



CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF TAMIL NADU
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Draft Minutes of the Eleventh Meeting of the Academic Council of the Central University of Tamil Nadu held on 11th September, 2015 at 11:00 am in the Conference Hall, Admin Block, Neelakudi campus, Thiruvavarur.

The following members attended the meeting.

1.	Prof. A.P. Dash	Chairman	Vice Chancellor, CUTN
2.	Dr. Srinivasan Sundarrajan	Member	Director, NIT Trichy
3.	Prof. N. Jayasankaran	Member	Emeritus Professor, NMIMS University, Bangalore
4.	Prof. Ganapathy Bhaskaran	Member	Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai
5.	Prof. Nageshwara Rao	Member	Dean, School of English Literary Studies, EFLU
6.	Dr. Sunder Ramaswamy,	Member	Director, MSE, Chennai
7.	Prof. P. Ravindran	Member &	Professor, Department of Physics, CUTN
8.	Dr. Nirmal Selvamony	Member	Associate Prof., Dept. of English, CUTN
9.	Dr. V. Madhurima	Member	Associate Prof., Dept. Of Physics, CUTN
10.	Dr. K.V. Raghupathi	Member	Asst. Prof., Dept. of English, CUTN
11.	Dr.M. Ponmurugan	Member	Asst. Prof., Dept. of Physics, CUTN
12.	Prof. T. Sengadir	Member &	Registrar (Act) & Secretary CUTN

Leave of Absence was granted to the following Members:

1. Prof. N. Sathyamurthy, Director, IISER, Mohali
2. Dr. Vijayamohan K. Pillai, Director, CECRI
3. Dr. Shashi Bala Singh, Director, DIPAS, New Delhi
4. Prof. Anjali Monteiro, Dean, School of Media and Cultural Studies, TISS, Mumbai

The Chairman welcomed all the members for the Eleventh meeting of the Academic Council and briefed on agenda items.

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Tenth Meeting of the Academic Council held on 23rd January, 2015.

The minutes were circulated to the members after the meeting and no comment was received.

Decision:

The members confirmed the minutes of the 10th meeting of the Academic Council held on 23.01.2015 incorporating the comments of Executive Council meeting held on 24.06.2015.

Agenda Item 3: Action taken on the Minutes of the previous Meeting of Academic Council held on 23rd January, 2015

The Chairman briefed the action taken on the minutes of the previous meetings of Academic Council as below:

Sl. No.	Agenda Item	Action taken
1	Agenda No.5: Revision of syllabi of Integrated BA BEd and BSc BEd as per the advice of NCTE.	Since the regular Vice Chancellor has joined, the recruitment will be taken up shortly.
2	Agenda No.6: Syllabus of Two Year B.Ed Programme.	
3	Agenda No.7: Introduction of M.Tech Programmes I. M.Tech. Material Science and Nano Technology II. M.Tech Energy and Environmental Technology	The Executive Council has deferred the launching of this Programme to the next Academic Year.
4	Agenda No.9: Proposals from Department of Chemistry.	The Academic Council Noted the information.
5	Agenda No.11: Proposal for Establishing Dr. U.V. Swaminathaiyer UGC chair in the Department of Tamil during 12 th plan period.	The Chairman informed that the proposal has been forwarded to UGC.

6	Agenda No.12: Research Associate in Tamil.	Has been Communicated to the Department.
7	Agenda No.13: Proposal from Department of Mathematics for Admission to Ph.D Programme in Mathematics.	Course launched in the current academic year.
8	Agenda No.14: Subject Expert Group for M.A Programme in Social Work	Syllabus approved by committee communicated to the Department.
9	Agenda No.16: Modification in the syllabus of IMSc Physics.	Communicated to the Department for implementation.
10	Agenda No.18: Funding for Overseas visit for Seminars, Conferences, Workshops, etc.	Extract communicated to Department for information. The Chairman informed that he has advised the Academic Section to explore the procedures following by other Central Universities.
11	Agenda No.19: Second Convocation of the University.	The item is being placed for discussion in this Meeting.
12	Agenda No.21: Revisions in the Syllabi of the department of English and a recommendation for a language center.	Has been communicated to the Department.

