



**Venue: Shradha Hall, Amritapuri Campus
Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham**

**Date :11.02.2018
Time: 10.30 AM**

32nd Academic Council Meeting

MINUTES

The following members of the Academic Council were present:

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

Br. Abhayamrita Chaitanya (Pro Chancellor), Dr. Prem Nair (Medical Director), Dr. Bipin Nair (Dean, School of Biotechnology) Dr. V S Somanath (Dean, Management) , Dr. V Radhakrishnan (Former Director, Amrita), Dr. C R Muthukrishnan (Chief Advisor, TCA), Dr. A H Kalro (Former Director, IIM-K), Dr. Bharat Jayaraman, and Dr. Raghu Raman (Chairperson, ASB) could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence was granted to them.

The meeting was chaired by the Vice-Chancellor.

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed the members to the meeting. He informed the meeting that with Amma's blessings Amrita has been conferred with good rankings in the recently announced Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings, 2018. Only Amrita and BITS, Pilani have found place in the 200-250 category and there too Amrita is ahead of BITS Pilani. He urged the members that we have to be aware of weaknesses, especially citations in this case and try to improve the rankings.

32.1 Confirmed the minutes of the 31st Meeting of the Academic Council held on 10.08.2017.

32.2 New Academic Programmes

The meeting reviewed the recommendations of the different Faculty committees for starting of new academic programmes; however decided that only those programmes which are likely to contribute to furthering Amrita VishwaVidyapeetham's rankings need be allowed to start. It was decided to constitute a committee for this purpose.

All requests for approvals to start new programmes & changes in existing programmes are referred to New Programmes Committee NPC. Scope of this review includes all new programmes proposed for 2018/2019 and review based on the following criteria:

- *Whether these programmes are likely to contribute to furthering Amrita VishwaVidyapeetham's rankings?*
 - *Please note PG programmes are supposed to promote advanced training and R&D. Students should be required to demonstrate originality and creativity in their work.*
 - *Whether the proposed PG programmes will attract high calibre students? Whether the school/center proposing the new PG programme is in compliance with all of the university regulations with regards to its conduct of its existing PG programmes?*
 - *Whether all students will be required to publish Scopus / PubMed indexed research paper as per university regulations?*
 - *What is the average salary after graduation for the students (placements)?*
1. M.Phil (Science Communication) Part Time - 2 Years (4 Semesters) **Amrita School of Arts and sciences, Kochi**
 2. M.Phil (Commerce and Management) Part Time - 2 Years (4 Semesters) **Amrita School of Arts and sciences, Kochi**
 3. PG programme MA (Visual Media and Communication) In **Amrita School Arts & Sciences, Mysore**
 4. PG Programme M.Sc. Chemistry in **Bangalore campus.**
 5. PG Programme M.Sc. Physics in **Bangalore campus.**

6. Introduction of a new PG Residency programme in Nurse Practitioner in Critical Care in Amrita College of Nursing, Kochi with an intake of 20 students from the academic year 2018-19.
7. Introduction of a new Two Year Fellowship programme in LIVER TRANSPLANT ANAESTHESIA for Post MD candidates with an annual intake of 4 candidates at Amrita School of Medicine, Kochi from the academic year 2018.
8. Introduction of a new Two Year Part Time Executive Masters in PublicHealth (EMPH) programme with an annual intake of 25 students at Amrita School of Medicine, Kochi from the academic year 2018.
9. Starting of the programme “M.Sc. Visual Communication (Digital Film Making and Media Production)” in Amrita School of Arts & Sciences, Mysore, effective from the academic year 2017-18.
10. The Approval of the following M.Techprogrammes for ELGI delegates offered by the Amrita School of Engineering, Coimbatore from the academic year 2017-18,
 - i) M.Tech in Engineering Design
 - ii) M.Tech in Manufacturing Engineering
11. The approval of curricula and syllabi for the following M.Techprogramme forELGI delegates
 - i) M.Tech in Engineering Design
 - ii) M.Tech in Manufacturing Engineering
12. The Approval for the revised Curriculum and Syllabi for the following programmes – 2018 onwards.
 - i) Integrated M.Sc. (Visual Communication)
 - ii) M.Sc. Visual Communication
 - iii) Master of Fine Arts (MFA)
 - a) MFA - Applied Art & Advertising
 - b) MFA - Master of Fine Arts - Animation and Content Management
 - c) MFA - Master of Fine Arts - Digital Film Making
 - iv) MA – Corporate Communication and Advertising
 - v) MA – Visual Media and Communication
 - vi) MA (Journalism and Mass Communication)
13. The Approval of the Curriculum and Syllabi for the following new M.Phil (Part Time) Programme
 - i) M.Phil (Science Communication) Part Time - 2 Years (4 Semesters)
 - ii) M.Phil (Commerce and Management) Part Time - 2 Years (4 Semesters)
14. The Approval of the Revised Curriculum and Syllabi for the following programmes:
 - i) M.Com (Finance and Systems)
 - ii) M.Phil in Commerce and Management (Full Time and part-time)

15. Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) Painting - 4 Years (8 semester) in **Amrita School of Arts and Sciences, Kochi**

16. Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) Photography - 4 years (8 semesters) in **Amrita School of Arts and Sciences, Kochi**

Reminder: All heads of schools are reminded of the University rule of Scopus/PubMed indexed publication for each student to graduate with a PG degree, the University rule should not be violated without specific permission granted by VC routed through Registrar and Controller of Examinations by recommendation by Dean PGP. Programmes that violate will not be eligible for grant of PG degree.

32.3 Curriculum and Syllabi

32.3.1 Ratified the order approving the following Elective course in the B.Tech. Mechanical Engineering programme (under 2015 curricula) from the academic year 2017-18 onwards.

- i. 15 MEC275 DESIGN THINKING - 2 0 2 3 in the 2015 Curriculum
- ii. 15 MEC276 ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING -3 0 2 4 in the 2015 Curriculum.

32.3.3 Approved the revised Curriculum and Syllabi for the following programme – 2018 onwards.

- i) B.Sc. Visual Media

32.3.7 Approved the Revised Curriculum and Syllabi for the following programmes:

- i) B.Com (Finance and IT)
- ii) B.Com (Taxation and Finance)
- iii) B.B.A
- iv) B.B.A.(Logistics Management)

32.3.8 Approved New and revised Open Elective courses proposed for UG and PG programmes.

- a) Basic Legal Awareness on Protection of Women and Rights – for UG
- b) Organic Farming – for UG
- c) Fundamentals of Legal Awareness – for PG
- d) Change in L-T-P components to incorporate practical component in various Open Elective courses – for UG
- e) Change in L-T-P components to incorporate practical component in various Open Elective course – for PG

32.3.8 f) Approved new modules for Amrita Values Programme (AVP)-II

- i) Ayurveda for Lifestyle Modification
- ii) Organic Farming in Practice
- iii) Lifestyle and Therapy using Yoga
- iv) Temple Mural Arts in Kerala

- 32.3.9 Approved the revised curriculum and syllabi for B.A. Mass Communication programme from the academic year 2018 onwards.
- 32.3.10 Approved the revised curriculum and syllabi for MA Mass Communication programme from the academic year 2018 onwards.
- 32.3.11 Approved the revised curriculum and syllabi for PG Diploma in Journalism from the academic year 2018 onwards.
- 32.3.12 Discussed on revision of curricula and syllabi for B.Tech. programme and its implementation. Decided that the B.Tech curricula will be revised from 2019 admissions. Referred the matter to the Faculty of Engineering for deliberation and finalisation.
- 32.3.13 Discussed about revision of M.Tech Curricula & syllabi. Decided that syllabi will be revised w.e.f. 2018. Directed the Dean, Engineering to organise the necessary B.O.S. and Faculty Committee meetings to place the finalised curriculum and syllabi in the next Academic Council meeting which is likely to be organised in April, 2018.
- 32.3.14 Approved revision of PG Curriculum of MDS course in Oral Medicine and Radiology.
- 32.3.15 Introduced Value addition course for MDS programme : Coursework and Internship in Healthcare Management.
- 32.3.16 Discussed revised curriculum for integrated M.Sc. (Mathematics / Physics) programme (2015 admission onwards), effective from the academic year 2017-18 by introducing a new course on Advanced Operations Research. Directed the Faculty of Science to resubmit the proposal together with the modified curriculum.
- 32.3.17 Approved the revised Curriculum for M.Sc. Biotechnology/M.Sc Microbiology programmes with introducing new elective “Regenerative Biology & Stem Cells effective from 2018 admissions.
- 32.3.18 Approved swapping the following courses with no change in credits in B.Sc. Microbiology / B.Sc. Bio-Technology.
- B.Sc. Microbiology : Microbial Physiology & metabolism (MIC2014) from semester-3 with Biostatistics (MAT201), semester-4 (from 2016 admission onwards)*
B.Sc. Biotechnology/B.Sc. Microbiology : Physics (PHY103) from semester-2 with Information Systems (CSA 100), semester-1 from 2017 batches onwards)
- 32.3.19 Approved revised curriculum and syllabi for the M.Sc Bioinformatics programme effective 2018 admissions.

