

Minutes of the ACADEMIC COUNCIL -16th February, 2018

A meeting of the Academic Council was convened at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Bhavan, University of Mumbai, Vidyanagari, Kalina Campus, Santacruz (E), Mumbai - 400 098 on 16th February, 2018 at 11.00 a.m.

The following members were present;

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| 1. Dr. Devanand Shinde | Vice Chancellor (Ag.) - Chairman |
| 2. Dr. V. N. Magre | Pro -Vice Chancellor (Ag.) |
| 3. Dr. Arjun P. Ghatule | Director – BoEE (Ag.) |
| 4. Dr. M. S. Kurhade | I/c Dean - Humanities |
| 5. Dr. S.T. Gadade | I/c Dean - Commerce & Mgmt. |
| 6. Dr. Vijay Joshi | I/c Dean - Science & Technology |
| 7. Dr. Rashmi Oza | I/c Dean - Interdisciplinary Studies |
| 8. Dr. Madhu T.P. Nair | Member |
| 9. Dr. Madhuri Pejavar | Member |
| 10. Dr. Ajay Bhamre | Member |
| 11. Shri. Vithal Rokade | Member |
| 12. Dr. S.B. Mandale | Member |
| 13. Dr. Ravindra Deshmukh | Member |
| 14. Dr. Dinesh Kamble | Registrar (I/c.) – Member Secretary |

The condolence was given to Late Dr. Nilkanth Bankar, Dept. of Psychology for sad demise.

It was **resolved** that the Leave of absence be granted to Dr. Shefali Pandya and Dr. Kishor Sukhthankar.

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It was **resolved** that the Minutes of the Academic Council Meeting dated **11th December, 2017** be approved.

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It was **resolved** that the recommendation made by the I/c. Dean, Faculty of Humanities and the Ad-hoc Board of Studies in **Special Education** at its meeting held on 12th December, 2017 be **accepted** and that in accordance therewith, the Syllabus, relevant Ordinances and Regulations of Course of **Post Graduate Diploma in Auditory Verbal Therapy** be **introduced** as per the appendix from the Academic Year 2018-19 and the same be recommended to the Management Council.

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It was **resolved** that the recommendation made by Ad-hoc Board of Studies in **Hospitality Studies** at its meeting held on 30th January, 2017 be **accepted** and that in accordance therewith, the syllabus of **M.Sc. (Hotel & Hospitality Administration)** three year (Part time course) (Sem – III & IV) be **accepted** as per the appendix and the same be brought into force with effect from academic year 2018-2019.

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It was **resolved** that the proposal made by I/c. Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation to arrange for Convocation Day for the year 2017 for Conferment of Degrees and Diplomas in different Courses of various Faculties and also of Autonomous Departments of the University and Autonomous Colleges / Institutions of University of Mumbai be **accepted** and the same be recommended to the Management Council.

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It was **resolved** that the Local Inquiry Committee consisting of Dr. Suresh Ukrande (Convenor), Dr. Iyer and one Principal of Pharmacy college be appointed for the proposal regarding Closure (Discontinuation) of M. Pharm. (Pharmacognosy) in Oriental Education Society's, Oriental College of Pharmacy, Sanpada (W), Navi Mumbai – 400 705 from the academic year 2016 – 17 as per the provision under section – 121 of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016.

Arising out of discussion, Dr. S.T. Gadade, I/c. Dean, Faculty of Commerce and Management pointed out that since last 10 years, affiliated colleges are conducting many certificate/value added courses (approximately 125) and it is noticed that most of their syllabi are now included in the syllabi of regular programmes/courses due to timely syllabus revision, hence, it need to restructure and revise them. Hon. Vice-Chancellor asked to list up the number of UG/PG Certificate/Diploma/PG Diploma courses under University of Mumbai. Finally, it was **resolved** that:-

As the syllabi of most of the certificate/value added courses needs to be revised, the faculty of Deans be authorized to instruct the respective Board of Studies to revise, upgrade & scrutinize the contents of these courses as per UGC guidelines and also to revise the nomenclatures, examination pattern as per CBCS from academic year 2018-19 and place it before the Faculty/Academic Council for approval through respective Deans."

