

Central University of Punjab, Bathinda

Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Academic Council held on 4th October 2010 at 11:30 a.m. at IISER, Mohali

Members present:

Prof. Dr. Jai Rup Singh	: Vice Chancellor (<i>Ex-Officio Chairman</i>)
Prof. Dr. N.K. Ganguly	: Member
Prof. Dr. Vijay Khole	: Member
Prof. Dr. Veer Singh	: Member
Prof. Dr. Gurjeet Singh	: Member
Prof. Dr. N. Sathyamurthy	: Member
Prof. Dr. K.N. Pathak	: Member
Prof. Dr. K.K. Aggarwal	: Member
Prof. Dr. D.S. Rathore	: Member
Prof. Dr. R.K. Bedi	: Member

The Vice Chancellor (Chairman) welcomed all the members to the second meeting of the Academic Council and thanked all the members present for sparing their valuable time from their busy schedules to participate in the meeting. The Chairman specially thanked Dr. Sathyamurthy for providing facilities of his institute to hold this meeting. The Chairman also introduced Prof. P. Ramarao, Former Member, Executive Council and Dean of School of Basic and Applied Sciences who was special invitee and Sh. S. Sarkar who has joined as OSD (Admin).

Item No. AC:2:2010:1

To confirm the minutes of First Meeting of the Academic Council held on 15.11.2009.

The Academic Council confirmed the minutes of the First Meeting of the Academic Council held on 15.11.2009.

Item No. AC:2:2010:2

To consider the actions taken on the decision of the Academic Council in its First Meeting held on 15.11.2009.

The Academic Council unanimously approved and ratified the Actions Taken (Annexure I and I (a) of Agenda) on the decisions of the First Meeting of the Academic Council held on 15.11.2009.

Item No. AC:2:2010:3

To note the report of Vice Chancellor on the progress of university since last Academic Council Meeting.

3.1 Online Entrance Examinations for admission to M.Phil.–Ph.D. Integrated Programme were conducted successfully as under :

3.1.1 25th January 2010 - First Online Entrance Examination for session 2009-10 held at 7 centres across India for 20 seats in four schools.

3.1.2 25th July 2010 - Second Online Entrance Examinations for session 2010-11 held at 8 centres throughout India for 32 seats in four schools.

3.2 **Joint Indo-German workshop** on 'Bioinformatics in Human Genetics: Mutations, Microarray Analysis and Ontologies' was organized on 28th-29th January 2010 in collaboration with Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar and Institute for Human & Medical Genetics, Charité-Berlin, Germany in which 20 delegates from across the country participated in workshop.

3.3 **First Foundation Day Lecture** of the university on "Education Tomorrow" was delivered on 27th March 2010 by Professor Yash Pal, Former Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi.

3.4 **Two-day Book Exhibition (22nd-23rd January 2010)** organized at the City Campus of the University, was inaugurated by Prof. Gurdial Singh.

3.5 **Main Library:** Library made functional in an air conditioned room has about 5700 books, subscribed to 49 print journals (37 International and 12 National), 238 e-journals through Science Direct and 5,000 e-journals through UGC-INFONET Digital Library Consortium. Library now occupies a hall with over 5000 sq. ft area.

The members appreciated the access of university to large number of e-journals and suggested that the facility be extended to the interested members of the Academic Council.

3.6 A dedicated **1Gbps lease line** connectivity has been provided by BSNL to university.

3.7 **Computer Centre:** An air-conditioned computer centre with 180 work station capacity, 4 Blade Server, specialised softwares and two 10 Mbps lease lines is operational.

3.8 **EPBAX Connectivity:** 50 line EPBAX Exchange has been set up.

3.9 **Videoconferencing** facilities established, with provision for connecting eight locations simultaneously.

3.10 **Rate contracts for Scientific Equipment, Chemicals, Glass wares, Plastic wares and Lab wares finalized** with 17 (first phase) and 34 (second phase) firms.

3.11 **Syllabi of M.Phil.-Ph.D. programmes** for all four courses (Biosciences, Comparative Literature, Environmental Science and Technology, and South and Central Asian Studies) have been finalized.

3.12 **Incentives to Faculty.** In pursuance to decision of Academic Council vide Item AC:1:2009:5, the facilities like free furnished accommodation and full UGC grade are being offered to faculty appointed on contractual basis so as to attract better faculty.

The members suggested that the university should offer more incentives to attract better faculty.

3.13 Forty bedded Students' hostel has been added after renovation of the old dilapidated Type D quarters. Its two rooms have been converted into Common Reading Room.

3.14 Prof. P. Ramarao appointed as Dean of the School of Basic and Applied Sciences with additional charge of Dean of School of Environment and Earth Sciences; School of Languages, Literature and Culture; and School of Global Relations.

3.15 Design and Development of Main Campus: Expression of Interest (EOI) for campus designing were invited from architects, architect firms and Govt. & Semi Govt. Organizations in pursuance of the decisions of the Academic Council (Item No. AC:1:2009:6(d)) and Executive Council (Item No. EC:2:2010:3.2). 21 firms have been shortlisted from the 84 Expression of Interest received. Executive Council vide Item No. EC:2:2010:3.2 has instituted three prizes of Rs. 10 lakhs, Rs. 6 lakhs and Rs. 4 lakhs to first three best entries.

