

AMRITA VISHWA VIDYAPEETHAM

Minutes of the 25th Meeting of the Academic Council

**Venue: Amrita VishwaVidyapeetham
Amritanagar, Ettimadai,
Coimbatore 641 112**

**Date : 29.01.2016
Day : Friday
Time :10.30 AM**

The following members of the Academic Council were present:

1. Dr. P. VenkatRangan, Vice-Chancellor
2. Dr. K. Sankaran, Registrar
3. Dr. Shantikumar V. Nair (Dean, Research)
4. Dr. SasanganRamanathan (Dean, Engineering)
5. Dr. Balakrishnan Shankar (Associate Dean, Amritapuri)
6. Dr. P. Sridhar (Associate Dean, Administration)
7. Dr. R. Dhandapani (Controller of Examinations)
8. Br. Dhanraj (Director, Amrita VishwaVidyapeetham Bangalore Campus)
9. Dr. U. Krishnakumar (Director, School of Arts and Sciences, Kochi)
10. Br. Sunil Dharmapalan (Director, Amrita VishwaVidyapeethamMysore Campus)
11. Dr. R. Balagopal Varma (Principal, School of Dentistry)
12. Prof. K.T.Moly (Principal, Amrita College of Nursing)
13. Dr. M. Sabitha (Principal, School of Pharmacy)
14. Prof. VidyaPai (Principal, School of Arts and Sciences, Mysore)
15. Dr. M. SavithaPande(Principal, School of Education, Mysore)
16. Dr. Gopinathan Pillai (Principal, Amrita School of Arts and Sciences, Amritapuri)
17. Dr. Vasudevan, (Emeritus Professor, Amrita School of Medicine - Special Invitee)
18. Dr. Raghuraman (Chairman, ASB Coimbatore) (Special Invitee)
19. Prof. Manoj (Chairman, ASB, Bangalore - As representative of Dr. V.S.Somanath)

Br. AbhayamritaChaitanya (Pro-Chancellor), Dr. Prem Nair (Medical Director, Amrita Institute of Medical Science and Research), Prof. C. Parameswaran (Director-CIR), Dr. Bipin Nair (Dean, School of Biotechnology),Dr. V.S.Somanath (Dean, Amrita School of Business), Dr. KrishnasreeAchuthan (Dean, CPGP), Br. SankaraChaitanya (Director, Amrita School of Ayurveda), Br. Sudeep (Director, Amrita VishwaVidyapeetham, Amritapuri), Dr. V. Radhakrishnan, Dr. C.R.Muthukrishana, Dr. A.H.Kalro, Dr. BharathJayaraman, Prof. S.G. Rakesh, (Associate Dean, Amrita School of Engineering, Bangalore),Dr. S.N.Jyothi, (Principal, Amrita School of Engineering, Amritapuri),Dr. P. Pratapan Nair (Principal, Amrita School of Medicine, Kochi), Dr. VasudevanNampoodiri, (Principal, Amrita School of Ayurveda) and Dr. SriramDevanathan (Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering) could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence was granted to them.

The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chancellor Dr. P VenkatRangan.

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

The meeting placed on record the services rendered by Dr. S. Krishnamoorthy, the erstwhile Registrar for the meritorious service rendered by him.

Item No.

- 25.1** Considered the minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the Academic Council held on 06.06.2015.
Resolved to confirm the minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the Academic Council held on 06.06.2015
- 25.2** Considered the minutes of the 24th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 07.09.2015.
Resolved to confirm the minutes of the 24th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 07-09-2015
- 25.3** Considered the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) for the year 2014-15
Resolved to approve the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) for the year 2014-15
- 25.4** **Resolved that the reports of activities / academic progress from constituent schools be circulated together with the minutes of the meeting.**
- 25.5** **New Academic Programmes**
- 25.5.1 Considered the recommendation of ULCPGP to start the following post graduate courses from the academic year 2016-17 with an intake of 30 each.
Resolved to start the following post graduate courses (as recommended by CPGP) from the academic year 2016-17 with an intake of 30 each.
1. 2 yr. MA Programme in English Literature and Literary Theory at ASE, Coimbatore.
 2. 2 yr. MA Programme in Visual Media and Communication at ASAS, Kochi.
 3. 2 yr. MA Programme in Corporate Communication and Advertising at ASAS, Kochi and Mysuru.
 4. 2 yr. M.Com Programme in Taxation at ASAS, Mysuru.
 5. 2 yr. M.Sc. Programme in Chemistry at ASE, Coimbatore and Bengaluru,
 6. 2 yr. M.Sc. Programme in Physics Coimbatore and Bengaluru.
 7. 2 yr. M.Sc. Programme in Mathematics at ASE, Coimbatore and Bengaluru.
 8. 2 yr. MFA Programme in Animation Content Management at ASAS, Mysuru.
 9. 2 yr. Master of Journalism and Mass Communication Programme at ASAS, Mysuru
- 25.5.2 Considered the proposal recommended by CPGP to start the following post graduate courses from the academic year 2016-17 with an intake of 60 each.
Resolved to start the following post graduate courses from the academic year 2016-17 with an intake of 60 each.
10. 5 yr. Integrated M.Sc. Programme in Mathematics at ASAS, Kochi.
 11. 5 yr. Integrated MCA Programme at ASAS, Mysuru.

