with senior academics as Heads.
- Ensuring gender sensitization and empowerment through awareness and sensitization programmes, training workshops, training the trainer programmes, innovative leadership, and gender equality promotion programmes and research studies conducted.
- Encouraging and supporting the universities to develop policies on GEE, Ragging, and SGBV.

Upgrading facilities at the UGC Secretariat

In order to provide improved communication and call services, the UGC converted the analog phones to a digital phone system in 2018. Further to ensure the comfort and convenience of the people visiting the UGC, the construction of a new building for the PRO office and public waiting area was commenced in 2018.

In addition, during the year, a National Digital Library consortium was established and an Anti-Plagiarism software was purchased for the benefit of all stakeholders in the entire University system.

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1. UGC MANAGEMENT

The Commission which is responsible for the overall management of the UGC consisted of the following in 2018;

- Chairman Prof Mohan de Silva**
MS, FRCS Edin, FCSSL
Senior Professor of Surgery and Chair in Surgery
Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura
Hony. Consultant Surgeon, Colombo South Teaching Hospital
- Vice-Chairman Prof P S M Gunaratne**
BSc (Bus. Ad.) (SJP), MBA (Col), MSc and Ph.D. (Tsukuba, Japan)
Commonwealth Fellow (Manchester UK), JSPS Fellow (Yokohama, Japan)
Professor in Finance, University of Colombo
- Commission Members Prof. Malik Ranasinghe**
BSc Eng(Hons), MAsc (UBC), Ph.D. (UBC), C Eng, Int PE, FIE (SL), FNAS (SL)
- Prof. R Kumaravadivel**
BSc (Hons), Ph.D. (Bristol)
- Prof. Hemantha Senanayake**
MBBS, MS (Obstetrics & Gynecology), FRCOG, FSLOG, FRCSED
- Dr. Ruvaiz Haniffa**
MBBS, DFM, Pig Dip., MSc, MD, FCGP, MRCGP
- Dr. Wickrema Weerasooria** (till 08.11.2018 and passed away on 04.12.2018)
LLB (Ceylon), Ph.D. (London), Attorney-at-Law
- Ven. Prof. K Mahinda Sangharakkhita Thero** (from 09.11.2018)
Ph.D., MA (Delhi), B.A (Special) (Sri Lanka)

The representative of the Treasury

- Dr. P K G Harischandra** (from 24.04.2016 till 31.10.2018)
Ph.D. in Econ..(Manchester, UK), MSc Econ. (Manchester, UK),
MBA (Colombo), B.Com (Kelaniya)
- Dr. Kapila Senanayake** (from 30.11.2018)
Ph.D. in Economics (UNSW, Australia), Master on PublicPolicy
(Hitotsubashi University, Japan), PGD (Mgmt & Admin.), B.Com
(Special),USJP

- Secretary Dr. Priyantha Premakumara**
B.Sc (Hons), MBA (CMB), Ph.D. (Wuhan)

2. UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

2.1 University of Colombo

Chancellor

His Grace the Most Reverend Dr. Oswald Gomis, Emeritus Archbishop of Colombo

Vice Chancellor

Professor Lakshman Dissanayake (Re-appointed w. e. f. 6th August 2018)

Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Vacant

Registrar

Mr. K A S Edward

2.2 University of Peradeniya

Chancellor

Professor K M De Silva

Vice Chancellor

Professor U B Dissanayake

Professor U B Dissanayake (Re-appointed w. e. f. 1st August 2018)

Deputy Vice Chancellor

Professor S H P Parakrama Karunaratne

Registrar

Mr. U D Dodanwala (up to 1st April 2018)

Mr. K A B Damunupola (w. e. f. 24th April 2018)

Mr. Saman Rajapaksha (w. e. f. 1st June 2018)

2.3 University of Sri Jayewardenapura

Chancellor

Ven. Prof. Bellanwila Wimalarathana Thero (up to 3rd February 2018)

Ven. Prof. Iththapane Dhammalamkarabhidhana Thero (w. e. f. 15th February 2018)

Vice Chancellor

Professor Sampath Amarathunga

Registrar

Mr.G Britto

2.4 University of Kelaniya

Chancellor

Ven. Welamitiyawwe Kusaladhamma Thero

Vice Chancellor

Professor D M Semasinghe

Deputy Vice Chancellor

Professor L Seneviratne

Registrar

Mr. W M Karunaratne

2.5 University of Moratuwa

Chancellor

Professor K K Y W Perera

Vice Chancellor

Professor K K C K Perera

Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Professor R A Attalage (up to 7th March 2018)

Professor P K S Mahanama (w. e. f. 8th March 2018)

Registrar

Mr. M A L Jaufer Sadiare (up to 21st November 2018)

Ms. Visaka Kulasekara (w. e. f. 22nd November 2018)

2.6 University of Jaffna

Chancellor

Professor S Pathmanathan

Vice Chancellor

Professor R Vigneswaran

Registrar

Mr V Kandeepan

2.7 University of Ruhuna

Chancellor

Ven. Pallaththara Sumanajothi Thero

Vice Chancellor

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Professor M M M Najim (Reappointed w. e. f. 9th August 2018)

Competent Authority

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Registrar

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2.11 Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka**Chancellor**

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2.12 Wayamba University of Sri Lanka**Chancellor**

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Registrar

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2.13 Uva-Wellassa University of Sri Lanka**Chancellor**

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Vice Chancellor

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2.14 Open University of Sri Lanka

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2.15 University of Visual Performing Arts

Chancellor

Professor Sanath Nandasiri

Vice Chancellor

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Registrar

Ms. R T M Ranathunge (up to 31st January 2018)

Mr. B M Dayawansa (w. e. f. 1st February 2018)

3. INSTITUTES

3.1 Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture

Director

Professor C M B Dematawewa

3.2 Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology

Director

Professor P Gunawardena (Competent Authority up to 30th June 2018)

Professor T R Premathilake (w. e. f. 1st July 2018)

3.3 Postgraduate Institute of Management

Director

Professor Ajantha Dharmasiri

3.4 Postgraduate Institute of Medicine

Director

Professor H. Janaka de Silva

3.5 Postgraduate Institute of Pali & Buddhist Studies

Director

Ven. Prof. Kotapitiye Rahula Thero

3.6 Postgraduate Institute of Science

Director

Professor H M T G A Pitawala (w. e. f. 2nd January 2018)

3.7 Postgraduate Institute of English

Director

Dr. H. Rabukwella

3.8 Postgraduate Institute of Humanities & Social Sciences

Director

Dr. Ananda Jayawickrema

3.9 Institute of Indigenous Medicine

Director

Dr. Mrs. S D Hapuarachchi (up to 9th February 2018)

Prof. P A Paranagama (w. e. f. 10th February 2018)

3.10 Institute of Human Resource Advancement**Director**

Professor J A S K Jayakody (Re-appointed w. e. f. 25th August 2018)

3.11 University of Colombo School of Computing**Director**

Prof. K P Hewagamage

3.12 Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute**Director**

Dr. S D Pilapitiya (up to 18th October 2018)

Registrar, University of Kelaniya (w. e. f. 19th October 2018)

3.13 National Institute of Library & Information Sciences**Director**

Mr. Prasanna Ranaweera

3.14 Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa**Director**

Dr. Mrs. Priyangani Samarasekera

3.15 Institute of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology & Biotechnology**Director**

Dr. Shiroma Handunneththi

3.16 National Centre for Advance Studies in Humanities & Social Sciences**Director**

Professor P S M Gunaratne (Acting up to 31st May 2018)

Prof. Lal Mervin Dharmasiri (w. e. f. 1st June 2018)

3.17 Swamy Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies**Director**

Dr. S Jeyasankar

3.18 Institute for Agro-Technology & Rural Science, University of Colombo**Director**

Prof. S Subasinghe

4. ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO UNIVERSITIES

The University Grants Commission published the University Admissions Handbook for the academic year 2017/2018. Based on its guidance, applications were called in January 2018 for university admissions for the academic year 2017/2018 from prospective candidates who sat for the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination held in August 2017. Accordingly, the selection of students under the normal intake for each undergraduate degree programme was finalized and the cut off marks were released in July 2018. Further, the selection of students under the special provisions was also finalized during the year under review.

Based on the results of the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination held in August 2017, a total of 163,160 candidates became eligible to apply for university admission for the academic year 2017/2018. The proposed intake under the normal provision for the academic year 2017/2018 was 30,513, out of which a total of 30,141 students were admitted.

In addition, a total of 409 students were admitted under different categories of special provisions, making the total intake to the state universities for the academic year 2017/2018 30,550. The admission details are summarized in Table 4.1 along with the corresponding figures of the academic year 2016/2017 for comparison purposes.

4.1 Academic year 2017/2018 - University Admissions under Normal Provision

The following admissions policy was adopted in the process of selecting the 30,141 students admitted to the 15 state universities under the normal provision.

- 4.1.1. The selection criteria were the rank order of average Z-Scores obtained by candidates at the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination held in August 2017, results released by the Commissioner General of Examinations.
- 4.1.2. In case of Arts courses [*i.e. Arts, Arts (SP), Arts (SAB), Communication Studies, Peace & Conflict Resolution, Islamic Studies, Arabic Language & Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)*] the admissions were made on an all-island merit basis subject to the condition that the total number admitted from a given district should not be below the total number admitted from that district in the academic year 1993/1994 or 2002/2003, whichever is greater.
- 4.1.3. Admissions to all courses other than the courses stated in 4.1.2 above were made on dual criteria, namely:
 - All Island Merit basis
 - Merit on District basis
- 4.1.4 Up to 40% of the total available places for a particular course of study were filled in order of Z Scores ranked on an all-island Merit basis.
- 4.1.5 Of the remaining 60%, up to 55% were selected on the district merit basis. This means for a given district, in addition to the places already allocated under the All

Island Merit basis (up to 40%), additional seats were made available up to 55% based on district merit basis. Accordingly, up to 55% of the available places in each course of study were allocated to the 25 administrative districts in proportion to the total population of each district; that is on the ratio of the population of the district concerned to the total population of the country.

4.1.6 In allocating students up to the balance 5% of the available places in each course of study, special consideration was made for the under mentioned 16 districts which were identified as educationally disadvantaged districts. Accordingly, the seats were allocated in proportion to the population of each such district; that is on the ratio of the population of each district to the total population of the 16 districts.

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| 1. Nuwara Eliya | 9. Batticaloa |
| 2. Hambantota | 10. Ampara |
| 3. Jaffna | 11. Puttalam |
| 4. Kilinochchi | 12. Anuradhapura |
| 5. Mannar | 13. Polonnaruwa |
| 6. Mullaitivu | 14. Badulla |
| 7. Vavuniya | 15. Monaragala |
| 8. Trincomalee | 16. Ratnapura |

4.1.7 Further, same as in case of Arts courses, it was ensured that the district quota allocated to any district for a particular course of study was not below the district quota allocated to that district for the same course of study during the academic year 1993/1994 or 2002/2003, whichever is greater.

4.2 New Courses of Study introduced in 2018

During the year 2018 one course of study was added to the list of courses of study available in the university system and it was implemented for the academic year 2017/2018.

The details of the added course of study are as follows;

The course of Study :	Financial Engineering
University :	University of Kelaniya
Intake :	50

Course of study	Academic Year 2017/2018 Number Selected	Academic Year 2016/2017 Number Selected
1. Medicine	1449	1290
2. Dental Surgery	77	78
3. Veterinary Science	78	79
4. Agriculture	625	599
5. Food Science & Nutrition	108	108
6. Biological Science	1283	1501
7. Applied Sciences (Biological Science)	293	293
8. Engineering	1731	1681
9. Engineering (EM)	49	48
10. Engineering (TM)	58	58
11. Quantity Surveying	123	124
12. Computer Science	446	427
13. Physical Science	1880	2148
14. Surveying Science	98	78
15. Applied Sciences (Physical Science)	559	550
16. Management	4386	4200
17. Estate Mgt.& Valuation	58	58
18. Commerce	642	641
19. Arts	5866	5850
20. Arts (SP) / Mass Media	78	78
21. Arts(SAB)	221	223
22. Management Studies (TV)-A	136	101
23. Architecture	58	58
24. Design	58	58
25. Law	366	346
26. Information Technology	198	198
27. Management & Information Tech.	98	98
28. Management (Public) (Special)	83	73
29. Communication Studies	148	98
30. Town & Country Planning	48	48
31. Peace & Conflict Resolution	33	33
32. Ayurvedic Medicine & Surgery	296	296
33. Unani Medicine & Surgery	58	58
34. Fashion Design & Product Development	48	48
35. Food Science & Technology	169	178
36. Siddha Medicine	149	139
37. Nursing	342	377
38. Information & Communication Tech.	158	148
39. Agricultural Technology & Management	199	198
40. Management Studies (TV)-B	137	100
41. Arts (SP) / Performing Arts	78	78
42. Health Promotion	49	48

43. Pharmacy	143	158
44. Medical Laboratory Sciences	138	153
45. Radiography	43	43
46. Physiotherapy	63	59
47. Environmental Conservation & Management	58	59
48. Facilities Management	48	48
49. Transport & Logistics Management	59	59
50. Molecular Biology and Biochemistry	58	58
51. Industrial Statistics & Mathematical Finance	88	88
52. Statistics & Operations Research	48	68
53. Computation & Management	48	48
54. Fisheries & Marine Sciences	58	58
55. Islamic Studies	248	248
56. Science & Technology	59	63
57. Computer Science & Technology	58	58
58. Entrepreneurship & Management	63	63
59. Animal Science	64	58
60. Music	415	398
61. Dance	360	344
62. Art & Design	33	33
63. Drama & Theatre	96	86
64. Visual & Technological Arts	48	48
65. Export Agriculture	63	59
66. Tea Technology & Value Addition	64	58
67. Industrial Information Technology	59	58
68. Mineral Resources & Technology	58	63
69. Business Information Systems (Special)	48	48
70. Management & Information Technology(SEUSL)	118	119
71. Computing & Information Systems	98	99
72. Physical Education	48	48
73. Sports Sciences & Management	103	93
74. Speech & Hearing Sciences	48	48
75. Arabic Language	198	198
76. Visual Arts	95	96
77. Animal Science & Fisheries	48	49
78. Food Production & Technology Management	83	84
79. Aquatic Resources Technology	63	58
80. Palm and Latex Technology & Value Addition	60	58
81. Hospitality, Tourism & Events Management	63	63
82. Information Technology & Management	98	98
83. Tourism & Hospitality Management	118	118
84. Agriculture Resource Management & Technology	149	149
85. Agribusiness Management	54	49
86. Green Technology	48	48
87. Information Systems	98	98
88. Landscape Architecture	46	46

89. Translation Studies	74	73
90. Software Engineering	48	48
91. Film & Television Studies	48	48
92. Project Management	58	48
93. Engineering Technology	931	857
94. Bio systems Technology	842	717
95. Information Communication Technology	461	436
96. Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)	48	48
97. Marine and Freshwater Sciences	48	48
98. Food Business Management	78	78
99. Physical Science –ICT	118	103
100. Business Science	98	98
101. Financial Engineering	48	-
Total number selected under Normal Provision	30,141	29,696
Total number Proposed	30,513	29,333
<u>Total number selected under Special Provisions</u>		
(a) Students who have excelled in fields other than studies at National/International level	179	170
(b) Admission of students with foreign qualifications	26	05
(c) Enlisted personnel of the Armed Forces, Police Service & Special Task Force	17	17
(d) Admission under Additional Intake for Special Subjects	-	573
(e) Blind & Differently Abled	105	105
(f) Admission of Teachers	10	01
(g) Appeals	72	101
Total number of students Admitted under Normal & Special Provisions	30,550	30,668

Table 4.1 Total Number of Selected Students under Normal and Special Provisions

4.3 Academic year 2017/2018 - University Admissions under Special Provisions

(a) Students who have excelled in fields other than studies at National/International Level

0.5% of the places or one place, whichever was higher in respect of all courses of study other than the courses offered by the University of Visual & Performing Arts (UVPA) were allocated for candidates who have obtained 1st, 2nd or 3rd places at national level and/ or for achievements at international level in the fields of sports, cultural activities (e.g. dancing, painting, music and literature), scouting, cadetting, social work, and other extra-curricular activities, but have failed to gain admission under the normal intake because of the shortfall of Z-Score.

In the case of the University of the Visual and Performing Arts, up to 4% of the places from the proposed intake in each course of study were reserved for the admission of students under this category. Selections were done by a Selection Committee appointed

by the UGC and based on a marking scheme approved by the UGC. The selected numbers are illustrated in Table 4.2.

	Number Selected for the Academic Year 2017/2018
Medicine	7
Dental Surgery	1
Veterinary Science	1
Agriculture	3
Food Science & Nutrition	1
Biological Science	6
Applied Sciences (Biological Science)	1
Engineering	9
Engineering (EM)	1
Engineering (TM)	1
Quantity Surveying	1
Computer Science	2
Physical Science	10
Surveying Science	1
Applied Sciences (Physical Science)	2
Management	21
Estate Management & valuation	1
Commerce	3
Arts	29
Arts (SP) / Mass Media	1
Arts (SAB)-A	1
Management Studies (TV)-A	1
Law	2
Information Technology	1
Management & Information Technology	1
Management (Public) Special	1
Communication Studies	1
Town & Country Planning	1
Peace & Conflict Resolution	1
Ayurveda Medicine & Surgery	2
Food Science & Technology	1
Siddha Medicine	1
Nursing	1
Agricultural Technology & Management	1
Management Studies (TV) –B	1
Arts (SP) / Performing Arts	1
Arts (SAB)- B	1
Pharmacy	1
Medical Laboratory Sciences	1

Radiography	1
Physiotherapy	1
Environmental Conservation & Management	1
Transport & Logistics Management	1
Molecular Biology and Biochemistry	1
Industrial Statistics & Mathematical Finance	1
Statistics & Operations Research	1
Computation & Management	1
Islamic Studies	1
Entrepreneurship & Management	1
Animal Science	1
Dance (Ramanathan)	1
Music (UVPA)	10
Dance (UVPA)	10
Drama & Theatre (UVPA)	2
Visual Arts (UVPA)	2
Tea Technology & Value Addition	1
Mineral Resources & Technology	1
Management & Information Technology (SEUSL)	1
Computing & Information Systems	1
Physical Education	1
Sports Science & Management	1
Aquatic Resources Technology	1
Hospitality, Tourism & Events Management	1
Information Technology & Management	1
Tourism & Hospitality Management	1
Agricultural Resource Management & Technology	1
Green Technology	1
Software Engineering	1
Film & Television Studies	1
Project Management	1
Engineering Technology	1
Food Business Management	1
Business Science	1
Financial Engineering	1
Total number selected	179

Table 4.2 Selected number of students based on excellence in fields other than studies at the national/international level

(b) Admission of students with foreign qualifications to universities in Sri Lanka

In terms of the existing rules and regulations, provisions are made to admit a limited number of students with foreign qualifications to Sri Lankan universities every academic year. Accordingly, candidates with results at foreign examinations held outside Sri

Lanka deemed equivalent to G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination of Sri Lanka are eligible to apply for admission to universities in Sri Lanka under this category.

In selecting students under this provision, the following order of priority was adopted;

- (i) Children of Sri Lankan diplomatic personnel who are/have been stationed in other countries.
- (ii) Children of foreign diplomatic personnel working in Sri Lanka.
- (iii) Applicants from SAARC countries who seek admission.
- (iv) Sri Lankan applicants not covered under (i) above.
- (v) Other foreign applicants not covered under (ii) or (iii) above.

The selected candidates were admitted on fee levying basis except for the candidates under the category (i) above.

Accordingly, up to 0.5% of the total numbers of places available in each course of study were allocated to students with foreign qualifications subject to the conditions stipulated in the Admissions Handbook for students with foreign qualifications.

In addition to the above, up to 4.5% of the places **over and above the proposed intake** in each course of study were allocated to students (Sri Lankan or foreign) with foreign qualifications, **on fee levying basis**.

Accordingly, for the academic year 2017/2018, a total of 26 students were admitted under these provisions as shown in Table 4.3 below.

Course of Study	Academic Year 2017/2018 Number Selected under 0.5%	Academic Year 2017/2018 Number Selected under 4.5%
1. Medicine	07	13
2. Engineering	02	-
3. Arts	03	-
4. Town & Country Planning	01	-
Total under each category	13	13
Total number selected for the Academic year 2017/2018	26	

Table 4.3 Academic Year 2017/2018: Students admitted with foreign qualifications to universities in Sri Lanka

(c) Enlisted personnel of the Armed Forces, Police Service & Special Task Force

Under this provision, up to 0.5% of the places of the proposed intake in Medicine, Dental Surgery and Engineering were reserved for the personnel enlisted in the Armed Forces, Police Service and the Special Task Force serving in operational areas.

(d) Admission of Teachers

Provisions are made to admit a limited number of teachers belonging to the following two categories for the courses of study in Arts, Biological Science, Physical Science, and Applied Sciences, in each academic year.

- (i) The course of study in Arts - Teachers who have passed the General Arts qualifying (External) Examination in or after 2013 having offered English as one of the subjects.
- (ii) Courses of study in Biological Science, Physical Science or Applied Sciences - Teachers who have passed the First Examination in Bachelor of Science (External) Degree Program in or after 2013.

Accordingly; a total of **10** teachers were selected under these categories for the academic year 2017/2018.

(e) Appeals relating to University Admission

Every academic year, the UGC appoints a Committee to consider appeals & to investigate the complains received regarding the university admissions. Accordingly, Prof. Mohan de Silva (Chairman/UGC) - Chair, Prof. P S M Gunaratne (Vice Chairman/UGC) - Member, Prof. Malik Ranasinghe (Member/UGC) - Member, Prof. S G J N Senanayake (Vice Chancellor/RUH,Chairman-CVCD) - Member, Dr. Priyantha Premakumara (Secretary /UGC) - Member, Mr. Dishan Jayantha / Additional Secretary (University Admissions) - Member and Ms. Nishantha Kamburadeniya / Assistant Secretary (University Admissions) - Member & Secretary were to the Committee to report on appeals and complaints made by the students on the university admissions for the academic year 2017/2018.

Accordingly, a total of 1,537 appeals and complaints were received by the Committee for the Academic year 2017/2018. Out of these, the Committee has recommended allowing 72 appeals made by the students in respect of the Courses of Study as illustrated in Table 4.4 below;

Academic Year 2017/2018	
No of student appeals/complaints allowed	No of student appeals/complaints allowed
Medicine	1
Veterinary Science	1
Agriculture	2
Agriculture	2
Agriculture	1
Food Science & Nutrition	1
Biological Science	1
Biological Science	1
Biological Science	2

Biological Science	1
Applied Sciences (Biological Science)	1
Applied Sciences (Biological Science)	1
Engineering	1
Computer Science	1
Computer Science	1
Computer Science	1
Physical Science	2
Physical Science	1
Physical Science	1
Physical Science	1
Physical Science	1
Physical Science	2
Applied Sciences (Physical Science)	1
Applied Sciences (Physical Science)	1
Applied Sciences (Physical Science)	1
Management	1
Management	3
Commerce	1
Arts	1
Arts	4
Management Studies (TV)	1
Communication Studies	1
Ayurvedic Medicine & Surgery	1
Ayurvedic Medicine & Surgery	2
Food Science & Technology	1
Food Science & Technology	1
Siddha Medicine	1
Nursing	1
Nursing	1
Management Studies (TV)	1
Arts (SAB)	1
Health Promotion	1
Pharmacy	1
Molecular Biology and Biochemistry	2
Fisheries & Marine Sciences	2
Science & Technology	1
Computer Science & Technology	1
Export Agriculture	1
Computing & Information Systems	1
Physical Education	1
Food Production & Technology Management	1
Agricultural Resource Management & Technology	1
Engineering Technology	1
Biosystems Technology	3

Teaching English as a Second Language	1
Marine and Freshwater Sciences	1
Food Business Management	1
Total for Academic Year 2017/2018	72

Table 4.4 Academic Year 2017/2018: Number of Admissions through Appeals/Complaints

5. ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF ACADEMIC STANDARDS

5.1 Standing Committees

The Standing Committees are established by the UGC in accordance with the provisions made under Section 4(2) of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 as amended. The responsibility of each Standing Committee is to report and make recommendations to the UGC on matters pertaining to higher education in the respective areas. Accordingly, Eighteen (18) Standing Committees and One (1) other Committee were established and functioning in the University Grants Commission for various disciplines during the year 2018. The Committees and the number of meetings held under each Standing Committee are given in Table 5.1.

