



MINUTES OF THE
FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
held at CITY CAMPUS, CUPB on 16th March 2017

The 14th Meeting of the Academic Council was held on 16th March 2017 at Central University of Punjab, Bathinda. The following members were present:

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| 1) Prof. R. K. Kohli, Vice Chancellor | – Chairman |
| 2) Prof. K. N. Pathak | – Member |
| 3) Prof. Veer Singh | – Member |
| 4) Prof. S. P. Singh | – Member |
| 5) Prof. P. Ramarao | – Member |
| 6) Prof. V.K. Garg | – Member |
| 7) Prof. S.S. Marwaha | – Member |
| 8) Dr. Ramakrishna Wusirika | – Member |
| 9) Dr. Anjana Munshi | – Member |
| 10) Dr. Tarun Arora | – Member |
| 11) Sh. K. P. Singh, CoE | – Special invitee |
| 12) Dr. Jagdeep Singh Registrar | – Secretary |

Prof. P.S. Jaswal, Prof. Narpinder Singh, Prof. M. P. S. Isher and Prof. Gurmail Singh conveyed their apologies for not attending the meeting due to pre-occupations.

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CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

The Vice Chancellor expressed his pain in informing about sudden demise of former Director General Council for Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and former director of CSIR-Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology, Palampur, Prof. Paramvir Singh Ahuja on 21st Jan 2017.

Prof. Ahuja was a great academician and a renowned scientist. He was a member of the University's Academic Council and Planning Board. In his sad demise, University fraternity has lost a noble human being, who had richly contributed for growth of academics and research of not only at University level but also at national and international levels. The entire academic fraternity of the University has plunged into gloomy despair with this sad happening.

After observing two minutes silence, all standing, to pay homage to the departed soul, the Academic Council **RESOLVED** to express sorrow on the sad sudden and untimely demise of Prof. Parmvir Singh Ahuja and prayed to the almighty to grant peace to the departed soul strength to the bereaved family members to bear this irreparable loss.

It was **Further RESOLVED** to send a copy of the Resolution to the bereaved family.

The meeting was adjourned due to the sad demise of Professor P.S. Ahuja.

Registrar

The Vice Chancellor authorized the Registrar to convene the Adjourned Meeting at 1115 Hrs. on 16th March 2017.

Vice Chancellor



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The Chairman and Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Punjab extended a warm welcome to the members to the 14th Meeting of Academic Council and thanked them for sparing their precious time for contributing towards the academic growth of the University and valuable guidance.

The Chairman then requested the Secretary to present the Agenda Items one by one to the members for deliberations and decisions/recommendations. The Secretary presented the Items in sequence.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:1

To confirm the minutes of the 13th meeting of Academic Council held on 14th October 2016.

The Secretary informed that the draft minutes of the 13th meeting of Academic Council were circulated to all the members of the Academic Council on 17th November 2016.

No comments/suggestions on the minutes were received from any member.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council unanimously RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the 13th meeting of the Academic Council held on 14th October 2016.



Item:No:AC:14:2017:2

To consider the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions of 13th meeting of the Academic Council.

The Thirteenth Meeting of the Academic Council was held on 14th October 2016.

The details of the actions taken on the decisions taken by the Academic Council in its 13th Meeting were placed before the Council as ***Annexure- 14.1***.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council NOTED the Action Taken Report (*Annexure- 14.1*) on the decision of the 13th meeting of the Council held on 14th October 2016 and expressed satisfaction.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:3

To consider report on the progress of the University by the Vice Chancellor.

The Vice Chancellor presented the progress report of the University since the last meeting of the Academic Council dated 14th October 2016. A detailed Power point presentation was made on the various activities of the University (***Annexure- 14.2***).

The Vice Chancellor shared that the university has been accredited with “A” grade (4 point scale) from NAAC in its first cycle. The house was also informed that the University has been ranked 65th out of 3565 institutions (including 233 Universities) evaluated by MHRD under National institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF).

The Vice Chancellor shared about the research activities at the University that has given a lead position to the Central University of Punjab in terms of *h*-factor, citations, SCOPUS standing, amongst all newly established Central Universities. The faculty of CUPB has over 127 research projects worth more than Rs.21 crores and sanction of a few more projects are in the pipeline.

The members were told that 76 academic program were offered by the University in Session 2017, and 21001 application (through CUCET) were received against 515 seats offered by the University. The University is the first amongst the newly established Central University to offer online counselling for admission, for the first time, from this admission session (2016-17). Of the 515 available seats, 407 students have been admitted in current session to various courses of the University.

The other detail included present student strength via-a-vis previous years, the high number of students qualifying competitive examinations, faculty and staff strength, research projects at CUPB and academic collaborations with research and educational institutions. The University has the best ratio of students qualifying UGC/CSIR-NET, GATE, GPAT, ICMR examinations (224 out of eligible 307 students (2012 – 13 batch) qualified in National Tests).



The Vice Chancellor also informed that the University celebrated Yoga Week from 15th June to 21st June 2016 and Independence Day Fortnight from 8th August to 22nd August, 2016; lectures were held by renowned speakers on various commemorative days and 13th National Youth Parliament competition as held on 9th September, 2016. The University also participated in VISAKA campaign of the Government of India and scored 8th position from 4896 institutes in spreading awareness about digital economy.

