



**CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF TAMIL NADU**  
**(Established by an Act of Parliament, 2009)**  
**Neelakudi Campus, Kangalancherry,**  
**THIRUVARUR 610 101.**

Minutes of the Twelfth Meeting of the Academic Council of the Central University of Tamil Nadu held on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 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.	Prof. N. Jayasankaran	Member	Emeritus Professor, NMIMS University, Bangalore
3.	Dr. Vijayamohanan K. Pillai	Member	Director, CECRI
4.	Dr. Shashi Bala Singh	Member	Director, DIPAS, New Delhi
5.	Dr. Nirmal Selvamony	Member	Associate Prof., Dept. of English, CUTN
6.	Dr. V. Madhurima	Member	Associate Prof., Dept. Of Physics, CUTN
7.	Dr. K.V. Raghupathi	Member	Asst. Prof., Dept. of English, CUTN
8.	Dr.M. Ponmurugan	Member &	Asstt.Prof., Department of Physics, CUTN
9.	Prof. T. Sengadir	Member	Registrar (Act) & Secretary CUTN
10.	Dr. Srinivasan Sundarrajan	Member	Director, NIT Trichy (Joined thru' Skype)

**Leave of Absence was granted to the following Members:**

1. Prof. N. Sathyamurthy, Director, IISER, Mohali
2. Prof. Anjali Monteiro, Dean, School of Media and Cultural Studies, TISS, Mumbai
3. Prof. Ganapathy Bhaskaran, Institute of Mathematical Science, Chennai
4. Prof. Nageshwara Rao, Dean, School of English Literary Studies, EFLU
5. Dr. Sunder Ramaswamy, Director, MSE, Chennai
6. Prof. P. Ravindran, Prof. Deptt. Of Physics

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The Chairman welcomed all the members for the Twelfth meeting of the Academic Council and briefed the members about the progress made by CUTN since the last meeting by way of a presentation.

During the meeting Dr. Sundarrajan participated through skype. The Chairman informed that the selection process for the statutory positions has been completed and also the screening process for Teaching positions has been started. CUTN proposes to complete the selection process for teaching positions by February, 2016.

**Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Eleventh Meeting of the Academic Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.**

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

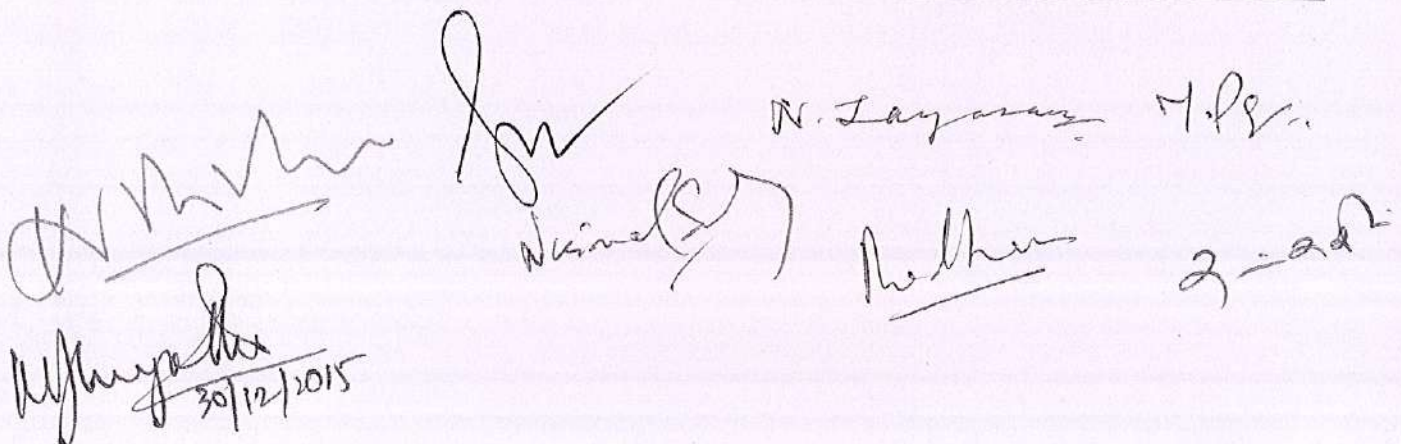
**Decision:**

The members confirmed the minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 11.09.2015.

