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# तमिलनाडु केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय

(संसद द्वारा पारित अधिनियम 2009 के अंतर्गत स्थापित)

## CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF TAMIL NADU

(Established by an Act of Parliament, 2009)

नीलक्कुडी परिसर/Neelakudi Campus, कंगलान्चेरी/Kangalancherry,  
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**Minutes of Twentieth Meeting of the Academic Council held on 19-02-2020 at 11 am in the VC's conference hall, Admin Block, CUTN**

**The following members attended the meeting:**

1. Prof. A. P. Dash Ex-Officio Vice-Chancellor, CUTN  
Chairperson,
  
2. Deans of Schools of Members CUTN  
 Social Sciences and Humanities,  
 Basic and Applied Sciences,  
 Mathematics and Computer Sciences,  
 Education,  
 Commerce and Business Management  
 Behavioral Sciences,  
 Technology,  
 Communication,  
 Performing and Fine Arts,  
 Earth Sciences  
 Life Sciences

3. Heads of Departments of Members CUTN  
 Physics, Chemistry, Life Sciences,  
 Microbiology,  
 Mathematics, Computer Science,  
 English Studies, Tamil, Economics,  
 Social Work, Hindi, History,  
 Applied Psychology, Commerce,  
 Management, Media and Communication,  
 Library and Information Science,  
 Education, Material Science, Music,  
 Geography, Statistics & Applied Mathematics,  
 Horticulture & Floriculture,

4. Prof. S. Nagarajan, Department of Chemistry & Dean Students Welfare, CUTN
5. Prof. S. V. S. S. Narayana Raju, Department of Hindi, CUTN.
6. Prof. R. Karpaga Kumaravel, Department of Education, CUTN.

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- 7. Prof. Mushahid Husain, Former Professor of Physics/Nanotechnology, Former Vice- Chancellor, M.J.P. Rohilkhand University, Bareilly, U.P. Former Director, Centre for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
- 8. Prof. Malabika Deo, Department of Commerce, Pondicherry University.
- 9. Prof. Moses M. Naga, Head, Department of Library and Information Sciences, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong. 19/02/2020
- 10. Prof. R. C. Mahajan, Former Head, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh.
- 11. Prof. Pulin B. Nayak, Ex-Director, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, New Delhi- 110 007.
- 12. Prof. K. Ramasamy, Former Director, CICT.
- 13. Prof. D. C. Nath, Vice-Chancellor, Assam University.
- 14. Prof. L. N. Mishra, Former Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University. DCE
- 15. Dr. B. Ravindran, Former Director and Emeritus Professor, Indian Institute of Life Sciences, Bhubaneswar. Ry
- 16. Dr. T. J. Abraham, Associate Professor, Department of English, CUTN.
- 17. Dr. S. G. Ramkumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, CUTN. SUSREEM
- 18. Dr. V. Rajendiran, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, CUTN. SABRI
- 19. Dr. S. Bhuvaneshwari, Registrar, CUTN [ Secretary]

**Special invitees:**

- 1. CMA. V. Palani, Finance Officer, CUTN
- 2. Dr. A. Ragupathy, Controller of Examinations, CUTN

**Leaves of absence was granted to the following members:**

- 1. Prof. Mushahid Husain
- 2. Prof. K. Ramasamy
- 3. Prof. D.C. Nath

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**Agenda Item 20/1: Introductory remarks of the Chairman**

The Chairman welcomed the members of 20<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting. He said that the foundation stone of the University was laid on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 and thus CUTN completed one decade in September 2019. On this occasion a decennial publication highlighting the activities of CUTN during the last 10 years was brought out. The total list of publications till September 2019 was published. Both the campuses of CUTN are rich in flora and fauna. The Department of Life Sciences has brought out a fauna of CUTN and volume on flora is under preparation. The decennial publication, list of publications and fauna of CUTN were released by the Chancellor of the University on 28-12-2019 and are placed before the members of Academic Council.

The Chairman made a presentation on the progress made by the University during the last decade.

**Agenda Item 20/2: Reconfirmation of the minutes of the Nineteenth Academic Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.**

The Nineteenth meeting of the Academic Council was held on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2019. The minutes of the meeting were finalized on the same day and signed by all the members who attended the meeting. The signed minutes were circulated among the members. The minutes were submitted for reconfirmation.

**Recommendation: The minutes are reconfirmed.**

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**Agenda Item 20/3: Action Taken on the minutes of the Nineteenth Academic Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.**

**Recommendation: The Academic Council noted the Action Taken Report.**

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**Agenda Item 20 /4: Details of Admission 2019-20.**

The first counselling and admission for Integrated, UG integrated and PG programmes was held from 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.