Decision:

The Academic Council accepted the action taken report.

Agenda Item 4: Report on CUCET 2015 and Admission 2015-2016

The Deputy Registrar briefed the members about the participation in CUCET 2015 with eight Central Universities and Central University of Rajasthan being the Coordinating University (CURAJ). The expenditure of conducting the examination was met from the application fee itself.

Dr. Srinivasan Sundarrajan enquired about the regional admissions. The Deputy Registrar (Academic) informed that 40% students are from Tamil Nadu and remaining 60% are from other states.

The Chairman informed that efforts will be made to co-ordinate with other CUs to have the entrance examination and publication of results in time, in order to attract better students.

Dr. Jayasankaran enquired about the weightage of marks for admissions. The Deputy Registrar (Acad) informed that for Integrated programmes 60% weightage is given to CUCET score and 40% given to HSC marks.

Dr. Nageshwara Rao enquired about the poor admission to MA Mass Media Communication. DR (Academic) informed that the poor admissions could be due to late processing of entrance exams.

The Chairman advised the Deputy Registrar (Academic) to plan to start the process by December itself.

Decision:

The Academic Council noted the information and advised the University to start the process soon.

Agenda Item 5: Proposal for starting an additional section of M.Sc. Economics (General Economics), and new programme on M.Phil in Economics

I. Starting a New section of M.Sc Economics (General Economics) at Department of Economics, CUTN, Thiruvarur

The Chairman informed that the present MOU with Madras School of Economics was doing well. However, the faculty members are deprived of teaching to PG students. Dr. Jayasankaran enquired about the recent MHRD guidelines about restriction in having MoUs with other institutions. The Deputy Registrar (Academic) informed that the MoU should be within the jurisdiction of the concerned University as prescribed in the Act. Dr. Jayasankaran suggested that a provision may be included for exchange of faculty between CUTN and MSE, while renewing the MoU.

II. Starting of a new Programme, i.e., M.Phil in Economics

The Academic Council deferred this programme.

Decision:

1. The Academic Council accorded approval for the starting of Master's degree programme in Economics at CUTN. The syllabus will be developed by the Board of Studies and put up to next Academic Council. The Master's degree will be M.Sc., / M.A., depending upon the syllabus.
2. The Academic Council deferred the start of M.Phil programme.

Agenda Item 6: Outcome of W.P No: 22325 of 2014 and M.P No: 1 of 2014 – Case filed by Minor P Sundar represented by his father S Pandian

The Deputy Registrar (Academic) briefed the members about the case. The Academic Council also noted that Minor P. Sundar was admitted in Five Year I MSc., Physics programme during the academic year 2015-16 considering his seat as supernumerary.

Decision:

The Academic Council noted the information.

Agenda Item 7: Certificate Courses (6 months duration) under Community College proposed to be launched from 2015-2016

The Assistant Registrar (Purchase & Community College) appraised the members about the week end courses offered under Community College.

- a) Certificate Course in Water Management (in Collaboration with Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore)
- b) Certificate Course in Basic Computer Course (BCC) (in association with National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), Chennai)
- c) Certificate Course in Para Legal (in Collaboration with National Law School of India University, Bangalore)

In addition to the above, CUTN proposes to introduce the following courses under Community College.

1. Commercial Seed Production and Mushroom Culture

Commercial Seed Production and Mushroom Culture in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore. This course will be handled by the experts of TNAU.

2. Cyber Law and/or Consumer Protection

Cyber Law and/or Consumer Protection in collaboration with the National Law School India University, Bangalore. The course will be handled by the experts of NLSIU.

3. Computer Courses in Programming Language

1. Programming in JAVA
2. Programming in C
3. Programming in C++
4. Fundamentals of Relative Data Base Management Systems

These courses will be handled using the internal academic resources.

