



CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF TAMIL NADU

(Established by an Act of Parliament, 2009)

Neelakudi Campus, Kangalancherry,
Thiruvavur - 610 005

Minutes of Twenty fifth Meeting of the Academic Council held on 20th March 2023 at 11 AM in the VC's conference hall, Admin Block, CUTN

The following members attended the meeting:

1. Prof. M. Krishnan Ex-Officio Vice-Chancellor,
Chairperson, CUTN
2. Deans of Schools of
Social Sciences and Humanities,
Basic and Applied Sciences,
Mathematics and Computer Sciences,
Education and training,
Commerce and Business Management
Behavioral Sciences,
Technology,
Communication,
Performing Arts and Fine Arts,
Earth Sciences
Life Sciences and Legal Studies.
3. Heads of Departments of
Physics, Chemistry, Biotechnology,
Microbiology, Epidemiology,
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, Law, Geology, Tourism and Hospitality Management.

4. Prof.T.Mohan Das, Professor, Department of Chemistry, CUTN.
5. Prof. Sulochana Shekhar, Professor, Department of Geography, CUTN.
6. Prof.P.Velmurugan, Professor, Department of Tamil, CUTN.
7. Prof.K.R.S. Sambasiva Rao, Former Vice-Chancellor, Mizoram University
8. Dr. R. Parameswaran, Librarian, CUTN
9. Prof. A. Selvam, Dean Student's Welfare, Head, Dept. of English, CUTN.
10. Dr.S.Beer Mohammed, Associate Professor, Department of Materials Science, CUTN.
11. Dr.V.Premalatha, Associate Professor, Department of Music and Fine Arts, CUTN.
12. Dr.VittalBabu, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, CUTN.
13. Dr.N.BaraniBalan, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, CUTN.
14. Prof.Sulochana Shekhar, Registrar (I/c), CUTN [Member Secretary]

Attended through Online mode:

15. Prof. Sanjeev Singh, Professor, Institute of Information and Communication, University of Delhi
16. Prof. P.Gunasekaran, Vice Chancellor, VIT Bhopal University, Former Vice-Chancellor, Thiruvalluvar University.
17. Dr.S.S.Kohli, Scientist 'G'/Advisor, R&D Infrastructure Division, Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi

Special Invitees:

1. Shri. CMA. V. Palani, Finance Officer, CUTN
2. Prof. S.Nagarajan, Controller of Examinations(I/c) & Dean (Academics), CUTN.
3. Dr. Rajah Jayapal, Senior Principal Scientist of SACON
4. Director, SVPISTM –Special Invitee (online)
5. Prof.V.Madhurima, Director – IQAC, CUTN.
6. Shri. M.P. Balamurugan, Joint Registrar (Academics), CUTN.

Leaves of absence was granted to the following members:

1. Prof. Jagat Bhushan Nadda, Director, Consortium for Educational Communication, New Delhi
2. Prof.(Dr)N.S.Santhosh Kumar, Vice Chancellor, The Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University
3. Prof.Avinash Chandra Pandey, Director, Inter-University Accelerator Center, New Delhi
4. Prof.Santhosh Kumar, Professor, National Institute of Disaster Management, New Delhi
5. Prof.V.Ravichandran, Director, National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Kolkata.
6. Shri. A. R. Venkatakrishnan, Joint Registrar (Establishment), CUTN

Agenda Item 25/1: Introductory remarks of the Chairman

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members and gave a special thanks to all the CUTN Faculty, Officers, Staff and colleagues for successful conduct of 7th Convocation.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor congratulated the following faculty for their awards.

- 1.Prof. Sulochana Shekhar, Dean School of Earth Science
- 2.Dr.S.Beer Mohammed, Associate Professor, Department of Material Science
3. Dr. Preethi Meher, Assistant Professor, Department of Material Science
4. Dr. K.Balasubramani, Associate Professor, Department of Geography

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor informed the house about the DACE.

CUTN has received grant for conduct the training for Civil Service ie., DACE.

Department of Geography received Rupees One Crore and Department of Microbiology received Rupees One Crore and Fifty Lakh under DST FIST.

Based on our NIRF Rank, We have applied for PURSE Grant and SATHI project.