The presentation concluded with the status of ongoing construction work at the Main Campus of the University.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council NOTED the progress made by the University since 14th October 2016, and expressed satisfaction.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:4

To ratify the nomination of two members to the Academic Council.

The Secretary apprised the Council members that the Vice Chancellor, under Clause 8 of Statute 13, had nominated the following outside members to the Academic Council, w.e.f. 22nd February 2016:-

1. Prof. S.S. Marwaha
2. Prof. P.S. Ahuja

Prof. S.S. Marwaha joined the service of the University as Professor, Center for Applied Agriculture on 17th October 2016. Consequently, being the Coordinator of his Center, he has been nominated as a member of AC under Clause 4 of Statute 13.

Further, due to unfortunate demise of Prof. P. S. Ahuja on 21st January 2017, a vacancy was created in the Academic Council.

The Vice Chancellor, as authorized by the Academic Council vide Item:9:2015:9(10), nominated the following members to the Academic Council, under Clause 13.8, w.e.f. 2nd March 2017:-

- a. Prof. S. S. Chahal, Vice Chancellor, Khalsa University, Amritsar
- b. Prof. Anita Kaushal, Dean Languages, PU, Chandigarh
& Principal GPGC for Girls, Sector 11, Chandigarh

The Secretary requested the Council to ratify the nomination of the members.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council unanimously RESOLVED to ratify the nomination of the following members to the Academic Council under Clause 13.8:

1. Prof. S. S. Chahal
2. Prof. Anita Kaushal



Item: No:AC:14:2017:5

To consider the recommendations of the Deans' Committee regarding mercy chance to Mr. Azad Ansari.

Mr. Azad Ansari, a student of M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme in South & Central Asian Studies, had requested for a mercy chance. A letter was issued by the University to Mr. Azad Ansari informing him that he has not completed the course in stipulated time period, as per UGC guidelines. He was also asked to explain the exceptional circumstances under which his application may be considered for mercy chance.

The Secretary informed that the case of the Mr. Azad Ansari was discussed in 7th meeting of the Deans' Committee. Attention of the Council was drawn on M.Phil. – Ph.D. Integrated rules and regulations Clause 13.15:

“A student with a backlog can repeat End Semester Examination of a course for a maximum of two chances, excluding the 1st appearance, in the subsequent supplementary examination or regular End Semester Examination without putting in any additional attendance. The marks of continuous internal assessment as applicable shall however, be carried forward in such cases”.

Mr. Azad Ansari was informed by the University in February 2015 that this will be his last chance for clearing/passing the course (SCA 621 and SCA 623) and in no case another chance will be given to him. Hence, Mr. Azad Ansari had already availed all his chances for appearing in examination (excluding mercy chance).

As per New UGC N+2 rule notified vide D.O. No.F.12-1/2015 (CPP-li) dated 15th October, 2015 and as approved by Academic Council and Executive Council in their 10th & 20th meetings respectively, he had not completed the course in stipulated period according to this new UGC rule. Further Mr. Azad Ansari had not reported any exceptional circumstances under which his application regarding providing mercy chance may be considered according to new N+2 rule.

The Deans' Committee deliberated on the issue in detail and it was noted that:

- (a) Mr. Azad Ansari has not reported any exceptional circumstances under which his application regarding providing mercy chance may be considered.
- (b) Also he has not completed the course in stipulated period as per UGC N+2 rule notified vide D.O.No.F.12-1/2015(CPP-II) dated 15th October,2015.

The Committee recommended that mercy chance may not be given to Mr. Azad Ansari. It was further resolved that this recommendation be put before the Academic Council for its consideration approval in its next meeting.



The Academic Council considered the recommendations of Deans' Committee. A member said, that the N+2 rule came into force in 2016 and hence will not be retrospectively applicable.

However, in the present case, as Mr. Ansari has finished all of his chances and has not bothered to explain about the exceptional circumstances for the mercy chances, his case is not recommended for mercy chance.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council, after detailed discussion on the issue RESOLVED to approve the recommendations of the Dean's Committee regarding not allowing mercy chance to Mr. Azad Ansari.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:6

To consider regarding continuing remaining work of Ph.D. research with government job w.r.t. Mr. Jagdish Singh.

The Secretary told that Mr. Jagdish Singh, a research scholar from Centre for Languages and Comparative Literature had sought permission to continue his remaining work of Ph.D. research with job. He has joined Punjab Government job as English Teacher on 10th November 2016. He has also mentioned that his residential period has ended and his Ph.D. degree is likely to be completed in March 2017.

The case was discussed in the 7th Deans Committee Meeting. The attention of the Academic Council was drawn on M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated rules & regulations 2.3:

"A semester (s) may be declared a zero semester (s) in case of a student who could not continue with the programme during that period due to illness and hospitalization or due to accepting a foreign scholarship/Fellowship or any other valid reason accepted by the Vice Chancellor subject to the fulfilment of requirements as laid down by the relevant rules. Such zero semester (s) shall not be counted for calculation of the duration of the programme in case of such a student"

The Secretary further said that the Committee deliberated on the issue in detail and it was resolved that the University should encourage the Ph.D. students for joining government job who have completed the course work and the minimum residency period of 02 years. Deans' Committee also recommended that, on joining back the University, Mr. Jagdish Singh will register again for the semester, pay the fee, deposit filled -in exam form for submitting thesis and will also complete any remaining requirements of course work/seminar etc.

