

Amritanagar Post, Ettimadai, Coimbatore 641 112

37th Academic Council Meeting
MINUTES

Date: Thursday May 14, 2020

Time: 11 a.m.

Venue: Meeting convened through Skype

The following members participated.

1. Dr. P Venkat Rangan, Vice Chancellor
2. Dr. K Sankaran, Registrar
3. Dr. Shantikumar V Nair (Dean, Research),
4. Dr. U Krishnakumar, ASAS Kochi
5. Dr. Bipin Nair (Dean, School of Biotechnology)
6. Prof. C Parameswaran (Director CIR)
7. Dr. VS Somanath (Dean, Management)
8. Dr. Sasangan Ramanathan (Dean-Engg.)
9. Dr. Krishnashree Achuthan (Dean, PG Programmes)
10. Dr. Maneesha Sudheer (Dean, International Programmes)
11. Dr. Balakrishnan Shankar, Associate Dean, Amritapuri
12. Dr. Kishore Pillai (Associate Dean-Management)
13. Dr. R Dhandapani (Controller of Examinations)
14. Br. Anantananda, Director, Mysore Campus
15. Swami Sankaramritananda Puri, Principal, School of Ayurveda, Amritapuri
16. Br. Devidasa Chaitanya, Director, Amritapuri Campus
17. Dr. S N Jyothi (Principal, School of Engineering, Amritapuri)
18. Dr. R Balagopal Varma (Principal, School of Dentistry)
19. Prof. K T Moly (Principal, College of Nursing)
20. Dr. P Sureshkumar, Principal, School of Agriculture Sciences
21. Dr. P Shankar, Principal, ASE Chennai,
22. Dr. (Col) Vishal Marwaha, Principal, School of Medicine, Kochi
23. Dr. M Sabitha (Principal, School of Pharmacy)
24. Dr. V M Nandakumaran, Principal, ASAS Amritapuri
25. Dr. Rekha Bhatt (Principal i/c, ASAS Mysore)
26. Dr. Raghu Raman (Head, Centre for Ranking and Accreditation)
27. Dr. Rajiv Nair, Chairperson (Management, Amritapuri)
28. Dr. AV Shyam, Chairperson, School of Business, Coimbatore
29. Dr. P. Manoj, Chairperson, DOM, Bangalore,
30. Dr. Prema Nedungadi, Special Invitee
31. Prof. Kamal Bijlani, special Invitee

Swami. Abhayamritananda Puri (Pro Chancellor), Dr. Prem Nair (Medical Director, Shri. I.B. Manikantan, Director, Chennai Campus, Br. Viswamrta Chaitanya, Director, Bangalore Campus, Dr. S.M. Nagaraja, Principal-in-charge, ASE Bangalore and Prof. Sunanda Muraleedharan, Chairperson, DOM, Kochi could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence was granted to them.

The following decisions were taken.

1. The minutes for the 36th meeting of the Academic Council on 7th December, 2019 were discussed. It was noticed that Dr. V.S. Somanath and Dr. Kishore Pillai were wrongly marked as absent during the meeting. The minutes were approved after correcting these mistakes. Please refer Annexure 37.1.
2. Examinations for graduating batches of students.
The proposals received from different schools were discussed and finalised as given in Annexure 37.2.
3. Finalisation of dates for start of next session of classes.
It was decided that the classes for the next session for senior classes should start latest by July 15, 2020. This should be done through online mode. The examinations for the previous semester should be completed before July 15, 2020. It was decided that those examinations results of the current session which are not published before reopening may be published in the shortest time possible after start of next session of classes.
4. Starting of new educational programmes.
The meeting reviewed proposals for start of the following new programmes
 - A. M.Sc. program in Data Science at Amrita School of Engineering, Chennai
 - B. B.Com Taxation & Finance instead of the existing B.Com Finance & IT programme at ASAS Amritapuri
 - C. BBA Programme at ASAS Amritapuri
 - D. B.Com Professional Accounting at ASAS MysoreIt was decided that these new programmes can be started with the following conditions.
 - i. No additional faculty appointments are allowed due to starting of these programmes.
 - ii. No infrastructural expenses can be incurred due to the starting of these programmes.
 - iii. The programmes should all be taught in the online mode in the first semester.
5. The following orders which were issued with approval of the Vice-Chancellor were ratified.
 - A. Order stipulating that PhD programme in Sustainable Development will be under the faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies.
 - B. Order appointing Dr. Maneesha Ramesh as PGP Chair for the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies.
 - C. Order approving Curriculum and Syllabi for M.Tech (Artificial Intelligence) programme. All curriculum and syllabi should conform to NAAC requirements and specify Course Objectives, Programme Objectives, Employability, electives etc.
6. Approved the list of Equivalent courses between BCA/Integrated MCA 2015 and 2018 curriculum under the faculty of Science. Please refer Annexure 37.6.
7. Approved the Regulation, Curriculum and Syllabus for B.Sc. (Hon) Programme in Agriculture. All curriculum and syllabi should conform to NAAC requirements and specify Course Objectives, Programme Objectives, Employability, electives etc. Please refer Annexure 37.7.
8. The proposal for establishment of Amrita School for Sustainable Development was approved. It was decided that initially the school will start functioning with only Ph.D. programmes. Other programmes will be added in due course. Building space details etc. required for submitting application to UGC will be identified soon.

9. Curriculum and syllabus for B.Tech 2019 were approved. Please refer Annexure 37.9
10. The meeting discussed the decisions of meeting of BoS for Physics forwarded to ACM by the Dean, Faculty of Science. Approved the list of new electives to be included for UG, PG and Ph.D. Decided to direct the Faculty to draft syllabus for each one of these courses. All curriculum and syllabi should conform to NAAC requirements and specify Course Objectives, Programme Objectives, Employability, electives etc
11. Approved the modifications in curriculum for M.Sc. and Integrated M.Sc. programmes. The issue of curriculum followed for M.Sc. Physics programme for 2018 and 2019 batches is requested to be sorted out through discussions in a meeting of the Faculty Committee for Science.
12. The meeting approved the proposal from Coimbatore campus for increase of annual intake for the M.Sc. programme in Data Science from 60 to 120.
13. The meeting approved the modified regulations for B.Tech programme. See Annexure 37.12
14. Dr. Raghuraman assured the meeting that he will soon forward to the Registrar a draft of reconstituted IQAC. Decided to publish this with approval of the Vice-Chancellor.
15. The meeting approved the joint initiatives of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham with University of Arizona. Please refer Annexure 37.14
16. Prof. Kamal Bijlani made a presentation which explored the possibility of combining the classes happening in different campuses of the university through online mode.

The meeting concluded at 1.30 p.m. with shanti mantra.



Registrar