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Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the Academic Council of the Central University of Tamil Nadu held on 23.03.2013 at 2.30 pm in the Multi-purpose Hall at Thiruvarur.

The following members attended the meeting.

1	Prof. B.P. Sanjay	Chairman	Vice-Chancellor, CUTN
2	Prof. N. Sathyamurthy	Member	Director, IISER, Mohali
3	Dr. K. R. Shanmugam	Member	Director, MSE, Chennai
4	Dr. G. Swaminathan	Representative Of Director, NIT, Tiruchirappalli	Registrar, NIT, Tiruchirappalli
5	Prof. T. Sengadir	Member	Professor, Deptt of Mathematics, CUTN
6	Prof. P. Ravindran	Member	Professor, Deptt. of Physics, CUTN
7	Dr. Nirmal Selvamony	Member	Associate Prof., Deptt. Of English, CUTN
8	Dr. V. Madhurima	Member	Associate Prof., Deptt. of Physics, CUTN
9	Dr. K. V. Raghupathy	Member	Asstt. Prof., Deptt. Of English, CUTN
10	Dr. M. Ponmurugan	Member	Asstt. Prof., Deptt. Of Physics, CUTN
11	Shri. V.K. Sridhar	Registrar & Secretary, CUTN	

### Special Invitees

1. Dr. S. Nagarajan, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, CUTN.
2. Dr. Ramesh, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, CUTN.
3. Dr. A. Chandrasekharan, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, CUTN.
4. Dr. M. Sterlin Leo Hudson, DST – INSPIRE Faculty, Department of Physics, CUTN.

The Chairman welcomed all the Members for the Seventh meeting of the Academic Council. He informed that it is the first meeting of the reconstituted Academic Council, but in terms of sequence it is the seventh. He added that he is indeed happy that two distinguished external members – Prof. N. Sathyamurthy, Director, IISER, Mohali and Prof. K. R. Shanmugam, Director, MSE, Chennai are present for the meeting. He also added that with the induction of our own faculty members into Academic Council, the deliberations of the new Academic Council will be as useful and productive as the previous one. He also informed that being a new University he has also invited the regular faculty members (who are not members of the Academic Council) for the meeting as their views and observations will be useful in strengthening the academic activities of the University.

He expressed his gratitude to all the members of the First Academic Council for their phenomenal contribution not only in the meeting of the Academic Council but also by serving in various sub committees. The significant contributions of the first Academic Council were placed on record.

The Chairman, in his presentation, gave a brief overview of the developments since inception of the University in 2009. He expressed his gratitude to the State Government for providing rent free accommodation in the present campus and also for widening the roads leading to the University and construction of a bridge across the Vettar River connecting the two campuses (Neelakudi and Nagakudi).

The Chairman informed about the infrastructure developed in the new campus like hostel blocks for boys and girls along with mess block, which have started functioning from July 2012. The residential quarters for Faculty are nearing completion. He also stated that several other buildings like Central Lecture Complex (1 & 2), Administration Block, Library Block etc. are under construction. The chairman informed that the University is fortunate to have a new Kendriya Vidyalaya School with classes 1 to 5 sanctioned by the KVS which will commence functioning shortly.

The Chairman informed that Thiruvarur is a low ranking district in Tamil Nadu in terms of education and the University through its proposed District English Language Teaching Centre and other outreach mechanisms will attempt to strengthen the basic sciences at the level of



class X to XII. This is also in tune with the views of MHRD that encourages such outreach activities for teachers.

After this formal presentation, Prof. N. Sathyamurthy, Director, IISER, Mohali congratulated the Chairman and his team for the progress achieved in areas like Faculty recruitment, Campus development and academic activities.

After this brief introductory remarks, the Agenda for the day was taken up:

**Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council**

The minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council was circulated to the members vide letter no.CUTN-1[6]/2012-Com dtd.23/2/2012. No comments were received in this matter. The minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council were placed before the Academic Council for confirmation.

