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Minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the Academic Council

23rd meeting of the Academic Council of Doon University was held on 16th November 2016 in the Conference Hall of the University at 11:00 AM. Prof. V.K. Jain, Vice Chancellor presided over the meeting. Following members was present in the meeting:

1. Prof. V.K. Jain, Vice Chancellor and Chairperson
2. Prof. D. R. Purohit, Professor, Department of English, HNB Garhwal Central University
3. Prof. Kusum Arunachalam, Professor and Head, SENR
4. Prof. H.C. Purohit, Professor and Head, SoM
5. Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Associate Professor and Head/I/c SoMCS
6. Prof. Harshpati Dobhal, Professor (Visiting), SoMCS
7. Dr. Manoj Bhatt, Associate Professor (Visiting), I/c Dept. of Economics, SoSS
8. Dr. Vipin Kumar Saini, Assistant Professor, SENR
9. Ms Tanvi Negi, Assistant Professor, and I/c, Dept. of Chinese Studies, SoL
10. Ms. Mala Shikha, Assistant Professor and I/c Dept. of Spanish Studies, SoL
11. Mr. Chandrika Kumar, Assistant Professor and I/c Dept. of German Studies, SoL
12. Ms. Juhi Prasad, Assistant Professor, SoMCS
13. Ms. Deepika Bhatia, Assistant Professor and I/c Dept. of Japanese Studies, SoL
14. Dr. Prachi Pathak, Assistant Professor, SoM
15. Ms Dhriti Dhaundiya, Assistant Professor (on contract) and I/c School of Design
16. Dr. Richa Joshi Pandey, Assistant Professor and I/c Dept. of English, SoL
17. Dr Triloki Pant, Assistant Professor and I/c School of Technology
18. Dr Vikas Sharma, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Physics, SoPS
19. Dr Sarita Singh, Assistant Professor and I/c Dept. of Mathematics, SoPS
20. Dr Arun Kumar, Assistant Professor, I/c Dept. of Chemistry, SoPS
21. Ms Rachna Gussain, Assistant Professor and I/c Dept. of Computer Science
22. Mr Varun Dev Sharma, Asst. Prof. (on contract), Dept. of French & Francophonie Studies, SoL

At the outset the Chairperson welcomed the members and informed that some of the external members are not able to attend the meeting. The Registrar informed that the external members - Prof. S. P. Singh, Prof. H.S. Dhami, Prof. Subhash Dhulia and Prof. Gautam Sinha have expressed their inability to attend the meeting due to their prior engagements. Dr. R. S. Tolia, Chair Professor, NTPC, Centre for Public Policy did not attend the meeting due to his illness. However, he has sent a note on the progress made by the Centre for Public Policy along with a printed booklet titled *Contemporary Uttarakhand & Other Essays* for information and observations. This has been distributed to all the members present in this meeting. Dr S. S. Suthar has informed that he is not able to attend the meeting due to his scheduled teaching class. Dr Gajendra Singh has informed that he is sick and is not able to attend the meeting. Ms Sikha Ahmad did not attend the meeting due to personal reasons. Mr Varun Dev Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of French and

Francophonie Studies, SoL has been invited in the meeting to present the items related the Department.

The Chairperson extended warm welcome to Ms Priyanka Singh, President, and Mr Ansh, Joint Secretary of the Students' Council who have been allowed to attend the meeting as special invitee in compliance to the decision of the meeting held on 3rd September 2016 with the District Magistrate, Dehradun. He said that it is a historic moment that the Students' Council office bearers are attending the meeting of the Academic Council though the Statutes of the University do not provide for representation of the Students or Students' Council in the Academic Council. Giving an example he said that the student representatives/office bearers can participate in the *Part A- non confidential items*; not in the *Part B- confidential items*.

Item 2016:23:02 Confirmation of the Minutes of 22nd meeting of the Academic Council held on 9th June 2016

The Registrar informed that he has received observations from Ms Rachana Gussain, I/c Department of Computer Science that the Academic Council considered and approved the *Course Structure and Syllabus of 5 year Integrated M.Sc. Programme in Computer Science* but it has not been included in the minutes. The Academic Council resolved to correct the mistake and to include the resolution in this regard in the minutes.

No other observations have been received. The Academic Council approved the minutes of the 22nd meeting of Academic Council.