4. Skill oriented courses proposed by L&T

The University proposes to offer skill oriented courses with L&T for the rural youth from the under privileged society.

1. Masonry
2. Bar bending
3. Formwork
4. Carpentry
5. Plumbing& sanitary
6. Construction electrician
7. Welding

L&T had also suggested for an initial 90 days residential training at free of cost along with a token stipend.

The University proposes to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with L&T on this.

5. Certificate Courses in Languages

1. Certificate Course in Tamil
2. Certificate Course in Sanskrit

The Academic Council noted that the Certificate Courses in Tamil and Sanskrit are not Vocational / Skill based as per the guidelines of NVEQF - National Vocational Education Qualifications Framework and these courses will be handled using the internal academic resources. The Council also noted that the course duration is one-year, whereas all the existing Courses are for 6 months.

Decision:

The Academic Council agreed for the above proposals.

Agenda Item 8: To Appraise the Council about the Grant received from UGC under Community College for the Academic Year 2015-16.

The Assistant Registrar (Academic) briefed the members about the sanction of UGC for a grant of Rs.61.96 lakhs (Rupees Sixty One Lakhs Ninety Six Thousands) for the following course.

Specialization / Trade	Intake
Certificate Course in Para Legal Studies (Two Batches of 6 month duration each year)	50

The minimum qualification for Certificate Course in Para Legal Studies is HSC / 12th as per the UGC communication.

Decision:

The Academic Council agreed for this proposal.

Agenda Item 9: Minor modification in IMSc (Physics Syllabus)

Dr. V. Madhurima informed the difficulties faced by the Department in running the Computational Physics course.

Dr. G. Bhaskaran informed that the IMSc course is not complete without "Computational Physics" paper.

Dr. V. Madhurima said that this paper is dropped due to lack of infrastructure which could not be made out for want of funds. Dr. Jayasankaran informed that the students should not be deprived of resources while pursuing the course, for the sake of funds. He also said that the students were assured of this paper at the start of the admission and at this juncture, it is not appropriate to drop the paper.

The Chairman informed the members that UGC while granting additional funds to the University has advised the University to restrict the courses requiring expenditure on high end equipments.

The Chairman informed that CUTN is committed to offer the approved syllabus and it will not be changed. The Academic Council suggested to provide one computer for two students which is also the AICTE norms.

Decision:

The Academic Council advised the University to continue with Computational Physics paper in the IMSc., Physics programme.

Agenda Item 10: Permitting IMSc students to take supplementary exams – Proposal by Department of Physics

The above agenda item is deferred to next meeting of the Academic Council.

Agenda item 11: UGC-FRP: Approval is sought to permit the UGC-FRP fellow in the department to be allotted PhD Scholars.

The Chairman briefed the members about the UGC-FRP faculty, wherein the guidelines says that the UGC-FRP are to be treated at par with permanent faculty and provide all facilities including lab facilities and allotment of scholars.

Hence, the University has proposed to allot Ph. D students to UGC-FRP fellow.

Decision:

The Academic Council approved the proposal of the University to allot Ph.D Scholars to UGC-FRP fellow, as per UGC norms.

Agenda Item: 12 Results of Supplementary Examination and Even Semester

The Deputy Registrar (Academic) briefed the members about the performance of students in the following exams:

1. Special Supplementary Examination
2. Academic Results Even Semester 2014-15
3. Supplementary Examination (Even Semester 2014-15)
4. Students having excessive Backlogs in End Semester Examination (Supplementary Even Semester 2014-15)
5. Second Batch CUTN I M.Sc Economics (2012-2017) Students – Final Two year studies as per MOU in MSE
6. Madras School of Economics Results

Decision:

The Academic Council noted the information and suggested to take up mentoring of slow learners and reduce the rate of dropouts. In future the rate of dropout should also be mentioned at the time of declaration of results.

Agenda Item 13: Approval for various proposal received from Department of Chemistry

Dr. Nagarajan, Head (i/c), Department of Chemistry briefed the proposals submitted for the consideration of the Academic Council.

