

**AMRITA VISHWA VIDYAPEETHAM**  
**Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council**

Venue: Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham  
Amritanagar  
Coimbatore 641 112

Date: 06.06.2015  
Day : Saturday  
Time: 11.30 AM

The following members of the Academic Council were present:

1. Dr. P Venkat Rangan, Vice Chancellor
2. Dr. S Krishnamoorthy, Registrar
3. Prof. C Parameswaran, Director - CIR
4. Dr. Bipin Nair (Dean, School of Biotechnology)
5. Dr. Shantikumar V Nair (Dean, Research)
6. Dr. Sasangan Ramanathan (Dean, Engineering)
7. Dr. Krishnashree Achuthan (Chair, PGP)
8. Dr. R Dhandapani (Controller of Examinations)
9. Br.Sudeep, Amritapuri
10. Br. Dhanrja, Bangalore
11. Dr. U Krishnakumar (Director, School of Arts & Sciences, Kochi)
12. Br. Sunil Dharmapal, Mysore
13. Dr. V Radhakrishnan (Former Director, Amrita)
14. Dr. K Sankaran (School of Engineering, Amritapuri)
15. Prof. S G Rakesh (Principal, ASE Bangalore)
16. Dr. P Prathapan Nair (Principal, School of Medicine)
17. Dr. R. Balagopal Varma (Principal, School of Dentistry)
18. Prof. K T Moly (Principa, Amrita College of Nursing)
19. Dr. M Sabitha (Principal, School of Pharmacy)
20. Dr. Vasudevan Nampoothiri (Principal, Amrita School of Ayurveda)
21. Prof. Vidya Pai (Principal, School of Arts & Sciences, Mysore)
22. Dr. M Savitha Pande (Principal, School of Education)

Br. Abhayamrita Chaitanya, Dr. Prem Nair, Dr. V S Somanath, Dr. Balakrishnan Shankar, Br. Sankara Chaitanya Dr. C R Muthukrishnan, Dr. A H Kalro, Dr. Bharat Jayaraman, Dr. P Sridhar, Dr. c Gopinathan Pillai and Dr. Sriram Devanathan could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence was granted to them.

Dr. Raghu Raman (Chairperson, ASB, Coimbatore), Dr. S N Jyothi (Principal, ASE Amritapuri) Dr. M Viswanathan (ASAS Amritapuri), Shri. Manoj P (Chairperson, ASB Bangalore), Dr. Rajesh M (ASAS Kochi) and Ms. Pavithra (AUMS Co-ordinator) attended the meeting as special invitees.

The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chancellor Dr. P Venkat Rangan.

The meeting began with a prayer. The Vice Chancellor extended a warm welcome to all the members of the Academic Council.

*Item No.*

**23.1** Confirmation of the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 21.03.2015.

**Resolved to confirm the Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 21.03.2015.**

## **23.2 New Academic Programmes**

23.2.1 Considered the recommendation of CPGP to start following PG programmes from the academic year 2015-16.

- i) MA in Philosophy & Applied Psychology ... Intake 25
- ii) MA in Philosophy, Arts and Culture ... Intake 25
- iii) PhD in Philosophy, Arts & Culture
- iv) PhD in Spiritual Studies
- v) PhD in Philosophy and psychology

**Resolved to approve starting of above programmes under the International Centre for Spiritual Studies, at Amritapuri, Bangalore and Coimbatore Campuses from the academic year 2015-16.**

23.2.2 Considered the proposal for starting of 4 year Integrated B.Sc/BA B.Ed. programme at Amrita School of Arts & Sciences, Mysore from the academic year 2016-17, recommended by CUGP.

**Resolved to approve in principle to start a 4 year Integrated B.Sc/BA B.Ed. programme at Amrita School of Arts & Sciences, Mysore from the academic year 2016-17. Detailed proposal to be submitted to the CUGP.**

23.2.3 Considered the proposal for starting M.Phil programme in Chemistry at Amrita School of Arts & Sciences, Amritapuri from the academic year 2015-16, recommended by CPGP.

**Resolved to approve starting of M.Phil programme in Chemistry at Amrita School of Arts & Sciences, Amritapuri from the academic year 2015-16, subject to the approval of the curriculum & syllabus recommended by the Board of Studies. Acceptance of at least one Research Publication in a Scopus listed journal is mandatory for the award of M.Phil degree. (Note : Publication in conference proceedings is not sufficient).**

23.2.4 Considered the proposal to start one more batch of B.Tech. programme in Computer Science & Engineering at Amrita School of Engineering, Amritapuri from the academic year 2015-16.

**Resolved to approve starting of one more batch of B.Tech. programme in Computer Science & Engineering at Amrita School of Engineering, Amritapuri from the academic year 2015-16.**

23.2.5. Considered the proposal to start a M.Sc. programme in Trauma and Critical Care at School of Medicine, Kochi from the academic year 2015-16, recommended by CPGP..

