



## PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL EIGHTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD IN BATHINDA ON 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2015

Special Eighth Meeting of the Academic Council was held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at Conference Room, Administrative Block, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda. The following members were present:

- 1) Prof. R. K. Kohli, Vice Chancellor – Chairman
- 2) Dr. Abdul Wahid – Member
- 3) Dr. S.K. Salwan – Member
- 4) Prof. P. Ramarao – Member
- 5) Dr. Zameerpal Kaur – Member
- 6) Dr. Pankaj Khare – Secretary

Dr. Baldev Singh Dhillon, Prof. N. Sathyamurthy, Dr. P.S. Ahuja, Dr. Mohinder Singh, Dr. Veer Singh, Dr. P.P.S. Kapur and Dr. Rakesh Tuli could not attend the meeting due to prior engagements.

At the outset, Chairman and Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Punjab welcomed the members to the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Academic Council and thanked them for sparing their time to be a part of the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony by Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development at the main campus in presence of Sr. Parkash Singh Badal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab, Sr. Sukhbir Singh Badal, Deputy Chief Minister, Punjab and Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal Hon'ble Minister of Food Processing. Chairman requested Secretary to present the Agenda Item to the Members for deliberations and decisions. Secretary, Dr. Pankaj Khare presented the Items in sequence.

### **Item:8:2015:1**

**To confirm the minutes of the Seventh Meeting of Academic Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2015.**

It was submitted to the AC that the minutes of the Seventh 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 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting.**

### **Item:8:2015:2**

**Actions Taken Report on the decisions of Seventh Meeting of Academic Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2015.**

The details of the actions taken on the decisions taken by the Academic Council in its Seventh Meeting were placed before the AC as Annexure-8.1.

*Annexure-8.1*



Academic Council considered the ATR and desired to contrivance the decisions at the earliest that are not implemented so far. **AC noted the ATR. Annexure-8.1.**

**Item:8:2015:3**

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

The Vice-Chancellor presented the Progress of the University since the last Meeting of the Academic Council. A detailed presentation was made on the admissions of new cohort of students, joining of new faculty members, 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 presentation is **annexed at 8.2.**

*Annexure-8.2*

The Council deliberated on the issue of less response for a few of the courses offered by the University. The Chairperson informed that these courses are introduced from academic session 2015-16 only. When a new course is initiated there is always low response in the beginning. As the faculty recruited for a Centre has many courses under them and they also guide students of other Centres under CBCS scheme (for optional courses), starting a course with less number of students may not be a burden on the university.

**Academic Council after discussions unanimously resolved to accept the report on the progress of the University.**

**Item:8:2015:4**

**To consider the pattern of Examination System to be implemented in CUPB from session 2015-16.**

The Secretary submitted to AC that the following evaluation procedure, as per the Rules & Regulations of Master's degree programmes has already been approved by the Academic Council and Executive Council:

1. Surprise Test(s): One or more such tests with multiple choice questions
2. Continuous Assessment: Continuous Assessment will be based on two pre-



announced Tests having both short answer subjective type and one Long answer type subjective question, term papers, assignments, practical etc.

3. End Term Examination: Having multiple choice questions

The university needs to further define the respective weightage of surprise tests, Mid Semester tests and End Semester Examinations as proposed below:

1. Surprise Test(s): There will be three surprise tests, out of three, the average of best two will be considered. Surprise test will be of multiple choice questions and total weightage of surprise tests will be 25%
2. Mid Semester Tests: Based on two pre-announced Tests. These tests will be subjective type and will contain short answer type questions and one Long answer type question. Each MST will carry 25% weightage and total weightage of MSTs will be of 50%.
3. End Semester Examination: End semester examination will be conducted online in university computer centre. End Semester examination will be based on MCQs/fill-ups. Weightage of end semester examination will be of 25%. This examination, a student can retake after reregistration & payment of fee of Rs. 500 per exam.

**The Academic Council unanimously resolved to approve the above pattern of Examination System to be implemented in CUPB from session 2015-16.**

**Item:8:2015:5**

**To consider change of name of the Centre for Law to Centre for Legal Studies and Research.**

The AC considered the change of name of the Centre for Law to Centre for Legal Studies as proposed by the Secretary.

The Chairperson informed that the Board of Studies has recommended the change of nomenclature of



the Centre to Centre for Legal Studies and Research in its meeting dated November 8, 2014. The minutes of the Board of Studies were brought to the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council vide Item No. AC: 5:2014:11 for approval of syllabi. However, this request for change of name of the Centre could not be considered by the AC.

**The Academic Council deliberated on the matter and unanimously resolved to approve the change of nomenclature as proposed.**

**Item:8:2015:6**

**To consider the minutes of the**  
**a) Board of Studies of**  
**Centre for Law**  
**b) School Board, School of**  
**Legal Studies and**  
**Governance**  
**both held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2015.**

The AC was informed that the meetings of the Board of Studies of Centre for Law and School Board of School of Legal Studies and Governance were held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2015. The AC was requested to consider the recommendations for approval.

