



AMRITANAGAR POST, ETTIMADAI, COIMBATORE 641 112

39TH Academic Council Meeting

MINUTES

Date: Friday, 18th December, 2020

Time: 10 a.m.

Venue: Meeting convened through Microsoft Teams

The following members participated.

1. Swami Abhayamritananda Puri - Pro Chancellor
2. Dr. P Venkat Rangan, Vice Chancellor
3. Dr. K Sankaran, Registrar
4. Prof. C Parameswaran (Director CIR)
5. Dr. Prem Nair, Dean, Faculty of Medical Sciences
6. Dr. Shantikumar V Nair (Dean, Research),
7. Dr. Bipin Nair (Dean, School of Biotechnology)
8. Dr. VS Somanath (Dean, Management)
9. Dr. Sasangan Ramanathan (Dean-Engg.)
10. Dr. Krishnashree Achuthan (Dean, PG Programmes)
11. Dr. Maneesha Sudheer (Dean, International Programmes)
12. Dr. Balakrishnan Shankar, Associate Dean, Amritapuri
13. Dr. Kishore Pillai (Associate Dean-Management)
14. Dr. R Dhandapani (Controller of Examinations)
15. Dr. U Krishnakumar, Director, ASAS Kochi
16. Swami Sankaramritanada Puri, Director, School of Ayurveda, Amritapuri
17. Br. Viswamrta Chaitanya, Director, Bangalore Campus,
18. Br. Anantananda, Director, Mysore Campus
19. Dr. S N Jyothi (Principal, School of Engineering, Amritapuri)
20. Dr. Sriram Devanathan, Principal, ASE, Bangalore.
21. Dr. R Balagopal Varma (Principal, School of Dentistry)
22. Prof. K T Moly (Principal, College of Nursing)
23. Dr. (Col) Vishal Marwaha, Principal, School of Medicine, Kochi
24. Dr. M Sabitha (Principal, School of Pharmacy)
25. Dr. V M Nandakumaran, Principal, ASAS Amritapuri
26. Dr. Rekha Bhatt (Principal i/c, ASAS Mysore)
27. Dr. P Shankar, Principal, ASE Chennai,

28. Dr. PSureshkumar, Principal, School of Agriculture Sciences
29. Dr. Raghu Raman (Director, Centre for Ranking and Accreditation)
30. Dr. Rajiv Nair, Chairperson (Management, Amritapuri)
31. Dr. AVShyam, Chairperson, School of Business, Coimbatore
32. Dr. P. Manoj, Chairperson, DOM, Bangalore,
33. Prof. Sunanda Muraleedharan, Chairperson, DOM, Kochi
34. Dr. Rabinarayan Tripathy, Vice Principals, School of Ayurveda
35. Sr. Venugopal, Director, HR – Special Invitee
36. Ms. Salma Jetha, Head, Office for Patents Coordination – Special Invitee
37. Ms. Jayashee Kumar – Special Invitee
38. Dr. Prema Nedungadi – Special Invitee
39. Ms. Sheeja Suresh, AUMS Developer – Special Invitee
40. Shri. Sumeet Bahl – Special Invitee
41. Dr. Shyam Diwakar – Special Invitee

Br. Devidasa Chaitanya, Director, Amritapuri Campus, Sri. I. B. Manikantan, Director, Chennai Campus could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence was granted to them.

39.1 Confirmed the minutes of the 38th Academic Council Meeting.

39.2 Recommended to the Board of Management the list of Graduands eligible to receive their degrees in the Second Convocation of the year 2020 and approved the Campus level, University level and Amriteswari Medals.

39.3 The following orders issued by the Vice-Chancellor were ratified.

39.3.1 Order on two new language electives titled 'Additional English I' and 'Additional English II'. It was also decided that the university could offer an elementary level course on the local language of each campus which would be mandatory for every student of that campus not proficient in that language.

