



MINUTES OF THE
ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
HELD AT CITY CAMPUS, CUPB ON 20th June 2016

The Eleventh Meeting of the Academic Council was held on 20th June 2016 at Central University of Punjab, Bathinda. The following members were present:

- 1) Prof. R. K. Kohli, Vice Chancellor – **Chairman**
- 2) Dr. K. N. Pathak – Member
- 3) Dr. S.P. Singh – Member
- 4) Prof. M.P.S. Ishar – Member
- 5) Dr. S. S. Marwaha – Member
- 6) Prof. Narpinder Singh – Member
- 7) Prof. P. Ramarao – Member
- 8) Dr. Jagdeep Singh – **Secretary**

Prof. P. S. Ahuja, Dr. Veer Singh, Prof. P.S. Jaswal, Dr. Gurmail Singh and Dr. Anjana Munshi could not attend the meeting due to prior engagements.

The Chairman and Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Punjab extended a warm welcome to the members to the 11th Meeting of Academic Council and thanked them for sparing their precious time for the academic growth of the University and valuable guidance.

The Chairman then requested Secretary to present the Agenda Item one by one to the Members for deliberations and decisions. The Secretary, Dr. Jagdeep Singh presented the Items in sequence.

Item:11:2016:1

To confirm the minutes of the Tenth Meeting of Academic Council.

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

Academic Council with due deliberations, RESOLVED unanimously to confirm the minutes of its Tenth Meeting held on 27th February 2016.

RESOLVE

Item :11:2016:2

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

The details of the actions taken on the decisions of the



from UGC vide No. F. 16-1/2008 (Rajbhasha) dated 31st March 2016 referring the recommendation of the 10th World Hindi Conference. Vide this letter, UGC has advised that the foreign languages should be included as optional subject in academic programmes of the University.

The letter is placed at **Annexure-11.5**.

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The AC discussed the various possibilities and feasible foreign languages that may be incorporated in the academic programmes of the University as optional subjects. The demand for a foreign language viz., French and availability of faculty to teach such foreign languages viz., Japanese, Persian was deliberated upon.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council, after detailed discussion, RESOLVED to approve the recommendations of the UGC regarding inclusion of foreign languages as optional subject in academic programmes of the University, in principle.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED, to put this resolve into practice, on availability of suitable teachers/posts.

Item : 11:2016:11

To consider the UGC's letter to include chapters on topics such as ethics, vigilance, anti-corruption, details of organizations/agencies such as CVC, CBI etc. in curriculum.

The University received a letter from UGC vide D.O. No. F. 30-57/2012(CVO) dated 14th March 2016 referring the recommendation of the Central Vigilance Commission. This communication of UGC stresses on inclusion of chapters on topics such as ethics, vigilance, anti-corruption, details of organizations/agencies such as CVC, CBI etc. in curriculum for all students.

The letter is placed at **Annexure-11.6**.

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It was discussed that there may be three practicable methods of inclusion of above topics in curriculum:

- a. to make these topics a part of curriculum in form of structured lectures (compulsory)
- b. to keep them as extra topic (optional) with 1-2 credits



- c. to cover these topics through seminars, special lectures etc.

The Academic Council considered the above suggestions in light of the recommendations of the UGC, and it was **RESOLVED** to include chapters on topics such as ethics, vigilance, anti-corruption, details of organizations/agencies such as CVC, CBI etc. in curriculum and a faculty may be deputed to take up these topics with effect from the admission of 2017.

RESOLVE

Item : 11:2016:12

To consider recommendations of the committee constituted for shifting MA-English to Centre for Classical & Modern Languages

The Chairman informed that the Centre for Classical and Modern Languages (including Punjabi Language, Literature and Culture) had requested that as the Centre is managing the MA-English course offered by the Centre for Comparative Literature, it should be moved to their Centre. They added that the Centre for Comparative Literature has no faculty to teach MA English.

As the shifting of a course from one Centre to another involved various implications, a committee was constituted under Chairmanship of the Dean Academic Affairs to deliberate on the issue.

The meeting of this committee was held on 7th June 2016 and it recommended shifting of the MA-English course to the Centre for Classical and Modern Languages.

The AC deliberated on this issue and also on the pros and cons of merging both Centres as most of the courses being offered are under Centre for Classical and Modern Languages. The Chairman said that the University is already having much focus on sciences, so merging of Centres of languages (humanities) will further narrow the scope of growth of humanities in the University.

The Academic Council after much deliberations, **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations of the committee for shifting MA-English from Centre for Comparative Literature to Centre for Classical and Modern Languages (including

RESOLVE