



CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF TAMIL NADU
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Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Academic Council of the Central University of Tamil Nadu held on 3rd February, 2012 at 5.30 pm in Multipurpose Hall, CUTN, Thiruvarur.

The fifth meeting of the Academic Council of the Central University of Tamil Nadu was held on 3rd February, 2012 at 5.30 pm at Multipurpose Hall, CUTN, Thiruvarur. The following members attended the meeting.

1.	Prof. B.P.Sanjay	Chairman	Vice-Chancellor, CUTN
2.	Prof. D.Balasubramanian	Member	Director of Research, LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad
3.	Dr. V.Nirmala	Member	Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics, Pondicherry University
4.	Prof. K.Thyagaraju	Member	Head, Department of Biochemistry, Shri Venkateswara University
5.	Prof. Valerian Rodrigues	Member	Centre for Political Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University
6.	Prof. Gopalji Malviya	Member	Head, Dept. of Defence and Strategic Studies, University of Madras,
7.	Prof. Mohd.Obaid Siddiqui	Member	Professor of Journalism, Jamia Millia Islamia,
8.	Prof. L.R. Verma	Member	Former Vice Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh University
9.	Dr.Shubhada Maitra		Attended in place of Prof.S.Parasuraman, Director, TISS, Mumbai.
10.	Shri V.K. Sridhar	Registrar & Secretary	

The following attended as Special Invitees:

1. Dr. K. Ramasamy, Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai.
2. Dr. D.K. Srivastava, Madras School of Economics, Chennai.
3. Prof. K.P.N. Murthy, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad.
4. Shri. P.V. Ravi, Finance Officer

Leave of absence was granted to the following members:

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| 1. | Prof.Mihir Kanti Chaudhuri | Member |
| 2. | Prof.Surinder S.Jodhka | Member |
| 3. | Prof.A.R.Venkatachalapathy | Member |
| 4. | Prof.Vinod Pavarala | Member |
| 5. | Prof.Probal Das Gupta | Member |
| 6. | Prof. Pardeep Sahni | Member |
| 7. | Prof. Atiya Habeeb Kidwai | Member |
| 8. | Justice N.N.Mathur | Member |
| 9. | Prof. K.B.Powar | Member |
| 10. | Prof. Jai Rup Singh | Member |
| 11. | Dr. Vibha Dhawan | Member |
| 12. | Prof. D.R.Goel | Member |

The Chairman welcomed the members to the fifth meeting of the Academic Council. He introduced the new Finance Officer, Shri P.V. Ravi, who joined in December 2011 and also the first Professor Dr. T. Sengadir, Department of Mathematics. He then briefed various academic, administrative and construction activities of the University through a Power Point Presentation. The Chairman also briefed the council about the plans of the University to launch new programmes in Integrated Social Sciences, Law, Regional Studies and Tamil in collaboration and mentoring with the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, National Law School of India University, Bangalore and Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai. He also mentioned the steps taken towards introducing programme in Journalism & Mass Communication and in Music.

The Vice Chancellor briefed the members about his visit to Yale University, USA to participate in the India-Yale leadership programme. He also placed on record, the achievements of CUTN students in various Inter College/University competitions.

The Vice Chancellor also explained about the process of recruitment of Assistant Professors, Associate Professors and Professors. He added that while assessing the candidates, due weightage was given to the academic record, research performance, teaching skills and domain knowledge as prescribed in UGC regulations. He said that applications are screened initially, administratively and later on the second round of screening is entrusted to subject

matter specialists. The screening norms devised by the committee broadly revolves round the guidelines stipulated by the UGC and qualitative aspects in publication/research. The academic council endorsed this procedure and re emphasized its faith in the methodology adopted.

