



PROCEEDINGS OF THE TENTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD AT CITY CAMPUS, CUPB ON 27th February, 2016

The Tenth Meeting of the Academic Council was held on 27th February 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at Central University of Punjab, Bathinda. The following members were present:

- 1) Prof. R. K. Kohli, Vice Chancellor – Chairman
- 2) Dr. Veer Singh – Member
- 3) Dr. K. N. Pathak – Member
- 4) Prof. M.P.S. Ishar – Member
- 5) Prof. P. S. Ahuja – Member
- 6) Dr. S. S. Marwaha – Member
- 7) Prof. Narpinder Singh – Member
- 8) Dr. Gurmail Singh – Member
- 9) Prof. P. Ramarao – Member
- 10) Dr. Anjana Munshi – Member
- 11) Dr. Jagdeep Singh – Secretary

The Chairman and Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Punjab welcomed the members to the 10th Meeting of Academic Council and thanked them for sparing their precious time. He introduced the newly nominated members to the Academic Council and thanked those, whose term for the Council was over.

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

Item : 10:2015:1

To confirm the minutes of the Ninth Meeting of Academic Council held on 14th December 2015.

RESOLVE

It was submitted to the AC that the minutes of the Ninth 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 9th Meeting.

Item : 10:2015:2

To accept the Actions Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions of Ninth Meeting of Academic Council held on 14th December 2015.

The details of the actions taken on the decisions taken by the Academic Council in its Ninth Meeting were placed before the AC as **Annexure-10.1**.

Annexure-10.1



RESOLVE

Academic Council noted the ATR and expressed satisfaction.

Item : 10:2015:3

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

The Vice-Chancellor presented the Progress of the University since its inception in 2009 as some of the members were new to the Council.

A detailed presentation was made on the number of courses offered by the university, present student strength *vis-a-vis* previous years, the high number of students qualifying competitive examinations, faculty and staff strength, 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 Vice Chancellor further informed the Council that the non-teaching vacancies were advertised and the transparent scrutiny process of the applications is going on. He hoped to complete the recruitment process by the next two months i.e. March-April 2016.

The university successfully conducted online end-semester examinations for the first time. The members were also informed that NAAC inspection is now expected anytime soon.

The Vice Chancellor also informed that the first convocation of the University was held on 15th December 2015.

The presentation included the MOOCs developed by the CUPB faculties and their initiative to develop e-PG Pathashala in the discipline of Environmental Sciences.

The Vice Chancellor informed that the university is following each and every guidelines of the UGC & MHRD.

The detailed presentation is **annexed at 10.2.**

Annexure-10.2



RESOLVE

Academic Council after discussions unanimously resolved to accept the report on the progress of the University and appreciated, with applauding, the progress made by the University.

Item : 10:2015:4

To consider the Minutes of the Meeting of School Board of the School of Global Relations held on 10th December 2015.

The Secretary apprised the Council that a meeting of the School Board for the School of Global Relations was held on 10th December 2015 to review the minutes of the Board of Studies for Centre for South and Central Asian Studies as well as the course structure/syllabi of MA History, MA Political Science, M.Phil. in South & Central Asian Studies (**Annexure-10.3**).

Annexure-10.3

He informed that all the recommendations of the Board of Studies were approved by the School Board.

RESOLVE

The Council after discussions unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the School Board for School of Global Relations as per Annexure-10.3.

Item : 10:2015:5

To consider the Minutes of the Meeting of School Board of the School of Engineering & Technology held on 18th December 2015.

The Secretary informed the Council that a meeting of the School Board for the School of Engineering & Technology was held on 18th December 2015 to review the minutes of the Board of Studies for Centre Computer Science & Technology (**Annexure-10.4**).

Annexure-10.4

He informed that all the recommendations of the Board of Studies were approved by the School Board.

RESOLVE

The Council after deliberations unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the School Board for School of Engineering & Technology as per Annexure-10.4.

Item : 10:2015:6



To consider the Minutes of the Meeting of School Board of the School of Environment and Earth Sciences held on 22th December 2015.

RESOLVE

While presenting the item, the Secretary stated that meeting of School Board of the School of Environment and Earth Sciences was held on 22th December 2015 to review the minutes of the Board of Studies of various Centres under the School, wherein all the recommendations of the Board of Studies were approved as per **Annexure-10.5**.

Annexure-10.5

The Council discussed the item and unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the School Board for School of Environment and Earth Sciences as per Annexure-10.5.

Item : 10:2015:7

To consider the Minutes of the Meeting of School Board of the School of Education held on 29th December 2015.

RESOLVE

The Secretary presented that a meeting of School Board of the School of Education was held on 29th December 2015 to review the minutes of the Board of Studies for Centre for Education, wherein all the recommendations of the Board of Studies were approved as per **Annexure-10.6**.