The admission for Integrated, UG integrated and PG programmes for the academic year 2019-20 were closed on 23-08-2019.

**Recommendation:  
The Academic Council, ratified the admissions of the Academic year 2019 – 2020.**

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**Agenda Item 20/5: Increase in fee for collaborative programmes at Madras School of Economics.**

Madras School of Economics had sent proposals on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 and 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2019 with the request to increase 10% in all components of the fees structure including tuition fees of the final two years of Integrated M.A programme and M.A programmes from 2019-20.

**Recommendation: The Academic Council ratified the MSE fee hike with 10% increase in all components of fees.**

**Agenda Item 20/6: Boards of Studies/Curriculum Development Committee Constitution/reconstitution of various departments**

The following departments proposed for constitution/Re-constitution of Board of Studies/Curriculum Development Committee and the same have been approved by the Vice-Chancellor:

Constitution of Board of Studies/Curriculum Development Committee:

- 1. Department of History (BoS)
- 2. Department of Geology (CDC)

Re-constitution of Board of Studies:

- 1. Department of Economics
- 2. Department of Social Work
- 3. Department of Mathematics

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**Recommendation: The Academic Council approves and recommends constitution/Re-constitution of Board of Studies/Curriculum Development Committee to the Executive Council.**

**Agenda item 20/7: Board of Studies/Curriculum Development Committee recommendations of various departments**

The following departments conducted Board of Studies/Curriculum Development Committee meeting and the recommendations pertaining to framing/revision of the curriculum/syllabus were placed before the Academic Council for approval:

- 1. Department of Tamil
- 2. Department of Computer Science
- 3. Department of Geography
- 4. Department of English
- 5. Department of Chemistry

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- 6. Department of Geology
- 7. Department of History
- 8. Department of Education

**Recommendations: The Academic Council approves the recommendations of Boards of Studies related to syllabi / curriculum of various Departments and recommended to the Executive Council.**

**Agenda item 20/8: Recommendations of the School Board**

The School of Performing Arts & Fine Arts conducted its first School Board meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2019. The items related to syllabi are as follows:

- 1. Students strength – BPA - Music, Generic Electives, Ph.D
- 2. BPA Music syllabus –and Course Regulations
- 3. Research Degree programme – Course Work, Area of research and syllabus
- 4. Examination/Evaluation Methods for practical courses
- 5. Introduction of Master degree programme in Music (MPA)
- 6. Research Publications/Peer reviewed journals list
- 7. Titles of Music Courses

**Recommendation: The Academic Council approves all the items except item no.5 Introduction of Master degree programme in Music (MPA). However, the Academic Council recommends that during the next batch of programmes / departments the University may include this programme to be presented before UGC for additional sanction.**

**Agenda Item 20/9: Starting of M.Phil in Economics.**

The Academic Council in its 16<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 24-01-2018 had recommended introduction M.Phil programmes in the departments requiring M.Phil.

A proposal has been received from the Head, Department of Economics for starting of M.Phil programme in Economics from 2020-21.

The Curriculum and course work syllabi may have to be framed by the Board of Studies and hostel facilities may have to be ensured. However, due to want of hostel facility and other reasons, it was decided in the Deans meeting that admission to M.Phil courses is deferred to the next academic year.

**Recommendation: The Academic Council considered the starting of M.Phil programme and also the decision of the Deans meeting to defer to the next academic year for want**

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of hostel facilities. The Academic Council approved 'In-principle' to start the M.Phil and recommended commencement after adequate facilities and infrastructure are in place.

**Agenda Item 20/10: CUTN- Students Council – 2019-2020.**

As per the Central University of Tamil Nadu Students' Council Regulation-2018 (Refer Statue 36 of the Second Schedule of the Central Universities Act, 2009, (25 of 2009-07-01)) students council was constituted.

**Recommendation: The Academic Council ratified the constitution of the Students Council**

**Agenda Item 20/11: Ratification of results of Even Semester examination conducted during April-May 2019 and results published on 23.05.2019.**

The Even Semester examinations were conducted during April-May 2019 and the results were published on 23.05.2019 with the approval of Vice Chancellor.

**Recommendation: The Academic Council ratified the results of Even Semester Examination.**

**Agenda Item 20/12: Ratification of results of supplementary examination conducted during July 2019 and results published on 14.08.2019.**

The supplementary examinations were conducted during July 2019 and the results were published on 14.08.2019 with the approval of Vice Chancellor.

**Recommendation: The Academic Council ratified results of supplementary examination conducted during July 2019.**

**Agenda Item 20/13: Ratification of results of Odd Semester examination conducted during November 2019 and results published on 07.12.2019.**

The Odd Semester examinations were conducted during November 2019 and the results were published on 07.12.2019 with the approval of Vice Chancellor.