**Agenda Item 3: Action taken on the Minutes of the previous Meeting of Academic Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 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.4: - Report on CUCET 2015 and Admission 2015-16	As per the advice of Academic Council to start the process of CUCET 2016, in the final meeting of CUCET 2015, it was decided that the coordinating University for CUCET 2016 will be Central University of Rajasthan. It was also decided that the preliminary meeting for CUCET 2016 will be held during January 2016.
2.	Agenda No. 5: -Proposal for starting an additional section of M.Sc. Economics (General Economics), and new Programme on M.Phil. in Economics	(i) Has been communicated to the Department of Economics, to start Masters in Economics. (ii) The Academic Council has deferred the proposal for starting a new Programme on M.Phil. in Economics.


  
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3.	Agenda No. 7: - Certificate Courses (6 months duration) under Community College proposed to be launched from 20105 – 16.	(i) Fund received from UGC only for Para Legal Studies. (ii) Admission for 2015 – 16 has been completed. Classes yet to commence. (iii) Committee has been constituted for visiting L&T unit in Kancheepuram, to draft a MoU for starting skill oriented courses.
4.	Agenda No. 9: - To approve minor modification in I MSc Physics syllabus.	Communicated to the Department of Physics.
5	Agenda No. 11: - UGC-FRP: Approval is sought to permit the UGC-FRP fellow in the department to be allotted PhD Scholars.	Communicated to the Department of Physics for implementation.
6.	Agenda Item 12: Result of Supplementary Examination and Even Semester.	(i) Necessary action has been taken by forming a Remedial Cell to mentor the slow learners and to reduce the rate of dropouts. (ii) Necessary steps will be initiated to provide the details of the rate of dropouts along with the results in the forthcoming semesters.
7.	Agenda No 13: - Approval for various proposals received from Department of Chemistry.	Approval Communicated to the Department of Chemistry.
8.	Agenda Item 15: - Approval for conduct of Second Convocation of the University.	Process has been initiated. Preliminary meeting for conducting the Second Convocation was held in the month of November 2015. Please refer to Agenda.
9.	Agenda No 17: - Approval of Fee Structure and Fee Revision for various Programmes offered in CUTN.	Meeting Conducted and minutes put up for perusal of authorities.
10.	Agenda No 18: - To consider the proposal of Dr. M. Raj Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Life Sciences for patent application and entering an agreement between CUTN and University of Coimbra, Portugal.	Approval Communicated to the Department of Life Sciences and MOU for patent signed with university of Coimbra & Portugal.
11.	Agenda No. 19: - Approval of syllabus for Optional Sanskrit, Tamil and Hindi Course.	Approval Communicated to the Department of Tamil & Hindi for implementation.
12.	Agenda No. 21 : - Cancellation of Environmental Science ENV03 Course in 3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester	Communicated to the Academic Departments.
13.	Agenda Item 22: - Exit option for I M.Sc. Economics.	As per the decision, Shri.K.Muthukumaran of Integrated M.Sc. Economics (2011-16) will be awarded UG Degree during the Second Convocation.

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14.	Agenda No. 23: - To Consider entering into MoU between CUTN and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International School of Textiles & Management.	A Committee has been constituted for inspecting SVPISTM, Coimbatore before entering into a MoU.
15.	Agenda No. 24: - Introduction of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS).	Approval Communicated to all the Departments.
16.	Agenda No. 25: - Project Proposal by Prof. K. Nachimuthu, Department of Tamil, CUTN.	Approval Communicated to the Department of Tamil & Finance wing
17.	Agenda No. 26: - Approval for Starting M.Sc Computer Science.	Approval Communicated to the Department of Mathematics for taking necessary action to start the course in 2016.