The Vice Chancellor informed about the infrastructure developments in the new campus like construction of hostel blocks for boys and girls to accommodate 200 students in each and 60 nos. of Assistant Professors' Quarters. He also expressed his gratitude to the State Government for providing rent free accommodation in the present campus and also for the steps taken for widening the road leading to the University and construction of a bridge across the Vettar River connecting the two campuses (Neelakudi and Nagakudi) at an estimated cost of Rs. 48 crores.

The Vice Chancellor informed that with the help of the English and Foreign Language University, Hyderabad, steps have been taken to strengthen English for the students ; Setting up of a digital language lab has also been finalized; In respect of knowledge resource, INFLIBNET access has already been installed.

The Chairman further informed that apart from the regular activities, the University has taken steps to improve the English Language skills of the students of the schools located in Thiruvarur District. A One day discussion session, involving the District Education Officials, three experts from English and Foreign Language University (EFLU) and 10 Head Masters from the nearby school ,was held on 2/2/2012. It was recommended in the session to set up one District English Language Teaching Centre to teach and train English language not only for the CUTN students but also for the school students.

The Council recorded its appreciation for the Vice Chancellor for the academic achievements and also for the developmental activities.

After this brief introduction, the Agenda items were taken up.

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of the minutes of the fourth meeting of the Academic Council held on 07.05.2011.

The 4th Meeting of the Academic Council was held on 7th, May 2011. The minutes of the meeting were circulated to the members vide letter No.CUTN-1(6)/2010/com dated 23.05.2011. No comments were received from the members. The minutes were placed before the Academic Council for confirmation .

Decision: The Academic Council confirmed the minutes of the fourth meeting of the Academic Council held on 07.05.2011.

Agenda Item 3: Action taken on the minutes of the previous meetings of the Academic Council.

- (i) **Action arising out of the Agenda item No.8 in the fourth meeting of the Academic Council relating to the launch of five year Integrated M.Sc programme in Economics and two year M.Sc programme in General Economics and Financial Economics.**

The Chairman briefed the members that admission for I M.Sc. Economics and M.Sc. [General Economics and Financial Economics] programmes for the session 2011-12 took place in June 2011, through Central Universities Common Entrance Test. 17 students were admitted in the Five-Year Integrated M.Sc. Economics course. 41 students were admitted in General Economics and 40 students were admitted in Financial Economics programmes, being conducted at the campus of Madras School of Economics.[Two students later discontinued from General Economics programme].

Decision: The Council noted the information.

- (ii) **Action arising out of the Agenda item No.6 of the third meeting and Agenda item 3 of the fourth meeting of the Academic Council**

The Chairman informed that the Executive Council had made some observations relating to M.A. Programme in Regional Studies. After discussing the issue, a Committee was constituted with Prof. Valerian Rodrigues as convener and with Prof. Atiya Habib Kidwai, Prof. Manikumar, Prof. Surindar Jodhka, Prof. A.R. Venkatachalapathy, Prof. G. Aloysius and Prof. Lakshmi Subramanian as members.

The committee under the Convenorship of Prof.Valerian Rodrigues had met and has submitted its recommendations. The same was placed before the Academic Council as a separate agenda item [Item No.7] in this meeting.

Decision: The Council noted the information and authorized the Chairman to adopt the recommendations as required.

- (iii) **Action arising out of the Agenda item No.12 of the fourth meeting of the Academic Council**

The Chairman informed that it was decided to form a committee with Prof. Vinod Pavarala as convener, to examine the issue of launching a programme in Journalism and Mass Communication.

The committee met on 3rd and 4th January, 2012 at Hyderabad and met again on 25th January, 2012 at Thiruvavur. The recommendations of the Committee were tabled before the Academic Council as a separate agenda item [Item No.8].

Decision: The Council noted the information and authorized the Chairman to implement the programme.

Agenda Item 4: Report on the Academic Activities of the University-June-Dec. 2011 for information of the Academic Council.

The Chairman briefed the members about the Academic activities of the University for the odd semester of the academic Year 2011 -12.

Decision: The Academic Council noted the information.

