



CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF TAMIL NADU
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Minutes of the Eighth Meeting of the Academic Council of the Central University of Tamil Nadu held on 21.09.2013 at 09.30 am in the Multi-purpose Hall, CUTN, Thiruvarur

The following members attended the meeting

1	Prof. B.P. Sanjay	Chairman	Vice Chancellor, CUTN
2	Dr. K.R. Shanmugam	Member	Director, MSE, Chennai
3	Dr. Shashi Bala Singh	Member	Director, Defense Institute of Physiology and Allied Science
4	Dr. Srinivasan Sundarrajan	Member	Director, NIT, Tiruchirappalli
5	Prof. Nageshwara Rao	Member	Prof & Head, EFL University, Hyderabad
6	Prof. Ganapathy Bhaskaran	Member	The Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai
7	Prof.T. Sengadir	Member	Department of Mathematics, CUTN
8	Prof.P. Ravindran	Member	Deptt. of Physics, CUTN
9	Dr. Nirmal Selvamony	Member	Associate Prof., Deptt. of English, CUTN
10	Dr.V. Madhurima	Member	Associate Prof., Deptt. of Physics, CUTN
11	Dr.K.V. Raghupathy	Member	Asstt. Prof., Deptt. of English, CUTN
12	Dr.M. Ponmurugan	Member	Asstt. Prof., Deptt. of Physics, CUTN
13	Shri V.K. Sridhar	OSD(Admn) & Secretary, CUTN	

Special Invitees:

1. Shri. P.V. Ravi, Finance Officer, CUTN
2. All regular and Inspire faculty members

Leave of Absence was granted to the following Members:

1. Prof. N. Sathyamurthy, Director, IISER, Mohali.
2. Dr. Vijayamohanan K. Pillai, Director, CECRI.
3. Prof. Anjali Monteiro, Dean, School of Media and Cultural Studies, TISS, Mumbai.
4. Prof. N. Jayasankaran, Emeritus Professor, NMIMS School of Business, Bangalore.

The Chairman welcomed all the Members for the Eighth meeting of the Academic Council, especially the members whose names have been included in the Council recently. He also mentioned that as a new University, the practice of inviting regular faculty members to the Academic Council as observers is being followed. This enables the faculty to understand the discussions while providing an opportunity to give clarifications, if members might need them. He also mentioned that the University is conducting two meetings per year and given the location of the University and other teething problems it had, it is a fair record. He added that Academic Council is a very important body. Academic activities constitute the backbone of the University and we are immensely benefitted by the views of the Academic Council. All decisions are based on the discussions in the Academic Council. The Chairman informed the members that despite several odds, the University moved to the permanent campus for its academic functioning. With regard to the residential infrastructure, the Chairman informed the members that 102 staff Quarters are ready. The Chairman informed that with the support from MHRD, Kendriya Vidyalaya started functioning from July 2013. It, thus fulfills his dream of providing study opportunity from primary to doctoral level in the same campus.

At this juncture, Dr. S. Sundarrajan enquired about the overall development of CUTN since its establishment and the time taken in the process. The Chairman briefed the members about the phases of development. The University was allotted a 55000 sq.ft building by the State Government for establishing the temporary campus. To start with, land of about 516 acres was allotted in two revenue villages and the construction works started through CPWD in the year 2010. Initially, 7.5 km of Compound wall was constructed. In the main campus there are CLC-1 & 2 for the teaching activities as well as labs. Lab Based School for all lab activities will be

coming up by January 2014. The Chairman informed that 200 seater each Boys and Girls hostels with mess block started functioning from July 2012. The Chairman thanked the State Government for construction of approach road and bridge that connects both the campuses. The residential quarters were ready by June 2013 and regular faculty and staff members occupied the same in July 2013. One of the Associate Professor Quarters in the Nagakudi campus has started functioning as camp office. The Chairman informed that the University currently has 23 regular faculty members and 25 contract faculty members. The recruitment of faculty members is made at three levels as per the UGC norms and are reported to the Executive Council. The chairman informed that syllabi of all the programmes were framed by subject experts of leading institutions. The non-teaching staff recruitment has already progressed and currently the University has 24 regular staff and 31 contract staff members.

The students to the University are admitted through Central Universities Common Entrance Test. Central University of Tamil Nadu conducted the CUCET exams during 2011 & 2012. The members appreciated the Vice Chancellor and his team for their collective efforts in developing the University. The members felt that the University has made excellent progress in a short span of time and Dr. Sundarrajan, Director, NIT(T) appreciated the project management. The Director, NIT(T) expressed his willingness to consider the process of collaboration between CUTN, NIT(T) & IIT(M) in establishment of a Centre for Performing Arts. He also put forth the idea of a common consortium of purchase between CUTN, NIT(T) & IGCAR. The faculty members and senior staff were introduced to the Academic Council members.

After this brief introductory remarks, the Agenda items were taken up for discussion.

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Academic Council.