The Deans Committee recommended that case of Mr. Jagdish Singh and other similar cases may be considered as per the following guidelines:

- a. As per UGC regulations Ph.D. programme will be of minimum three years.



- b. In order to avail of the leave from CUPB during Ph.D. programme, a student must have completed four semesters at CUPB and also must have completed course work for the degree.
- c. There should be a special reason such as a job, fellowship abroad, health condition of other similar valid reasons for taking leave/zero semester.
- d. The period of absence from CUPB shall be treated as zero semester and shall not add to maximum prescribed period for completion of degree.
- e. Hostel shall be vacated during zero semester.
- f. No fee will be charged during zero semester.
- g. After availing leave period, student will return to CUPB, register for the semester and continue till completion of degree.

It was further resolved that these recommended guidelines be got approved from Academic Council in its next meeting.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council deliberated on the above recommendations of the Deans Committee and RESOLVED to

- a. **Allow Ms. Jagdish Singh to continue remaining work of Ph.D. research work with government job. The Council also approved that similar cases of Ph.D. scholars in future may also be allowed to continue their remaining work of Ph.D. research only in case of getting a government job.**
- b. **It further RESOLVED to approve following guidelines for availing zero semester during Ph.D.:**
 - i. **As per UGC regulations, Ph.D. programme will be of minimum three years.**
 - ii. **In order to avail of the leave from CUPB during Ph.D. programme, a student must have completed four semesters at CUPB and also must have completed course work for the degree.**
 - iii. **There should be a special reason such as a job, fellowship abroad, health condition of other similar valid reasons for taking leave/zero semester.**
 - iv. **The period of absence from CUPB shall be treated as zero semester and shall not add to maximum prescribed period for completion of degree.**
 - v. **Hostel shall be vacated during zero semester.**
 - vi. **No fee will be charged during zero semester.**
 - vii. **After availing leave period, student will return to CUPB, register for the semester and continue till completion of degree.**

Item:No:AC:14:2017:7

To consider admission of students for Centre for Pharmaceutical Sciences & Natural Products in Ph.D.

The Secretary brought to the notice that the Deans' Committee in its 6th meeting considered an application received from the Centre for Pharmaceutical Science & Natural Products vide which they have requested that their students may be



admitted in the University with fellowship (i.e. Rs.8000/-) or a candidate may be admitted without fellowship, so that they can apply after enrolment to different funding agencies. They have also requested that the candidate of M.Pharm. background may be exempted from NET for Ph.D. admission since UGC/CSIR doesn't conduct test in Pharmacy and changes to this effect may be made to the admission notification.

The Committee deliberated on the issue in detail. It was argued that instead of CSIR NET for pharmacy and engineering student there are GPAT and GATE respectively. After in-depth discussions, It was resolved that from the next year GPAT/GATE qualified students of Pharmacy and Engineering may be treated equivalent to CSIR/UGC-NET, subject to the grant for fellowship. The same may be added in the notification for admission to Ph.D. programme henceforth. The Committee resolved to bring these recommendations before Academic Council for approval.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council, deliberated on the issue as recommended by the Deans' Committee regarding admission to Ph.D. programs in Centre for Pharmaceutical Sciences and Natural Products and RESOLVED to approve that GPAT/GATE qualified students of Pharmacy and Engineering may be treated equivalent to CSIR/UGC-NET.

The Academic Council further RESOVLED that this clause be added in the notification for Ph.D. admission henceforth.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:8

To consider change of nomenclature of degree of South & Central Asian Studies (Including Historical Studies).

The Secretary informed that the Deans' Committee in its 6th meeting considered the request received from the students of Centre for South & Central Asian Studies (Including Historical Studies) that their degrees which are provided by the University after completion of the course are given in South & Central Asian Studies (Including Historical Studies). They have requested that, keeping in view the employability of the students, the degree should be given in the basic subject which may enable them to get employment in the basic discipline.

The Deans' Committee deliberated on the issue in detail and resolved that the nomenclature of degree be changed to M.A. Political Science (Specialization: South and Central Asian Studies) and M.A. History (Specialization: South and Central Asian Studies).

RESOLVE

The Academic Council considered the recommendations of the Deans' committee and RESOLVED to approve the change in nomenclature of M.A. in South and Central Asian Studies to M.A. Political Science (Specialization:



South and Central Asian Studies) and M.A. History (Specialization: South and Central Asian Studies), as recommended by the Deans' Committee.

The Academic Council, further RESOLVED that a sub-committee be constituted by the Chairman to formalize the nomenclature of degrees, courses, and their placement in various Centres and Schools for Humanities Courses before the admissions of 2018-19.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:9

To consider naming of new Centre formed after merger of the Centre for Comparative Literature & Centre for Classical & Modern Languages.