**Resolved to approve starting an Allied Health Sciences programme M.Sc. in Trauma and Critical Care at School of Medicine, Kochi from the academic year 2015 with an intake of 10 students.**

### **23.3 Regulations of the academic programmes:**

23.3.1 Considered approval of the modified Academic Regulations for B.Pharm programme (2015 Regulations - Semester system with Grade), recommended by CUGP.

**Resolved to approve the modified Academic Regulations for B.Pharm programme (2015 Regulations - Semester system with slightly modification in UGC Grading system).**

23.3.2 Considered the proposal of new Grade Rules as per UGC for B.Tech, M.Tech, MCA and all UG & PG programmes in Arts & Sciences, recommended by CUGP & CPGP.

**Resolved to approve the new Grade Rules suggested by UGC for B.Tech, M.Tech, MCA and all UG & PG programmes in Arts & Sciences, with slight modification w.e.f. 2015 admissions.**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Grade Points</b>
<b>O Outstanding</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>A+ Excellent</b>	<b>9.5</b>
<b>A Very Good</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>B+ Good</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>B Above Average</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>C Average</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>P Pass</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>F Fail</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>FA Failed due to lack of attendance.</b>	<b>0</b>

23.3.3 Considered the approval of the modified Regulations for Engineering and Arts & Sciences programmes on the following rules, recommended by the CUGP.

- i) Supplementary Examination
- ii) Dropped courses
- iii) Fee Structure for remedial courses & the remuneration for faculty
- iv) Elective Courses
- v) Students with “FA”
- vi) Attendance

**Resolved to approve the modified regulations on the following rules for Engineering and Arts & Sciences programmes :**

1. **Supplementary Examination:** As per the college calendar 2014-15 , R.5.23 For students admitted in 2014 onwards , the second chance examinations shall be named as ‘supplementary examination’ and shall be considered as an additional attempt.
  - a. Failed students may take the supplementary examination in a course up to a maximum of three additional attempts (excluding main end semester examination) carrying the previous internal assessment marks earned by them.
  - b. If the student wishes to improve his/her internals, he/she can do so, by registering for the course in runtime mode or during regular semester when the course is offered. The most recent internal mark shall be considered for the subsequent attempt. However, the total number of additional attempts shall remain as “three”.
  - c. Students failing to pass the course after three additional attempts shall henceforth appear for the supplementary examination for the entire 100 marks with no internal assessment marks.
  - d. **Grade Rule for supplementary examination:** Supplementary exams will be evaluated against the most recent grade rule (whenever the course was offered recently during a regular semester)
  - e. Fee for the supplementary exams will be Rs. 300 during the regular duration of the program (4 years for B.Tech program), after which the student shall pay Rs. 1000 per attempt. However for the first supplementary (now called as second chance) no fee to be collected. But it will be counted as an attempt for 2014 batch students.
2. **Dropped courses** can be completed only during run-time re-do or regular semester.
  - a. Cannot be offered in summer since there is no continuous assessment component in summer. Dropped courses cannot be offered in contact mode since the course was never attended by the student.
  - b. In the case of final year students, contact mode for dropped course can be offered on a case by case basis. Request has to be approved by Associate Dean/Principal and Dean Engg. Applicable to all students till they complete the course.
3. **Fee structure for remedial courses and the remuneration for faculty have to be consistent across all campuses.**

#### **4. Elective courses:**

- a. Will be open electives from July 2015 for all batches
- b. Student failing in an elective
  - i. Has to re-appear or re-register for that elective, if the elective is offered as a remedial course
  - ii. If the particular elective is not offered due to administrative reasons – student should be allowed to opt for an equivalent elective to complete the degree requirement. Equivalent elective has to be approved by the Chairperson.
  - iii. The grade sheet will indicate that the student cleared an elective in lieu of an elective previously opted for. If a student fails in an elective, the same will be reflected in the semester marks sheet and whenever he/she clears, the grade awarded will be reflected in the corresponding semester marks sheet. In the consolidated Grade sheet the elective he/she cleared will be printed.
  - iv. Pre-requisite rules apply and should be checked while opting for an equivalent elective

#### **5. Students with “FA”:**

- a. Can register for the course during regular semester
- b. Can register for the course as run-time redo (if the course is offered)
- c. In the case of final year students, “FAs” could be permitted for Summer Course on case by case basis. Request has to be approved by Associate Dean/Principal and Dean Engg.

#### **6. Attendance:**

- a. Would like to introduce marks for attendance (counted towards continuous assessment for all regular and remedial courses registered in a semester):
  - i. 5 marks for 96-100% attendance
  - ii. 4 marks for 91-95% attendance
  - iii. 3 marks for 86-90% attendance
  - iv. 2 marks for 80-85% attendance
  - v. 0 for < 80% and “FA” for < 75% attendance
  - vi. “OD” should be marked as present. OD’s are typically given to students representing the University in events either within the campus or outside the campus and has to be approved by the Chairperson. OD forms have to be submitted by the student **prior to the student attending the event.** OD forms submitted after the event will not be entertained and the student will be marked absent.

