CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF TAMIL NADU
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Neelakudi Campus, Kangalancherry,
THIRUVARUR 610 005.

Minutes of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Academic Council of the Central University of Tamil Nadu held on 5th May, 2017 at 11:00 am in the Conference Hall, Admin Block, Neelakudi campus, Thiruvarur.

The following members attended the meeting.

1.	Prof. A. P. Dash	Chairman	Vice Chancellor, CUTN
2.	Prof. R. C. Mahajan	Member	PGI, Chandigarh
3.	Prof. Pulin Nayak, Delhi	Member	School of Economies
4.	Dr. Shashi Bala Singh,	Member	Director General (LS), DRDO
5.	Dr. B. Ravindran	Member	Professor of Eminence, ILS, Bhubaneswar
6.	Dr. A. Suganya	Member	Principal Scientist, Sugar Cane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore
7.	Dr. K. Ramasamy	Member	Former Director, CICT
8.	Prof. T. Sengadir,	Member	Head, Department of Mathematics, CUTN
9.	Prof. P. Ravindran,	Member	Head, Department of Materials Science, CUTN
10.	Prof. S. Nagarajan,	Member	Head, Department of Chemistry, CUTN
11.	Dr. T. Mohan Das	Member	Associate Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, CUTN
12.	Dr. A. Chandrashekaran	Member	Asst. Professor, Dept. of Mathematics, CUTN
13.	Dr. V. P. Ramesh	Member	Asst. Professor, Dept. of Mathematics, CUTN
14.	Dr. S. Bhuvaneswari	Member Secretary	Registrar

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. Dr. S. Kumaresan, NBHM Visiting Professor, Dept. of Mathematics, University of Hyderabad
2. Prof. K. Hariharan, Mahindra Ecole Centrale
3. Dr. Vijayamohanan K. Pillai, Director, CECRI, Karaikudi

Agenda Item 15/1: Introductory remarks of the Chairman:-

The Chairman welcomed all the members of Academic Council to its 15th meeting and highlighted that

- This year CUCET 2017 received 40816 applications for various courses as against 19860 applications last year.
- Six days workshops for school students who had appeared for +2 exam recently was conducted under Rastriya Avishkar Abhiyan to create awareness about CUCET.
- CUTN organized 13th Conference on "Vectors and Vector-Borne Diseases" jointly with National Academy of Vector Borne Diseases (NAVBD) during 27th February – 1st March 2017 which was inaugurated by Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Director General, ICMR and Dr. Henk Bekedam, WHO Representative to India.
- A higher education/career guidance programme Zenith-2017 was organized for undergraduate students of various colleges located in and around Thiruvarur in our campus on 24/03/2017 jointly with Thiruvarur ARANERI LION's club. More than 750 students participated in this program. A campus tour was organized to visit the different departments of CUTN.
- International Conference on Advances in Functional Materials-(ICAFM2017) was organized by Department of Materials Science, Central University of Tamil Nadu, India and Department of Medical Physics, Anna University, in collaboration with Department of Chemistry and Center for Materials Science and Nanotechnology, University of Oslo, Norway during 6th-8th January 2017.

Agenda Item 15/2: Approval of minutes of the Fourteenth Academic Council Meeting held on 16.12.2016:-

The minutes of the Fourteenth Academic Council (AC) meeting was held on 16.12.2016. The minutes of the meeting were confirmed on the same day and signed by all the members who attended the meeting (Annexure-I). The signed minutes were also circulated among members of the AC.

Decision: The Academic Council endorsed and reconfirmed the minutes of the Fourteenth Academic Council Meeting.

Agenda Item 15/3: ACTION TAKEN REPORT FOR FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 16th DECEMBER, 2016

The Action Taken Report on the recommendations of the Fourteenth Academic Council Meeting is placed as Annexure – II. The Action taken report has been circulated among the members earlier and no comment was received.

Decision:

The Academic Council noted and accepted the actions taken by the University.