**Decision:**

The Vice Chancellor briefed about the action taken especially with regard to Fees revision and the visit to SVPITSM by an inspection team and informed that the MoU will be signed by the end of Jan or Feb, 2016. One of the members enquired about minor modification in IM.Sc. Physics which was clarified by Head (i/c) of Physics Department.

The members suggested the following points to be considered in future for fee revision.

1. Cost incurred for acquisition of a student to be taken in to account.
2. Optimum fees should be adopted in order to attract NET/CSIR students.
3. The revision of fees structure should be at par with other CUs.
4. The Academic Council approved the revised fees structure from the academic year 2016-17.

The Academic Council accepted the action taken report.

**Agenda Item 4:****Constitution of Curriculum Development and Revision Committee (CDRC) & Updation of Curriculum:**

The Chairman briefed the members that at the last meeting of Vice Chancellors at the Rastrapathi Bhavan, much emphasis was given to update the curriculum to meet the changing needs and keep pace with the latest development in relevant subjects / field. CUTN is in the process of formulating an ordinance for constitution of Board of Studies for each Department. This may take some time. Till then, CUTN may be

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authorized to the constitution of Curriculum Development /Revision Committee in line with the Draft ordinance of Board of studies for updating & revising the syllabus of all the courses.

The Chairman informed that a committee was constituted for drafting the Ordinance for terms of reference and composition of the Board of Studies.

Prof. Jayasankaran suggested to keep all the faculty members in the Board of Studies if the Department is not large.

Dr. Madhurima suggested that representation from all the cadres should be taken into consideration. The Chairman briefed the difficulties for getting each cadre in the single department on a long run.

Dr. Madhurima also suggested that probation should not be linked to inclusion of member in BoS.

Prof. Jayasankaran suggested to include that the transfer of students from another University/DASA to CUTN should be examined by the BoS in terms of for their eligibility to continue.

**Decision:**

The committee discussed and approved the draft Ordinance.

**Agenda Item 5:**

**Recommendation of members for next Academic Council and Executive council:**

The Chairman informed the members that the tenure of members of the present Academic Council and Executive Council is coming to an end on 31/01/2016. As per the statutes 11(1) and 13(1) of the University the following members for the next Executive Council / Academic Council is to be nominated by the Academic Council;

**a) Executive Council:**

Statute 11(1) "(x) Two academicians not in the service of university to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor on the recommendation of the Academic Council". The following names were discussed in the Academic Council to be nominated to next EC.

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- 1) One of the present EC member to continue as nominated by VC
- 2) Prof. A.M.Pathan, Former VC, CU-Karnataka / Prof. S.E Hasnain, Former Vice Chancellor, UOH, Hyderabad
- 3) Prof. SP Thyagarajan, Former VC, University of Madras
- 4) Prof. N.K.Ganguly, President, JIPMER, Puducherry
- 5) Prof. K. N. Ganesh, Director, IISER, Pune
- 6) Prof. Anil Raina, Professor of English, Punjab University, Chandigarh
- 7) Prof. Pushpa Khare, CSIR Emiretus Scientist, Pune.
- 8) Mr. L.C Amarnathan, Former Vice Chancellor. Sikkim Manipal University
- 9) Prof. B. Sivaramakrishnan, Chairman, Shri Sankara Charitable Educational Trust, Trichy

**b) Academic Council:**

Statute 13(1) "(v) Six persons, not in the service of the university on the recommendation of Academic Council for their special knowledge".

**Decision:**

After the detailed deliberations, the Academic Council recommended the followings, out of which any two persons will be nominated to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Council by the Vice Chancellor according to their availability and willingness.