No	Name of the Standing Committee	Number of meetings held in 2018
01.	Standing Committee on Career Guidance	02
02.	Standing Committee on Medicine & Dental Sciences	06
03.	Standing Committee on Indigenous Medicine	05
04.	Standing Committee on Sciences	05
05.	Standing Committee on Agriculture, Veterinary Medicine & Animal Sciences	02
06.	Standing Committee on Postgraduate Studies and Research	03
07.	Standing Committee on Engineering and Architecture	05
08.	Standing Committee on Technology Stream	05
09.	Standing Committee on Humanities & Social Sciences	03
10.	Standing Committee on Education	03
11.	Standing Committee on Teaching English as a Second Language	04
12.	Standing Committee on Management Studies	04
13.	Standing Committee on External Degrees	05
14.	Standing Committee on Computing	05
15.	Standing Committee on Legal Studies	01
16.	Standing Committee on Libraries and Information Sciences	04
17.	Standing Committee on Fine Arts	01
18.	Standing Committee on Allied Health Sciences	02
Other Committees		
19.	Committee to study Applications for Recognition of Qualifications/ Degree Awarding Institutions	04

Table 5.1 The Standing Committees and the number of meetings held in 2018

5.2 Faculties / Departments / Undergraduate, External & Postgraduate Degree Programmes approved during the year 2018

With the motive of increasing opportunities and access to higher education, during the year 2018, 2 new faculties, 27 new departments, 12 new undergraduate degree programmes, 1 new external degree programme & 7 new postgraduate degree programmes were introduced and approved. The details of these are presented in Tables 5.2 through 5.6 below;

No	Name of the Faculty	University	Commission No.
1.	Faculty of Hindu Studies (To be Gazetted)	University of Jaffna	996
2.	Faculty of Medicine	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	988

Table 5.2: Faculties Approved in the Year 2018

No	Name of the Department	University	Commission No.
1.	Department of Family Medicine (To be Gazetted)	University of Colombo	999
2.	Department of Polymer Science	University of Sri Jayawardenepura	992
3.	Department of Saiva Siddhantha (To be Gazetted)	University of Jaffna	996
4.	Department of English Language Teaching (To be Gazetted)	University of Jaffna	996
5.	Department of Media Studies (To be Gazetted)	University of Jaffna	997
6.	Department of English Language Teaching (DELT)	University of Ruhuna	984
7.	Department of Computing	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	983
8.	Department of Anatomy	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	988
9.	Department of Biochemistry	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	988
10.	Department of Physiology	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	988
11.	Department of Parasitology	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	988
12.	Department of Microbiology	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	988
13.	Department of Forensic Medicine	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	988
14.	Department of Pathology	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	988
15.	Department of Community Medicine	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	988
16.	Department of Family Medicine	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	988
17.	Department of Pharmacology	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	988
18.	Department of Surgery	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	988
19.	Department of Medicine	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	988
20.	Department of Pediatrics	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	988
21.	Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	988
22.	Department of Psychiatry	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	988
23.	Department of English Language Teaching (DELT)	Uva Wellassa University	984
24.	Department of Physical Sciences (To be Gazetted)	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	995

25.	Department of Chemical Sciences (To be Gazetted)	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	995
26.	Department of Tourism Studies (To be Gazetted)	Uva Wellassa University	998
27.	Department of Economics (To be Gazetted)	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	998

Table 5.3: Departments Approved in the Year 2018

No	Name of the Degree Program	University	Commission No.
1.	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Korean Studies [BA Hons (Korean Studies)]	University of Kelaniya	990
2.	Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology	University of Kelaniya	996
3.	Honours Degree of Bachelor of the Science of Engineering in Marine Engineering and Naval Architecture [B.Sc. Hon (Eng)]	University of Ruhuna	984
4.	Bachelor of Science Honours in Psychology	The Open University of Sri Lanka	979
5.	Bachelor of Science in Applied Physics and Electronics	Eastern University of Sri Lanka (Trincomalee Campus)	983
6.	Bachelor of Science Honours in Physics	South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	996
7.	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	988
8.	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery	Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	995
9.	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Peace and Conflict Resolution [BAHons (Peace & Conflict Resolution)]	University of Kelaniya	997
10.	Bachelor of Business Management Honors in Auditing and Forensic Accounting	University of Kelaniya	998
11.	Bachelor of Social Work Honours [BSW(Hons)]	University of Peradeniya	998
12.	Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology (BICT)	University of Colombo	998

Table 5.4: Undergraduate Degree Programmes Approved in the Year 2018

No	Name of the Degree Program	University	Commission No.
1.	Bachelor of Science in Food Quality Management	Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	998

Table 5.5: External Degree Programme Approved in the Year 2018

No	Name of the Degree Program	University	Commission No.
1.	Master of Arts in Media Research [MA (Media Research)]	University of Colombo	984
2.	Master in Oral Medicine and Oral Radiology	University of Peradeniya	978
3.	Master of Science in Oral Medicine and Oral Radiology	University of Peradeniya	978
4.	Master of the Science of Engineering in Construction and Project Management	University of Peradeniya	989
5.	Master of International Relations	University of Peradeniya	996
6.	Master of Sustainable Tourism [M (ST)]	University of Peradeniya	997
7.	Master of Science in Sustainable Tourism [MSc (Sustainable Tourism)]	University of Peradeniya	997

Table 5.6: Postgraduate Degree Programmes Approved in the Year 2018

5.3 Name Changes of Departments & Undergraduate Degree Programmes approved during the year 2018

During the year 2018, 2 department name changes and 46 undergraduate degree programme name changes were proposed and approved as per details shown in Table 5.7 and Table 5.8 respectively.

No	Existing Name of the Department	Approved Name of the Department	University	Commission No.
1.	Department of Sanskrit	Department of Sanskrit and Eastern Studies	University of Kelaniya	978
2.	Department of Physics	Department of Physics and Electronics	University of Kelaniya	999

Table 5.7: Department Name Changes Approved in the Year 2018

No	Existing Name of the Programme	Approved Name of the Programme	University	Commission No.
1.	B.Sc.	Bachelor of Science	University of Sri Jayawardenepura	998
2.	B.Sc. in Physics and ICT	Bachelor of Science in Physics and ICT	University of Sri Jayawardenepura	998
3.	B.Sc. (Special) in Chemistry	Bachelor of Science Honours in Chemistry	University of Sri Jayawardenepura	998
4.	B.Sc. (Special) in Plant BioTechnology	Bachelor of Science Honours in Plant BioTechnology	University of Sri Jayawardenepura	998
5.	B.Sc. (Special) in Microbiology	Bachelor of Science Honours in Microbiology	University of Sri Jayawardenepura	998
6.	B.Sc. (Special) in Plant Biology	Bachelor of Science Honours in Plant Biology	University of Sri Jayawardenepura	998
7.	B.Sc. (Special) in	Bachelor of Science	University of Sri	998

	Zoology	Honours in Zoology	Jayawardanepura	
8.	B.Sc. (Special) in Aquatic Resource Management	Bachelor of Science Honours in Aquatic Resource Management	University of Sri Jayawardanepura	998
9.	B.Sc. (Special) in Environmental Management & Forestry	Bachelor of Science Honours in Environmental Management & Forestry	University of Sri Jayawardanepura	998
10.	B.Sc. (Special) in Mathematics	Bachelor of Science Honours in Mathematics	University of Sri Jayawardanepura	998
11.	B.Sc. (Special) in Applied Mathematics	Bachelor of Science Honours in Applied Mathematics	University of Sri Jayawardanepura	998
12.	B.Sc. (Special) in Physics	Bachelor of Science Honours in Physics	University of Sri Jayawardanepura	998
13.	B.Sc. (Special) in Statistics	Bachelor of Science Honours in Statistics	University of Sri Jayawardanepura	998
14.	B.Sc. (Special) in Computer Science	Bachelor of Science Honours in Computer Science	University of Sri Jayawardanepura	998
15.	B.Sc. (Special) in Biology	Bachelor of Science Honours in Biology	University of Sri Jayawardanepura	998
16.	B.Sc. (Special) in Industrial Chemistry	Bachelor of Science Honours in Industrial Chemistry	University of Sri Jayawardanepura	998
17.	B.Sc. (Special) in Polymer Chemistry	Bachelor of Science Honours in Polymer Chemistry	University of Sri Jayawardanepura	998
18.	B.Sc. (Special) in Food Science and Technology	Bachelor of Science Honours in Food Science and Technology	University of Sri Jayawardanepura	998
19.	B.Sc. (Special) in Sports Science and Management	Bachelor of Science Honours in Sports Science and Management	University of Sri Jayawardanepura	998
20.	B.Sc. (Honours) in Applied Sciences	Bachelor of Science Honours in Applied Sciences	University of Sri Jayawardanepura	998
21.	Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology in Computer Network Technology	Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology (BICT)	University of Kelaniya	996
22.	Bachelor of Science (Special) Degree in Chemistry	Bachelor of Science Honours in Chemistry	University of Kelaniya	998
23.	Bachelor of Science (Special) Degree in Physics	Bachelor of Science Honours in Physics	University of Kelaniya	998
24.	Bachelor of Science	Bachelor of Science	University of Kelaniya	998

	(Special) Degree in Mathematical Physics	Honours in Mathematical Physics		
25.	Bachelor of Science (Special) Degree in Zoology	Bachelor of Science Honours in Zoology	University of Kelaniya	998
26.	Bachelor of Science (Special) Degree in Botany	Bachelor of Science Honours in Botany	University of Kelaniya	998
27.	Bachelor of Science (Special) Degree in Molecular Biology and Plant Biotechnology	Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Molecular Biology and Plant Biotechnology	University of Kelaniya	998
28.	Bachelor of Science (Special) Degree in Microbiology	Bachelor of Science Honours in Microbiology	University of Kelaniya	998
29.	Bachelor of Science (Special) Degree in Statistics	Bachelor of Science Honours in Statistics	University of Kelaniya	998
30.	Bachelor of Science (Special) Degree in Mathematics	Bachelor of Science Honours in Mathematics	University of Kelaniya	998
31.	B.A. (Special) Degree in Philosophy	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Philosophy	University of Kelaniya	998
32.	Bachelor of Science in Speech & Hearing Sciences (Special)	Bachelor of Science Honours in Speech & Hearing Sciences	University of Kelaniya	998
33.	B.A. (Special) Degree in Psychology	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Psychology	University of Kelaniya	998
34.	Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree Programme in Geography	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Geography	University of Kelaniya	998
35.	Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree Programme in Development Studies	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Development Studies	University of Kelaniya	998
36.	Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree in Political Science	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Political Science	University of Kelaniya	998
37.	Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree in International Studies	Bachelor of Arts Honours in International Studies	University of Kelaniya	998
38.	Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree in Economics	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Economics	University of Kelaniya	998
39.	Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree in Social Statistics	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Social Statistics	University of Kelaniya	998
40.	Bachelor of Arts	Bachelor of Arts	University of Kelaniya	998

	(Special) Degree program	Honours in Archaeology		
41.	Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree program	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Tourism and Cultural Resource Management	University of Kelaniya	998
42.	Bachelor of Arts (Hons). Degree program	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Sports and Recreation Management	University of Kelaniya	998
43.	Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree program	Bachelor of Arts Honours in History	University of Kelaniya	998
44.	Bachelor of Arts (Special) Degree in Sociology	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Sociology	University of Kelaniya	998
45.	Bachelor of Science in Agriculture	Bachelor of Science Honours in Agriculture[BScHons (Agriculture)]	Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	998
46.	Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (B.Sc. (Agric.))	Bachelor of Science Honours in Agriculture [BScHons(Agriculture)]	Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	998

Table 5.8: Undergraduate Degree Programme Name Changes Approved in the Year 2018

5.4 ‘National Law Teachers Conference 2018’ – A Workshop of National Importance

As per the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Legal Studies, the University Grants Commission organized its inaugural ‘National Law Teachers Conference’, which was held on the 26th January 2018. The event also marked the first-ever visit of a Chief Justice of the country to the apex body of the State Universities, where His Lordship the Chief Justice Mr. Priyasath Dep, President’s Counsel delivered the keynote address of the ‘National Law Teachers Conference 2018’.

The other guest speakers were Dr. Harsha Cabral (President’s Counsel), Dr. Deepika Udagama (Chairperson, Human Rights Commission), Dr. J. M. Swaminathan (Senior Partner, Julius & Creasy Law Firm), Mr. Ali Sabry (President’s Counsel & Deputy President, Bar Association of Sri Lanka) and Dr. Wickrama Weerasooriya (Commission Member, UGC). In addition, Mr. U. R. de Silva (President’s Counsel & President, Bar Association of Sri Lanka), Mr. Geoffrey Alagaratnam (President’s Counsel & Former President, Bar Association of Sri Lanka) and Mrs. Indira Samarasinghe (President’s Counsel & Principal, Sri Lanka Law College) graced the occasion as guests of honour.

This is the first time that such a conference had been organized in Sri Lanka for the law teachers in the State University system and the event was a great success, well appreciated by all participants. A total of 80 participants attended this one day workshop, where the

Chairman-UGC, the Vice Chairman-UGC and Prof. Uma Coomaraswamy (Former Vice Chancellor, OUSL and Director, CGEE, UGC) participated as special invitees.

The theme of the conference was “Evaluating the Relevance of Legal Education”. which signifies the UGC’s recognition in the importance of quality assurance in legal education of the state university system.

The conference explored the following areas:

- Are we traveling in the right direction with regard to legal education?
- Are the law graduates from the state law faculties equipped with good quality and standing to face today’s challenges?
- Can the law graduates find meaningful employment as practicing lawyers or in other areas of work, which is beneficial to our country?
- Are the subjects taught to law students relevant and of practical value?
- Are the syllabuses satisfactory or do they need revision and updates?
- Are there sufficient textbooks and reference materials for law teachers/students?
- What should be the medium of instruction – English / Sinhala /Tamil?
- Are Sri Lankan students with foreign LLB degrees competing with Sri Lankan students with local LLB degrees?
- Do the students with foreign LLB degrees outnumber the students with local LLB degrees?

Based on the above areas of exploration and the detailed discussions, the following ten recommendations were made at the conference;

1. Curriculum development committees need to work out on new and relevant subjects to be introduced for the undergraduate degree programmes on the law.
2. Postgraduate diplomas and Masters level degree programmes in new areas need to be introduced.
3. English should be introduced as the medium of instruction for LLB.
4. Employment survey should be conducted in order to find out the status of the state university law graduates and law college pass outs to see whether they have positioned appropriately in the employment ladder.
5. The legal aid programmes need to be strengthened.
6. The faculties and departments should provide more opportunities for the students to listen to practitioners to obtain exposure in legal education.
7. A directory of the state university and non-state legal academia and degree awarding institutes need to be maintained.

8. There is a need to introduce the case book as a database at the UGC under the legal Standing Committee.
9. More soft skill training programmes should be organized and conducted for law students.
10. Duration and the number of subjects offered in the LLB need to be reconsidered and reviewed in line with the changes taking place in the global context of a similar scenario.

All lecturers teaching law graduates in the State Universities attended this one day Conference and they were awarded certificates of participation.

5.5 Launch of ‘University Test of English Language (UTEL)’ - University System Pilot Test conducted in 2018

University Test of English Language (UTEL) is a national level test conducted for the undergraduates of state universities in Sri Lanka under the supervision of the UGC. The main objective of UTEL is to make available a recognized national level English Language Testing System for the state universities so that their undergraduates stand a better chance in the prospective job markets with a recognized qualification in the English language.

The UTEL tests were initially conducted in the National University system from 2013 to 2015 with the sponsorship of the World Bank-funded HETC project. However, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Teaching of English as a Second Language, the UGC took the initial steps to establish a sustainable entity called ‘UTEL Testing Services’ at the University of Colombo for conducting UTEL examinations and this is funded by the UGC.

The ‘Steering Committee on establishing UTEL Testing Services’, which is a sub Committee of the Standing Committee on Teaching of English as a Second Language conducted the Pilot Test of the UTEL during the period 26th November 2018 to 31st December 2018. The objective of this effort was to check the feasibility of offering UTEL in the long-run through the proposed ‘Center for UTEL Testing Services’ to be established at the College House of the University of Colombo.

The pilot test which was conducted during the above mentioned period, tested 100 students from each Higher Educational Institution (HEI), totaling to approximately 1,500 students from the entire system. These students were selected/nominated by the Departments of English Language Teaching (DELTs) or English Language Teaching Units (ELTUs) of the HEI’s. The total cost of the pilot project was Rs. 2.88 Million and the functions of the online tests of UTEL were conducted and administered by the University of Colombo School of Computing (UCSC).

5.6 Recognition of Local & Foreign Universities In terms of the Provision of the Public Administration Circular No. 16/92 dated 13th March 1992

During the year under review, the Department of Academic Affairs of the UGC entertained over 3,500 requests for recognition of local & foreign universities by Sri Lankan students from where they have obtained academic qualifications/distinctions. Table 5.9 summarizes the details of the issue of university recognition letters for the year ended 31st December 2018.

Category of requests received	No of Letters Issued
Foreign University Recognition	2510
Local University Recognition	1111
Online requests through UGC web for Foreign University Recognition	2
Online requests through UGC web for Local University Recognition	8
TOTAL	3631

Table 5.9: Issue of Local/Foreign University Recognition Letters in the Year 2018

6. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

The strategic plan 2013-2017 of the UGC was considered as relevant and necessary for continuation into the year 2018 by the UGC management. Under such circumstances, for achieving policy guidelines of Higher Education in Sri Lanka, the budget 2018 was intended by the UGC to finance the eight strategic goals identified in the said strategic plan which are listed below.

- i. Widened participation and equitable access to higher education.
- ii. Improved quality and relevance of academic programs.
- iii. Strengthened research, innovation, entrepreneurship.
- iv. The increased role of HEIs as strategic partners in socio-economic development and peace & reconciliation.
- v. Increased international cooperation and competitiveness.
- vi. Improved physical and aesthetic environment and stakeholder satisfaction.
- vii. Improved financial management and sustainability.
- viii. Enhanced good governance

The Parliament of Sri Lanka approved the 2018 budget and accordingly, the National Budget Department (NBD) released the UGC approved budget for the year 2018. Further, during the year under consideration, the Treasury also made additional allocations of Rs. 4,135.5 Mn and Rs. 3,254.0 Mn as recurrent & capital grants respectively.

Table 6.1 summarizes the total funds that were available for the year 2018, which include both budgetary and additional grants, as well as THE internal income/other grants. The

corresponding fund figures for the year 2017 are also presented in the same table for comparison purposes.

Category / Object Title	The year 2017	The year 2018
Recurrent Grants (Budget Approved Amount + Additional Treasury Allocation)	30,597.05	36,785.50
Capital /Development Grants – General (Budget Approved Amount + Additional Treasury Allocation)	11,540.06	
Total Fund Allocation	42,137.11	56,239.50
Internal Income/ Other Grants	4,015.48	4,604.97
Total Funds Available	46,152.59	60,844.47

Table 6.1 Total Funds Available in 2017 & 2018 (Rs. Million)

6.1 Allocation of Recurrent and Capital Grants

Recurrent and Capital grants to the Universities/HEIs for 2018 were allocated as Recurrent Block Grant (RBG) and Capital Block Grant (CBG) based on the funding policy approved by the UGC.

6.2 Recurrent Expenditure Block Grant (RBG)

Recurrent Expenditure Block Grant for the year 2018 was allocated by the NBD based on the estimates submitted by the Universities/ HEIs and the funding formula adopted by the UGC, which is given below;

$$RECURRENT GRANTS = Modified Cost per Student (MCPS) \times Student Enrolment (SE)$$

Modified Cost per Student (MCPS) is computed considering the following policy factors;

- Annual salary increments on actual cadre.
- Inflation on other recurrent costs.
- Capacity expansion on other recurrent costs.
- Policy factor - (Funding Ratio) – As decided by the NBD

6.3 Funding Policy - Allocation of Capital Grants (CG)

6.3.1. Capital Block Grant (CBG)

CBG has been allocated to the Universities/HEIs considering the progress of utilization of funds and public investment programme on construction projects. Accordingly, for capital projects of Universities/ HEIs, funds were allocated under the following approved categories;

a) Construction Projects	-	Rs. 5,656.1 Mn
b) Rehabilitation and Improvement of Fixed Assets	-	Rs. 1,710.2 Mn
c) Acquisition of Fixed Assets	-	Rs. 2,529.6 Mn
d) Human Capital Development Projects	-	Rs. 414.0 Mn
e) Research & Development	-	Rs. 439.9 Mn

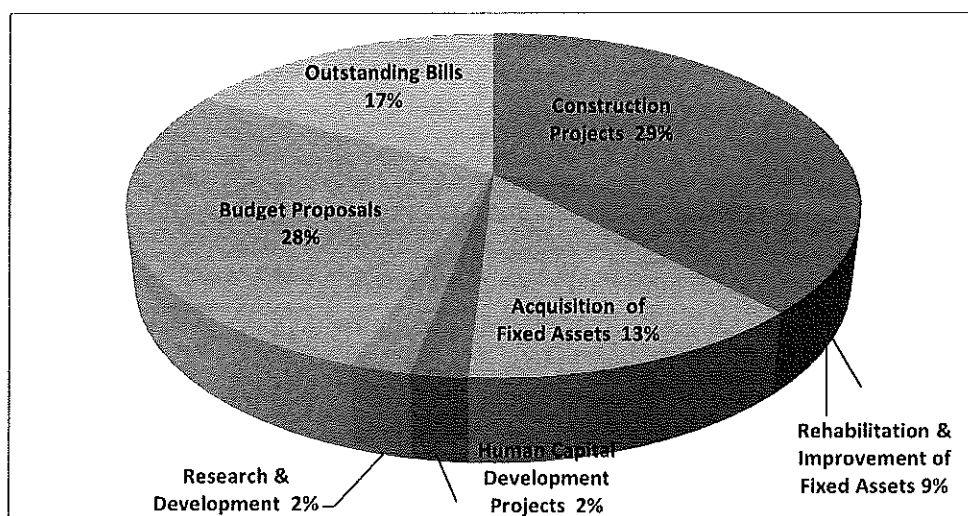
Postgraduate/Doctoral project was financed by the UGC/NCAS and is included under the Human Capital Development projects.

6.3.2 Budget Proposals

As per the 2018 budget proposals presented by the Hon. Minister of Finance and also based on the continuation of previous budget proposals, funds were allocated to execute the following ;

a.	Establishment of Technology Faculties in Universities	Rs. 3,050 Mn
b.	Establishment of a Technology Faculty in the University of Sri Jayewardenapura	Rs. 500 Mn
c.	Establishment of Engineering Faculty in the University of Jaffna	Rs. 50 Mn
d.	Accommodation facilities to faculty staff of the universities	Rs. 80 Mn
e.	Infrastructure facilities to introduce new courses: Faculty of Medicine (Phase I), Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	Rs. 1,200 Mn
f.	Encourage accreditation with professional bodies of international repute	Rs. 20 Mn
g.	The initiative undertaken by the Department of Statistics, University of Colombo	Rs. 250 Mn
h.	Support the University of Sri Jayawardanapura for seeking the accreditation of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business	Rs. 100 Mn
i.	Strengthening state of the art library facility and an IT center at the Vavuniya Campus	Rs. 200 Mn

6.3.3 Composition of Capital Expenditure 2018



6.4 Allocation / Utilization of Funds in the University System

Table 6.2 below shows the details of the total allocated funds against the amounts utilized/released during 2018 in comparison to the previous year 2017.

Grant Type	The year 2017			The year 2018		
	Total Fund Allocation (Rs. Mn)	Total Amount Utilized / Released (Rs. Mn)	Percentage Utilization of the Allocated Funds	Total Fund Allocation (Rs. Mn)	Total Amount Utilized / Released (Rs. Mn)	Percentage Utilization of the Allocated Funds
Recurrent	30,597.05	29,873.70	97.6%	36,785.50	35,935.00	97.6%
Capital	11,540.06	10,477.91	90.8%	19,454.00	14,098.00	72.4%
Total	42,137.11	40,351.61	95.7%	56,239.50	50,033.00	88.9%

Table 6.2 Summary of Allocation / Utilization of Funds : 2017 & 2018

6.5 Historical Data on Government Fund Allocations, Expenditure and Student Financial Support (Years 2013 to 2018)

Table 6.3 below provides details of the past 6 years, showing Government fund allocations, expenditure incurred and student financial support provided for the Universities and Higher Educational Institutions through the UGC.

Description	Rs. Mn					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
1. Government Allocation						
Recurrent	18,317	20,841	25,898	29,029	30,597	36,786
Capital	8,524	10,945	8,860	19,797	11,540	19,454
2. Expenditure						
Recurrent	16,932	20,638	25,761	27,999	29,874	35,935
Capital	5,820	10,000	8,735	15,162	10,478	14,098
3. Student Financial Support						
Mahapola	94	109	576	912	859	1,268
Bursary	386	414	466	832	539	535

Note: Funds allocated by the Budget Proposal have been included in Annual Allocation

Table 6.3 Government Fund Allocation, Expenditure & Student Financial Support (Years 2013-2018)

6.6 Allocation of Recurrent and Capital Grants to UGC, Universities, and HEIs

Table 6.4 shows how the recurrent and capital grants were allocated to UGC, State Universities and other HEIs in 2018, together with the corresponding allocations of the prior two years for comparison requirements.