Dr. S.T. Gadade also suggested that those colleges who have accredited 'A+' by NAAC and Colleges with Potential for Excellence (CPE) or colleges with excellence (CE) by UGC, need to be involved in University IQAC for the preparation for the accreditation of the University and for preparing SSR of University. The achievements of the colleges, their credentials must be added in SSR of the University. Hon. Vice-Chancellor agreed for the same and suggested to call meeting of all those Principals and conduct the workshops etc. and finally it was resolved that:-

"While preparing SSR of University for University accreditation, the IQAC is to identify the Principals of 'A+' accredited colleges and Colleges with Potential for Excellence (CPE) or colleges with excellence (CE) by UGC with excellence to be involved in the University IQAC, and call meeting of those Principals and conducts workshops wherever necessary with their association."

Dr. Madhuri Pejavar and Dr. Vijay Joshi pointed out that the syllabus of many subjects have to be revised is changed from next academic year i.e. 2018-19 and it is necessary to frame and approve the syllabus before the commencement of next academic year. Hence, Dr. Pejavar requested to allow to conduct the syllabus committee meetings, as the interim boards are still working and no full-fledged Board of Studies are formed yet. Hon. Vice-Chancellor agreed for the same and also asked the Registrar to give copies of all interim Boards to respective Deans immediately. It was resolved that:-

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"The syllabus committees that are formed will immediately start preparing their respective syllabi and submit it to the respective interim Board of Studies for approval and where the syllabus committee is not formed, the respective interim Boards will form the syllabus committee immediately and start functioning. The respective I/c Deans, with their endorsement, place it before Faculty /Academic Council for approval."

Dr. Madhuri Pejavar pointed out that in the examination result sheet of students of affiliated colleges, the average of grade is calculated whereas in Autonomous colleges, the average of total marks is calculated. This need to be the same for all. In this connection, it was **resolved** that:-

"The review committee is to be appointed by Hon. Vice-Chancellor to look into the matter and submit its report to Hon. Vice-Chancellor, so as to place it before Board of Examinations for appropriate decision."

It was pointed out by Dr. Ravindra Deshmukh that as per the resolution passed in the Academic Council and Management Council, the Convocation fees paid by the students is collected by the University and out of which Rs. 50/- per student is to be given to the colleges. But this part of the resolution is not implemented yet. Hon. Vice-Chancellor assured that the resolution will be implemented from the academic year 2017-18. Hence it was **resolved** that:-

"The amount of Rs. 50/- out of Rs. 250/- collected by the University from each student on account of Convocation fees, be given to the respective colleges from the academic year 2017-18 as per the resolution passed by Academic Council and Management Council, Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation was requested to implement this immediately."

Dr. Rashmi Oza appealed the August gathering that the eligibility to get admitted in M.Phil. course in law is minimum 50% and even if the seats are vacant, the students securing less than 50% should not be admitted to M.Phil. course in law by violating the eligibility norms. It was resolved that:-

"The admission to M.Phil. Course in law will be made strictly as per the eligibility norms laid down by the University from time to time."

Prin. Dr. R. G. Deshmukh brought to the notice of the house that the UGC regulations of M.Phil./Ph.D. 2016 were discussed in the Academic Council meeting held on 24th June, 2016 and it was resolved that the norms be framed newly according to the UGC regulations 2016 regarding M.Phil./Ph. D. courses. Thereafter, in the Academic Council meeting on 11th October, 2017, it was resolved that

• "The Ph. D. Rules be placed in the Board of Deans and the Ph. D. Rules along-with the report of the Board of Deans be placed in the next meeting of Academic Council."

The same was expected to come in today's meeting for approval. Instead it was noticed that the University Circular in this regard was spread on social media with the sign of the then Deputy Registrar without approval of Academic Council and other authorities.

Hon. Vice-Chancellor asked the Registrar to look into the matter and give instructions to Deputy Registrar, Thesis Section for immediate appropriate action.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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