

Central University of Punjab, Bathinda

Minutes of the Third Meeting of the Academic Council held on 10th March 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at City Campus, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda

Members present:

Prof. Dr. Jai Rup Singh	: Vice Chancellor (<i>Ex-Officio Chairman</i>)
Prof. Dr. N.K. Ganguly	: Member
Prof. Deepak Pental	: Member
Prof. Sudarshan Iyengar	: Member
Prof. Dr. Gurjeet Singh	: Member
Prof. Dr. K.N. Pathak	: Member
Prof. Dr. D.S. Rathore	: Member
Prof. Dr. Harjit Singh	: Member
Prof. Dr. R.K. Bedi	: Member

The Vice Chancellor (Chairman) welcomed all the members to the third 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.

Item No. AC:3:2012:1

To confirm the minutes of the Second Meeting of the Academic Council held on 4.10.2010

The Council confirmed the minutes of the Second Meeting of the Academic Council held on 04.10.2010.

Item No. AC:3:2012:2

To note Actions Taken on the decisions of the Academic Council in its Second Meeting held on 4.10.2010

The Council unanimously approved and ratified the Actions Taken (*Annexure 1; Annexure 1 of Agenda*) on the decisions of the Second Meeting of the Academic Council held on 04.10.2010.

Item No. AC:3:2012:3

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

The Vice Chancellor briefed the members of the Council about the progress of the University (*Annexure 2*) since the second meeting of the Academic Council held on 4th October 2010. The members were informed of the following details, which were noted.

- 3.1** As part of Second Foundation Day celebrations On the Spot Painting and Photography competitions were organized on 26.02.2011.

- 3.2** Second Foundation Day celebrated on 28th February, 2011. Professor G. P. Talwar delivered second Foundation Day Lecture on “Mission Oriented Research on the Problems Related to the Country”.
- 3.3** Series of Extension Lectures organized by renowned scholars on various topics.
- 3.4** Third Online Entrance Examination for admission to M.Phil.–Ph.D. Integrated Programme and Post-Graduate Programmes conducted for 180 seats. Classes for third batch started.
- 3.5** Eleven Assistant Professors appointed on regular basis in various Centres.
- 3.6** Molecular Genetics Laboratory inaugurated on 27th September 2011 by Dr. V.M. Katoch
- 3.7** Appointment of renowned Professors:
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| a) Prof. Manjit S. Kang, Former Vice Chancellor, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana | <i>Adjunct Professor</i> |
| b) Prof. H.K. Puri, Head, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar | <i>Honorary Professor</i> |
| c) Prof. Sucha Singh Gill, Director-General, Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development, Chandigarh | <i>Visiting Professor</i> |
| d) Prof. S.S. Marwaha, CEO, Punjab Biotechnology Incubator (PBI), Mohali | <i>Visiting Professor</i> |
- 3.8** Gymnasium and other sports activities have been set up for faculty, staff and students.
- 3.9** National Seminar on Environment and Health was conducted on 27th September 2011.
- 3.10** Constitution Day lecture by Prof. Mool Chand Sharma was organized by the university on 24th November 2011
- 3.11** University organized a Human Rights Day Lecture by Prof Harish Puri on 8th December 2011.
- 3.12** World Cancer Day was observed on 3rd February, 2012 at university
- 3.13** On the Spot Painting and Photography competitions were organized on 27th February 2012 as a part of celebrations of the Third Foundation Day of University.
- 3.14** The University celebrated its Science Day on 28th February, 2012 and Professor S.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot delivered Science Day lecture.

Item No. AC:3:2012:4

To note the starting of new courses by the University during session 2011-12

The Council noted the Integrated Ph.D. programmes and masters courses, as approved by the Planning Board, the Academic Council and the Executive Council, started by the university in the session 2011-2012. (*Annexure 3; Annexure 2 of Agenda*)

Item No. AC:3:2012:5

To note the approval of establishment of the Chair in the name of Satguru Ram Singh, if separate funding is made available to this effect by MHRD/UGC

The Council approved and appreciated the stand taken by the university for separate grant from UGC/MHRD for setting up a Chair in the name of Satguru Ram Singh at the university.

