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MINUTES OF THE 30TH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF SMVDU

The 30th meeting of the Academic Council of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) was held on 17th February, 2018 at 10:30 A.M. in the Executive Council Room, Matrika Auditorium, SMVD University Campus.

The following members were present in the meeting:

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| i) Dr. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU | In Chair |
| ii) Prof. K.K. Biswas, Emeritus Professor,
Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Indian
Institute of Technology Delhi | Member (External) |
| iii) Prof. Sunil Pandey, Professor, Department of Mechanical
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 & Former Head, Department of Mathematics,
Indian Institute of Technology Delhi | Member (External) |
| vi) Sh. Lokesh Saxena
Managing Director,
DISA India Ltd. | Member (External) |
| vii) Prof. V. K. Bhat
Dean, Faculty of Sciences | Member |
| viii) Prof. D. Mukhopadhyay
Dean Faculty of Management | Member |
| ix) Dr. Shailla Cannie
Dean, Faculty of Nursing | Member |
| x) Dr. Yugal Khajuria
I/c Dean of Students &
I/c Head, School of Physics | Member |



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| xi) Dr. Sumeet Gupta
I/c Associate Dean (Academic Affairs) | Member |
| xii) Dr. Supran K. Sharma
Faculty In-charge, Central Library, SMVDU | Member |
| xiii) Prof. Rajeev Garg
Head, School of Architecture & Landscape Design | Member |
| xiv) Prof. Devdas B. Lata
Head, School of Mechanical Engineering | Member |
| xv) Dr. Baijnath Kaushik
Head, School of Computer Science & Engineering | Member |
| xvi) Dr. Sanjeev Anand
I/c Head, School of Energy Management | Member |
| xvii) Dr. A. K. Das
I/c Head, School of Mathematics | Member |
| xviii) Dr. Sushil Kumar Mehta
I/c Head, School of Business | Member |
| xix) Dr. Amitabh Vikram Dwivedi
I/c Head, School of Languages & Literature | Member |
| xx) Registrar, SMVDU | Secretary |

Prof. P.K. Jain, Emeritus Professor, Department of Management Studies, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi; Prof. V. K. Jain, Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, could not attend the meeting due to prior commitments.

Dr. Sharada M. Potukuchi, Associate Professor, School of Biotechnology attended the meeting in place of Prof. V.Verma, Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Head School of Biotechnology; Dr. Amit Kant Pandit, Associate Professor, School of Electronics & Communication Engineering attend the meeting Dr. Kumud Ranjan Jha, I/c Head, School of Electronics & Communication Engineering; Dr. Anil Kumar Tewari, Assistant Professor, School of Philosophy & Culture attend the meeting in place of Dr. V. K. Tripathi, I/c Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences and Head, School of Philosophy & Culture & Dr. Pabitra Kumar Jena, Assistant Professor, School of Economics attended the meeting in place of Prof. Kamaiah Bandi, Head, School of Economics.



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Dr. Swarkar Sharma, Interim CEO, SMVDU-TBIC was also invited to attend the meeting.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor accorded a warm welcome to all External Members on behalf of the Academic Council of SMVDU.

The following Items were discussed and decisions taken.

Item No. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 29th meeting of the Academic Council
30.1 held on 16th September, 2017

Resolution Academic Council (AC) confirmed the Minutes of the 29th meeting of the Academic Council held on 16th September, 2017.

Item No. Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the 29th meeting of the
30.2 Academic Council held on 16th September, 2017 at SMVDU Campus

Resolution While noting the reported position on various issues in the Action Taken Report, the following observations were made:

Item No. Proposal for rationalization of seats in M.Sc.
29.3.4 (Biotechnology) program & Introduction of M.Sc.(Genetics) program at Department of Biotechnology

Resolution After studying the recommendations of AAC of SoBT, in context of looking at possible change of name to M.Sc. (Biosciences) as directed by Executive Council in its 27th meeting, it was decided that the program nomenclature M.Sc. (Biotechnology) should be retained. The matter is placed before the EC for approval.

