

## Amritanagar PO, Ettimadai, Coimbatore 64112

# 33<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council

Venue: Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Date: 02.08.2018

Guest House, Time: 10.00 am

Ettimadai, Coimbatore 641112

## **MINUTES**

The following members of the Academic Council were present:

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

Br. Abhayamrita Chaitanya (Pro Chancellor), Dr. V S Somanath (Dean, Management), Br. Sudeep Amritapuri, Dr. V Radhakrishnan (Former Director, Amrita), Dr. C R Muthukrishnan (Chief Advisor, TCA), Dr. A H Kalro (Former Director, IIM-K), Dr. Vasudevan Namboothiri (Principal, School of Ayurveda), Dr. Sriram Devanathan (Professor, Chemical Dept.) could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence was granted to them.

The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chancellor.

**33.1** The minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 11.02.2018 were confirmed.

Annexure - 33.1

- **33.2** Decided to recommend to the Board of Management the list of Graduands who have completed all the requirements for the award of respective degrees at the 15<sup>th</sup> Convocation (2018).
- **33.3** Decided To consider **NAAC** Re-accreditation as well as **NBA** Accreditation as high priority. A presentation by Dr. Rajan Menon, former advisor to NAAC, explained the revised system of accreditation to be followed by NAAC from the year 2018.
- **33.4** Dr. Raghuraman, Chairman, Amrita School of Business, Coimbatore gave a presentation on the consolidated data collected from different schools on "Mid-year update on Ranking parameters".

  Annexure 33.4
- 33.5 Ratified all Orders issued with approval of the Vice Chancellor and contained in Appendix 33.5 except for starting of new programs on BFA Painting and BFA Photography. Decided to forward to the New Programs Committee the proposal to start these two programs.

Appendix-33.5

## 33.6 Change of Nomenclature

Approved the proposal to rename the already approved MS by Research programme as M.Sc. by Research.

#### **33.7 New Programmes**

- 33.7.1 Approved the proposal to start the following M.Phil (**Part Time**) programme at ASAS Kochi as approved by Faculty of Arts, media and Commerce.
  - (i) Computer Science and Information Technology
  - (ii) Science Communication
  - (iii) English Language and Literature

- (iv) Mathematics
- (v) Commerce and Management
- 33.7.2 Approved the proposal to start following Two year M.Sc. Programmes in Amrita School of Medicine, Kochi from the academic year 2018-19 with an annual intake of 4 students per course.
  - i) M.Sc. in Diabetes Sciences
  - ii) M.Sc. in Neuroelectrophysiology
  - iii) M.Sc. in Cardiovascular Technology
  - iv) M.Sc. in Dialysis Therapy
  - v) M.Sc. in Physician Assistant (Medical Oncology)
  - vi) M.Sc. in Physician Assistant (Cardiovascular and Thoracic Sciences)
  - vii) M.Sc. in Emergency Medical Technology
- 33.7.3 Approved the proposal to start One Year Fellowship programme in Robotic Gynaecology with an intake of ONE Fellow every six months in Amrita School of Medicine, Kochi, from 2018 onwards.
- 33.7.4 Approved the proposal to start One Year Fellowship programme in Paediatric Urology with an annual intake of TWO Fellows in Amrita School of Medicine, Kochi, from 2018 onwards.
- 33.7.5 Approved the proposal to start one Year PG Diploma programme in Auditory Verbal Therapy with an annual intake of TEN students in Amrita School of Medicine, Kochi, from the 2018 onwars.
- 33.7.6 Approved the proposal to start PhD programme in Economics by the department of Management at Amritapuri campus.

#### 33.8 Curriculum and Syllabi

- 33.8.1 Approved the revised curriculum and syllabi for M.Phil in English Language and Literature from 2018 admission onwards.
- 33.8.2 Approved the curriculum and syllabus for the following M.Phil (Part Time) programmes, approved by the Faculty of Arts, Media and Commerce.
  - (i) Computer Science and Information Technology
  - (ii) Science Communication
  - (iii) English Language and Literature
  - (iv) Mathematics
  - (v) Commerce and Management

The curriculum and syllabi for each one of these programmes will be the same that of the full time programme but will be spread across four semesters.

- 33.8.3 The meeting discussed the proposal for approval of new modules of AVP (Amrita Values Programme) proposed for various UG programmes, approved by Faculty of Arts, Media and Commerce.
  - a) Insights into Indian Classical Music
  - b) Insights into Traditional Indian Painting
  - c) Insights into Indian Classical Dance
  - d) Indian Martial Arts and Self Defense
  - e) Social Awareness Campaign

It was decided that a thorough relook is required on the topics included under Amrita Values Programmes. Also it has to be reviewed whether separate course codes are required for different modules included under Amrita Values Programmes. Authorised the Vice-Chancellor to set up a committee for this purpose.

- 33.8.4 Proposal for approval of new modules of OPEN ELECTIVE Courses for various UG programmes, approved by Faculty of Arts, Media and Commerce.
  - a) A Study of Traditional Indian Paintings
  - b) Introduction to Indian Classical Dance
  - c) Introduction to Indian Classical Music

The item was referred to the same committee constituted for Amrita Value Programmes for further action.

- 33.8.5 Approved revised curriculum and syllabi for the following programmes from the Academic year 2018.
- 1. M.Com (Finance and Systems)
- 2. Integrated MSc Visual Communication
- 3. MA Journalism and Mass Communication
- 4. MFA Applied Art and Advertising (AAA)
- 5. MFA Animation and Content Management (ACM)
- 6. MFA Digital Film Making (DFM)
- 7. MA Corporate Communication and Advertising (CCA)

- 33.8.6 The meeting discussed the proposal for approval of the new open electives for UG Programmes under the Faculty of Science.
  - 1. Lifestyle Education for Holistic Living
  - 2. Healthy living for Student Immigrants
  - 3. Regional and international Ethnic Cuisines
  - 4. Health and Lifestyle
  - 5. Universal Altruism
  - 6. Mystical and mysterious- Excerpts from history

It was decided to refer these back to the Faculty of Science for reconsideration and submission of fresh proposal if necessary.

33.8.7 Approved revised curriculum of B.Com (Taxation & Finance) programme from 2018 admissions.

#### 33.9 Others

33.9.1 The meeting discussed and decided the norms to be followed for award of Rank certificates and Medals during the 2018 convocation which are given as Annexure 33.9.1.

Annexure 33.9.1.

33.9.2 Approved the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) of academic year 2017-18 for submission to NAAC.

### 33.10 Approval of modification to the evaluation pattern for specific courses

- 33.10.1 The meeting discussed the proposal for approval of modified evaluation pattern for M.Tech (CSE), M.Tech Engineering Design, M.Tech in some programmes in ECE and Electrical and Electronics Engineering. **Decided to refer this for discussion at the Faculty Committee in Engineering and arriving at suitable decision.**
- 33.11 The meeting decided to start a new school of Agriculture and Horticulture and authorised the Pro-Chancellor Br. Abhayamrita Chaitanya to do the needful for the same.

The meeting concluded with shanti manthra.

Dr. K. Sankaran Registrar