



MINUTES OF THE
THIRTHEENTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
Held at CITY CAMPUS, CUPB on 14th October 2016

The Thirteenth Meeting of the Academic Council was held on 14th October 2016 at Central University of Punjab, Bathinda. The following members were present:

- 1) Prof. R. K. Kohli, Vice Chancellor – **Chairman**
- 2) Prof. K. N. Pathak – Member
- 3) Prof. Veer Singh – Member
- 4) Dr. P.S. Ahuja – Member
- 5) Prof. S. P. Singh – Member
- 6) Dr. S. S. Marwaha – Member
- 7) Prof. Narpinder Singh – Member
- 8) Prof. M.P.S. Ishar – Member
- 9) Prof. P. Ramarao – Member
- 10) Prof. A.K. Dhawan – Member
- 11) Prof. V.K. Garg – Member
- 12) Dr. Ramakrishna Rao – Member
- 13) Dr. Anjana Munshi – Member
- 14) Dr. Tarun Arora – Member
- 15) Dr. Sunil Mittal – Member
- 16) Dr. Jagdeep Singh Registrar – **Secretary**

Prof. P.S. Jaswal and Prof. Gurmail Singh conveyed their apologies for not attending the meeting due to pre-occupations.

The Chairman and Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Punjab extended a warm welcome to the members to the 13th Meeting of Academic Council and thanked them for sparing their precious time for contributing towards the academic growth of the University and valuable guidance.

The Chairman informed the members of the Academic Council that the 22nd meeting of the Executive Council which was scheduled to be held on 14th October 2016, after the meeting of Academic Council, had been advanced to 12th October 2016. The Executive Council has only two outside members. As per Statute 11, one half of the total members of the Executive Council, **out of which at least two members shall be from outside**, shall form the quorum for a meeting of Executive Council. So, for any meeting of the Council, it is compulsory to have presence of both the outside members till we receive the nominations of 3 more members from MHRD. One of the two outside members could not be available on 14th October because of urgent important work at his own place. The meeting had to be rescheduled to 12th October 2016, for want of quorum on 14th October. The items under the agenda were also discussed in 20th EC meeting in anticipation of the approval of AC.



The Chairman then requested the Secretary to present the Agenda Items one by one to the members for deliberations and decisions/recommendations. The Secretary presented the Items in sequence.

Item:AC:13:2016:1

To confirm the minutes of 12th Meeting of Academic Council held on 13th August 2016.

It was submitted to the Academic Council that the minutes of the Twelfth Meeting of AC were circulated to all the members and no comments were received on the minutes.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council, unanimously RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of its Twelfth Meeting held on 13th August 2016.

Item:AC:13:2016:2

To consider the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions of Twelfth Meeting of Academic Council.

The details of the actions taken on the decisions of the Academic Council in its Twelfth Meeting were placed before the Council as at **Annexure-13.1.**

Annexure- 13.1

RESOLVE

The Academic Council NOTED the ATR and expressed satisfaction.

Item:AC:13:2016:3

To consider the report of the Vice Chancellor on the progress of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor presented the progress of the University since the last meeting of the Academic Council held on 13th August 2016. A detailed PowerPoint presentation was made on the various activities of the University.

The Vice Chancellor shared about the research activities at the University that has given a lead position to Central University of Punjab in terms of *h*-factor, citations, SCOPUS standing, amongst all newly established Central Universities.



The other details included present student strength *vis-à-vis* previous years, the high number of students qualifying competitive examinations, faculty and staff strength, research projects at CUPB and academic collaborations with research and educational institutions.

The Vice Chancellor also informed that the University celebrated Independence Day Fortnight from 8th August 2016; lectures were held by renowned speakers on various commemorative days and 13th National Youth Parliament competition was held on 9th September 2016.

The presentation concluded with the status of construction works ongoing at the Main Campus of the University.

The Chairman also informed the Council that Prof. Marwaha will be joining the services of the University as Professor in the Centre for Applied Agriculture.

The detailed presentation is at **Annexure-13.2**.

Annexure 13.2

RESOLVE

After detailed discussions, the Academic Council, RESOLVED to accept the report of the Vice Chancellor on the progress of the University after its 12th meeting i.e. after 13th August 2016, with appreciation.

Item:AC:13:2016:4

To consider the list of students eligible for award of degrees at the second Convocation of the University.

The Secretary informed that as per the recommendations of the Academic Council in its 12th meeting held on 13th August 2016, and as approved by the Chancellor, the Second Convocation of the University has been scheduled on 15th October 2016. He also informed that Prof. Ajay Sood, Padam Shree Awardee, Professor of Physics, IISC, Bangalore has been invited to be the Chief Guest at the Convocation. He will also deliver the Convocation address.