**Decision: The Academic Council confirmed the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 21.04.2012.**

**Agenda Item 3: Action taken on the Minutes of the previous Meetings of Academic Council.**

The Chairman briefed the action taken on the minutes of the previous meetings of Academic Council after which M.A Classical Tamil programme, PhD in English programme, M.Sc. programmes (Actuarial Economics, Applied Quantitative Finance and Environmental Economics) were launched in the Academic Year 2012–2013 and the programmes in M.A. Social Work in Mental Health and Diploma / Certificate programmes in Law are to be launched from the Academic Year 2013–2014. The syllabus and course structure for B.Music has been formulated by the Expert Group. Its implementation needs to be worked out in relation to faculty and staff structure.

**Decision: The Academic Council noted the information.**

**Agenda Item 4: Academic Report for the year 2012-2013**

The Chairman briefed the members that total no. of students admitted to the Five Year Integrated M. Sc. programmes of Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Life Sciences and Economics and to M.A. English Studies, M.A. Classical Tamil and PhD English Programmes were 153 and the total no. of students admitted to the Five M.Sc.

programmes of General Economics, Financial Economics, Actuarial Economics, Applied Quantitative Finance and Environmental Economics at Madras School of Economics, Chennai were 117. A detailed report of the results of Odd Semester Exams of CUTN students and Madras School of Economics (End Semester, Supplementary and Improvement), the Seminars, Workshops, Conferences organized by various teaching departments and extra-curricular activities conducted by various clubs were presented to the Council.

**Decision: The Academic Council noted the information.**

**Agenda Item 5: Brief Report on Central Universities Common Entrance Test 2012**

The Chairman briefed the members about the Central Universities Common Entrance Test 2012 for admission to various academic programmes in Seven Central Universities in the country viz. Central University of Bihar, Central University of Jharkhand, Central University of Jammu, Central University of Kashmir, Central University of Kerala, Central University of Rajasthan. The Central University of Tamil Nadu was the coordinating University and exams were conducted on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 in online and offline modes. A total of 11,870 candidates appeared in the tests.

**Decision: The Academic Council noted the information.**

**Agenda Item 6: Memorandum of Understanding between CUTN and National Law School of India University**

In its 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 03-02-2012 the Academic Council had already approved introduction of short term Diploma/Certificate courses in various law programmes. Accordingly, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between National Law School of India University and CUTN on 03-11-2012 giving provisions for introduction of full-time Regular, Optional, Certificate and Diploma courses at the Under Graduate and Post Graduate levels. The syllabi designed by the Academic Review Committee for the Diploma and Certificate programmes were placed before the Academic Council. The Chairman informed that after getting approval from the Bar Council of India, the Five Year Integrated Programmes in law (B.A.LL.B) would be introduced in collaboration with NLSIU.

**Decision: The Academic Council approved the syllabi for the Diploma and Certificate programmes in Law and the MoU between CUTN & NLSIU.**



**Agenda Item 7: Joining of DST-INSPIRE Faculty Awardee**

The Chairman informed that Dr. M. Sterlin Leo Hudson who was doing his Post-Doctoral Research in Hydrogen Energy and Nanoscience Centre, Department of Physics, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi joined as DST-INSPIRE Faculty at CUTN on 18.01.2013. The DST has been requested to transfer the project funds directly to CUTN. The Chairman informed that it is a matter of pride that a new University like CUTN is able to attract Inspire fellows. Continued efforts will be made to attract more inspire awardees. The suggestions of reputed experts have also been noted to attract the awardees.

**Decision: The Academic Council noted the information.**

**Agenda Item 8: Academic Decisions taken by the Vice-Chancellor**

The Chairman placed before the Academic Council, the decisions taken by him in certain areas like Branch Transfer, disciplinary action related to Exams, condonation of shortage of attendance etc.

**Decision: The Academic Council ratified the decisions taken by the Vice-Chancellor.**

**Agenda Item 9: Introduction of New Courses as per the directions of UGC**

The Chairman briefed that as per the communication received from University Grants Commission, the University has to include the following courses in its curriculum:

**(i) Disaster Management (ii) Human Rights and Human Values (iii) Cyber Security/Information Security.** These courses have to be offered at the Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate levels. A small group of experts would be constituted and based on their advice, suitable curriculum would be developed and these courses would be introduced after suitable rationalization in the existing curriculum.