The Secretary informed that the Centre for Comparative Literature and the Centre for Classical and Modern Languages have been merged on the basis of the decision of the Executive Council taken in its 22nd meeting, as per recommendations of the AC. Consequently, the merged Centre needs to be renamed. This was considered by Dean Committee in its 6th meeting.

The Committee discussed the issue regarding naming of the new Centre and resolved to recommend the name of the merged Centre as Centre for Languages and Comparative Literature.

RESOLVE

After discussion, the Academic Council unanimously RESOLVED to approve the recommendations of the Deans' Committee and named the merged Centre as Centre for Languages and Comparative Literature.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:10

To consider amendment in the regulations for Masters' Degree Programme.

The Secretary informed that the regulations for Master's degree programmes (Clause 15) specify that a student can repeat "*any component of continuous assessment and term examination in order to improve his/her grade/CGPA/division along with regular students in corresponding semesters, provided that CGPA of such a student is less than 6.0 on 10 point scale. No separate examination would be arranged for such students. There would be no limit for numbers of chances to improve*".

Some students have 'C' (5 points) or 'P' (4 points) grades in some courses. But as they have an overall GPA of 6.0 or more, they cannot improve it any further.

The Secretary further informed that, the IQAC in its 6th meeting had recommended that the Clause 15 be modified to include that "***a student can improve a course in which he/she has 'C' or 'P' grade irrespective of the GPA***".

It was further discussed that the students will take the examination along with the regular batches, whenever the course is offered. The exam pattern and syllabus of the examination will be the current/new pattern and syllabus as



applicable to the current course batch at the time of appearing for improvement. No new or separate test/question papers will be prepared for such repeaters.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council considered the amendment in Clause 15 of the regulations for Masters Degree programme as recommended above; i.e. “a student can improve a course in which he/she has ‘C’ or ‘P’ grade irrespective of the GPA” and RESOLVED to approve the same.

It was further RESOLVED that the repeater students will take the examination along with the regular batches, whenever the course is offered. The exam pattern and syllabus of the examination will be the current/new pattern and syllabus as applicable to the current course batch at the time of appearing for improvement. No new or separate test/question papers will be prepared for such repeaters.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:11

To consider offering Computer Science and Statistics as University basic level courses.

The IQAC in its 16th meeting recommended that Computer Science and Statistics are two university basic level courses and individual Centres should not teach them separately.

These should be offered as University basic level courses by the faculty in the Centres of Computer Science & Technology and Centre for Mathematics and Statistics and all students should join and take it together.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council deliberated on the above recommendations and RESOLVED to approve offering of Computer Science and Statistics as University basic level courses.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:12

To consider the perspective plan for University spread over next 30 years with well-defined goals & objectives.

The Secretary informed that the Second Planning Board of the University in its 1st meeting held on 23rd January 2017, considered the strengths and limitations of the University, which collectively determine the future planning for the University.

The Chairman apprised that the University has a locational disadvantage. There is a general misconception among the people that Bathinda is the epicenter of cancer. Even educated people/experts avoid coming to university for this reason. Apart from the cancer fear, air connectivity is almost lacking. Even the train timings are not very convenient.



Further, the Chairman said that at present there is a paucity of space in the City Campus. The University is working from a cooperative spinning mill shed rented from Punjab Government. As per lease deed no new buildings can be constructed at this campus. There is an acute paucity of space for classrooms, research and teaching labs, faculty and staff working place. Majority of the class-rooms (which are limited) can accommodate only up to 15 students. The University has already reached the point of saturation and no further expansion is possible at this campus and hence the student strength cannot be increased.

There is also scarcity of hostels and it is a very big constraint. Over 80 percent of the students are hostellers. They have been accommodated in portable cabins/porta cabins which are proposed to be shifted to new campus eventually.

The Chairman stressed that University, also has strengths, in spite of the above limitations. The University has grown exponentially in terms of research output and quality. Among the 16 new CUs, CUPB ranks amongst the top positions in terms of any parameter of evaluation in research – *h* index, citations, publications, RG Score, Impact points etc.

Further, the University has set standards for appointing quality faculty. None of the faculty members (except 2 in Computer Science) are non-Ph.D. Likewise, none is non-NET/GATE/ GPAT qualified. Majority of the faculty members, especially in science are credited with rich post-doctoral research experience abroad. The 85 regular faculty have over 127 funded (150%) research projects worth about Rs. 21. Crores, which is again amongst the highest in the country.

With the assumption that the University will move to the new campus at Ghudda at the beginning of new session in July 2017, the Planning Board had considered the following increase in the student strength in next 5 years in a phase wise manner. After the University moves to its own campus, there is a plan to increase the strength by 60% of present intake (to around 1800). The five year details are as under:

Phases of construction	PG and Ph.D.			UG + PG and Ph.D.		
	Phase 1A	Phase 1B	Phase 1C	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 3
Admission years	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
No of students expected	1100 (total)	1800	2300	3500	4600	6500
Hostel accommodation	750 (full today)	960+porta cabins	2100	3300	4500	6000

In 2019, the university proposes to start the **undergraduate programmes**, subject to the construction of the second Academic Block, students' hostels and recruitment of new faculty.

RESOLVE



The Academic Council deliberated on the recommendations of the Planning Board and approved the prospective plans for phase wise growth in the next five years.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:13

To consider starting of new Courses/Streams/Centres in the University.