*For programmes in Health Sciences, the minimum attendance shall be as prescribed by the respective statutory agencies.*

### **23.4 Curriculum and Syllabi**

23.4.1 Considered approval of the curricula and syllabi for M.Tech. programme in Automotive Electronics, recommended by CPGP.

**Resolved to approve the curricula and syllabi for M.Tech. programme in Automotive Electronics.**

23.4.2 Considered approval of the revised syllabus for Master of Hospital Administration programme at Amrita School of Medicine, Kochi, recommended by CPGP.

**Resolved to approve the revised syllabus for Master of Hospital Administration programme at Amrita School of Medicine, Kochi.**

23.4.3 Considered approval of the revised syllabus for B.Pharm programme from the academic year 2015-16, recommended by CPGP.

**Resolved to approve the revised syllabus for B.Pharm programme from the academic year 2015-16.**

23.4.4 Considered approval of the modified Curriculum in MBA programme for ASB, Coimbatore, for the academic year 2015-16, recommended by CPGP.

**Resolved to approve the modified Curriculum in MBA programme for ASB, Coimbatore, for the academic year 2015-16.**

23.4.5 Considered approval of the revised curriculum for B.Tech programme( 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester) applicable from 2015 admission onwards, recommended by CPGP.

**Resolved to approve the revised curriculum for B.Tech programme( 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester) applicable from 2015 admission onwards.**

23.4.6 Considered approval of the revised curriculum and syllabi for all UG,PG and Integrated MA, MSc. Programmes of Arts & Science

**Resolved to approve the revised curriculum and syllabi for all UG,PG and Integrated MA,MSc. Programmes of Arts & Science. Further, the Vice Chancellor was authorized to appoint a committee to finalise the curriculum and syllabus for M.Sc. (Maths) and M.Sc. (Physics) programmes and to approve the same.**

## **23.5 Other Items**

23.5.1 Considered the recommendation of the BoS of Department of Communication that *“ it was highly impractical for the PG students to publish their research article in scopus indexed journals and conferences”*

**Resolved that submission/publication of research article in Conference / Journal to be recommended by the Department is mandatory. The list has to be got approved by the Vice Chancellor.**

23.5.2 Considered approval of the proposal for B.Tech. (**Honours**) programme, by the Vice Chancellor.

**Resolved to approve the proposal. (Resolution -Annexure 23.5.2 attached)**

23.5.3 Considered to award Degree Certificate of MSW programme specifying the areas of specialization, since they are studying electives in that area. This will help them in their placement.

**Resolved to approve to award Degree Certificate of MSW programme specifying the areas of specialization, since they have six electives in that area.**

23.5.4 Considered recommending to the Board of Management, the list of Graduands who have completed all the requirements for the award of respective Degrees at the 12<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the University.

**Since the list of Graduands is not ready, the item will be taken up in the next meeting.**

23.5.5 **Resolved to approve the fees for Ph.D. students in Amrita School of Business to be increased to Rs. 4.0 Lakh.**

23.5.6 **Resolved to approve to change the nomenclature of M.Tech. programme in E-Learning Technologies at Amrita School of Engineering, Amritapuri as M.Tech. in Computer Science (Specialization in Internet Technologies) from the academic year 2015-16.**

**The meeting ended with the chanting of the Shanthi Mantra.**



Dr. S Krishnamoorthy  
Registrar & Secretary, Academic Council

### **Academic Council Resolution for B.tech Honours Programme**

We are happy to announce a special B.Tech. Honours program with amrita Chancellor's Fellowship (for waiver of tuition fees) for 10 students who are exceptionally good.

The B.Tech. Honours program is a superb academic program modeled along the lines of prestigious international universities, with the following main features.

- Chancellor's Fellowship Award to waive Tuition fees
- Fully Flexible Choice Based Credit system
- Courses can be drawn from inter-disciplinary (minor) programs, up to 25% of the credits
- Courses can be drawn from MOOCs from reputed international Universities, up to 20% of the credits
- Student has to maintain a CGPA of 8.0 or higher
- Comprehensive Exam can be taken in lieu of courses in supportive subjects such as English, Soft Skills, etc.
- Contact Courses can be taken in any semester
- Special credits for entrepreneurial contributions
- Significant opportunities to work on creative projects and participate in international competitions such as ACM ICPC : Project based outcomes can replace examinations in selected courses.
- PG courses can be taken upon approval as a case by case basis
- Interdisciplinary minor
- Requirement of SCOPUS indexed paper publication
- Participation in an international technical competition
- Attendance waiver on a case by case basis

Admission is direct (without entrance) and with Chancellor's Fellowship, and is for superbly brilliant and self motivated students only, as evidenced by exceptional performance in Indian National Olympiads, top ranks in CBSE, and any other accomplishments in prestigious national and international competitions.

Students are required to maintain a consistently high cumulative grade point average throughout the program.

The program will be administered by a specially constituted "**Honours**" committee.

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