32.4 Regulations

- 32.4.1 Ratified renaming the MJMC (Master of Journalism and Mass Communication) Programme as “MA in Journalism and Mass Communication” as per the UGC nomenclature.
- 32.4.2 Ratified decision of the Vice-Chancellor to allow B.Tech students to register for M.Tech subjects. The faculty Committee in Engineering is directed to modify the B.Tech Regulations to this extent.
- 32.4.3 Approved award of University Ranks campus wise since convocations are conducted campus wise. Decided to appoint a committee that will have a relook at the current norms for award of Gold and Silver Medals.

Scope of this committee: To recommend the criteria for awarding gold medal, silver medal and distinction in all UG / PG programmes and in particular whether campus wise, whether minimum GPA and/or number of students enrolled etc. Broad criteria should be common to all programmes in all campuses of the university.

Reminder: All heads of schools are reminded that even though graduation ceremonies are conducted campus wise, the approval of all candidates for all degrees are required to be sought from Board of Management through the office of the Registrar. Please give adequate time for the office of Registrar to verify the eligibility of candidates for the award of respective degrees.

- 32.4.4 Approved de-centralised evaluation policies for engineering since this will give more freedom to individual faculty to define how they want to conduct evaluation of a course.
- 32.4.5 Approved replacing of the term “Consolidated Grade Sheet” by “TRANSCRIPT” while the same is being issued from the University.
- 32.4.6 Approved the change of nomenclature of M.Sc. Swallowing Therapy to **M.Sc. In Deglutology & Swallowing Disorders**, applicable from 2017 admissions onwards.
- 32.4.7 Approved additional Guidelines for **Pharm D, B.Pharm and M.Pharm** programmes in Amrita School of Pharmacy, Kochi, in line with the directives from Pharmacy Council of India.
- 32.4.8 Approved the revised course regulation as per the Dental Council of India for Master’s Degree Course in Amrita School of Dentistry, Kochi.
- 32.4.9 Considered eligibility for MBA degree of IGNOU for admission to M.Phil courses under Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham. The meeting concluded that MBA degree of IGNOU can be considered as a valid degree and a candidate possessing this degree can be considered for admission to M.Phil programme in Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham subject to meeting all other eligibility conditions specified.

32.4.10 It has been decided to increase student intake for the following programmes at Amrita School of Engineering, Coimbatore for Academic year 2018-19.

- i) B.Tech Mechanical Engineering ... 180 Nos.
- ii) B.Tech Electronics and Communication Engineering ... 180 Nos.

32.5 Others

32.5.1 & 32.5.2 - not considered.

32.5.3 The meeting discussed the Mechanism to provide advance amount for sanctioned projects for the second and subsequent installments. It was decided that suitable decision can be taken in consultation with campus Head / Directors.

32.5.4 The meeting discussed about changes that are to be brought about into the website. It was decided that all the needed information for a student should be readily available on the website and there should be decentralized updating ability, ownership and accountability.

32.5.5 The meeting discussed about AUMS. It was decided there should be significant enhancements at a quick phase in AUMS.

32.5.6 Discussed the performance of various Schools and Centers based on the Google Form circulated vide our e-mail dated 01.02.2018. Attention was drawn to the items marked as unsatisfactory and urged the concerned heads to start improvement measures.

32.5.7 Discussed on grace marks awarded to students in the current semester. It was decided that the grace marks awarded to a student for research paper publication should be a maximum of 10 marks per semester.

32.5.8 *We need to start preparing earnestly for the next NAAC review. Prof. Prashant Nair will organize special orientation meeting for all Heads of Schools to get them started on NAAC preparation with the goal of achieving the highest grade.*

The meeting came to a close at 2 p.m.



Dr. K Sankaran
Registrar & Secretary

To
All Members of the Academic Council