Item 2016:23:03 Review of the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the resolutions of 22nd meeting of the Academic Council.

The Chairperson presented item wise ATR on the resolutions of the 22nd meeting of the Academic Council for review.

On reviewing the ATR on the resolution on **Item no. 2016:22:07- to consider the report of three members committee constituted to examine Ms Mala Sikha's request for considering her Erasmus Mundus Masters Degree equivalent to M.Phil. Degree and four increments in the salary** the Academic Council noticed that the four increments in the salary is not correct. It should be corrected and mentioned as the award of increments admissible as per UGC Regulations.

While presenting the report on item no. 2016:22:15- **to consider and approve the syllabus for Certificate course in French Language** the Chairperson appreciated the initiative of offering Certificate courses in German, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese and French and contribution made by the Coordinator Ms Mala Shikha and the faculty members of School of Languages. He urged all the faculty members to learn one or more foreign languages. Ms Mala Sikha said that certificate courses in foreign languages are very popular among the students and the outsiders. She informed the members about the salient features (significance, eligibility, fee structure,

schedule of the classes, total duration/ hours of the courses, examination structure and the award of the certificate course and its level.

The Vice Chancellor also congratulated Ms Deepika Bhatia, Mr Ravi Kumar and the native faculty Ms Ai Muto for their initiatives and selection of three students and Mr Ravi Kumar, Assistant Professor of Japanese Department for study visit/scholarship to Japan.

On the Item no. 2016:22:18- **to approve the format for progress report of the Ph.D. students** the Vice Chancellor presented the new format for the progress report of the Ph.D. Programme/ student being implemented in collaboration with other institutions. The Academic Council approved the new format.

On Item no. 2016:22:22- **to approve cancellation Ph.D. registration of Mr. Ashutosh Singh and Mr. Pooran Singh Patwal at SENR** Prof. Kusum Arunachalam, HoD and Dean SENR informed that Mr Ashutosh Singh has also requested for cancellation of his admission.

On item no, 2016:22:27- **to approve admission of Shri D. R. M. Samudraia, Scientist, IIRS-ISRO for Ph.D. in Environmental Science in Academic session 2015-16 and DRC of Mr. Samudraia** the Vice Chancellor emphasized the need of uniformity across all the Schools where Ph. D. Programme is being offered. He requested all the HoDs and In-charges that the Academic Advisory Committee of the respective Schools/Department should obtain and consider the progress report from the Doctoral Research Committee of the respective Ph.D. student, consider it and take a decision.

Ms Tanvi Negi, Assistant Controller of Examination lead the discussion on the action taken report on Item no. 2016:22:29 on two **issues related to the Examination Section: A-Issues with regard to students who did not appear in mid-term exam in one and more courses; and B- for granting permission to the students for giving improvement examination of his/her bachelor course while the student is enrolled in masters programme.** She informed that the meeting of the Standing Committee and on Admissions and Evaluation was held on 3rd November 2016 under the chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor and the three items as presented in the Annexure-2 were discussed and resolved. The Academic Regulations, *Chapter-V, 5.1 Types of Examination*, as modified and approved in the 16th meeting of the Academic Council provide for the *Conduct of Semester Examination and Award of Degrees*.

The Academic Council having considered the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Admissions and Evaluations resolved that there is no need of revision/amendment in the existing academic regulations. Appearing in all the written and sessional exams is compulsory. However, in the cases reported until now the Vice Chancellor is authorized to allow the

students to pass the course after appearing in only end semester exams and sessionals.

Ms Tanvi Negi also presented the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Admission and Evaluation with regard to repeating the course for improvement of grades by way of additions in the existing regulations as follows:

- i. The student shall not be allowed more than one attempt to improve his/her grades in a particular course;
- ii. The student can apply for the course/s that are being offered in that particular semester;
- iii. Improvement can only be allowed for course(s) offered in the preceding year;
- iv. A student registered in the Integrated Masters Programme can apply for improvement in any of the bachelor courses while pursuing their masters. All above rules shall apply in such cases;
- v. The passing year for award of degree will not change in case of improvement of grades.

The Academic Council, having considered approved the recommendations of the Committee.

