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31st Meeting of the Academic Council

Venue: Amrita School of Engineering
Amritapuri, Kollam

Date : 10.08.2017
Time: 11.00 AM

MINUTES

The following members of the Academic Council were present:

1. Dr. P Venkat Rangan, Vice Chancellor
2. Dr. K Sankaran, Registrar
3. Dr. Bipin Nair (Dean, School of Biotechnology)
4. Dr. Shantikumar V Nair (Dean, Research)
5. Dr. Sasangan Ramanathan (Dean, Engineering)
6. Dr. V S Somanath (Dean, Management)
7. Dr. Krishnashree Achuthan (Dean, PG Programmes)
8. Dr. Maneesha Sudheer (Dean, International Programmes)
9. Dr. Balakrishnan Shankar, Associate Dean, Amritapuri
10. Br. Dhanraj, Bangalore
11. Dr. U Krishnakumar, ASAS Kochi
12. Dr. S N Jyothi (Principal, School of Engineering, Amritapuri)
13. Dr. S G Rakesh, (Associate Dean, Bangalore)
14. Dr. (Col) Vishal Marwaha (Principal, School of Medicine, Kochi)
15. Dr. R Balagopal Varma (Principal, School of Dentistry)
16. Prof. K T Moly (Principal, College of Nursing)
17. Dr. M Sabitha (Principal, School of Pharmacy)
18. Dr. Vasudevan Namboothiri (Principal, School of Ayurveda)
19. Prof. Vidya Pai (Principal, ASAS Mysore)
20. Dr. M Savitha Pande (Principal, School of Education)
21. Dr. V M Nandakumaran, Principal, ASAS Amritapuri
22. Dr. P Shankar (Principal, Chennai Campus)
23. Dr. Sriram Devanathan (Professor, Chemical Dept.)
24. Dr. Raghu Raman (Chairperson, ASB)
25. Dr. Sunanda Muralidharan (Chairperson, Management, Kochi)
26. Prof. P Manoj (Chairperson, Management, Bangalore)

Br. Abhayamrita Chaitanya (Pro Chancellor), Dr. Prem Nair (Medical Director), Prof. C Parameswaran, - Director (CIR), Dr. R Dhandapani (Controller of Examinations) Br. Sankara Chaitanya, Br. Sudeep, Amritapuri, Br. Sunil Dharmapal, Dr. V Radhakrishnan (Former Director, Amrita), Dr. C R Muthukrishnan (Chief Advisor, TCA), Dr. A H Kalro (Former

Director, IIM-K), Dr. Bharat Jayaraman could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence was granted to them.

The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chancellor.

31.1 Confirmed of the minutes of the 30th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 13.05.2017

Annexure 31.1

31.2 Reports

31.2.1 The Quarterly reports on Performance Appraisal submitted by all institution heads were compiled into a spreadsheet and circulated to all participants of the Academic Council meeting. Performances which were slightly deficient were highlighted in red colour. Each institution head provided satisfactory explanation for the reported data and explained how the deficiency will be overcome in the future. The meeting asked each Institution Head to report in writing any wrong data appearing in the compilation so that necessary corrections can be made before publishing this data.

31.2.2 Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) of 2016-17 for submission of NAAC were approved. It was noted that reports were still to be received from the School of Pharmacy, School of Engineering, Bangalore, School of Medicine and the Center for Nanosciences and Molecular Medicine. The Heads of Schools were requested to submit the reports forthwith.

31.3 Ratified the order recategorising Academic programmes into Faculties. It was resolved to set up Faculty Committees which will replace the existing Programme Committees. The Deans of Faculties were requested to suggest names of members to be included into the respective Faculty Committees so that the necessary orders can be issued.

31.4 Curriculum and Syllabi

31.4.1 Ratified the order approving Curriculum and Syllabus for the BBA programme in Logistics Management, effective from the academic year 2017-18.

Annexure 31.4.1

31.4.2 Ratified the order approving Curriculum and Syllabus for 5 yr Integrated M.Sc. programme in Visual Communication, effective from the academic year 2017-18. It was decided to consider the proposal for 2 year M.Sc. course in Visual Communication after obtaining the opinion of the Dean of the Faculty on this matter.

Annexure 31.4.2

31.4.3 Ratified the order approving Curriculum for the MA programme in Philosophy (Full time and Part time) effective from the academic year 2017-18.

Annexure 31.4.3

31.4.4 Ratified the order approving Curriculum for the M.Sc programme in Applied Statistics and Data Analytics, effective from academic year 2017-18.

Annexure 31.4.4

31.4.5 Ratified the order approving Curriculum and Syllabi for the M.Phil programme in Mathematics, effective from the academic year 2017-18.

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31.4.6 Ratified the order approving the revised curriculum and syllabus for the MSW programme, effective from academic year 20-17-18.

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31.4.7 Ratified the order approving Curriculum for the M.Tech. programme in Innovative Engineering and Entrepreneurship, effective from the academic year 2017-18

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31.4.8 Approved the new curriculum and syllabus for M.Tech programme in Automotive Electronics.

