



**CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF TAMIL NADU**  
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**Neelakudi Campus, Kandalancherry,**  
**THIRUVARUR 610 101.**

Minutes of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Academic Council of the Central University of Tamil Nadu held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 at 11:00 am in the Conference Hall, Admin Block, Neelakudi campus, Thiruvavur.

The following members attended the meeting.

1.	Prof. A.P. Dash	Chairman	Vice Chancellor, CUTN	<i>[Signature]</i>
2.	Prof. R.C. Mahajan	Member	PGI, Chandigarh	<i>[Signature]</i>
3.	Dr. B. Ravindran	Member	Director, ILS, Bhubaneswar	<i>[Signature]</i>
4.	Prof. Pulin B. Nayak	Member	Former Director, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi	<i>[Signature]</i>
5.	Dr S. Kumaresan	Member	NBHM- Visiting Professor, Dept. of Mathematics, Hyderabad Univer4sity,	<i>[Signature]</i>
6.	Dr A. Suganya	Member	Sugar Cane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore	<i>[Signature]</i>
7.	Prof. T. Sengadir,	Member	Professor, Department of Mathematics,	<i>[Signature]</i>
8.	Prof. P. Ravindran,	Member	Professor, Department of Physics,	<i>[Signature]</i>
9.	Dr. S. Nagarajan,	Member	Professor, Department of Chemistry,	<i>[Signature]</i>
10.	Dr. T. Mohan Das	Member	Associate Professor, Dpt. of Chemistry	<i>[Signature]</i>
11.	Dr. A. Chandrashekar	Member	Asst. Professor, Dpt of Mathematics	<i>[Signature]</i>
12.	Dr. V.P. Ramesh	Member	Asst. Professor, Dpt. of Mathematics	<i>[Signature]</i>
13.	Dr. S. Bhuvanewari	Member	Registrar	<i>[Signature]</i>

14. *Dr. K. Ramasamy*  
Special Invitees: *Member*

1. Dr. Hema, Associate Professor, Madras School of Economics, Chennai *R. Hema*
2. Dr. B.B. Mishra, Finance Officer, CUTN
3. Dr. A. Ragupathy, Controller of Examinations, CUTN

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

- i. Dr Shashi Bala Singh, Director, DIPAS, New Delhi
- ii. Prof. K. Hariharan, Mahindra Ecole Centrale
- iii. Dr. Vijayamohan Pillai, Director, CSIR-CECRI, Karaikudi

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**Agenda item 1: Welcome, progress made and important activities; by the Chairman:**

The Chairman welcomed all the members for the Thirteenth meeting of the Academic Council and briefed the members about the progress made by CUTN since the last meeting. The Chairman also briefed the members about the NIRF ranking and regarding excellent publications (including one in Nature and one in Lancet infectious Diseases) of the University. The Members were also informed about the Vice Chancellor's conference held in February 2016 at Gurgaon and the recommendations there to start new innovative courses like Linguistics, Epidemiology & Public Health, Nano technology & Farming Technology etc. The progress made in establishing department of Epidemiology & Public Health for M.Sc. in Epidemiology & public Health was also highlighted.

Visceral leishmaniasis (Kala-azar), a parasitic disease transmitted by sand flies is endemic in the Indian sub-continent (India, Bangladesh and Nepal). The Health Ministers of these three countries have signed a MoU in September 2014 to eliminate Kala-azar, as a public health <sup>Problem</sup> programme; by 2018. Vector Control is an important component in Kala-azar elimination. The World Health Organization (SEARO) has identified CUTN and authorizes it to organize an "Expert Consultation on Kala-azar Vector control" through APW mechanism (as per WHO norms). This consultation is fixed on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at Hotel Crown Plaza, Chennai; where experts from India, Nepal, Bangladesh & WHO along with a couple of international experts will participate

The National Academy of Vector Borne Diseases with the Life Science Department of CUTN is going to organise the 13<sup>th</sup> Conference of vectors and Vector Borne Diseases, from 27.2.2017 to 1.3.2017 at Hotel Crown Plaza, Chennai. Around 350 academicians / scientists from India and abroad are expected to participate. This is the first time the CUTN is organising such a big conference of international nature.