25.5.3 Considered the proposal recommended by CPGP to start the following post graduate course from the academic year 2016-17

Resolved to start the following post graduate course from the academic year 2016-17

12. M.Phil Programme in Computer Science at ASAS, Kochi

25.5.4 Considered the dual degree Ph.D. Health Sciences Policies 2016, duly recommended by CPGP

Resolved to accept the dual degree (MD-Ph.D., MSc-Ph.D., MBBS-Ph.D.) Health Sciences Policies 2016 duly recommended by CPGP. Accepted the guidelines forwarded by the ULCPGP.

25.5.5 Considered the proposal from CPGP to start Dual degree M.Tech-Ph.D programme under engineering in the university

Resolved to start Dual degree M.Tech-Ph.D programme under engineering in the university. Accepted the guidelines forwarded by the ULCPGP.

25.5.6 Considered the proposal recommended by the CUGP to start a 3 year B.A. in English Language and Literature in ASE, Coimbatore with an annual intake of 60.

Resolved to start a 3 year B.A. in English Language and Literature in ASE, Coimbatore with an annual intake of 60.

25.6 New Regulations

Considered adoption of the following new regulations effective from 2015 admissions, recommended by the CPGP / CUGP.

Resolved to adopt the following new regulations effective from 2015 admissions, recommended by the CPGP / CUGP.

25.6.1 FIVE-YEAR INTEGRATED PG DEGREE PROGRAMMES UNDER ARTS AND SCIENCES

25.6.2 PG PROGRAMMES UNDER ARTS AND SCIENCES

25.6.3 Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.)

25.6.4. REGULATIONS FOR THE UG PROGRAMMES UNDER ARTS AND SCIENCES

25.6.5 REVISED B. TECH. REGULATIONS

Resolved that under the B.Tech Honours stream all of the flexibilities and unique features such as publication requirement, project based courses, interdisciplinary courses (up to 25% credits), MOOCs (up to 20% credits), attendance waiver should be included.

25.6.6 Discussed and approved the new Research Policy of the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham and recommend to place in the Board of Management for approval.

25.7 Modifications in Regulations

Considered adoption of the following modifications in Regulations recommended by CPGP/ CUGP.

Resolved to adopt the following modifications in Regulations recommended by CPGP/ CUGP.

25.7.1 Credit & Grading System for M.B.B.S. as proposed by the ULCPGP

25.7.2 An average CGPA of 8.00 be maintained for all the courses taken by the PhD students. The regulation for Ph.D. is amended accordingly with immediate effect.

25.7.3 The minimum attendance requirement for the M Tech students be revised as 75% from 90%. The regulations for M.Tech are amended accordingly with immediate effect.

25.7.4 PG students securing a CGPA between 6.50 and 7.99 be made eligible for the award of First Class and those securing CGPA 8 or above be eligible for distinction subject to the other requirements for distinction. The regulations for PG programmes are amended accordingly with immediate effect.

25.7.5 Exemption from the mandatory requirement of ONE paper publication for the following programmes under Arts and Sciences: (the request of the Chairman, Arts and Sciences Programme Committee, forwarded by CPGP)

a. MFA programmes;

b. MA programmes in Visual Media & Communication and Corporate Communication & Advertising. Instead of the publications, the students shall produce short Films / portfolios as a result of their Project Work.

The PG Regulations of Arts and Sciences are modified accordingly.

25.8 New Curriculum

Considered adoption of the new curriculum effective from 2015 admissions onwards as proposed and recommended by CPGP /CUGP.

Resolved to adopt the new curriculum effective from 2015 admissions onwards as proposed and recommended by CPGP /CUGP for the following programmes.

25.8.1 5-yr Integrated M Sc – Chemistry

25.8.2 5-yr Integrated M A – English Language and Literature

25.8.3 5-yr Integrated M Sc – Mathematics

25.8.4 5-yr Integrated M Sc – Physics

25.8.5 5-yr Integrated M C A

25.8.6 M A – Philosophy and Applied Psychology

25.8.7 M A – Communication

25.8.8 M A – English Language and Literature

25.8.9 MSc – Chemistry
25.8.10 MSc – Computer Science (Software Network and Administration)
25.8.11 MSc – Mathematics
25.8.12 MSc – Physics)
25.8.13 M Com – Finance and Systems

25.8.14 M F A - AAA (Applied Art and Advertising)
25.8.15 M F A – ACM (Animation and Content Management)
25.8.16 M F A – DFM
25.8.17 M J M C (Master of Journalism & Mass Communication)

