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Minutes of The 27th Meeting of the Academic Council Held on 15th October, 2016 in the Executive Council Room, Matrika Auditorium, SMVDU Campus

1. The 27th meeting of the Academic Council of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) was held on 15/10/2016 at 3:00 P.M. in the Executive Council Room, Matrika Auditorium, SMVDU Campus.

2. The following attended the meeting:

i.	Dr. Sanjeev Jain Vice Chancellor	In-Chair
ii.	Prof. Sunil Pandey, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi	Member (External)
iii.	Prof. K.K.Biswas Emeritus Professor, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi	Member (External)
iv.	Prof. Rajesh Srivastava, Head, Department of Physics, Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee	Member (External)
v.	Prof. S. Dharmaraja Professor & Head Department of Mathematics, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi	Member (External)
vi.	Prof. (Dr.) V. Verma Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Dept. of Biotechnology	Member
vii.	Prof. V. K. Bhat Dean, Faculty of Sciences & Dean, Faculty of Management	Member
viii.	Dr. Vandana Sharma I/c Dean Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences & Head Department of Languages & Literature	Member
ix.	Dr. Yugal Khajuria I/c Dean of Students & I/c Head, Department of Physics	Member
x.	Mr. Subrata Deb Librarian	Member
xi.	Ar. Aditya K Singh Head, Department of Architecture & Landscape Design	Member

xii.	Dr. V. K. Tripathi Head, Department of Philosophy & Culture	Member
xiii.	Dr. Jyoti Sharma Head, School of Business	Member
xiv.	Dr. Amit Kant Pandit Head, Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering	Member
xv.	Dr. Ajay Koul I/c Head, Department of Computer Science & Engineering	Member
xvi.	Dr. Ankush Anand I/c Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering	Member
xvii.	Dr. A. K. Das I/c Head, Department of Mathematics	Member
xviii.	Dr. Kakali Majumdar I/c Head, Department of Economics	Member
xix.	Dr. Sanjeev Anand I/c Head, Department of Energy Management	Member
xx.	Dr. Sumeet Gupta I/c Associate Dean (Academic Affairs)	Invitee
xxi.	Mr. Ajay Khajuria Registrar, SMVDU	Secretary

3. Prof. P.K.Jain, Professor, Department of Management Studies, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, Prof. V. K. Jain, Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi & Shri Lokesh Saxena, Vice President, Industrial Business & Services, SKF India Ltd, Pune (MS) could not attend the meeting due to their prior commitments.

4. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor accorded a warm welcome to Prof. K.K.Biswas, Emeritus Professor, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi on behalf of the Academic Council of SMVDU.

5. The following Items were discussed and decisions taken.

Item No.27.1   **Confirmation of the Minutes of the 26th meeting of the Academic Council held on 8th August, 2016.**

5.1.1   The Council confirmed the minutes of the 26th meeting of the Academic Council held on 08/08/2016.

Item No. 27.2   **Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the 26th meeting of Academic Council held on 08/08/2016 at SMVDU Campus**

5.2.1   The Academic Council noted the Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the 26th meeting of the Academic Council held on 08/08/2016.

Item No. 27.3   **Proposal for Constitution of University Research Committee (URC)**

5.3.1   The proposal regarding Constitution of University Research Committee (URC) was deliberated by the Academic Council and after detailed discussions on the matter, the Academic Council recommended the constitution of URC as follows:
    i.   Vice Chancellor-Chairman
    ii.   All Deans of Faculties
    iii. Dean (Academic Affairs) / Associate Dean(AA) -Member Secretary

5.3.2   The University Research Committee will decide on policy matters pertaining to Research & Consultancy activities in the University. It will take decisions on extra-ordinary issues emanating out of the various DRCs, on matters not covered under standard policy and on contentious issues. The URC will endeavor to ease the process of carrying out research, including Ph.D. & Sponsored Research & Consultancy, in the University. The decision taken by URC shall be final & binding on all matters related to research, including Ph.D., and Consultancy at the University.