**The AC considered the minutes of these meetings as placed at Annexure-8.3 and 8.4, and unanimously resolved to approve the same.**

*Annexure-8.3  
and 8.4*

**For Ratification :**

**Item:8:2015:7**

**To ratify the report on the**  
**Status of admission to various**  
**PG and Ph.D. programmes for**  
**session 2015-16.**

The Secretary informed the AC about the status of admission for session 2015-16 on the basis of the result of Central Universities Common Entrance Test (CUCET 2015).

The AC considered the programme-wise details of admitted numbers of students as provided in **Annexure 8.5.1 and 8.5.2.**

*Annexure-8.5.1  
Annexure-8.5.2*

The Council pointed out less response in a few of the courses offered by the University and suggested that university may fill these seats by conducting admissions by constituting a committee to critically examine such programmes vis-à-vis the registration. During discussion, it was felt that as the earlier courses offered by the University were not getting much response as far as placements is concerned,



these programmes were split/renamed into more acceptable and in demand courses. The new courses are being offered for the first time and seats for most of them are already filled. The other few courses with lesser intake will still be started keeping in view inflow of students from other programs taking these courses as their optional course.

**Academic Council after discussions, resolved to approve the report on the Status of admission for session 2015-16 for both Postgraduate courses/Programmes and Ph.D. Programmes.**

**Item:8:2015:8**

**To note the MoU signed with University of Saskatchewan on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015.**

The Secretary informed that the university has entered into Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Saskatchewan, Department of Plant Sciences, Canada on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015 for a period of three years. Through this MoU the university looks forward to promote mutual cooperation in research and education through joint programmes and exchange of faculty and students.

**The Academic Council considered and appreciated the efforts of the university and ratified the signing of MoU with the University of Saskatchewan as placed at Annexure-8.6.**

*Annexure-8.6*

**Item:8:2015:9**

**To note the MoU signed with Government Rajindra College on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015.**

The Secretary informed that the university has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government Rajindra College, Bathinda on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 for a period of three years. The MoU is to promote mutual cooperation between the two organizations in the field of education, research and development.

**The Academic Council considered and appreciated the efforts of the university and ratified the signing of MoU as placed at Annexure-8.7.**

*Annexure-8.7*



**Item:8:2015:10**

**To note taking of Hostel accommodation at VPO Ghudha on rent.**

The Secretary informed the members that keeping in view the response for admissions to its PG and Research programs from different parts of the country during session 2015-16 and shortfall of more than 100 hostel seats for the boys, the university has taken on rent the hostel of University College, Ghudha (Punjabi University, Patiala) on temporary basis on a monthly rent of Rs. 1,88,500/- as per rent passed by the local administration.

The members were also informed that the University however retained this hostel only for less than a month (10 Aug to 5 Sept, 2015) and vacated the same subsequent to the completion of the porta cabin hostels which were being set up at the City Campus of the university. The students there were devoid of WiFi and other facilities available here on the campus.

**Academic Council noted the renting of hostel accommodation for boys students at VPO Ghudha for a month at @Rs. 1, 88, 500/- per month and appreciated that the students have been adjusted on the campus.**

**Item:8:2015:11**

**To note the Orientation programme held in university before commencement of academic session 2015-16**

The Secretary informed the AC that an Orientation programme for the new students for academic session 201-16 was conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2015. Total 397 students registered themselves with university for the current session.

During this programme, students were oriented to the rules, regulations and facilities available in the centres and the campus. The new comers were introduced to the seniors and the faculty and staff were also introduced to them.

The Academic Council noted and appreciated the same.



**Item:8:2015:12**

**To consider Establishment of Community College and starting of Diploma in Green Farming Technologies.**

The Secretary submitted to AC that in response to invitation of proposals for establishment of Community Colleges under the scheme by UGC Vide letter No. F. No. 1-1/2013 (CC) dated 30-3-2015, the university had applied on 27.4.2015 for the following:

*Annexure-8.8*

1. Certificate course in Communication Skill and Personality development
2. Diploma in Green farming technologies
3. Advanced diploma in Sustainable farming and allied technologies.

The UGC has approved the **Diploma in Green Farming Technologies** under this scheme, vide Sr. No. 81 of UGC notification and also approved the grant of Rs. 65.96 lakhs vide letter D.O. No. F.1-81/2015 (CC) dated 11.6.2015.

The Chairperson apprised the AC that there was a very good response and the university started the "Diploma in Green Farming Technologies" with 40 seats from academic session 2015-16 as per details at Annexure-8.8.

**The Academic Council considered and unanimously ratified the starting of Diploma in Green Farming Technologies under Community College scheme of UGC.**

**Item:8:2015:13**

**Any other Item**

**13.1 To consider draft rules and regulations for M.Phil. programme.**

The Secretary submitted to AC the draft rules and regulations for M.Phil. programme as placed at Annexure-8.9.

*Annexure-8.9*

**Academic Council considered these rules and regulations and unanimously resolved to approve the same. It was also suggested to place the regulations to EC for framing Regulations of the University.**



**13.2 To consider examination pattern for Ph.D. Course work.**

The Secretary presented to AC the examination pattern for Ph.D. Course Work as proposed by the Examination Cell is placed at Annexure-8.10.

*Annexure-8.10*

**Academic Council considered the examination pattern and unanimously resolved to approve the same for Ph.D. Course work. It was also suggested to place the pattern to EC for approving the Regulations of the University.**

**Item:8:2015:14**

**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.