**Decision: The Academic Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to take appropriate decisions regarding Introduction of the Courses.**

**Agenda item 10: Introduction of New Programmes**

The Chairman briefed the members about the proposals of the University to launch PhD programme in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. The eligibility criteria for the programmes were discussed. Some apprehensions were raised about capping of the numbers. The Chairman clarified this issue and stated that PhD intake could be done twice in an Academic Year which would also permit better review of the progress made in this direction. In the initial years such capping could allow for consolidation.

**Decision: The Academic Council approved introduction of PhD programmes in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics.**

**Agenda Item 11: Approval for Changes proposed by the Departments in some of the Course Syllabi and Course Structures**

The Chairman informed the council members about the changes proposed by the Departments of English, Economics, Mathematics, Physics, Tamil and Chemistry for changes in the course titles and syllabi. The justifications for these changes were presented to the Council.

**Decision: The Academic Council approved the changes proposed by the departments as presented in the agenda. However with reference to proposed major changes in the syllabi (Eg. Pruning the syllabus of Chemistry- (4(d)) of the Agenda), the Academic Council decided that such major changes be discussed by the respective Subject Expert Group before presenting to the Academic Council.**

**Agenda Item 12: Approval for Amendments to Regulations**

The chairman explained the members about the existing regulations (Regulation No.1 (3)(1), Regulation No. 1(4)(11), Regulation No. 1(6).) and the proposed amendments. 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.

It was proposed that the following clause be added to Regulations 1(3)(1): "Condonation of shortage of attendance below 70% may be considered by the Vice-Chancellor on valid medical reasons and other reasons such as personal calamities on case to case basis".

The issue relating to improvement examination was discussed by the Council in detail. During the course of discussions, Prof. N. Sathyamurthy pointed out that there should be enough scope built into the system to enable University to award a degree even to a student who carries 'F' grade in the transcript.

**Decision:**

- 1) The Academic Council approved that the following clause shall be added to Regulation 1(3)(1): "Condonation of shortage of attendance below 70% may be considered by the Vice-Chancellor on valid medical reasons and other reasons such as personal calamities on case to case basis".**
- 2) The Academic Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor, regarding deleting the provision of Improvement Exam from the Regulations and to take an appropriate decision on the matter after further examination.**



**Agenda Item 13: Approval for Syllabi of Integrated M.Sc. Life Sciences Programme and B.A. Music Programme, M.A. Social Work in Mental Health, Integrated B.Sc./B.A. B.Ed.**

The Chairman informed that the subject Expert Committee for Life Sciences met on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2012, at the University Campus in Thiruvavur and formulated the revised Syllabi for the I M. Sc. Life Sciences programme for the first two semesters. As far as the M.A programme in Mental Health is concerned the same was discussed in the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council. As regards B.A Music programme, the Chairman explained the difficulties faced in Performing Arts particularly in relation to the validation of Academic / Pedagogic inputs. Therefore, the University would need some more time in finalizing commencement of this programme.

**Decision: The Academic Council approved the item and also authorized the Vice-Chancellor to take necessary action for the induction of the B.A. Music programme with changes / modifications as deemed fit.**

**Agenda Item 14: Consideration of Cambridge International Examination qualification as equivalent to Higher Secondary qualification.**

The Chairman informed that the Cambridge International Examination office (India) has requested the University for recognizing the Cambridge IGCSE and 'A' level qualification eligible for admission to the programmes offered by the University.

**Decision: The Academic Council approved the proposal.**

**Agenda Item 15: To consider establishing partnership and long-term collaboration between Centre for Materials Science and Nanotechnology, University of Oslo and Central University of Tamil Nadu.**

The Chairman apprised the house that a letter was received from Prof. Helmer Fjellvag, Centre for Materials Science and Nanotechnology, University of Oslo for initiating collaboration between the University of Oslo (UIO), Norway and CUTN. In this context, the Chairman requested Prof. P. Ravindran to brief about the proposed Center. Prof. P. Ravindran gave a brief talk about the Center for Material Science and Nanotechnology and the plan to launch an Integrated Programme in Material Science and Nanotechnology. The matter was discussed in detail. The Chairman and Prof. N.