Agenda Item 5: Report on the results of Odd semester exams of the University- for the Academic Year 2011-12.

A detailed report on the results of odd semester exams conducted by the University was presented to the Academic Council .

Decision: The Academic Council noted the information.

Agenda Item 6: Initiatives of the University for launching new programmes - for Information and approval of the Academic Council.

1. Launching of Integrated M.Sc., programmes in Social Sciences and Post Graduate Programmes in Mental Health and Counseling.

The Chairman informed the members that CUTN has initiated the process of collaborating with Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai for introduction of Five Year integrated programme in Social Sciences and Post graduate programme in Mental Health and Counseling. The collaboration is expected to achieve the broad purpose of quality based education in Social Sciences at various levels. Various aspects of collaboration between CUTN and TISS will be guided by a Monitoring Committee jointly constituted by the Vice-Chancellor CUTN and Director TISS with representatives from both CUTN and TISS.

The Chairman introduced to the members , Dr. Shubhada Maitra, Associate Professor, TISS, who attended in place of Dr. S. Parasuraman, Director, TISS. Dr. Shubhada made a presentation about the Post graduate programme in Mental Health and Counseling.

During the Presentation Prof. D.Balasubramanian raised queries about Counseling, community related interaction, group discussion by the students and the evaluation of their field work.

Prof.Valerian Rodrigues ,raised a query that since CUTN does not have the faculty resources in Social Sciences, particularly in Mental Health, whether it would be possible to introduce the courses.

While answering the queries, the Chairman assured that CUTN can deliver the programme with minimal faculty resources supported by TISS and with due approval of the Academic Council .The intake shall be minimal [5-10]per academic year initially .Initial preference shall be for introduction of Integerated MSc. The viability shall be discussed with TISS.

Decision:

The Council after discussion , approved in principle, the launch of Five Year Integrated programme in Social Sciences and Post graduate programme in Mental Health and Counseling in collaboration with TISS, Mumbai.

2. Collaboration with National Law School of India University

The Vice Chancellor, explained about his discussion with Prof (Dr.) Venkata Rao, Vice-Chancellor, National Law School of India University, Bangalore on 7th November 2011 to plan the areas of collaboration in introducing an Integrated Master's programme in Law. He also appraised the members about the Memorandum of Understanding designed by the NSLIU.

Decision: The Council approved introduction of short term diploma courses/Certificate courses in variety of law such as Constitutional Law, Marital Law in collaboration with National Law School of India University and introduction of a regular programme in Law in due course through the proposed Memorandum of Understanding that will be suitably identified, if required.

3. Launching of Four-Year Integrated B.A/B.Sc. –B.Ed programme.

The Vice Chancellor explained about the workshop organized by CUTN with Centre for Contemporary Studies-IISC and Higher Education Innovation & Research Applications(HEIRA) on 27th and 28th January 2012 at IISC, Bangalore to develop a Four-Year Integrated B.A/B.Sc.-Ed programme.

The Chairman informed that CUTN has sufficient Faculty strength in Science disciplines to support the programme.

Decision: The Academic Council approved the launching of B.A / B.Sc – B.Ed programme, subject to the approval of the National Council for Teacher Education .The Chairman was authorized to work on the modalities for launching the programme.

4. Introduction of Ph.D programme in Economics in collaboration with Madras School of Economics

The Chairman informed that Central University of Tamil Nadu has signed an MOU with Madras School of Economics to launch various Academic programmes in Economics. An Integrated M.Sc programme in Economics and Masters programmes in General Economics and Financial Economics are running successfully from the Academic Year 2011-12.

Now, it has been proposed to introduce a Ph.D. programme in Economics in collaboration with Madras School of Economics as per Clause 5.4 of the MOU between Madras School of Economics and CUTN.

While discussing about the introduction of Ph.D programme in Economics in CUTN, the Director ,MSE suggested that the initial admission for Ph.D in Economics may be limited to 5-7 students. This will help in activating the programme by providing the requisite faculty resources.