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

Item No. 27.4   **Proposal for Change of Constitution of Department Research Committee**

5.4.1   The proposal regarding change of Constitution of Department Research Committee (DRC) was deliberated by the Academic Council and after detailed discussions on the matter, the Academic Council recommended change in the constitution of DRC. The changed constitution of a Department Research Committee (DRC) shall be as under:

1. Head of the Department - Chairman
2. Four Faculty members of the Department (Ph.D. qualified) or Associate Faculty members in case sufficient Ph.D. qualified faculty members are not available in the department (on rotation basis with 50% members changing every year unless sufficient members are not available in the department) - Member
3. Other faculty members of the Department including supervisor & co-supervisors may be invitees to the meetings as per need.

5.4.2   The Four Faculty members will be nominated by the Academic Affairs Committee of the department as under current rules. The rest of the regulations pertaining to the DRC will remain unchanged.

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

Item No. 27.5   **Proposal for Introduction of New Academic Departments**

5.5.1   The proposal regarding Introduction of New Academic Departments was deliberated upon by the Academic Council. The Academic Council lauded the initiative of the University for the proposal to launch new Departments and recommended the establishment of the following new Departments along with initiation of the new programs w.e.f. the Academic Session 2017-18.

i. Department of Chemistry - M.Sc.(Chemistry) with intake of 30
ii. Department of Civil Engineering - B.Tech.(Civil Engg.) with intake of 60
iii. Department of Electrical Engineering - B.Tech.(Electrical Engg.) with intake of 60
iv. Department of Food Technology - B.Tech.(Food Technology) with intake of 60

5.5.2   It was directed that the Program Structure along with curriculum & detailed syllabus, details of laboratories required, faculty & staff requirements and space requirements must be presented in the next meeting of the Academic Council.

5.5.3   It was advised by the Council that the new engineering Departments must have a degree of specialization in particular sub-areas of the discipline and the same must be incorporated in the B.Tech. program offered by the department. Particular reference was made to the specialization of Tunnel Engineering (Trenchless Technology) for the Department of Civil Engineering and it was desired that the department should offer specialized courses in design and implementation of underground tunnels structures & civil works, as a part of the B.Tech. (Civil Engineering) Degree since there is a clear dearth of civil engineers with this expertise while there is a huge demand for such trained professionals.

5.5.4   The closure of the B.Tech.(Biotechnology) was also recommended as the program has consistently not been able to attract students over a long period.

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

Item No. 27.6   Adopting UGC Regulations, 2008 for Grant of Degrees and other Awards by Universities & Case of Mr. Sudhakar Kumar B.Tech.(ECE)-2012-16

5.6.1   The proposal regarding adopting UGC Regulations, 2008 for Grant of Degrees and other Awards by Universities was deliberated by the Academic Council and after detailed discussions on the matter, the Academic Council recommended for adopting of UGC Regulations, 2008 for Grant of Degrees and other Awards by Universities by SMVD University with the following proviso:

I.   that in all such cases, where the award of degree has been requested by the student before the actual convocation ceremony, provided sufficient reasons exist for the same as ascertained by the University, the award of degree must be recommended by the Vice-Chancellor, in his/her capacity as the Chairman of the Academic Council, in case no meeting of the Academic Council is planned in the immediate future

II.   that the approval of the Chancellor must be sought for all such cases

III.   that all such cases must be put-up in the next meeting of the Academic Council for information of the decision

IV.   that all such cases must be reported in the next meeting of the Executive Council

V.   that the award of the degree may be allowed in-absentia, also

The relevant Ordinances & Statutes of the University may be amended if so required for

the implementation of the same for the benefit of the students.

5.6.2   The Academic Council also deliberated upon the request of Mr. Sudhakar Kumar B.Tech.(ECE)-2012-16 for award of Degree on an emergent basis in view of the Visa and related requirements in connection with his having joined the Master's degree program at Institute of Communications Engineering, National Tsing Hua University in Taiwan with scholarship. The Academic Council recommended the award of Degree Certificate to the student of 2016 pass out batch Mr. Sudhakar Kumar B.Tech.(ECE)-2012-16 in-absentia and outside the purview of the Convocation proceedings, in general alignment with the procedure mentioned at 5.6.1 above.