CUTN recently conducted a National Level Paddy Conference by inviting the farmers.

Department of Biotechnology has received approval for M.Sc., (Biotechnology) programme with fellowship for 10 students from DBT, GoI.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor also informed about details about Admissions (2022-23) implementation of NEP, MoUs signed by CUTN and thanked all the members.

Agenda Item 25/2: Reconfirmation of the minutes of the twenty fourth Academic Council meeting held on 18th July 2022

The Twenty fourth meeting of the Academic Council was held on 18th July 2022.

The meeting minutes were finalized and signed by the Chairperson and Member secretary.

The signed in minutes was circulated among all the members. The minutes are submitted for reconfirmation.

Recommendation:

The Academic Council reconfirmed the minutes of Twenty fourth Academic Council meeting held on 18.07.2022.

Agenda Item 25/3: Action Taken on the minutes of the twenty fourth Academic Council meeting held on 18th July 2022.

Recommendation:

The Academic Council noted the action taken report of the Twenty fourth Academic Council meeting held on 18.07.2022.

The action taken report for

Agenda 24/12 - Concerned Department Heads gave their input and it was suggested School of Social Sciences to have Economics, School of Social work and History.

School of Humanities and languages with Hindi, English and Tamil and Department of Foreign Languages.

Further a High Level Committee will be constituted to assign the department to various schools.

Agenda Item 25/4: Board of Studies/Curriculum Development Committee constitution/re-constitution.

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

1. Department of Chemistry
2. Department of Music
3. Department of History
4. Department of Mathematics

Constitution of Curriculum Development committee

1. M.P.Ed., Programme

Recommendation:

The Academic Council ratified the Constitution of Board of Studies and Curriculum Development Committee.

The Council was also suggested to nominate external members for Board of Studies in the level of Professors or equivalent.

Agenda Item 25/5: 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 perused by the members of the Academic Council for approval.

1. Department of Law [BoS meeting held on 10.08.2022]
2. Department of Biotechnology [BoS meeting held on 07.07.2022]
3. Department of Applied Psychology [BoS meeting held on 26.09.2022]
4. Department of Microbiology [BoS meeting held on 13.12.2022]
5. Department of Music [BoS meeting held on 09.02.2023]
6. Department of Chemistry [BoS meeting held on 06.03.2023]
7. Department of Computer Science [BoS meeting on circulation mode]

Recommendation: The Academic Council approved the syllabus recommended by Board of Studies /Curriculum Development Committee of the following departments

1. Department of Law [BoS meeting held on 10.08.2022]
2. Department of Biotechnology [BoS meeting held on 07.07.2022]
3. Department of Applied Psychology [BoS meeting held on 26.09.2022]
4. Department of Microbiology [BoS meeting held on 13.12.2022]
5. Department of Music [BoS meeting held on 09.02.2023]
6. Department of Chemistry [BoS meeting held on 06.03.2023]
7. Department of Computer Science [BoS meeting on circulation mode]

Agenda Item 25/6: Curriculum of UG/Diploma programmes offered by Community College, CUTN

The Community College has conducted Board of Studies meetings for the following programmes and the recommendations pertaining to framing/revision of the curriculum/syllabus were perused by the members of the Academic Council for approval.

1. B.Voc Digital Journalism and Multimedia Applications [BoS meeting held on [06.01.2023]
2. B.Com (Vocational) programme [BoS meeting held on 23.12.2022]
3. Diploma in Epigraphy and Heritage Management programme [BoS meeting held on [06.01.2023]

Recommendation: The members were briefed about the B.Voc Courses by the Nodal Officer with intake and admission details. All the course are skill based and with internship as per NSQF pattern.

The curriculum of B.Voc and Diploma was approved.

Agenda Item 25/7: Curriculum of PG programme offered by SACON, Coimbatore.

CUTN signed on MoU with Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON), Coimbatore on 31st March 2022 for the PG programme in Wildlife Science (Ornithology) to be conducted by SACON in collaboration with CUTN. Based on that, SACON admitted 9 students in M.Sc Wildlife Science (Ornithology) programme for the academic year 2022-23.

SACON Board of Studies meeting conducted on 17th February 2023 and approved the revised syllabus of the M.Sc Wildlife Science (ornithology) course compliance with the requirements of CUTN.