Universities/ Institutes / UGC	Recurrent Grants (Rs. Mn)				Capital Grants (Rs. Mn)		
	Budget 2016	Budget 2017	Budget 2018		Budget 2016	Budget 2017	Budget 2018
PDN	4,370.0	4,444.3	5,399.0		1,563.0	800.0	1,535.0
CBO	2,472.0	2,568.3	3,360.0		637.0	815.8	1,825.0
SJP	2,617.0	2,908.0	3,616.0		1,621.0	800.0	1,630.0
KLN	2,430.0	2,578.6	3,078.0		1,081.0	751.4	1,070.0
MRT	1,828.0	1,961.5	2,365.0		1,545.0	800.0	810.0
RUH	2,284.0	2,431.0	2,956.0		1,176.0	700.0	660.0
UJA	2,056.0	2,233.9	2,580.0		1,367.0	840.0	965.0
OUSL	1,000.0	1,112.6	1,320.0		230.0	150.0	105.0
EUSL	994.0	1,066.8	1,240.0		628.0	400.0	515.0
RUSL	1,255.0	1,224.4	1,455.5		817.0	600.0	790.0
SUSL	1,024.0	1,085.0	1,254.0		555.0	450.0	615.0
SEUSL	830.0	907.4	1,070.0		567.0	400.0	345.0
WUSL	949.0	947.8	1,094.0		786.0	500.0	500.0
UVPA	717.0	710.2	790.0		421.0	400.0	406.0
UWU	538.0	619.4	705.0		600.0	400.0	435.0
PGIA	20.0	40.8	60.0		10.0	9.0	10.0
PGIM	80.0	101.1	120.0		285.0	200.0	545.0
PGIAR	66.0	70.5	75.0		10.0	10.0	15.0
PIM	-	-	-		-	-	-
PGIS	12.0	12.4	15.0		38.0	50.0	60.0
PGIPBS	25.0	33.6	45.0		10.0	158.6	50.0
PGIE	13.0	20.5	23.5		37.5	5.7	5.0
PGIHS	8.0	25.1	30.0		8.0	10.0	10.0
IIM	299.0	339.7	415.0		157.0	50.0	55.0
IHRA	40.0	40.4	42.5		10.0	5.0	20.0
UCSC	160.0	171.1	200.0		245.0	110.0	125.0
GWAI	227.0	251.8	263.5		164.0	80.5	210.0
ITUM	155.0	203.0	267.5		10.0	10.0	8.0
NILIS	17.0	17.2	18.0		5.0	-	2.0
IBMBB	60.0	65.3	70.0		20.0	20.0	18.0
SVIAS	150.0	150.8	188.0		69.0	44.0	55.0
NCAS	21.0	20.2	20.0		120.0	85.0	85.0
TRINCO	203.0	211.2	265.0		535.5	300.0	310.0
UCIARS	30.0	28.1	30.0		10.0	10.0	75.0
UGC	484.8	495.2	530.0		604.0	235.0	140.0
Total	27,434.8	29,097.1	34,960.5		15,942.0	10,200.1	14,004.0

Performance Grants	1,594.2	1,500.0	1,825.0	-	-	-
Budget Proposals	-	-	-	3,855.0	1,340.0	5,450.0
Grand Total	29,029.0	30,597.1	36,785.5	19,797.0	11,540.1	19,454.0

Table 6.4 Allocation of Recurrent and Capital Grants - Years 2016 to 2018

7. THE CADRE OF THE UGC SECRETARIAT

The cadre approved for the UGC Secretariat for the year 2018 was 306 under six different employee categories, whereas the actual number in service as of 31st December 2018 was 250, representing 18% unfilled vacancies. The details are as given in Table 7.1.

Category	Approved Cadre	Existing Cadre
Academic Staff	07	05
Executive Staff	55	41
Academic Support Staff	09	06
Management Assistant Grades	178	148
Primary Staff	57	50
Total	306	250

Table 7.1 Approved and Existing Cadre of UGC as at 31st December 2018

7.1 New Appointments, Promotions, Confirmations of the UGC employees

During the year 2018, 33 new appointments were made to the UGC, which included 23 permanent employees, 9 contracts/ temporary / assignment base cadre and 1 part-time position.

Further, 14 job promotions and 12 service confirmations were granted to employees of the UGC Secretariat, while 1 employee reversion was also recorded in 2018. There were 3 employees who obtained transfers from universities to join the UGC Secretariat.

7.2 Internal Transfers, Service awards and Special Purpose Leave of the UGC Employees

The year 2018 recorded 15 internal transfers between different departments/divisions within the UGC secretariat. Further, under provisions of Commission Circular Nos. 678, 696 and 893, fifteen employees, who completed 25, 30 or 35 years, were recognized for their long and commendable services rendered to the University system and were rewarded with cash grants.

During the period under review, there were 20 occasions where employees were granted leave to travel abroad on a private basis for educational and other purposes. 15 of those occasions were for Executive staff, while the balance 5 were used by Non-Executive staff. Three employees were granted leave preparatory to retirement. In addition to above, under the applicable provisions, the following special types of leave were approved based on employee needs;

Leave to sit examinations	-	03 Employees
Paternal Leave	-	03 Employees

Study leave to officers	-	05 Employees
Maternity leave	-	08 Employees
Maternity leave on no pay	-	01 Employees
Lapsed leave	-	08 Employees

7.3 Employee Departures from the UGC Secretariat

In 2018, there were 12 people who left the UGC secretariat by obtaining transfers to universities/HEIs within the system, while 2 others were released by the UGC on their promotions, to accept new appointments in universities. Further, 10 more people were released by the UGC to take up new positions in other government institutions.

There were 4 retirements, 1 resignation and 1 vacation of post reported during the year, while the services of one temporary research assistant were not extended upon the completion of the service period.

7.4 Training and Development Opportunities Provided to the UGC Staff

The personal and professional development of its employees is considered as a key area by the UGC and a separate Staff Training Fund is maintained to facilitate efforts toward this purpose through sponsoring. As in the past, during the year 2018 also, the UGC Secretariat, through its personnel division provided many opportunities to the staff to enhance their skills and working knowledge by taking part in relevant and appropriate short term workshops and training programmes conducted both locally as well as abroad. In addition to pieces of training, the UGC also supported the professional development of staff by providing financial assistance to identified staff members in their postgraduate studies.

During the year under review, 11 members of the Executive staff and 43 members of the Non-Executive staff were nominated by the UGC and participated in short term training and development programmes conducted locally, which were directly relevant to their official work and duties. These programmes were conducted by reputed and recognized training institutes, namely, SLF (Sri Lanka Foundation), ICTA (Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka), NILS (National Institute of Labour Studies), SLAB (Sri Lanka Accreditation Board), SDFL (Skills Development Fund Limited), NCAS (National Centre for Advanced Studies), LEARN (Lanka Education and Research Network), CETRAC (Construction Equipment Training Centre), PRAG Institute, CIDA (Construction Industry Development Authority), PDC (Product Development Center) and DMS Software Eng.(Pvt) Ltd.

Further, short term foreign training opportunities were provided to 12 nominated members of the Executive staff by sponsoring them and granting duty leave to participate at different training workshops and forums held in India, Thailand, Mauritius, Bangladesh, Indonesia, and South Korea.

Financial Assistance was provided for the MBA postgraduate studies of 3 selected members of the Executive staff, in order to facilitate their professional development through enhanced working knowledge and exposure.

7.5 Health Insurance Scheme

In collaboration with the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation, a Health Insurance Coverage with improved benefits was provided for all permanent employees of the UGC Secretariat in 2018.

7.6 Appreciation and Welcome

The Commission wishes to place on record its highest appreciation of the services rendered by all those who left the UGC during the year 2018 while welcoming all those who joined the secretariat during the period under review.

8. PROGRESS OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Keeping in line with its responsibility of providing HR support for the University system, the HR department made steady progress in 2018. The key activities that were conducted under the assigned functions of the department are summarized below.

8.1 Review of Cadre

Based on the recommendations made by the UGC, the Department of Management Services (DMS) granted approval for 958 new cadre positions for Universities/HEIs in the year 2018. The details of these 958 posts are given in Table 8.1

EMPLOYEE CATEGORY	NO. OF NEW CADRE POSTS
Academic	267
Temporary/Contract Staff	127
Administrative & other staff	31
Academic Support	57
Management Assistant /Non-Technical	277
Management Assistant/Technical	76
Skilled/Semi Skilled/Unskilled	123
Total	958

Table 8.1 New Cadre Positions Approved in 2018 for Universities/HEIs

It is also noteworthy that the above 958 is the highest number of new cadre positions approved by the DMS during the last 5 years, as depicted in Table 8.2.

Category	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Academic Staff	8603	8696	9076	9187	9454
Academic Support Staff	969	976	982	1004	1061
Administrative and Allied Staff including Medical Officers	1096	1099	1117	1128	1159
Total of other Categories (MA/Technical, MA/Non-Technical/Skilled/ Semi-Skilled/Unskilled and Temporary/Contract Staff)	11213	11266	11579	11752	12355

Total	21,881	22037	22754	23071	24029
New cadre positions approved by the DMS Approved	225	156	717	317	958

Table 8.2 Approved Cadre details of Universities/HEI's (the Year 2014 to 2018)

8.2 Appointments / Promotions to Administrative Grades

The UGC is entrusted with the responsibility of administrative grade appointments/promotions to Universities/HEIs, in terms of paragraph (ii) and (iii) of Section 71(2) and Section 8(1) of the Universities Act. No.16 of 1978 as amended by Universities (Amendment) Act No. 57 of 2009. Accordingly, the appointments and the promotions that were made during the year 2018 are summarized in Table 8.3 and Table 8.4 respectively.

Appointed Employee Category	No. of Appointments	
Post of Senior Assistant Secretary/ Senior Assistant Registrar	11	
Post of Senior Assistant Accountant/ Senior Assistant Bursar/ Senior Assistant Internal Auditor	6	
Post of Assistant Secretary / Assistant Registrar	23 (Internal Category)	40 (External Category)
Post of Assistant Accountant/ Assistant Bursar/ Assistant Internal Auditor	2 (Internal Category)	57 (External Category)

Table 8.3 Administrative Grade Appointments of 2018

Promoted Category	No. of Promotions
Post of Senior Assistant Registrar/ Senior Assistant Bursar/ Senior Assistant Internal Auditor (Based on Commission Circular No.668)	4
Post of Deputy Secretary/ Deputy Registrar	12
Post of Deputy Accountant/ Deputy Bursar/ Deputy Internal Auditor	7

Table 8.4 Promotions to Administrative Grades in 2018

8.3 Appointments / Promotions Made to Posts in the Other Staff Grades

As per paragraph (iii) of Section 71 (2) of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978, Seven (07) appointments and Eight (8) Promotions were made to the posts in other Staff Grades during the year 2018. The details of these are presented in Table 8.5 and Table 8.6.

Appointed Post	No. of Appointments
Chief Marshal	1
Curator (Landscape) Grade III	2
Director / Physical Education	1
Director / Operations	1
Information Systems Manager	1

Chief Medical Officer	1
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Table 8.5 Appointments to Posts in the Other Staff Grades - 2018

Promoted Post	No. of Promotions
Illustrationist Gr. I	1
Audio Visual Technical Officer Gr. I	1
Senior Staff Technical Officer	4
Chief Technical Officer	1
Curator (Landscape) Gr. I	1

Table 8.6 Promotions to Posts in the Other Staff Grades - 2018**8.4 Inter-University Transfers 2018**

In terms of Section 78 of the Universities Act, during the year 2018 the UGC facilitated a total of 218 transfers within the University system as per the breakdown given below;

❖ Administrative Staff	-	38
❖ Non-Academic / Non Administrative Staff	-	180

8.5 Applications for Motor Vehicle Permits on Concessionary Terms

During the period 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018, the UGC received a total of 2102 applications from Universities/HEIs for Motor Vehicle Permits on Concessionary Terms.

These were received as per Trade & Investment Policy Circular No. 01/2016 of 14.07.2016 as amended and will be forwarded to the Ministry of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education for necessary action.

9. HIGHER EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO UNIVERSITY ACADEMICS

In keeping with the UGC policy to facilitate and encourage the academic staff, especially the young academics to pursue their higher studies and also to foster and strengthen the research culture within the university system, the UGC made concerted efforts during 2018 through the Division of Research and International Cooperation. The work carried out in order to achieve the said objectives are as follows;

9.1 Financial Assistance for Postgraduate studies

The UGC provides financial assistance to permanent lecturers of the HEIs coming within its purview enabling them to read for Masters and Doctoral degree programmes. Probationary Lecturers and Senior Lecturers of any discipline are eligible to apply under this scheme provided they fulfill the requirements set in the guidelines approved by the commission. From the year 2018, the maximum ceiling for the financial assistance under this scheme has been raised up to Rs. 2.0 million per year with a maximum ceiling for living expenses up to Rs. 1.5 million per year.

In 2018, the applications were called from suitably qualified candidates for this scheme as well as for a similar scheme operated under the World Bank-funded Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD). Applications for the first round were closed in April 2018 and from the 57 applications received, 31 were for

AHEAD funding and those applications were directed to the AHEAD project office. Interviews were conducted in July and August 2018 for the 26 applicants of the UGC scheme, based on which UGC approved the award of 18 grants based on the recommendation of the selection committee. Two (02) applications received were sent to the National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (NCAS) for their consideration due to the issue of overage. The deadline for the receipt of the second round of applications of 2018 was set for December 21, 2018, and these applications will be processed within the first quarter of the year 2019.

9.2 Updated Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Postgraduate Scheme

The UGC and the QUT have been operating a co-hosted funding scheme for split/joint PhDs since 2014 for the benefit of junior members of the academic staff of the HEIs under the UGC. Under this scheme, candidates are supposed to work under two supervisors (separately appointed by the QUT and the local university) and are allowed to spend a maximum of one to one and half years in QUT. Through the MoU signed, the QUT agreed to exempt the tuition fees while UGC paid the living stipend for the overseas stay of the candidates and their local tuition fees. The UGC entered into a fresh MoU with the QUT in October 2015 to continue to offer Joint Ph.D. programmes with the University of Colombo and the University of Peradeniya and Split/ External Ph.D. programmes with the other Sri Lankan Universities. Further, based on the request made by the QUT, in July 2018, the Commission granted approval to include the University of Sri Jayawardenapura into the UGC/QUT understanding on Joint Ph.D. programme with other two selected Sri Lankan Universities. However, after obtaining necessary approvals, a revised MoU was signed on 08th September 2018 at Shangri-la Hotel, Colombo between the UGC and the QUT. As per the updated MoU signed, the QUT has agreed to offer up to 12 RTP (Research Training Programme) Fees Offset (International) sponsorships per annum through the UGC. The QUT will also offer 6 full-tuition scholarships through NCAS to junior academics of the HEIs under the UGC for their Ph.D. programme under a separate MoU signed with the NCAS.

Further, the QUT in collaboration with the UGC and the NCAS had arranged an awareness session for University Lecturers/Teachers on February 14, 2019, covering the following three areas; (a) Ph.D. proposal writing, (b) finding the right supervisor, (c) scholarships application process etc.

9.3 UGC - International University of Japan (IUI) Postgraduate (Ph.D./Masters) Scholarship Programme

The UGC and the IUI co-sponsored scholarship programme is intended to extend financial assistance to the academics and administrative staff of Universities under the UGC for their higher studies at IUI. According to the letter of intent (LOI) signed by the two parties, the IUI is to fund 50% of the tuition fees and the UGC will provide the balance 50% of the tuition fees and a monthly living stipend of JPY 80,000 per candidate. However, in 2018, in view of the newly enhanced funding limits for Postgraduate studies under the UGC's normal funding scheme, the living stipend approved for the grantees under this scheme was increased to JPY 90,000 per month considering the high cost of living in Japan. According to the LOI, IUI admits up to a maximum of 2 candidates annually to its Doctoral (Ph.D.) programmes and up to a maximum of 10 candidates to its Master's Programmes under this scholarship scheme.

However, considering the higher number of applications received for the Ph.D. programmes, IUJ granted permission to increase its annual Ph.D. intake up to 3 places.

The selection of candidates for the year 2018 was jointly made by the UGC and the IUJ subject to the satisfaction of the requirements set out by each institution. The applications were called in February 2018 and 04 applications for Ph.D. and 03 applications for Master degrees were received before the deadline. The UGC selection panel recommended all applications for consideration of the IUJ subject to some revisions of the research proposals and the IUJ having considered the revised research proposals, selected 03 applicants for the Ph.D. programme and 02 applicants for Master degrees programme. However from the selected candidates, only one has so far started her Master's degree at IUJ, while other four candidates are yet to fulfill certain requirements in order to get their funds released from the UGC.

9.4 Proposed Memorandum of understanding between the Griffith University, Queensland Australia and the UGC, Sri Lanka

A delegation from the Griffith University, Queensland, Australia (GUQ) met the UGC officials on 29th October 2018 as a follow up to the initial discussions they had with the Chairman/UGC with the aim of developing academic cooperation between the GUQ and the UGC to facilitate members of the academic staff of the HEIs under the UGC to complete their Doctoral requirements (Ph.D.) at the GUQ. At this meeting, the GUQ officials including Professor Sarah Todd, Vice President (Global) agreed to explore the possibilities to extend their support to University staff from Sri Lanka to follow Ph.D. programmes at the GUQ on tuition Scholarships provided by them. Accordingly, a draft MoU was prepared and the commission approval will be sought in early 2019 to proceed with this MoU.

The main focus of the MoU is the cooperation with regard to facilitating Doctoral studies at GUQ for Sri Lankan Academics, while academic and research collaborations are also intended at the secondary level.

9.5 Sri Lankan Chair at the South Asia Institute (SAI) of the Heidelberg University, Germany

The South Asia Institute of the Heidelberg University, Germany has created a Chair in 2016 for Sri Lankan studies under the MoU signed between the Government of Sri Lanka (GoSL) and the Heidelberg University, as a result of the official visit of H.E the President to Germany in February 2016. The UGC was given the responsibility of implementing this MoU on behalf of the GoSL.

During the period under review, the UGC thrice called applications for the post of Sri Lankan Chair created under this MoU and three chair holders were selected by the SAI from among Sri Lankan applicants within the fields identified by the MoU for three previous semesters. The SAI of the Heidelberg University has advertised the Sri Lankan Chair for the fourth time and the closing date of the applications was 12th December 2018. Accordingly, UGC conveyed the message to Vice Chancellors of all universities to bring it the notice of the academic staff of the relevant disciplines and requested them to apply directly to the SAI, Heidelberg with necessary information. The selected chair holder is entitled to Sabbatical Leave with the air passage.

9.6 Commonwealth Medical Fellowships in the United Kingdom - 2018

The Commonwealth medical fellowship in the United Kingdom was advertised in May 2018 and the universities were requested to forward one nomination as per the guidelines set out by the Commonwealth Scholarships Commission. The UGC shortlisted and nominated four candidates to be selected by the relevant authorities.

9.7 Introductory Workshop on the World Bank-funded programme 'Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development' (AHEAD)

On a request made by the Government of the Sri Lanka, the World Bank agreed to provide a soft loan under the project: Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) project which was launched during the year under review to strengthen the higher education sector in the country with the World Bank financial support to the value of US\$ 100 million under the supervision of Ministry of Higher Education and the UGC..

In February 2018, an introductory workshop was conducted with the collaboration of the World Bank officials at the UGC Auditorium to all the universities on the AHEAD project. The Vice Chancellors of all universities together with some senior academics participated at this event. The relevant officers of the University Grants Commission also attended.

This project signifies the vital importance given by the government to develop the higher education sector in the country and the main objective is to support the Government's Higher Education Development Strategy (HEDS). This programme intends to support the Higher Education System to produce an educated and knowledgeable workforce and to promote inclusion and creating opportunities for all.

The AHEAD project implements its programme under three key results areas:

Results Area 1 - *Increasing the Enrollment in Higher Education in Priority Disciplines for Economic Development:* Under this, the project is financing for areas such as Medicine, Engineering, IT, Technology-based faculties and programmes targeting an expansion of the undergraduate enrolment in these disciplines. Both equipment grants and some infrastructure grants are given to universities under results area 1.

Results Area 2- *Improving the Quality of Higher Education:* Financial assistance is extended to Universities under the following areas:

- Enriching Teaching Learning and Assessment (ETLA) and English Language Skills Enhancement (ELSE)
- Professional Development - Postgraduate Funding, Short Term Training for Capacity Building
- Strengthening QAA work

Results Area 3 - Promoting Research Development and Innovation: With the aim of developing a culture of research & development and innovation & commercialization (RDIC), grants are given for the following three areas:

- The system of competitive performance-based research Projects
- STEMS- HEMS Interdisciplinary research
- Development of University Business Linkages

9.8 Erasmus+ Programme

The European Union's **Erasmus+** programme is a funding scheme to **support activities in the fields of Education, Training, Youth, and Sport**. Representing members of the Delegation of European Union to Sri Lanka and Maldives met the UGC officials on 11th December 2018 in order to develop the collaboration between the Erasmus+ programme and the higher education sector in Sri Lanka. The discussion was focused on enhancing the awareness with regard to the various schemes of the Erasmus+ programme under which Sri Lanka higher education sector especially universities could be benefitted.

A few nominees from Sri Lanka state Universities together with a Commission member of the UGC participated in a workshop in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 10th December 2018. They also participated in the cluster meeting with Sri Lanka HEIs and organizations at the premises of the Delegation of the European Union to Sri Lanka.

The officials of the Erasmus+ programme had a meeting at the UGC in order to discuss mechanisms of getting higher involvement of Sri Lanka in the Erasmus+ CBHE projects, including the impact of those projects to Sri Lanka.

As per the instructions received from the Erasmus+ programme, all universities were informed about the 2019 Erasmus+ call for proposals and the scholarships available to Sri Lankans under this programme. The UGC will act closely with the Delegation of the European Union to Sri Lanka Maldives in order to reap maximum benefits from European Funding Programmes such as Erasmus+. This is with the view to enhance collaboration with the institutions in the European Union and Sri Lanka Universities and also to provide higher educational opportunities to the university staff in 2019.

9.9 Communicate and Facilitate several Fellowships/Scholarships/Training programmes and Seminars

During the year 2018, the UGC received 26 notifications from different authorities about various types of scholarships, fellowships, seminars and training programmes. The received details which are given below were duly communicated to all/relevant universities and HEIs by the UGC;

- I. Conference on the Complex Interactions of Light and Biological Matter: 21- 25 May 2018, Trieste, Italy
- II. Scholarships Programme by the Romanian Government
- III. ICTP Summer School on Theory, Mechanisms and Hierarchical Modeling of Climate Dynamics, 25 June – 5 July 2018, Trieste, Italy

- IV. UNESCO/ ISEDC Co-Sponsored Fellowship Programme
- V. 10th Annual Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition
Switzerland on 15 – 20 July 2018
- VI. 1st Project Meeting and Workshop, 14 to 17 May 2018, Vienna, Austria
- VII. International Conference on the Security of Radioactive Material, 03-07 December
2018, Vienna, Austria
- VIII. First Coordination Meeting and Workshop on Greenhouse Gas Emission Using
Nuclear Techniques, Nanjing, China
- IX. Project Mid- Term review Meeting 14-17 May 2018, Bologna, Italy
- X. The International Conference on Advances in ICT for Emerging Regions 2018
- XI. Jasmine Jiangsu Government Scholarship Talent Programme, China
- XII. 2nd Meeting of Sri Lanka – Qatar Joint Committee on Economic, Commerce &
Technical Cooperation: Cinnamon Lakeside, Colombo, 30-31 October 2017
- XIII. Scholarships offered by the Government of Colombia
- XIV. Scholarships from the Ministry of the Higher Education of the Kingdom of Saudi
Arabia
- XV. Wenhui Award for Educational Innovation 2018 Innovation in School, Family and
Community Collaboration for Quality Education
- XVI. Visiting Researcher Program- Bishop Williams Memorial Fund – 2018/2020
- XVII. The Chulabhorn Graduate Institute Post Graduate Scholarship
- XVIII. 3rd Western China International Education Expo and 2nd Sichuan Vocational
Education Expo, 2018 Chengdu, China
- XIX. Funding opportunity for Ph.D. Fellowships at UK universities.
- XX. Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology (SIIT), Thammasat University:
Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarship Programmes for Excellent Foreign
Students (EFS)
- XXI. Graduate Scholarship Programme for Excellent Foreign Students (Engineering and
Technology) 2018 in Thailand
- XXII. International Summer School, University of Oslo June 24- August 2, 2019
- XXIII. Master of Professional Accounting Degree Programme (MP Acc) – Intake IV (2019)
- XXIV. Vacancy Announcement by the South Asian University (SAU)
- XXV. Launching “Allama Iqbal Scholarship Programme” by Pakistan for Sri Lanka
- XXVI. MA in Policy Economics, Center for Development Economics at Williams College

10. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

For the year under review, a total sum of Rs. 19,469 million was allocated for infrastructure development work of Universities/HEIs. These work included the new constructions and continuation projects, rehabilitation projects, acquisitions, infrastructure projects in newly established universities and capacity building for students. However, the Treasury recommended only Rs.17,230 million and owing to various restrictions imposed by the Treasury in releasing funds during 2018, the universities and HEI's were able to receive only about Rs. 14,098 million by the end of the year. These total sums include the costs of Human Capital Development as well as Research & Development.