The minutes of the 7th meeting of the Academic Council was circulated to the members vide letter no.CUTN-1[11]/2013-Com dt. 06/04/2013. The Council noted that no comments were received from the members.

Decision:

The Academic Council resolved that the minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the Academic Council held on 23.03.2013 be confirmed.

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.

Decision:

The Academic Council noted the information.

Agenda Item 4: Exit option for IMSc students with BS Degree.

The Chairman briefed the members about the Exit option after four years with BS degree for students of Integrated M.Sc. Programmes. However, the UGC has responded that BS degree is not recommended and the same is not in the list of specified degrees approved by UGC under section 22 of the UGC Act 1956. Since UGC does not permit exit option, the University proposes to drop this idea.

Decision:

The Academic council approved the decision of dropping the Exit Option for I M.Sc., students.

Agenda Item 5: Introduction of Four-Year Integrated B.A/B.Sc., B.Edprogramme.

The Chairman informed that the University had applied to National Council of Teacher Education, Bangalore for approval for introduction of the Four Year Integrated BA/B.Sc., B.Ed. programme. He also appraised about the rejection by NCTE and the University resubmitting the application. The University had also applied for the programme as an innovative initiative and

is awaiting response. The Chairman informed that after the approval from NCTE, the programme will be notified.

Decision:

The Academic Council noted the efforts being taken by the University to introduce Integrated BA/B.Sc., B.Ed. programme.

Agenda Item 6: Academic Report on results of Even Semester 2012-13 &

Agenda Item 16: Problems and difficulties of slow learners

The Chairman briefed the members about the results of Even Semester exams 2012-13. He further sought suggestions of members regarding the remedial approaches for slow learners.

The Academic Council studied the results of even semesters 2012-2013 and noted that in the Academic year, the total students crossing the permissible limit of backlogs are 24. The issue of slow learners was discussed. The Director NIT, Trichy suggested that counseling and institutionalized model of monitoring the progress may help. Dr. Shashi Bala Singh mentioned that problems of students could be medical, social or cultural. She opined that mentoring the students may be helpful. Dr. Nageshwara Rao opined that a Remedial Cell may be constituted to handhold slow learners.

Decision:

Resolved that the University take the following steps to handhold Slow Learners.

- 1. Identification of Slow Learners.**
- 2. Constituting class committees in monitoring.**
- 3. Establishing a remedial cell of consisting of clerical staff and Teacher.**
- 4. Motivating contract faculty members.**
- 5. Conducting Remedial courses.**

Agenda Item 7: Report on Admissions 2013-14.

The Chairman explained the admission processes to various Integrated and PG programmes of CUTN. The council was apprised that the University also conducted a separate entrance test on 13th July 2013 for the seats remaining after admissions through CUCET. 127 candidates were admitted in the Integrated M.Sc. Programmes and 46 in PG programmes. The chairman also apprised the members that a special Admission drive for vacant OBC, SC & ST seats was also conducted.

Decision:

The Academic Council noted the information

Agenda Item 8: Introduction of New Programmes in 2013-14.

The Chairman briefed the members about the new programmes introduced / to be introduced by the University during the Academic Year 2013-14. This includes Ph.D., in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics. He further stated that with the limited resources available the intake of Ph.D scholars will be limited, initially. The members suggested allowing JRF to the Ph.D programmes. The Committee also suggested reservations on cumulative numbers, as subject-wise reservation may not be possible due to limited intake. Legal opinion on this matter will also be sought.

Decision:

The Academic Council noted the information

Agenda Item 9: M.A. Social Work in Mental Health and Community Development.

The Chairman informed that in the 5th Academic Council Meeting held on 03-02-2012, introduction of M.A. Social Work in Mental Health in collaboration with Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai was approved and the University advertised in 2012 and also in 2013 for admission to this programme. As the response was not adequate, the University reviewed the

issue and now M.A. in Social Work / M.S.W with dual specialization in Mental Health and Community Development is proposed. Reasonable response has also been received and it is proposed to launch this programme in October / November 2013.

Decision:

The Academic Council approved the introduction of M.A. Social work / M.S.W. with dual specialization in Community Development and Mental Health.

Agenda Item 10: Introductory Biology course for IMSc students.

The Chairman informed about the proposal for offering Introductory Biology course for IMSc students of present 3rd & 4th year who have not undergone biology course in their 1st & 2nd year of I MSc. The course shall be of two credits and the examination shall be conducted at par with other courses.

Decision:

The Academic Council approved the Introductory Biology course for the students of Third Year (2011-2016 Batch) and Fourth Year (2010 – 2015 Batch) I MSc Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics Programmes as a mandatory course.

Agenda Item 11: Revised Syllabus of IMSc Chemistry.

The Chairman briefed that the Department of Chemistry convened an expert committee and revised the syllabus with the total number of core credits to 149 against the existing 152 which included deletion of 6 credits of extra departmental courses and increasing the credits for One Lab Course.

Decision:

The Academic Council approved the revised syllabus for IMSc., Chemistry with an advice that the issue of extra departmental course be discussed between the Heads / Co-ordinators of

the Departments.