The Chairman stated that candidates with JRF may also be enrolled for the programme.

The Ph.D programme shall be Development and Welfare oriented.

Decision:

After discussion, the Academic Council approved launching of Ph.D programme in Economics in CUTN under collaboration with Madras School of Economics, as per the Ph.D regulations of the University.

In addition to the above new programmes, the Academic Council also discussed about commencing the programme M.A.in Classical Tamil.

A brief introduction of the programme was given by Sri.K.Ramaswamy, Director I/C, Central Institute of Classical Tamil .He mentioned about the practical difficulties faced by CICT in introducing the programme .He conveyed the desire of his institute to offer a financial assistance of Rs.5000/- to the students enrolled in the programme, supporting their studies and travel .

The Chairman assured the Council that the programme would be started only with the Faculty resource help from CICT.

The Council noted the information.

Agenda Item 7: Report of Prof.Valerian Rodrigues Committee on "Regional Studies" programme.

The minutes of the second meeting of the Academic Council was placed before the Executive Council in its meeting held on 8th May, 2010. While pursuing item 3 of the

minutes of the Second Meeting of the Academic Council relating to M.A. Programme in Regional Studies, the Executive Council had some observations as below:

Following this, the issue was placed in the Third Meeting of the Academic Council. After discussing the issue a Committee was constituted with Prof. Valerian Rodrigues as convener and with Prof. Atiya Habeeb Kidwai, Prof. Manikumar, Prof. Surindar Jodhka, Prof. A.R. Venkatachalapathy, Prof. G. Aloysius and Prof. Lakshmi Subramanian as members.

The Committee met on 17.9.2011 at New Delhi. Prof. Valerian Rodrigues has submitted the recommendations of the Committee vide his letter dated 10.10.2011.

The recommendations were placed before the Academic Council for information and approval.

Prof. Valerian Rodrigues presented his report during the meeting.

He opined that introduction of M.A. programme in Regional Studies in CUTN at this point of time may be premature. Conceptualizing "Region" may be difficult. He suggested to introduce M.Phil./Ph.D. at this moment, as this will gather the faculty resources required for introducing Post Graduate programme in the future.

The Chairman stated that introduction of Ph.D programme in Regional Studies is feasible as the University has an established School of Social Sciences and Humanities. He explained that only after collaboration in Social Sciences with TISS and introduction of Ph.D in Economics, Ph.D in Regional Studies will be initiated. This will facilitate enough faculty support for the programme, with the respective guide hand holding the student. He also emphasized about the importance of Field Work.

Decision: The Council discussed the item elaborately and approved introducing M.Phil and Ph.D programmes in Regional Studies under the School of Social Sciences & Humanities, after suitable institutional arrangements are in place.

Agenda Item 8: Report of Prof. Vinod Pavarala's Committee on "Journalism & Mass Communication programme".

The Chairman informed that the Academic Council in its fourth meeting on 7.5.2011 had decided to form a committee with Prof. Vinod Pavarala as convener to examine the issue of launching a programme in Journalism and Mass Communication.

The consultative meeting was convened at the University of Hyderabad on 3rd & 4th January, 2012. The Second round of the meeting was held on 24th January 2012 at Pondicherry University & 25th of January 2012 at CUTN.

The final report of the committee was placed before the Academic Council for discussion.

In the report, the committee has recommended a comprehensive MA programme in Media & Communication, its course structure, Course descriptions, Human resource and infra structure requirement.

During discussion, Prof.Obaid Siddiqui emphasised the use of Technologically advanced equipments in the programme.

The Chairman explained the objectives of the programme ie] Giving the advantage of communication at a publically affordable cost and focus on practical convergent media.

He also pointed out the necessity for the course due to lack of media and lack of experts in media in this region. He expressed his intent to start a Student Edited Newspaper, Community Radio Station and Simulated studio at Thiruvapur .He conveyed the proposal of introducing short term programme of two or three week duration followed by introduction of Masters programme in Media& Communication. He finally assured that no programme would be launched without adequate technical infrastructure and faculty resources .