The recommendations of the Academic Council shall be placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Item No. 27.7   **Adopting UGC (Credit Framework for Online Learning Courses through SWAYAM) Regulation, 2016 for Credit Transfer under MOOCs**

5.7.1   The proposal regarding adopting UGC (Credit Framework for Online Learning Courses through SWAYAM) Regulation, 2016 for Credit Transfer under MOOCs was deliberated by the Academic Council and after detailed discussions on the matter, the Academic Council gave in-principle approval to the proposal. However, anticipating that the implementation of the regulations in toto may not be feasible, the Academic Council desired that a study be done to explore the degree of feasibility of implementation of these UGC Regulations and their suitable co-opting within the Academic framework of the University without disturbing its basic premise. The Academic Council constituted a Committee comprising of the following members and entrusted them with the task at hand:

       a.   Dean(FoS) - **Chairman**
       b.   All Deans of Faculties & Heads of All Departments/School
       c.   I/c Associate Dean(Academic Affairs) - Member Secretary

The recommendations of the Committee be placed before the Academic Council in its next meeting for consideration.

Item No. 27.8   **Proposal for Introducing the B.Tech. Honors Program**

5.8.1   The proposal regarding Introducing the B.Tech. (Honors) Program was deliberated upon by the Academic Council and after detailed discussions on the matter, the Academic Council recommended the introduction of the concept of awarding the Degree of B.Tech.(Honors) in the various disciplines.

5.8.2   It was decided that students who earn CGPA of 7.50 or more with no active backlogs, after completion of 2nd year of the B.Tech. program, shall be eligible for applying for enrollment to the B.Tech.(Honors) program. Once their request is approved, these students shall be required to earn at-least 12 additional credits from among the Departmental Core/ Departmental Electives being offered for the M.Tech. program of that department, over and above the requirement of minimum credits for award of the B.Tech. degree. Further the student must achieve a CGPA of 7.50 or more at the completion of the program to be eligible for award of B.Tech.(Honors) degree. In case

the student is not able to secure a CGPA of at-least 7.50, he/she will be eligible for award of normal B.Tech. degree provided all other degree requirements have been met.

5.8.3　A student, who had earlier applied for pursuing the B.Tech.(Honors) degree after completion of 2nd Year, may choose to apply for withdrawing from the same at any point and may continue with the B.Tech. program without the Honors option. The additional credits earned till then for the courses from M.Tech. level will continue to remain in the record of the student; however, they will not contribute towards the award of the B.Tech. degree program. In case the student has a backlog in any of the M.Tech. level courses in which he had registered earlier, then passing the paper will be mandatory requirement to be eligible for award of the B.Tech. degree provided all other degree requirements have been met.

5.8.4　This option may be applicable to student of B.Tech. program from Batch 2015 onwards.

5.8.5　The proposal regarding introduction of B.Arch. Honors was also deliberated by the Council and it was advised that the Department may first start M.Arch. program.

The recommendations of the Academic Council shall be placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Item No. 27.9　　**Proposal for Introducing the Concept of Major Specialization in B.Tech. Degree**

5.9.1　The proposal regarding Introducing the Concept of Major Specialization in B.Tech. Degree was deliberated by the Academic Council and after detailed discussions on the matter, it was recommended by the Academic Council that:

I.　　The award of the Degree will continue to be of the approved nomenclature i.e. without any specialization.

II.　　The specialization may not be defined as Major or Minor but only by the terminology "specialization" and the same will be reflected in the Final Transcript of the student.

III.　　The department may, very carefully, offer the areas of specialization factoring in the availability of faculty expertise, resources including laboratories, availability of books in the library, interest of the students etc. normally, to begin with, not more than two specializations may be offered by the department, subject to the approval of the BoS of the concerned Department/School. This decision may be reviewed after analyzing the performance of the mechanism after two years. The list of courses to be taken by the student for each of the specialization must be clearly mentioned at the commencement of the Academic Session, before the Semester Registration process.