Annexure 31.4.8

31.5 New Academic Programme

31.5.1 Decided to introduce a new Fellowship programme in “Accident Care and Transport Medicine” at Amrita School of Medicine, from the academic year 2017-18, with an annual intake of 2 students and the curriculum therefor.

Annexure 31.5.1

31.5.2 Ratified Introduction of a new MA programme in English Language and Literature in Amrita School of Arts & Sciences, Kochi from the academic year 2017-18.

31.5.3 Ratified the order approving new UG level Open Elective for the Arts & Science programmes effective from the academic year 2017-18.

Annexure 31.5.3

- 31.5.4 Approved a New Elective named Statistical and Probabilistic Modeling in Civil Engineering for M.Tech. students / course for PhD scholars from the academic year 2017-18.

Annexure 31.5.4

- 31.5.5 Approved new PG level Open Electives for the Arts and Science programmes effective from the academic year 2017-18.

Annexure 31.5.5

31.6 Regulations

- 31.6.1 Ratified approval granted for revised regulations of **MBA** programme effective from 2017 admissions.

Annexure 31.6.1

- 31.6.2 Ratified of approval granted for new regulations which is valid across all Faculties for **Ph.D** programme and **M.S. by Research** programmes, effective from academic year 2017-18

Annexure 31.6.2

- 31.6.3 Ratification of the modified Regulations and syllabus for the **M.Pharm** programme, effective from the academic year 2017-18 as mandated by the Pharmacy Council of India.

Annexure 31.6.3

- 31.6.4 Approved modified Regulations, Curriculum and syllabus for the **B.Pharm** programme, effective from the academic year 2017-18 as mandated by the Pharmacy Council of India.

Annexure 31.6.4

- 31.6.5 Approved inclusion of the following provision in the regulations for the 5-yr Integrated PG programmes under Arts & Sciences.

“The curricula of the final four semesters (Sem. 7-10), of all the 5-yr Integrated PG programmes shall stand modified, synchronising with the curricula of the corresponding 2-yr PG programme (except the courses on Cultural Education and Amrita Values Programme), as and when revised.

This shall apply only to future curricula revision of 2 yr PG Programme.

- 31.6.6 Approved the changes in the credits for the following programmes in the School of Biotechnology.

a) **B Sc Biotechnology Sem 5 OMES and OMICS Change of credits from 4 to 3**

b) **B Sc Microbiology Sem 5 Recombinant DNA Technologies change of credits from 2 to 3**

31.7 New Centre

Amrita Center for Economics & Governance

Decided to start a new center named Amrita Center for Economics & Governance under the Faculty of Management with research focus on areas such as development failure, income inequality and deprivation, human capital, agriculture, water and energy, climate change, labour market disequilibria, asymmetric financial markets, public finance and public utilities, political economy of governance. The Mission and objectives of the center are given in the Annexure.

The Center will function under the Dean Management. Dr. Shyam Nath, Adjunct Professor, Amrita Viswa Vidyapeetham will be the Head of the Center till any further orders to the contrary.

The Center may make use of the services of faculty members from Amrita School of Business or Departments of Management with permission from the Dean, Management.

Annexure 31.7

31.8 Convocation

Recommended to the Board of Management the list of Graduands who have completed all the requirements for the award of respective degrees at the 14th Convocation.

31.9 Others

31.9.1 Approved change of Nomenclature of BBM as BBA at School of Arts & Sciences, Mysore, effective from 2017-18 admissions. Students admitted in 2015 & 2016 batches for BBM will continue and the BBM degree will be awarded for them.

31.9.2 Approved the proposal to increase in annual intake for all PG programmes in the University to a maximum of 60 students subject to availability of sufficient infrastructural facilities at each campus / school.

31.9.3 Decided not to consider MCA lateral entry students or any lateral entry student in awarding Ranks and Gold medals.

31.9.4 Discussed the proposal to consider Random Drug abuse screening (The common recreational drug abuse screening can be done by testing urine sample, no need of any invasive procedure) to be made mandatory for students in the health science campus

Decided to defer any decision on this matter till the legal status of the right of the university to collect samples from students without their consent is ascertained.

Other Matters:

1. The question whether we should review the decision on mandatory paper publication by PG students was discussed. The meeting came to the conclusion that the University orders on this matter should not be changed. It may be noted that exemptions will not be granted for Internship, Deputation etc.
2. Reminded all members that any application for patent should be routed through the University Office for Patent Rights.
3. Decided to request Mr. Sivakumar of ACRD to address faculty members of each campus separately on the procedure to route consultancy projects through the ACRD.
4. Dr. Krishnasree Achuthan, Dean, PGP addressed the meeting on the current publication status from the PG students and on use of the Publication Portal.
5. All the Academic Council members are requested to go through the University orders distributed and strictly abide by all the resolutions & recommendations listed therein under various categories viz. Research & Professional Practice (RPC), Teaching, Learning & Resources (TLR), Perception (PER) & Monitoring and Periodic Reporting (MON). The relevant orders are being re-issued soon for the information of heads of Institutions.



Dr. K Sankaran
Registrar