25.8.18 M S W
25.8.19 P G D J (Post-graduate diploma in Journalism)

25.8.20 M Phil – Commerce and Management
25.8.21 M Phil – English Language and Literature
25.8.22 M Phil – Visual Communication

25.8.23 MBA at Kochi and Amritapuri
25.8.24 MBA at Bangalore

25.8.25 B TECH PROGRAMME Revised Curriculum
25.8.26 B Tech (Honours) in Computer Science and Engineering CURRICULUM (2014 Batch)
25.8.27 B Tech (Honours) in Computer Science and Engineering CURRICULUM (for 2015 admissions onwards)

It was resolved that under the B.Tech Honours curriculum a clause could be added that students could avail of all the flexibility and unique features such as publication requirement, project based courses, interdisciplinary courses (up to 25% credits), MOOCs (up to 20% credits), attendance waiver.

25.8.28 B A – Mass Communication Curriculum
25.8.29 BSc - Visual Media Curriculum
25.8.30 B Com – Finance and IT
25.8.31 B Com – Taxation and Finance
25.8.32 BB A
25.8.33 BB M
25.8.34 B C A

25.8.35 It was resolved to approve the following:

- i) **The sanctioned student intake for B.Tech. Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) at Amrita School of Engineering, Coimbatore is approved as 360 Nos. from Academic year 2016-17 onwards.**
- ii) **M.Tech. Computer Vision and Image Processing (CVIP) programme at Amrita School of Engineering, Coimbatore is discontinued with effect from the academic year 2016-27.**

25.8.36 **It was resolved to approve the sanctioned student intake for B.Tech. Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) at Amrita School of Engineering, Coimbatore is approved as 180 Nos. from the academic year 2016-17 onwards.**

25.9 Proposal for Change in Fee and Remunerations

Considered the proposal from CPGP to effect the following changes in fees with immediate effect.

25.9.1 Annual fee for the Internal Ph. D scholars be increased to Rs. 15,000/- from the present Rs. 10,000/-

Decided not to take any decision on this item since it was outside the purview of the Academic Council. The different campus administration can take suitable decision on this issue.

25.9.2 Remuneration for the examiners/evaluators of the Ph. D. theses.

Decided that the Dean PG programmes may take suitable decision on this matter.

25.10 Increase in intake

Considered the proposal from ULCPGP to increase in the intake to the M Tech programmes in CSE and VLSI at the Coimbatore campus from 2016 admissions.

Resolved not to change the intake till the NBA accreditation was over.

25.11 Change of Name of Programme

Considered the change in the nomenclature as recommended by the CPGP of M Tech programme in Thermal Sciences and Energy Systems, to M Tech in Mechanical Engineering (Specialization—Thermal Sciences and Energy Systems).

Resolved to consider the change in nomenclature only after N.B.A. accreditation.

25.12 University Ranking: Submission of data

Reviewed the action taken so far in submission of data for University ranking and newsletter distribution. Dr. Raghu Raman has taken responsibility to submit data in a timely and comprehensive manner for QS and THE rankings.

25.13. Examination Pattern Improvement

The Academic Council ratified the following recent decisions of Amrita Executive Council.

1. All schools must adhere to approved (by the University HQ) academic calendar and class & examination time-table framework, with common holidays and vacation for Ashram festivals.

2. All schools must give mandatory one day holiday between any two semester or annual exams.
3. All courses in all schools must have re-evaluation option.
4. All departments of all schools must evaluate all their teachers once a semester based on University-approved common evaluation form.
5. All schools must put in place modern evaluation methods with digital MCQ type evaluation, and minimize long essay type questions and unnecessary hand-writing/hand-drawing of practical records.

25.14. Marks and Attendance for Research

Academic Council Resolved to grant Marks and Attendance for Research involvement of students by ratifying the decisions of the Amrita Executive Council with slight modifications as given below.

If a student participates in research projects undertaken by the university, the student is awarded the following incentive marks and attendance:

If the student involvement in the research projects leads to conference or journal paper publication with Amrita Affiliation, preferably Scopus or PubMed indexed, 10 marks per research paper is awarded. The marks can be given to any subject(s) where the student has a need to improve his/her grade.

Additional credit of 25% attendance is added to the student's attendance in all subjects in that semester/year. This is to encourage the research oriented students to spend the required time in research labs carrying out research under the supervision of faculty advisors. These enhanced percentages are counted towards the minimum attendance requirement and any marks allotted to attendance. If there are regulatory body required minimums, the student must be given the opportunity to accrue 25% attendance through special classes or self-study mode or the time spent in the labs.

Both of the above are awarded based on a letter of approval from the student's research advisor submitted to the school head (principal/associated dean/dean/medical director).

Academic Council Resolved to grant Attendance for Training for International Competitions by ratifying the Amrita Executive Council decision with slight modification.

Students who are selected for training for international competitions like ICPC are eligible to receive attendance credit of 25% in all subjects in that semester/year.

All regulations are modified accordingly.



Dr. K Sankaran
Registrar & Secretary