During 2018, the UGC received 48 new project proposals from Universities and HEI's for approval. After its scrutiny and evaluation process, the UGC approved and submitted 26* projects to the National Planning Department (NPD). The NPD granted approval for 14* new projects in 2018, while a total of 19* projects including the project proposals processed in the previous years were approved by the Cabinet of Ministers during the year. There were 11*# projects that physically commenced work in 2018 and a total of 90*# construction projects amounting to Rs. 47,783 million were in progress at different design and construction stages within the university system by end of the year. 98*# projects with an estimated value of Rs. 30,248 million were completed and handed over to the university system during the period under review.

The above details are summarized in Table 9.1 and the corresponding figures of the two previous years are also given for comparison requirements.

Note : * Includes project proposals submitted in the previous years

Considered only the physical condition of the project

Item Description	2016		2017		2018	
	No. of Projects	Total Value (Rs. Millions)	No. of Projects	Total Value (Rs. Millions)	No. of Projects	Total Value (Rs. Millions)
No. of Project Proposals received by the UGC	59	36,784.59	61	42,601.52	48	28,979.42
No. of Project Proposals approved by the UGC	41*	23,566.12	36*	22,680.38	26*	24,719.24
No. of Projects submitted to the National Planning Department	43*	25,478.28	34*	21,997.38	26*	24,719.24
No. of Projects approved by the National Planning Department	47*	26,106.74	26*	17,799.62	14*	14,213.46
No. of Projects approved by Cabinet of Ministers	49*	28,667.67	40*	15,438.45	19*	22,846.03
No. of Projects commenced during the year	10*#	2,390.85	50*#	32,353.50	11*#	7,117.00
No. of Projects in Progress (Continuation)	182*#	49,148.00	122*#	49,972.00	90*#	47,783.00
No. of Projects Completed	27*#	3,470.09	59*#	12,454.00	98*#	30,248.00

Table 10.1 Progress of Infrastructure Development Proposals / Projects (2016 to 2018)

10.1 Key Infrastructure Development Projects in 2018

The following are the key infrastructure development projects of Universities and HEIs that commenced during 2018 and were in progress;

- Multipurpose Building at the Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, University of Sri Jayawardenapura - Rs. 1,364 Mn
- Multipurpose Building at the Faculty of Management Studies & Commerce, University of Sri Jayawardenapura - Rs. 1,761 Mn
- Faculty of Technology, University of Colombo - Rs. 2,087 Mn
- Faculty of Technology, University of Sri Jayawardenepura - Rs. 2,640 Mn
- Department of Material Science & Engineering Building, University of Moratuwa - Rs. 439 Mn
- Building for Mechanical Engineering, University of Moratuwa - Rs. 247 Mn
- Building for the Department of Computer Science, University of Jaffna - Rs. 240 Mn
- State of the Art building complex for the Allied Health Science, University of Jaffna - Rs. 1,125 Mn
- 12 Storied Building for the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna - Rs. 1,179 Mn
- 10 storied Ward Complex for Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna - Rs. 1,300 Mn
- Pre-Clinical Building for FAMS, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka - Rs. 896 Mn
- Waste Water & Sewerage Treatment Plant, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka - Rs. 200 Mn
- Faculty of Medicine, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka - Rs. 3,229.4 Mn

11. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

In line with the assigned responsibilities, the IT division provided the management support to ensure healthy and uninterrupted computer systems to facilitate the IT requirements of the UGC secretariat. The work carried by the division included development and installation of new IT systems, upgrading of the existing systems, formulation of requirements/specifications, overall administration of the computer and communication systems as well as the data processing activities to enhance the overall governance of the UGC and Universities/HEIs.

Given below is a summary of the activities conducted by the IT division in the year 2018.

11.1 Regular and Routine Functions

These included the implementation and maintenance of business applications such as web portal, eMemo, Board Room Reservation System, the eHRM system for time attendance of the personnel division, IT online help desk service system, a legal database, an e-Query system as well as managing of audiovisual activities of the UGC.

Further, the IT division carried out hardware and network related operational activities by providing specifications according to the identified divisional/departmental requirements, while upgrading of the local area network infrastructure of the UGC commenced in 2018 and is still in progress.

In addition, the IT division was primarily responsible for the three key areas below;

- 11.1.1. Administration and maintenance of web sites:** The official UGC website (www.ugc.ac.lk), the UGC web portal (www.eugc.ac.lk) and the Quality Assurance Council website (www.eugc.ac.lk/qaa) were handled by the division during the period.
- 11.1.2. Administration and maintenance of e-Governance applications:** The release of the Z-score cutoff via the web, SMS, and Government Information Centre (1919 call centre) activities related to University admissions of the UGC, the Online registration for universities and Student's online application calling process were handled during 2018.
- 11.1.3. Administration and maintenance of online payment gateway:** This was used to facilitate payments of online registrations for state universities as well as online payments for the issue of university recognition letters for foreign or local non-state qualifications and qualification equivalent certificates for Higher National Diploma in Accountancy offered by SLIATE.

The IT division coordinated effectively with the Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA) and other relevant government and non-governmental organizations such as LEARN, SLT, LK Domain Registry etc. in carrying out the above functions in an efficient and smooth manner.

11.2 New Software and Websites introduced 2018

11.2.1. Online Payment System for International Conferences.

A New payment gateway module for the UGC to facilitate foreign currency payments by foreign delegates who wish to attend the international conferences/events held in Sri Lanka was created. Although this was done targeting the planned INQAAHE and APQN conferences of 2019, it is a system that can be used for any such events in future, as it provides a secure method of making payments over the internet for the users.

11.2.2. Websites for Upcoming International Conferences in 2019

Two new web sites were introduced in 2018 for the INQAAHE Conference 2019 and APQN Conference 2019. The coordination work during the development stage as well as the administration and maintenance thereafter was carried out by the IT division.

11.3 On-going Software Development Projects

11.3.1. Proposal Management System (PMS)

This is an online application which helps to find out the status and details of the academic proposals submitted by the Universities/HEIs to the UGC. It is in the final stage of development where few test runs were conducted in 2018.

11.3.2. Cadre Management System (CMS)

This is a software that will aid the functions of the HR Department by providing quick and accurate access to cadre related details of all universities and HEIs coming under the UGC. The work commenced in 2018 and it is in the development process.

12. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

12.1 Mahapola Scholarships and University Bursaries

The details of the total of Rs. 1,803 Million allocated/received and paid by the UGC during the year 2018 against Mahapola and Bursary schemes are given in Table 12.1

University / HEI	Mahapola (Rs. Mn)	Bursary (Rs. Mn)	Total (Rs. Mn)
University of Peradeniya	159	14	173
University of Colombo	196	0	196
University of Sri Jayewardenepura	167	30	197
University of Kelaniya	166	32	198
University of Moratuwa	76	8	84
University of Jaffna	101	110	211
University of Ruhuna	79	40	119
University of Visual & Performing Arts	30	8	38
Eastern University of Sri Lanka	45	87	132
South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	67	53	120
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	43	19	62
Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	43	40	83
Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	39	12	51
Uva Wellassa University	16	22	38
The University of Colombo, School of Computing	5	1	6
Trincomalee Campus	8	8	16
Vavuniya Campus	5	7	12
Sripalee Campus	6	2	8
Institute of Indigenous Medicine	6	12	18

Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute	2	2	4
Institute of Technology University of Moratuwa	2	19	21
Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies	7	9	16
Total for the Year 2018	1268	535	1803

Table 12.1 Mahapola Scholarships & Bursaries of Universities/HEIs in 2018

These are two different schemes through which selected students undertaking higher education are financially assisted.

In the Mahapola Scholarship Scheme, 50% is funded by the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund (MHESTF), while the balance is paid by the Treasury. The Treasury funds are paid through the UGC, while the MHESTF contributions are directly routed to the relevant Universities. However, the UGC is responsible for selecting Mahapola scholarship recipients every year based on the established criteria and also for the proper implementation of the scholarship scheme.

On the other hand, although the Treasury provides total funding for the University Bursary Scheme through the UGC, the selection of students for bursaries are handled independently by the respective Universities/ HEIs.

12.2 Scholarship Schemes with Donor Endowments

In addition to the Mahapola Scholarships and University Bursaries mentioned above, there were two other scholarship schemes with donor endowments that were in operation during the year under review. The student selection for these schemes was being done by the UGC based on the agreed criteria.

12.2.1 Mitsubishi Corporation International Scholarships

As per the MOU signed between the UGC and Mitsubishi Corporation, these scholarships are funded by Mitsubishi Corporation. These are offered to the Students who have been selected to follow courses of study in Faculty of Management and Finance Management at the University of Colombo or in Faculty of Management & Commerce at the University of Sri Jayawardanapura.

Accordingly, in 2018 a total of 30 students, 15 each from University of Colombo and University of Sri Jayawardanapura were selected from the academic year 2015/16 and these recipients are entitled to Rs.4,000.00 per month that will be paid for a period of 12 months only.

12.2.2 Police C.W.C. Benefit Scheme University Scholarships

These scholarships are funded by the Police Central Welfare Council for the benefit of the university students whose parents are in the Sri Lanka Police Service. The financial assistance under this scheme is provided to three

selected students who are not entitled to Mahapola, bursary or any other scholarship scheme.

In 2018, one student each from University of Moratuwa, University of Peradeniya and Ruhuna University of Sri Lanka were selected from the academic year 2015/16 and each student will receive Rs. 20,000.00 per year paid in 10 installments and such payments will be made annually for the entire duration of the course of study concerned.

13. DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES OF THE MIS DIVISION

From September 2018 onwards, the MIS division of the UGC worked very closely with the Korean Educational Development Institute, Korea (KEDI). The idea was to obtain the KEDI knowledge and expertise on educational statistics systems in developing quality educational indicators and to understand the way those indicators can be used for monitoring and performance measurement. The relationship with KEDI was initiated during the workshop on Educational Indicator Development and Statistical Capacity Building conducted by them in Seoul, Korea from September 9-13, 2018 which was attended by the Head of the MIS division/UGC. Since then, Dr. Bon Young Kim of KEDI had been working with the UGC in sharing his knowledge with the MIS staff on the Korean experience of MIS development. In November 2018, he conducted a workshop at the UGC on 'Focal Point for Information of the Universities' and guided the MIS staff in analyzing the requirement for Centralized Management Information System for the UGC, based on which a draft proposal was prepared. Further, a suggestion to develop a Law in relation to collecting statistics from the Universities based on the Korean experience was also submitted.

14. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS OF NATIONAL INTEREST

During 2018, the UGC extended its assistance to National Organizations by handling the below-mentioned projects of national interest;

- Completion of the National Research and Development (R&D) Survey for 2017 and submission of relevant data to the National Science Foundation (NSF).
- Compiling of the final merit order list of MBBS graduates based on final MBBS (Repeat) examination of 2010/11 intake and submission of the same to the Ministry of Health for the purpose of internship placements.
- Compiling of the final merit order list of MBBS graduates based on final MBBS (re-repeat and re-re-repeat) examination of 2010/11 intake and submission of the same to the Ministry of Health for the purpose of internship placements.

15.LEGAL AFFAIRS

15.1 New Legislation

During the year under review, the action was taken to publish 13 orders and 3 ordinances as stated below.

15.1.1. Orders Published in 2018

- i. An order made under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, establishing a new Department of Study namely, Department of English Language Teaching at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura Sri Lanka, which was published in Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2053/24 of 10th January 2018.
- ii. An order made under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, to establish a new Faculty namely Faculty of Technology with two new Departments at the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, which was published in Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2056/5 of 29th January 2018.
- iii. An order made under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, renaming the "Department of Sanskrit" as the "Department of Sanskrit and Eastern Studies" in the Faculty of Humanities at the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka which was published in the Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2069/16 of 01st May 2018.
- iv. An order made under Section 20(4) of the Universities Act, appointing Prof. Uma Coomaraswamy as the Competent Authority in lieu of the Vice- Chancellor of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka (w.e.f- 18.06.2018) which was published in Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2076/13 of 19th June 2018.
- v. An order made under Section 20(4) of the Universities Act, appointing Prof. Prishantha Gunawardhana as the Competent Authority in lieu of the Director of Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology which was the published in Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2077/34 of 29th June 2018.
- vi. An order made under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, to upgrade the English Language Teaching Unit to a Department of English Language Teaching in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Ruhuna Sri Lanka, which was the published in Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2079/10 of 09th July 2018.
- vii. An order made under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, to establish New Department of Allied Health Sciences in the Faculty of Medical Sciences at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura Sri Lanka, which was the published in Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2079/11 of 09th July 2018.
- viii. An order made under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, establishing a new Department of Study namely, the Department of English Language Teaching in the Faculty of Management at the Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka, which was the published in Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2079/12 of 07th July 2018.

- ix. Order made under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, establishing two new Departments of Study namely Department of Marketing Management and Department of Human Resources Management in the Faculty of Management Studies and Department of Study namely Department of Health Promotion in the Faculty of Applied Sciences and Department of Study namely, the Department of Computing in the Faculty of Applied Sciences at the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, which was the published in Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2079/13 of 09th July 2018.
- x. An order made under Section 20(4) of the Universities Act, appointing Prof. Prishantha Gunawardhana as the Competent Authority in lieu of the Director of Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology (w.e.f.2.04.2018-30.06.2018) which was the published in Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2077/35 of 29th June 2018.
- xi. An order made under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, to establish a new Faculty namely, Faculty of Medicine with fifteen new Departments at the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka which was the published in Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2082/32 of 01st August 2018.
- xii. An order made under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, to establish a New Department namely Department of Polymer Science in the Faculty of Applied Sciences at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka which was the published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 2091/6 of 01st October 2018.
- xiii. An order made under Section 27(1) of the Universities Act, to establish a new Department of Chemical Sciences in the Faculty of Applied Sciences at the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka which was the published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 2100/12 of 05th December 2018.

15.1.2. Ordinances Published in 2018

- i. Amendment to the Universities Provident Fund (UPF) Ordinance No. 01 of 2018 made under Section 91 read with Section 18 of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 published in the Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2073/11 of 30th May 2018.
- ii. Amendment to the Ordinance of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM) Ordinance No. 01 of 2018 made under Section 18 read with Section 140 of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 published in the Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2059/53 of 23rd February 2018.
- iii. Repeal and Replace of existing Ordinance of the Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM) by the Postgraduate Institute of Management Ordinance No. 03 of 2018 made under Section 18 read with Section 24A of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 published in the Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2085/45 of 24th August 2018.

15.2 Court Cases

During 2018, the legal division of the UGC handled a total of 96 cases that had been filed before Courts of Law and Tribunals against the Commission by various parties. The details of these are as follows;

• Supreme Court	-	37 Cases
• Court of Appeal	-	45 Cases
• University Services Appeals Board	-	45 Cases
• District Court	-	07 Cases
• Arbitration	-	02 Cases
• Labour Tribunal	-	04 Cases
• High Court	-	02 Cases

15.3 Contributions in other Activities

15.3.1 Activities within the UGC

In 2018, the legal division was involved in the Internal Transfer Scheme Committee, the Committee to revise the E-Code, in the restructuring of Boards of Management (BoM) of Postgraduate Institutes and in drafting the Welfare Constitution of the University Grants Commission (UGC). It also provided the required assistance to revise the Commission Circular No.920 with regard to bonds and agreement to be signed by Teachers/ Officers/ Other employees in the University system, who are on study leave.

15.3.2 Activities Outside the UGC

The division contributed to the Standing Committee on Accreditation Quality Assurance (SCAQA) of the Ministry of Higher Education and to the Sectorial Oversight Committee on Education and Human Resources. Further, legal assistance was provided to the then Ministry of Higher Education and Highways to draft Quality Assurance and Accreditation Bill.

16. UNIVERSITY SERVICES APPEALS BOARD (USAB)

In the year 2018, the USAB had twenty-seven (27) sittings and a total of thirty-two (32) appeals were registered at the USAB from January 01, 2018 to December 31, 2018. Orders were delivered with respect to twenty-one (21) appeals, where twelve (12) were dismissed, five (05) were allowed and three (03) were settled, while the other case was terminated.

Eight (08) preliminary orders were delivered, nine (09) orders being written and three (03) appeals were laid by during 2018. Although there were no interim order issues or Supreme court cases recorded against the USAB during the period, there were three (03) cases filed before the Court of Appeal against the USB.

A total of thirty-one (31) appeals were pending at the end of the year 2018.

17. AFFAIRS OF THE CENTRAL INTERNAL AUDIT

The Central Internal Audit Division was established under the power vested by Section 3, Chapter 1 of the Establishment Code of the University Grants Commission and the Higher Educational Institutions. The prime purpose of the Internal Audit Department is to conduct internal audit assignments and investigations of the UGC as well as the other state universities and HEIs.

The audit programme for the year was prepared accordingly in compliance with F.R.133, Audit and Management Circular issued by the Department of Management Audit, General Treasury covering all important aspects of administrative and operational activities of the University Grants Commission and Higher Educational Institutes. The Central Internal Audit Division of the UGC coordinated regularly with internal audit divisions of the Universities/HEIs to maintain good governance within the system.

17.1 Audit and Management Committee Meetings

The Audit and Management Committee is one of the key subcommittees of the Commission. The Committee was headed by the independent non-executive commission member Prof. Malik Ranasinghe as the Chairman and included Prof. Hemantha Senanayake and Dr. Ruvaiz Haniffa as the other two non-executive commission members in addition to the Treasury Representative - Dr. P.K.G Harischandra. An Audit Superintendent from the Auditor General's Department branch office at UGC participated at meetings as an observer, while the UGC Secretary and the UGC Accountant attended meetings as invitees.

During 2018, five (05) Audit and Management Committee meetings were held and the UGC's Internal Auditor convened the meetings and acted as Secretary of the Committee.

17.2 COPE Meetings

The Central Audit Division also coordinated matters pertaining to the meetings of the Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) of Parliament with regards to the 15 Universities and 18 HEIs and assisted them in accurate and clear submission of the information required by the COPE.

17.3 Pre Auditing Conducted

In 2018, pre-auditing was carried out in the following three areas in order to investigate and ensure the accuracy of payments;

- The release of the Provident Fund
- Payment of Gratuity
- Release of Pension

17.4 Internal Audit Reports

The Central Internal Audit Division issued a total of 19 internal audit reports during the period under review. Out of these, 10 reports were pertaining to the UGC, while the other 9 were for universities and HEIs. All reports were discussed at the respective

audit committees and major matters that require further attention were referred to the Commission for necessary instructions

18. PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

During 2018, the MIS Division of the UGC provided administrative support to the system with the following three important publications and reports;

- I. The Publication of 'Sri Lanka University Statistics 2017 - Sixteenth Volume of the Series' in July 2018.
- II. The report submitted to the Commission on 'Analysis of Unit Recurrent Cost per Undergraduate of Academic Programmes in Universities – 2017'.
- III. The report submitted to the Commission on the progress of action taken to recover the amounts due from the staff with regards to a breach of bond agreements in HEIs as at 31st December 2017.

19. ROLE AND AFFAIRS OF QUALITY ASSURANCE COUNCIL (QAC)

With the vision of achieving excellence in higher education through the support of a robust Quality Assurance (QA) system, the Quality Assurance and Accreditation Council (QAAC) of the UGC was established in September 2005. The name of this body which is responsible for maintaining academic standards in State Universities was changed as the **Quality Assurance Council (QAC)** in April 2018 as per a Commission decision.

The role and affairs of the QAC during the year 2018 are summarized below;

19.1 Internal Quality Assurance Units (IQU) and Performance Score Card

As per the IQU reports of 2017, the requirement of the AHEAD programme to achieve more than 60% for the Performance Score Card at the end of 2017 by 10 State Universities was fulfilled.

Further, the IQU progress reports were received by the QAC for the first three quarters of 2018 and peer reviewing/discussions were conducted accordingly with the participation of relevant authorities. The QAC expects to achieve the 2018 target of more than 75% for the performance scorecard by 12 out of 15 State Universities by the end of the year.

19.2 Sri Lanka Qualification Framework (SLQF)

During the year under review, fair progress was made in the efforts to develop an SLQF mapping mechanism and to map the degree programmes offered by the State Universities accordingly.

In May 2018, the Commission decided that the QAC approval would not be required for the programmes offered by the State Universities below SLQF level 05. Further, based on the Commission request, the QAC initiated the work on obtaining details of below SLQF level 05 programs offered by the state Universities which include

Certificate, Diploma, and Higher Diploma courses. It was also decided that the QAC will facilitate establishing a common process for approving such programs within the system by conducting a workshop.

19.3 Subject Benchmarks (SBM)

Based on a Commission decision taken in February 2018, a subcommittee was established to identify the scope and objective of developing BMs with relevance to the reviewing process and to develop a common format for the Subject Benchmark Statements. Accordingly a workshop for all the Ex-Officio members of the Standing Committee and the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees on Principles of Subject Benchmark Formulation was proposed under the funds of the AHEAD programme to finalize the List of Subject Benchmark Statements (SBS) and Selection of Subject Specialists for the SBS Formulation Panels, which was approved by the Commission.

19.4 External Quality Assurance

19.4.1. Institutional Reviews (IRs)

Three reports out of the 4 IRs held in 2017 were finalized and agreed during the year 2018. Accordingly, these reports of University of Visual and Performing Arts, Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka and the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka were published on the UGC website. By the 30th of April 2019, the authorities of these Universities are expected to provide an action plan for the next 5 years based on the recommendations of the review reports.

As per the 2018 schedule, IRs were conducted in the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka and the University of Jaffna. The Self Evaluation Report writers' workshop was conducted by the QAC in January 2018, the Pre Review Workshop for reviewers of IR panels was held in July 2018 and the pre-site visit workshop was conducted in August 2018, all held at the UGC premises. The Self Evaluation Reports (SERs) received from the two Universities were handed over to the reviewers at the Pre Review Workshop. The Commission further strengthened the two IR panels by granting approval and appointing an international reviewer in each of the two IR panels, under the funds of the AHEAD programme. During 2018, the draft reports of both IRs were received and the reports were sent to the Vice Chancellors for their comments.

With the IRs of the University of Moratuwa, Open University of Sri Lanka, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka and Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka scheduled for 2019, in September 2019 letters were sent by the Chairman/UGC to the Vice Chancellors of the 4 Universities requesting the letter of intent as well as calling for applications by suitable individuals in order to increase the reviewer pool to be more efficient in the Institutional Reviews (IR). Further, considering a request made by SEUL, it was decided to extend the deadline for the SER submission by the SEUSL up to the last week of August 2019.

19.4.2. Program Reviews (PRs)

The QAC completed 41 program reviews of Faculties of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities of all State Universities and the final edited review reports accepted by the Deans of the Faculties were uploaded to the UGC website as approved by the

Commission in October 2018. The Vice Chancellors / Responsible Authorities were requested to provide a 5-year action plan for each reviewed program based on the recommendations of the review reports before 30th April 2019.

With the PRs of the Faculties of Business and Finance, Management, Commerce, Education, Law, and Fine Arts scheduled for 2018, a workshop was conducted in January 2018 at the UGC Auditorium on Self-Evaluation Report writing for Program Reviews. One hundred and nine (109) Senior Academics from 9 State Universities participated for the workshop, where 58 program reviews were suggested from all concerned faculties. Further, in February 2018 sixty-seven (67) academics were successfully trained at the UGC to serve as program reviewers and the panels were formulated by the QAC. A Pre Review Workshop for the appointed reviewers was conducted in June 2018 at the UGC Auditorium, where the Self Evaluation Reports (SERs) received from faculties were handed over to them. The pre-site visit workshop was conducted in August 2018, the site visit schedules were prepared and the site visits of 52 reviews were completed during the period of August to December 2018 and the Standing Committee on Quality Assurance in December 2018 decided to complete the remaining site visits by January 2019. The QAC had already communicated to reviewers on the submission deadlines of the final report after incorporating the comments of the faculties.

In May 2018, it was approved by the Commission to conduct the 2019 PRs on the Faculties of Medicine, Dental Science, Allied Health Sciences, Indigenous Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, and Agriculture. Further, at a meeting held in September 2018 the timelines for these PRs were decided and a workshop for SER writers' of both IRs and PRs was scheduled for January 2019. In December 2018, the Standing Committee on Quality Assurance recommended conducting the PRs in Faculties of Engineering, Architecture, and Sciences for the year 2020.

19.5 Reformatting the Application Formats

The application template for approval of new faculties and institutes developed by the Academic Affairs Division of the UGC was reviewed by the Standing Committee on QA. Accordingly, several key amendments were recommended and confirmed by the Committee, which was conveyed to the Academic Affairs division for necessary action.