Recommendation: The members were informed about the M.Sc., Programme in SACON by their representative. SACON aligned all the courses in line with CUTN. He also informed that they will start Ph.D., program very soon. The Academic Council approved the curriculum of M.Sc., Wildlife Science (ornithology).

Agenda Item 25/8: School Board constitution/re-constitution

The following schools proposed for constitution/re-constitution of School Board and the same have been approved by Honorable Vice Chancellor:

1. School of Performing Arts and Fine Arts
2. School of Legal Studies
3. School of Behavioral Sciences

Recommendation: The Academic council approved the following schools for constitution/re-constitution of School Board:

1. School of Performing Arts and Fine Arts
2. School of Legal Studies
3. School of Behavioral Sciences

Agenda Item 25/9: School Board recommendation of various Schools

The following Schools conducted School Board and the recommendations were perused by the members of the Academic Council for approval.

1. School of Social Sciences & Humanities [meeting held on 04.01.2023]
2. School of Earth Sciences [meeting held on 06.03.2023]

Recommendation: The Chairperson informed that matter with administration and financial matter should be taken separately.

The School Board minutes were approved for Academic curriculum related matters.

Agenda Item 25/10: Ratification of Guideship/Supervisorship

Based on Clause 6.1 of the Ordinance No.49., Vice Chancellor has approved for Research Guideship/Supervisorship for following faculty members:

1. Dr.Poornachander Gugulothu, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology, CUTN.
2. Dr.K.Rama Krishna, Assistant Professor, Department of Horticulture, CUTN.
3. Dr.S.Srivignesh, Assistant Professor, Department of Horticulture, CUTN.
4. Dr.S.Senthilkumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Horticulture, CUTN.
5. Dr.MoumitaMalakar, Assistant Professor, Department of Horticulture, CUTN.
6. Dr.Padiri Ruth Angiel, Assistant Professor, Department of Applied Psychology, CUTN
7. Dr.LouisMushary, Assistant Professor, Department of History, CUTN.
8. Dr.Kanagarathinam DV, Assistant Professor, Department of History, CUTN.

Recommendation: As already re-iterated that all permanent teachers holding Ph.D degree will be eligible for supervisorship.

Wherever possible co-supervisor to be nominated while relieving of supervisor, the co-supervisor should continue and help the students to complete the research. Controller of Examinations was asked to issue the letter for guideship to all eligible faculty.

The Chairperson insisted to follow up on the issue and avoid change of guideship after three years of Ph.D., registration unless otherwise there are special issues.

Agenda Item 25/11: Ratification of Fee structure for AY 2022-23

Fee structure including hostel fee for the academic year 2022-23 is placed before the Academic Council for ratification

Recommendation: The Academic council ratified the Fee structure for AY 2022-23

Agenda Item 25/12: Admissions 2022-23

CUTN Participated in the Common University Entrance Test (UG & PG) 2022 in CBT mode conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) for the Academic year 2022-23. The first counselling and admission for Integrated, UG and PG programmes was held from **20.09.2022 to 06.01.2023**.

The admission data for AY 2022-23 is placed before the Academic Council for information.

Recommendation:

The Academic Council noted the Admission 2022-23.

Agenda Item 25/13: Academic Calendar 2022-23

Based on UGC Guidelines, Academic calendar for the academic year 2022-23 was prepared and the same is placed before the Academic Council for ratification.

Recommendation:

The Academic Council ratified the Academic Calendar 2022-23.

Agenda Item 25/14: Fee Fixation for name change requests.

The University is in receipt of requests from students for changing his/her name as per concerned state gazette notification.

Hence, it is proposed to collect Rs.500/- from the students for name change application. Student has to pay the fee for certificates and ID card as per CUTN norms, separately.

Recommendation: The Academic Council recommended the fee fixation for name change request.

Agenda Item 25/15: Allowing the students to pursue two academic programmes simultaneously

UGC communication vide its letter No.1-6/2007(CPP-II)(New) on 13.04.2022 states that the rapid increase in demand of Higher Education and limited availability of seats in regular stream, several Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) have started a number of programmes in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode to meet the aspirations of students. The issue of allowing the students to pursue two academic programmes was approved by the Commission keeping in view the provisions envisaged in the National Education Policy –NEP 2020 which emphasize the need to facilitate multiple pathways to learning involving both formal and non-formal education herewith.