39.3.2 Order on Curriculum and syllabus for B.Sc. Biochemistry and B.Sc. Molecular Medicine.

39.3.3 Order on curriculum for B.Sc. Physician Assistant and B.Sc. Respiratory Therapy.

39.3.4 Order on revised curriculum for M.Sc. Physics.

39.3.5 Order on revised curriculum and syllabus for M.Tech. Cyber Security.

- 39.3.6 Order on revised curriculum and syllabus for M.Tech. Data Science.
- 39.3.7 Order on curriculum and syllabus for M.Tech. Industrial Intelligent Systems.
- 39.3.8 Order on revised curriculum and syllabus for M.Tech. Material Science.
- 39.3.9 Order on certificate course on Ramayana
- 39.4 Decided to approve the new curriculum for Online B. Com, M. Com and BBA.
- 39.5 Decided to approve Changed nomenclature of "PEDIATRIC AND PREVENTIVE DENTISTRY" and "ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY AND MICROBIOLOGY" as mandated by the regulatory bodies.
- 39.6 The meeting discussed the proposal for revision of leave rules. It was decided to appoint a committee as shown below to discuss the issue and submit a recommendation to the Registrar.
1. Sri. Venugopal Panicker, Director, HR (Chairman)
 2. Dr. Bhavani Rao (Member)
 3. Dr. Thirumalini (Member)
- 39.7 Approved the modified curriculum for Communications programmes.
- 39.8 Decided to approve starting of 2-year fellowship programme in Paediatric Critical Care Medicine with an annual intake of 2 students in Amrita School of Medicine.
- 39.9 Decided to approve the proposal to replace the programme of MA English Literature and Literary Theory by **MA English Language and Literature** at the Coimbatore campus with effect from the academic year 2020-21. The meeting also took note of the consent letters for this change submitted by the students who joined the English Literature and Literary Theory programme at Coimbatore campus during 2020-21.
- 39.10 The meeting discussed the proposal for revised regulation for M.B.A. and decided to approve the changes proposed except the changes Nos 1 and 2 where the term 'before the start of the end term examination of Term 1' should be replaced by 'before the start of classes'.

- 39.11 The meeting approved the curriculum for the Arizona-Amrita Dual Degree Programme.
- 39.12 The meeting discussed the proposals for the new IPR Policy and Conflict of Interest document. Decided to appoint the following committee to discuss the proposals submitted and come out with recommendations for IPR policy, Consultancy policy and Conflict of Interest document for the University.
1. Prof. C. Parameswaran, Director, CIR (Chairman)
 2. Sri. Venugopal Panicker, Director, HR (Member)
 3. Ms. Salma Jetha (Member)
 4. Dr. Sony Vijayan (Member)
- 39.13 The meeting approved the proposal to add a course on Anti-microbial Resistance to the B.Sc. Nursing 2019 Curriculum.
- 39.14 The meeting approved the proposal to add a course on Anti-microbial Resistance for pharmacy programmes.
- 39.15 The meeting approved the Rules and Regulations for Commerce and management for online programmes.
- 39.16 The meeting decided to grant permission to the School of Medicine to conduct supplementary examinations for the failed candidates of the supplementary batch subject to permission from National Medical Council.
- 39.17 The meeting discussed the proposal for award of D.Litt. in the faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and decided to defer the proposal for the time being.
- 39.18 The meeting assessed the steps taken for starting online programs and noted that UGC permission has been obtained for starting the four programmes of BCA, B.Com, BBM and M.Com. Decided to apply for AICTE permission to offer MCA and MBA when the portals open in January 2021.
- 39.19 Dr. Raghuraman, Head of the Center for Ranking and accreditation presented details of performance versus expectations in terms of research output. The summary of his presentations is as given below:

1. The number of publications is showing a marginal increase as compared to the performance last year (1831 Vs. 1629) although it is much below the target set (2376)
2. The citation count is showing a decreasing tendency (22% decrease in last five years) and is a matter of concern.

39.20 The meeting decided to set up a new research center titled 'Amrita Mind Brain Center' with Dr. Shyam Diwakar as the Head. The vision and mission of the new center are as given below.

1. Vision

To establish a top neuroscience center with emphasis on cognition, computations and neural engineering.

2. Mission

To develop novel engineering solutions for neurological and psychiatric conditions and disorders by harnessing technologies and methods for exploring brain function.

39.21 Dr. Sasangan Ramanathan proposed a discussion on optimizing the timing of the second convocation. Decided to defer further discussion of the same to the next academic council meeting.

The meeting ended with Shanti Mantra at 1 p.m.



Dr. K Sankaran
Registrar & Secretary, Academic Council

To
All Academic Council Members