19.6 Recognition Items

During the period January 2018 to December 2018, 69 items were received for recognition, which was discussed by the Recognition Committee and forwarded with recommendations /observations.

19.7 Evaluation of Degree Programme Proposals and New Faculty/Institute Proposals

During 2018, a total of 119-degree programme proposals were evaluated by the QAC which included 42 undergraduate degrees, 6 undergraduate external degrees, and 71 postgraduate degrees.

In addition, the number of New Faculty/Institute Proposals evaluated for the period under review was 2.

19.8 Development / Upgrading Manuals for Program Review and Institutional Review of Distance Higher Education Institutes and Programs

The final edited manual for Review of Undergraduate Study Programmes of the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) was sent to the university as well as to each reviewer assigned for the PR at the OUSL in 2018. Further, with the IR of the OUSL scheduled for 2019, with the approval of the Standing Committee on QA, the draft IR manual was also sent to the OUSL

19.9 Student Engagement in QA activities

The process that started in 2017 to prepare a guideline document to identify the extraordinary students in order to get their participation as ambassadors in QA activities was completed and the final document was approved by the Commission in January 2018.

19.10 AHEAD programme

For the World Bank-funded 'Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD)' programme, the activities for the year 2018 and their progress were closely followed up and monitored by the QAC under the leadership of the Director/QAC.

19.11 Academic Accountability

During 2018, the QAC obtained information from 12 state universities for internal Circular formulation and Accountability Template formulation. The QAC expects to complete the process for balance 3 state universities and develop a mechanism for compliance by Universities on submitted information at a workshop with the Vice Chancellors of the Universities to be organized in 2019.

19.12 INQAAHE (The International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education) Conference 2019: March 25 -28, 2019

With the above International Conference scheduled in Sri Lanka, to be hosted by the UGC, the Commission approved the participation of a delegation from the UGC for the INQAAHE 11th Biennial Forum held in Mauritius during May 2018. The Chairman/UGC reported the progress of the INQAAHE Conference 2019 to the participants at the General Assembly of the INQAAHE Forum, where 10 IQAU Directors also participated under the funds of the AHEAD program.

The agreement with the INQAAHE Secretariat and the Chairman/UGC was signed on 3rd August 2018 and based on the discussions with the INQAAHE Secretariat, the activities to be conducted within 2018 with reference to the INQAAHE Conference 2019 were identified and streamlined. Accordingly, the main theme together with four sub-themes was finalized for the INQAAHE Conference 2019, which are as follows,

The Main Conference Theme :

'Quality Assurance, Qualifications, and Recognition: Fostering Trust in a Globalized World'

Sub-Themes:

- I. New technologies, innovation, and quality assurance: how to consider QA and its key principles in a world of disruptive technology and change in the Academy.
- II. Thinking and acting globally: the role of QA in qualifications frameworks and student and talent mobility: challenges and opportunities
- III. Ensuring and promoting trust in a globalized context
- IV. Challenges and Solutions to Recognition Issues: new opportunities for a QA contribution to recognition within the frame of global developments.

Based on the Commission approval, a local organizing committee was established with the recommendation of the Chairman/UGC. Accordingly, following proper procedures, the BMICH was finalized as the venue for the INQAAHE Conference 2019 and The INQAAHE Conference 2019 website was launched in September 2018. A separate payment gateway was established for the INQAAHE Conference 2019 and with the approval of the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs and the Department of Immigration and Emigration, gratis visa facility was obtained for the foreign participants. Accordingly, the registration for the Conference was opened to the public from 17th December 2018.

Further, it was proposed to obtain the services of an event manager and a travel agent for the Conference, to develop a video clip on “Higher Education System of Sri Lanka” to be presented at the inauguration of the INQAAHE Conference and then to be uploaded in the INQAAHE website and to have 3 sponsorship packages. All these were placed at the Commission and approved.

19.13 Asia Pacific Quality Network (APQN) Academic Conference (AAC) and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2019: March 28-31, 2019

In February 2018, a written request was made by the President of the APQN Secretariat to UGC to host the APQN AAC 2019 in Sri Lanka to be conducted just after the INQAAHE Conference scheduled for March 2019. Accordingly, the Chairman/UGC participated at the APQN Conference held in Nagpur, India and the agreement of the APQN AAC 2019 was signed. This agreement of the APQN Conference 2019 was tabled and approved by the Commission to obtain a budget estimate of the APQN Conference.

Same as in case of the INQAAHE Conference 2019, the local organizing Committee recommended the services of an Event Manager, a Travel Agent, and the same sponsorship packages and approval of the Commission was sought in these regards. The venue of the APQN Conference was finalized as the BMICH and the registration process for the APQN Conference was enabled to the public in December 2018 utilizing the same payment gateway developed for the INQAAHE Conference. The development work of the website for the APQN Conference 2019 was initiated in 2018 and the QAC will have to decide on an evaluation committee to evaluate papers submitted for the APQN Conference 2019

20. GENDER EQUITY AND EQUALITY

In order to ensure Universities/HEIs under the purview of the UGC have the institutional capability to ensure a conducive, gender-just working and learning environment to all its

members and are recognized for their excellent practices, it is important to promote gender equity and equality in universities by facilitating the establishment of gender-sensitive university cultures and university environments which allow both university students and staff to pursue their work without oppression and discrimination. Keeping in line with this motive, the following are the activities conducted by the UGC in 2018.

20.1 Centralized Grievance Redress Mechanisms at the UGC.

20.1.1. Online SGBV Complaints Portal (www.eugc.ac.lk/sgbv)

This was introduced to deal with any sexual and gender-based violence within the university system. Once a complaint is lodged, the Director/ UGC Centre is expected to be alerted through an SMS. These online complaints on the web portal are sorted out university-wise at the UGC Centre and then forwarded by the UGC Chairman to the respective Vice Chancellor or Director for appropriate action. The progress made on each complaint and actions taken by the universities is regularly followed up with the Vice-Chancellors by the UGC Centre for Gender Equity and quality (CGEE).

20.1.2. Online ragging complaints portal (www.ugc.ac.lk/rag) & 24/7 Call Centre +94 112 123 700

Over 250 complaints were received during the period under review, which has been acted upon. Majority of the complaints were received through the call centre and those complaints too were subsequently uploaded to the web portal and the Director/CGEE was alerted. In addition, complaints were also received in writing/in person to the Chairman, UGC and the Director, CGEE, UGC.

Further, an emergency Safety Mobile App for university students and staff to enable them to seek help in an emergency situation was developed in collaboration with ICTA and was launched in June 2018. This was piloted during August - December 2018.

20.1.3. UGC database on ragging and SGBV

The reports of ragging and sexual harassment, together with, progress made in taking appropriate punitive actions were compiled into the UGC database on ragging and SGBV. It was updated and improved. In due course, the CGEE plans to link the database at the UGC Centre with the databases to be developed in all state universities and affiliated Campuses and HEIs.

20.2 Publicity with respect to ragging and SGBV using print/electronic media.

Special brochure on "Information for students on ragging and gender-based violence in university" were printed in all three languages and circulated to 29,602 new entrants of the 2016/2017 batch as well as for 25,067 second year students.

Further, 18" x 22" Posters on ragging and SGBV were forwarded to the Vice Chancellors, Rectors and Directors to give required level of publicity within universities/HEIs.

Appointed UGC officials and authorities gave interviews to media and press with regard to ragging and SGBV in addition to conducting awareness programmes at the universities.

20.3 Taskforce to “Prevent and Eliminate Ragging in the Universities”

The high powered multi-sectoral taskforce that was established in 2017 with specific and clear purpose held bi-monthly meetings regularly during 2018 to work towards its objectives.

20.4 Structures within Universities

A network of specialized Gender Focal Points (comprising of centres, cells, committees etc.) in the university system was established in 15 universities with senior academics as Heads. These Heads of Gender Focal Points were appointed as ex-officio members of the Standing Committee on Gender Equity/ Equality.

20.5 Gender Sensitization and Empowerment

The following actions were taken to ensure gender sensitization and empowerment.

- Awareness programmes, sensitization programmes, training workshops and training the trainer programmes etc. were conducted for senior management and staff representing different universities.
- Conducting workshops in five universities based on their request.
- Innovative leadership and gender equality promotion programmes for staff and students under the title “*Journey Towards Gender Equity and Equality: Inter-University Gender Festival*” which commenced in 2017 was completed in 2018. The objective of this programme was to initiate spaces for the empowerment of university community on the issue of gender and spaces that could provide learning opportunities on various aspects of gender equality as well as to express voices for change through creative activities.

20.6 Policies on GEE, Ragging & SGBV

The CGEE, UGC continued to facilitate the universities to develop policies on GEE and as a result policies of GEE of two more universities were added to the website in 2018. In addition, the CGEE encouraged and supported Universities to develop By-laws on SGBV and in 2018 one additional university developed by laws and guidelines.

20.7 Research Studies

The following is in the progress made in 2018.

- In partnership with UNICEF, research work was undertaken on ragging & SGBV to enable a clear understanding of campus violence and harassment by all concerned, to identify root causes and to establish appropriate mechanisms to combat ragging and SGBV in universities. The first part of the research “Quantitative and Qualitative

studies on incidences, prevalence and impact of ragging, SGBV and existing systems of reporting among university students” is in progress.

- A Training of Trainers programme on Gender mainstreaming of seven universities in Sri Lanka to determine the road map to identified deficiencies was conducted in June 2018 in partnership with the Commonwealth of Learning (COL).
- Two-day National Symposium on “Gender in Higher Education” was conducted in August 2018 which provided a forum to discuss and debate on some of the predominant issues related to gender in contemporary higher education. Eleven (11) research papers were presented and two keynote addresses have been sent to the Editor/Vistas for publication.

21. COMMISSION CIRCULARS AND ESTABLISHMENTS CIRCULAR LETTERS ISSUED DURING 2018

The UGC within the powers, duties and functions vested in the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 as amended, together with the directives made by the respective government bodies, issued 26 Commission Circulars and 18 Establishments Circular letters during the period under review, giving instructions and necessary guidelines related to decisions and policies arrived at the Commission for the smooth functioning of the UGC and the Higher Educational Institutions.

The details of these are given in Table 21.1 and Table 21.2.below;

Sr. No	Circular No	Subject	Date of Circular
1	01/2018	Allowing Candidates to Appear for the Interview through Skype/Video conference	23.01.2018
2	01/2015(ii)	Fees and Traveling of visiting the staff	02.02.2018
3	02/2018	Trade Union Action	12.04.2018
4	03/2018	Payment of Monthly Compensatory Allowance (MCA) to the Non-Academic Staff in the University System	27.04.2018
5	18/2017(i)	Absorption of Holders in the Posts of Marshal Grade II and Grade I to the Corresponding Grades in the Post of Marshal Under the New Schemes of Recruitment	08.05.2018
6	17/2016(v)	Revision of Salaries for the Staff of University Grants Commission and Academic & Non-Academic Staff in the Higher Educational Institutions - 2016	01.06.2018
7	17/2016(vi)	Revision of Salaries for the Staff of University Grants Commission and Academic & Non-Academic Staff in the Higher Educational Institutions-2016	14.06.2018
8	04/2018	Appointment to the post of Vice-Chancellor	28.06.2018
9	05/2018	Transparent Research Performance Scheme to Recognize Researchers in the University System	05.07.2018
10	06/2018	Scheme of Recruitment for the post of Management Assistant	16.07.2018
11	07/2018	Schemes of Recruitment of the posts of Lecturer (Unconfirmed) (Medical/Dental) and Lecturer (Unconfirmed) [Non-(Medical/Dental)]	02.08.2018
12	08/2018	Classification of Computing Degrees to Align with International Standards	28.08.2018

13	09/2018	Amendment to the Schemes of Recruitment for the post of staff Matron & staff Matron, Dental school/Dental Faculty	28.08.2018
14	10/2018	Scheme of Recruitment for the post of Specimen Collector	03.10.2018
15	11/2018	Bursary Scheme and payment of Bursaries	11.10.2018
16	12/2018	Schemes of Recruitment for the posts of Management Assistant (Bookkeeping)/Management Assistant (Shroff)/Management Assistant (Storekeeping)	17.10.2018
17	13/2018	Scheme of Recruitment for the post of Instructor in Nursing	26.10.2018
18	14/2018	Payment of fees to members of Selection Committees	09.11.2018
19	15/2018	Agrahara Insurance Scheme for the Employees of the Universities/HEIs	26.11.2018
20	05/2018(i)	Transparent Research Performance Scheme to Recognize Researchers in the University System	04.12.2018
21	16/2018	Scheme of Recruitment for the post of Senior Lecturer Gr.I [Non-(Medical/Dental)] by normal promotion	11.12.2018
22	17/2018	Scheme of Recruitment for the post of Caretaker cum Cook	13.12.2018
23	18/2018	An amendment to the Commission Circular No.922 regarding Scheme of Recruitment for the post of Director/Physical Education	12.12.2018
24	19/2018	Amendment to the Scheme of Recruitment for the post of Marshal Grade II	17.12.2018
25	20/2018	Scheme of Recruitment for the post of Technical Officer Grade II Segment "A"	18.12.2018
26	21/2018	Scheme of Recruitment for the post of Technical Officer (ICT), Technical Officer (Civil), Technical Officer (Electrical), Technical Officer (Mechanical) and Technical Officer (Chemical)	26.12.2018

Table 21.1 Commission Circulars Issued in 2018

Sr. No	Estab. Circular Letter No.	Subject	Date of Circular Letter
1	01/2018	Adoption of Home Affairs Circular No 01/2018	29.01.2018
2	02/2018	Transfers of Employees in the University System	09.02.2018
3	03/2018	Schemes of Recruitment for the post of Lecturer (Probationary) (Medical/Dental) and (Non-Medical/Dental)	20.02.2018
4	04/2018	Adoption of Public Administration Circular No.31/(2001) (XIII)-List of Names of Disciplinary Inquiry Officers	26.02.2018
5	05/2018	Marking Scheme for every Selection Committee for the Purpose of Recruitments	02.04.2018
6	06/2018	Induction Training Programme for University Administrative and Financial Officers	05.04.2018
7	07/2018	Granting of Leave for May Day-2018	20.04.2018
8	08/2018	Granting of Special Leave During the Ramalan (Ramazan) Season-2018	15.05.2018
9	09/2018	Issuing of Motor Vehicle Permits on Concessionary Terms	19.06.2018
10	10/2018	Diploma Programme in Laboratory Technology Conducted by Open University of Sri Lanka	03.08.2018
11	11/2018	Allowing Candidates to Apply for the posts of Senior Lecturer Grade II (Medical/Dental) and [Non-(Medical/Dental)] and Lecturer (Unconfirmed) [Non-(Medical/Dental)] Subject to Submission of Certificate of the Board Certification of PGIM	11.09.2018

		or Doctoral Degree	
12	03/2018(i)	Schemes of Recruitment for the post of Lecturer (Probationary)(Medical/Dental) and [Non-(Medical/Dental)]	26.10.2018
13	12/2018	Transport Facilities to Audit Superintendents of Government Audit Branch Office of the UGC and the Universities	29.10.2018
14	13/2018	Recruitments to the Public Sector Institutions and the increase of the Salaries and Allowances	30.11.2018
15	14/2018	Determining of Effective Date of Promotion to the Post of Senior Lecturer Grade II	11.12.2018
16	15/2018	Adoption of Public Administration Circular 28/2018 - Commencement of Duties, Year - 2019	26.12.2018
17	16/2018	Transfers of Employees in the University System	26.12.2018
18	17/2018	Adoption of Public Administration Circular No 29/2018- Special Advance for Public Officers- the Year 2019	28.12.2018

Table 21.2 Establishments Circular Letters Issued in 2018

22. UPGRADING UGC FACILITIES FOR BETTER SERVICES

In addition to the general maintenance and repair work carried out at the UGC secretariat, the following key projects were implemented during 2018 with the intention of upgrading the facilities of the UGC to provide better services to its stakeholders.

- Commenced the construction work of the new building for the PRO office and Public Waiting Area, where 60% of the work was completed by the end of 2018.
- Conversion of all analog phones at the UGC to a digital phone system.
- Establishing a National Digital Library consortium under the auspices of the UGC- 2018-2020 with access to Taylor and Francis, Oxford University Press and Emerald Group.
- Purchasing of an Anti-Plagiarism software for the use of the entire University system.

In addition to the above, both digital archiving of documents and physical archiving documents used by the finance department/UGC was completed in 2018.

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Financial Statements 2018 / Statement of Financial Performance

For the Period of January to December 2018	Note	2018	2017
REVENUE			
Government Grants	19	2,386,682,655	1,992,731,010
Contribution from Development Fund		80,023,316	-
Other Revenue	20	65,098,289	64,077,113
Total Revenue		2,531,804,260	2,056,808,123
EXPENSES			
Wages, Salaries & Employee Benefits	21	249,692,407	220,322,248
Supplies & Consumables Used	22	109,098,237	102,662,446
Grants & other Transfer Payments	23	2,020,023,111	1,594,700,603
Depreciation & Amortization Expenses	24	35,347,400	26,304,120
Rehabilitation Expenses	25	2,440,711	2,068,012
Other Expenses	26	40,498,250	38,092,444
Total Expenses		2,457,100,115	1,984,149,873
Surplus/(defecit) for the period		74,704,144	72,658,248

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Financial Statements 2018 / Statement of Changes in Equity for the year Ended 31st December

Description	Deferred Grants	Unspent Grant	Retained Surplus/(Deficit) t)	UGC Development Vote	Revaluation Surplus	Staff Development Vote	Donation Received during the Year	Total
Balance as at 01.01.2018	193,111,003	162,701,290	(0)	101,097,310	509,313,767	35,546,482	-	1,001,769,853
Prior Year Adjustments			249,583					249,583
Balance as at 01.01.2018	193,111,003	162,701,290	249,583	101,097,310	509,313,767	35,546,482	-	1,002,019,437
Increased in Capital Grants	12,081,247							12,081,247
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year			74,704,144					74,704,144
Increase in Unspent fund		(162,658,993)						(162,658,993)
Decreased from UGC Development Fund/ Staff Development Fund						(5,515,415)		(5,515,415)
Transferred to UGC Development Fund (15% Transferred from PR & IR)			(3,203,742)	3,203,742				(0.00)
Donation Received during the Year							1,170,254	1,170,254
Amortisation of Donation							(42,297)	(42,297)
Transferred to Revenue				(94,530,894)				(94,530,894)
Transferred to Staff Development Fund								-
Transferred to UGC Development Fund			(60,000,000)	60,000,000				-
Balance As at 31/12/2018	205,192,250	42,297	11,749,985	69,770,159	509,313,767	30,031,067	1,127,957	827,227,481.92

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
Financial Statements 2018 - Cash Flow Statement

For the Year Ended 31st December 2018

2018

2017

Cash flows from operating activities		
Surplus/(deficit)	74,704,144	72,658,248
Adjustments for Non-cash movements		
Prior year adjustment	249,583	871,200
Transferred to UGC Development Fund	(63,203,742)	(85,996,810)
Transferred to Staff Development Fund	-	(6,000,000)
Transferred to Best University Students Vote	-	(2,000,000)
Depreciation	35,347,401	26,304,119
Amortization	(37,173,810)	(28,834,479)
Bond Premium	361,786	361,786
Increase in inventory	(25,479,113)	(4,423,644)
Decrease in payables	(14,562,690)	(487,842,115)
Provision for gratuity	6,939,452	7,854,955
Interest for Gratuity	3,568,116	3,568,116
(Gains)/losses on sale of property, plant and equipment	-	114,868
Decrease in prepayments/deposits	21,857,357	(5,918,566)
Increase in receivables	(141,071,385)	52,202,860
Gratuity payment	(3,590,848)	(2,824,949)
Prior Year Adjustment - Fixed Asset Capitalization	24,808,991	5,335,845
Net cashflows from operating activities	(117,244,757)	(454,568,565)
Cash flows from Investing activities		
Purchase of PPE	(125,174,663)	(60,704,218)
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment	-	1,126,500
Investment in Fixed Deposits/Treasury Bonds	(5,754,120)	(276,359)
Increase in WIP - UGC Building & UGC Finance Dept.	57,095,312	(70,339,491)
Net cash used in investing activities	(73,833,471)	(130,193,569)
Cashflows from financing activities		
Capital grants received	9,500,000	84,400,000
Rehabilitaion grants	1,000,000	14,000,000
Decrease in research funds	(7,571,502)	182,017
Funds received for specific activities	(1,050,043)	419,124
Receipts/(payments) from scholarship fund	4,569,880	3,712,553
Increase/ (Decrease) in Capital Grants	(12,627,967)	-
Increase in staff Development fund/UGC Development Fund	(36,842,567)	89,988,402
Increase/ (Decrease) in Human capital funds	(9,792,378)	9,792,378
Decrease in Budget Proposal - 2017	(125,300,000)	(283,754,248)
Net cash used in financing activities	(178,114,576)	(81,259,774)
Net increase /(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents	(369,192,804)	(666,021,908)
Cash & cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	372,420,543	1,038,442,451
Cash & cash equivalents at the end of the year	3,227,739	372,420,543

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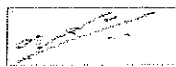
UGC A/C 2323284 - BOC	(17,886,590)	(16,707,725)
BOC-University Scholarship fund	697,771	8,898,672
Overnight Deposit	9,000,000	356,000,000
Fund Management Account	11,416,557	24,229,595
	3,227,739	372,420,543

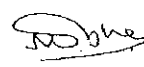
UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
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As at 31st December 2018	Note	2018	2017
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1	3,227,738	372,420,542
Receivables	2	215,144,092	74,072,707
Inventories		32,743,543	7,264,430
Pre Payments/Deposits	3	4,840,103	26,697,460
Total current assets		255,955,475	480,455,139
Non Current Assets			
Infrastructure, Plant & Equipments	4	86,117,594	87,218,238
Land & Building	4	605,338,236	516,256,227
Intangible Assets - Computer Software		9,408,128	7,426,856
Work in progress - Construction		21,694,419	89,043,481
Work in progress - Computer Software		10,253,750	-
Investments	5	49,504,686	56,168,243
Bond Premium	6	6,085,131	7,011,686
Endowment /Scholarship fund Investments	7	31,386,516	18,968,838
Total non-current assets		819,788,459	782,093,568
Total assets		1,075,743,934	1,262,548,708
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Payables	8	112,639,024	129,196,581
Payments received in advance/Deposits	9	10,697,221	8,702,354
Total current liabilities		123,336,245	137,898,935
Non- Current Liabilities			
Retirement Benefit Obligation	10	56,391,991	50,040,039
Endowment Fund	11	32,182,065	27,612,185
Research Funds	12	5,234,758	12,806,260
Specific Funds	13	31,371,393	32,421,435
Total non-current liabilities		125,180,207	122,879,919
Total liabilities		248,516,452	260,778,854
NET ASSETS		827,227,482	1,001,769,853
CONSOLIDATED FUND & RESERVES			
Deffered capital grants	14	205,192,250	193,111,003
Capital grants-Unspent	15	42,297	25,949,273
Rehabilitaion & Imp.grants-Unspent	16	-	1,659,639
Human Capital development grant-Unspent	17	-	9,792,378
Budget Proposal grant 2017 - Unspent	18	-	125,300,000
Gift & Donations		1,127,957	-
Staff Development Fund		30,031,067	35,546,482
UGC Development fund		69,770,159	101,097,310
Revaluation Surplus		509,313,767	509,313,767
Accumulated Surpluses/ (Deficits)		11,749,985	(0.00)
TOTAL NET ASSETS/ EQUITY		827,227,482	1,001,769,853

The Accounting policies on pages 05 to 09 & Notes on pages 10 to 20 from an integral part of these Financial Statements. The members of the University Grants Commission are responsible for the preparation & presentation of these Financial Statements. These Financial Statements were approved by the members of the University Grants Commission & signed on their behalf.


 Prof. Mohan De Silva
 Chairman


 Prof. Malik Ranasinghe
 Commission Member


 R.A.U Ranaweera
 Accountant

HED/A/UGC/FA/18

May 2019

Chairman
University Grants Commission

Report of the Auditor General in terms of Section 12 of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 regarding the financial statements and other legal and regulatory requirements of the University Grants Commission for the year ended 31 December, 2018

1. Financial Statements

1.1 The quantified opinion

The audit of the financial statements of the University Grants Commission for the year ended 31 December 2018, consisting of financial performance statements, statement of the changes in equity and notes to the cash flow statements and notes to the financial statements and the summary of important Accounting Policies for the year ended 31 December 2018 was carried out in pursuance of provisions in article 154(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read in conjunction with sub section 108(1) of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018 and the Universities Act No.16 of 1978. My report will be tabled in Parliament in accordance with Article 154 (6) of the Constitution.

In my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the University Grants Commission as at 31 December 2018 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards, excluding the impact of the matters described in the section for the audited opinion of my report.

