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Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University
SUB POST OFFICE – 182320, J & K.

<u>MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL (21ST) HELD ON 19TH MARCH, 2014 IN THE COUNCIL HALL, ADMINISTRATIVE BLOCK, SMVDU CAMPUS.</u>

1. An Emergency Meeting of the Academic Council of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) was held at SMVDU Campus at 10:00 A.M. on 19th March, 2014.

2. The following attended the meeting:

1. Prof. Sudhir K Jain Vice Chancellor	In-Chair
2. Prof. (Dr.) V.Verma Dean, Faculty of Engineering/Director, School of Biotechnology	Ex-Officio Member
3. Prof. (Dr.) Dinabandhu Mukhopadhyay Dean, Faculty of Management	Ex-Officio Member
4. Prof. V.K.Bhat Dean, Faculty of Sciences &I/c Dean Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences/Director, School of Mathematics	Ex-Officio Member
5. Mr. Subrata Deb Librarian	Ex-Officio Member
6. Dr. Yugal Khajuria I/c Dean of Students	Ex-Officio Member
7. Dr. Vandhana Sharma, Director I/c, School of Languages & Literature	Ex-Officio Member
8. Dr. V.K.Tripathi Director I/c. School of Philosophy & Culture	Ex-Officio Member
9. Dr. S.K. Wanchoo Director I/c, School of Innovation & Community Development	Ex-Officio Member
10. Mr. Balbir Singh Director I/c, School of Mechanical Engineering	Ex-Officio Member
11. Mr. Sumeet Gupta Director I/c, School of Electronics & Communication Engineering	Ex-Officio Member
12. Dr. Jitendar Sharma Director I/c School of Physics	Ex-Officio Member
13. Dr. Supran K Sharma, Director I/c School of Business	Ex-Officio Member
14. Mr. Ajay Khajuria, (Retd.) KAS Registrar, SMVDU	Secretary

Prof. Suneet Tuli, Dean R&D (Ex-HOD), Center for Advance Research in Electronics, I.I.T. Delhi, Prof. Sunil Kale, HOD Mechanical Engineering Department and Former Dean (BUGS), I.I.T. Delhi, Prof. Ratnamala Chatterjee, Department of Physics, I.I.T. Delhi, Prof. Rakesh Mohan Joshi Chairperson (International Collaborations), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi & Prof. Ram Vishawakarma, Director, CSIR- Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, Jammu, could not attend the emergency meeting of the Academic Council due to prior commitments and short notice. However, all of them conveyed their endorsement to all the proposals as per the given agenda except Prof. Sunil Kale who could not be contacted.

Director I/c School of Computer Science & Engineering & Director, School of Architecture & landscape Design being on leave, Ms. Sunanda, Lecturer, SCSE & Mr. Abhiney Gupta, Lecturer, SALD attended the meeting.

At the outset, the Vice Chancellor, welcomed the new Registrar Sh. Ajay Khajuria, (Retd.) KAS to the Academic Council of SMVD University and formally introduced him to the Members of the Academic Council.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor further informed that due to paucity of time, the emergency meeting of the Academic Council had to be called to discuss and deliberate upon a few Academic issues of vital importance which needed to be examined and recommended by the Academic Council before the same are put up to the Executive Council in its meeting scheduled on 21/03/2014.

AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item No. 21.2 **Confirmation of the Minutes of the 20ᵗʰ Meeting of the Academic Council held on 14ᵗʰ September, 2013.**

The Council confirmed the Minutes of the 20ᵗʰ meeting of the Academic Council held on 14ᵗʰ September, 2013.

Agenda Item No.21.3 **Re-structuring of Council of Students Affairs (CSA)**

The proposal for Re-structuring of Council of Students Affairs (CSA) and renaming it as Student Affairs Council (SAC) was deliberated at length by the Academic Council. The Vice Chancellor apprised the house the necessity for re-structuring of CSA, so that the students residing on the Campus are continuously engaged in the varied creative, cultural and sports activities and to ensure participation of the entire cross-section of students in these activities rather than participation by only a limited number of them. The I/c Dean of Students explained the need for the creation of Boards within the CSA (to be renamed as SAC) for managing various students affairs and providing them opportunity to discuss and formulate the Policies and organizing the students related activities and enable them to become more responsible citizens. It was clarified that the NSS activities would be included in Board for Student Welfare (BSW).

The Academic Council accorded in principle approval to the proposal for Re-structuring of Council of Students Affairs and renaming it as Students Affairs Council (SAC). The Academic Council also approved the Constitution of the Students Affairs Council (SAC) and its Constituent Boards.

