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Minutes of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Academic Council of the Central University of Tamil Nadu held on 16th December, 2016 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	<i>Apk</i>
2.	Prof. R. C. Mahajan	Member	PGI, Chandigarh	<i>RCM</i>
3.	Dr. Vijayamohan K. Pillai	Member	Director, CECRI, Karaikudi	<i>Vijayamohan</i>
4.	Dr. A. Suganya	Member	Principal Scientist, Sugar Cane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore	<i>A Suganya</i>
5.	Dr. K. Ramasamy	Member	Former Director, CICT	<i>K Ramasamy</i>
6.	Prof. T. Sengadir,	Member	Head, Department of Mathematics, CUTN	<i>T Sengadir</i>
7.	Prof. S. Nagarajan,	Member	Head, Department of Chemistry, CUTN	<i>S Nagarajan</i>
8.	Dr. T. Mohan Das	Member	Associate Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, CUTN	<i>T Mohan Das</i>
9.	Dr. A. Chandrashekar	Member	Asst. Professor, Dept. of Mathematics, CUTN	<i>A Chandrashekar</i>
10.	Dr. V. P. Ramesh	Member	Asst. Professor, Dept. of Mathematics, CUTN	<i>V P Ramesh</i>
11.	Dr. S. Bhuvaneshwari	Member	Registrar	<i>S Bhuvaneshwari</i>
		Secretary		

Dr. Shashi Bala Singh, Director, DIPAS and Dr. B. Ravindran have sent their approvals to all agenda items.

Special Invitees:

1. Dr. B. B. Mishra, Finance Officer, CUTN
2. Dr. A. Ragupathy, Controller of Examinations, CUTN

Leave of Absence was granted to the following Members:

1. Prof. Pulin Nayak, Delhi School of Economics
2. Dr. Shashi Bala Singh, Director, DIPAS, New Delhi
3. Dr. S. Kumaresan, NBHM Visiting Professor, Dept. of Mathematics, University of Hyderabad
4. Prof. K. Hariharan, Mahindra Ecole Centrale
5. Dr. B. Ravindran, Professor of Eminence, ILS, Bhubaneswar
6. Prof. P. Ravindran, Head, Department of Materials Science, CUTN

Agenda Item 14/1:

Introductory remarks of the Chairman:-

The chairman welcomed all the members for the fourteenth meeting of the Academic Council and briefed the members about the progress made by CUTN since the last meeting. While discussing on Annual Report, the Chairman said "I am delighted to note that within active support of my colleagues in teaching and administration, we have remarkably done well during the last year. Our university stands committed to achieve excellence with relevance. Our fruitful efforts during the year culminated in placing this new University among top 100 Universities in India and culminated in the Assessment and Accreditation of this University by NAAC.

The Chairman also informed that as discussed in the last meeting, the CUTN successfully organized the expert consultation on Kala Azar on 19th and 20th Aug 2016 with experts from India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Switzerland and UK. Kala Azar affects the most marginalized population and is targeted to be eliminated as a public health problem from the Indian subcontinent by 2018 and MoU to this effect was signed in Sept 2014 by health Ministers of India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Thailand. The proceedings of the consultation has been published the recommendations were submitted to the World Health Organization, which will support to achieve the elimination target".

The Chairman also informed about the successful completion of the Second Convocation on 2nd December 2016, where 554 students got the degree. Pro. K. VijayRaghavan, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest and Dr. Venkata Rao, Vice-Chancellor of National Law School of India University, Bangalore; graced as Guest of Honour. The CUTN is also participating in the National Institutional Ranking Framework.

Agenda Item 14/2:

Approval of minutes of the Thirteenth Academic Council Meeting held on 20th June, 2016:-

The minutes of the Thirteenth Academic Council (AC) meeting was held on 20.06.2016. The minutes of the meeting were confirmed on the same day and signed by all the members who attended the meeting. These signed minutes were also circulated among members of the AC.

The Minutes were placed before the Executive Council (EC) at its meeting held on 24th June, 2016. The Executive Council while approving the minutes suggested as below:

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For broader perspectives, "Commerce & Management" stream may be included in student eligibility criteria, for M.Sc. programme in Epidemiology & Public Health". The EC suggested to Vice-Chancellor to constitute an expert committee for Linguistics taking one non-linguistic expert.