Ms Tanvi Negi also presented a case for formulation of rules for moderation for addition as independent sub section in Chapter V of Academic Regulations. The Academic Council having considered the recommendation of the committee made following resolutions:

- a. There is no need of any Moderation Committee to determine the students' cases for the award of grace marks to students except those in the final year who are on threshold of the completion of the degree programme (graduation or masters).
- b. Grace marks will be awarded to students who are failing in a particular course. However, grace marks will be awarded in not more than two courses.
- c. Grace marks will amount to not more than 10% of the passing marks (30 marks)
- d. The Examination Section shall be the nodal office for determining the cases/students and award of grace marks to such students/cases with regard to all the Schools and Programmes.
- e. The process of determining the cases/students and award of grace marks shall be software based. Therefore, the Examination Section should make necessary changes in the examination software in this regard.

On the Item no. 2016:22:30:06- with regard to offering of specialization on Operations and Supply Chain Management Prof. H.C. Purohit, Head, SoM

informed that the specialization on Operations and Supply Chain Management is being taught in the third and fourth semester.

The Chairperson emphasized to ensure that there should be two student representatives in the School Faculty Committee of every school and these representatives should be involved in all the matters of academic importance.

On review of the action taken report on the resolution on **the proposal that only students with requisite percentage of attendance be asked to give feedback on teaching** and the Academic Council had earlier resolved that any feedback on teaching should be as per UGC regulations/guidelines. The Chairperson emphasized that the purpose of feedback is to improve the teaching, learning process. Prof. D. R. Purohit was of the view that the process of feedback/evaluation is a very good exercise. However, it should be made online instead of administering it manually. The members supported the suggestions of Prof. Purohit and further suggested that students may be given ID/key to fill/access the online feedback format. In order to ensure that the students fill these forms necessary provisions may be made in the software so that before taking a print out of the exam admit card the student should mandatorily fill and submit the feedback form. The Chairperson instructed the Examination Section and the Store and Purchase Officer (SPO) to incorporate this new feature in the Examination Software.

The Academic Council resolved that till the time the required software is developed and tested the University should continue with the present system of feedback. The University should gradually move from one-time feedback to two or more times –periodical feedback through the software.

Ms Dhriti Dhaundiya, I/c School of Design argued that the existing system of feedback does not work in case of the School of Design as the School offers the programme in a modular format rather than the course based format. The Chairperson suggested that the School of Design may be an exception and should ensure that the feedback is obtained and the purpose of feedback is served.

The Academic Council having considered the items approved the action taken report.

Item 2016:23:04 To report admissions in various programmes in the Session 2016-17.

The Academic Council took note of the admissions in various programmes in the academic session 2016-17.

Item 2016:23:05 To report establishment of Non formal Sanskrit Centre and start of Certificate Course in Sanskrit language

The Vice Chancellor informed that a Non Formal Sanskrit Center has been established in the University with the support of the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Deemed University under the MHRD. The Academic Council appreciated the initiative and contribution of Prof. Sudha Rani Pandey,

UGC Emeritus Fellow and Dr. B. M. Harbola, Registrar in establishing and starting the Centre and offering Certificate programme in Sanskrit.

Item 2016:23:06 To establish National Academic Depository (NAD) in Educational Institutions/ Universities.

The Academic Council, having discussed, resolved to approve in principle to establish the NAD initiative in the University and suggested to invite representative from NSDL or CSDL to submit a proposal and make a presentation in this regard including the technical and financial implications. All the HoDs and In-charges of respective schools shall be invited in the meeting for orientation, seeking clarification and giving suggestions whenever NSDL or CSDL representatives visit the University for this purpose.

Item 2016:23:07 To adopt/report UGC's directions with regard to execution of UGC Regulations-2016 as published in the Gazette of India on 5th July 2016.

Prof. Kusum Arunachalam presented the proposed modifications in Doon University Ph.D. Regulations with regard to execution of UGC Regulations 2016 as published in the Government of India Gazette on 5th July 2016. Having discussed the agenda, the Academic Council approved to adopt UGC's directions with regard to UGC Regulations-2016. The Chairperson requested all the HoDs/In-charges to check and recalibrate the allotment of credits in view of the UGC Regulations 2016. The Academic Council also authorized the Vice Chancellor to consider and approve the proposal from the respective Schools/Departments in this regard.

Item 2016:23:08 To consider the request for equivalence/recognition of the High School and Intermediate Examinations of U.P. State Open School.