Recommendation: The matter was discussed and it was also pointed out that we should explore Distance Education in CUTN.

The Council approved for adoption of the Guidelines to pursue two academic programme simultaneously without affecting regular mode.

Agenda item 25/16: Implementation of UGC- Ph.D., Regulations, 2022

UGC communication vide its notification no.1-3/2021(QIP/Ph.D. Regulations/Part file) on 14.11.2022 stipulates that the UGC Regulations which set the minimum standard and procedure for the award of Ph.D have been revised according to the National Education Policy 2020 and the UGC has notified the new UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the Award of Ph.D.) regulations, 2022 in the official gazette on 7th November 2022.

Recommendation: The Academic Council approved to adopt the of UGC Ph.D Regulation 2022.

Agenda item 25/17: CUTN – Ph.D., Regulations

At present CUTN is following UGC Regulation 2016 and amendments from time to time besides CUTN Ph.D., Ordinance for minimum standards and procedures for award of Ph.D Degrees. UGC has published its Regulations, 2022 vide notification dated 7th November, 2022. Based on the suggestions of Academic Council in its 23rd meeting vide Agenda no.23/25, the committee revisited and framed detailed minimum standards and regulations for award of Ph.D., Degree in pursuance with UGC Regulations, 2022.

Recommendation: The CUTN Ph.D., regulation was carefully formulated after taking inputs from Faculty members.

The regulation is broadly in line with UGC- Ph.D., regulations and minute details like their template and other regulations are provided in the CUTN regulations.

The Dean Research gave his comments and the CUTN Ph.D., regulation was approved.

Agenda Item 25/18: Modified Eligibility Criteria for Ph.D., admission in Economics

Head, Department of Economics proposed to modify the eligibility criteria for Ph.D., admission in Economics. The modified eligibility criteria for Ph.D., admission is approved by DRC, School Board and Board of Studies and the same is placed before the Academic Council for its approval.

Recommendation: The eligibility criteria for Ph.D., Economics was deliberated and it was suggested that modifying eligibility should not affect the employability of the Student.

The Academic Council approved the School Board recommendation only.

Agenda Item 25/19: Reduction of intake in B.Sc., B.Ed., (Mathematics) programme

Head, Department of Education has sent a proposal for reduction in the intake of students in B.Sc., B.Ed., (Mathematics) programme from 62 to 50. At present, the B.Sc., B.Ed., programme are being conducted with an intake of 62. In this regard, the Departmental Faculty Committee meeting was conducted on 05.01.2023 and the committee recommended that *NCTE has approved the B.ScB.Ed program with an intake of 50 which is one unit. The available infrastructure is adequate for the 50 student teachers. Hence, we request to consider the number of students for admission to B.Sc., B.Ed., program of different categories within one unit as per NCTE and Gol norms.*

In connection to the above, NCTE granted recognition to CUTN from the academic year 2023-24 under clause 7(16) of NCTE (Recognition Norms and procedure) Regulations, 2014 as amended from time to time for conducting the following courses under ITEP:

Discipline	Stage	Intake	Duration of the programme
B.Sc.,B.Ed.,	Secondary	1 unit (50 seats)	4 year

Science faculty recruitment for B.Sc., B.Ed., program under ITEP with an intake of 50 seats.

1. One Assistant Professor in Physics
2. One Assistant Professor in Chemistry
3. One Assistant Professor in Mathematics

Recommendation: The Academic Council insisted that the Current program students will continue and complete the program. The B.Sc., B.Ed., ITEP is approved for implementation. The faculty requirements will be subject to sanction by UGC, till then Guest Faculty may be engaged.

Agenda Item 25/20: Reduction of intake in M.Tech Materials Science & Technology
Head, Department of Materials Science & Technology has sent a proposal regarding seat reduction for the M.Tech Materials Science & Technology course from the Academic year 2023-24. The Department Faculty committee meeting held on 14.02.2023 has recommended to reduction of total number of M.Tech Materials Science & Technology seats from 38 to 28 as per the reservation rules with reference to the category allocation percentage.