Decision: The Academic Council (AC) endorsed the minutes of the 13th AC meeting and noted the suggestions of EC.

Agenda Item 14/3:

ACTION TAKEN REPORT FOR THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 20TH JUNE, 2016

Agenda item No.	Decision	Action taken
4	<p>To approve the Board of Studies of all Departments 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.</p>	Implemented
5	<p>To consider and approve the CBCS Regulations 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.</p>	Implemented
6	<p>To consider and approve the Ph.D Ordinances After perusal, the Academic Council, approved the revised Ph.D ordinance</p>	Implemented

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7	<p>To approve the Examination Manual of CUTN The Academic Council accepted and approved the examination manual of CUTN <i>which has to be revisited after two years.</i></p>	Implemented
8	<p>To consider Starting of new courses suggested at the Conference of Central University Vice Chancellors held at Suraj Kund on 18.02.2016 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.</p>	Programme in M.Sc. in Epidemiology & Public Health has been commenced from the Academic Year 2016-2017.
9	<p>To consider a request received from Department of Life Sciences seeking permission for establishment of Life Sciences Society titled "Bioneers" It is a regular activity of Academic departments. All the departments are encouraged to start such societies. Hence, the Academic Council approved the proposal</p>	Being implemented
10	<p>To consider charging of fee for various certificates issued by the University to students The Academic Council accepted and approved the proposal.</p>	Implemented
11	<p>Entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Madras School of Economics The Academic Council noted and ratified / approved this agenda item.</p>	MoU with Madras School of Economics was signed on 05.07.2016.
12	<p>To approve the Fee Revision recommended by the Fee Revision Committee The Academic Council approved the recommendations of the fee revision committee. Rs.100/- may be added per student per year for group insurance</p>	Being implemented
13	<p>To approve the IT Policy of University 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.</p>	Implemented
14	<p>Guidelines for Sponsored Research and Consultancy The Academic Council approved the guidelines for the sponsored research project.</p>	Implemented

15	<p>To consider proposals received from various Departments</p> <p>I. Department of Economics 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.</p> <p>II. Department of Chemistry 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.</p>	Implemented
16	<p>Establishing Centre for Women Studies in CUTN The Academic Council approved establishing a centre for Women Studies at CUTN on priority basis, subject to support from UGC.</p>	Action being taken
17	<p>Constituting HPC under Central Instrumentation facility in the University. The Academic Council approved the Constitution of HPC under Central Instrumentation facility in the University</p>	Being implemented
18	<p>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 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.</p>	Noted

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19	<p>To increase self- entrepreneurship courses through community college like DTP, Tailoring and Cookeries. Approved subject to availability of funds.</p>	Will be taken at later stage, depending upon fund availability
20	<p>Starting of M.Ed Programme. 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 Integrated B.Sc., B.Ed. programme will start from the next academic session.</p>	Programme in Ph.D education commenced from this Academic Year
21	<p>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 Academic Council deferred the proposal.</p>	Noted.
22	<p>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) The Academic Council deliberated and strongly recommended to start the following Schools / Departments / Courses from 2017-18 academic session.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School of Earth Sciences (for Geography) 2. Department of Linguistics 3. Mineral Technology course under Department of Materials Science 4. School of Commerce & Management (for MBA) 5. Department of History 6. Department of Applied Psychology 7. Department of Energy & Environmental Sciences <p>The Academic Council recommends to start these Schools / Department / Courses from next Academic Session (2017-18). The Chairman (Vice Chancellor) can priorities the subjects based on availability of</p>	<p>The Academic Council recommended for starting various new Departments with existing available Infrastructure in the University. The University has constituted Committees for developing course curriculum for M.A Linguistics, M.Sc. Applied Psychology and M.A Geography.</p> <p>Action will be taken in due course to have Expert Committee for Microbiology, History, Commerce and Management.</p>

	leadership and funds for these Schools / Department / Courses. Necessary course curricula may be developed by relevant experts.	This is also further discussed in 14/14(a) under any other agenda item.
23	<p>Designating Department of Life Sciences as School of Life Sciences</p> <p>The Academic Council deliberated and approved redesignating the Department of Life Sciences as School of Life Sciences which will comprise of the following Departments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Department of Life Sciences 2. Department of Epidemiology & Public Health 3. Department of Microbiology <p>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.</p>	Forwarded to MHRD for approval.
Circulation agenda Item numbers 1,2 & 3	Three agenda items namely Conduct of second convocation, approval of Academic Ordinances as per the model ordinances of University Grants Commission and approved by Ministry of Human Resource Development and Introduction of Programmes on Library and Information Sciences were circulated. The approval of all the members were received and placed before the 17 th Executive Council.	These agenda items were approved by the Executive Council.