Having considered the agenda item the Academic Council resolved that the proposal for granting recognition of the High School and Intermediate Examinations of U.P. State Open School be sent to the Association of Indian Universities for approval.

Item 2016:23:09 To consider and approve modifications in the course contents and mode of evaluation for SLS-505 Dissertation and Research of the MA. Integrated Programme in Spanish Language.

Having discussed the details, the Academic Council approved modifications in the course contents and mode of evaluation for SLS-505 Dissertation and Research of the M.A. Integrated Programme in Spanish Language. However, it was resolved that the title of the course should be **Research Methodology for Dissertation** instead of Dissertation (Research for).

Item 2016:23:10 Introduction of MOOCs Courses through SWAYAM platform of Government of India for the benefit of the students

There was a fair amount of discussion on the list of following identified MOOCs courses recommended by SENR, SOPS, SOT, SOSS and Department German.

| School | Programme | Identified MOOCs Courses |
|-------------|---|--|
| SENR | M.Tech./Ph.D. | Applied Multivariate Statistical Modelling |
| | | Introduction to Boundary Layers |
| | | Bioreactors |
| | | Sustainable River Basin Management |
| | M.Sc./M.Tech./Ph.D. | Introduction of MATLAB Programme |
| | | Environmental Chemistry |
| | | Project Planning and Control |
| | | Introduction to Research |
| M.Sc. (NRM) | Principles of Marketing Management | |
| | Environmental Economics | |
| SoPS | Integrated M.Sc. Mathematics | Basic of Finite Element Analysis (I sem) |
| | | Foundation of Mathematical Statistics (II sem) |
| | | Introduction to Operation Research (VI sem) |
| | | Probability and Statistics (V sem) |
| | Integrated M.Sc. Computer Science | Fundamentals of Database System |
| | Integrated M.Sc. Chemistry (Elective Courses) | Organic Spectroscopy |
| | | Forensic Chemistry and Explosive |
| | | Bioorganic and Biophysical Chemistry |
| SoT | IMCA | Fundamentals of Database System |
| SOSS | Dept of Economics | Fundamental of Microeconomics Theory |
| | | Basic Microeconomics |
| | | Public Finance & Policy in India |
| | | Sectoral Growth in India |
| | | Money & Banking |
| | | International Economics |
| SOL | Dept of German | Language and Society |
| | | Practical English: Learning and Teaching |
| | | Making of Modern India |
| | | India Philosophy : An Introduction |

The Chairperson requested all the HoDs and In-charges to see whether the proposed MOOCs courses shall replace any existing course or shall be in addition to the core courses/elective courses/generic elective courses and whether there are any financial implications involved in this regard. He requested all the HoDs/In-charges to review and re-structure the syllabus and curriculum of their respective programmes to include the MOOCs course through the SWAYAM platform. The members also suggested that

there is a need of strengthening the computer labs/ICT infrastructure of the University at the School/Department level for the successful implementation of the MOOCs courses. Computer labs/ICT infrastructure in some Schools and Departments are insufficient and inadequate and they are facing difficulties in this regard. The Vice Chancellor informed that he will take up the matter with the Finance Controller and Store and Purchase Officer (SPO) in this regard.

Item 2016:23:11 To consider including activities/actions carried out under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan for granting credits under the compulsory course on Environmental Studies.

The Academic Council having considered the agenda item resolved to constitute a Core Committee on field based implementation of the course on Environmental Studies. It shall comprise of Dr Namita Tiwari, Dr Ujjawal Kumar and Ms Aabsar Abbasi. The Committee shall plan and coordinate with all the Schools/Departments and shall prepare a list of field based activities/ schedule of implementation of such activities in consultation with the respective Schools/Departments for the one credit component of the four credit compulsory course on Environmental Studies. The Academic Council also resolved that all the respective Schools/Departments and the Core Committee shall prepare and maintain records/reports in this regard.

Item 2016:23:12 To consider and approve Central Library's proposal to establish and maintain Institutional Repository of the University.

Having discussed the agenda, the Academic Council approved the proposal of the Central Library of the University to establish and maintain Institutional Repository in Doon University and approved the concept note submitted by the Assistant Librarian Mr Ashish Kumar.

Item 2016:23:13 Any other Item with the permission of the Chair

Item 2016:23:14:01 To consider and approve introducing B.Com. Hons Programme from the academic Session 2016-17 and Syllabus and Ordinances for B.Com. Hons Programme.