Item No. Consideration of recommendations of Board of Study of
29.3.8 Department of Energy Management

Resolution After studying the recommendations of AAC/BoS of SOME, in context of looking at possible change of name for the program M.Tech. (Renewable Energy) as directed by Executive Council in its 27th meeting, it was decided that the M.Tech. (Renewable Energy) program be renamed as M.Tech. (Energy System), from Session 2018-19. Students admitted prior to Session 2018-19 will be awarded the degree of M.Tech. (Renewable Energy).

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Item No. 29.3.9 Proposal for including Corporate/ Industry/ External component in conduct of Class work

Observation Hon'ble Vice Chancellor desired that the detailed report on the matter be placed before the Academic Council in its next meeting for information.

Item No. 29.24 Inclusion of the University under the TEQIP-III(Sub-Component 1.1 – Strengthening Institutions in Focus States) Scheme of MHRD

Observation Hon'ble Vice Chancellor desired that the detailed report on the activities/accomplishments achieved under the Project be placed before the Academic Council in its next meeting for information.

AGENDA ITEMS

Item No. 30.3 Regarding recommendations of the Academic Audit Committee

Resolution The Academic Council, after detailed discussion on the matter decided that a Committee comprising of External Academic Council Members be constituted to frame the Action Plan for effective implementation of the recommendations of the Academic Audit Committee. The same shall be submitted to Chairman, Academic Council who was authorized to approve the same.

Item No. 30.4 Consideration of proposal for amendment in Ph.D. Ordinances with respect to publication of at-least two papers by Ph.D. student.

Resolution The Academic Council approved the following amendment in Ph.D. Ordinances with respect to requirement of publication of at-least two papers by Ph.D. student, towards partial requirement for award of degree:

- i. Inclusion of papers published by Ph.D. students of School of Languages & Literature and School of Philosophy & Culture in Journals indexed in SCOPUS, towards fulfillment of requirement of publications.

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- ii. Inclusion of papers published by Ph.D. students in IEEE Journals / Nature / Harvard Business Review towards fulfillment of requirement of publications.
- iii. Limiting the papers published by the Ph.D. students in ABDC Indexed journals to only those journals which fall under Category A & B of the same, towards fulfillment of requirement of publications. This will apply to the Ph.D. students registered from 2017-18 onwards.

The matter shall be placed before the EC for information.

Item No. Consideration of proposal for admission procedure for admitting students to Post Doctoral program.
30.5

Resolution The Academic Council after detailed discussion on the matter recommended that only students having the Scholarship from funding agency be admitted to the Post-Doctoral Fellowship program at the University, based on the recommendations of the University Research Committee.

Item No. Consideration of recommendations of School Research Committee of School of Architecture & Landscape Design.
30.6

Resolution The Academic Council approved the recommendations of School Research Committee of School of Architecture & Landscape Design regarding offering provisional admission to the faculty candidate namely Ar. Abhimanyu Sharma, AP, SoALD to the Ph.D. program with relaxation in the eligibility criteria to the extent of percentage at Master's level, as a one-time relaxation not to be quoted as precedence. The matter shall be placed before the EC for ratification.

Item No. Adoption of UGC directives to introduce a Compulsory Course on Disaster Management for all students
30.7

Resolution The Academic Council approved the adoption of UGC directives to introduce a Compulsory Course on "Disaster Management" worth 2 credits, in all programs.

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Item No. 30.8 **Conferring of Honoris Causa on Mr. Sunil Bharti Mittal, Founder & Chairman Bharti Enterprises And Mr. Pawan Munjal, Chairman, MD & CEO, Hero MotoCorp Ltd**

Resolution The Academic Council approved the conferring of Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) on Mr. Sunil Bharti Mittal, Founder & Chairman Bharti Enterprises And Mr. Pawan Munjal, Chairman, MD & CEO, Hero MotoCorp Ltd. in the forthcoming Convocation of the University while noting that Sh. N.R. Narayana Murthy, Chairman, INFOSYS was also conferred the Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) in 2nd Convocation of the University held on 16th November, 2009. The Council also approved the format of the Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa).