The seat matrix for M.Tech Materials Science & Technology is as follows:

Programme Name	Proposed intake	GEN	OBC	SC	ST	EWS
		40.5%	27%	15%	7.5%	10%
M.Tech Materials Science & Technology	28	11	08	04	02	03

Including

1. PWD – 5% : 1 seat
2. Ex-Service men and army personnel : 1 seat

Recommendation: The members suggested to look into the allotment of seats.

Agenda item 25/21: MoUs

The following MoUs are signed during December 2022 to till the date:

1. MoU signed between M.S Chellamuthu Trust and Research Foundation (MSCTRF) and CUTN on 15th December 2022.
2. MoU renewed between Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai and CUTN on 01.01.2023.
3. MoU Signed between DYSIS India, Chennai and CUTN on 19.01.2023.
4. MoU signed between Times Internet and CUTN on 20.02.2023.

Recommendation: The Concerned faculty coordinator elaborated about the MoUs signed by CUTN.

Wherever, the MoUs need ratification of Statutory bodies, the date of effect will be from the date of ratification by the Statutory bodies and it was suggested to not to include such clauses in future.

The Academic Council ratified the MoUs and also approved the signing of MoUs with TVS group, Madurai and Census operations, Ministry of Home affairs, Gol.

Agenda item 25/22: Award of UG & PG Degree for Integrated M.Sc / M.A Students

Based on NEP-2020, the programmes have to be designed on Multiple Entry of Multiple Exit basis and also to meet the equivalence requirements of the degrees. It is proposed to convert the existing Integrated Programmes into B.Sc., - M.Sc., & B.A., M.A., Dual Degree Programmes from the following academic year 2023 - 2024.

Recommendation: The Chairperson informed the Council regarding non-approval of Integrated M.Sc., Physics Programme by Tamil Nadu Government for equivalence with B.Sc., and M.Sc., Physics.

Members also agreed to implement the Dual degree concept with B.Sc., and M.Sc., Degree, B.A., and M.A., Degree instead of single integrated degree.

The Academic Council suggest the Provision for 10% additional seats should be kept as per UGC norms and lateral entry may be considered as per UGC norms.

The Academic Council recommended be form a committee to frame the norms for dual Degree / Integrated Degree.

Agenda item 25/23: Reward for patent recipients of CUTN

Presently CUTN is supporting the faculty member with financial support of Rs.10,000/-for Patent application. To encourage the faculty members, it is proposed to reward them with Rs.25,000/- for successful award of the Patent.

Recommendation: The Academic Council recommended for reward for successful Patent / IPR /etc., in the name of CUTN for Rs. 25,000/-. It is also suggested to develop Research & Promotion Policy and incentives can also be included in the policy. The committee can also recommend the norms to give award to faculty.

The Academic Council also suggested to consider seed money for startup projects as per Ministry of Education Guidelines.

Agenda item 25/24: Fee exemption for students with disabilities studying at CUTN. Dr.Boopathi P, Coordinator – Enabling Unit and Dr.G.Velumani, Liaison Officer – PWD has proposed on behalf of Enabling Unit Committee to provide free education to students studying at CUTN with disabilities including boarding and lodging.

In this regard, the following points to be noted:

1. Clause 5 of CUTN Ordinance No.22 stipulates that this University has provision for exemption from the tuition fee for visually handicapped/challenged students. The Ordinance may also be extended for Transgender.
2. For Hostel fee, the food facility is provided by the University Contractors. Hence, hostel fee to be borne by the student or may avail scholarship for boarding expenses, if available from other sources.
3. All the Ph.D scholars including Non-NET scholar are getting fellowship from the Govt. agencies. It is advisable not to extend tuition/hostel fee exemption. As this will lead to availing benefits from two sources i.e subsidy and fellowship simultaneously. Also wherever the fellowship is being availed the students should be liable for payable all sorts of fees as applicable to any other students.
4. It may also be noted that all the future buildings are being constructed on loan basis and the amount has to be paid from the internal revenue generation.

Recommendation: The Committee deliberated and suggested to extend the facility to disabled and third gender students.