The Academic Council having considered the agenda item approved to introduce B.Com. Hons Programme from the academic Session 2017-18 along with the Syllabus and Ordinances for B.Com. Hons Programme in self-finance mode.

Item 2016:23:14:02 To consider and approve following agenda items related to the Department of Chemistry, School of Physical Sciences.

The Academic Council considered and approved from 2 to 9 the following agenda items with the exception of item no. 1:

1. To allow department to admit Ph.D. students during commencement of both odd and even semesters of every academic year depending on the availability of seats.
2. To approve revised course codes for Pre Ph.D. courses
3. To approve removal of typographical error related to credits in three Pre Ph.D. courses viz. Molecules and Materials: Designing and Characterization (Credits: 3); Basics of Polymer Chemistry (Credits:3) and Spectroscopic and Spectrometric Methods (Credits:3)
4. To approve addition of some content in the syllabus of a Pre Ph.D. Course (Course Title: Molecules and Materials: Designing and Characterization; Code: CYC-701)
5. To approve modifications in credits and syllabus of a Pre Ph.D. course (Course Title: Research Methodology) in accordance with UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016.
6. To approve revised syllabus of a Skill Enhancement Course (Title: Fuel Chemistry; Code: SEC-201)
7. To approve addition and syllabi of five new elective courses for Pre Ph.D. course work: Statistics and Computer Applications (Course Code: CYE-700); Green Chemistry (Course Code: CYE-702), Applied Polymer Science (Course Code: CYE-703), Bonding and Reaction Mechanisms in Transition Metal Complexes (Course Code: CYE-704) and Synthetic Strategies and Asymmetric Synthesis (Course Code: CYE-705)
8. To approve the flexibility to offer various Pre. Ph.D. courses in odd and even Semesters of an academic year in accordance with availability of resources.
9. To approve restructuring the syllabi of practical/lab component of one Generic Elective course.

With regard to item no. 1 of the list the Academic Council suggested that in view of the constraints in terms of the faculty, space and lab facility the Department should not be in a hurry to admit Ph.D. students in the even semester. Till the time we have adequate resources and facilities in place we should continue with the existing system of annual admissions in July.

Item 2016:23:14:03 To consider and approve following agenda items related to School of Environment and Natural Resources

- 1. To approve the list of MOOC (SWAYAM) courses to be offered by SENR as Subject Specific electives or generic electives**

The Academic Council approved the MOOCs courses proposed by the School of Environment and Natural Resources as listed in the item no. 10.

- 2. To approve the List of Journals to be sent to UGC**

The Vice Chancellor requested all the Heads and In-charges to prepare a list of standard journals that the University has to submit to the UGC by 19th

November 2016. He also requested Prof. D. R. Purohit to help Department of English to identify the standard journals.

3. To approve the DRC of Ph.D. students of 2015-16 Academic Session.

The Academic Council having considered the agenda approved the constitution of DRC of Ph.D. students of SENR as follows:

| Name of Student | Constitution of DRC |
|-------------------------|---|
| Ms. Garima Nautiyal | 1. Dr. Archana Sharma – Supervisor 2. Dr. Sandeep Maithani – Co- Supervisor 3. Dr. Ujjwal Kumar – internal – Member 4. M.C. Porwal – External Member Retd. Scientist IIRS |
| Ms. Shakuntala | 1. Dr Vijay Shridhar-Supervisor and Chairman 2. Dr Anita Pandey-Co Supervisor and External member 3. Dr Kusum Arunachalam-Dean SENR 3. Dr Arun Kumar |
| Mr. Prashant Pandey | 1.Dr. Vipin Kumar Saini (Supervisor) 2. Dr. S. S. Suthar (member), SENR 3. Dr. Rajkumar (external Member), IIP Dehradun |
| Ms. Aprajita Shankar | 1.Dr. Vipin Kumar Saini (Supervisor) 2. Dr. Achlesh Daverey (Member), SENR 3. Dr. Himani Sharma (Member), SOPS |
| Mr. Abhisek Kumar Singh | 1.Dr. Suneet Naithani -Co-supervisor 2. Dr. Suresh Kumar- Scientist IIRS 3. Dr. S. S. Suthar (Member), SENR 4. Dr. Vipin Kumar Saini (Member), SENR |
| Ms. Reeta Gusain | 1. Dr. S. S. Suthar – Supervisor 2. Dr. Abid Ali Khan – Co- Supervisor Jamia Milia University Delhi 3. Dr. Vipin K. Saini – internal – Member 4. Dr. Birjesh Yadav MEMBER –IIT Roorkee |

4. To approve the request of Mr. Mohit Narang, M.Tech, 1st Sem. student for Zero Semester.

The Academic Council approved zero semester for Mr Mohit Narang as proposed by the SENR.