Agenda Item 15/4: Ratification of item approved through Circulation regarding Fee Revision

The fee revision committee has recommended the fee structure for various programmes offered in CUTN for the students to be admitted from the Academic year 2017-2018. (Annexure-III)

The committee has also recommended to refund/adjust the laboratory fee collected from the students of the departments which did not have laboratory component in their curriculum, viz., M.A (English), M.A. (Tamil), Int. M.Sc. (Economics) and M. A. (Hindi)during the Academic year 2016-17.

The recommendations of the Fee Revision Committee was circulated for perusal and concurrence / comments of Academic Council members on 21.03.2017 and most of the members concurred. Accordingly the agenda was put up to the Finance Committee (FC) and Finance Committee accepted the recommendations.

Decision: The AC ratified the decision that the fee structure for the academic year 2017-2018 is approved.

Agenda Item 15/5: Ratification of results of November 2016 examinations and Supplementary examinations held during February 2017 published.

The results of End semester examinations held during November 2016 and subsequent supplementary examinations held during February 2017 were released on 29.12.2016 and 13.03.2017 respectively. The matter is placed before the Academic Council for perusal and approval. (Annexure – IV).

Decision: The AC ratified the results presented in Annexure-IV

Agenda Item 15/6: Launching of new programme during the Academic Year 2018-2019

The Heads of various Departments have submitted proposals for launching of new programmes during the Academic Year 2018-2019 as under:

1. M.B.A., Tourism and Hospitality Management
2. M.Sc. (Applied Physics)
3. Ph.D in Journalism and Mass Communication
4. M.Sc., (Materials Science)
5. M.Phil. programme in Hindi, Mathematics and Computer Science
6. Any other applied programmes

7. Allied Health Sciences like Diploma in Nursing, Physiotheraphy, etc.,

Decision: The AC recommends starting of Applied programmes like M.B.A (Tourism and Hospitality Management), M.Sc. (Applied Physics), Ph.D in Journalism and Mass Communication and allied health sciences programmes like Diploma in Nursing. For allied health sciences like Diploma in Nursing; CUTN should collaborate with Government Medical College at Thiruvarur or any nearby medical college.

The AC recommends that the CUTN has just started M.Tech. (Materials Science) with four students. Therefore it may not be appropriate to start M.Sc. (Materials Science) now. However, it can be considered later looking at the student intake in M.Tech. programme.

The AC further recommends that University should take a general view about starting M.Phil. programme in various departments. For this a committee may be constituted to decide about starting of various M.Phil. programmes.

It is recommended to start allied health science programmes and new innovative job oriented programmes as recommended by the NAAC peer team. University may constitute a committee of experts to discuss, deliberate and recommend such programmes to be initiated at CUTN. Energy & Environment Sciences may be a separate Department.

Agenda Item 15/7: Approving the Syllabus for the new programmes to be launched in 2017-2018

The meeting of Curriculum Development Committee/Board of Studies for the following programmes were conducted by the respective Co-ordinators nominated for the programme.

- M.Sc., Applied Psychology
- M.Sc., Geography
- M.Lib.I.Sc.
- M.Sc., Microbiology (will be placed at the time of meeting)
- M.B.A
- M.Com.
- M.A. History
- M.Phil., Chemistry
- PG Diploma in Chemical Lab Technician.
- Integrated B.Sc., B.Ed.
- B.P.A (Music)

Decision: The AC approves the syllabi of all the programmes mentioned above like M.Sc. (Applied Psychology), M.Sc. (Geography), M.Lib.I.Sc., M.Sc. (Microbiology), M.B.A., M.Com., M.A. (History), M.Phil. (Chemistry), P.G. Diploma in Chemical Lab Technician, Integrated B.Sc.,B.Ed. and B.P.A (Music).

Agenda Item 15/8: Proposal by Department of Media & Communication to launch a research journal titled 'Journal of Media & Communication'

A proposal received from Department of Media & Communication to launch a Communication Research journal titled *'Journal of Media and Communication'* is enclosed (Annexure- V).

Decision: The AC recommends starting of the Journal. However the editor should carefully monitor and scrutinize the content and quality of the Journal.