**The members of the Academic Council highly appreciated and congratulated the University for the significant progress made in a short time and was happy to endorse the "Expert Consultation on Kala-azar Vector control (through APW mechanism as per WHO norms)" and "13<sup>th</sup> Conference on Vectors & VB Diseases" by Department of Life Sciences.**

**Agenda Item 2: Approval of the Minutes of the Twelfth Meeting of the Academic Council held on 30.12.2015.**

The minutes were approved by all the members of the AC, after the meeting; on 30.12.2015 and circulated to the members on the same day and no comment was received.

**Decision:** The members approved the minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 30.12.2015.

**Agenda Item 3: Action taken on the minutes of the Twelfth meeting of Academic Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

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

Item No.	Agenda	Action Taken
3.	Action taken on the previous meeting held on 11.09.2015	The agenda item regarding entering into MoU with Sardar Vallabhai Patel International School of Textile Management was circulated to Academic Council members vide email dated 02.05.2016  Based on the approval received from the members, the MoU between CUTN and SVPISTM was signed on 06.05.2016 at New Delhi in the presence of Minister and Secretary of Textiles and other Senior level officials of Ministry of Textiles.  A Copy of the signed MOU (Annexure II) is placed before the Academic Council for information and ratification.
4.	Constitution of Curriculum Development and Revision Committee (CDRC) & Updation of Curriculum.	CDRCs for all departments / subjects were constituted. The ordinance for Board of Studies was also approved by the EC in its last meeting and sent to MHRD for approval of the Visitor. All departments have conducted their Board of Studies / CDRC meetings. Separate agenda follows.
5.	Recommendation of members for next Academic Council and Executive Council.	Third Academic Council and Third Executive Council have been constituted as per recommendation.
6.	Postponement of Convocation to July / August 2016	Second Convocation has been proposed in the month of September 2016 and Minister of HRD has been invited to grace the occasion
7.	Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA) 2016	Noted for compliance.

**Decision:** The Academic Council accepted the action taken report and ratified the signing of MoU with Sardar Vallabhai Patel International School of Textile Management.

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#### **Agenda Item 4: To approve the Board of Studies of all Departments**

The Board of Studies were constituted as per the Draft Ordinance 10. Meeting of Board of Studies of all departments were conducted. The following Departments have submitted the Minutes of the Meeting along with the syllabi; which are placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval:

1. Economics (Integrated and Post Graduate M.A. Programmes)
2. English (M.A)
3. Tamil (M.A.)
4. Social Work (M.A.)
5. Media and Mass Communication (M.A.)
6. Hindi (M.A.)
7. Textile (B.Sc.)
8. Chemistry (Integrated and Post Graduate M.Sc Programmes)
9. Physics (Integrated M.Sc Programme)
10. Life Sciences (Integrated M.Sc Programme)
11. Mathematics (Integrated M.Sc Programme)
12. Computer Science (M.Sc Programme)
13. Material Sciences (M.Tech Programme)
14. Music and Fine Arts (BPA Music – 4 year programme)
15. Epidemiology & Public Health (M.Sc Program)
16. Education (B.Sc B.Ed, B.Ed and M.Ed Programmes)

A committee was constituted to develop the course curriculum and setting the eligibility for students for admission and eligibility for faculty to be recruited for M.Sc. in Epidemiology & Public Health. Dr S. Mehendale, Director, National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai and Dr P.L. Joshi, former Director, Govt. of India were Co- Chaired the committee. The eligibility for students and faculty are given below and course curriculum is given in Annexure - .

**a) Students' eligibility:** M.Sc. in Epidemiology & Public Health being inter-disciplinary in nature, the Committee recommends to admit students with graduation in any discipline or such as Arts, Sciences, Humanities, Engineering, Medical Sciences, Agriculture, Allied Health Sciences, AYUSH, Veterinary etc.

The admission Procedure: Minimum 60 % marks in Graduation should be considered as eligibility for entrance examination. Entrance exam should have questions in the following subjects such as, Mathematics, English, General Knowledge and logical reasoning. Students should obtain minimum of 60% in the entrance exam to be short listed. The cut off for the reserve categories may be lowered as per the university rules. Category wise shortlists may be prepared restricting to a total of 30 students for the interview. Final selection could be based on 80% weightage from entrance examination marks and 20 % from the interview marks, which is similar to existing CUTN model of Master programmes.