Sathyamurthy, Director, IISER, Mohali opined that rather than launching a Five Year Integrated M.Sc. Programme in Material Science and Nano Technology, the Department of Physics may better offer elective courses in Material Science and Nanotechnology taking cue from other institutions which launched these programmes and have had difficulties. They suggested offering them as electives within the overall ambit of Physics. In this context, the Chairman mentioned that the award and nomenclature of degrees needs to be in conformity with approved (relevant regulatory bodies) and comparable degrees of other reputed institutions.

**Decision: The Academic Council resolved that regarding the long term relationship, a detailed proposal including financials may be obtained from the University of Oslo before a final decision is taken.**

**Agenda Item 16: Initiatives taken by the University for Students Scholarship**

The Chairman appraised the members about the initiatives taken by the University in providing Scholarships for SC / ST and other Backward Class Students.

**Decision: The Academic Council noted the information.**

**Agenda Item 17: Steps taken by the University for Curbing the Menace of Ragging**

The Chairman informed that the University Grants Commission has formulated the "UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions 2009" and has circulated it to all the Universities. Accordingly, the University has constituted an Anti-Ragging Committee with members from various important sectors in administration and education. As the consent of all the proposed members could not be obtained, necessary modifications have been planned and the modified committee shall be proposed in 2013-2014.

**Decision: The Academic Council noted the information.**

**Agenda Item 18: Academic Council's recommendations of members to the Second Academic Council and Executive Council of the University**

As per the provisions contained in Section 44 (d) of the Central Universities Act 2009, the First Academic Council shall consist of not more than 21 members and shall hold office for a term of 3 years. The term of the First Academic Council ended in 2012. Consequent to this, Sections 11 & 13 of the Statutes of Central Universities Act 2009 were amended. The Second Academic and Executive Councils have since been constituted. The amended



Statutes contain provisions for nomination of members to the Executive Council and Academic Council by the Academic Council as below:

*Section 11(1): Two Academicians not in the service of the University to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Academic Council (to the Executive Council).*

*Section 13(1): Six persons not in the service of the University on the recommendation of the Academic Council for their special knowledge (to the Academic Council).*

The Vice-Chancellor briefed the members about the aforesaid provisions and requested the Academic Council to nominate suitable members to the Second Executive Council and Second Academic Council.

After careful consideration of the matter, the following persons were recommended by the Academic Council to the Second Executive and Second Academic Council.

Members recommended to the Second Executive Council:

1. Prof. Ramakrishna Ramaswamy, Vice-Chancellor, University of Hyderabad
2. Prof. A. R. Venkatachalapathy, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai.

Members recommended to the Second Academic Council:

1. Dr. Vijayamohan K Pillai, Director, CSIR-CECRI, Karaikudi.
2. Dr. ShashiBala Singh, Director, DRDO, New Delhi.
3. Prof. Anjali Monteiro, Dean, School of Media and Cultural Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.
4. Prof. N. Jayasankaran, Former Vice-Chancellor, Kanchi University & Former Director, BIM, Trichy.
5. Prof. Nageshwara Rao, Centre for Language Resource Centre, University of Hyderabad.
6. Prof. Ganapathy Bhaskaran, Professor (Condensed Matter Physics), Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai.

**Decision: The Academic Council made the aforesaid recommendations and decided that the same may be placed before the Executive Council for approval.**

#### **Agenda Item 19: Funded Research Projects transferred to the University**

The Chairman informed that four Funded Research Projects have been transferred to the Department of Chemistry from the Bharathidasan University. The Principal Investigator for all the projects is Prof. M. Palaniandavar, Department of Chemistry.

**Decision: The Academic Council noted the information.**

**Agenda Item 20: PhD Supervisorship for faculty members of Madras School of Economics**

The Chairman informed that Madras School of Economics proposes to launch PhD programme in Economics as per Clause 5.4 of the MoU between Madras School of Economics and CUTN. The Chairman briefed the members about the relevant clause of PhD Ordinance of the University on eligibility for Supervisorship. Prof. K. Shanmugam, Director, Madras School of Economics also briefed the members about this. He explained that his faculty members meet the eligibility criteria as prescribed by the Ordinance. The Chairman suggested starting the PhD Programme with an intake of 4 students out of which 2 students only will be supported with University fellowships.