Agenda Item 12: Special Supplementary Exam for Students having Backlogs.

The Chairman informed that conducting Special supplementary exam at the end of 5th year for students with backlogs uncleared might be difficult based as the syllabi would have undergone changes by that time and the number of students requiring such exam might also be high. Therefore, it is proposed to hold Special supplementary exams in 2013 only for the present third year IMSc students who are unable to clear the backlogs in their regular supplementary exams held earlier. This special supplementary exam shall not be for the students redoing the course due to lack of attendance. Students who are detained in the year 2013-2014 for redoing the courses due to excess backlogs may also not be allowed for this Special supplementary exam. The Academic Council suggested to conduct special orientation and remedial coaching for such students and allow them to take the exam only after certain preparation. It should be made clear to the students that if they fail, they will not get any more chance.

Decision:

The Academic Council approved conducting Special Supplementary Exams only for third year I M.Sc., students with backlogs and necessary amendments may be proposed by the University in the Regulations on Special Supplementary Exams, if found essential.

Agenda Item 13: Revision of Syllabus of IMSc Mathematics.

The Chairman informed that the Department of Mathematics has proposed some minor modifications in the syllabus of IMSc Mathematics, recommended by the subject expert groups.

Decision:

The Academic Council approved the modifications proposed by Department of Mathematics.

Agenda Item 14: First Convocation of the University.

The Chairman briefed about the First Convocation of the University planned to be conducted in the month of December 2013 / January 2014 to confer the degrees to 100 students. He also informed the members about the plans initiated by the University for smooth conduct of the Convocation.

Decision:

The Academic Council approved the proposal of First Convocation of the University and also approved conferment of degrees to 100 students as per details given in the agenda.

Agenda Item 15: Revision of Fee Structure for 2013-2014.

The Chairman informed that in response to the communication from MHRD a committee was constituted for revision of the fee structure for the year 2013-2014. The committee submitted the recommendation for revised fee structure. The revised fee structure has been approved by the Finance Committee and Executive Council in the Meetings held during May 2013 and the same has been implemented from the academic year 2013-2014.

Decision:

The Academic council noted the information.

Agenda Item 17: Introduction of Ph.D programme in Tamil

The Chairman informed that the Department of Tamil has submitted a proposal for introduction of Ph.D programme in Tamil from the year 2014-15. The MoU between CUTN and CICT provides for Ph.D. programme in Tamil. The department at present has one Associate Professor and Two Assistant Professors besides one Professor (on re-employment).

Decision:

The Academic Council accorded in-principle approval for the introduction of Ph.D programme in Tamil.

Agenda Item 18: Curriculum development committee for M.A. Hind, M.Phil & Ph.D in Hindi.

The Chairman briefed the members about the proposal of opening of Department of Hindi in the University.

He also appraised that the Official Language Implementation Committee of CUTN had proposed a Curriculum Development Committee to frame the syllabus for Two Year Post Graduate Programme in Functional Hindi and Translation, M.A. in Hindi, M.Phil. and PhD in Hindi.

The committee is as follows:

S. No.	Name of the Experts	Designation	Department & University
1	Prof. Suvas Kumar	Professor	Department of Hindi, HCU
2	Prof. A. Arvindakshan	Pro Vice-Chancellor	Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University, Wardha
3	Prof. Rambaksh	Professor	Center of Indian Language, JNU
4	Prof. M. N. Rai	Dean	Professor, Dept. of Hindi, BHU
5	Prof. Apoorvanand	Professor	Department of Hindi, DU
6	Prof. Satyakam	Professor	Faculty of Hindi, IGNOU
7	Prof. R. S. Sarraju	Professor	Department of Hindi, HCU

The Chairman requested the Academic Council members to send names of experts, if any, for inclusion.

Decision:

The Academic Council approved the Curriculum Development committee proposed.

Agenda Item 19: Exit Option for IMSc. Economics students

The Chairman briefed the members about the exit option after three years proposed for IM.Sc., Economics students. The item was discussed at length and the members suggested to revisit the syllabus and address the issues. The Chairman suggested to form a small Committee with faculty member and one Academic Council member to look into this matter.

Decision:

The Academic Council advised to constitute a Committee for introducing an Exit Option for IM.Sc., Economics studies after three years of study with a B.Sc., Economics Degree, while according its in-principle approval for the proposal.

Agenda Item 20: Establishment of Community Colleges

The Chairman informed that the University proposes to start Community College programmes. As a part of this initiative, Certificate Courses in Water Management, Medical Lab Technology and Paralegal Training have been planned to be introduced.

Decision:

The Council approved introduction of the Certificate Courses in Water Management, Medical Lab Technology and Paralegal Training under Community College programme.

Agenda Item 21: Regulation on holding Convocations of the University for conferring degree or for other purposes.

The Chairman informed that the First Convocation of the University is planned for December 2013 /January 2014 and placed the related Regulations for approval.

Decision:

The Academic Council approved the Regulations on holding Convocation of the University.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.