1.2 The basis for the quantified opinion

- (a) The balance of Rs. 1,609,500 and related receivables at the end of the year under review in a collection account belonging to University Grants Commission had not been accounted.
- (b) A surplus Rs. 74,704,144/- had been represented, without revealing the actual deficiency of 5,319,171 /- in the financial performance report for the year under review which occurred as a result of transferring Rs. 80,023,316/- from the Development Fund of the Commission to the statement of the performance for the year under review.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). My responsibilities, under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

1.3 Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Institute's financial reporting process.

As per Sub-section 16(1) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, the Institute is required to maintain proper books and records of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities, to enable annual and periodic financial statements to be prepared of the Institute.

1.4 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an audit report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or

in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the University Grants Commission's internal control.
- Evaluate the fairness of used accounting policies and accounting estimates and the appropriateness of related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Institute's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my audit report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Institute to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

The controlling parties were briefed on important audit findings, key internal control deficiencies and other issues identified during my audit.

2. Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

The National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 contains special provisions relating to the following requirements.

- In accordance with the requirements set out in Section 12 (a) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, except for the impact of the facts described in the section of the basis for the quantified opinion of my report, I obtained all the information and explanations needed for the audit, and my investigation shows that proper financial records have been maintained by the Institute.
- In accordance with the requirements of Section 6 (1) (d) (III) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, the financial statements of the Institute are consistent with the previous year.
- The financial statements made by me during the last year in accordance with the requirements of section 6 (i) (d) (iv) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 are contained in the financial statements.

Nothing caught to my attention as much as to make the following statements within the limitations of the measures adopted and the evidence obtained and quantifying the facts.

- 2.1 In accordance with the requirement of Section 12 (d) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, any member of the governing board of the Institute may be directly or otherwise involved in any contract outside the ordinary course of business.
- 2.2 In accordance with the requirement of Section 12 (f) of the National Audit Act No 19 of 2018, have acted in compliance with any applicable written law or other general or special directives issued by the governing board.
- 2.3 In accordance with the requirement of Section 12 (g) of the National Audit Act No 19 of 2018 that the powers of the institute have not acted in accordance with its functions and functions.
- 2.4 The resources of the Institute have not been developed and utilized in accordance with the relevant rules in terms of the provisions of Section 12 (h) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 except the following observations.
 - (a) According to the National Procurement Agency circular no.08 of 6.2.2.2, the minimum period for bidding is 7 days, except for emergency procurement under the market pricing system. Nevertheless, the Commission has not acted accordingly when purchasing Rs. 762,805 worth of stationery on two occasions.

- (b) The quotations had been issued to 10 institutions in 2 occasions on 2nd February 2018, to purchase stationery value of Rs. 973,365 without calling a public bidding as per the terms of Section 2.14.1 of the National Procurement Agency Circular No. 08.
- (c) In terms of Section 7.4.1 of the National Procurement Agency Circular No. 08, the bid evaluation must be undertaken as early as possible to provide sufficient time to obtain the required approval and the bids must be evaluated within the period specified in the procurement schedule. Though, the quotations related to the provision of cleaning services for the year 2018/2019 were opened on 14th February 2018, it had been delayed for nearly 100 days to give the decision of the Technical Evaluation Committee after evaluating the bids opened.
- (d) The sample survey revealed that there were shortcomings in the procurement process related to the procurement carried out for cleaning services in 2018/2019 such as, deviations from the procurement plan, bidding, bid opening and evaluation. Therefore the bid was recalled again and an additional Rs.1 ,812,873 was paid for Cleaning Services because of awarding the Bid to the bidder who had submitted the third lowest bid.
- (e) Although the action was taken to call the bids in the year 2017, and purchase the computers by carrying out a technical evaluation in the year under review, the company had been renting computers for ten months at a cost of Rs. 1.2 million, instead of buying five computers, due to the reasons of the Procurement Committee did not consider the recommendation of the Technical Evaluation Committee and the non-implementation of the recommendation of the Procurement Committee to call for bids again.

3. Other observations

- (a) It was observed that the number of students selected for admission to Universities from the students who applied for University admission decreased from 43.7% to 39% during the 2017/2018 academic year compared to the 2014/2015 academic year and it was also observed that the number of students selected for universities is 19 % from the students who qualified for University education during the academic year 2017/2018.

- (b) There were vacancies in the most recent academic year 2017/2018 and in the previous three academic years, due to the reasons such as, the students who are eligible for various courses are not registered under those courses, transfers of the enrolled students to other courses, cancellation of registration due to following courses in other government institutions and the requests made by the Universities not to fill further vacancies. Accordingly there were 897 vacancies in the year under review, 738, 2,226 and 1,455 vacancies respectively during the last three academic years.
- (c) Although according to the cabinet decisions dated January 25, 2011, 0.5% of foreign-qualified students could be enrolled from the total number of students proposed to local Universities, the number of students enrolled from the proposed intake was in the range of 9 to 50 % compared to the number of students who were proposed and admitted over the last five years.
- (d) Although 4.5% of foreign students from the total proposed number of students can be admitted to local Universities on the fee levying basis, only 0.9 % of students have been admitted, though there are 1,377 students who can be enrolled from the proposed number of students for the academic year 2017/2018.
- (e) Contrary to the University Admission Policy approved by the Cabinet of Ministers in 2012, the arrangements have been made to admit students for 25 courses offered at state Universities and 13 Higher Education Institutes, based on the results of an aptitude test in addition to the results of the GCE A/L examination. As a result of the policy being implemented for the Speech and Hearing Sciences Degree program of the University of Kelaniya, 9 students had missed the opportunity to enroll for the said course though they had obtained a 'Z' score greater than the selected students' 'Z' score and also were in the marks range of 70-82 in the aptitude test.
- (f) For the first time in the academic year 2014/2015, students were offered the opportunity to apply for University entrance through online as well as the normal procedure. A sum of Rs.9, 347,750 up to the end of the year and Rs.700, 000 from the year under review had been incurred in the academic year 2017/2018 as the maintenance costs for the online system. In the year 2015/2016, when both the general system and the online system were implemented, the number of issues that students had in registration was increased from 1081 to 5602 by the year 2018/2019.

- (g) Although the University Grants Commission had been made aware of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, it was not disclosed that arrangements have been made to identify the sustainable development goals related to its work and plans for achieving those goals, including milestones and indicators for measuring achievement.
- (h) The balance of funds maintained by the UGC amounted to LKR 39.2 million was remained inactive for several years.
- (i) Only a sum of Rs. 34.12 million has been invested out of the total amount Rs. 68.8 which was in 21 funds under the University Grants Commission.

W.P.C.Wickramaratne
Auditor General

Observation of the Auditor General	Comments of the management	Recommendation	Facts to be submitted to the Auditor General
<p>1.5.2 Accounting deficiencies</p> <p>(A) The balance of Rs. 1,609,500 and related receivables at the end of the year under review in a collection account belonging to University Grants Commission had not been accounted.</p>	<p>The balance of this account, which is a charging account of the Commission, will be transferred to the current account of the UGC No. 2323284 on the last day of each month. But in this way of transferring money, the final bank balance as at 31.12.2018 has changed as at 2019.01.01. Accordingly, the relevant amounts have been accounted as on 01.01.2019.</p>	<p>All accounts relevant to the accounting period should be included in the balance sheet.</p>	<p>Balance amount in the collection accounts of University Grants Commission will be transferred to the common account at the end of the year.</p>
<p>(B) A surplus Rs. 74,704,144/- had been represented, without revealing the actual deficiency of 5,319,171 /- in the financial performance report for the year under review which occurred as a result of transferring Rs. 80,023,316 / - from the Development Fund of the Commission to the statement of the performance for the year under review.</p>	<p>In terms of Section 10 (1) of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978, the University Grants Commission Development Fund has been established by the income earned by the University Grants Commission and when government funds are insufficient to carry out the functions assigned by the University Act, the funds are used with the approval of the Commission.</p>	<p>Only the recurrent revenue and expenditure of the year should be identified through the Financial Performance Statement and any excess or deficiency occurred should be revealed accordingly.</p>	<p>The University Grants Commission Development Fund has been established in terms of Section 10 (1) of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 and the income is credited to the Fund as per the Commission circular No. 2016/04 dated 01.03.2016.</p> <p>As the Government's grants were not sufficient to meet the University Grants Commission's expenditure for 2018, these Development Heads amounted to Rs. 80 million was used.</p> <p>However, as the Auditor General's report has indicated, the provisions of the Commission's Circular No. 2016/04 will be amended to reflect the deficit in the financial year in the</p>

Observation of the Auditor General	Comments of the management	Recommendation	Facts to be submitted to the Auditor General
<p>2. Financial Review</p> <p>2.1 Financial Results</p> <p>Operating results for the year under review amounted to a surplus of Rs. 74,704,144 / - and corresponding to that the surplus of the previous year was Rs. 72,658,248 / -. Accordingly, there was an increment of Rs. 2,045,896 /- in the financial result. This growth was mainly due to the Rs. 80,023,316 /- which had been incorrectly transferred from the Development Fund to the income.</p>	<p>As the Treasury did not release funds in accordance with the approved provisions for the year, a sum of Rs. 80,023,316 / - was taken into the revenue. This has been done under the approval of the Commission subject to the Universities Act No 16 of 1978 and the existing provisions of the circular No. 2016/04.</p>	<p>-----</p>	<p>next year.</p> <p>The University Grants Commission Development Fund has been established in terms of Section 10 (1) of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 and the income is credited to the Fund as per the Commission circular No. 2016/04 dated 01.03.2016.</p> <p>As the Government's grants were not sufficient to meet the University Grants Commission's expenditure for 2018, these Development Heads amounted to Rs. 80 million was used.</p> <p>However, as the Auditor General's report has indicated, the provisions of the Commission's Circular No. 2016/04 will be amended to reflect the deficit in the financial year in the next year.</p>

Observation of the Auditor General	Comments of the management	Recommendation	Facts to be submitted to the Auditor General
<p>2.2 Analysis of trends in major income and expenditure subjects</p> <p>A sum of Rs.472, 950,242, or an increase of 23 percent was observed when comparing the operating cost of Rs. 2,457,100,115 for the year under review with the previous year's operating cost of Rs 1,984,149,873. This was mainly due to the increase of Mahapola scholarships amounted to Rs. 410,512,250/-.</p>	<p>Agree</p>	<p>---</p>	
<p>2.3 Rate analysis</p> <p>The current ratio for the year was 2.07: 1 and a decrease of 40 percent compared to the previous year.</p>	<p>Agree</p>	<p>---</p>	

Observation of the Auditor General	Comments of the management	Recommendation	Facts to be submitted to the Auditor General
<p>3. Operating review</p> <p>-----</p> <p>3.1 Operating inefficiency</p> <p>-----</p> <p>(A) In the academic year 2017/2018, the number of students selected from the eligible students for university admission was 18 percent and the number of students admitted to the university has come down from 3,434 to 118 in the last three years.</p>	<p>It should be corrected that the number of students selected for the 2017/2018 academic year has increased by 783, rather than decreasing by 118 compared to the 2016/2017 academic year.</p> <p>Similarly, the number of students selected from the eligible students for admission to universities in the academic year 2017/2018 should be corrected as 19 percent, rather than the number stated as 18 percent.</p> <p>As more students have applied for university admission in 2017/2018 compared to 2016/2017 (17,106), this percentage shows a decline in the year 2017/2018 (78,894).</p>	<p>Measures should be taken to increase the number of students enrolled in state universities to a large extent compared to the previous year's enrollment.</p>	<p>The number of selected students for the academic year 2017/2018 has been increased by 783 students than the previous academic year (2016/2017). This increase when taken as a percentage of the students who qualified for university admission is higher (2017/2018 – 19.28%) than that of the previous academic year (2016/2017 – 19.11%). The universities based on the resources availability and potential for employability will have to introduce new courses of study and increase the student numbers of the existing courses of study.</p>

Observation of the Auditor General	Comments of the management	Recommendation	Facts to be submitted to the Auditor General
<p>(B) When admitting students annually to universities, there were 897 vacancies in the most recent academic year 2017/2018 and 738, 2226 and 1455 vacancies respectively during the three academic years 2014/2015, 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 due to the reasons such as, the students who are eligible for various courses are not registered under those courses, transfers of the enrolled students to other courses, cancellation of registration due to following courses in other government institutions and the requests of the Universities not to fill further vacancies.</p>	<p>Nine (09) rounds have been implemented, together with the General Admission for the 2017/2018 academic year and eight vacancy filling rounds. Although the students have been selected for the total number of vacancies available in the vacancy filling rounds, some students are not enrolled in those selected courses due to various reasons.</p>	<p>Academic courses conducted at universities should be revised to meet the needs of the job market and action should be taken to issue A/L results and University entrance cut off marks without delay, to minimize the dropout of state Universities, students' non-registration etc.</p>	<p>It should be corrected that the number of students selected for the 2017/2018 academic year has increased by 783, rather than decreasing by 118 compared to the 2016/2017 academic year.</p> <p>Similarly, the number of students selected from the eligible students for admission to universities in the academic year 2017/2018 should be corrected as 19 percent, rather than the number stated as 18 percent.</p>

Observation of the Auditor General	Comments of the management	Recommendation	Facts to be submitted to the Auditor General
(C) Although according to the cabinet decisions dated January 25, 2011, 0.5% of foreign-qualified students could be enrolled from the total number of students proposed to local Universities, the number of students enrolled from the proposed intake was in the range of 9 to 50 percent compared to the number of students who were proposed and admitted over the last five years.	The reasons such as, decrease in the number of students applied, receive no application of for most of the courses and rejection of applications of students who do not meet minimum qualifications cause to reduce the total number of selected students than the total number of proposed intake for certain courses.	After enrolling for the 0.5 per cent reservation for foreign students, local students should be given the opportunity to enroll in the existing vacancies.	University Grants Commission has decided to fill the vacancies of the 0.5% quota allocated for special provision of foreign intake from the local students.
(D) On the decision of the Commission, contrary to the University Admission Policy approved by the Cabinet of Ministers in 2012, the arrangements have been made to admit students for 25 courses offered at state Universities	In response to a request made by the Chairman of the University Grants Commission, the University of Kelaniya has provided the student list of the Speech and Hearing Sciences course for the academic year 2017/2018 to the University Grants Commission. Thus, the students have been selected for the Speech and Hearing Sciences course at the University of Kelaniya for the academic year 2017/2018, according to the order of	The Students should be admitted to Universities considering the results of the GCE A / L examination which conducts Island wide	The University Grants Commission on the recommendation of the University Admissions Committee has decided to select students for university admission from the academic year 2019/2020 based on the Z score obtained at the GCE (A/L) Examination conducted island wide, without the separate aptitude / practical test conducted by the universities.

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Rs.1 ,812, was paid for 873 Cleaning Services Because of awarding the Bid to the bidder who had submitted the third lowest bid.		price.	
(E) Although the prices had been called for the purchase of 5 computers in the year 2017 and obtained the recommendations of the Technical Evaluation Committee in the year under review, the minimum bid has been rejected based on a technical issue submitted by a member of the Technical Evaluation Committee without considering the recommendation of the Procurement Committee.	As stated in the audit report, the computers were not hired from the bidder who offered the second lowest bid. The Computers have been hired from Data Core Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., who offered the lowest bid. All these details have been submitted for audit.	Procurement shall be done according to the recommendation of the Technical review committee.	The University Grants Commission had taken steps to hire computers on a hired basis with the necessity of continuing with the installation of the accounting system introduced by the Finance Division at the time. According to an agreement between the institute that introduced the accounting system and the University Grants Commission, the procurement decision pertaining to the introduction of the system was not possible, to delay that work.

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(C) In terms of Section 7.4.1 of the National Procurement Agency Circular No. 08, the bid evaluation must be undertaken as early as possible to provide sufficient time to obtain the required approval and the bids must be evaluated within the period specified in the procurement schedule.	However, though the quotations relating to the provision of Cleaning Services for the year 2018/2019 were opened on 14th February 2018, it had been delayed for nearly 100 days, to give the decision of the Technical Evaluation Committee after assessing the opened bids.	The relevant committee decisions should be made, by carrying out the procurement process without delay, so that the Commission can make procurement work in a cost-effective manner.	Though the bids of this procurement were opened on February 14, 2018, these assessments have been delayed due to practical reasons such as inability to obtain the written support of the subject clerks as the Non-academic staff participated in the strike for more than 60 days from the last week of February 2018 and also the delays in obtaining confidential reports on the services of the relevant bidder and the rest of the procurement had to be done after the strike.
(D) The sample survey revealed that there were shortcomings in the procurement process related to the procurement carried out for cleaning services in 2018/2019 such as, deviations from the procurement plan, bidding, bid opening and evaluation. the bid was ,Therefore recalled and an additional	the bidder selected under the Procurement Guidelines for cleaning services of the year 2018 was terminated with the approval of the Commission on the basis that the bidder did not provide satisfactory service.	When selecting a successful bidder from the bidders who offered the bid, the Procurement Committee members must take into consideration the effectiveness of the services provided to similar institutions in addition to the bid	As noted by the Auditor General's Report, action has been taken to maintain a transparent and economical procurement process

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<p>has not acted accordingly when purchasing Rs. 762,805 worth of stationery on two occasions</p> <p>B) In terms of Section 2.14.1 of the National Procurement Agency Circular No. 08, when buying goods worth over Rs. 500,000, Sealed quotations of not less than five persons shall be called through a Regional Procurement Committee under the Market Pricing System. However, quotations were issued to 10 institutions in 2 occasions on 2nd February 2018, to purchase stationery value of Rs. 973,365 without calling a public bidding.</p>	<p>Rainbow Pages.</p> <p>Purchasing of stationery (A4 Paper) on 03.10.2018 was made as the Financial settlement should be made before 9th October 2018, as per the notice of UNICEF, which has provided financial support for the project "Study on ragging and sexual and gender based violence in the Sri Lankan University System" maintained by the Center for Gender Equality / Equity which is under our Institution.</p> <p>Purchasing of stationery valued at Rs. 973,365 as stated in the audit report was carried out on three occasions after obtaining sealed quotations under the market price verification system and thus this function has performed subject to the limitations of the authority of Supplementary 34 Publication of the Procurement Manual.</p>	<p>When carrying out the same type of procurement, it should be done by considering it as a single procurement activity, without taking action to bid separately.</p>	<p>As indicated by the Auditor General's reports, Procurement activities will be carried out in the same manner when making the same type of procurement.</p>

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	<p>premiums. After consultation with the Treasury, arrangements are made to invest. Currently this money is invested daily as Overnight Investment. The National Science Fund has been established in collaboration with the National Science Foundation to develop a vision for research and development in the field of higher education in line with the guidelines set by UNESCO.</p> <p>As this is a project in partnership with the National Science Foundation, the University Grants Commission does not invest its money.</p>		
<p>3.3 Procurement Management</p> <p>(A) According to the National Procurement Agency circular no.08 of 6.2.2.2, the minimum period for bidding is 7 days, except for emergency procurement under the market pricing system. Nevertheless, the Commission</p>	<p>Based on the written notice dated 21.06.2018 by the Line Ministry to prepare the Annual Report and Accounts to be tabled in Parliament, purchasing of stationery (A4 paper) was made on 25.06.2018 for the preparation of copies of the Annual Report and Accounts. As this was an urgent need, this was accomplished by obtaining stamped prices from three registered suppliers on SLT</p>	<p>Action should be taken to maintain the level of stock needed to be used for emergencies.</p>	<p>Although the UGC maintains optimal stock levels to minimize emergency purchases at all times, some emergency purchases had to be made, in the implementation of some special educational workshops and educational programs.</p> <p>The officials have been advised to take measures to reduce this situation further.</p>

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(B) A total of Rs.33.6 million in 20 Fund Accounts was underutilized.	<p>The Commission approved to transfer the balance of the Central Research Fund to the Head of Expenditure which offers financial assistance for the postgraduate studies in the Year 2018. Therefore, the balance of the fund is not invested and the fixed deposit will be transferred to the Expenditure Head after the maturity date of 17.01.2019.</p> <p>An amount of 90% from the Bond Violation Fund has been invested.</p> <p>Flood Relief Fund; Funds for natural disasters, such as floods and landslides, has been collected in the repayment</p>	<p>The balance of the fund should be utilized for the relevant purposes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research funding <p>According to the Commission decisions 984.3.2., the balance has been transferred to Doctoral Projects in 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tsunami Fund <p>According to the Commission Decisions 990.3.2., the balance of the fund has been transferred to the UGC Scholarship Fund.</p> <p>These funds are invested/ utilized as given in Annexure 01.</p>

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<p>3.2 Underutilization of funds</p> <p>(A) The following fund balances, amounting Rs. 39,2 which have been maintaining by the University Grants Commission, had been inactive for several years.</p>	<p>The measures taken in relation to research funding are as follows.</p> <p>➤ There are 14 scholarships awarded under the Prize Fund. In the year 2018, 30 scholarships have been awarded under this program and applications have been invited by the Academic Division from the University students for further scholarships.</p> <p>➤ Since the Central Research Fund has been inactive for several years, approval was granted at the 984th Commission meeting held on 05.04.2018 to transfer the balance of funds to the Head of Expenditure which offers financial assistance for the postgraduate studies.</p> <p>➤ The Tsunami Fund was established and awarding the scholarships has ended now. Accordingly, at the 990th Commission meeting held on 12.07.2018, approval was granted to transfer the balance of the fund to the University Scholarship Fund.</p>	<p>Action should be taken to utilize the funds for purposes related to the Fund.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prize funds <p>Applications for the grant of the following donation scholarships have been called by the Academic Division in respect of the academic year 2016/2017.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UGC Scholarship Fund 2. Kathalin Doris Weerasuriya Scholarship Fund 3. Sri Lanka America Society Scholarship Fund 4. NaliniMadugalle Scholarship Fund 5. Magee Mendis Scholarship Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 students have been selected grant scholarship from UGC scholarship Fund by 1018th commission on 18.09.2019 <p>In addition to this application called for 2017/2018 under UGC scholarship Fund, 2016/2017 -- Police C.W.C Benefits Scheme and for August 2019 - July '2020 from Mitsubishi Corporation International Scholarship Fund.</p>

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<p>to apply for University admission online as well as in the normal procedure. Nevertheless, by the academic year 2017/2018, the application for university entrance, as well as online registration for elective course and the university, has become a compulsory requirement. It has been observed that a cost Rs. 9,347,750 had been spent on this system up to the year under review and From 2018 to Rs. 700,000 has to be spent on maintenance for each year. When applying for University admission under this method, the number of admissions for university has increased from 1081 in the academic year 2015/2016 to 5602 in the academic year 2018/2019.</p>	<p>this situation, had decided to call applications for the University entrance from the academic year 2016/2017 only through the online procedure.</p> <p>Registration of students to Universities from the academic year 2015/2016 was done only through the online procedure by the University Progress Commission. As a result of that system, the vacancies occurred due to the non registration of the students in courses could be identified very soon and that helped to fill the vacancies rapidly.</p>	<p>problems faced by the applicants, when applying for online university admission using the online system,</p>	

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<p>and 13 Higher Education Institutes, based on the results of an aptitude test in addition to the results of the GCE A / L examination. As a result of the policy being implemented for the Speech and Hearing Sciences Degree program of the University of Kelaniya, 9 students had missed the opportunity to enroll for the said course though they had obtained a 'Z' score greater than the selected students' 'Z' score and also were in the marks range of 70-82 in the aptitude test.</p>	<p>the Z score of the students listed in the list, the order of their preference for the courses and the number of places allocated to the Speech and Hearing Sciences course in each district.</p> <p>Since the University of Kelaniya has not directly informed the UGC to consider only those students who have obtained 70% or above of the practical / aptitude test of the Speech and Hearing Sciences course as students who have passed the test, all students selected for the Speech and Hearing Sciences course of the University of Kelaniya in the academic year 2017/2018 were permitted to follow the course by the University Grants Commission at its the 992nd meeting held on August 9, 2018.</p>	<p>The necessary steps should be taken to minimize the</p>	<p>Measures are being taken to minimize the technical issues that arise when applying through the online system and improve the telephone system.</p>
<p>(E) In the academic year 2014/2015, when the online admissions process for the University was started, students were able</p>	<p>As the students have shown a tendency in applying for University admission through online in the 2015/2016 academic year rather than the 2014/2015 academic year, the University Grants Commission considering</p>		