**Executive Council**

- 1) One of the present EC member to continue as nominated by VC
- 2) Prof. A.M.Pathan, Former VC, CU – Karnataka / Prof. S.E Hasnain, Former Vice Chancellor, UOH, Hyderabad
- 3) Prof. SP Thyagarajan, Former VC, University of Madras
- 4) Prof. N.K.Ganguly, <sup>Ex-</sup> President, JIPMER, Puducherry & DG, ICMR (Retd)
- 5) Prof. K. N. Ganesh, Director, IISER, Pune
- 6) Prof. Anil Raina, Professor of English, Punjab University, Chandigarh
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**Academic Council**

The Academic Council recommended the followings, out of which any six persons will be nominated to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Academic Council by the Vice Chancellor according to their availability and willingness.

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- 1) Two current Academic Council members to continue
- 2) Prof. S. Kumaresan, Retd. Professor of Mathematics, Hyderabad University
- 3) Prof. R.C Mahajan, Chair, Ethics Committee, CUTN
- 4) Prof. Nagaraju, Professor of English, Central University of Karnataka
- 5) Dr B. Ravindran, Director, Institute of Life Sciences, Bhubaneswar.
- 6) Prof. Samuelson, Professor, IPC, IISc, Bengaluru.
- 7) Prof. Avinash Khare, University of Pune.
- 8) Prof. K. Hari Haran, Mahindra Ecole Centrale, Hyderabad
- 9) Prof. Pulin B. Nayak, Former Director Delhi School of Economics /Prof Mrityunjaya Mishra, Professor of Economics, BHU
- 10) Prof. K. Ramasamy, Former Director, CICT, Chennai

**Agenda Item 6:**

**Postponement of Convocation to July / August 2016**

The Academic Council in its 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting had approved for conduct of the second convocation in the month of February 2016. Now, as per the direction of the MHRD/UGC, the University has to get accreditation with NAAC at the earliest. The University has already submitted the LOI and SSR to NAAC and the visit of NAAC is expected any time between January-March 2016. Visit of NAAC is an important event which needs lot of preparation, as it is being the first time. Hence, it is proposed to postpone the second convocation to July-August 2016, which will also enable to award degrees to the students passing out in 2016. The Chairman informed that Hon'ble President or Minister HRD will be invited for the Convocation.

Prof. Jayasankar<sup>n</sup> suggested to conduct a Mock NAAC by way of an administrative and academic audit, so that the University has a dry run before the actual NAAC visit.

**Decision:**

The Academic Council approved the postponement of Second Convocation to July – August 2016 for the reasons mentioned above.

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**Agenda Item 7**

**Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA) 2016**

The Chairman informed that NIT, Srinagar (J&K) has been entrusted by MHRD to coordinate with the other centrally funded institutions for Direct Admission of Students Abroad-2016(DASA-2016). The admissions will be carried out as per the existing Ordinance of the University and the guidelines issued by the Gol from time to time.

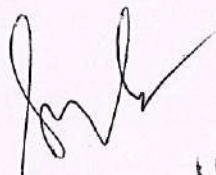
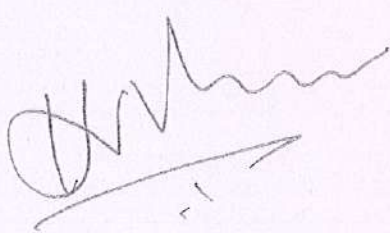
**Decision:**

The Academic Council approved the same.

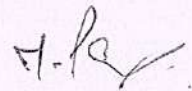
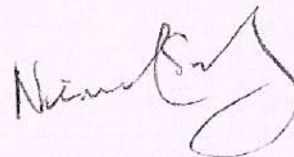
It was proposed to offer elective Courses under CBCS for CUTN permanent staff and faculty. As of now there is no provision for this. It was discussed in the Academic Council to allow CUTN permanent staff and faculty to take any course offered in CUTN. They will have to pay the requisite fees and they will be issued a Grade Card as per norms.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


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