**Recommendation: The Academic Council ratified results of Odd Semester examination conducted during November 2019**

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**Agenda Item 20/14: Fee hike for rechecking of end semester examination answer scripts.**

After the declaration of end semester examination results the students have a provision of applying for rechecking of answer scripts. Currently the fee for rechecking is Rs. 100/- per paper and there is no limit for number of courses for which the students can apply for rechecking. The fee was fixed almost seven years back and hence may be hiked to Rs. 200/- per paper. The maximum number of courses for which students can apply for rechecking may also be fixed as three per semester.

**Recommendation: The Academic Council recommends the fee hike for rechecking of end semester examination answer scripts and the upper limit for number of courses as three courses per semester.**

**Agenda Item 20/15: Fee for attestation of certificates.**

Many students request their certificates to be attested by Registrar or Controller of Examinations for applying for higher studies abroad. As such there is no fee collected for attestation. It was proposed to collect a nominal fee of Rs. 50/- per attestation.

**Recommendation: The Academic Council recommends the fee of Rs.50/- per attestation of certificates.**

**Agenda Item 20/16: Ratification of results Ph.D. and M. Phil Viva-Voice examinations conducted after the last Academic Council meeting (20.05.2019)**

Ph.D. M. Phil. Scholars have submitted their thesis and they have been evaluated by the examiners as prescribed in the University Ordinances and the Viva-Voice examinations conducted. The examiners have recommended the scholars for the award of Ph.D. and M.Phil. Degrees.

**Recommendation: The Academic Council ratified the award of Ph.D and M.Phil Degrees to the Scholars recommended by examiners.**

**Agenda Item 20/17: Disposing off used answer booklets**

The Examination section is keeping all used answer booklets since inception. As the Examination section is lacking sufficient storage facility, the used answer booklets needs to be disposed off after one year of completion of the course. In this regard, a Disposal Committee may be constituted and dispose off the used answer booklets by following GFR. A Committee may be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to develop modalities for this and the recommendation may be placed in the next AC meeting.

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**Recommendation: The Academic Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to develop modalities for disposing off used answer booklets.**

**Agenda Item 20/18: Proposal for introduction of two PG programmes in the Department of Material Science.**

The Department of Material Science has proposed for introduction of the following PG programmes:

- 1. M.Sc. (Material Science)
- 2. M.Tech. (Energy and Environment)

In this connection, the department has submitted details of proposed programmes along with eligibility criteria for admission with intake. The detailed curriculum and syllabus may have to be framed by the Board of Studies. The present position of regular staff in the department is Associate Professor: 1, Assistant Professor: 3. The Department already offers M.Tech. and Ph.D. in Material Science. The Dean, School of Technology has mentioned that two extra new teaching staff may be required for M.Sc (Material Science) and new teaching staff have to be recruited for M.Tech (Energy & Environment) if the department is approved.

**Recommendation: The Academic Council recommends to defer the agenda items till the availability of regular faculty members.**

**Agenda Item 20/19: Introduction of Ph.D programme in the Department of Horticulture and Floriculture.**

The University established the Department of Horticulture and Floriculture in 2019-20. It offers M.Sc (Horticulture and Floriculture) programme from 2019-20.

In addition, the Department has proposed for introduction of Ph.D programme in Horticulture and Floriculture.

**Recommendation: The Academic Council recommends the start of Ph.D programme in Horticulture.**

**Agenda Item 20/20: Introduction of Ph.D programme in the Department History.**

The University established the Department of History in 2017-18. Presently it offers MA programme in History from 2017-18.

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In addition, the Department has proposed for introduction of Ph.D programme in History.

**Recommendation: The Academic Council recommends the start of Ph.D programme in History.**

**The Academic Council also recommends the starting of Ph.D Programmes in Statistics and Applied Mathematics and Law.**

**Agenda Item 20/21: Part time Ph.D Regulations - 2020**

The Academic Council in its 19<sup>th</sup> meeting had recommended registration for part-time Ph.D for internal and external candidates following UGC norms and the University has to develop mechanisms/regulations on this.

Following this, the draft Regulations for Part-time Ph.D – 2020 was placed before the Academic Council.

**Recommendation: The Academic Council recommends starting of part-time Ph.D and approved the Regulations submitted. However, the course-work be introduced as per our Regulations and the admission process will be as per regular procedure of the University. Under requirement of experience, three years of professional experience with Research Aptitude may be added.**

**Agenda Item 20/22: IQAC AQAR – 2018 – 2019**

The Annual Quality Assurance Report 2018-19 for the duration from July, 2018 to June, 2019 was circulated to the members of the Academic Council through e-mail dated 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 for approval.