IV.　　A student, after completion of 2nd Year of B.Tech. program, may choose to apply for enrolling for any one of the specializations being offered by the department, if any. Once the application of the student for enrolling in one of the specializations is accepted, the student is required to ensure that he/she takes all the relevant set of courses enlisted in the Specialization list besides the other courses.

V.　　The student will be required to register for a total of six courses (each worth

at-least 03 Credits) not counting Project, Colloquium, Seminar from the list of courses under the specialization category besides meeting all other requirements of award of degree to be eligible for being considered for the award of the Specialization offer. These courses and the credits earned will be part of the basic credit requirement for award of the particular B.Tech. degree. Departments/School will amend the Program Structure of the B.Tech. program offered by them, if required, to include greater flexibility in the 5th, 6th & 7th Semester of the program structure.

VI.   The Major Project of the student must be in his/her chosen area of specialization and the same must be ensured by the concerned Head of Department and Project guide of the student.

VII.   A student may request for withdrawing from the Specialization option at any time by explicitly applying for consideration of the same. On approval of the student's request, he will continue with the normal study of courses and will be awarded the B.Tech. degree after meeting all due norms.

The recommendations of the Academic Council shall be placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Item No. 27.10   **Proposal for allowing part-time Ph.D. students for not staying on Campus while pursuing the Course Work.**

5.10.1   The proposal was deliberated upon by the Academic Council and after detailed discussions on the matter, it was decided that only such of the Ph.D. students be granted exemption from not staying on the Campus while pursuing their Course Work, for whom it is feasible to commute on regular basis from their place of residence to SMVDU Campus for attending classes.

It was also decided that the University may allow this exemption to only such students who reside at a distance not more than 80 kilometers from the Campus.

Item No. 27.11   **Proposal for Award of additional Degree to Existing and New Students of 5 Years Integrated M.Sc.(Economics) program**

5.11.1   The proposal regarding award of additional Degree to Existing and New Students of 5 Years Integrated M.Sc.(Economics) program was deliberated by the Academic Council and after detailed discussions on the matter, it was decided that the University may first study the implications of the award of two degrees in terms of implementation issues like content on grade-sheets etc. while also exploring the existing Dual Degree programs offered by other institutes and then revert to the Academic Council with a suitable proposal. University may also approach the relevant government departments and bodies like Department of higher Education, Public Service commission, SSB etc. so that the 5 Year Integrated degree finds acceptance for the purpose of employment and higher education.

Item No. 27.12   **Proposal for Conduct of Remedial Classes of UG Programs by Academically Strong PG & Ph.D. Students & Faculty members & payment of remuneration thereof**

5.12.1   The proposal regarding conduct of Remedial Classes of UG Programs by Academically

proficient PG & Ph.D. Students & Faculty members & payment of remuneration thereof was deliberated upon by the Academic Council and after detailed discussions, the Academic Council recommended the proposal for taking of remedial classes by the PG & Ph.D. Students in specific UG courses in which they are proficient and they shall be paid remuneration @ of Rs. 500/- per hour of class duration, to a maximum of 20 hours, for rendering their services. The Academic Affairs Committee of the Department/School shall identify such of the PG & Ph.D. Students for this task taking into account their academic record, communication skills and their interest to take such classes. However, the remuneration shall only be applicable to such PG & Ph.D. students who are not getting any Scholarship/Assistantship from the University or any other source under which they are obligated to devote a part of their time towards Teaching/other assistance.

5.12.2 Further, the Academic Council also recommended the proposal for paying remuneration to the faculty members who are involved in taking remedial classes @ of Rs. 1,000/- per hour of class duration, to a maximum of 20 hours, for rendering their services.

5.12.3 It was also recommended by the Academic Council that Full-Time Ph.D. students of the University, who were not being provided any financial assistance and who may be engaged for teaching a full course in a semester (in the absence of the faculty in that course) shall be paid a remuneration of Rs. 10,000/- per credit per course of the semester.