Decision: The Council deliberated in length and approved launching the programme M.A. in Media & Communication .

Agenda Item 9: Brief Report on Central Universities Common Entrance Test.

The Chairman briefed the members about the Central Universities Common Entrance Test (CUCET 2011) conducted by CUTN on 18th and 19th June, 2011. Seven Central Universities namely, Bihar, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kashmir, Kerala, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu participated in the common entrance exam. The test enabled the candidates as a single window facility to seek admission to over 70 undergraduate, 5 year Integrated, Post Graduate and Research programs in these seven Universities.

The Council also perused the brief report on CUCET 2011 placed before the Council. The proposal of the University in the form of supplementary agenda , regarding fixing the eligibility criteria for admission to various courses was discussed on by the Academic Council.

The Chairman assured the members that a separate syllabus will be formulated for Integrated MSc in Life Sciences.

Decision:

The Academic council noted the information and approved the eligibility qualifications for admission to various programmes. Wherever needed, CUTN may adopt programme specific eligibility criteria, by releasing separate notifications.

Agenda Item 10: Report of the Subject Expert Group on review of Syllabus for IMSc Chemistry

The Chairman informed that the subject Expert Committee for Chemistry met on 19th and 20th December, 2011, at the University Campus in Thiruvarur, to review the existing syllabus for Semesters 1-3 and to frame new syllabus from 4th to 10th semester for the Integrated M.Sc Chemistry programme.

The report of the Subject Expert Group was placed before the Academic Council for according approval .

The Convener of the Experts Committee in Chemistry briefly presented the syllabus to the Academic Council .

Suggestions were put forth by the council members. The Chairman assured that the suggestions will be incorporated in the revised syllabus.

Decision: The Council approved the Five-Year Integrated M.Sc. Chemistry syllabus.

Agenda Item 11:

Results Framework Document – Constitution of a Committee for preparation of Vision / Mission Statement for the University.

The Chairman informed that the Prime Minister had approved the outline of a “Performance Monitoring and Evaluation System (PMES) for Government Departments”. Under PMES, each department is required to prepare Results – Framework Document (RFD). The RFD provides a summary of the most important results that a organization expects to achieve during the financial year. This document has two main purposes: (1) To move the focus of the organization from process-orientation to results-orientation and (2) To provide an objective and fair basis to evaluate organization’s overall performance at the end of the year.

The MHRD has been writing to the University to develop a Results Framework Document for the University. It is felt that the first step towards preparing a RFD is to develop a Vision, Mission and Objectives of the University. Keeping this in mind, it is proposed to constitute a Committee as suggested by the Academic Council for preparing this document.

Decision: The Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to appoint a suitable committee to deal with the issue.

Agenda Item 12: Decisions taken by the Vice –Chancellor on some academic issues-for information and ratification of the Academic Council.

1. At the end of Odd semester of 2011-12[as on 25/11/2011], fourteen students of Integrated MSc programme and M.A.English Studies programme were found to be having shortage of attendance in English and Eco Criticism.

Taking into consideration,the attendance regulation of the University and the future of the students if they are not permitted to take the end semester examinations, the Vice Chancellor decided that special classes be conducted for those students lacking attendance.

As a result of this, the students attendance status improved ,crossing the limit of 70%.The Vice Chancellor then condoned the shortage between 70% and 75% as per the provisions contained in Ordinance 4[5] and all the students were permitted to appear in the end semester examinations.

One student of First year M.A. English had shortage of attendance and did not report for the special classes. Later, she discontinued the course.

2. In the Odd semester exam[2011-12],four students of M.A. English studies failed in all five courses , one student failed in four courses and was absent in one.

As the students could not be promoted to the next semester as per the CUTN Regulation 4.6[a] ,the Vice Chancellor approved conducting special classes for the students who have failed and conducting the supplementary exams between 27th January and 6th February,2012.