**b) Faculty eligibility for recruitment:**

The following qualifications are recommended for Professor (01), Associate Professor (02) and Assistant Professors (04). For the post of Assistant Professors, Post-Graduates with UGCAIET qualifications can be considered.

1. Professor 01:

- a. Essential
  - i. Degree: MD/DNB/PhD/DrPH in Public Health/Epidemiology/Community Health/Community Medicine/Preventive Social Medicine
  - ii. Experience: As per university guidelines
- b. Desirable qualification: MPH/MSc (Epidemiology/Public Health)/MAE

2. Associate Professor 01:

- a. Essential
  - i. Degree: PhD in Statistics/Biostatistics
  - ii. Experience: As per university guidelines
- b. Desirable qualification: Teaching/Research experience in Biostatistics

3. Associate Professor 02:

- a. Essential:
  - i. Degree: MD/DNB/PhD/DrPH in Public Health/Epidemiology/Community Health/Community Medicine/Preventive Social Medicine
  - ii. Experience: As per university guidelines
- b. Desirable qualification: MPH/MSc (Epidemiology/Public Health)/MAE

4. Assistant Professor 01:

- a. Essential:
  - i. Degree : MS/MSc/MPhil/ME/M.Tech/IMSc (Environmental Sciences), MSc (Epidemiology/Public Health) or MPH (with specialization in Environmental health) with UGC-NET qualified
  - ii. Experience: As per university guidelines
- b. Desirable : PhD, Teaching/Research experience in Environmental Health

5. Assistant Professor 01:

- a. Essential:
  - i. Degree : MSc/MA/MPhil (Sociology/Anthropology/Medical Anthropology) with UGC-NET qualified
  - ii. Experience: As per university guidelines
- b. Desirable : PhD in (Sociology/Anthropology/Medical Anthropology) Teaching/Research experience in above subjects

6. Assistant Professor 03:

- a. Essential
  - i. Degree: MD/DNB/MPH/MSc (Epid)/MAE UGC-NET (for MSc)
  - ii. Experience: As per university guidelines
- b. Desirable : PhD/DrPH in Public Health/Epidemiology

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7. Assistant Professor 04:

a. Essential:

- i. Degree: MD/DNB/MPH/MSc (Epid)/MAE UGC-NET (for MSc)
- ii. Experience: As per university guidelines

b. Desirable : PhD/DrPH in Public Health/Epidemiology

**Decision:**

The Academic Council (AC) accepts and approved the course curricula for all the Departments. The AC also accepted and approved the eligibility criteria for student's admission and faculty recruitment of M.Sc. (Epidemiology & Public Health) course as given above. The AC further recommends that CUTN may enter into MoU with ICMR and / or other relevant institutes / organisations to draw appropriate faculty, if required and for collaboration for this new course. CUTN may also approach CDC, Atlanta, USA, Liverpool and London School and epidemiology & public health institutes in Australia for support to develop this course as one of the best in Indian sub-continent.

For BPA (Music), the course curriculum approved by the earlier AC may be seen. The course curriculum for first semester (as approved earlier) should be followed in the first semester now for the BPA (Music) and CUTN will revise the course as per UGC guidelines and submit to AC within six months.

**Agenda Item 5: To consider and approve the CBCS Regulations**

The Academic Council perused the CBCS Regulations framed by the University for Adoption.

**Decision:**

The Academic Council had a detailed deliberation on draft CBCS Regulations and approved that CBCS will be for the entire programme without compromising the quality of core courses to be determined by the respective Board of Studies.

**Agenda Item 6: To consider and approve the Ph.D Ordinances:-**

The Academic Council at its Fifth Meeting held on 03.02.2012 and the Executive Council at its Sixth Meeting held on 09.06.2012 has approved the Ph.D Ordinance (Ordinance No.6) for adoption.

However, the faculty members suggested that the Ordinance need to be modified. A Committee has been formed to address the suggestions proposed by the faculties. Based on the recommendations of the Committee, Ph.D programme ordinance 2016 is proposed which will repeal Ordinance No.6 of 2012.

**Decision:**

After perusal, the Academic Council, approved the revised Ph.D ordinance

**Agenda Item 7: To approve the Examination Manual of CUTN**

A detailed Examination Manual narrating the procedures for the conduct of University examinations and the pre and post examination activities is prepared and placed for the Academic Council for approval.