The ordinance to be modified accordingly and extended to above cited students separately.

Agenda Item 25/25: Appreciation for JRF qualified CUTN students

UGC – CSIR JRF Qualified students have to fee of Rs. 750/- for appearing for the JRF Examinations.

CUTN students qualifying UGC/CSIR/ICAR/JRF may be encouraged by granting a one time appreciation of Rs.5,000/-. This will motivate the CUTN students to take up more number of JRF in future. The matter is placed for approval of Academic Council.

Recommendation: The matter was deliberated and it was agreed to grant Rs.5000/- for all students who are clearing the UGC/ CSIR/ ICAR/ JRF exam from 2023-24 onwards.

Agenda Item 25/26: Ratification of results of Second Semester Examinations and Supplementary Examinations conducted during July 2022 and the results published on 24.08.2022 and 01.09.2022.

The Even Second Semester Examinations and Supplementary Examinations conducted during the month of July 2022 and the results were published on 24.08.2022 and 01.09.2022 with the approval of Vice Chancellor. Provisional list of candidates passed in the Second Semester Examination and Supplementary Examination are attached as **Annexure.**

Recommendation: The Academic Council ratified the results of Second Semester Examinations and Supplementary Examinations conducted during July 2022 and the results published on 24.08.2022 and 01.09.2022.

Agenda Item 25/27: Ratification of results of Special Supplementary Examinations conducted during August 2022 and the results were published on 14.09.2022.

The Special Supplementary Examinations were conducted during the month of August 2022 and the results were published on 14.09.2022 with the approval of Vice Chancellor. Provisional list of candidates passed in the Special Supplementary Examinations are placed before the Academic Council for ratification.

Recommendation: The Academic Council ratified the results of Special Supplementary Examinations conducted during August 2022 and the results were published on 14.09.2022.

Agenda Item 25/28: Ratification of results of ODD Semester Examinations conducted during December 2022 and January 2023 and the results were published on 20.01.2023.

The ODD Semester Examinations were conducted during the month of December 2022 and January 2023 and the results were published on 20.01.2023 with the approval of Vice Chancellor. Provisional list of candidates passed in the ODD Semester Examinations are placed before the Academic Council for ratification.

Recommendation: The Academic Council ratified the results of ODD Semester Examinations conducted during December 2022 and January 2023 and the results were published on 20.01.2023.

Agenda Item 25/29: Ratification of results of Ph.D. Course Work Examinations conducted during December 2022 and January 2023 and the results were published on 20.02.2023.

The Ph.D. Course Work Examinations were conducted during the month of December 2022 and January 2023 and the results were published on 20.02.2023 with the approval of Vice Chancellor. Provisional list of candidates passed in the Ph.D. Course Work Examinations are placed before the Academic Council for ratification.

Recommendation: The Academic Council ratified the results of Ph.D. Course Work Examinations conducted during December 2022 and January 2023 and the results were published on 20.02.2023.

Agenda Item 25/30: Ratification of results of Ph. D and M. Phil Viva -Voce Examinations conducted after the 24th Academic Council Meeting

Ph.D and M. Phil Scholars have submitted their thesis and it has been evaluated by the examiners as prescribed in the University Ordinances and the Viva-Voce examinations were conducted. The Examiners have recommended the scholars for the award of Ph. D and M. Phil degrees. The results are placed before the Academic Council for ratification.

Recommendation: The Academic Council ratified the results of Ph. D and M. Phil Viva -Voce Examinations conducted after the 24th Academic Council Meeting.

Agenda Item 25/31: Ratification of results of Third Semester Examinations of B.Voc in Digital Journalism and Multimedia Applications conducted during July 2022 and the results were published on 12.09.2022.

The Third Semester Examinations of B.Voc in Digital Journalism and Multimedia Applications conducted during the month of July 2022 and the results were published on 12.09.2022 with the approval of Vice Chancellor. The results are placed before the Academic Council for ratification.

Recommendation: The Academic Council ratified the results of Third Semester Examinations of B.Voc in Digital Journalism and Multimedia Applications conducted during July 2022 and the results were published on 12.09.2022.

Agenda Item 25/32: Ratification of results of Fourth Semester Examinations of B.Voc in Digital Journalism and Multimedia Applications conducted during November 2022 and the results were published on 03.02.2023.