5.12.4 All remedial classes will be conducted as per the Remedial Classes Time Table which will be followed strictly.

The recommendations of the Academic Council shall be placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Item No.27.13 Applicability of guidelines/rules/regulations of the various Regulatory bodies on different Departments/School imparting UG/PG programs

5.13.1 The proposal was deliberated by the Academic Council. The Academic Council recommended for the applying of guidelines/rules/regulations of the respective Regulatory bodies such as UGC, AICTE, INC and COA on the respective Departments/School under the aegis of which the Department/School is running the particular program particularly with reference to guidelines concerning Infrastructure, Minimum Standards of Teaching & Education, Standards pertaining to Minimum Qualification of Teachers & Other Academic staff including CAS, Student discipline & Welfare etc.

The recommendations of the Academic Council shall placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Item No.27.14 Consideration of recommendations of Board of Study (BoS) of Department of Languages & Literature (DoL&L).

5.14.1 The recommendations of the BoS of DoL&L were deliberated upon by the Academic

Council and after detailed discussions, the Academic Council approved the recommendation of BoS of DoL&L w.r.t. the following:

    i. Revision of the Course Curriculum of M.A. (English) & Ph.D. Course Work.
    ii. Restructuring of the Courses.

Item No.27.15   **Consideration of recommendations of Board of Study of Faculty of Nursing.**

5.15.1 The recommendations of the BoS of Faculty of Nursing were deliberated upon by the Academic Council and after detailed discussions, the Academic Council approved the recommendation of BoS of Faculty of Nursing made in its 1st meeting held on 06/10/2016 concerning Course Structure, Syllabus and Evaluation pattern of B.Sc. (Nursing) program.

The recommendations of the Academic Council shall be placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Item No. 27.16   **Introduction of MBA (Executive) program**

5.16.1 The proposal was deliberated upon by the Academic Council and after detailed discussions, the Academic Council approved in-principle the starting of a new program of MBA (Executive) at SoB w.e.f. Academic Year 2017-18 subject to the availability of infrastructure.

5.16.2 Further, it was desired by the Academic Council that the detailed modalities of the program shall be placed before the Academic Council in its next meeting for approval.

Item No. 27.17   **Proposal for change in nomenclature of the post of Horticulturist to Landscape Officer and Creation of 02 nos. of posts of Supervisor (Landscape) by corresponding abolition of 01 no. of post of Assistant (Horticulture Services).**

5.17.1 The proposal was deliberated by the Academic Council and it was decided to defer the same.

Item No. 27.18   **Proposal for enhancement of Honorarium of External Experts/External Examiners.**

5.18.1 The proposal was deliberated by the Academic Council and after detailed discussions, the Academic Council recommended the following enhancement of Honorarium for External Experts – Invited Lectures and External Examiners as follows:

S No.	Particulars	Proposed Remuneration
1.	External Experts (Visiting Faculty)-Invited Lectures	Rs. 5,000/- per hour subject to maximum of Rs. 10,000/- per day
2.	External Examiners (Visiting Experts)	• Rs. 1,000/- per M.Tech. Dissertation subject to maximum of 3 Dissertations and minimum of Rs. 2,000/-. • Further for B.Tech./M.A./M.Sc./MBA/MCA dissertation/project/viva-voce Rs. 2,000/- per day.

The recommendations of the Academic Council shall be placed before the Executive

Council for consideration and approval.

Item No.27.19 **Proposed Amendments in the Scholarship Scheme for attracting Meritorious Students.**

5.19.1 The information was noted by the Academic Council.

Item No. 27.20 **Adoption of UGC Regulations with respect to the Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of the Standards in Higher Education, (4th Amendment), Regulations, 2016.**

5.20.1 The proposal was deliberated upon by the Academic Council and after detailed discussions, the Academic Council recommended the adoption of the relevant clauses of the 4th Amendment of UGC Regulations 2016 at SMVD University.