**Decision:**

The Academic Council accepted and approved the examination manual of CUTN, which will be revisited after two years. Ash

**Agenda Item 8: To consider Starting of new courses suggested at the Conference of Central University Vice Chancellors held at Suraj Kund on 18.02.2016:-**

MHRD convened a conference of Central University Vice Chancellors at Suraj Kund Gurgaon on 18.02.2016. The Vice Chancellor's passed a resolution proposing a number of new and innovative courses, out of which CUTN has proposed to take up the following.

1. Introduction of foreign languages( French)
2. Epidemiology & Public Health
3. Nano Technology
4. Farming Technology
5. Education (M.Ed)

**1. Introducing French as one of the Second languages for IMSc from the Academic year 2016 – 17.**

In addition to Tamil and Hindi which are offered as the second language for IMSc students on their choice, it is proposed to introduce French as one among the second languages.

This arrangement also ensures to gauge the interest of the students towards learning a foreign language which will be helpful to introduce M.A. in French as one of the innovation programme.

**2. Starting of M.Sc., in Epidemiology and Public Health at CUTN**

The Department of Life Sciences has proposed to start M.Sc., in Epidemiology and Public Health at CUTN. A Meeting was held on 17.05.2016 at National Institute of Research in Tuberculosis (NIRT), Chennai in this regard. Meeting of subject experts is proposed to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

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**Decision:**

The Academic Council approved the proposals submitted by CUTN in response to the VC's conference held on 18.2.16. Since the course curriculum etc are ready for M.Sc. in Epidemiology & Public Health, all efforts may be made to start this course from 2016-17 Academic session. The Academic Council further recommends that course curricula for other departments suggested under this agenda item be developed & put up to the AC for approval / acceptance. Subjects like "Nanotechnology and Farming Technology" should be started ensuring availability of funds.

**Agenda Item 9: To consider a request received from Department of Life Sciences seeking permission for establishment of Life Sciences Society titled "Bioneers":-**

The Department of Life Sciences has submitted a proposal to start the "Bioneers", the Life Science Society encompassing faculty and students as members.

**Decision:**

It is a regular activity of Academic departments. All the departments are encouraged to start such societies. Hence, the Academic Council approved the proposal

**Agenda Item 10: To consider charging of fee for various certificates issued by the University to students**

At present the University in issuing various certificates to students at the cost noted against each:

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| 1. Grade Card                      | - Rs.100/-                                     |
| 2. Consolidated Grade Card         | - Rs.150/-                                     |
| 3. Migration Certificate           | - Rs.100/-                                     |
| 4. Provisional Certificate         | - Rs.100/-                                     |
| 5. Degree Certificate              | - Rs.250/- in person<br>- Rs.500/- in absentia |
| 6. Duplicate Migration Certificate | - Rs.100/-                                     |
| 7. Duplicate Degree                | - Rs.250/-                                     |

+ Rs.50/- as postal charges.

Nowadays, requests are being received from the students for issue of Course Completion Certificate and Medium of Instruction Certificate. Hence it is proposed to collect a sum of Rs.100/- towards the issue of each of the above certificates.

**Decision:**

The Academic Council accepted and approved the proposal.



**Agenda Item 11: Entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Madras School of Economics:-**

The MoU with Madras School of Economics, Chennai was entered on 07.03.2011 for a period of five years up to 06.03.2016 and has been extended till 30.06.2016. As per the Present MoU, the Student will spend first three years at CUTN and the remaining two years at MSE Chennai. As the MOU was successful and there is 100% placement for the pass out students, it was decided to renew the MOU.

A Committee comprising of following members of both CUTN and MSE was constituted to review the existing MOU and draft the MOU for renewal. Accordingly, the Committee met on 01.02.2016 and drafted the revised MOU:-

1. Prof T. Sengadir, Department of Mathematics- Chairman
2. Dr. Sunder Ramaswamy, Director, MSE, Chennai- Member
3. Shri T.V. Subramanian , Administrative Officer, MSE, Chennai- Member
4. Shri A.R. Venkata Krishnan, Deputy Registrar (Finance), CUTN- Member
5. Dr. Prasant Kumar Panda, Head I/c, Department of Economics- Member
6. Shri B. Thiagarajan, Assistant Registrar( Academic)- Convenor

The terms of reference of MOU is almost similar to that of the earlier one, except for the following,

- a. Revenue sharing was agreed for 70:30 between MSE, CUTN respectively
- b. Sharable portion of revenue will be out of registration fee, enrolment fee, tuition fee development admission & institutional charges.