1. Placing the pruned syllabus for the CBCS integrated MSc (Chemistry) Programme for approval.
2. Placing the two year CBCS M.Sc (Chemistry) syllabus for approval.
3. End semester practical examination.
4. Exit option after three years for I.M.Sc (Chemistry) students – implementation from 2015-16 batch.
5. Gold medal and Rank Certificate for toppers in Chemistry
6. Conduct of National Conference.

During the discussions, the members suggested for endowment and approach industrialists, philanthropists for awarding gold medals. Dr. G. Bhaskaran suggested the Department of Chemistry to approach CECRI for endowment, NIT & neighbouring organisations of higher learning for guidance.

Decision:

The Academic Council approved the proposals of Department of Chemistry and advised to award gold medals and Rank Certificate for toppers in all subjects in all the Departments.

Agenda Item 14: Approving the constitution of Board of Studies for Department of Hindi

The Chairman deferred this item as the Board of Studies is to be constituted for all Departments.

Agenda Item 15: Approval for conduct of Second Convocation of the University

The Chairman informed the members that the University has proposed to conduct the Second Convocation of the University during the month of February 2016 for the following batches:

SL. No.	Programme & Batch	2014	2015
1	M.A. English Studies (2013-2015)	14	11
2	M.A. Tamil (2013-2015)	7	11
3	M.A. Media and Communication (2013-2015)	-	9
4	M.Sc. Economics (General Economics) (2013-2015)	33	38
5	M.Sc. Economics (Financial Economics) (2013-2015)	25	33
6	M.Sc. Economics (Actuarial Economics) (2013-2015)	10	15
7	M.Sc. Economics (Applied Quantitative Finance) (2013-2015)	16	23
8	M.Sc. Economics (Environmental Economics) (2013-2015)	10	13
9	Integrated M.Sc. Mathematics (2010-2015)	-	20
10	Integrated M.Sc. Physics (2010-2015)	-	17
11	Integrated M.Sc. Chemistry (2010-2015)	-	13
	Sub Total	115	205
	Total	320	

Decision:

The Academic Council approved the conduct of Second Convocation of the University during the month February 2016.

Agenda Item: 16 Approval of Elective Courses offered by Department of Tamil

Prof. K. Nachimuthu, Department of Tamil briefed the Academic Council regarding the proposals submitted for approval of elective courses offered and introduction of Sanskrit as an optional course

1. Functional Tamil -TAME1
2. Creative writing in Tamil -TAME2
3. Science writing in Tamil -TAME3
4. Introduction to Sanskrit -TAME41, TAME42

The item was discussed with Agenda Item No.24 relating to introduction of CBCS.

Agenda 17: Approval of Fee Structure and Fee Revision for various Programmes offered in CUTN

The Deputy Registrar (Academic) briefed the members about the difficulties faced by the University in realization of the fees.

1. Fee to be paid by the students in case of re-doing a course

The existing fee structure and the regulations/ordinance, does not have provision for a proportionate fee for such students who are advised to re-do course(s).

2. Fee for PhD students

Fees of PhD Scholar is being realized on Semester Basis during Course work. Subsequently, the scholars have requested to realize annually.

3. Fee to be paid by the students in case of re-admission

The existing fee structure and the regulations/ordinance, does not have provision for payment of fee by such students who seek re-admission to a programme of study.

4. Fee for the CBCS pattern

The existing fee structure for the various programmes is for Non-CBCS pattern. Now, since the University has implemented the CBCS pattern from the academic year 2015-16, a revision in fee structure right be required. The fees structure should be of Course wise.

5. Condonation Fee

There is no provision for Condonation fee in case of lack of attendance.

The Deputy Registrar (Academic) also informed that the fee revision was discussed by a Committee and the rationalization of the fee structure was done in the academic year 2013-14, based on the directions from the MHRD.