The Fourth Semester Examinations of B.Voc in Digital Journalism and Multimedia Applications conducted during the month of November 2022 and the results were published on 03.02.2023 with the approval of Vice Chancellor. The results are placed before the Academic Council for ratification.

Recommendation: The Academic Council ratified the results of Fourth Semester Examinations of B.Voc in Digital Journalism and Multimedia Applications conducted during November 2022 and the results were published on 03.02.2023.

Agenda Item 25/33: Ratification for the list of Graduates of 7th Convocation conducted in the month of March 2023.

The list of Graduates who were eligible to get the Degree in the 7th Convocation of CUTN conducted in the month of March 2023 are placed before the Academic Council for ratification.

Recommendation: A total of 917 students graduated and 604 students appeared in person for convocation. The matter was ratified by the Academic Council.

Agenda Item 25/34 : Ratification for the list of Graduands Research Scholars Ph. D and M. Phil Viva –Voce Examinations of 7th Convocation of CUTN.

The list of Research Scholars Ph.D and M.Phil. who received the Degree in the 7th Convocation of CUTN conducted in the month of March 2023 are placed before the Academic Council for ratification.

Recommendation: The Academic Council ratified the list of Graduands Research Scholars Ph. D and M. Phil Viva –Voce Examinations of 7th Convocation of CUTN.

Agenda Item 25/35: To approve notifying admission to Ph.D. programmes from eligible candidates by conducting an entrance exam.

Presently, CUTN is admitting students to Ph.D. programmes from the following categories:

- a. Candidates who have qualified any national level examinations [such as JRF (UGC/CSIR/DBT/ICMR/ICAR), NET (UGC/CSIR), GATE or equivalent]]
- b. Candidates who have secured DST-INSPIRE Fellowship

However, few Departments are not receiving sufficient applications from the above categories and were unable to fill the vacant Ph.D. Seats.

As followed in other Central Universities like, University of Delhi, Sikkim University, Visva Bharti University, etc., it has been proposed to conduct Entrance Test (CBT mode) for admission to Ph.D. Programmes.

Recommendation: The proposal was approved after deliberation. Members informed that there is a provision for admission in Ph.D Program by way of entrance conducted by concerned HEIs.

It was also suggested to all faculty members to offer online program in SWAYAM / NPTEL or any such platform.

Agenda Item 25/36: Reframing the eligibility criteria for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) quota for admissions to programmes offered at CUTN

NTA is under the process of launching CUET UG 2023 and has requested the eligibility criteria for Integrated Programmes and Post Graduate programmes offered at CUTN.

Hence, it has been proposed to make provision for EWS category in all programmes as below:

Programmes	Existing	After reframing
IMSc., Physics / Chemistry / Mathematics / Bio-Technology	A Pass in the Plus two examination or equivalent of any recognized board in India with 60% marks (Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics / Biology) for general category, 55% marks for OBC (NCL) and 50% marks for SC/ST/PWD candidates.	A Pass in the Plus two examination or equivalent of any recognized board in India with 60% marks (Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics / Biology) for general category, 55% marks for OBC (NCL) / EWS and 50% marks for SC/ST/PWD candidates.
IMA Economics	A Pass in the Plus two examination or equivalent of any recognized board in India with Economics / Mathematics/ Statistics as one of the subject at the Hr. Secondary level with 60% marks in aggregate for General Category, 55% marks for OBC (NCL) and 50% marks for SC/ST/PWD candidates.	A Pass in the Plus two examination or equivalent of any recognized board in India with Economics / Mathematics / Statistics as one of the subject at the Hr. Secondary level with 60% marks in aggregate for General Category, 55% marks for OBC (NCL) / EWS and 50% marks for SC/ST/PWD candidates.
IMPA Music	A Pass in the Plus two examination or equivalent of any recognized board in India with an aggregate of 50% marks for General Category, 45% marks for OBC (NCL) / SC/ST/PWD candidates.	A Pass in the Plus two examination or equivalent of any recognized board in India with an aggregate of 50% marks for General Category, 45% marks for OBC (NCL) / EWS / SC/ST/PWD candidates.