Annexure-10.6

The Council after discussions unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the School Board for School of Education as per Annexure-10.6.

Item:10:2015:8

To consider the Minutes of the Meeting of School Board of the School of Languages, Literature and Culture held on 5th January 2016.

RESOLVE

The Secretary apprised the members that a meeting of School Board of the School of Languages, Literature and Culture was held on 5th January 2016 to review the minutes of the Board of Studies of Centre for Comparative Literature and BoS of Centre for Classical and Modern Languages, wherein all the recommendations of the Board of Studies were approved as per **Annexure-10.7**.

Annexure-10.7

After discussion, the Council unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the School Board for School of Languages, Literature and Culture as per Annexure-10.7.



Item : 10:2015:9

To consider the Minutes of the Meeting of School Board of the School of Basic and Applied Sciences held on 20th January 2016.

The Secretary informed that a meeting of School Board of the School of Basic and Applied Sciences was held on 20th January 2016 to review the minutes of the Board of Studies of various Centres, wherein all the recommendations of the Board of Studies were approved as per **Annexure-10.8**.

Annexure-10.8

RESOLVE

After discussion, the Council unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the School Board for School of Basic and Applied Sciences as per Annexure-10.8.

Item : 10:2015:10

To consider the Minutes of the Meeting of Committee to Review the Result of First Semester 2015-16 Batch.

The Secretary apprised the members that a meeting of committee constituted to review the result of first semester 2015-16 batch was held on 4th January 2016.

He further stated that the committee discussed the matter at length and recommended that as a one-time measure, clause 13.7 of rules and regulations be amended to the extent that a student should obtain pass percentage (40%) in "aggregate" (MSTs + Surprise Tests + End-Term) rather than in "end term examination" and in "aggregate" separately. However this amendment will apply to only those students who have appeared in the end term examinations (**Annexure-10.9**).

Annexure-10.9

RESOLVE

After discussion, the Council unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the Committee to Review the Result of First Semester 2015-16 as per Annexure-10.9.

The Council further resolved that the above recommendations of the committee (i.e. the students should obtain grade point of 4.0 on 10 points scale in "aggregate" to pass a course) should also be followed in future results as it is more appropriate for successful implementation of CBCS system.



Item : 10:2015:11

To consider the Conversion Table, Format of Tabulation Sheets and DMCs for the students of 2015-16 and onward batches.

While presenting the item, the Secretary stated that as per the approval of AC vide item No. AC:6:2015:5 and subsequent approval of EC vide item No. EC:14:2015:4C, it was resolved that the students w.e.f. 2015-16 batches are to be evaluated on the 10 points scale system as recommended by the UGC.

To practically implement the system, the Examination Cell has prepared a Conversion Table, Tabulation Sheet and format of DMC (**Annexure-10.10**) for declaration of results.

Annexure-10.10

RESOLVE

The Council unanimously resolved to approve the Conversion Table, Format of Tabulation Sheet and Format of Marksheet as prepared by the Examination Cell to implement the 10 points scale system as per Annexure-10.10.

Item : 10:2015:12

To consider the Minutes of the Meeting of Committee for Looking into Various Issues related to Academic/Examinations.

While apprising the members that a committee was constituted under the chairmanship of Dean Academic Affairs for looking into various issues related with academic/examinations, the Secretary presented the recommendations of the committee on following issues related to academic/examinations:

Annexure-10.11

12.1 Maximum duration of the programme: The committee recommended that the UGC guidelines regarding maximum duration (minimum duration of the programme+2 years) should be followed *in-toto* with immediate effect. If approved the modification in university ordinances and rules and regulations will be done accordingly.

RESOLVE

The Council after discussion resolved to approve the recommendations of the committee regarding adopting the UGC guidelines vide letter No. F.12-1/2015(CPP-II) dated 15.10.2015 with immediate effect.



12.2 Regarding Rules and regulations of re-appear cases for 2015-16 batch: The committee recommended that for the students of 2015-16 batch who have to reappear, will be required to repeat end semester exam. The weightage of End Semester Examination will be of 100%.

The committee considered the case of Ms. Amritpal Kaur, student of 2013-14 batch, who has exhausted all chances of examination due to very low marks in the Continue Internal Assessment (CIA). The committee recommended that as a one-time special case, she may be allowed to repeat all CIA for Genetics BSS-505.

RESOLVE

After in depth discussion, the Council resolved that the students, who have re-appear, will be required to appear in the following components of examination:

- a) Both MST, each one having 25% weightage.
- b) End Semester Examinations, having 50% weightage.

The Council, after deliberations, further resolved to approve the recommendation of the committee in case of Ms. Amritpal Kaur.