Dr. Jayasankaran advised the University that the fee for condonation of attendance should not be for attendance less than 65%. All those students having less than 65% attendance should not be allowed to appear for the final examination.

Decision:

The Academic Council noted the information and approved the Fee Structure and Fee Revision for various Programmes offered in CUTN.

Agenda 18: To consider the proposal of Dr. M. Rajkumar, Dept. of Life Sciences for patent application and entering an agreement between CUTN and University of Coimbra, Portugal

Dr. M. Rajkumar, DBT-Ramalingawami Fellow, Department of Life Sciences briefed the proposal submitted by him for a patent application and agreement between CUTN and University of Coimbra, Portugal.

He informed that his project titled 'Symbiotic Efficiency of plant growth promoting bacteria (PGPB) and arbuscular mycorrhizal fungus (AMF) for phytoremediation of metal contaminated soils' (supported by Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology – FCT {Project Ref No. SFRH/BPD/76028/2011} Government of PORTUGAL) has obtained significant research output from this project and planning to file patent.

Dr. Helena Freitas (Supervisor), Dr. Rajkumar Mani (Co supervisor) and Dr. Ying Ma (Postdoctoral Fellow) are the main contributor for this work agreed to file patent and the out-come will be shared between the University of Coimbra, PORTUGAL and Central University of Tamil Nadu, INDIA in the percentage of 95% and 5 %, respectively. The technical details of the patent are as follows:

- (i) Details about the inventors: two scientists (Dr. Helena Freitas and Dr. Ying Ma) from University of Coimbra, PORTUGAL; one scientist (Dr. Rajkumar Mani) from Central University of Tamil Nadu, INDIA.
- (ii) Scientific contributions made by the inventors are 95% from University of Coimbra and 5% from the Central University of Tamil Nadu.
- (iii) 95 % funding contributions made by the University of Coimbra and 5% by the Central University of Tamil Nadu.
- (iv) Number of claims owed to each one of the inventors: (still to be defined). Also, each of these institutions is entitled to financial income as well as cost associated duties resulting from patent filing and technology licensing, in these same proportions (95% for University of Coimbra; 5% for the Central University of Tamil Nadu).

Dr. M. Rajkumar who is working in our university has agreed to transfer sole out-put to Central University of Tamil Nadu, India which will bring a world level wide publicity among the scientific community. This will also be helpful to improve the academic/research level of CUTN in National and International level. “

Decision:

The Academic Council noted the information and approved the proposal of Dr. M. Rajkumar, Dept. of Life Sciences for patent application and entering an agreement between CUTN and University of Coimbra, Portugal.

Agenda Item 19: Approval for introduction of Sanskrit as an optional language and syllabus for optional Tamil and Hindi Course.

- a) As per the suggestion of the Academic council in its previous meeting, the department of Tamil has proposed to Introduce Optional Sanskrit language to the students of Integrated Courses. The proposed syllabus for following course is enclosed.
- 1) Basic Sanskrit Level I
 - 2) Basic Sanskrit Level II
- b) Based on the approval of AC in its 10th meeting held on 23/1/2015 .The department of Tamil and Hindi have forwarded the syllabus for the optional Basic and Advanced Course.

Tamil:

1. Basic Level-I
2. Basic Level-II
3. Advanced Tamil Level-I
4. Advanced Tamil Level-II

Hindi:

1. Basic Hindi Level-II
2. Advanced Hindi Level-II

Decision:

The Academic Council approved the proposal for introduction of Sanskrit as an optional language and syllabus for optional Tamil and Hindi Course.

Agenda Item 20: Panel of names of subject Experts for Selection Committee:

The Chairman informed the members about the composition of the Selection Committee for Teaching posts of Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor and Statutory posts; as per the Statutes of the University and UGC Regulations 2010.

In addition to statutory positions like Registrar, Finance Officer and CoE, the University proposes to recruit regular faculty in the following disciplines:

Mathematics	Physics	Chemistry
English	Tamil	Social Work
Environmental Science	Media & Mass Communication	Economics
Hindi	Life Sciences	Education

The Chairman requested the Academic Council to suggest panel of experts for nomination by the Executive Council to be part of the Selection Committee.