5. To approve the List of examiners of Ms. Prachi Nautiyal for Ph.D. thesis evaluation

6. To approve the List of examiners for Ms. Priya Pokhriyal for Ph.D. thesis evaluation.

7. To approve the list of examiners for Ms. Rubia Zahid Gaur for Ph.D thesis evaluation

The Academic Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to approve the list of examiners for evaluation of Ph.D. Thesis of the above Ph.D. students.



8. To approve of signing of MOU with GBPIHED and WII.

The Chairperson requested the Dean, SENR to examine the guidelines/rules keeping in view the UGC Regulations in this regard. The Academic Council was of the view that instead the University should affiliate GBPIHED and WII as affiliating institutions with a provision of payment of annual affiliating fee every year. The Vice Chancellor proposed that he will also contact the UGC authorities to obtain information in this regard.

The Academic Council having considered the other agenda items of SENR from 9 to 16 approved all the items as proposed by the SENR.

Item 2016:23:14:04 To consider and approve the list of the students to be awarded Degrees.

The Academic Council having considered the agenda, approved the list of the students for the award of Degrees. The Vice Chancellor requested the examination section to circulate the list of students to all the HoDs and In-charges for their verification and concurrence and/or suggestions, corrections, if any.

The Academic Council also authorized the Vice Chancellor to approve required corrections in the list in case there are any omissions and submissions. The Vice Chancellor also informed that he has requested the Hon'ble Governor and the Chancellor to decide the chief guest for the convocation. After this the date of Convocation will be fixed.

Item 2016:23:14:05 Addition of MOOCs courses in the curricula of Department of Physics:

The Academic Council having considered the agenda approved addition of following MOOCs courses in the curricula of Department of Physics:

| S. No. | Title | Level | Duration |
|--------|---|-------|----------|
| 1 | Introduction to Electromagnetic Theory | UG | 8 weeks |
| 2 | Fundamentals of electronic materials and devices | UG | 8 weeks |
| 3 | Introduction to Research | PG | 1 week |
| 4 | Digital Electronics and Microprocessor | UG | 2 weeks |
| 5 | Applications of Molecular Symmetry and Group theory | PG | 9 weeks |
| 6 | Quantum Chemistry | UG | 14 weeks |
| 7 | Introduction to MATLAB Programming | UG | 1 week |
| 8 | Atomic Structure and Chemical Bonding | UG | 5 weeks |
| 9 | Introduction to Nonlinear Dynamics | PG | 8 weeks |
| 10 | Mechanics, Heat, Oscillations and Waves | UG | 8 weeks |
| 11 | Electromagnetic theory | UG | 10 weeks |
| 12 | Digital Electronics and Microprocessor | UG | 1 week |
| 13 | Atomic Structure and Chemical Bonding | UG | 5 weeks |
| 14 | Chemistry - I | UG | 6 weeks |
| 15 | Chemistry - II | UG | 8 weeks |

Citing the resolution on the similar item discussed today the Chairperson requested the In-charge to see whether the proposed MOOCs courses shall replace any existing course or shall be in addition to the core courses/elective courses/generic elective courses and whether there are any financial implications involved in this regard. He also suggested to review and re-structure the syllabus and curriculum of their respective programmes to include the MOOCs course through the SWAYAM platform.

Item 2016:23:14:06 To discuss the continuance of PG Certificate in Cloud Computing (Weekend Mode) in next semester.

The Academic Council also discussed two items submitted by the I/c, School of Technology with regard to starting the PG Certificate programme in Cloud Computing from the semester starting January 2017 The Academic Council resolved that in view of the faculty and other constraints the certificate programme should be offered from the next academic session.

Item 2016:23:14:07 To consider and approve starting 3 years MCA programme instead of 5 year Integrated MCA programme.