The matter is placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Agenda Item No.21.4   Fee Structure and Faculty remuneration for Summer Courses

The Academic Council approved the recommendations of the Sub-Committee regarding Fee Structure and Faculty remuneration for Summer Courses as under:

1. Summer Course Registration Fee: Rs. 3000 per course.
2. Faculty Remuneration for Summer Course:

No. of Credits of the Course	No. of Finally Registered Students		
	Upto 20	21 to 50	More than 50
2	Rs. 10,000	Rs. 15,000	Rs. 20,000
3 or more	Rs. 15,000	Rs. 20,000	Rs. 25,000

The Academic Council while approving the Fee Structure and Faculty remuneration for Summer Courses recommended the same for consideration and approval of the Executive Council.

Agenda Item No.21.5   Adoption of New IPR Policy

The Academic Council after examining the SMVDU's proposed the IPR Policy framed on the similar pattern as that of IIT Delhi approved the same for adoption at SMVDU and recommended the same for consideration and approval of the Executive Council.

Agenda Item No.21.6   Proposal for introducing of new Academic Programmes

The Academic Council after deliberating on the matter accorded in principle approval for the starting of following new Academic Programmes and Schools of Study as under:

S.No.	New Programmes	New School
1.	Civil Engineering	School of Civil Engineering
2.	Electrical Engineering	School of Electrical Engineering
3.	M.Sc. (Chemistry) Two years / Five years Integrated dual degree programme, B.Sc. (H) and M.Sc.	School of Chemistry
4.	For UG students	School of Social Sciences with faculty in the fields of Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Public Administration, Political Science, Geography & History
5.	M.Ed./M.Sc.(Education) two years programme & B.Ed. Integrated dual degree programme	School of Education

6.	M.A. (Philosophy) Five years Integrated dual degree programme	Existing (School of Philosophy & Culture)

The detailed structure of these Academic Programme shall be worked out subsequently. The Academic Council recommended to the Executive Council for considering according of in principle approval to the New Programmes of Study proposed to be started by SMVD University.

Agenda Item No.21.7 **Intake of seats for the various Academic Programmes for the year 2014-15**

The Academic Council recommended the following intake for the Academic Programmes offered by SMVDU for the Academic year 2014-15.

S.No.	Name of the Programme	Proposed Intake for Academic Year 2014-15
1.	MBA	60
2.	M.Tech. [CSE]	30 (with Assistanceship to 18 GATE-qualified candidates in order of merit)
3.	M.Tech. [ECE]	30 (with Assistanceship to 18 GATE-qualified candidates in order of merit)
4.	M.Tech. [M&A]	30 (with Assistanceship to 18 GATE-qualified candidates In order of merit)
5.	M.Tech. [EM]	30
6.	M.Sc. [Biotechnology]	30
7.	M.Sc. [Mathematics]	30
8.	M.Sc. [Physics]	30
9.	M.A. [English]	30
10.	M.A. [Philosophy]	0
11.	B. Tech (ECE)	60
12.	B. Tech (CSE)	60
13.	B. Tech (ME)	60
14.	B. Tech (IBT)	30
15.	B. Arch	40
16.	Five Years Integrated Dual Degree B.Sc. (H) & M.Sc. (Economics) Programme	50
17.	Five Years Integrated Dual Degree BBA (H) & MBA Programme	50

The Academic Council however, also resolved not to start Five Years Integrated Dual Degree BBA (H) & MBA Programme from the Academic Year 2014-15 and that only Five Years Integrated Dual Degree B.Sc. (H) & M.Sc. (Economics) Programme shall be started from the Academic year 2014-15.

The Academic Council recommended the same to the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Agenda Item No.21.8   **Award of Ph.D. degree to two research scholars during 4th Convocation.**

The information was reported to the Academic Council in view of enabling award of the degree to these Ph.D. students whose viva voce exam was completed about one week before the Convocation, this item was approved by the Hon'ble Chancellor and is now put up as an item for ratification by the Executive Council in the meeting to be held on 21/03/2014.

Agenda Item No.21.9   **Professional Development Assistance (PDA) to SMVDU Faculty Members**

The Academic Council appreciated the proposal regarding introducing of Professional Development Assistance (PDA) in favour of Faculty Members of SMVDU.

The Academic Council while approving the proposal recommended the same to the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Agenda Item No.21.10   **Change in Nomenclature of Honorary Professor to Honorary Emeritus Professor**

The Academic Council while considering the proposal Change in Nomenclature of Honorary Professor to Honorary Emeritus Professor approved the same and recommended to the Executive Council for its consideration and approval.

Agenda Item No.21.11   **Introducing of Unique QR code on the SMVDU degrees**

The Academic Council appreciated the action taken and confirmed the same. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor exhibited a copy a printed Degree having QR code to all the members of Academic Council. The Academic Council ratified the action taken regarding the Introducing of Unique QR code on the degrees.

Agenda Item No.21.12   **Consideration of approval for relaxing the requirement in favour of part-time research scholars of the University (including faculty/staff of SMVDU) for the six months Leave for pursuing Ph.D. course-work at SMVDU.**

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor explained the justification for relaxing the requirement in favour

of part-time research scholars for their being on leave from their parent department to undertake course work on full time basis at SMVDU. He explained that flexibility should be given to the part time research scholars to carry on with their day to day work/employment as also to simultaneously pursue their course work as Ph.D. research scholar at SMVDU with suitable adjustments.