The Students who are admitted in the Five-year Integrated MA Programme will be pursuing their first three years of study in CUTN and the last two years of Study in MSE. However, the Students will be given the option of pursuing their final two years either at CUTN or at MSE.

**Decision: The Academic Council noted and ratified / approved this agenda item.**

**Agenda Item 12: To approve the Fee Revision recommended by the Fee Revision Committee:-**

The Academic Council at its Twelfth Meeting held on 30.12.2015 has approved the revised fee structure from the Academic year 2016-17. The Finance Committee at its meeting held on 21.03.2016 advised the University to re- examine the course fee of the Department of Mass Communication and fee Structure for study tour/ industrial tour/ field trip for other departments keeping in view of the practices followed in similar Universities. The Committee met on 11.04.2016 and has submitted its recommendations.

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**Decision:**

The Academic Council approved the recommendations of the fee revision committee. Rs.100/- may be added per student per year for group insurance.

**Agenda Item 13: To approve the IT Policy of University**

A committee was constituted to frame the IT Policy of the University comprising of Dr. A. Chandrasekaran, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Dr. Venkatasaravanan, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, Ms. B. S. Sumalatha, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Shri. T. P. Girishwaran, Junior Professional Assistant, IT Section.

The Committee has arrived at the final version after discussions and references/consultations with several other institutes/universities. The draft IT Policy is attached to this agenda as Annexure IX.

**Decision:**

The Academic Council approved the IT policy of CUTN. There should be a Web Committee at CUTN to look into the legal implications of violation of these measures.

**Agenda Item 14: Guidelines for Sponsored Research and Consultancy**

Dr. S.G. Ramkumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry and Co-ordinator of Project Cell has furnished the Guidelines for the implementation of Sponsored Research Projects and Consultancy Services at CUTN.

**Decision:**

The Academic Council approved the guidelines for the sponsored research project.

**Agenda Item 15: To consider proposals received from various Departments**

**I. Department of Economics**

**1. Making Dissertation/project work for PG second year students Optional, to be effective from the year 2016-17**

In order to raise the quality of our dissertations to become publication-worthy and at the same time enable faculty members to optimally balance their supervisory role with the work load of teaching, research and projects, we propose to adopt a new format for our Masters' dissertations. The proposed features project work for the PG programmes run at Madras school of Economics are outlined below:

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- Working on a dissertation would be an option for students rather than mandatory
- Students would be *eligible* to opt for dissertation if their CGPA at the end of the first year is greater than or equal to 8
- Faculty members may be required to supervise a minimum of two and a maximum of 3 students; this would apply for guest/Honorary faculty also provided they are with MSE/CUTN for the duration of that semester
- If the number of students who opt for dissertation exceeds the maximum of three for all the faculty, then the allocation and the cut-off would be based on the CGPA ranking at the end of the first year
- Dissertation work would be taken up in the 4<sup>th</sup> semester and it would account for 8 credits
- For students who opt out of the dissertation, two *additional* elective courses would be required in the 4<sup>th</sup> semester in lieu of the dissertation.

Dissertation/project work for the new PG programme in Economics at CUTN, Thiruvapur for second year students is proposed to be Optional. For students who opt out of the dissertation, two *additional* elective courses would be required in the 4<sup>th</sup> semester in lieu of the dissertation. As students would be from rural background, there won't be any CGPA requirement for opting dissertation for M.A Economics at CUTN, Thiruvapur.

The Board of Studies, Economics in its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016, has approved making Dissertation/project work for PG second year students Optional, to be effective from the year 2016-17 for both ongoing and upcoming batches.

## 2. Recognition of Ph.D. Guideship/ Supervisorship

Central University of Tamil Nadu is having collaboration with Madras school of Economics for its Integrated and PG programmes in Economics. As a collaborating institution, Director, Madras School of Economics had suggested five senior faculty members of his institution for recognition as Ph.D Supervisors. The Board of studies in its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 examined the profiles of the faculties and recommended for recognition of Ph.D. guideship/ supervisorship to (i): Dr. Vrinda Viswanathan, Associate Professor (ii) Prof Naveen Srinivasan, (iii) Prof Brijesh Purohit, (iv) Dr . R. Hema, Associate Professor and (v) Dr Zareena Begum, Associate Professor of Madras school of Economics.