Similar step was taken by the Madras School of Economics also, regarding MSc [General Economics] and MSc[Financial Economics].

The above decisions of the Vice-Chancellor were placed before the Academic Council for ratification.

Decision: The Academic Council noted the information and ratified the decisions of the Vice Chancellor.

Agenda Item 13: Amendments to Regulations.

To ensure smooth conduct of academic programmes and taking into consideration the difficulties faced in implementing the existing regulations, amendments to some of the regulations were proposed.

The Chairman explained the members about the existing regulations and the proposed amendments.

Decision: The Council after perusal and examination, approved the amendments to Regulation 1 [Teaching & Evaluation] Clauses 4 &6.

Agenda Item 14: Approval for New Regulations.

The Chairman explained the members about the New Regulation for Examination Discipline [Regulation No.2] and Hostel Regulations [Regulation No.3] , proposed under the provisions contained in Statutes 14(d) and 38(1).

The Academic council felt that to ensure smooth conduct of examinations and for ensuring discipline of students in the Hostel, well formed regulations on Examination discipline and Hostel Discipline are essential.

Decision: The Council after perusal and examination approved the new Regulations proposed by CUTN on Examination Discipline [Regulation 2] and Hostel Regulations [Regulation 3].

Agenda Item 15: Approval for New Ordinances – Research Programme and Convocation

The Chairman informed that the University has not framed any Ordinances so far , relating to Ph.D. programme . The present CUTN Ordinances provides for programmes ranging from Under Graduate to M.Phil Degree.

To initiate and augment research education in the University, it becomes essential to have Ordinances for Ph.D programme.

Similarly the University may soon plan its first Convocation and it is essential to have Ordinances relating to Convocation .

Both these Ordinances, Ordinance 6 relating to Ph.D. programme and Ordinance 7 relating to Convocation, were placed before the Council for consideration and approval .

Decision: The Council after elaborate discussions, approved the new Ordinance 7 [relating to Convocation] proposed by CUTN.

As far as Ordinance 6 relating to Ph.D. programme , the Academic Council approved the same, with the following modification:

In Clause 5.4.1 stating the Eligibility of Supervisors and Co Supervisors, the condition “ *with a minimum of three years regular service of the University*” be deleted.

In Clause 6.1.2, the matter related to the Course work of M.Phil. degree holder ,who was awarded the MPhil degree following the UGC [Minimum standards and procedure for awards of MPhil/PhD Degree] Regulation-2009 **be decided by the Chairman appropriately.**

Agenda Item 16: Report of the Subject Expert Group on review of Syllabus for IMSc Physics

The Chairman informed that a Subject Expert Group consisting of the following members, met in January-2012, to review the course structure and syllabus of Integrated MSc Physics programme:

Prof.K.P.N.Murthy-University of Hyderabad
Dr.V.Madhurima-Mizoram University
Dr.M.Ponmurugan-I.M.Sc
Dr.A.K.Kapoor-University of Hyderabad
Dr.Ghanshyam Krishna-University of Hyderabad
Dr.Prashantha Panigrahi-IISER.Kolkatta
Dr.Ambika-IISER,Pune
Dr.Sathyavathi-Osmania University.

The report of the Subject Expert Group was placed before the Academic Council for approval. While presenting the syllabus, Prof.K.P.N.Murthy opined that for teaching the courses in the syllabus, a strength of atleast 6 Faculty members and 4 Lab Assistants is essential .He also suggested that all three Science Subject Expert Groups may sit together to form the syllabus, as this will facilitate interdisciplinary design of courses.

Decision: The Academic Council after discussion, approved the syllabus of Integrated M.Sc.Physics.

Item No.17 :

Report on the workshop for students of 10th and 12th standards for English, conducted by CUTN and District Education Office.