Agenda Item 15/9: Change in the number of credits for project (IV Semester, M.A English Studies Programme under CBCS)

Department of English has submitted a proposal for Change in the number of credits for Project in accordance with the last AC meeting which sought uniformity in the distribution of credits to Electives of IV Semester of M.A English Studies Programme. The credits for Project alone has been changed from 3 to 2. (Annexure – VI)

Decision: The AC approves the change in the number of credits for Project in M.A English Studies Programme.

Agenda Item 15/10: To consider the implementation of uniform course code pattern across different programmes.

To evolve uniform course code pattern across different programmes offered by CUTN, a new course code pattern is suggested. (Annexure-VII)

Decision: The AC approves 'in-principle' the implementation of uniform course code pattern as given in Annexure – VII. However, a Committee may be constituted to look into it and submit recommendation. The AC authorises its Chairman to take a decision on this issue on behalf of AC.

Agenda Item 15/11: To consider the change in the design of Degree Certificate

The design of exiting degree certificate is not suitable for printing few data like the name of the programme, because of the space provided to print them in the pre-printed degree certificate is not sufficient. Hence a new design is proposed to overcome these difficulties without changing much on the content aspect. (Annexure - VIII)

Decision: The AC approves the change in the design of Degree Certificates awarded by CUTN as mentioned in Annexure – VIII. A line in Tamil of the name of the University should be mentioned on the top of the Certificate.

Agenda Item 15/12: To consider the proposal of awarding a medal and merit certificate to a student of CUTN in the name of renowned mathematician Ramanujam.

It is proposed that every year a +2 student from Thiruvarur District may be selected for the award of Ramanujam Mathematics medal based on performance in a CUTN Mathematics Olympiad conducted by CUTN. The medium of the examination may be both in Tamil and English.

Decision: The AC approves the proposal of awarding a medal and merit certificate in the name of renowned mathematician Ramanujam at +2 level in Thiruvarur District. The name of the competition should be CUTN Mathematics Olympiad.

Agenda Item 15/13: Any other items

(i) Taking over of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International School of Textiles &Management, Coimbatore (SVPISTM)

The CUTN entered into a MoU with SVPISTM in the chamber of Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Government of India to offer B.Sc., (Textiles) and MBA programmes. Accordingly, the programmes are being offered there since Academic Session 2016-2017. This year as many as 1516 students have applied for these programmes. Following a discussion of Vice Chancellor with Ms. Aditi Das Rout, Ministry of Textiles, it is proposed to take over the SVPISTM by CUTN after completing necessary formalities.

Decision: The AC recommends to the EC the proposal of taking over of the SVPISTM, Coimbatore subject to agreement by Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India and completion of other logistics as per norms by CUTN.

(ii) To consider exit option for Integrated M.Sc. Physics students at the end of 3rd year

Presently the exit option in Integrated M.Sc. programme is available to students of Chemistry and Economics Departments. Now the Head of the Department of Physics has submitted a proposal of exit option for not more than 20% of students of IM.Sc.(Physics) at the end of the 3rd year, without any change in the syllabus of IM.Sc. They will be awarded B.Sc. (Physics) degree provided they pass all the courses upto 3rd year and the necessary language courses. Any additional requirements may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Decision: The AC discourages the proposal of offering exit option for Integrated M.Sc. / Integrated M.A students at the end of 3rd year. However, when there is a demand from any student, this option may be extended basing on recommendation of the Departmental Committee and in such cases, an Under Graduate degree may be given. This issue will be revisited after two years. The AC further deliberated on the running of Five Year Integrated MA / Integrated M.Sc., programmes, which very inadequate looking at workload. Therefore, the AC recommends CUTN to constitute an appropriate Committee to calculate the number of faculty in each integrated programme according to workload and submit a report on additional faculty requirement, if any. The CUTN accordingly, may invite to UGC for support.

(iii) To consider amendments to Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) Regulations.
In the existing CBCS regulations the following amendments are proposed.