The Academic Council having discussed the agenda item approved to start 3 years MCA programme instead of 5 year Integrated MCA programme from the academic Session 2017-18 with the option of lateral entry in the existing MCA Integrated Programme.

Item 2016:23:14:08 To consider and approve the rectification and discrepancies in the course codes of B.A. Programme and revising the credit system of B.A. Course of Integrated M.A. Languages.

The Academic Council having considered the agenda approved the rectification and discrepancies in the course codes of B.A. Programme and revising the credit system of B.A. Course of Integrated M.A. French Languages as recommended by the Academic Advisory Committee of Department of French and Francophonie Studies.

Item 2016:23:14:09 Items/issues presented by the Student Council Office Bearers

Ms Priyanka Singh President, Student Council of the University presented following issues/items for information and consideration of the Academic Council with the permission of the Chair:

1. To reduce the fee structure of the academic programmes of the University.

Citing the Detailed Project Report prepared by the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore in 2006 for the establishment of the University the Vice Chancellor stated that the present fee structure of the University has been approved by the Government before the start of

the first academic session in 2009. No change/ enhancement in the fee structure has been done so far. Further the State Government has directed the University to generate revenue to sustain itself financially. The University is facing financial constraints and difficulties for undertaking expansion, development of infrastructure / facilities and start new Schools and Programmes.

2. Redressal of Gender Issues and issues related to SC/ST

Ms Priyanka Singh wanted to know what mechanisms are in place with regard to redressal of gender related issues including gender sensitization and matters pertaining to the problems/grievances of the SC/ST students. She said that there should be representation of the students in the committees dealing with gender and SC/ST related matters. She also said that no action has been taken on some of recommendations of the Committee on Redressal of Gender Issues.

Responding to the issues and suggestions the Vice Chancellor said that the University has put in place a comprehensive policy and mechanism to deal with matters related to gender discrimination and follows the Vishaka Guidelines issued by Hon'ble Supreme Court in this regard. Committee on Redressal of Gender Issues (CRGI) has been constituted as per the Supreme Court guidelines. We solicit the cooperation of campus community in creating and maintaining an environment that is free from gender discrimination, harassment, hostility and violence. Everyone in the campus is bound to follow these guidelines. If there are issues of not taking action on the recommendations of the committee the Student Council Office Bearers are welcome to bring such issues for consideration. Since the constitution of the student representatives in the CRGI is as per the Supreme Court guidelines it is a matter of examination whether they can be involved in the committee. Dr Prachi Pathak, Coordinator of the CRGI may provide a copy of the rules and guidelines to Ms Priyanka Singh.

The Vice Chancellor also informed that a SC/ST Cell has been constituted to deal with matters with regard to issues/matters related to SC/ST students and staff. Any such matters/issues can be brought into the notice of the Cell for redressal.

3. Provision of Students Union instead of Students Council in the University

Ms Priyanka Singh submitted that there should be a Students Union in the University in place of the Students Council and as per the recommendations of the Lyngdoh Committee the Students Union should be directly elected by the students.

The Vice Chancellor suggested that the Student Council should submit a proposal duly considered and approved by the Executive Committee

of the Council in this regard. If any such proposal is received it will be put up for the consideration of the Executive Council as it is the competent authority to consider any such matters. He also said that since the provision of the Students Council is given in the Statutes of the University, necessary amendments will have to be affected in the Statutes following the due process of law.

4. Providing scholarship/fellowship to needy and poor students.

Ms Priyanka Singh submitted case for granting fee concession/financial to some very deserving students.

The Vice Chancellor informed that the meeting of the Pt. Mahanand Danglwal Scholarship Committee and Fee Waiver Committee will be held shortly for the award of the Scholarship. If the student has not applied for such help, he/she may apply immediately though the last date for submission of applications has already gone. Still we can consider. The Registrar also informed that financially very weak students who are not able to pay their fees, can also make a request in writing in the given format along with the required documents for assistance from Hans Cultural Center.

5. Problem in accessing online journals especially Economic and Political weekly.

Ms Priyanka Singh submitted that there are problems in accessing online journals specially the Economic and Political weekly. These problems should be resolved.

The Vice Chancellor assured that this problem shall be looked into.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks.

Dr. (B. M. Harbola)
Registrar/Secretary
Academic Council

Copy to all the members for reference use and necessary action.