Decision:

While suggesting eight names, the Academic Council authorised the Vice Chancellor to nominate the panel of experts for the academic disciplines of which recruitment is proposed.

Agenda Item 21: Cancellation of Environmental Science ENV03 Course in 3rd Semester.

As per the directives of the UGC, one course of Environmental Studies is to be compulsorily is to be offered to the UG students. However, CUTN was offering the said course in three semesters and it was felt due to excess load on the students, the ENV03 offered in the third semester may be discontinued. All those students who have to redo the ENV03 course will be offered as a special course in the evening.

Decision:

The Academic Council noted the information and agreed to the proposal.

Agenda Item 22: Exit option for IMSc Economics

The Registrar (Acting) informed the members that the Academic Council at its meeting held on 03/05/2014 approved the proposal for an exit option to the students of

IMSc Economics at the end of 3rd year after undergoing an additional language and award with B.Sc Degree.

As this is a first instance of availing the exit option, the matter of Mr. K. Muthukumaran of IMSc Economics 2011-16 batch is placed before Academic Council for approval, as he has undergone the additional language component.

Decision:

The Academic Council noted the above information and approved the Exit option for Mr. K. Muthukumaran of IMSc Economics 2011-2016 with B.Sc., degree.

Agenda Item 23: To consider entering into MOU between CUTN and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International School of Textiles & Management

The Chairman informed the members about the proposal received from Sardar Vallabhai Patel International School of Textiles & Management, Coimbatore for entering into a MOU with their institution.

Dr. Ramesh Kumar, Director, SVPISTM briefed the members about the proposal for a collaboration to offer MBA (Textile Management) and BSc (Costume and Fashion Design) programs with academic autonomy.

The MoU will be initially for a period of five years.

Dr. Jayasankaran advised SVPISTM to obtain the AIU equivalence of PGDBM programme. The Academic Council also advised the University to constitute a Committee from CUTN side to visit the institution. The Council also advised to discuss some of the factors like sharing of tuition fee, Course Syllabus, maintenance of quality etc., in the MoU and a Committee may be constituted for drawing a draft MoU.

Decision:

The Academic Council approved entering into a MoU with SVPISTM and advised the Institution to approach AIU for equivalence of PDGBM to MBA.

The Academic Council also advised the University to form a Committee to visit SVPISTM and another committee to draft a MoU for placing in the next Academic Council meeting.

Agenda Item 24: Introduction of CBCS

The Chairman informed the members that as per the directives of UGC, CUTN has introduced Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) from the current academic year. And the following courses are offered under the system,

CBCS – Pool of Elective Courses offered in the ODD Semester for the Academic year 2015 - 2016

Department	Course Title	Course Code	Credits	Course Instructor
Mathematics	Mathematical Methods	MAT05E	4	Dr. Barani Balan
Mathematics	Nonlinear programming	MAT13E	4	Dr. A. Chandrashekar
Mathematics	History of Mathematics	MATS01	2	Dr. T. Sengadir
Physics	Computational Condensed Matter Physics	PHY0E18	4	Dr. P. Ravindran
Physics	Microwave Physics	PHY0E19	4	Dr. V. Madhurima
Physics	Quantum Optics	PHY0E20	4	Dr. R. Arun
Physics	Physics of Dielectrics and Ferroelectrics	PHY0E21	4	Dr. K. Venkata Saravanan
Physics	Physics of Arts	PHYS01	2	Dr. V. Madhurima
Physics	Nonlinear Dynamics	PHY0E15	4	Dr. L. Kavitha
English	Yoga Course	SWY001	2	Dr. K.V.Raghupathy
Life Sciences	Advanced Genomic Technology	LIFOE1	3	Dr. Indranil Chattopadhyay
Life Sciences	Pharmaceutical Chemistry	LIFOE2	3	Dr. Shajahan
Life Sciences	Renewable Energy Science	LIFOE2	3	Dr.Nithya devi
Life Sciences	Chemical Crop Protection and BioEngineering	LIFOE3	3	Dr.Subhash Balakrishnan pai
Chemistry	Introduction to Nanoscience and organic materials	CY3001	3	Dr.Vittal Babu Gudimetla
Social Work	Advanced Counselling: Theory & Practice		3	Dr. P.Udhayakumar
Tamil	Functional Tamil	TAME01	2	Dr. S. Saravanan
	Creative writing in Tamil	TAME02	2	Dr. M. Vanitha
	Science writing in Tamil	TAME03	2	Dr. G. Sathish