The Second Planning Board of the University in its 1st meeting held on 23rd January 2017, deliberated and suggested to look into the possibility of starting of following more programmes/ streams/Centres as and when required:-

1. Mass Communication and Journalism
2. Commerce
3. Biotechnology
4. Analytics
5. Psychology/Clinical Psychology
6. Medical Physics & Nuclear Medicine
7. Pharmacognosy/Pharmacy
8. Material Science
9. Nano Science/Technology
10. Design
11. Petroleum/Geophysics
12. Financial Management
13. Foreign Languages – Diploma Courses

The Planning Board also recommended starting of:

1. Academic Staff College
2. Continuing Education
3. Short- term Executive training programmes

Further, IQAC in its 6th meeting held on 10th February, 2017 recommended starting of two new Centers out of the following proposed Centers:

- Centre for Commerce
- Centre for Physical Education and Sport Science
- Centre for Psychology
- Centre for Journalism and Mass Communication

The Secretary informed that the University proposes to start following new courses w.e.f. academic session 2017-2018:-

1. M.Sc. Applied Chemistry (Centre for Chemical Sciences)
2. MA. in Mass Communication & Journalism (Centre for Mass Communication and Media Studies)
3. M.Com. (Centre for Financial Administrations)

The Council deliberated on the recommendations of Planning Board and IQAC. The members recommended that the course names should be in conformity with the



employability of their degrees. They suggested to change the name of M.Sc. Applied Chemistry to M.Sc. Chemistry (Specialization: Applied Chemistry).

RESOLVE

The Academic Council, discussed the recommendations of Planning Board IQAC regarding starting of new courses/streams/Centers and RESOLVED to approve starting of following new courses in 2017-18:

- a. M.Sc. Chemistry (Specialization: Applied Chemistry)
- b. M.A. in Mass Communicate and Journalism
- c. M.Com.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:14

To consider

- a. **Growing trees at the Main Campus under Centre for Environment Science and Technology with an aim to study root architecture and developing growth models.**
- b. **Developing Botanical Garden/Arboretum and Medicinal Plant Garden at the Main Campus for education, research and development.**

The Secretary informed that the Second Planning Board of the University in its 1st meeting held on 23rd January 2017, discussed the infrastructure and personnel requirements of the university for future. Besides recommending the infrastructural requirements to be planned on priority basis, the Planning Board also recommended:-

- i. Utilization of vacant land areas at main campus as environmental research area for cultivating fast growing as well as slow growing trees under Centre for Environment Science and Technology with aim to study root architecture and developing growth models.
- ii. Development of Botanical Garden/Arboretum and Medicinal Plant Garden at the Main Campus for education, research and development.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council unanimously RESOLVED to approve the following recommendations of the Planning Board:

- i. **Utilization of vacant land areas at main campus as environmental research area for cultivating fast growing as well as slow growing trees under Centre for Environment Science and Technology with aim to study root architecture and developing growth models.**
- ii. **Development of Botanical Garden/Arboretum and Medicinal Plant Garden at the Main Campus for education, research and development.**



Item:No:AC:14:2017:15

To consider the methodologies for initiation of awards in the name of Indian/Indian origin Noble Prize winners to be given to eminent Indian research workers/ academicians.

The Secretary informed that the Academic Council in its 3rd meeting vide Item No.AC: 3:2012:11 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 proposal be included in the 12th Plan proposals.

The AC had further resolved that the awards be bestowed upon Indian researcher irrespective of the country where they have carried out their research.

Further, the Finance Committee in its 4th meeting considered the above recommendations of the Academic Council. The Finance Committee appreciated the recommendations of the AC and further recommended that budgetary provisions be made in 12th Plan proposal for the same.

Still further, the Executive Council in its 6th meeting vide Item No.EC:6:2012:12:5 approved the recommendations made by the Academic Council (Item No.AC:3:2012:11) and Finance Committee (Item No. FC: 4:2012:10) to initiate such awards, with the modification that the award in the name of Dr. S. Ramanujam in the field of Mathematics be also included and that there should be no age limit. It further approved the recommendations of the Finance Committee that the detailed financial implications be worked out and budgetary provisions be made in 12th Plan proposal.

The Secretary added that the Second Planning Board in its meeting held on 23rd January 2017, discussed the modalities and methodologies for initiation of awards in the name of Indian/Indian origin Nobel Prize winner to be given to eminent Indian research workers/ academician and recommended as follows:-

1. The awards be named **Oration Awards** instead of the Lecturer series.
2. The awards be initiated w.e.f. 2017.
3. **Two awards of Rs. 50, 000/- each**, one in humanities and second in science be given each year.
4. A corpus be developed for these awards.
5. A **photo - gallery of Nobel laureates** and of well-known scientists academicians of the region be setup in the University.
6. In main campus halls/buildings be named on the names of renowned Indian scientists.
7. The University will prepare a **Compendium of the biographies** and works of the renowned Punjabi scientists of the World.
8. The Board finalized the modalities and procedures for awarding the Oration awards as contained in **Annexure-14.3**.