It is to be mentioned that there is no uniform eligibility norms among the participating Central Universities of NTA CUET. Hence, the reframed eligibility criteria may be followed for CUET 2023 and the eligibility criteria for PG programmes shall also be reframed in line with the above.

Recommendation: The Academic Council approved the reframing the eligibility criteria for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) quota for admissions to programmes offered at CUTN .

Agenda Item 25/37: Reduction of seats in 5 year Integrated M.Sc Biotechnology program

Head, Department of Biotechnology has sent a proposal for reduction of seats in 5 year Integrated M.Sc Biotechnology program from 38 to 21.

It is stated that the Department of Biotechnology is offering 5 year Integrated M.Sc Biotechnology program with the permitted intake of 38 students. Considering the infrastructure (class rooms, Laboratory, support staff) available in the department and of starting the DBT supported 2 year M.Sc Biotechnology program, the Department Faculty committee meeting held on 16.03.2023 has recommended to reduce the total seats for 5 year M.Sc Biotechnology program from 38 to 21 from the AY 2023-24.

The seat matrix for 5 year I M.Sc Biotechnology program is as follows:

5 year I M.Sc Biotechnology						
Seats/Category	Gen (40.5%)	OBC (27%)	SC (15%)	ST (7.5%)	EWS (10%)	Total (100%)
Total seats	8	6	3	2	2	21

Further, 5% (Horizontal/Internal reservation) of the seats (1 seat) will be allotted for PWD/Wards of Ex-Service men and army personnel.

The aforesaid matter is placed for approval of Academic Council.

Recommendation:
The Controller of Examinations informed that we have notified for 38 students to NTA. Therefore, we may not be able to implement this immediately.
The Academic Council suggested that the request may be considered for appealing to CUET '23.

Agenda Item 25/38: Starting of two year M.Sc Biotechnology program

Head, Department of Biotechnology has proposed to start 2 year M.Sc., Biotechnology program from the AY 2023-24. It is stated that the Department of Biotechnology, Gol has approved to start 2 year M.Sc., Biotechnology program with DBT support and 10 seats/annum are allotted under this program.

Permission is requested to start 2 year M.Sc., Biotechnology program from the AY 2023-24 with annual intake of 21 students (**10 seats under DBT support category and 11 seats under non-DBT category**) following the reservation policy and norms of Gol. As mandated by DBT, selection for the DBT support category of seats will be done through centralized selection process i.e., National level Entrance examination conducted by DBT recognized/approved agency (GAT-B) and for non-DBT category selection will be done through CUET.

The seat matrix for 2 year M.Sc Biotechnology program is as follows:

2 year M.Sc Biotechnology						
Seats/Category	Gen (40.5%)	OBC (27%)	SC (15%)	ST (7.5%)	EWS (10%)	Total (100%)
DBT Category	4	3	1*	1*	1	10
Non-DBT Category	4	3	2	1	1	11
Total seats	8	6	3	2	2	21

*Combined % seats reserved under SC/ST category is 22.5% and the total number of seats allotted under DBT sponsored category for SC/ST is 2.

Further, 5% (Horizontal/Internal reservation) of the seats (1 seat) will be allotted for PWD/Wards of Ex-Service men and army personnel.

Eligibility for admission of students in 2 year M.Sc Biotechnology program under non-DBT category:

Candidates should possess a Bachelor degree offered by a recognized university in the following fields viz., Biological, Agriculture, Pharmacy, Chemical, Veterinary and Fishery Sciences, Engineering /Technology, Medicine (MBBS) or BDS or 4 year B.Sc (Physician

Assistance Course). In order to be eligible, candidates need to score at least 55% marks in Bachelor degree.

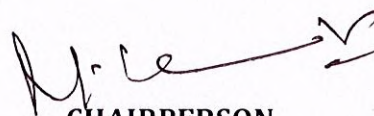
The aforesaid matter is placed for approval of Academic Council.

Recommendation: The Chairperson congratulated the department for the DBT fellowship. There will be an intake of 21 students of which 10 will be from DBT and 11 students form CUET and fees to be changed in line with CUTN and DBT Fee structure .

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by the Secretary.



MEMBER SECRETARY



CHAIRPERSON