The matter shall be placed before the Executive Council for ratification of the decision taken.

ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION

Item No. 30.9 **Ratification of decision taken w.r.t. re-constitution of Board of Studies of School of Energy Management**

Resolution The Academic Council ratified the decision taken.

Item No. 30.10 **Ratification of decision taken w.r.t. re-constitution of Board of Studies of School of Architecture & Landscape Design**

Resolution The Academic Council ratified the decision taken.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Item No. 30.11 **Consideration of Proposal for conduct of Summer Vacation Course on "Reading Texts & Exploring Libraries" in School of Languages & Literature (June-July, 2018)**

Resolution The Academic Council approved the conduct of Summer Vacation Course on "Reading Texts & Exploring Libraries" in School of Languages & Literature (June-July, 2018) which will be a part of the curriculum of M.A.(English) Program and will be evaluated after the students are back from the summer break. For students of Batch 2017-18 this will be a Non-Credit course while from Session 2018-19 onwards this will be a 2 credit course.



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Item No. Consideration of approval for Award of Degree to the students of B.Tech. 30.12 (Electronics & Communication Engineering), B.Tech. (Computer Science & Engineering), B.Tech. (Industrial Biotechnology) & Ph.D. students during the Academic Session 2016-17 & 2017-18

Resolution a. The Academic Council approved the award of degrees to the backlog students of UG Program and Ph.D. students who have completed the Degree requirements for the award of Degree based on their results.
b. Further, it was decided that the Ph.D. students, who successfully complete the Degree requirements by or before 7th April, 2018 will also be considered for award of Degree in the forthcoming Convocation of the University, scheduled to be held shortly.

The matter shall be placed before the Executive Council for ratification of the decision taken.

Item No. Regarding Higher Education Department, J&K State directives for 30.13 Authorization of Assistant/Associate Professors of Higher Education Department, having Ph.D. Degrees to act as Supervisors and Co-Supervisors for M.Phil. & Ph.D. Students.

Resolution The Academic Council deliberated upon the directive received from J&K State Higher Education Department, authorizing Assistant/Associate Professors of Higher Education Department, having Ph.D. Degrees to act as Supervisors and Co-Supervisors for M.Phil. & Ph.D. Students and recommended that such faculty members may be considered to act as Ph.D. Co-Supervisors of Ph.D. students of SMVDU subject to their meeting the relevant guidelines of UGC and SMVDU.

Item No. Consideration of recommendations of Board of Study of School of 30.14 Philosophy & Culture

Resolution The Academic Council approved the recommendations of Board of Study of School of Philosophy & Culture. However, the issue of accepting papers published by the Ph.D. students in Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research, towards publication requirement for award of Ph.D. degree was not approved.

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- Item No. Consideration of Minutes of Meeting of Board of Studies (Interim) of School of Electrical Engineering regarding Program structure & Syllabus for B.Tech. (Electrical Engineering)**
- Resolution** The Academic Council approved the recommendations of Board of Studies (Interim) of School of Electrical Engineering regarding Program structure & Syllabus for B.Tech. (Electrical Engineering).
- Item No. Consideration of Minutes of Meeting of Board of Studies (Interim) of School of Civil Engineering regarding Program structure & Syllabus for B.Tech. (Civil Engineering)**
- Resolution** The Academic Council approved the recommendations of Board of Studies (Interim) of School of Civil Engineering regarding Program structure & Syllabus for B.Tech. (Civil Engineering). However, it was suggested that the Course Discrete Mathematics be replaced with Statistical Mathematics.
- Item No. Consideration of Minutes of Meeting of Board of Studies (Interim) of School of Food Technology regarding Program structure & Syllabus for B.Tech.(Food Technology)**
- Resolution** The Academic Council approved the recommendations of Board of Studies (Interim) of School of Food Technology regarding Program structure & Syllabus for B.Tech. (Food Technology).
- Item No. Consideration of proposal of Academic Affairs Committee of School of Architecture & Landscape Design regarding revision of Program structure of B.Arch. program**
- Resolution** The Academic Council approved the recommendations of Academic Affairs Committee of School of Architecture & Landscape Design regarding revision of Program structure of B.Arch. program, applicable from Session 2018-19.