The Academic Council approved the proposal and recommended the same to the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Agenda Item No.21.13	Consideration and approval of extension of one year (beyond the extended period of 06 years) in favour of Ms. Sakshi Arora (07PHDECS04), Research Scholar, School of Computer Science Engineering for completion of her Ph.D. degree at SMVDU.

The Academic Council considered and approved the extension of time period of one year (beyond the already extended period of 06 years) in favour of Ms. Sakshi Arora (07PHDECS04) part time Research Scholar, School of Computer Science Engineering for completing her Ph.D. degree at SMVDU.

The Academic Council further recommended to the Executive Council for ratification of the approval so accorded.

Agenda Item No.21.14	Consideration and approval of extension of one year (beyond the permissible period of 05 years) in favour of Mr. Raja Feroz Ahmad' (08PHDSBT03), Full time research scholar, School of Biotechnology.

The Academic Council considered and approved the extension of one year (beyond the permissible period of 05 years) in favour of Mr. Raja Feroz Ahmad' (08PHDSBT03), Full time research scholar, School of Biotechnology.

The Academic Council further recommended to the Executive Council for ratification of the approval so accorded.

Agenda Item No.21.15	Consideration and approval of extension of one year (beyond the permissible period of 05 years) in favour of 5 part-time research scholars of School of Biotechnology.

The Academic Council considered and approved the extension of one year (beyond the permissible period of 05 years) in favour of five part-time research scholars of School of Biotechnology namely Mr. Pothula Elisha (09PHDSBT04), Mr. T.Jithendar (09PHDSBT06), Ch Pradeep Reddy (09PHDSBT05), Mr. Amit K Pradhan (09PHDSBT07) & Mr. Venkateshan Kancharla (09PHDSBT08).

The Academic Council further recommended to the Executive Council for ratification of the approval so accorded.

Agenda Item No.21.16 **Consideration of approval for the providing of TA and Loca Hospitality in favour of External Ph.D. Supervisor of researc scholars registered at SMVDU.**

The Academic Council considered and approved the proposal for providing of TA and Loca Hospitality in favour of External Ph.D. Supervisor(s) (of the research scholars registered a SMVDU), upon their visiting the University in connection with the Ph.D. viva voc examination/final Defense of their research scholar.

Supplementary Agenda

Agenda Item No.21.17 **Introduction of Post-Doctoral Fellowship**

The Academic Council considered and accorded in principle approval to the proposal fo Introduction of Post-Doctoral Fellowship in various Schools of study in the University with the objective of enhancing the research activities and the resources in the Schools. Post Doctoral Fellows in the Schools will significantly enhance the research output and provide platform for furthering the research capacity of the Schools. This will also provide additional teaching backup in the Schools.

The professional area of Post-Doctoral Fellow shall pertain to the areas of research/teaching in various Schools of the University.

Eligibility:

Candidates should possess a Ph.D. degree (awarded) in respective academic discipline and should meet the eligibility condition for a faculty position in SMVDU in the concerned School

Amount and Duration of Fellowship:

The Fellow will be entitled to fellowship amount of Rs. 30,000/- per month for a period of 12 months extendable by another six months twice, subject to satisfactory performance in terms of research output/publications A Post-Doctoral Fellow will also be entitled to a contingency grant/Professional Development Allowance (PDA) upto a maximum of Rs. 40,000 per annum.

The proposal as approved by the Academic Council is placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Agenda Item No.21.18   **Introduction of Scheme for improvement in Grade(s) obtained by students in various Courses**

The Academic Council considered the proposal for Introduction of Scheme for improvement in Grade(s) obtained by students in various Courses and appreciated the proposal as it would provide an opportunity to the students to improve upon their Grades during the regular or summer semester. It was however resolved to replace the word **"re-credit"** with **"re-register"** in the proposal.

The Academic Council recommended the proposal (for Introduction of Scheme for improvement in Grade(s) obtained by students in various Courses) to the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Agenda Item No.21.19   **Any other item with the permission of the Chair**

1. Dr. V.K.Tripathi, Director I/c SOPC pointed out that the Research Assistantship as applicable to the research scholars who get admission in Ph.D. programme due to their being NET qualified should also be available in favour of such of those Ph.D. research scholars who subsequently during their pursuing Ph.D. at SMVDU qualify NET for fellowship.

The Academic Council endorsed the view and it was decided that such of the Ph.D. research scholars who at the time of their admission at SMVDU were not NET qualified but qualified UGC-NET later on should also be eligible for Assistantship as available to Ph.D. scholars who are UGC-NET qualified. However, this provision shall be effective only after the date the proposal of Assistantship gets approved by the Executive Council and implemented at SMVDU.

The Academic Council while recommending the same desired that the same be put up to the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

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

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