Decision: The AC noted the action taken by the University with satisfaction.

Agenda Item 14/4:

Centre for Differently abled person and Research Development:-

UGC vide letter no.F.10-2/2013 (SCT) dated 07.09.2016 has highlighted the recommendations pertaining to Equal Opportunities and Education to the Differently-abled Persons.

It has advised that Most Central Universities and at least one State University in each State should have a Department of Disability Studies which should address all issues relating to persons with disabilities – specially human rights, rehabilitation, education, etc.”

It has been proposed to start a Centre at CUTN with special support from UGC & Ministry of Social Justice.

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The matter is placed before Academic Council for consideration and approval/recommendation.

Decision: The AC recommends establishment of a Centre for disability studies, subject to support from UGC and Ministry of Social Justice.

Agenda Item 14/5:

Signing of Memorandum of Understanding with Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT), Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Govt. of India to offer a M.B.A programme in Food & Agribusiness Management.

In the Conference of Central University Vice-Chancellors held at Surajkund on 18.2.2016 under the Chairmanship of the Union Minister of HRD it was resolved to start new and innovative programmes under few areas including Agro produce Management. Meanwhile Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT), Government of India, located at Thanjavur has approached the University with a proposal of starting a M.B.A programme in Food & Agribusiness Management by signing a MoU with CUTN. A four member committee from CUTN visited the Institute, their laboratories, incubation centre and also had interaction with Director and Staff. The committee recommended that the Institute has adequate and proper laboratories, incubation centre and qualified faculties for this course. Therefore the proposal for signing MoU between CUTN and IICPT to offer a M.B.A programme in Food & Agribusiness Management at IICPT, Thanjavur may be approved.

The matter is placed before the Academic Council for perusal and approval.

Decision: The AC recommends that the Central University of Tamil Nadu should sign a MoU in the line of the MoU signed earlier with MSE, Chennai and SVPISTM, Coimbatore, with the Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology, Thanjavur to start MBA programmes in the related fields.

Agenda Item 14/6:

To consider the Fixation of Fee Structure for foreign Students who apply for admission in CUTN.

It has been proposed to admit foreign students from the next academic year 2017-18. The matter of fixation of Fee Structure for foreign students was

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referred to the Fee Revision Committee of the University for its recommendation.

The Fee Revision Committee has recommended the following:-

(A) Foreign Student fee: Semester Fees (excluding hostel fee)

- (i) Humanities and Social Sciences : US \$ 600
(ii) Sciences : US \$ 750
(iii) Professional / Technical* : US \$ 900

*subject to guidelines of the respective professional councils, if they exists.

(B) Caution Deposit:

The fee to be paid for Library, Laboratories and Hostel will be as that of Indian students. ie Rs.15,000 /-

(C) Hostel Fess :

Non A/c: Rs. 2,000/- per month, with A/c: Rs. 3,000/- per month it may be noted that the electrical charges and mess charges are at actuals and as per GO norms.

The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

Decision: The AC recommends the fee structure suggested and also the regulations related to admission of International students in CUTN from the Academic Year 2017-2018.

Agenda Item 14/7:

Launching of New Programmes from the Academic Year 2017-2018

It has been proposed to launch the following programmes from the Academic Year 2017-2018.

1. M.Tech & Ph.D programmes in Computer Science
At present the Department of Computer Sciences is offering 2 years M.Sc., Computer Science Programme.
2. Ph.D programme in Social Work
At present the Department of Social Work is offering 2 years MA Social Work Programme.
3. Ph.D programme in Materials Science

At present the Department of Materials Science is offering 2 years M.Tech. Materials Science Programme.

The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

Decision: The AC recommends to start Ph.D programmes in Computer Science, Social Work and Materials Science from the Academic year 2017 – 2018. M.Tech in Computer Science is deferred for the time being and Dept. of Computer Sciences, CUTN is advised to look at the prospects of the present M.Sc., (Computer Science) programme.