The Chairman informed the members that a meeting was conducted at CUTN on 14.12.2011 between the Vice-Chancellor CUTN, District Collector of Thiruvarur District, District Education Officials and some of the Teachers of Government Schools of the district. Improving the students' learning in Mathematics and English Subjects of 10th and 12th Standards was discussed as the main Agenda. During the meeting, CUTN had conveyed its willingness to conduct special workshops for students of 10th and 12th Standard, in English and Mathematics, at various centres (Schools) identified by the District Education Office and the District Collector.

Accordingly the District Education Office identified five centres (Schools) in the District and deputed some of the Teachers as resource persons to undertake special classes in English and Mathematics. The faculty members of CUTN visited the schools on different dates. As CUTN

does not have enough faculty support in Mathematics at present, the training session in Mathematics was observed by CUTN Resource Person, only in two centres.

As part of the above initiative, the University is planning to set up a Language Lab, which will benefit the student of the University as well as students in the neighbouring schools.

A team of experts from English and Foreign Languages University visited CUTN on 2/2/2012 and discussed with Faculty members of Department of English, Head masters of some of the schools of the district and District Educational Officials.

It was suggested through the meeting to set up a District Level English Language Teaching Centre and an English Language Lab, which will help not only the staff and students of CUTN but also the English Teachers of the District Schools.

Decision:

The Council noted the information and approved setting up of District Level English Language Teaching Centre and an English Language Lab.

Item No.18 :

Report of the Subject Expert Group on review of Syllabus for Integrated M.Sc. Mathematics

The Subject Expert Group for Mathematics met on 16th and 17th April, 2011 and has submitted its report on review of syllabus for Mathematics for Integrated M.Sc. Mathematics.

A detailed report of the Subject Expert Group was placed before the Academic Council.

Decision:

The Council, after elaborate discussions, approved the Syllabus for Integrated M.Sc., Mathematics.

Item No.19: **Proposal from Vellore Christian Academy of Higher Education**

The University was in receipt of two letters from the Executive Chairman of Vellore Christian Academy of Higher Education, Vellore.

The institution had proposed for collaboration with CUTN for research leading to M.Phil and Ph.D. in the field of Social Sciences and for affiliation with CUTN to explore the Central scheme of Model Degree College.

The Academic Council examined the issue .

As far as collaboration of CUTN with other institutions is concerned, the Academic Council noted that this University by way of collaboration with Madras School of Economics, has

initiated programme in Economics. The process of collaboration with some of the leading Institutions to start new programmes , is on the anvil.

Hence, members felt that collaboration between CUTN and Vellore Christian Academy of Higher Education may not be essential at this point of time.

As far as affiliation is concerned, the members agreed to the decision that CUTN is not in a position to affiliate any institution, at present.

Decision:

The Academic Council decided to regret the proposals of Vellore Christian Academy for collaboration and affiliation.

Item No.20: UGC-XII Plan –Proposal from CUTN

The Chairman informed the members that the University Grants commission has released a Plan Document on the preparations for the Twelfth Five Year Plan[2012-17].

The following strategies have been formulated by the Commission for effective utilization of the plan by the Higher Education Sector:

- 1.Increasing and Enhancing Access.
- 2.Promoting equity
- 3.Reducing regional/disciplinary/gender imbalances.
- 4.Strengthening infrastructure.
- 5.Promotion of Quality
- 6.Capacity building and Capacity Enhancement
- 7.Curricular and Academic Reforms
- 8.Minimise the Affiliating Burden of the Existing Universities.
- 9.Promoting private sector participation.
- 10.Reforming the financing system.
- 11.Facilitating national level coordination of the Higher Education Schemes/Policies.
- 12.Introduction of New Educational Management System.

CUTN has to initiate the processes for formulating the proposals for the XII Plan.

The matter was placed before the Academic Council for advice and suggestions.

Decision:

The Academic Council authorized the Chairman to initiate necessary steps, including formation of Committees, in this matter.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.