The recommendations of the Academic Council shall be placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Item No.27.21 **Proposal for Constitution of Corporate Advisory Board**

5.21.1 The proposal was deliberated upon by the Academic Council and after detailed discussions, the Academic Council recommended the constitution of the Corporate Advisory Board as under. The Board shall meet at-least once every semester.

     i. Vice-Chancellor   - **Chairman**
    ii. 05-07 members from the Corporate Sector at the level of Vice-President or higher (**to be nominated by Vice Chancellor**)
    iii. Deans of Faculties
    iv. Dean(AA)/Associate Dean(AA)
    v. Faculty I/c Placements   - **Member Secretary**
    vi. Training & Placement Officer

The recommendations of the Academic Council shall be placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Item No.27.22 **Introduction of scheme for providing "Incentives for Outstanding Performance" to Faculty Members**

5.22.1 The proposal was deliberated by the Academic Council and after detailed discussions, the Academic Council recommended the following categories for offering Incentives for outstanding performance to Faculty members.

    a) **Incentive for Research Publication:** A cash prize of Rs. 5,000/- with a Certificate of Appreciation for each paper published in SCI/SCI-E and SSCI [Thomson Reuters] to recognize and encourage excellence in academic research, and mastery of subject matter by faculty at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University. In case where more than one faculty member of the university are co-authors of the paper then the cash prize will be equally distributed among them.

    A cash prize of Rs. 1.00 lac with a Certificate of Appreciation shall be awarded

for each outstanding publication in high repute journal. The list of journals shall be identified by a Committee with the consultation of subject expert. In case where more than one faculty members are co-authors of the paper then the cash prize will be equally distributed among them.

b) **Incentive for Patent Generation:** A cash prize of Rs. 50,000/- with a Certificate of Appreciation shall be awarded for each patent granted. In case the patent is shared by more than one member from SMVDU, then the distribution of the cash prize shall be in the same proportion in which the distribution of the royalty accruing from the Patent has been agreed upon, irrespective of the cadre of the employee.

c) **Incentive for outstanding Teaching:** The outstanding Teacher award will be calculated based on the student feedback response of faculty and to be calculated in the following categories on the basis of number of registered students in his/her class:
   i. Courses having registered students <= 20
   ii. Courses having registered students >20 but <=60
   iii. Courses having registered students > 60

The faculty will be considered for any of the above category only if the faculty has taken the same category course at-least three times in the last six semesters (excluding Summer Semester)

A cash prize of Rs. 50,000/- along with a Certificate of Appreciation shall be awarded to three faculty members with the highest average student feedback points in the above categories.

d) **Incentive for outstanding performance:** The incentive for this award will be one additional increment & an appreciation letter to focus attention on outstanding teaching and research by recognizing a member of its teaching staff for outstanding contributions to university teaching and research. The award will be given yearly depending upon the performance of the faculty member as ascertained by a Committee constituted for this purpose by the Vice-Chancellor. The Committee will call applications from the faculty members and the evaluation will be done by the Committee largely on the following criteria:
   i) Teaching
   ii) Research Publications
   iii) Research Projects/Grants
   iv) Research Guidance
   v) Administrative Work

The recommendations of the Academic Council shall be placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Item No.27.23   Proposal for enhancement of amount and scope of utilization of Professional Development Assistance (PDA)

5.23.1   The proposal was deliberated by the Academic Council and after detailed discussions, the Academic Council recommended the following:

(i) Enhancing the amount of PDA from existing limit of Rs. 50,000/- per annum to Rs. 70,000/- per annum and Rs. 1,50,000/- to Rs. 2,10,000/- for a block period of three years.

(ii) An advance out of PDA of 1 additional year may be allowed to be drawn by the faculty member during the 1st & 2nd Year of the 3 Year Block for PDA. Therefore a faculty member may draw an advance of Rs. 70,000/- in 1st year of the three year block thus providing access to at-most Rs. 1.40 Lacs in 1st Year and similarly at-most Rs. 2.10 lacs in the 2nd year of the block year. However, in case the advance is drawn for the objective of attending International Conference Abroad or payment of Membership Fee of a professional body and the faculty member after availing this facility leaves the services of the University before the commencement of next financial year, then an equivalent amount so drawn as advance shall have to be refunded by the faculty member to the University before he/she is relieved from services.