3. Proposal to include a course on Anti-corruption and Vigilance Awareness in all programmes offered at CUTN

UGC vide letter no. D.O. No. F.30-57/2012(CVO) dated 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 has advised the University to offer a course on Anti-Corruption and Vigilance Awareness. Accordingly, Department of Economics has prepared the syllabus.

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**Decision:**

The Academic Council approved making Dissertation/project work for PG second year students Optional, to be effective from the year 2016-17 for both ongoing and upcoming batches and also approved the recognition of Ph.D. guideship as proposed in the above agenda item. Academic Council also approved the inclusion of a course on Anti-Corruption and Vigilance Awareness in all programmes offered at CUTN. In future a separate Board of Studies may be constituted for Anti-corruption & Vigilance Awareness.

**II. Department of Chemistry**

1. The department proposes the following ad-on courses which will be conducted as a standalone certificate course. Only the science students admitted in CUTN are eligible to enrol for the add-on course. A separate fees may be collected for the certificate course.
  - a) Industrial Chemistry (12 Credits)
  - b) Water and Wastewater analysis (12 Credits)
2. The department proposes to have a job oriented / skill based programme – Post Graduate Diploma in Chemical Laboratory Technician (32 Credits). The course is open to all the B.Sc (Chemistry) graduates. The details of the course content will be placed in the subsequent Academic Council meeting. The total number of student's intake shall be six.
3. The department proposes to have an M.Phil. (Chemistry) programme. The total number of student's intake shall be 12.

The aforesaid proposal are placed before the Academic Council for approval.

**Decision:**

The Academic Council "in-principle" approved the proposal of introducing ad-on courses, job oriented skilled based PG diploma Programmes and M.Phil program in Chemistry department without any additional staff. The Chemistry Department is advised to develop a course curriculum for M.Phil in the Board of Studies and submit it to Academic Council.

**Agenda Item 16: Establishing Centre for Women Studies in CUTN**

The proposal seeking approval for establishing centre for women studies was submitted to UGC and got acknowledged from UGC.

The Objective of setting up the centre is to enhance women studies and research in issues related to women empowerment, to overcome the glass ceiling in the working environment and minimizing women trafficking etc. UGC has acknowledged stating that the proposal will be considered in the next plan year.

**Decision:**

**The Academic Council approved establishing a centre for Women Studies at CUTN on priority basis, subject to support from UGC.**

**Agenda Item 17: Constituting HPC under Central Instrumentation facility in the University.**

In CUTN, it is proposed to establish a centre for Central Instrumentation Facility common to all Departments. As an initiative a proposal by Prof. P. Ravindran, Professor, Department of Physics regarding setting up of a High Performance Computing Centre is submitted to the Department of Science and Technology (DST) under Fund of Improvement of Science and Technology (FIST – 2016) requesting Rs. 6 crores which includes the Equipment Cost, Electrical and Networking facilities which are to be made.

**Decision:**

**The Academic Council approved the Constitution of HPC under Central Instrumentation facility in the University.**

**Agenda Item 18:**

**Considering MoU with Sankara Nethralaya Academy, Chennai for the start of M.Sc. Medical Microbiology & M.Sc. Medical Sociology and MoU with Sri Sankara Educational & Charitable Trust for offering Yoga and Naturopathy programmes at Trichy**

*Sankara Nethralaya* Academy, Vanagaram, Thiruvallur District has requested CUTN to enter into MoU to start M.Sc. Microbiology, M.Sc., Medical Sociology and other possible courses to be conducted through community colleges. With approval of the Vice Chancellor, a team from CUTN visited the *Sankara Nethralaya* Academy. The report is awaited. CUTN also received a request from Sri Sankara Educational & Charitable Trust, Trichy to start various courses of Yoga and Naturopathy Programmes with CUTN. These proposals were discussed in detail.

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**Decision:**

The Academic Council deliberated on these two issues viz., Medical Microbiology and Yoga and Naturopathy programme. Under the present circumstance, the Academic Council felt that these courses should not be started now in CUTN.