EXISTING	PROPOSED
17.5. The Students pursuing Integrated Master's Programmes should pass separately in both the internal and external examinations i.e. the students need to secure 16 (40% of 40) out of 40 marks in the internal tests and 24 (40% of 60) out of 60 marks in the external examinations for theory courses.	17.5 The Students pursuing Integrated Master's Programmes and U.G programmes need to secure 40 % of total marks (IA and ESE marks put together) in all the courses to get a pass in a course. However they have to secure 40% of marks in End semester examinations (for the students got admitted during 2016-2017) The Students pursuing Integrated Master's Programmes and U.G programmes need to secure 50 % of total marks (IA and ESE marks put together) in all the courses to get a pass in a course. However they have to secure 50% of marks in End semester examinations (2017-2018 Batch onwards)
17.7. The Students pursuing Post Graduate Programmes should pass separately in both the internal and external examinations with a minimum of 50% of marks i.e. the students need to secure 30 out of 60 marks in the external examinations and 20 out of 40 marks in the internal tests for theory courses. Similarly, the students pursuing Ph.D Programmes should pass separately in both the internal and external examinations i.e. a student need to secure 40 (50% of 80) out of 80 marks in the external examinations and 10 (50% of 20) out	17.7 The Students pursuing Post Graduate Programmes and Ph.D programmes need to secure 50 % of total marks (IA and ESE marks put together) in all the courses to get a pass in a course. However they have to secure 50% of marks in End semester examinations (from 2016-2017 batch onwards)

of 20 marks in the internal tests for theory courses. However, this has to be aligned with the PhD ordinance of CUTN.	
17.8. Students failing to secure the minimum pass percentage marks in internals will not be allowed to take the end semester exam of that particular subject in that semester. (S)he has to **Redo** the course by attend the classes for a semester to gain the pass percentage in the internal tests in order to take the end semester examinations.	This section will be deleted consequent to the modifications in sections 17.5 and 17.7

Decision: The AC approves the amendments suggested in the CBCS regulations.

(iv) To consider amendments to Examination Manual

In the existing Examination Manual the following amendments are proposed.

Existing	Proposed
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.	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. **While calculating CGPA for ranking, all the courses under gone by the student will be taken except Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC)**

Decision: The AC approves the amendments suggested in the Examination Manual

(v) To consider the charging of fee for issue of various certificates

Component	Existing	Proposed
Convocation fee		
In absentia	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 750/-
In person	Rs. 250/-	Rs. 500/-

Issue of Bonafide Certificate (per certificate addressed to per person)	--	Rs. 50/-
Issue of transcript (per transcript addressed to per person)	--	Rs. 500/-
Additional copies (per copy)	--	Rs. 100/-

Decision: The AC recommends the fee for the issuance of Bonafide certificate, Transcript and Degree certificates.

(vi) To consider the proposal of collaborative initiatives with National Council of Rural Institutes, under MHRD, GoI.

The National Council of Rural Institutes under MHRD, GoI, approached CUTN for few collaborative initiatives. The Chairman, NCRI, visited CUTN and have a discussion with faculty members in the presence of V.C. As a first step it is proposed to start a course on "Introduction to Rural Engagement" as a generic elective for the students.

Decision: The AC recommends CUTN to develop collaboration initiatives with NCRI.

(vii) To consider the Academic Calendar for the academic year 2017-2018 (Annexure-IX).

Decision: The AC approves the academic calendar for the academic year 2017-2018.

(viii) To consider the Draft MoU submitted by Department of Social Work.

A proposal of signing MoU with Yinchuan University, China, University of Minnesota, U.S.A. and National Health Systems Resource Centre (Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GoI) was submitted by the Department of Social Work before the Academic Council in its 14th Meeting held on 16.12.2016 and AC has recommended and directed to formulate the draft MoU. The draft MoUs were also sent for legal opinion. The legal opinion was received with few comments and the suggestions were incorporated in the draft MoU (Annexure- X)

The draft MoUs are submitted before the Academic Council for perusal and approval.

Decision: The AC recommends the draft MoUs to EC.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.