Name of Fund	Fund balance (Rs.)	Investment balance (Rs.)	Current Situation
Central Research	5,234,758	2,157,131	1.) As per the decision of the Commission dated 984.3.2., Rs. 3,077,627 / - has been transferred to the PhD Doctoral Projects Expenditure Account. 2.) Rs. 2,157,131 / - has been transferred to the respective fund on 10th November 2019,
Bond Violation	1,432,246	1,281,705	Bids have been submitted for investment.
Tsunami Scholarship	1,752,477	1,211,988	According to the decision of the Commission bearing No. 990.3.2., the fund has been transferred to the UGC Scholarship Fund.
Universities Scholarship	1,509,217	1,502,612	This fund has been transferred to the University Grants Commission Scholarship Fund.
S L Police CWE	2,364,992	2,134,000	<p>This money is retained in the account to pay for scholarships awarded by the fund and is invested daily under the Sweeper Account.</p> <p>A sum of Rs.155,292.22 has been invested in the Fixed Deposit on 09.12.2019</p>
Kathalin Doris	1,057,277	800,000	
Maharaja Trust	569,602	500,000	
S L American Society	442,595	250,000	
Inamura Memorial	1,191,684	1,000,000	
NalaniMadugalle	616,880	500,000	This money is retained in the account to pay for scholarships awarded by the fund and is invested daily under the Sweeper Account.
UGC Open Scholarships	47,382	576,426	This fund has been transferred to the University Grants Commission Scholarship Fund.
Flood Relief	26,566,369		These funds have been transferred to recurrent expenditure in 2019 under the powers of Section 100 (2) of the

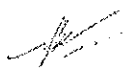
			Universities Act No.16 of 1978.
Magu Mends Scholars	505,814	409,255	This money is retained in the account to pay for scholarships awarded by the fund and is invested daily under the Sweeper Account.
Praganathna Scholars	1,110,512	750,000	Rs. 299,398.99 has been invested in the Fixed Deposits on 09.12.2019
Vijaya Malaselcer	320,550		Rs. 320,550 / - has been invested in the Fixed Deposits on 09.12.2019
UGC Scholarships	16,763,666	17,752,232	-
Best University student fund	2,160,958	2,000,000	A sum of Rs. 160,958/- has been invested in the Fixed Deposit on 09.12.2019.
Mitsubishi Corporate	3,521,000	2,000,000	The total amount Rs. 1,521,000 / - to be paid to the universities and by it University of Colombo have been sent reimbursement letter of Rs 600,000 / - and we have sent written notice to the Sri Jayewardenepura University for the relevant reimbursement.
National Science Fund	1,620,300		This amount has been transferred to the staff Development Fund in accordance with the decision of the Commission bearing No. 295.03.22
Ian sandimah Scholars		70,228	-
Total	<u>68,788,279</u>	<u>35,095,577</u>	-

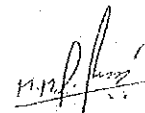
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Statement of Financial Position As at 31st December 2018

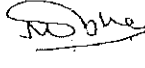
	Note	2018 Rs.	Restated 2017 Rs.
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalent	5	20,482,140	72,156,016
Investment Income Receivable	6	236,873,136	196,809,752
Contribution Receivable	7	50,791,661	37,698,050
Investments	8	1,340,000,000	675,000,000
		<u>1,648,146,938</u>	<u>981,663,817</u>
Non Current Assets			
Investments	8	7,716,321,550	6,218,100,783
Investment Income Receivable	6	183,965,280	612,953,294
		<u>7,900,286,830</u>	<u>6,831,054,077</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>9,548,433,768</u></u>	<u><u>7,812,717,895</u></u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Sundry Creditors	9	1,007,211	507,828
Payments Due to Members	10	4,797,356	2,163,317
Payments Due to UPF	11	155,889	4,683,124
COLA Payable	12	31,618	31,618
Income Tax Payable	13	75,789,629	52,087,411
		<u>81,781,703</u>	<u>59,473,298</u>
Total Net Assets		<u><u>9,466,652,065</u></u>	<u><u>7,753,244,597</u></u>
Member's Fund & Reserves			
Contributors' Fund		8,722,324,383	7,043,473,263
Pensioners' Fund		281,196,642	248,332,702
Retained Earnings		463,131,040	461,438,632
Total Net Assets		<u><u>9,466,652,065</u></u>	<u><u>7,753,244,597</u></u>

The Accounting policies on pages 05 to 06 and Notes on pages 07 to 13 from an integral part of these Financial Statements. The members of the University Grants Commission are responsible for the preparation and presentation of these Financial Statements. The Financial Statements were approved by the members of the University Grants Commission and signed on their behalf.


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Accountant


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Secretary


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Chairman


Prof. Malik Ranasinghe
Commission Member

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Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31st December 2018

	Contributors Fund Rs.	Pensioners Fund Rs.	Retained Profit Rs.	Total Rs.
Balance as at 01st January 2017	5,804,727,361	198,242,140	390,253,357	6,393,222,859
Surplus for the Year 2017	-	-	702,289,420	702,289,420
Interest with held from members	(950,242)	-	950,242	-
Correction of Erroneous Contribution	(11,950)	-	-	(11,950)
Arrears/non receipts Contribution	2,364,522	-	-	2,364,522
Transfer from Current Year Income	-	8,329,529	-	8,329,529
Contribution Received on A/C of Pensioners	-	76,269	-	76,269
Current Year Contribution	769,784,377	-	-	769,784,377
Lumpsum Refunds	(32,102,375)	-	-	(32,102,375)
Transferred to Pensioners Fund	(72,739,982)	72,739,982	-	-
Transfer to UPF Account	(40,110,697)	-	-	(40,110,697)
Pension Payment During the Year 2017	-	(50,597,359)	-	(50,597,359)
Contributors Fund/Pensioners Fund Interest	612,512,249	19,542,140	(632,054,389)	-
Balance as at 31st December 2017 (Restated)	7,043,473,263	248,332,702	461,438,632	7,753,244,597
Surplus for the Year 2018	-	-	775,591,633	775,591,633
Interest with held from members	(938,326)	-	938,326	-
Correction of Erroneous Contribution	(21,762)	-	-	(21,762)
Arrears/non receipts Contribution	4,211,133	-	-	4,211,133
Transfer from Current Year Income	-	9,601,246	-	9,601,246
Contribution Received on A/C of Pensioners	-	5,660	-	5,660
Current Year Contribution	1,049,908,010	-	-	1,049,908,010
Lumpsum Refunds	(50,471,342)	-	-	(50,471,342)
Transferred to Pensioners Fund	(59,042,755)	59,042,755	-	-
Transfer to UPF Account	(17,287,279)	-	-	(17,287,279)
Pension Payment During the Year 2018	-	(58,129,830)	-	(58,129,830)
Contributors Fund/Pensioners Fund Interest	752,493,441	22,344,110	(774,837,551)	-
Balance as at 31st December 2018	1,678,851,120	32,863,941	1,692,408	1,713,407,469
	8,722,324,383	281,196,642	463,131,040	9,466,652,065

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Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31st December 2018

	2018	Restated 2017
	Rs.	Rs.
Cash flows From Operating Activities		
Net Income After Taxes and Expenses	775,591,633	702,289,420
Non-cash movment		
Premium on Treasury Bonds	16,224,048	14,729,100
Accounting Profit on Sale of Treasury Bonds	-	(190,811)
Pensioner's Fund Adjustment	9,601,246	8,329,530
Provision for Income Tax	137,921,120	22,039,603
	<u>939,338,047</u>	<u>747,196,843</u>
Changes in Working Capital		
(Increase)/Decrease in Investment Income Receivable	388,924,629	(139,263,113)
Increase/(Decrease) in Sundry Creditors	499,383	57,568
Cash Generated from operations	<u>1,328,762,058</u>	<u>607,991,297</u>
Less: Income Tax Paid	<u>(114,218,902)</u>	<u>(12,511,047)</u>
Net Cash flows From Operating Activities	<u>1,214,543,157</u>	<u>595,480,250</u>
Cash flows From Investing Activities		
Maturity of Fixed Deposits	3,463,000,000	150,000,000
Investment in Fixed Deposits	(4,810,000,000)	(900,000,000)
Sale of Treasury Bonds	-	49,544,130
Purchase of Debentures	(500,000,000)	-
Purchase of Treasury Bonds	<u>(332,444,815)</u>	<u>(562,303,612)</u>
Net Cash flows From Investing Activities	<u>(2,179,444,815)</u>	<u>(1,262,759,482)</u>
Cash flows From Financing Activities		
Contributions Received	1,041,009,429	805,363,096
Refunds	(69,651,817)	(72,192,977)
COLA Refunds	-	(44,306)
Pension Paid	<u>(58,129,830)</u>	<u>(50,597,359)</u>
Net Cash flows From Financing Activities	<u>913,227,782</u>	<u>682,528,454</u>
Net Increase in Cash & Cash Equivalents	<u>(51,673,876)</u>	<u>15,249,223</u>
Cash & Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Period	<u>72,156,016</u>	<u>56,906,793</u>
Cash & Cash Equivalents at the End of the Period	<u><u>20,482,141</u></u>	<u><u>72,156,016</u></u>
Bank Balance	(1,576,849)	(3,917,862)
Add - Fund Management Accounts		
REPO Deposits	-	60,000,000
Overnight Deposits	16,000,000	8,000,000
Sweeper Account 80401834	<u>6,058,990</u>	<u>8,073,878</u>
	<u><u>20,482,141</u></u>	<u><u>72,156,016</u></u>

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Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 31st December 2018

	Note	2018 Rs.	Restated 2017 Rs.
Income			
Investment Income	14	923,990,432	733,205,736
Less: Provision of Income Tax		(137,921,120)	(22,039,603)
Net Income after Tax		<u>786,069,312</u>	<u>711,166,133</u>
 Less: Expenditure			
Pensioner's Fund Adjustments	15	9,601,246	8,329,530
Operating Expenses	16	876,433	547,183
		<u>10,477,679</u>	<u>8,876,713</u>
 Net Income after Expenditure		775,591,633	702,289,420
Add: Adjustment to income		938,326	950,242
Retained Profit Brought Forward		461,438,632	390,253,359
Net Income available for Distribution		<u>1,237,968,590</u>	<u>1,093,493,021</u>
 Less: Member Interest			
Contributor's Fund		752,493,441	612,512,249
Pensioner's Fund		22,344,110	19,542,140
		<u>774,837,551</u>	<u>632,054,389</u>
 Retained Profit Carried Forward		<u>463,131,040</u>	<u>461,438,632</u>

Secretary

University Grants Commission

Summary Report of the Auditor General in terms of Section 11(1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 regarding the financial statements and other legal and regulatory requirements of the Universities Pension Fund for the year ended 31 December, 2018

1. Financial statements

1.1. Opinion

The audit of the financial statements of the Universities Pension Fund for the year ended 31 December 2018 comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018 and the statement of financial performance, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, was carried out under my direction in pursuance of provisions in Article 154 (3) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read in conjunction with the provisions in National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018. My report will be tabled in Parliament in accordance with Article 154 (6) of the Constitution.

In my opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 December 2018 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.

1.2 Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). My responsibilities, under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

1.3 Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

As per Sub-section 16(1) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, the Fund is required to maintain proper books and records of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities, to enable annual and periodic financial statements to be prepared of the Fund.

1.4 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an audit report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- ☐ Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- ☐ Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- ☐ Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- ☐ Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty

exists, I am required to draw attention in my audit report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

The controlling parties were briefed on the key audit findings, key internal control deficiencies and other matters identified during my audit.

2. Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

The National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 contains special provisions relating to the following requirements.

- In accordance with the requirements of Section 6 (1) (d) (III) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, the financial statements of the Institute are consistent with the previous year.
- The financial statements made by me during the last year in accordance with the requirements of section 6 (i) (d) (iv) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 are contained in the financial statements.

3. Operating Review

3.1 Non-compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulations

This Pension scheme was started and maintained by the Commission circular no: 747 dated June 10, 1999, based on the proposal presented at the Cabinet Meeting held on January 03, 1996 that a pension scheme governed by the University Grants Commission should be established in terms of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978.

However, in terms of the Act, an Ordinance could have been formulated by the Commission for the regularization, administration and management of the Pension Fund; no such Ordinance had not been formulated and published so far.

3.2 Performance

The following observations are made.

- (A) The number of members receiving pensions had been increased from 172 to 279 from 2014 to 2018 and the value of their pensions paid had been increased Rs. 28 million to Rs. 8 million. Accordingly, it has been observed that the contribution of the fund towards the payment of Pensions has been increasing continuously.
- (B) Eventhough there is no balance in personal accounts by the end of 2018 compared to 2014, the number of pensioners who are being paid from the Pension fund had increased from 33-60 and also it was observed the value of there pension paid had incresed from Rs.4.4 million to Rs.9.1 million.
- (C) An Actuarial Valuation of the Fund members was carried out in 2014 for the existence and security of the Pension fund. However, adjustments to the fund have not been made based on that and after 2014, no Actuarial Valuation has been carried out until the end of the year under review.

W.P.C. Wickramaratne

Auditor General

Auditor General's Report on the Financial Statements of the Universities Pension Fund for the year ended 31 December 2018 and its activities in terms of Article 154 (6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Observation of the Auditor General	Comments of the management	Recommendation	The proposed action and its current status and functionality
<p>1.6 Non-compliance with Laws, Rules, Regulations, Management Decisions etc.</p> <p>Section 97 of the Universities Act, No.16 of 1978</p> <p>According to the Commission Circular No.747 of 10 June 1999, a pension scheme maintained by the University Grants Commission had been commenced. However, in terms of the Act, an Ordinance could have been formulated by the Commission for the regularization, administration and management of the Pension Fund. Nevertheless, an Ordinance had not been formulated and published even up to 31 May 2019, the date of Audit.</p>	<p>The Draft Pensions Ordinance had been sent to the University Grants Commission on 05 March 2019. Those revisions had been sent again to the Legal Draftsman's Department on 01 April 2019 along with the observations of the Legal and Documentation Division and the Pensions Division of the University Grants Commission. Moreover, the Pensions Ordinance will be published after obtaining final approval of the Legal Draftsman's Department.</p>	<p>The Ordinance required for regularization, administration and operation of the Fund should be published without delay.</p>	<p>The final draft of the pension ordinance has been sent to the Legal Draftsman's Department on April 01, 2019 with the observations of the Legal and Documentation Division of the University Grants Commission and the action will be taken to publish it once it received the final approval.</p>

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Observation of the Auditor General	Comments of the management	Recommendation	The proposed action and its current status and functionality
2. Financial Review 2.1 Financial Results	The operations of the year under review resulted in a surplus of Rs.775, 591,633 as compared with the corresponding surplus of Rs.702, 289,420 for the preceding year, thus observing an improvement of Rs.73, 302,213 in the financial result. The increase in investment income had mainly resulted in this improvement.	-	According to the audit report, operating income for the year was mainly driven by the increase in investment income, which was higher than the surplus of the previous year.
2.2 Analysis of Tendencies in Main Items of Income and Expenditure	As compared with the investment income of Rs.733,205,736 of the preceding year, an increase of Rs.190,784,696 representing 26 per cent was observed in the investment income of Rs.923,990,432 for the year under review. Increase in the income from Treasury Bonds and interest on fixed deposits had been the main reason for this situation. Moreover, as compared with the expenditure of Rs.10,477,679 for the year under review, an increase of Rs.1,600,966 representing 18 per cent was observed in the expenditure of Rs.8,876,713 for the preceding year. The increase in the value of adjustments made relating to pensioners' fund accounts in the year under review had been the main reason therefore.	-	According to the audit report, the investment income for the year has been increased by 26% over the previous year, due to higher interest income on Treasury bonds and fixed deposits. Similarly the adjustments made to the accounts of the pensioners in this year were the main reason for the increment occurred in the expenditure of the previous year from 18%.
2.3 Analysis of Ratios	The current ratio for the year under review was 20.2:1 and an increase of 22 per cent was observed as compared with the preceding year.	-	According to the audit report, the current ratio has been increased from 22% compared to last year.

Observation of the Auditor General	Comments of the management	Recommendation	The proposed action and its current status and functionality
<p>3. Operating Review</p> <p>3.1 Management Inefficiencies</p> <p>(a) The number of members receiving pension after retirement from the service had increased from 172 to 279 from the year 2014 to the year 2018 and the value of pensions paid to them had increased from Rs.28 million to Rs.58 million. Accordingly, a tendency of a continuous increase in the amount incurred from the Fund for payment of pensions, was observed.</p>	<p>The number of pensioners retiring annually from the service of Universities and Higher Education Institutes is on the increase. As such, the pensions paid to them as well have increased annually.</p>	<p>An actuarial valuation on the members of the Fund should be carried out and adjustments to the Fund should be made according to the life expectancy of pension beneficiaries and thereby confirm the safety of the Fund.</p>	<p>(1) The pension paid grows annually, due to the increasing number of retirees who work in Universities and Higher Education Institutions.</p> <p>(2) An actuarial valuation report will be conducted this year using existing member data as at December 31, 2018 and adjustments to the fund will be made based on the instructions of that report.</p>

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Observation of the Auditor General	Comments of the management	Recommendation	The proposed action and its current status and functionality
<p>3. Operating Review</p> <p>3.2 Management Inefficiencies</p> <p>(b) Even though an actuarial valuation of members of the Fund had been carried out about 04 years before for the future existence and safety of the Pensions Fund by spending a sum of Rs.365,000, adjustments which should be made to the Fund based thereon had not been made. As such, as compared with the year 2014, a balance had not been available in the individual accounts by the end of the year 2018. However, the number of members who are paid pensions from the Pensions Fund had increased from 33 to 60 and it was observed that the value of pensions paid to them had increased from Rs.4.4 million to Rs.9.1 million.</p>	<p>Evaluations are carried out about every once in 03 years through an Instructor for Actuarial Valuation. The Commission had decided that the Actuarial Valuation Report for the year ended 31.12.2017 should be prepared based on the data of 31.12.2018. Procurement activities are carried out therefor and the benefits of members are due to be reviewed by utilizing reports obtained from the said evaluation.</p>	<p>An actuarial valuation on the members of the Fund should be carried out and adjustments to the Fund should be made according to the life expectancy of pension beneficiaries and thereby confirm the safety of the Fund.</p>	<p>(1) The University Pension Fund, established on the basis of the Actuarial Valuation Advisory Recommendation in 1999, and pays pensions to the members based on the total pension fund and not on the credit balance of each pensioner.</p> <p>(2) The Commission has granted approval to conduct an Actuarial Valuation of the Fund using the data of its members as at 31.12.2018. For this purpose, an Actuarial Valuation consultant has been selected through the competitive biddings. The benefits of the members will be reviewed using the reports from the evaluation.</p>

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Statement of Financial Position As at 31st December 2018

	Notes	Year 2018 LKR	Restated Year 2017 LKR
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash equivalents	06	26,173,101	261,663,620
Interest Income Receivable	07	1,371,138,127	4,951,072,573
Contributions Receivable	08	208,163,296	159,659,696
Loan Installments Receivable	09	31,684,695	28,637,948
Current Portion of Loans	14	776,906,942	799,564,944
Investments	13	9,180,000,000	9,290,000,000
Other Advances & Prepayments	10	220,727	220,727
Inventory		242,304	137,780
		<u>11,594,529,190</u>	<u>15,490,957,287</u>
Non Current Assets			
Interest Income Receivable	07	394,301,370	69,023,973
Property, Plant & Equipment	11	334,932	485,605
Intangible Assets	12	2,176,557	-
Investments	13	25,471,438,997	17,738,276,910
Loans	14	5,527,591,402	4,474,474,542
		<u>31,395,843,258</u>	<u>22,282,261,029</u>
Total Assets		<u>42,990,372,448</u>	<u>37,773,218,316</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Sundry Creditors	15	4,781,425	1,873,437
COLA Payable		45,831,213	47,213,750
Refunds Payable	16	41,253,030	36,216,547
Tax Payable	17	624,681,073	366,204,145
Total Liabilities		<u>716,546,741</u>	<u>451,507,879</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>42,273,825,707</u>	<u>37,321,710,437</u>
NET ASSETS			
Member balances - Active	18	42,216,141,094	36,988,836,814
Member balances - Inactive	19	38,411,700	38,465,169
Provision for inactive members A/C		8,000,000	8,000,000
Unclaimed Benefits Reserve		6,977,990	6,967,307
Retained Profit carried forward		5,294,923	279,441,147
Total Net Assets		<u>42,273,825,707</u>	<u>37,321,710,437</u>

The Accounting Policies on pages 05 to 07 & Notes on pages 08 to 21 form an integral part of these Financial Statements. The members of the University Grants Commission are responsible for the preparation & presentation of these Financial Statements. These Financial Statements were approved by the members of the University Grants Commission.

Ubayakula Ranaweera
Accountant

Prof. Mohan De Silva
Chairman

Dr. Priyantha Premakumara
Secretary

Prof. Malik Ranasinghe
Commission Member



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Statement of Financial Performance for the year Ended 31st December 2018

	Notes	Year 2018 LKR	Year 2017 LKR
INCOME			
Investment Income	20	3,652,205,620	3,157,199,580
Less :- Operating Expenditure	21	<u>(3,788,347)</u>	<u>(2,077,337)</u>
Net Income Before Tax		3,648,417,273	3,155,122,243
Less:- Income Tax		<u>(690,769,584)</u>	<u>(113,374,123)</u>
Net Income After Tax		2,957,647,689	3,041,748,120
Adjustments to Income		21,073,445	19,508,060
Retained Profit of the Previous Year		<u>279,441,147</u>	<u>220,553,517</u>
Net Income Available for Distribution		3,258,162,281	3,281,809,698
 Interest on member balances		 (3,251,211,956)	 (2,998,524,289)
Interest for inactive A/Cs		<u>(1,655,402)</u>	<u>(3,844,262)</u>
Retained Profit carried forward		<u>5,294,924</u>	<u>279,441,147</u>

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Cash flow Statement for the year Ended 31st December 2018

		(Restated)
	2018	2017
	LKR	LKR
Cashflows From Operating Activities		
Net Income After Taxes and Expenses	2,957,647,689	3,041,748,120
Add/(Less): Discount/Premium on Treasury Bonds	88,595,375	82,019,967
Profit/Loss on Sale of Treasury Bonds	-	(8,848,340)
Depreciation	208,673	200,940
Amortization	250,000	-
Income Tax	690,769,584	113,374,123
	<u>3,737,471,322</u>	<u>3,228,494,810</u>
Changes In WIC		
(Increase)/ Decrease in Inventory	(104,524)	30,322
(Increase)/ Decrease in Investment Income Receivable	3,254,657,049	(236,976,995)
(Increase)/ Decrease in Advances & Pre-payments	-	-
(Increase)/ Decrease in Loan Installments Receivable	(3,046,747)	18,879,390
Increase/ (Decrease) in COLA Payables	(1,382,537)	(26,794,308)
Increase/ (Decrease) in Sundry Creditors	2,907,988	(443,250)
Cash Generated From Operations	<u>6,990,502,551</u>	<u>2,983,189,970</u>
Less: Income Tax Paid	<u>(432,292,656)</u>	<u>(95,254,577)</u>
Net Cashflows From Operating Activities	<u>6,558,209,894</u>	<u>2,887,935,392</u>
Cashflows From Investing Activities		
Maturity of Fixed Deposits	14,590,000,000	1,950,000,000
Investment in Fixed Deposits	(17,030,000,000)	(5,500,000,000)
Sale/maturity of Treasury Bonds	-	1,722,706,862
Purchase of Debentures	(4,300,000,000)	-
Purchase of Treasury Bonds	(971,757,463)	(1,511,587,807)
Acquisition of Property, Plant & Equipment & Intangible Assets	(2,484,557)	-
Loans Granted/Settled	<u>(1,030,458,854)</u>	<u>(528,709,115)</u>
Net Cashflows From Investing Activities	<u>(8,744,700,874)</u>	<u>(3,867,590,060)</u>
Cashflows From Financing Activities		
Contributions Received	4,092,254,036	3,368,634,892
Refunds	<u>(2,141,253,575)</u>	<u>(2,256,874,655)</u>
Net Cashflows From Financing Activities	<u>1,951,000,461</u>	<u>1,111,760,237</u>
Net Increase in Cash & Cash Equivalents	<u>(235,490,519)</u>	<u>132,105,569</u>
Cash & Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Period	<u>261,663,620</u>	<u>129,574,612</u>
Cash & Cash Equivalents at the End of the Period	<u>26,173,101</u>	<u>261,680,180</u>

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Statement of Changes in Equity for the year Ended 31st December 2018

	Member Balances Active	Member Balances Inactive	Provision for inactive accounts	Unclaimed Benefit Reserve	Retained profit	Total Net Assets Equity
Balance as at 1st January 2017 (Restated)	33,008,155,616	44,126,524	8,000,000	6,965,536	220,553,517	33,287,801,192
Contributions During the year	3,260,500,191	-	-	-	-	3,260,500,191
Current year Members Interest	2,998,524,289	-	-	-	(2,998,524,289)	-
Interest for inactive A/cs	-	-	3,844,262	-	(3,844,262)	-
Refunds During the year	(2,259,257,647)	-	-	-	-	(2,259,257,647)
Recoveries for sabbatical leave	(9,081,420)	-	-	-	-	(9,081,420)
Adjustments	(10,004,215)	(5,661,355)	(3,844,262)	1,772	19,508,060	1
Net Income After Tax (Restated)	-	-	-	-	3,041,748,120	3,041,748,120
Balance as at 31st December 2017 (Restated)	36,988,836,814	38,465,169	8,000,000	6,967,307	279,441,147	37,321,710,437
Contributions During the year	4,144,292,305	-	-	-	-	4,144,292,305
Current year Members Interest	3,251,211,956	-	-	-	(3,251,211,956)	-
Interest for inactive A/cs	-	-	1,655,402	-	(1,655,402)	-
Refunds During the year	(2,146,290,058)	-	-	-	-	(2,146,290,058)
Recoveries for sabbatical leave & erroneous contributions	(3,534,670)	-	-	-	-	(3,534,670)
Adjustments	(19,375,253)	(53,469)	(1,655,402)	10,682	21,073,445	4
Net Income After Tax (Restated)	-	-	-	-	2,957,647,689	2,957,647,689
Balance as at 31 December 2018	42,215,141,094	38,411,700	8,000,000	6,977,990	5,294,923,93	42,273,825,708

Secretary

University Grants Commission

Summary Report of the Auditor General in terms of Section 11(1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 regarding the financial statements and other legal and regulatory requirements of the Universities Provident Fund for the year ended 31 December, 2018

1. Financial statements

1.1. Opinion

The audit of the financial statements of the Universities Provident Fund for the year ended 31 December 2018 comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018 and the statement of financial performance, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, was carried out under my direction in pursuance of provisions in Article 154 (3) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read in conjunction with the provisions in National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018. My report will be tabled in Parliament in accordance with Article 154 (6) of the Constitution.