RESOLVE



The Academic Council appreciated the recommendations of the Planning Board and RESOLVED to approve the modalities and methodologies for initiation of Oration Awards in the name of Indian/Indian origin Nobel Prize winner to be given to eminent Indian research workers/academician, as follows:

1. The awards be named Oration Awards instead of the Lecturer series.
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3. Two awards of Rs. 50, 000/- each, one in humanities and second in science be given each year.
4. A corpus be developed for these awards.
5. A photo - gallery of Nobel laureates and of well-known scientists academicians of the region be setup in the University.
6. In main campus halls/buildings be named on the names of renowned Indian scientists.
7. The University will prepare a Compendium of the biographies and works of the renowned Punjabi scientists of the World.
8. The Board finalized the modalities and procedures for awarding the Oration awards as contained in Annexure-14.3.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:16

To consider and approve minutes of sixth meeting of IQAC.

The Secretary said that the sixth meeting of Internal Quality Assurance Cell IQAC was held on 10th February 2017.

The minutes of IQAC were placed at Annexure14.4 for consideration.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council considered and RESOLVED to approve, after due deliberations, the recommendations of the IQAC given in its 6th meeting as placed at Annexure-14.4.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:17

To consider:

1. starting of three programmes, viz; M.Sc. Applied Chemistry, M.Com. and M.A. in Mass Communication & Journalism
2. approval of courses and seats for the academic session 2017-18.

The Secretary said that University has planned to start three new programmes w.e.f. session on 2017-18 i.e.

- a. M.Sc. Applied Chemistry,
- b. M.Com. and
- c. M.A. in Mass Communication & Journalism



At present the University has 09 (nine) Schools and 19 (nineteen) Centers. After being creation/functional of two more schools and Centers, the University will have 11 (eleven) Schools and 21 (twenty one) Centers.

As per approved Schools and Centers the new programmes may come under following Schools and Centers:-

Programme	School	Centre
M.Sc. (Applied Chemistry)	School of Basic & Applied Sciences	Centre for Chemical Sciences Already functional
M.A. in Mass Communication & Journalism	School of Information & Communicative Sciences	Centre for Mass Communication & Media Studies
M.Com.	School of Management	Centre for Financial Administration

The eligibility criteria as per other Central Universities and proposed number of seats for said programmes are as per prospectus.

The Secretary also presented the list of all programmes for academic session 2017-2018 along with details of seats and eligibility, including proposed new three programmes, as placed on **Annexure -14.5**.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council considered the above details and RESOLVED to approve:

- Names of Schools and Centers for M.Com. and M.A. Mass Communication & Journalism.**
- Eligibility criteria and number of seats in respect of M.Com. and M.A. Mass Communication & Journalism.**
- Renaming M.Sc. (Applied Chemistry) as M.Sc. Chemistry (Specialization: Applied Chemistry)**
- List of courses/seats for admissions for academic session 2017-2018 as per Annexure-14.5.**

Item:No:AC:14:2017:18

To consider the recommendations of the School Board of School of Health Sciences.

The Secretary informed that meeting of School Board of School of Health Sciences was held on 22nd December 2016. The School Board considered the recommendations of the Board of Studies, Centre for Human Genetics and Molecular Medicine.

The minutes of the School Board with summary of modifications proposed in the syllabus of M.Sc. Life Sciences with specialization in Human Genetics and M.Sc. Life Sciences with specialization in Molecular Medicine are placed at **Annexure-14.6**.



RESOLVE

The Academic Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations of the School Board for School of Health Sciences as per **Annexure-14.6**.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:19

To consider the recommendations of the School Board of School of Environment and Earth Sciences.

The Secretary informed that the meeting of School Board of School of Environmental and Earth Sciences was held on 16th February 2017. The School Board considered the recommendations of the Board of Studies, Centre for Environmental Sciences & Technology and Centre for Geography and Geology.

The minutes of the School Board with summary of modifications proposed in the syllabus of following Courses are placed at **Annexure14.7**.

- a. Ph.D. Environmental Science & Technology
- b. M.Sc. Environmental Science & Technology
- c. M.A. Geography
- d. M.Sc. Geography
- e. Ph.D. Geography
- f. M.Sc. Geology
- g. Ph.D. Geography
- h. Ph.D. Geology

RESOLVE

The Academic Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations of the School Board for School of Environment and Earth Sciences as per **Annexure-14.7**.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:20

To consider the recommendations of the School Board of School of Legal Studies and Governance.

The meeting of School Board of School of Legal Studies and Governance was held on 24th February 2017. The School Board considered the recommendations of the Board of Studies, Centre for Law.

The Secretary presented the minutes of the School Board with summary of modifications proposed in the syllabus of L.L.M. as placed at **Annexure-14.8**.

RESOLVE



The Academic Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations of the School Board for School of Legal Studies and Governance as per *Annexure-14.8*.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:21

To consider the recommendations of the School Board of School of Social Sciences.

The meeting of School Board of School of Social Sciences was held on 24th February 2017. The School Board considered the recommendations of the Board of Studies, Centre for Economic Studies.

The minutes of the School Board with summary of modifications proposed in the syllabus of the Centre were presented by the Secretary, as placed at *Annexure-14.9*.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council after due deliberations, **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations of the School Board for School of Social Sciences as per *Annexure-14.9*.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:22

To consider the recommendations of the School Board of School of Education.