Agenda Item 14/8:

To consider proposals received from Department of English Studies

1. To fix undergraduate degree in English as minimum eligibility criterion for M.A. in English Studies

The Department of English has recommended to fix the undergraduate degree in English as the minimum required eligibility criteria for admission to M.A. in English Studies besides the other requirements stipulated by the University.

As per the existing regulation any candidate with a Bachelor's degree with English as major or one of the major subjects is eligible to apply for M.A in English Studies

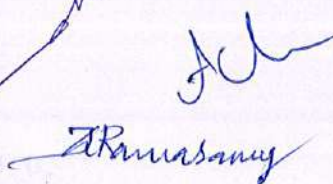
2. Age Restriction for Admission to M.A. in English Studies

The Department has recommended that the age limit should not be set as an eligibility criterion for admission to M. A. in English Studies.


The above proposals are placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

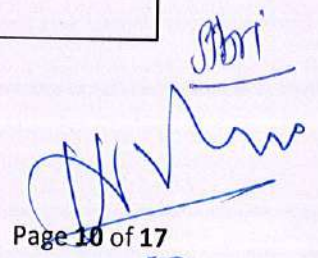
Decision: The AC recommends to continue with the current eligibility criteria for admission in to M.A in English Studies. The AC further recommends awarding the degrees as M.A. in English.











Agenda Item 14/9:

Proposal received from Department of Life Sciences for amendments in Credits for Integrated M.Sc. Programme

Department of Life Sciences (DoLS) has submitted a request for approval of amendments in Credits for Integrated M.Sc. Programme.

The existing Integrated M.Sc. programme syllabus was initially recommended during the Academic Year 2012-2013 by Board of Studies in Life Sciences. The students who got admitted during the years 2012-2017, 2013-2018 and 2014-2019 at the Department are due to complete the said degree programme with a total of 220 credits. Out of the 220 credits, 6 credits, 8 credits and 20 credits of Project work have been allotted during the 8th, 9th and 10th semesters respectively. In order to render uniformity in credits with other departments of School of Basic and Applied Sciences, they have proposed deletion of 14 credits (6 credits & 8 credits of project work from 8th, 9th & 10th semester) from the 220 credits.

Accordingly, the students who have secured admission during the above period will complete the IMSc degree programme with 206 credits. In place of the 8th and 9th Semester project work, the Department is offering 3 credits of Department Centric Elective papers on Advanced Genomic Technology, Vector Biology, Clinical Biochemistry and Pharmaceutical Chemistry. The students are also encouraged to take generic electives offered by other departments in lieu of the 8th and 9th semester project works to compensate for the loss of credits. The project work will be carried out during the 10th semester. This was approved by the members of the Board of Studies.

A copy of the original syllabus with details of credit distributions are attached for the perusal of the members.

The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

Decision: The AC approved the amendments in credits for Integrated M.Sc. Programme in Life Sciences, as proposed above. The project work will be carried out in 10th semester.

Agenda Item 14/10:

Approval of Board of Studies conducted by Department of Economics, Department of Social Work & Department of Hindi

1. Department of Economics

The Department conducted its BoS meeting on 22.10.2016 and discussed the Revision of Syllabus for two year M.A Economics

programme (offered by CUTN), increasing the seats in M.A Economics from 20 to 50 and offering open electives.

Revises syllabus will be tabled before the Academic Council at the time of meeting.

2. Department of Social Work

The Department conducted its BoS meeting on 29.09.2016 and discussed the revision of MSW syllabus, syllabus of new specialization in MSW (Human Resource and Labour Management) w.e.f 2017-2018 and proposed Ph.D programme in 2017-2018.

A copy of the minutes and revised syllabus is enclosed for perusal.

3. Department of Hindi

The Department conducted its BoS meeting on 09.09.2016 and has revisited the revision of curriculum for Ph.D course work.

A copy of the minutes is enclosed for perusal.

The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

Decision: AC approved the recommendations of the Board of Studies in Hindi and Social Work. The Academic Council also approved the revised syllabus for M.A in Economics.