12.3 Relaxation in minimum requirement from going to M.Phil. phase to Ph.D. Phase for reserved and general category students: The committee recommended that there is no such provision in rules for relaxation in marks from going to M.Phil. Phase to Ph.D. Phase in the M.Phil.-Ph.D. integrated programme.

RESOLVE

The Council deliberated on the item and resolved to approve that no relaxation in marks can be given for going in from M.Phil. phase to Ph.D. phase.



- 12.4** Regarding reconsideration for the passing marks (whether to pass in aggregate or individually in CIA) w.e.f. 2015-16 batch onwards:

RESOLVE

The matter has already been resolved under Item: 10:2015:10.

- 12.5** Continuation/Discontinuation of scholarship to students, who failed to score SGPA 6.0 or more: At present a student requires to maintain CGPA of 6.0 (OWAM 60) to be eligible for scholarship. The committee recommended that as and when a student gets the SGPA of 6.0 in a semester his/her scholarship may be resumed from the date, automatically.

RESOLVE

The Council, after deliberation, resolved to approve the recommendation of the committee. However, the scholarships/fellowships will not be resumed retrospectively and no arrear be given.

- 12.6** Duration in the format of MST exams: The committee recommended that the duration of MST will be one hour and it will be conducted in class room. After the exam, normal teaching will continue for the remaining day. The format of the examination, recommended by the committee, is as under:

25 marks = 60 minutes
02 Long answer type question – 05 marks each
(One page answer type question)
05 Medium answer type question – 03 marks each (half page answer type question)
(All are compulsory)

The Council discussed the recommendations and the format of MST exam.



RESOLVE

After discussions, the Council resolved to approve the duration and format of MST exams as recommended by the committee.

12.7 Equivalent percentage of marks from CGPA/SGPA: The committee recommended the formula of equivalency of percentage of marks from CGPA/SGPA.

- I. For batches upto 2014-15 (6 points scale system)
Percentage marks in semester = WAM (in that semester)
- II. For batches w.e.f. 2015-16 (10 points scale system)
Percentage marks in a semester = SGPA X 10
Overall percentage marks in = CGPA X 10
Whole of programme

RESOLVE

After deliberations, the Council resolved to approve the formula of equivalency of percentage of marks from CGPA/SGPA as recommended by the committee.

Any other Item

Item : 10:2015:13

13.1 To note the Certificate Course in Human Rights & Duties, being run by the CUPB under UGC Human Rights Education Scheme.

The Secretary informed that as directed by the UGC, the Central University of Punjab, Bathinda started a Certificate Course in Human Rights & Duties (CCHRD) under UGC Human Rights Education Scheme. This certificate programme is funded by the UGC (**Annexure-10.12**).

Annexure-10.12

He apprised that two batches of this three months course has already completed and the admission process for the third batch is over.

The result of the first batch is already declared and the DMCs/Certificates were distributed to all passing out students, whereas the result of the second batch of CCHRD is ready for declaration.

The Council appreciated the efforts of the university to start such course in the Human Rights.



RESOLVE

The Council unanimously appreciated and noted the Certificate Course in Human Rights & Duties.

13.2 To consider the list of programmes with their eligibility conditions for the session 2016-17.

The Secretary presented the list of programmes with the eligibility conditions to be offered in the session 2016-17 (**Annexure-10.13**).

Annexure-10.13

The Council discuss the list of programmes thoroughly and suggested to discontinue the M.Phil. programmes as there is no employability of the course. The members further suggested to change the nomenclature of the Course as M.Tech Food Technology instead M.Tech Food Processing Technology as the word Food Processing Technology will itself include the Food Processing.

Apart from the above suggestions, the Council further suggested that we should not incorporate the B.Sc. qualification as eligibility for the M.Tech Food Technology as it may defame the programme.

RESOLVE

After discussions, the Council unanimously approved the list of programmes as annexed at 10.11, with the following modifications:

- 1. The M.Phil. Programmes should be discontinued w.e.f. session 2016-17.**
- 2. The Name of the programme given at Sr. No. 33 should be modified as under:
 "M.Tech. Food Technology" and the word "B.Sc." should be deleted in the eligibility of this programme.**

13.3 To consider the Academic Calendar for the session 2016-17

The Secretary presented the Academic Calendar for the session 2016-17 before the members of the Council (**Annexure-10.14**).

Annexure-10.14

RESOLVE

The Council found the Academic Calendar in order and, after discussions, resolved to approve the Academic Calendar as per Annexure-10.14



Item : 10:2015:14

Fixing date of the next meeting of the Academic Council.

The Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to fix the next meeting of the Academic Council as per need.

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

Dr. Jagdeep Singh
Registrar & *Secretary*, Academic Council

Minutes Approved

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