Further, the Academic Council in its 12th meeting, vide item: AC: 12:2016:15 considered and approved the list of 43 students eligible for award of degrees at the Second Convocation of the University.



After the 12th meeting of AC, 148 students have completed the requirements for award of various degrees. Out of these, 130 students have registered themselves for award of degree at the Second Convocation. Another 33 students are expected to complete the requirements for award of degrees by 14.10.2016.

The detailed lists of these students are placed at **Annexure 13.3.** *Annexure 13.3*

The Chairman informed that in view of advanced holding of the meeting of the EC, the Executive Council has considered the approval of these lists of students eligible for award of degree in the Second Convocation in its 22nd meeting vide item No. EC: 22:2016:5 on 12th October 2016, in anticipation of the approval of AC.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council, after detailed discussions, RESOLVED to approve the list of students eligible for award of degrees at the Second Convocation of the University as per Annexure- 13.3.

Item:AC:13:2016:5

To consider the list of students eligible for the award of Gold Medals.

The Secretary informed that the Second Convocation of the University has been scheduled on 15th October 2016.

The Chairman informed that in view of advancing of the meeting of the EC before that of the Academic Council (which was earlier scheduled on 14th October 2016 prior to EC meeting), the Executive Council has considered the approval of these lists of students eligible for award of Gold Medals in the Second Convocation in its 22nd meeting vide item No. EC: 22:2016:6 on 12th October 2016, in anticipation of the approval of AC.

The Secretary presented before the council the list of 7 students eligible for the award of Gold Medals in the Second Convocation. The details are placed at **Annexure- 13.4.** *Annexure-13.4*

RESOLVE

The Academic Council, after detailed discussions RESOLVED to approve the award of Gold Medals to the eligible students as per the list (Annexure-13.4).



Item:AC:13:2016:6

To consider the admission to Ph.D. programme for the academic session 2016-17.

The Secretary shared that the notification for Ph.D. admissions for the academic session 2016-17 was published in September 2016 and the test for the same was fixed for 28th September 2016.

The admission committee in its meeting held on 23rd September 2016 regarding conduct of entrance test and interview for the admission to Ph.D. programme, discussed for admission to Ph.D. programme as per UGC guidelines. The admission committee further deliberated that as per UGC guidelines for Ph.D. admissions may be presented before the Academic Council for approval before conduct of test and interview for admission to the Ph.D. programme. The final guidelines for Ph.D. admissions are placed at **Annexure-13.5**.

Annexure- 13.5

The Chairman added that due to want of approval of the statutory bodies, the Ph.D. entrance test/interviews have been postponed from 28th September 2016 to 4th November 2016.

The Council discussed the matter in detail.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council, after detailed discussions, RESOLVED to approve the recommendations of admission committee as per Annexure- 13.5 and allowed the:-

- a) holding of entrance test for admission of Ph.D. programme of the University on 4th November 2016.
- b) adoption of guidelines and instructions for admission to Ph.D. Programme of University as per Annexure- 13.5.

The Academic Council, further RESOLVED that the consent of the guide must be taken before enrolment/regulation of a student to Ph.D. course.

Item:AC:13:2016:7

To consider the adoption of “University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D Degrees) Regulations,



2016” of 5th May 2016.

The Chairman pointed out that the UGC has recently revised/ issued University Grants Commission Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D Degrees Regulations, 2016 as per **Annexure-13.6**.

Annexure- 13.6

The University has to adopt these regulations for its Ph.D. program.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council, after detailed deliberations, RESOLVED to adopt the UGC Regulations for Ph.D. programme.

The Academic Council, further RESOLVED that the minimum stay requirement for Ph.D. will be three years.

Item:AC:13:2016:8

To consider the format of Ph.D. degree.

The Secretary informed the Second Convocation of the University is scheduled to be held on 15th October 2016. The first batch of students who have successfully completed the requirements for award of Ph.D. degree will also be awarded degrees in this Convocation.

He presented the specimen copy of the format of the Ph.D. degree to be awarded to the students, as prepared by the University, as placed at **Annexure-13.7**.

Annexure- 13.7

RESOLVE

The Academic Council, after detailed discussions appreciated and RESOLVED to approve the format of the Ph.D. degree.

Item:AC:13:2016:9

To consider extension period for the Ph.D. students.

The Council was told that in view of the requests of students of Ph.D. programme for extension in their Ph.D. period, a committee was constituted for giving recommendation regarding extent of extension period to be allowed to the Ph.D. students for the University. The meeting of the committee was held on 29th September 2016 and its recommendations are placed at **Annexure-13.8**.