Agenda Item 14/11:

Introduction of Spoken Hindi through Community College

The Department of Hindi has submitted a proposal for offering a Certificate Course in Spoken Hindi under the aegis of Community College. The salient features of the course is as below:

1. The course can be offered to the staff (Teaching & Non-Teaching), students and scholars of the various departments of the University aspiring to learn communicative Hindi. It can be also offered to the aspirants from the local community.
2. The Course duration will be of 18 weeks. 54 contact classes thrice in a week i.e., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after office hours or from 17.00 hrs to 18.00 hrs.
3. The weightage of the course will be equal to 3 credit course.
4. The content of the syllabus will be at par with the Basic Hindi Level-1 course offered by the Department.

The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

Decision: The AC feels that the community college is for skill based courses. However, the Department of Hindi can offer a certificate course in spoken Hindi.

Agenda Item 14/12:

Request from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International School of Textiles & Management (SVPISTM) to grant permission to make 50% admission in MBA & B.Sc. Textiles programme through CUCET and 50% through direct admission from the Academic Year 2017-2018

The admissions are being done through CUCET and during this admission process 35 students took admission in MBA programmes against the sanctioned strength of 180 and 16 students in B.Sc. Textiles against the sanctioned strength of 40.

Due to less number of admission, they have requested to permit them admit 50% of students in both the programmes from academic year 2017-18, as soon as the +2 results are declared and the remaining 50% may be filled through CUCET.

The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Decision: The AC recommends filling of seats through CUCET. However, if some seats are still vacant, the SVPISTM / CUTN may fill the vacant seats by conducting supplementary entrance examination.

Agenda Item 14/13:

Introduction of Certificate Programme in Music

The Central University of Tamil Nadu, has recruited faculties in Music to start an Under Graduate Programme in Music, however no student took admission in this programme in the current academic year. The 17th Executive Council Meeting held on 25th November 2016 approved offering Music course as an elective course.

It is proposed to start a certificate programme in Music in CUTN considering the importance of Thiruvavur in Music.

The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

Decision: The Academic Council recommends starting of certificate / diploma course in Music.

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Agenda Item 14/14:

Any other items with the approval of the Chairman.

a) The Academic Council was happy to note that the following departments / courses / programmes; were approved by AC and EC to be started at CUTN from 2017-18:

- Applied Psychology
- Geography
- Library and Information Sciences
- Microbiology
- Management
- Commerce
- History (with one faculty in Archeology)

AC also endorsed the recommendations of the NAAC peer team during their visit in July 2016, to introduce courses like Applied Life Sciences and Management. Considering the NAAC peer team recommendation, the approved programmes like Microbiology & Management, may be given priority.

The AC informed about the informal discussions of the VC with the Director IIT (Indian School of Mines), Dhanbad, during the meeting in the *Rashtrapati Bhawan* regarding the Mineral Technology Programme at CUTN. The AC noted the decision of the EC to defer the Mineral Technology Programme. The CUTN has just started M.Tech in Materials Science with few students. CUTN may carefully decide to start programmes like Mineral Technology and Energy etc. taking into considerations the experiences of other similar institutes / Universities and the facilities required at CUTN. The VC may constitute an expert committee to look into the feasibility of such programmes.

AC was also informed about discussions in the 17th EC meeting to have a broader expert committee to discuss about feasibility of opening Linguistics department. The broader committee should include two non-linguistic experts and also the VC. AC recommends to collect informations regarding current linguistic programmes in other Central Universities with student strength. This will help the expert committee in determining the feasibility and utility of such a programme at CUTN.

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b) To consider the amendments in the Examination Manual

In the existing Examination Manual the following amendments are proposed.

Existing	Proposed
No provision for Ranking of Candidates	23. 5. Ranking of Candidates: The candidates who are eligible to get the degree in First Division with Distinction will be ranked together on the basis of CGPA. The candidates passing with First Division will be ranked after those with distinction on the basis of CGPA. Whenever there is a tie in CGPA secured between the candidates they will be ranked based on the total marks secured by them. The ranking will be done separately for each programme of study.

The matter is submitted for consideration and approval.

Decision: The AC approved the amendments in the Examination manual as proposed above.

c) To consider the recommendation of UGC for implementing NCC as an elective subject in the Curriculum.

The Secretary, UGC, in his communication (D.O.No.F.14-25/2016(CPP-II)) suggested to implement NCC as an elective subject in the curriculum.