**Decision: The Academic Council approved the proposal for PhD Supervisorship in Economics and launching of the PhD programme in Economics.**

**Agenda Item 21: Concession for the wards of Kashmiri Migrants for admission**

The Chairman informed that a letter has been received from Ministry of Human Resource Development conveying the provisions for Concessions to the Kashmiri Migrant students in admission during the academic session 2013-14.

**Decision: The Academic Council approved extension of the concessions as specified by Government of India.**

**Agenda Item 22: Collaborative programmes between CUTN and DakshinaChitra Centre**

DakshinaChitra, is a center for the living traditions of art, folk performing arts, craft and architecture of India with an emphasis on the traditions of South India. The Chairman briefed about the proposed collaboration with DakshinaChitra and Madras Craft Foundation and the proposal to launch One Year Post Graduate Diploma in Arts Management and Two Years Post Graduate programme in Arts Management in the forthcoming academic years, with their collaboration.

The Vice-Chancellor also assured that collaborative academic programmes with Dakshina Chitra will be introduced only after working out the modalities- faculty/fees structure – and a suitable MoU.

**Decision: The Academic Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to take necessary steps in this matter.**



**Agenda Item 23: Day-Order Time tabling System**

The Chairman informed that the Day-Order Time tabling System will be followed from the academic year 2013-2014. While implementing this, the stipulated number of contact classes for every course will be met irrespective of holidays/unexpected cancellation of classes during week days. Its implementation will be through a faculty subcommittee.

**Decision: The Academic Council approved the system of Day-Order time-tabling.**

**Agenda Item 24: Formation of various committees**

The Chairman informed that as per the UGC regulations, the following committees were constituted:

1. Anti-Ragging Committee
2. Students Grievance Redressal Committees
3. Committee against Sexual Harassment

**Decision: The Academic Council noted the information.**

**Agenda Item 25: Constitution of Sub-Committee to draft the Vision and Mission Document of the University.**

The Chairman informed that in the First Court Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2012, the Chancellor had suggested formation of Sub-Committee for drafting the Vision Document of the University. Accordingly, a committee with the following composition was constituted and the Convenor conveyed that they would meet and draft the Vision Document of University:

- 1) Prof. B. P. Sanjay, Vice-Chancellor - Convenor
- 2) Dr. Prafulla Agnihotri, Director, IIM Tiruchirapalli – Member
- 3) Dr. Padma Subramanyam, Nrithyodaya – Member
- 4) Prof. P. T. Manoharan, Department of Chemistry, IIT Madras – Member

**Decision: The Academic Council noted the information.**

**Agenda item 26: Adoption of Career Advancement Scheme for Teachers**

The Chairman informed that the University wishes to adopt the Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) of UGC, for the faculty members and Library Staff of CUTN which is basically a Performance Based Appraisal System (PBAS) as stipulated in "UGC Regulations on minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers and other academic staff in Universities and colleges and measures for the maintenance of standards in higher education, 2010".

**Decision: The Academic Council recommended the adoption of CAS as stipulated by the UGC for Faculty and Library Staff of the University.**

**Agenda Item 27: Introduction of B.A. / B.Sc., B.Ed., Programme**

The Chairman informed that the Academic Council in its Fifth Meeting held on 03-02-2012 had accorded "in principle" approval for introduction of Four Year Integrated B.A. / B.Sc., B.Ed., Programme in CUTN with the approval of The National Council for Teacher Education. The Council noted that the University has already applied to NCTE approval. The Council suggested formation of an expert group for framing the syllabi. The Academic Council also recommended the following faculty structure for this Integrated Programme:

- 8 faculty members for Sciences
- 3 faculty members for English
- 2 faculty members for Social Sciences
- 1 faculty for Environmental Sciences

**Decision: The Academic Council accorded its approval for introduction of the B.A/B.Sc., B.Ed., Programme and for the faculty structure.**

**Agenda Item 28: One Day Open House Programme conducted by CUTN**

The Chairman informed that Central University of Tamil Nadu organized a one day cultural extravaganza on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2013. The open day was a grand success with over 1000 persons visiting the University comprising of students, general public etc. The events captivated the audience and the celebrations were rounded off with jubilant celebrations marking the successful ending of 4<sup>th</sup> year of CUTN and welcoming the 5<sup>th</sup> year, by cutting a large cake by the Vice-Chancellor.

**Decision: The Academic Council noted the information.**

**The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.**

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