The secretary informed that the meeting of School Board of School of Education was held on 1st March 2017. The School Board considered the recommendations of the Board of Studies, Centre for Education.

The minutes of the School Board with summary of modifications proposed in the syllabi of the Centre are placed at *Annexure-14.10*.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations of the School Board for School of Education as per *Annexure-14.10*.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:23

To consider the recommendations of the School Board of School of Languages, Literature and Culture.

The meeting of School Board of School of Languages, Literature and Culture was held on 2nd March 2017. The School Board considered the recommendations of the Board of Studies, Centre for Languages and Comparative Literature.

The Secretary presented the minutes of the School Board with summary of modifications proposed in the syllabi of the Centre are placed at *Annexure-14.11*.



RESOLVE

The Academic Council, unanimously RESOLVED to approve the recommendations of the School Board for School of Languages, Literature and Culture as per *Annexure-14.11*.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:24

To consider the recommendations of the School Board of School of Global Relations.

The Secretary informed that the meeting of School Board of School of Global Relations was held on 3rd March 2017. The School Board considered the recommendations of the Board of Studies, Centre for South and Central Asian Studies.

The minutes of the School Board with summary of modifications proposed in the syllabi of the Centre are placed at *Annexure-14.12*.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council RESOLVED, after discussion, to approve the recommendations of the School Board for School of Global Relations as per *Annexure-14.12*.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:25

To consider the recommendations of the School Board of School of Engineering and Technology.

The Secretary informed that meeting of School Board of School of Engineering and Technology was held on 27th February 2017. The School Board considered the recommendations of the Board of Studies of Centre for Computer Science and Technology.

The minutes of the School Board with summary of modifications proposed in the syllabi of the Centre for Computer Science and Technology are placed at *Annexure-14.13*.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council unanimously RESOLVED to approve the recommendations of the School Board for School of Engineering & Technology as per *Annexure-14.13*.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:26

To consider the recommendations of the School Board of School of Basic and Applied Sciences.



The Secretary said that the meeting of School Board of School of School of Basic and Applied Sciences is scheduled to be held on 6th March 2017. The School Board considered the recommendations of the Board of Studies under this School.

The minutes of the School Board with summary of modifications proposed in the syllabi of the various Centres are placed at **Annexure-14.14**.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council unanimously RESOLVED to approve the recommendations of the School Board for School of Basic and Applied Sciences as per Annexure-14.14.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:27

To consider rectification in decision of AC and EC regarding extension period of Ph.D. students of M.Phil.-Ph.D. integrated programme.

The Secretary informed that a Committee was constituted for giving recommendations regarding extension period for the Ph.D. students of M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated programme. The committee had recommended in its meeting dated 29th September 2016, that the *maximum duration to complete the Ph.D. programme or Ph.D. phase in M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated programme should be as per the UGC letter DO No.F.12-1/2015 dated 15th October, 2015*. This letter has already been implemented with the approval of Academic Council & Executive Council. The committee further recommended that *the Ph.D. duration will be counted from the date of registration in the Ph.D. programme/Phase*. For example the prescribed duration of Ph.D. phase (In case of Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D.) is 05 semesters. As per UGC letter the maximum duration for the Ph.D. phase will be 05 + 04 = 09 semesters from the date of registration in Ph.D. phase.

This decision was inadvertently wrongly recorded in the minutes of the 13th Academic Council (AC:13:2016:9) as;

"In order to make it explicit for the M.Phil.-Ph.D. integrated programme, it further resolved that after a minimum stay period of 3 years (06 semesters) in Ph.D., extension for a period of maximum 2 years (4 semesters) will be allowed. It further RESOLVED that the period of the Ph.D. will start w.e.f. the date of registration in Ph.D. Programme"

The Secretary further informed that the above decision of the Academic Council was also approved by the Executive Council in its 22nd meeting vide item no. EC:22:2016:70.

Consequently, a Notification in this regard was issued by the University.

The wrongly recorded decision, now needs to be rectified and be placed before the Executive Council as;



“In order to make it explicit for the M.Phil.-Ph.D. integrated programme, it further resolved that after a minimum stay period of 2.5 years (05 semesters) in Ph.D., extension for a period of maximum 2 years (4 semesters) will be allowed. It further RESOLVED that the period of the Ph.D. will start w.e.f. the date of registration in Ph.D. Programme”

RESOLVE

The Academic Council, after due deliberations, RESOLVED to approve the above rectification in the decision of AC and EC regarding extension period of Ph.D. students of M.Phil.-Ph.D. integrated programme.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:28

To consider the approval of course work and syllabus for MPhil- Ph.D. integrated programme in Comparative Literature.

The Secretary said that the Academic Council in the 13th meeting vide Item No:13:2016:6 considered the recommendations of the School Board of School of Languages, Literature and Culture and did not approve the Ph.D. course work for M.Phil.-Ph.D. Integrated Programme as the university is not offering any integrated Ph.D. Programme in any of its Centres. It was decided that an exception cannot be made for single Centre.

Later, the then CoC of the Centre submitted that the Ph.D. course work approval was sought for the ongoing batch of M.Phil.-Ph.D. programme as this was not previously got approved from the statutory bodies.