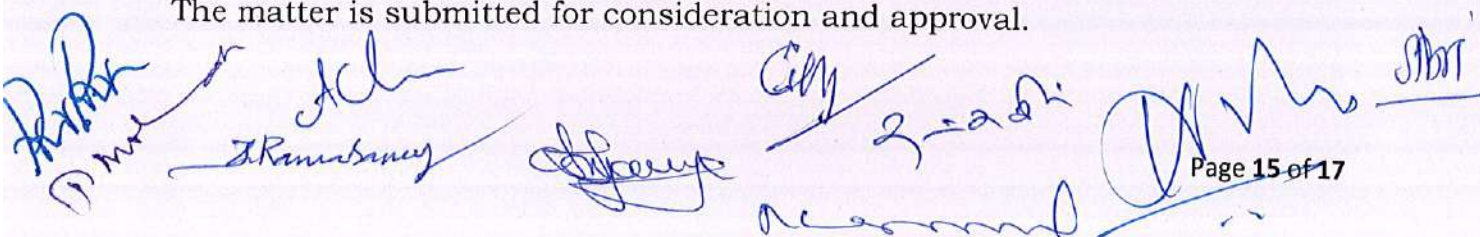
The matter is submitted for consideration and approval.

Decision: The AC recommends the introduction of NCC as an elective subject.

d) To consider the minutes of the Expert Committee meeting for M.Sc. Geography programme.

The expert committee meeting for M.Sc. Geography met under the chairmanship of Dr. R. B. Singh, Professor, Department of Geography, University of Delhi, and framed the curriculum for the programme and also suggested few points. The minutes of the meeting is attached as Annexure.

The matter is submitted for consideration and approval.



Decision: The AC approved the curriculum of M.Sc. (Geography) and recommends to EC for acceptance.

e) To consider the extension of exit option for Integrated M.Sc. (Chemistry) students joined during 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

The students admitted in Integrated M.Sc. (Chemistry) programme during the academic year 2015-2016 are permitted to apply for exit option after their third year of study and they will be awarded B.Sc. (Chemistry) degree (Approved by 11th AC and subsequently by 13th EC meetings). Now few students belonging to 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 batches are also requesting for exit option. It may be noted that the curriculum for the aforementioned batches is as per Minimum standards for U.G and P.G

The matter is submitted for consideration and approval.

Decision: The AC recommends the extension of exit option for students of Integrated M.Sc. (Chemistry) admitted during 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

f) To consider the signing of MoU between CUTN and Kryptos Mobile Pvt. Ltd. For Mobile App development.

Innovation in Mobile Application Development Ecosystem (I-MADE) is an initiative of Telecom Centers of Excellence (TEOE) India, a non-profit society structures as a Public Private Partnership model supported by Department of Telecommunication, GoI. Under this programme, selected institutions will be provided with their official mobile app along with training to students, faculty and staff with the help of I-MADE platform. Kryptos Mobile Pvt. Ltd. has been selected as the official application development provider for I-MADE programme. It is proposed to sign a MoU with Kryptos Mobile Pvt. Ltd. A draft MoU is attached as Annexure.

The matter is submitted for consideration and approval.

Decision: The AC recommends 'in-principle' that the Central University of Tamil Nadu may sign a MoU with a suitable agency including Kryptos Mobile Pvt. Ltd. for mobile app development within the provision of the University guidelines.

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g) AC was informed that establish a department for Energy and Environmental Science was got approved from previous AC and EC. This can be started in the Materials Science department. The AC wanted to know about the functioning of M.Tech. (Materials Science) and student intake. It was informed to AC that 4 students got admitted in M.Tech. (Materials Science) programme this academic year.

Decision: While recognizing the importance of Energy and Environmental Science, the AC suggested to defer it to the next 2018-2019 academic session and concentrate on the existing programme on Materials Science. In the meantime CUTN may gather information from other Central Universities about student intake in the said programme.

h) To consider entering into MoU with few Institutions.

It is proposed to enter into MoU with the following Institutions/Department

i) Yinchuan University of Energy (YCU), CHINA for joint research and exchange programmes, etc.,

ii) School of Public Health, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA for joint research and exchange programmes, etc.,

iii) National Health Systems Resource Centre (Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India) for joint research and exchange programmes, etc.,

Decision: The AC recommends entering into MoU with the above mentioned Institutions / Department in principle. However the detailed should be drafted by a committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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