



**AMRITA**  
**VISHWA VIDYAPEETHAM**  
**UNIVERSITY**  
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**COIMBATORE 641 112**

**Minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council**

*Venue: Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham  
Conference Hall  
Amritanagar, Ettimadai  
Coimbatore*

*Date : 08.11.2016  
Day : Tuesday  
Time : 10.00AM*

The following members of the Academic Council were present:

1. Br. Abhayamrita Chaitanya, Pro-Chancellor
2. Dr. P Venkat Rangan, Vice Chancellor
3. Dr. K Sankaran, Registrar
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 (Dean, PG Programmes)
8. Dr. Balakrishnan Shankar, Associate Dean, Amritapuri
9. Dr. P Sridhar, Associate Dean
10. Dr. R Dhandapani (Controller of Examinations)
11. Br. Sankara Chaitanya Swami, School of Ayurveda
12. Br. Sudeep, Amritapuri
13. Br. Dhanraj, Bangalore
14. Dr. U Krishnakumar, ASAS Kochi
15. Br. Sunil Dharmapal, Mysore
16. Dr. A H Kalro, Former Director, IIM
17. Dr. S N Jyothi (Principal, School of Engineering, Amritapuri)
18. Dr. Prathapan Nair (Principal, School of Medicine)
19. Prof. K T Moly (Principal, Amrita College of Nursing)
20. Dr. M Sabitha (Principal, School of Pharmacy)
21. Prof. Vidya Pai (Principal, School of Arts & Sciences, Mysore)
22. Dr. M Savitha Pande (Principal, School of Education)
23. Dr. V M Nandakumaran, Principal, ASAS Amritapuri
24. Dr. Sriram Devanathan, Dept. of Chemical Engg., ASE, Coimbatore

**Special Invitees:**

1. Dr. D M Vasudevan, AIMS Kochi
2. Dr. Raghu Raman, ASB Coimbatore
3. Prof. Manoj P – ASB Bangalore
4. Prof. Sunanda Muralidharan, ASB, Kochi
5. Prof. Prashant R Nair, ASE Coimbatore

Dr. Prem Nair - Medical Director, Prof. C Parameswaran, - Director (CIR), Dr. Maneesha Sudheer - (Dean, International Programmes), Dr. V S Somanath (Dean, ASB), Dr. V Radhakrishnan (Former Director, Amrita), Dr. C R Muthukrishnan (Chief Advisor, TCA), Dr. Bharat Jayaraman, Dr. S G Rakesh (Principal, ASE Bangalore), Dr. R. Balagopal Varma (Principal, School of Dentistry), and Dr. Vasudevan Nampoothiri (Principal, School of Ayurveda) could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence was granted to them.

Dr. Rabinarayan Tripathy of Ayurveda School, Dr. Nagaraja S R of ASE, Bangalore and Dr. Rakesh S, Vice Principal of School of Dentistry also participated in the meeting representing their Schools.

The meeting was chaired by the Pro-Chancellor.

The meeting started with prayer. The Vice-Chancellor welcomed the members which was followed by the opening remarks by the Pro-Chancellor where he reminded the members that improving the ranking of the university was of paramount importance for the survival of the university.

The Vice-Chancellor noted that review for Ranking was of vital importance for the university and any individual who was found to be short of expectations of the university should be informed in writing of the same by the head of that institution and should be asked to initiate remedial measures. Similarly compliance measures to rectify any shortcomings mentioned against any institution should be initiated. The same should be reported in the next academic council.

28.1 Approved minutes of the 27th meeting of the Academic Council held on 2.08.2016

*Annexure 28.1*

28.2 Reports on RAR OF ASE and ASAS Amritapuri were presented by Dr. Sasangan Ramanathan and were accepted.

*Annexure 28.2*

28.3 Reports on RAR of Biotechnology, Ayurveda, WNA Centre, AMMACHI Centre, Cybersecurity - systems and Networks Centre, CREATE Centre and Amritadarsanam Centre were presented by Dr. Shanti Nair and were accepted.

*Annexure 28.3*

28.4 Reports on RAR of Department of Management, Amritapuri were presented by Prof. P. Manoj and were accepted.

*Annexure 28.4*

28.5 Reports on RAR of Department of Management, Bangalore were presented by Dr. Raghu Raman and were accepted.

*Annexure 28.5*

28.6 Reports on RAR of School of Medicine, Dental, Nursing, Pharmacy & Arts & Science, Kochi were presented by Dr. Bipin Nair and were accepted.

*Annexure 28.6*

28.7 Reports on RAR of Department of Management, Kochi were presented by Prof. Sunanda Muraleedharan and were accepted

*Annexure 28.7*

28.8 Reports on RAR of School of Engineering, Coimbatore including Research Centers at Coimbatore were presented by Dr. S.R. Nagaraja and were accepted.

*Annexure 28.8*

28.9 Reports on RAR of School of Engineering, Bangalore were presented by Dr. Balakrishnan Shankar and were accepted.

*Annexure 28.9*

28.10 Reports on RAR of School of Business, Coimbatore were presented by Prof. Sunanda Muralidharan and were accepted.

*Annexure 28.10*

28.11 Reports on RAR of School of Arts & Science, Mysore were presented by Dr. U. Krishnakumar and were accepted.

*Annexure 28.11*

28.12 It was decided that the Seed Grant Funding in each campus would be finalised by the Director of Research of that campus and the campus Accounts Department can take suitable decision to release the grants. Any further clarification needed on releasing the amount will be provided by the Pro-Chancellor.

28.13 The status of NIRF data collected was discussed. It was noted that the data provided by the School of Medicine was incomplete and the data from Centre for nanosciences were not available. The representatives from these schools/centres were requested to take immediate action.

28.14 The status of preparation of the Review Report for UGC Inspection for extension of approval of Deemed University status was discussed. It was decided that all institutions provide forthwith to the University headquarters the details to be included in the review report and the compiled report be whetted by a committee consisting of Dr. Sasangan Ramanathan, Dr. Sreeram Devanathan, Dr. Balakrishnan Shankar, Dr. Shanti Nair and Dr. Vasudevan or Dr. Pratapan Nair before it is sent to the inspection committee members.

28.15 Vice Chancellor's approval for the reconstitution of Board of Studies for the following programmes:

- i) BoS for Mathematics
- ii) BoS for Physics
- iii) BoS for Education .. was ratified.

*Annexure 28.15(i,ii,iii)*

28.16 Approval by the Dean PGP to start a Part Time M.Tech programme in Computer Science & Engineering: Specialization "Data Sciences" at Amrita School of Engineering, Bangalore from the academic year 2016-17 was ratified.

28.17 Modified regulations for the M.Phil programmes in Arts & Sciences were discussed and approved.

*Annexure 28.17*

28.18 The meeting took note of the new gazette notifications by the UGC on "the procedure for award of M.Phil / PH.D Degree regulations 2016"

Decided to direct the relevant programme committees of the university to discuss the same and modify the regulations suitably wherever required.

*Annexure 28.18*

The meeting came to a close by 3 p.m.



Registrar & Secretary, Academic Council