Item No. AC:3:2012:6

To note the approval of the Visitor for the addition to Second Schedule of the Central Universities Act, 2009

The Council noted the approval of the Visitor (*Annexure 4; Annexure-3 of Agenda*) for the addition to Second Schedule of the Central Universities Act, 2009 regarding Schools of Studies and Centres for the Central University of Punjab.

Item No. AC:3:2012:7

To approve Academic Ordinances prepared as per the requirement of Act Section 28 (1)(b) (*Annexure 5; Annexure 4 of Agenda*):

The Council approved the Ordinance as per the requirement of Act Section 28 (1)(b) for following courses:

- a. Ph.D. Programme
- b. LL.M.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme
- c. M.Pharm.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme
- d. M.Phil. Programme
- e. M.Tech. Programme
- f. M.A./M.Sc. Programme

The members further recommended that following provisions be made in order to attract meritorious students to the courses offered by the university:

- 7.1** The top 15% students, as per merit, admitted to the M.A.-Ph.D./M.Sc.-Ph.D./ M.Pharm.-Ph.D./M.Tech.-Ph.D./L.L.M.-Ph.D. Integrated Postgraduate Programmes be given a scholarship of Rs. 10,000/- per month.
- 7.2** The top 30% of students on merit, from those who successfully complete the Phase I of Integrated postgraduate program, be automatically offered admission to Ph.D. program. These students be given scholarship at par with other scholars who are admitted to Ph.D. after competing in entrance examination. However, reservation policy as per Government of India rules be followed while admitting these 30% meritorious students.
- 7.3** The top 30% of Ph.D. scholars, as per merit, be given fellowship at par with the UGC fellowship.
- 7.4** Those who have cleared national level tests with scholarship (UGC-NET/CSIR-NET/DBT/ICMR/INSPIRE) be exempted from the entrance examination of the university for admission to the Ph.D. program.
- 7.5** The members while appreciating the starting of Ph.D. program in Pharmaceutical Sciences recommended that in order to further strengthen the infrastructure and for future translational biomedical research as well as in pharmaceutical sciences and biosciences a small Animal House Facility may be set up at the university.
- 7.6** The Academic Block housing costly equipment be fully repaired to prevent any type of leakage that may damage the equipment or may also result in short circuiting and cause loss of life and property.

Item No. AC:3:2012:8

To approve the orders of Vice Chancellor on the Regulations framed under ordinance on admissions to different programmes for 2011-12

The Council approved and ratified the Regulations for Admission of the below listed programmes which were approved by the Vice Chancellor by exercising the powers assigned by Section 6 (1) (xviii), Section 6 (2) and Section 28(1) and (2) of the Act. (*Annexure 6; Annexure-5 of Agenda*)

- a. M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated programme in Development Economics
- b. LL.M.-Ph.D. Integrated programme in Environmental Law
- c. M.Pharm.-Ph.D. Integrated programme in Pharmaceutical Sciences (Medicinal Chemistry)
- d. M.A. in Development Economics
- e. M.A. in Comparative Literature
- f. M.A. in South and Central Asian Studies
- g. M.Sc. in Biosciences
- h. M.Sc. in Environmental Science and Technology
- i. M.Sc. in Chemical Sciences (Medicinal Chemistry)

Item No. AC:3:2012:9

To shift the M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme in Development Economics under the Centre for Social Studies to Centre for Economic Studies

The Council agreed with the decision of the Executive Council to shift M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated programme in Development Economics from Centre of Social Studies to Centre for Economic Studies, as and when the Centre for Economic Studies starts functioning.

Item No. AC:3:2012:10

To note setting up of a museum at Central University of Punjab

The Council appreciated the setting up of a museum of culture, history and science and recommended that archives may also be included in it.

Item No. AC:3:2012:11

To consider initiation of the awards in the name of Indian/Indian Origin Nobel Prize winners to be given to eminent Indian research workers/ Academicians for their contributions in the respective areas

The Council resolved that awards in the name of Indian/Indian Origin Nobel Prize winners, in recognition of outstanding work done by eminent Indian research workers/Academicians for their contributions in respective areas be initiated and that these proposals be included in the 12th Plan proposals.