	Introductory Sanskrit-1	TAME41	2	Dr. K.E. Gopaladesikan
Economics	Financial Markets and Institutions	ECOEO1	2	Dr.Krishna Reddy Chittedi

The Chairman also informed that UGC vide its letter D.O.No.F. 1-7/2011(CPP-II) dated 13/8/2015 has directed to include NSS as credit based elective subject in university system.

Dr. Venkatasaravanan, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics made a Power point Presentation on CBCS explaining the salient features of CBCS and its implementation at CUTN.

Dr. Jayasankaran, informed that implementation of CBCS requires good number of faculty and infrastructure.

Decision:

The Academic Council approved the introduction of Choice Based Credit System at the University from the current academic year.

Agenda Item 25: Project Proposal by Prof.K.Nachimuthu by Dept. of Tamil, CUTN.

Prof. K. Nachimuthu, Department of Tamil briefed the proposal submitted to the Academic Council on a project on the Compilation of Anthologies and Bio-graphies of authors of the Chola country (toward the preparation of Literary Encyclopedia of the Chola Country). The same was forwarded to an expert Prof. Selvakumar of Tamil University, Thanjavur for evaluation of the project proposal.

Prof. Selvakumar has submitted his expert opinion for consideration by the CUTN, a brief of which is given below:-

The project is viable and significant in the changing contemporary scenario.

- Basic data collected in the project may be uploaded in university website for the benefit of other researchers.
- If possible, apart from Tamil author, the project should consider collect data on author on other language like Sanskrit and Telugu.
- The data should be collected on all types of artists including composers and dancers. The work should focus on the artists of all languages, if possible.

The proposal along with evaluation by expert will be placed before the Finance Committee and Executive Council based on availability of funds.

Decision:

The Academic Council approved the project proposal of Prof. K. Nachimuthu on the Compilation of Anthologies and Bio-graphies of authors of the Chola country (toward the preparation of Literary Encyclopedia of the Chola Country).

Agenda Item 26 Approval for starting M.Sc Computer Science Programme

The Chairman briefed the members about the proposal under the XII Plan M.Sc Computer Science under the School of Mathematics & Computer Science.

The Chairman also informed the members that at present the University is offering only one programme under School of Mathematics and Computer Science.

The Chairman invited suggestions as to whether we should start MSc., or MCA course keeping in mind the employment opportunities. Some of the members felt that if the quality of the course is maintained, there is good opportunity for M.Sc., programme. Moreover, MCA is a three year programme and also requires AICTE compliance. Hence, students are not interested in pursuing MCA of late.

Dr. Sunder Ramaswamy enquired about the resources required for running the programme referring to an earlier item of dropping of one paper due to lack of infrastructure. The Chairman felt the need of a Department in Computer Sciences which can cater for the needs of other departments. The initial investment is for few computers and software which will be developed on availability of funds.

Decision:

The Academic Council recommended the proposal for starting a 2 year M.Sc., Computer Science programme from the Academic Year 2016-17.

For the proposed M.Sc Computer Science focus may be on Business Analytics and handling Big Data which will open up lot of placement opportunities.

The Academic Council recorded its appreciation to Dr. Dinakar Chalabathula, Assistant Professor, Department of Life Sciences for publication of his research paper in "NATURE" an international reputed journal.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Handwritten signature and date:
2/10/2015