Annexure- 13.8



The committee has recommended that the maximum duration to complete Ph.D. programme should be as per UGC guidelines on determination of a uniform span period allowed to qualify for a degree. Further, the Ph.D. course duration will be counted from the date of registration in the Ph.D. programme.

The Council considered the recommendations of the committee and stated that the minimum stay period for Ph.D. should be three years and maximum four semesters of extension be allowed.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council, after deliberations, unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve and recommend to the EC the acceptance of the recommendations of the committee constituted to suggest extension period for the Ph.D. students, as per the UGC guidelines.

In order to make it explicit for the M.Phil.-Ph.D. integrated programme, it further resolved that after a minimum stay period of 3 years (6 semesters) in Ph.D., extension for a period of maximum 2 years (4 semesters) will be allowed. It further **RESOLVED** that the period of the Ph.D. will start w.e.f. the date of registration in Ph.D. Programme.

Item:AC:13:2016:10

To consider change in nomenclature of M.Sc. Molecular Genetics degree.

The Secretary informed that the students of M.Sc. Molecular Genetics 2014-15 batch have submitted a request to change the nomenclature of their degree M.Sc. in Molecular Genetics to M.Sc. in Life Sciences (Molecular Genetics).

This request was made in light of the problems being faced by the students while applying for admission in M.Phil./Ph.D. courses offered by the other Universities due to lesser recognition of degree titles "Molecular Genetics". Due to the nomenclature of the degree, other universities are not accepting its eligibility equivalence with other life sciences degrees.

Change in the nomenclature of this course will make the degree uniform with other postgraduate programs of the University under Life Sciences and the students will also not face problem while taking admission in other Universities.



RESOLVE

The Academic Council, after discussions unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve and recommend to the Executive Council the request of the students M.Sc. Molecular Genetics to change the nomenclature of their degree to M.Sc. Life Sciences (Molecular Genetics).

Item:AC:13:2016:11

To consider the request of Ms. Kirandeep Kaur regarding admission to in-service teacher for Ph.D. (Mathematics) programme at CUPB.

The Secretary informed the Council that in its 12th meeting held on 13th August 2016, it had approved the request of an in-service teacher for admission to Ph.D. program as per the recommendations of the Deans' Committee.

The Deans' Committee in its meeting held on 3rd August had recommended that Ms. Kirandeep Kaur will have to apply for the Ph.D. admission after the University issues admission notification. Further, she will be governed by the UGC regulations of 5th May 2016, if her candidature is recommended and she will be provisionally registered for Ph.D. However, she will have to give an affidavit that in case she could not get Teacher Fellowship, her registration will be cancelled as the University allows only those students in Ph.D. Programme who have funding from some government agency.

Subsequently, Ms. Kirandeep Kaur submitted an application requesting that as she is eligible to avail study leave from her employer (Punjabi University, Patiala) for a maximum period of 3 years along with salary, her case may be considered as a faculty availing study leave with salary and equivalent to any student availing any other fellowship.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council, unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve and recommend to the Executive Council to accept the request of Ms. Kirandeep Kaur to allow her admission to Ph.D. subject to the sanction of study leave with salary from her employer or Teacher Fellowship from UGC.

Further, she will be governed by the UGC regulations of 5th May 2016, if her candidature is recommended and she will be provisionally registered for Ph.D. However, she will have to give an affidavit that in case she could not get Teacher



Fellowship/Study leave with salary, her registration will be cancelled as the University allows only those students in Ph.D. Programme who have funding from some government agency.

The Academic Council also approved to recommend to the Executive Council that all similar cases in future may also be dealt according to above decision of the AC.

Item:AC:13:2016:12

To consider the recommendations of Board, School of Languages, Literature and Culture on curriculum of M.A. Hindi.

The Secretary informed that the University started M.A. Hindi programme in academic session 2016-17. The curriculum and course structure of this programme was not presented in the 12th meeting of the Academic Council held on 13th August 2016.

Now the Board of Studies, Centre for the Classical and Modern Languages has approved the syllabus in its meeting held on 23rd September 2016. The School Board has also approved the recommendations of the Board of Studies by circulation. The detailed course structure and syllabus is placed at **Annexure-13.9**.

Annexure-13.9

RESOLVE

The Academic Council, after due discussions, unanimously RESOLVED to approve the recommendations of the School Board, School of Languages, Literature and Culture on Curriculum of M.A. Hindi.

The members appreciated the significant progress made by the university resolved again to put on record satisfaction and congratulated the Vice Chancellor for his efforts. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sd/-

Dr. Jagdeep Singh
Registrar & Secretary, Academic Council

Minutes Approved

Sd/-

Prof. R.K. Kohli
Vice Chancellor & Chairman Academic Council