The members further resolved that the awards be bestowed upon Indian researchers irrespective of the country where they have carried out their research. (*Annexure 7*)

Item No. AC:3:2012:12

To consider establishment of university chairs in the areas of national interest

The Council resolved that the university should set up some Chairs in the areas of national interest and to incorporate these proposals in the 12th Plan proposal, in order to attract senior academicians and to promote research in the areas of Biosciences, Chemical Sciences, Physical Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, Engineering and Computational Sciences.

The Council also resolved that the Chair Professors be appointed for a period of 2 to 5 years and eminent senior academicians up to the age of 75 years be considered for these positions.

Item No. AC:3:2012:13

Current agenda

Item No. AC:3:2012:13.1

To approve structure and syllabi for the programmes offered by the University

The Council approved the Course Structure and Syllabi (*Annexure 8; Annexure-7 of Agenda*) for the following programmes offered by the university:

13.1.1. Integrated Programmes:

- a. M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme in Biosciences
- b. M.Pharm.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme in Pharmaceutical Sciences (Medicinal Chemistry)
- c. M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme in Comparative Literature
- d. M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme in Development Economics
- e. LL.M.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme in Environmental Law
- f. M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme in Environmental Science and Technology
- g. M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme in South and Central Asian Studies

13.1.2. Post Graduate Programmes

- a. M.Sc. in Biosciences
- b. M.Sc. in Chemical Sciences (Medicinal Chemistry)
- c. M.A. in Comparative Literature
- d. M.A. in Development Economics
- e. M.Sc. in Environmental Science and Technology
- f. M.A. in South and Central Asian Studies

Item No. AC:3:2012:13.2

To note approval of UGC assistance for starting one year 'PG Diploma in Translational Biomedical Research' at the Centre for Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sciences

The Council noted the approval of the UGC for starting one year PG Diploma in Translational Biomedical Research at the Centre for Chemical Pharmaceutical Sciences under the Innovative Programme – Teaching & Research in Interdisciplinary & Emerging Areas (*Annexure 9; Annexure-8 of Agenda*) and approved its initiation w.e.f. 2012-13.

Item No. AC:3:2012:13.3

To note Grants and Fellowships received by the University during the current academic year (*Annexure-9 of Agenda*)

The Council noted the receipt of research grants and fellowship by the university faculty and students during the current financial year. The Council also put on record its appreciation in this regard.

Item No. AC:3:2012:13.4

To approve Rules and Regulations for M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme

The Academic Council approved the Rules and Regulations for M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme as detailed at *Annexure-10*.

Item No. AC:3:2012:13.5

To consider the third Annual Report of the university

The Council noted and ratified the Annual Report of the University for the year 2010-11 that had been submitted to the MHRD.

Item No. AC:3:2012:14

The members discussed in detail the possibilities to enhance academics at the university, creation of research ambience and to attract competent and senior faculty to the university. After discussions, it was resolved that:

- 14.1** Centre for Physical and Mathematical Sciences and Centre for Computational Sciences that are already approved under its School of Basic and Applied Sciences be made functional at the earliest.
- 14.2** A Centre for Sikh Studies be established to cater the needs of the region.
- 14.3** A centre for social interaction be created at the campus.
- 14.4** In order to promote research, the following steps be taken by the university:
 - 14.4.1** Grantsmanship programs be initiated so that the faculty is enabled to bring in more research projects.

- 14.4.2** The university must procure more sophisticated instrument that are needed for undertaking research in different disciplines.
- 14.4.3** Appropriate annual research grants against specific projects be provided to the faculty members.
- 14.4.4** The university should sponsor participation of each faculty member to one international and two national conferences where their research works have been selected for presentation.
- 14.4.5** More Visiting Professors, from all over India, be invited for 3 months or longer duration.
- 14.5** Furnished apartments/houses be hired for the new faculty till the university builds its own residential complex at the main campus.

The Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to take further appropriate action on these issues.

Item No. AC:3:2012:15

Fixing date of the next meeting of the Academic Council

The Council authorised the Vice Chancellor to fix the date for the next meeting of the Academic Council.

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.

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Col. (Retd.) Jagdev Kartar Singh
Registrar (*Secretary, A.C.*)

Minutes Approved

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Prof. Dr. Jai Rup Singh
Vice Chancellor & Chairman Academic Council