**Recommendation: The Academic Council ratified the IQAC AQAR – 2018 – 2019.**

**Agenda Item 20/23: Compulsory two Credit course ["Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)"] for all Ph.D. students for course work from Academic Year 2020-21.**

The University Grants Commission has conveyed the resolution of its 543<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 vide its letter D.O.No.F.1-1/2018(Journal/CARE) that two new Credit Course for awareness about publication ethics and publication misconducts entitled "Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)" to be made compulsory for all Ph.D students for pre-registration course work from 2020-21.

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**Recommendation: The Academic Council recommends introduction of Compulsory two Credit course [“Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)” ] for all Ph.D. students registering on or after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020.**

**Agenda Item 20/24: Provision for award of Doctor of Science through Research**

The procedure and modalities for award of D.Sc./D.Litt./LL.D through research was submitted to the Academic council through a draft Ordinance/Regulation.

The draft of Ordinance No. 54 [Award of Doctor of Science (D.Sc.)/ Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.)/ Doctor of Law (LL.D.) to this effect is attached.

**Recommendation: The Academic Council recommends Ordinance No.54 “Award of Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) / Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.) / Doctor of Law (LL.D.) with the following corrections:-**

**Clause 2.5.**

The Candidate’s number of publications registering for the D.Sc. shall be >50 with the impact factor >2.0 in Thomson Reuters journals and the h-index shall be >20. However for D.Sc., in Mathematics, one should have >50 publication in Scopus Journals. To register for the D.Litt. Programme, the number of publications shall be >50 in Scopus Journals in SSCI journals or 40 publications in SSCI journal and 5 books from reputed publishers and the h-index shall be >10. The candidate’s number of publications registering for the LL.D. Programme shall be >50 in Scopus listed journals in his / her research area and the h-index shall be >10.

**Agenda Item 20/25: Science of Happiness – Open Elective.**

The Co-ordinator, Centre for Happiness has proposed for open elective course for Integrated M.Sc, Integrated MA, MA, M.Sc, M.Tech, MSW, MBA, M.Com., programmes.

**Recommendation: The Academic Council recommends introducing the course as non-credit course for the aforesaid programmes on optional basis.**

**Agenda Item 20/26: Fee structure – International/NRI Students Admission 2020-21.**

The Co-ordinator, International admissions has submitted semester fee structure for International/NRI students in 2020-21.

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**Recommendation: The Academic Council recommends 10% increase in the existing fees. The Academic Council authorised the Vice Chancellor to fix the other amenity charges and concession in fee for students from SAARC Countries.**

**Agenda Item 20/27: Introduction of new programmes in Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International School of Textiles and Management.**

SVPISTM has proposed for introduction of the following new programmes in addition to the existing programmes:

- 1. B.Sc. (Textile Chemical Processing) [three years]
- 2. B.Sc. (Knitwear Technology) [three years]
- 3. M.Sc.(Technical Textiles) [two years]

**Recommendation: The Academic Council recommends the programmes 'in-principle' subject to the availability of proper infrastructure and faculty members. The University may send a team to visit the SVPISTM to assess the infrastructure facilities.**

**Agenda Item 20/28: Introduction of Diploma in French programme in 2020-21**

The Head, Department of English studies has proposed for starting of Diploma Programme in French from 2020-21.

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**Recommendation: The Academic Council recommends introduction of Diploma Programme in French with no additional faculty and infrastructure. The fee structure may be framed by the University and to be placed before the Finance Committee.**

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**Agenda Item 20/29: Change of name of Department of Life Sciences and programme - M.Sc in Horticulture and Floriculture.**

a) A proposal has been received to change the name of the Department of Life Sciences to better encompass and specify the existing research in the department and to have the department name to be different from the name of the School.

The following names are suggested for the department:

- Department of Molecular Biology
- Department of Biotechnology
- Department of Cell Biology
- Department of Biomedical Sciences
- Department of Genomics

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- Department of Cellular and Molecular Biology

b) Department of Horticulture and Floriculture has proposed to change the name of the department from "Department of Horticulture and Floriculture" to "Department of Horticulture" and consequently the name of the degree as:

- Master of Science (Horticulture) in Fruit Science
- Master of Science (Horticulture) in Vegetable Science
- Master of Science (Horticulture) in Floriculture and Landscaping

The change of name of the degree may be effected from academic year 2019-20.

**Recommendation:**

a) The Academic Council recommends to the University to consider changing the name of the School, if required.

b) The Academic Council recommends the change of nomenclature of Department of Horticulture and Floriculture" as "Department of Horticulture" and consequently the programme name as M.Sc. (Horticulture).

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.

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