3.16 Two-day Book Exhibition (24th -25th September 2010) organized at the City Campus of the University, was inaugurated by Prof. H.S. Soch, Former Vice Chancellor, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. More than 50 leading publishing houses/book suppliers, participated. About 2100 books were procured with the help of external experts.

3.17 Rolling advertisement for recruitment of regular faculty is being followed in pursuance of Academic Council's decision vide Item No. AC:1:2009:5.

The number of applications received as on 31st August 2010 are:

Professors: 48; Associate Professors: 96; and Assistant Professors: 800

The interviews would be held after the receipt of names of the Visitor's nominees.

3.18 ATM and Banking Facilities of State Bank of Patiala are functional at City Campus.

The Members unanimously approved the decisions taken by the Vice Chancellor.

Item No. AC:2:2010:4

To ratify the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor to approve thirteen new courses identified for starting from the Academic Session 2010-2011 in anticipation of Academic Council's approval

The Academic Council unanimously ratified the decision of the Vice Chancellor to approve thirteen new courses, identified for initiation in the session 2010-2011 by the committee of experts that included members of Academic Council. These thirteen courses were already approved by the Executive Council in its meeting held on 6.02.2010 vide Item No. EC:2:2010:15 (Annexure-2 of Agenda)

Item No. AC:2:2010:5

To approve seven new courses to be started during the Academic Session 2010-2011

The Academic Council unanimously resolved to endorse the UGC approval for the below mentioned seven new courses during the Academic Session 2010-2011.

1. M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme in Social Studies

2. M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme in Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sciences
3. M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme in Computational Sciences
4. M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme in Genetic Diseases and Molecular Medicine
5. M.Tech.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme in Computer Science and Technology
6. M.Arch. in Green Architecture and Landscape Design
7. L.L.M.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme in Environmental Law

Item No. AC:2:2010:6

To consider draft Ordinances of the university

The Academic Council discussed at length the draft Ordinances (Annexure 6 of Agenda) and approved with the observation that a committee may look into uniformity and style and suggested that any further observations/comments in this regard may be sent to Vice Chancellor within 10 days. Vice Chancellor was authorized to incorporate the suggestions so received and place the Ordinances for the approval of the Executive Council.

Item No. AC:2:2010:7

To consider non-deduction of pension drawn from the previous employment from the salary of the re-employed person(s) in the university while fixation of pay.

The Academic Council vide Item No.AC:1:2009:5, had decided that to provide better facilities, higher initial pay scales, and other incentives be offered to attract better and experienced faculty. In pursuance of that decision and decision of EC vide Item No. EC:2:2010:7 to attract competent and senior faculty members, and in view of the judgment of High Court of Delhi in WP (C) No. 2356/2002 dated 5.12.2008 and LPA 242/2009 and CM Nos. 7652-7654/2009 dated 7.7.2009, the Academic Council unanimously recommended that the pension drawn from the previous employment be not deducted while fixation of pay. Many universities like National Law University, Delhi and others have already incorporated this rule (Annexure-8 of Agenda). The members added that National Law University, Jodhpur; National Law University, Calcutta; and NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad have also implemented this rule. The members further suggested that more incentives like relocation allowance, etc., should also be offered.

Item No. AC:2:2010:8

To consider starting of M.Pharm.–Ph.D. Integrated Programme in Pharmaceutical Sciences and M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme in Chemical Sciences in the Centre for Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sciences instead of M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme in Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sciences as approved earlier.

The Academic Council approved the introduction of M.Pharm.–Ph.D. Integrated Programme in Pharmaceutical Sciences and M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme in Chemical Sciences in the Centre for Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sciences instead of M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme in Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Item No. AC:2:2010:9

To consider starting of Masters programme in various centres.

The Academic Council approved that the Masters Programmes be started in various Centres wherever feasible.

Item No. AC:2:2010:10

Strengthening of laboratories and research facilities at the university.

The Academic Council appreciated that university is purchasing some major equipment during the current year so as to build up a strong teaching and research facilities (Annexure-9 of Agenda) and that it intends to repair and furnish more buildings of City Campus to meet the teaching and research needs.

The members suggested that a Central Facility with sophisticated equipment be created.

Item No. AC:2:2010:11

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Item No. AC:2:2010:12

The Academic Council resolved that:

- 12.1 The Vice Chancellor should visit abroad to select young and talented faculty members to built the university.
- 12.2 A sub-committee be constituted to finalize the proposals for starting of Engineering and Medical Colleges/Institutes.

Item No. AC:2:2010:13

Fixing date of the next meeting of the Academic Council

The Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to fix the date of next meeting of Executive Council

The members commended the speedy progress of the University and the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Minutes Approved

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Prof. Dr. Jai Rup Singh
Vice Chancellor and
Chairman, Academic Council---