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Item No. Proposal for enhancement towards research quality at Ph.D. Level w.r.t. capping the time period for payment of Annual Fee

Resolution The Academic Council had detailed deliberations on this issue and the Council was of the view that research is a very important aspect of the University system and this is done traditionally by encouraging students to pursue research by paying them Assistantship. The Academic Council was of the view that high fee being charged from Ph.D. students (approx. Rs. 1.40 lacs per annum including Mess fee) will act as a detriment to attracting talented and quality students and the university must look at avenues to reduce the fee while simultaneously looking at options by which students could be paid some remuneration for assisting in academic activities. The Academic Council recommended that the Annual Fee for Ph.D. Programs may be reduced from Rs.70, 000 /- to Rs.35, 000/-.

The matter shall be placed before the Executive Council through Finance Committee.

ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION

Item No. Ratification of decision taken w.r.t. Constitution of Board of Studies 30.20 (Interim) of School of Civil Engineering

Resolution The Academic Council ratified the decision taken.

Item No. Ratification of decision taken w.r.t. Constitution of Board of Studies 30.21 (Interim) of School of Food Technology

Resolution The Academic Council ratified the decision taken.

Item No. Ratification of decision taken w.r.t. Constitution of Board of Studies 30.22 (Interim) of School of Electrical Engineering

Resolution The Academic Council ratified the decision taken.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Item No. Decision taken w.r.t. modification in Admission Process for B.Tech. & 30.23 B.Arch. Programs

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Resolution The Academic Council noted the information. Further, it was recommended that the same methodology be explored for admitting students to MBA program.

Item No. 30.24 **Any Other Item with the permission of Chair**

Resolution The Academic Council noted the enhancement in reservation of seats under Persons With Disability category from 3% to 5%, under the relevant act and approved the same for each program from Session 2018-19.

Resolution The Academic Council approved the proposed scheme for encouraging the programming skills of the students of the University, based on rating in www.codechef.com and recognizing the special achievement of the students in this area by instituting a prize of Rs. 5000/- per month as per the scheme.

The matter shall be placed before the Executive Council for information.

Resolution The Academic Council also approved the proposal regarding instituting a prize for the best Project, to be given every quarter, after due evaluation by a committee and recommended that the prize money be Rs. 25,000/- as the project teams generally have 3-4 students.

The matter shall be placed before the Executive Council for information.

Resolution The Academic Council also recommended that Director DQA & CEO, SMVDU-TBIC be included as the Member Ex-Officio to the Academic Council and the Board of Academics, Research & Consultancy.

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

Resolution The Academic Council, while noting the relevant rule position of AICTE & UGC recommended that the retirement age for faculty members may be enhanced from the current 62 years to 65 years.

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

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Resolution The Academic Council observed that the 5th batch of students will be admitted to the 5 Year Integrated M.Sc. (Economics) program in the forthcoming session and the program appears to have matured with the introduction of senior and quality faculty. It was thus recommended that from Session 2018-19, the admission to the program must be based on Entrance Test (Written Test) to ensure that only quality students are admitted to the program.

Resolution The Academic Council noted the introduction of option of Specialization of Genetics in the M.Sc. (Biotechnology) program and the consequent enhancement of intake of M.Sc. (Biotechnology) from 30 to 40 seats.

It was further decided that the students who qualify the 1st Year of M.Sc. (Biotechnology) program with no backlogs, shall be eligible for opting Genetics Specialization before commencement of 2nd Year. The students who wish to pursue this specialization shall be required to submit their choice in writing to the HoD, SoBT. In case the number of such students is more than 10, the merit list shall be decided based on the CGPA of the students (No Backlogs) at end of 1st Year (after Summer Semester).