In my opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 December 2018 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.

1.2 Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). My responsibilities, under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

1.3 Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

As per Sub-section 16(1) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, the Fund is required to maintain proper books and records of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities, to enable annual and periodic financial statements to be prepared of the Fund.

1.4 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an audit report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my audit report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

The controlling parties were briefed on the key audit findings, key internal control deficiencies and other matters identified during my audit.

2. Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

The National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 contains special provisions relating to the following requirements.

- In accordance with the requirements of Section 6 (1) (d) (III) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, the financial statements of the Fund are consistent with the previous year.
- The financial statements made by me during the last year in accordance with the requirements of section 6 (i) (d) (iv) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 are contained in the financial statements.

3. Operating Review

3.1 Refer to the Provisions in Laws, Rules & Regulations

No action had been taken to recover the interest paid for the delayed period from the responsible officers in terms of section 5 of the University Grants Commission circular No. 155 dated February 2, 1982 and the total interest paid for the delay period could not be identified.

3.2 Management activities

With respect to the period from 2001 to 2017 as stated in the Current Liabilities of the Financial Statement, cancelled cheque value of Rs 35,544,619 related to Provident fund payments withheld due to various reasons has been increased to Rs 40,437,708 by the end of the year under review. It is observed that the Commission had failed to get the relevant information from the beneficiaries and settle this payable value.

3.3 Performance

Although the investment value of the Provident Fund has increased from Rs 18,592 million to Rs 34,651 million in 2018 compared to 2014, a decrease was observed in investment gains from 14.37 percent to 10.54 percent due to the withholding tax rate increasing from 10 percent to 14 percent and the elimination of notional tax credits granted on investment income.

W.P.C. Wickramaratne

Auditor General

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Observation of the Auditor General	Comments of the management	Recommendation of the Auditor General	The proposed action and its current status and functionality
<p><u>1.6 Non-compliance with Laws, Rules, Regulations and Management Decisions etc.</u></p> <p>Section 5 of the University Grants Commission Circular No. 155 of 02 February 1982.</p> <p>Action had not been taken to recover the interest paid for the time delayed related to the releasing of the balance of the Provident Fund of the Employees whose service had been ended after serving in the higher educational institutions and the total interest value paid for the delayed period could not be identified.</p>	<p>It is not possible to determine that the reason for the delay on the errors of the officers, but, the delay might be due the time consumed for the administrative procedure (collection of past data). Accordingly, action is being taken to discuss this matter further and to provide a methodical solution.</p>	<p>In terms of the relevant Circular and in terms of Section 95 of the Act, action should be taken to identify the officers who were responsible for the delay and action should be taken to surcharge the interest for delay to the officers who are responsible for the delay.</p>	<p>According to the Commission circular No. 155, the interest charged should be surcharged by the officers who are responsible for the delay. However, the Provident Fund has not incurred a loss since the fund is invested until it is repaid to the beneficiaries. This matter was discussed at length at the Supervisory Board meetings and due to the practical issues in this circular it was decided to obtain the advice of the Hon. Attorney General and the Commissioner of Labor and make relevant amendments to the Circular.</p>
<p><u>1.7.1 Payables</u></p> <p>Even though the value of the Provident Fund benefits payable for the period of 2001 to 2018 as at 31 December in the year under review had become Rs.40,437,708/- the Commission was unable to settle the amount.</p>	<p>Monetary benefits payable to the beneficiaries had not been paid as the details of their accounts related to the payment of benefits had not been received to the Provident Fund and replies had not been given for the reminders sent to the beneficiaries for obtaining particulars on accounts.</p>	<p>A systematic programme has to be established for updating the particulars of the beneficiaries and these amounts should be expeditiously settled.</p>	<p>Although the member refunds are currently being prepared for release, due to non-submission of account details by the beneficiaries, it was decided to publish the list of beneficiaries on the website of the University Grants Commission, after discussing this matter at the Supervisory Board. Accordingly, the list of beneficiaries has been published on the University Grants Commission website and action will be taken to release the money to the beneficiaries, once they have completed the relevant application form and sent it to us for refund.</p>

Observation of the Auditor General	Comments of the management	Recommendation of the Auditor General	The proposed action and its current status and functionality
<p>2.1 Financial Result</p> <p>The operating result of the year under review amounted to a surplus of Rs.2,957,647,689/- and the corresponding surplus in the preceding year amounted to Rs. 3,041,748,120/-. Therefore a deterioration amounting to Rs. 84,100,431 in the financial result was observed. The major reason for the deterioration was the increase in the amount of taxes paid to the Government.</p>	<p>The operating results for the year is lower than the surplus of the previous year, due to increase in tax rate on investment income from 10% to 14% and removal of notional tax credit granted on Treasury bond income.</p>		<p>The operating results for the year is lower than the surplus of the previous year, due to increase in tax rate on investment income from 10% to 14% and removal of notional tax credit granted on Treasury bond income.</p>
<p>2.2 Trend Analysis of Major Income and Expenditure items</p> <p>When the investment income in the year under review amounting to Rs.3,652,205,620 is compared with the investment income of preceding year amounting to Rs. 3,157,199,580 an increase of Rs. 495,006,040 or 15% could be observed. Increase in the interest income related to the long-term & short-term investments was the major reason for this situation. Likely, an increase of Rs. 1,711,010 or 82% could be observed when the operational expenditure of the year under review amounting to Rs. 3,788,347 is compared with the operational expenditure of the preceding year amounting to Rs. 2,077,337.</p>	<p>According to the audit report, the investment income for the year was higher than the previous year because the funds were invested to generate higher returns. The increase in operating expenses was mainly due to increased audit fees and the cost incurred for the new service documents in 2018.</p>		<p>According to the audit report, the investment income for the year was higher than the previous year because the funds were invested to generate higher returns. The increase in operating expenses was mainly due to increased audit fees and the cost incurred for the new service obtained for archiving documents in 2018.</p>

Observation of the Auditor General	Comments of the management	Recommendation of the Auditor General	The proposed action and its current status and functionality
<p>2.3 Ratio Analysis</p> <p>The Current ratio of the Fund in the year under review was 16.2:1 and when it is compared with the current ratio of the preceding year, an increase of 52% could be observed.</p>	<p>This is mainly due to the fact that the interest income which should be received in respect of Fixed Deposits for the year 2018 amounted to Rs. 3.6 billion had been realized at the time of maturity of the deposits.</p>		<p>This is mainly due to the fact that the interest income which should be received in respect of Fixed Deposits for the year 2018 amounted to Rs. 3.6 billion had been realized at the time of maturity of the deposits.</p>

NUMBER OF STUDENTS SELECTED FOR VARIOUS COURSES OF STUDY UNDER NORMAL PROVISIONS
DISTRICT & COURSE WISE CLASSIFICATION

Course of Study	Colombo	Gampaha	Kalutara	Matale	Kandy	Nuwara-Eliya	Galle	Matara	Hambantota	Jaffna	Kilinochchi	Mannar	Mullaitivu	Vavuniya	Trincomalee	Batticaloa	Ampara	Puttalam	Kurunegala	Anuradhapura	Polonnaruwa	Badulla	Monaragala	Kegalle	Ratnapura	Total
Medicine	268	122	68	24	115	36	88	60	45	57	10	6	4	14	29	33	43	48	108	47	20	54	24	49	77	1449
Dental Surgery	31	4	2	1	3	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	4	2	1	2	1	2	3	77
Veterinary Science	21	4	2	1	4	2	9	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	2	1	2	1	2	3	78
Agriculture	83	55	41	13	46	20	36	25	18	35	3	5	3	6	9	15	20	20	57	20	8	22	10	23	32	625
Food Science and Nutrition	21	9	5	2	6	3	7	6	3	10	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	5	4	1	5	2	3	4	108
Biological Science	243	124	88	30	107	30	79	51	37	36	5	7	5	8	17	23	28	36	91	37	17	52	19	45	68	1283
Applied Sciences (Bio.Sci)	50	30	20	8	32	7	13	7	7	6	1	1	1	2	4	5	6	8	24	10	4	8	4	16	19	293
Engineering	277	170	81	30	115	50	123	91	68	81	11	7	6	11	25	37	47	53	126	61	24	71	29	51	86	1731
Engineering - EM	13	3	1	1	3	1	3	4	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	49
Engineering - TM	5	4	3	1	2	1	7	13	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	2	58
Quantity Surveying	27	7	4	2	5	3	8	10	7	11	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	7	3	2	3	2	3	5	123
Computer Science	100	32	26	6	19	11	33	39	22	20	2	1	1	3	6	8	10	11	28	14	6	13	7	10	18	446
Physical Science	322	185	122	31	132	44	127	106	80	63	7	10	7	11	24	33	42	49	155	53	25	72	28	67	85	1880
Surveying Science	7	9	3	1	6	2	6	8	10	12	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	8	3	1	3	1	3	4	98
Applied Sciences (Phy.Sci)	81	55	33	7	38	13	42	39	27	16	2	2	2	3	7	13	14	18	44	16	8	21	11	19	28	559
Management	739	490	237	78	269	127	253	181	120	119	20	19	15	30	73	84	123	152	333	171	78	164	106	168	237	4386
Estate Management and Valuation	6	4	2	1	6	2	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	3	2	4	3	2	4	58
Commerce	154	60	36	12	33	16	56	19	16	12	2	2	2	6	8	11	14	17	39	20	14	18	12	25	38	642
Arts	324	396	366	89	304	148	373	289	212	274	47	64	47	34	120	180	226	208	538	318	108	290	164	289	458	5866
Arts (SP) / Mass Media	11	5	4		8		6	3									3	3	9	6		13	1		9	78

Course of Study	Colombo	Campaha	Kalutara	Matale	Kandy	Nuwara-Eliya	Galle	Matara	Hambantota	Jaffna	Kilinochchi	Mannar	Mullaitivu	Vaunniya	Trincomalee	Batticaloa	Ampara	Puttalam	Kurunegala	Anuradhapura	Polonnaruwa	Badulla	Monaragala	Kegalle	Ratnapura	Total
Arts(SAB)	40	17	15	1	6	3	24	36	2	1					2		2	4	23	5	5	5	4	17	14	221
Management Studies (TV)	39	23	17	5	11	9	12	13	6	13	2	2	2	4	9	9	11	7	28	12	6	11	4	6	12	273
Architecture	9	5	3	2	6	2	4	3		2		1					1	1	4	3		2		5	5	58
Design	15	10	1		7	1	3	3		2	1			1		1	1	1	4			1		3	3	58
Law	68	34	20	6	31	10	12	10	11	15	1	1	1	2	5	6	9	9	33	19	6	15	8	11	23	366
Information Technology	34	16	8	3	9	5	22	15	10	10	1	1	1	1	3	4	4	5	12	7	3	5	3	5	11	198
Management and Information Technology (KLN)	24	10	5	1	7	2	5	6	4	6		1		1	1	1	2	2	6	3	1	3	1	3	3	98
Management (Public) Special	15	6	4	1	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	3	2	5	6	7	1	2	1	4	4	83
Communication Studies	6	11	9	5	11	4	7	10	8						1	1	4	6	18	14	2	4	3	13	11	148
Town and Country Planning	5	5	3	1	3	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	2	1	1	4	48
Peace and Conflict Resolution	4	3	4		1	3	5	1		1							1	1	3		1	3		1	1	33
Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery	46	33	17	5	13	8	21	19	19					1	4		9	13	22	15	4	12	4	10	21	296
Unani Medicine and Surgery	4	4	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	9	2	2	5	1	3	1	1	3	58
Fashion Design and Product Development	7	7	4	1	4	1	3	1							1			1	3	4	1	3	1	2	4	48
Food Science and Technology	37	10	13	2	7	5	21	14	5	3	1	1	1	1	2	3	4	4	10	5	2	5	3	4	6	169
Siddha Medicine	14	4	9	2	8	4	1	4	1	18	3	2	3	4	8	17	11	4	10	5	2	5	2	6	2	149
Nursing	35	33	14	8	16	9	19	12	18	22	1	2	1	3	10	10	14	14	23	13	7	11	10	13	24	342
Information and Communication Technology	13	16	9	5	18	1	10	1	6	11		1		1	2	8	4	5	20	6		6	2	6	7	158
Agricultural Technology and Management	22	16	6	9	22	5	11	8	4	11	1	1	1	1	3	3	4	8	26	7	3	9	3	6	9	199
Arts (SP) / Performing Arts	12	6	7	2	6	1	3	9	1										6	8	1	3	2	8	3	78
Health Promotion	4	3	1	1	4	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	2	3	1	5	1	2	1	49
Pharmacy	15	14	9	2	6	3	12	7	7	10	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	4	8	4	2	11	2	3	12	143

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Medical Laboratory Sciences	19	8	9	4	10	3	9	8	11	14	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	6	4	2	4	2	3	7	138
Radiography	7	4	5	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	43
Physiotherapy	14	4	5	1	2	1	7	2	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	1	2	1	1	2	63
Environmental Conservation and Management	10	6	3	2	3	1	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	1	2	1	2	3	58
Facilities Management	7	4	2	1	2	1	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	2	1	2	1	48
Transport and Logistics Management	17	3	2	1	2	1	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	3	1	2	1	1	2	59
Molecular Biology and Biochemistry	20	3	2	1	2	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	58
Industrial Statistics and Mathematical Finance	20	10	3	1	8	2	4	6	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	7	2	1	2	1	2	3	88
Statistics and Operations Research	5	4	1	1	3	1	6	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	2	1	48
Computation and Management	4	5	2	1	4	1	2	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	2	2	1	48
Fisheries and Marine Sciences	8	5	3	1	4	2	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	2	1	2	5	58
Islamic Studies	5	20	12	8	29	4	4	5	1					2	28	17	44	7	21	14	4	5	1	14	3	248
Science and Technology	5	6	5	1	2	1	3	4	2	4	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	2	4	2	1	2	1	2	2	59
Computer Science and Technology	5	4	2	2	3	1	4	2	2	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	3	58
Entrepreneurship and Management	14	5	4	1	7	1	6	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	2	1	2	1	1	3	63
Animal Science	8	6	4	1	3	1	5	2	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	6	2	1	2	1	3	2	64
Music	32	30	15	8	34	20	15	9	7	38	9	8	5	5	15	31	21	9	33	14	5	18	7	8	19	415
Dance	21	20	16	11	27	16	17	10	8	26	5	4	4	9	17	18	22	9	24	17	5	12	8	11	23	360
Art and Design				1	2	2		4		5	1	2	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	2		1		2	1	33
Drama and Theatre	9	6	2	3	5	4	2	2	2	5	4	2	3	3	2	5	4	1	5	3	4	7	1	5	7	96
Visual and Technological Arts			1			1		2		4	2		1	2	4	9	12	3	1	3			1		2	48

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Export Agriculture	8	5	4	1	5	1	6	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	4	3	1	2	1	1	5	63
Tea Technology and Value Addition	8	4	3	1	3	2	2	5	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	2	1	2	1	3	6	64
Industrial Information Technology	5	6	2	1	3	2	6	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	4	2	1	5	1	2	3	59	
Mineral Resources and Technology	6	4	2	1	4	1	2	2	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	4	2	1	2	1	1	2	58	
Business Information Systems (Special)	7	3	2	1	4	2	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	3	48	
Management and Information Technology (SEUSL)	7	8	4	2	4	6	4	4	2	2	1	1	1	2	7	6	26	3	5	4	2	4	2	5	6	118	
Computing and Information Systems	10	9	3	1	6	2	5	5	9	16	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	7	3	1	3	1	2	4	98	
Physical Education	5	6	3	2	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	1	48	
Sports Sciences and Management	18	15	6	1	5	2	6	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	5	10	3	1	7	2	3	5	103	
Speech and Hearing Sciences	4	10	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	4	3	1	2	1	1	2	48	
Arabic Language	6	38			13		2				1	1			10	22	40	12	31	1	3			18		198	
Visual Arts	10	8	6	4	8	1	6	5	4						1	1	2	2	10	7	4	4	1	6	6	95	
Animal Science and Fisheries	4	5	1	1	6	1	3	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	3	1	48	
Food Production and Technology Management	9	11	5	1	3	2	11	9	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	2	1	2	1	3	3	83	
Aquatic Resources Technology	5	5	9	1	2	1	4	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	5	3	1	3	1	1	4	63	
Palm and Latex Technology & Value Addition	5	3	6	1	2	1	5	8	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	2	1	1	4	60	
Hospitality, Tourism and Events Management	10	8	4	1	5	2	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	1	2	1	1	3	63	
Information Technology and Management	19	11	9	3	5	2	8	3	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	5	4	1	3	1	3	5	98	
Tourism & Hospitality Management	9	10	6	3	4	10	7	10	4	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	3	3	10	5	2	4	2	6	10	118	

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	MEDICINE	DENTAL SURGERY	VETERINARY SCIENCE	AGRICULTURE	FOOD SCIENCE & NUTRITION	BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE	APPLIED SCIENCES (BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE)	ENGINEERING	ENGINEERING (EM)	ENGINEERING (TM)	QUANTITY SURVEYING	COMPUTER SCIENCE	PHYSICAL SCIENCE	SURVEYING SCIENCE	APPLIED SCIENCES (PHYSICAL SCIENCE)	MANAGEMENT	ESTATE MANAGEMENT & VALUATION	COMMERCE	ARTS	ARTS (SP) / MASS MEDIA	ARTS (SAB)	MANAGEMENT STUDIES (TV)	ARCHITECTURE	DESIGN
Normal Provisions	1449	77	78	625	108	1283	293	1731	49	58	123	446	1880	98	559	4386	58	642	5866	78	221	273	58	58
Special Provisions Ex. In Field other than Studies	7	1	1	3	1	6	1	9	1	1	1	2	10	1	2	21	1	3	29	1	2	2		
Blind																			20					
Disabled						10							6					18	51					
Defence	7	1						9																
Foreign	20							2											3					
Teachers																			10					
Special Subjects																			837		65			
Appeals	1		1	5	1	5	2	1				3	8		3		4	1	5		1	2		
Total	1484	79	80	633	110	1304	296	1752	50	59	124	451	1904	99	564	4411	59	664	6821	79	289	277	58	58

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	LAW	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	MANAGEMENT & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (KLN)	MANAGEMENT (PUBLIC) SPECIAL	COMMUNICATION STUDIES	TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING	PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION	AYURVEDIC MEDICINE & SURGERY	UNANI MEDICINE & SURGERY	FASHION DESIGN & PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT	FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	SIDDHA MEDICINE	NURSING	INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY	AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY & MANAGEMENT	ARTS (SP) / PERFORMING ARTS	HEALTH PROMOTION	PHARMACY	MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES	RADIOGRAPHY	PHYSIOTHERAPY	ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT	FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT	MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND BIOCHEMISTRY
Normal Provisions	366	198	98	83	148	48	33	296	58	48	169	149	342	158	199	78	49	143	138	43	63	58	48	59	58
Special Provisions																									
Ex. In Field other than Studies	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2			1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1		1	1
Blind																									
Disabled																									
Defence																									
Foreign						1																			
Teachers																									
Special Subjects																									
Appeals					1			3			2	1	2				1	1							2
Total	368	199	99	84	150	50	34	301	58	48	172	151	345	158	200	79	50	145	139	44	64	59	48	60	61



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	INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS & MATHEMATICAL FINANCE	STATISTICS & OPERATIONS RESEARCH	COMPUTATION & MANAGEMENT	FISHERIES & MARINE SCIENCES	ISLAMIC STUDIES	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	COMPUTER SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	ENTREPRENEURSHIP & MANAGEMENT	ANIMAL SCIENCE	MUSIC	DANCE	ART & DESIGN	DRAMA & THEATRE	VISUAL & TECHNOLOGICAL ARTS	EXPORT AGRICULTURE	TEA TECHNOLOGY & VALUE ADDITION	INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	MINERAL RESOURCES & TECHNOLOGY	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS (SPECIAL)	MANAGEMENT & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SEUSI)	COMPUTING & INFORMATION SYSTEMS	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	SPORTS SCIENCE & MANAGEMENT	SPEECH & HEARING SCIENCES
Normal Provisions	88	48	48	58	248	59	58	63	64	415	360	33	96	48	63	64	59	58	48	118	98	48	103	48
Special Provisions Ex. In Field other than Studies	1	1	1		1			1	1	10	11		2			1		1		1	1	1	1	
Blind																								
Disabled																								
Defence																								
Foreign																								
Teachers																								
Special Subjects																								
Appeals				2		1	1								1						1	1		
Total	89	49	49	60	249	60	59	64	65	425	371	33	98	48	64	65	59	59	48	119	100	50	104	48



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	ARABIC LANGUAGE	VISUAL ARTS	ANIMAL SCIENCE & FISHERIES	FOOD PRODUCTION & TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT	AQUATIC RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY	PALM AND LATEX TECHNOLOGY & VALUE ADDITION	HOSPITALITY, TOURISM & EVENTS MANAGEMENT	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & MANAGEMENT	TOURISM & HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT	AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT & TECHNOLOGY	AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT	GREEN TECHNOLOGY	INFORMATION SYSTEMS	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	TRANSLATION STUDIES	SOFTWARE ENGINEERING	FILM & TELEVISION STUDIES	PROJECT MANAGEMENT	ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY	BIOSYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY	INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY	TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE	MARINE AND FRESHWATER SCIENCES	FOOD BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	PHYSICAL SCIENCE - ICT	BUSINESS SCIENCE	FINANCIAL ENGINEERING	TOTAL
Normal Provisions	198	95	48	83	63	60	63	98	118	149	54	48	98	46	74	48	48	58	931	842	461	48	48	78	118	98	48	30141
Special Provisions Ex. In Field other than Studies		2			1			1	1	1		1				1	1	1	1					1		1		178
Blind																												20
Disabled																												85
Defence																												17
Foreign																												26
Teachers																												10
Special Subjects																												902
Appeals																												72
Total	198	97	48	84	64	60	64	99	119	151	54	49	98	46	74	49	49	59	933	845	461	49	45	80	118	99	49	31451



Abbreviations

University Grants Commission	-	UGC
University of Colombo	-	CMB
University of Peradeniya	-	PDN
University of Kelaniya	-	KLN
University of Sri Jayewardenepura	-	SJP
University of Moratuwa	-	MRT
University of Jaffna	-	UJA
University of Ruhuna	-	RUH
Open University of Sri Lanka	-	OUSL
Eastern University, Sri Lanka	-	EUSL
South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	-	SEUSL
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	-	RUSL
Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka	-	SUSL
Wayamba University of Sri Lanka	-	WUSL
Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka	-	UWU
The University of the Visual & Performing Arts	-	UVPA
Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture	-	PGIA
Postgraduate Institute of Pali & Buddhist Studies	-	PGIPBS
Institute of Indigenous Medicine	-	IIM
Institute of Human Resource Advancement	-	IHRA
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine	-	PGIM
Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology	-	PGIAR
Postgraduate Institute of Management	-	PIM
University of Colombo School of Computing	-	UCSC
Gampaha Wickramaarachchi Ayurveda Institute	-	GWAI
Postgraduate Institute of Science	-	PGIS
National Institute of Library & Information Sciences	-	NILIS
Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa	-	ITUM
Institute of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	-	IBMBB
Swamy Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies	-	SVIAS
Postgraduate Institute of English	-	PGIE
The National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences	-	NCAS
University of Colombo, Institute for Agro-Technology and Rural Sciences	-	UCIARS
Higher Education for Twenty First Century Project	-	HETC
National Institute of Education	-	NIE
Sri Lanka Telecom Human Capital Solutions	-	SLT HCS
English Language Teaching Units	-	ELTU
Department of Management Services	-	DMS
Staff Development Center	-	SDC
Queensland University of Technology	-	QUT
Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology	-	SLIIT
Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology	-	APIIT