**Agenda Item 19: To increase self- entrepreneurship courses through community college like DTP, Tailoring and Cookeries.**

Concentrating on the rural women population around the University and as part of extension service to the society by CUTN, Self – Entrepreneurship courses like DTP, Tailoring and Cookeries are proposed from the forthcoming session for the year 2016 – 17.

**Decision:**

Approved subject to availability of funds.

**Agenda Item 20: Starting of M.Ed Programme.**

The application for seeking approval for starting the M. Ed Programme in CUTN during the year 2017 – 18 has been submitted to NCTE on 31.05.2016 regarding the setting up of the Department of Education in CUTN.

The faculty selection committee recommended a list for Professor – 1, Associate Professor – 2, and Assistant Professor – 4 as per the NCTE regulations. It becomes mandate that during the time of the inspection for approval of M. Ed by Southern Regional Committee (SRC), Bangalore all faculty members selected to the department would have joined and have submitted the corresponding affidavit of joining. In such a situation the recommended faculty members by the selection committee has to be engaged before the arrival of the Inspection Committee. Under the circumstance, it is hence essential to extend the offer of appointment to all the selected faculty even before the program gets started.

The faculty members joining may be involved on research activities like perusing PhD guidance for the students selected through CUCET – 2016-17 exams or by any appropriate mode for development of the course curriculum and hence establishing the department. In this regard the Academic Council is requested to tender their advice so that the situation can be fruitfully tackled.

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**Decision:**

The Academic Council approves starting of the M.Ed Programme. Since the faculty member of the Education departments have joined, the AC advised CUTN to start the Research (Ph.D) programme in Education immediately since approval from NCTE for B.Sc., B.Ed programme will start from the next academic session.

**Agenda Item 21: To consider the proposal submitted by Research Advisory Committee regarding registration of external candidates for Ph.D programme under Part-time mode and allotment of Ph.D scholars who are JRF/Project staff/any other fellowship holders from external funded projects shall be in addition to the maximum number of students permissible under a faculty and to consider them as supernumerary.**

The faculty members of Government and Private Colleges located in and around Thiruvarur are willing to register for Ph.D under part-time mode.

The candidates who have joined as a JRF, Project fellow/staff in external funded projects from DST, CSIR, UGC, DRDO, ISRO, DAE, MNRES, etc., generate lot of scientific results and publications. Hence, they are usually allowed to register Ph.D and allow them pursue their Ph.D and project work simultaneously. As a result the University profile will increase in terms of publication records, number of Ph.D produced, attracting external funded projects, etc., But, the current Ph.D ordinance not permitting project staff to register for Ph.D under the PI if PI is having already permissible number of Ph.D candidates as prescribed in the ordinance under his supervision. The Research Advisory Committee recommends that such candidates may allotted to the respective PI in addition to the permissible number of candidates as supernumerary.

**Decision:**

The Academic Council defers the proposal.

**Agenda Item 22:**

**New Courses to be started from 2017-18 (in addition to agenda item No.8 and to consider a proposal received from Prof. R.B. Singh, Vice President, International Geographical Union (IGU)**

Prof. R.B. Singh has sent a proposal to establish Department of Geography and Disaster Risk Reduction and offer teaching programmes in MA, M.Phil and Ph.D in the area of Geography and Disaster Risk Reduction.

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**Decision:**

The Academic Council deliberated and strongly recommended to start the following Schools / Departments / Courses from 2017-18 academic session:

1. School of Earth Sciences (for Geography)
2. Department of Linguistics
3. Mineral Technology course under Department of Material Sciences
4. School of Commerce & Management (for MBA)
5. Department of History
6. Department of Applied Psychology
7. Department of Energy & Environmental Sciences

The Academic Council recommends to start these Schools / Department / Courses from next Academic Session (2017-18). The Chairman (Vice Chancellor) can prioritise the subjects based on availability of leadership and funds for these Schools / Department / Courses. Necessary course curricula may be developed by relevant experts.

**Any Other Items:-**

**Agenda Item 23**

**Designating Department of Life Sciences as School of Life Sciences**

The Academic Council deliberated and approved redesignating the Department of Life Sciences as School of Life Sciences which will comprise of the following Departments.

1. Department of Life Sciences
2. Department of Epidemiology & Public Health
3. Department of Microbiology

The Course curricula for Life Sciences and Department of Epidemiology and Public Health are already approved. Course curricula for Microbiology & other subjects may be development in due course.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.

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