Resolution The Academic Council noted that an undertaking has been obtained from the students joining the Ph.D. Program in the Schools under Faculty of Engineering & Faculty of Science, from Academic session 2018-19 (Dec-May 2018 Semester), confirming that he/she would file a patent, besides meeting other laid out requirements, to be eligible for award of Ph.D. degree.

A similar undertaking has also been obtained from the students joining the Ph.D. Program in the Schools under Faculty of Management & Faculty of Humanities & Social Science, from Academic session 2018-19 (Dec-May 2018 Semester), confirming that he/she would file a copyright based on Ph.D. Work/provide acceptance of the case study based on Ph.D. Work from approved institutions, besides meeting other laid out requirements, to be eligible for award of Ph.D. degree.

The Academic Council commended the efforts being made to improve the quality of research being done by the Ph.D. students which will go a long way in improving the research profile of the University.

The matter shall be placed before Executive Council for information.

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Resolution In view of introduction of Engineering Entrance Test of the University SMVDUEE-2018, for admission to B.Tech. program, the Academic Council also approved the revision of the eligibility criteria for admission to the B.Tech./B.Arch. program, based on the admission process:

For B.Tech.

- i. Candidate applying for admission to B. Tech. program through JOSAA/CSAB 2018 must satisfy the eligibility criteria as per JOSAA/CSAB 2018 guidelines.
- ii. Candidates applying for admission to B.Tech. program through SMVDU Direct Counseling (Subject to availability of vacant seats) based on JEE(Main) 2018 Rank (CRL) must satisfy the eligibility criteria as per JOSAA/CSAB 2018 guidelines except that the minimum aggregate percentage obtained at 10+2 must be 60% or equivalent GPA.
- iii. Candidates applying for admission through Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University Engineering Entrance 2018 (SMVDUEE-2018) must satisfy the following eligibility criteria:
 - Only those candidates whose date of birth falls on or after October 01, 1993 are eligible. However, in the case of Persons with Disabilities (PWD) candidates, upper age limit is relaxed by 5 years, candidates who are born on or after October 01, 1988 are eligible. Date of birth as recorded in the Secondary Education Board/University certificate will only be considered.
 - Only those candidates who have passed their Class 12th Exam or any equivalent qualifying examination in 2016 or 2017; or those who are appearing in their Class 12th Exam or any equivalent qualifying examination in 2018 are eligible to appear in SMVDUEE(Main)- 2018. Candidates who passed Class 12th/Qualifying examination in 2015 or before as well as those who will appear in such examination in 2019 or later are not eligible to appear in SMVDUEE – 2018.

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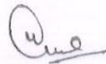
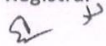
- Candidates must have taken at least five subjects in class 12th/qualifying examination in order to be eligible for writing SMVDUEE - 2018. The candidates who have taken four subjects are not permitted to write SMVDUEE-2018 and if such candidates appear in SMVDUEE-2018 by furnishing wrong information, their provisional admission will be cancelled at any stage. Candidates must have obtained a minimum of 60% aggregate marks in Class 12th /qualifying exam or equivalent GPA.

For B.Arch.

- Candidate applying for admission to B. Arch program should satisfy the eligibility criteria as per JOSAA/CSAB 2018 guidelines and Council of Architecture (CoA) guidelines.
- Candidates applying for admission to B.Arch. program through SMVDU Direct Counseling (Subject to availability of vacant seats) based on JEE(Main) 2018 Rank (CRL)-Paper-2 must satisfy the eligibility criteria as per JOSAA/CSAB 2018 guidelines except that the minimum aggregate percentage obtained at 10+2 must be 60% or equivalent GPA . Further, candidates having valid NATA 2018 Score will also be eligible for applying for admission to B.Arch. program through SMVDU Direct Counseling. However, preference will be given to candidates with valid JEE (Main) 2018 Rank (CRL)-Paper-2.

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

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Date: 23rd Feb., 2018


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