(iii) The Principal Investigator (PI) of the projects for timely execution of Projects shall henceforth be allowed to draw an advance up-to a maximum of the PDA grant available and lying unspent in their account in a block period of 03 years. This shall be termed as **Research Start-Up Grant**. This amount shall be issued by the Finance wing as an advance in the name of the concerned Principal Investigator (PI) of the project, with an intimation to the Establishment and Research Wing. It shall be recouped as and when the Project Grants are released by the Sponsoring Agency.

(iv) In case a student presents a paper, co-authored with a faculty member, at a conference then the faculty member may choose to use the funds from his/her PDA, to financially assist the student in addition to the financial assistance received by the student from the university for the purpose to make up for the deficit with respect to the expenditure, if any.

The recommendations of the Academic Council shall be placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Agenda   Considering the adoption of University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards
Item No.27.24   and Procedure for Award of M.PHIL./PH.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016 at SMVDU

5.24.1   The recommendations of the Committee for adoption of University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.PHIL./PH.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016 at SMVDU were deliberated upon by the Academic Council and after detailed

discussions, the Academic Council approved the adoption of University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.PHIL./PH.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016 with certain modifications and directed that the same be incorporated in the existing Ph.D. Ordinances of the University.

The recommendations of the Academic Council shall be placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Item No.27.25   Continuous laboratory Work Evaluation by Faculty members

5.25.1   The proposal for continuous laboratory work evaluation by Faculty members was deliberated by the Academic Council and after detailed discussions, it was decided that the same methodology be applied for periodic laboratory exams evaluation as is being followed in theory courses i.e. Minor-I, Minor-II & Major evaluation be held for the laboratory courses.

Item No.27.26   Any Other Item with the permission of Chair

Item No.27.26.1   Application of Student Counseling System at SMVD University

5.26.1.1   The proposal was deliberated upon by the Academic Council and after detailed discussions, it was decided to change the nomenclature of the "Faculty Mentorship System" to "Student Counseling System" to bring in line with the UGC regulations and the establishment of Student Counseling Centre as per requirement of UGC regulations where services of trained psychologist shall be utilized as and when required for counseling the students. A faculty Coordinator shall be assigned the task of coordinating the functioning of Student Counseling Center. The Student Counseling System, including Student Counseling Centre shall function under the overall aegis of Office of Dean of Students, particularly the Student Affairs Section.

The recommendations of the Academic Council shall be placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Item No.27.26.2   Ratification of the decision taken regarding Change of Supervisor, Research Topic   and appointment of Co-Supervisor of Mr. Anil Bhardwaj, Ph.D. student, DoECE on the recommendations of DRC of DoECE as a special case

5.26.2.1   The Academic Council ratified the decision taken w.r.t. change of Supervisor, change of research topic, appointment of Co-Supervisor and retention of previous Course Work, Comprehensive Exam etc. of Mr. Anil Bhardwaj, Ph.D. student in the larger interest of the career of the student as recommended by the DRC of DoECE with the rider that no extension in the total time period of 07 years for completion of Ph.D. Degree shall be given under any circumstances.

The matter is placed before the Executive Council for information.
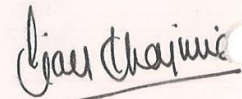
Item No.27.26.3   **Introduction of the Industrial Research & Development (IRD) Unit at SMVDU**

5.26.3.1   After detailed discussions regarding the administrative handling of the Sponsored Research & Consultancy projects at the university and discussions regarding the way the same are handled at premier institutions like IITs, it was proposed that a separate section, headed by Dean(R&D) / Faculty I/C be created for the purpose of providing specialized administrative and managerial support for the operation of Sponsored Research Projects, Consultancy Jobs and other related R&D activities at the university, in lines with the Industrial Research & Development (IRD) Unit at IIT Delhi.

The recommendations of the Academic Council shall be placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

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

Registrar

No: SMVDU/A&R/2016/27-AC/ 1120
Date: 25th October, 2016

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1. All members concerned for information.
2. Finance Officer, for information.
3. I/c Associate Dean (AA), for information.
4. PS to the Vice Chancellor for kind information of the Vice Chancellor.
5. Concerned File.