The Dean of the School requested that the course work and syllabus be allowed to be implemented subject to approval of AC in its next meeting.

The course work and syllabus of Ph.D. programme in Comparative Literature is placed at **Annexure-14.15**.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council, unanimously RESOLVED to retrospectively approve the course work and syllabus of Ph.D. programme in Comparative Literature as per Annexure-14.15.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:29

To consider starting of B. Voc. in Agriculture (Green Farming Technologies) –for students of Advanced Diploma in Agriculture.

The Secretary informed that as per approval from University followed by UGC vide letter No. D.O. No. F.1-81/2015 (CC) dated 11th June 2015, Diploma in Agriculture (Green Farming Technologies) was started in July 2015 under UGC



Community College Scheme. Initially the funding has been granted only for 2 years i.e. 2015-2016 and 2016 -2017 and will end in July 2017.

Later on, as per approval from the Academic and Executive Councils, Advanced Diploma in Agriculture (Green Farming Technologies) was started in 2016-17 with funds generated from the fee of the students. The 20 students of the Diploma course were admitted to advanced diploma as per UGC rules for vocational education.

As per UGC guidelines for Community colleges, the advanced diploma students can further be admitted in B. Voc. Programme. The students of advanced diploma course has requested to start the B. Voc. in Agriculture as it will provide them with opportunity to complete their Graduation.

Further, a meeting of the community college members was held on 6/3/2017 to discuss the matter. It was discussed that starting of the B. Voc. Course (3 year come (1+1+1) advanced diploma students) will benefit the students to complete their graduation [As per letter D.O.No.F.2-7/2014 (CC/NVEQF) dated 3/8/2016 issued by UGC]. Further, the committee members observed that admitting these students in B. Voc. Degree will save their loss of time in doing 3 year graduation degree from elsewhere.

The Chairman added that, keeping in view of the benefit of the currently admitted students and serving the community, it is recommended that permission may kindly be granted to start B. Voc. in Agriculture (1 year course for Advanced Diploma students). If permitted, there will be requirement of funds of nearly Rs. 10 lakh for one year (**Annexure-14.16**) and the same may kindly be sanctioned. Further it has been decided that the community college will approach/write to UGC/other agencies for the funding for the same and if gets the funding same will be reimbursed to the University.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council, after due deliberations, RESOLVED to approve starting of B. Voc. in Agriculture (Green Farming Technologies) course.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:30

To consider University Prospectus for admissions for the academic session 2017-18.

The Secretary presented the prospectus of the University for admissions to the forthcoming academic session 2017-18 as placed at **Annexure-14.17** for consideration.

The prospectus has details of courses offered, number of seats, eligibility for these courses, admission criteria, fee structure, facilities for students, and hostel rules and regulations.

RESOLVE



The Academic Council unanimously RESOLVED to approve University Prospectus for admissions for the academic session 2017-18 as per *Annexure-14.17*.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:31

To consider the Academic Calendar for session 2017-18.

The Secretary presented the University Academic Calendar for the forthcoming academic session 2017-18 as placed at *Annexure-14.18* for consideration.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council, unanimously RESOLVED to approve University Academic Calendar for the academic session 2017-18 as per *Annexure-14.18*.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:32

To consider the curriculum of M.Com.

The University is starting M.Com. from academic session 2017-18.

The Secretary presented the proposed curriculum for the course as placed at *Annexure-14.19* for consideration.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council after deliberations, RESOLVED to approve the curriculum of M.Com. as per *Annexure-14.19* for the academic session 2017-18.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:33

To consider the curriculum of M.A. in Mass Communication & Journalism.

The University is starting M.A. in Mass Communication and Journalism from academic session 2017-18.

The Secretary presented the proposed curriculum for the course as placed at *Annexure-14.20* for consideration.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council after deliberations, RESOLVED to approve the curriculum of M.A. in Mass Communication & Journalism as per *Annexure-14.20* for the academic session 2017-18.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:34

To consider the curriculum of M.Sc. Applied Chemistry.



The University is starting M.Sc. Applied Chemistry from academic session 2017-18. The Secretary presented the proposed curriculum for the course as placed at **Annexure-14.21** for consideration.

The AC has already resolved to rename M.Sc. (Applied Chemistry) as M.Sc. Chemistry (Specialization: Applied Chemistry) vide Item:No:14:2017:17, so the Council did not consider the syllabus of M.Sc. Applied Chemistry as such.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council after deliberations, RESOLVED that the Centre should bring back the curriculum of M.Sc. Chemistry (Specialization: Applied Chemistry) to Council after relevant changes as per the change in the name of the course.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:35

To consider introducing the provision for non-teaching summer courses during the summer for graduating students.

The Secretary informed that IQAC Cell has recommended a proposal for introducing provisions for non-teaching summer courses during the summer for graduating students.

The Council did not consider the recommendations for the Item was presented on the table just before the meeting and required more inputs/deliberations in-house before putting up for approval of the Academic Council.

RESOLVE

The Academic Council RESOLVED to withdraw this Item from the agenda of the 14th AC meeting.

Item:No:AC:14:2017:32

To fix the date of the next meeting of the Academic Council.

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

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

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