

## Amity University, Haryana

August 11, 2017

Minutes of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Academic Council of Amity University, Haryana held on August 09, 2017.

The following were present:

S.No	Name	Designation	Status
1	Prof (Dr) PB Sharma	Vice Chancellor	Chairman
2	Prof (Dr) Padmakali Banerjee	Pro Vice Chancellor	Member
3	Prof (Dr) Rajendra Prasad	Dir. AIB	Member
4	Dr. Gunjan M Sanjeev	Dir, Intl Affairs	Member
5	Maj Gen (Dr) Mahavir Singh	Director, AMS	Member
6	Maj Gen VK Narang	Dir, ASET	Member
7	Dr AK Raghav	Dir, IRD	Member
8	Maj Gen PK Sharma	Dir, ALS	Member
9	Prof (Dr) S K Jha	Dir, ASLA	Member
10	Prof (Dr) JP Dudeja	Professor	Member
11	Dr Vikas Madhukar	Dir, Admissions	Member
12	Prof (Dr) A K Yadav	Dir, ASAS	Member
13	Mr Rajeev Mishra	Dir, ASCO	Member
14	Mr A Bhattacharya	Dy Dir, ASH	Member
15	Dr. RK Thakur	Dy Dir ASAS	Member
16	Prof. P Barua	Principal, ACON	Member
17	Dr Priti Singh	Dir, IQAC	Member
18	Mr Ashok Tiku	HOD (Foreign Languages)	Member
19	Prof. JK Mehta	Prof ASCO	Member
20	Mr. S. Sengupta	Registrar	Secretary



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### Special Invitees:

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1	Maj Gen B S Suhag	Dy VC
2	Prof (Dr) U N Singh	Dean, Faculty of Arts
3	Dr R.K. Thakur	Dy. Director, ASAS
4	Ms Monica Choudhary	Professor, AMS
5	Prof P C S Devara	ASAS
6	Dr Vidhi Bhargava	ACC
7	Dr Ranjeet Kr Brajpuriya	ASAS
8	Ms Esha Jainiti	Dy Dir, ASCO

Prof (Dr) Sunil Saran; Maj Gen G S Bal (DSW); Prof S K Gupta; Dr Bhavana Adhikari & Prof (Dr) SMP Khurana could not attend the meeting due to their prior- commitments.

At the outset, the Chairman greeted all the members of the Council & the Special Invitees. He informed the members about the current health situation of Shri Sachin Juneja, Director, Market Promotion; who is recuperating from a massive cardiac arrest. He requested all the members to pray for his speedy & early recovery.

The Chairman, then welcomed Prof (Dr) A.K Yadav, Director, ASAS and Mr Rajiv Mishra, Director, ASCO for having been now associated with the Academic Council and hoped that they will greatly contribute to the University in general and the Council in specific. He also welcomed Prof U.N Singh and recognized his vast experience in the area of linguistics and wished that his contribution to the University will also be enormous.

In his opening remarks, the Chairman once again emphasized on the publication of research papers by the faculty in high impact & reputed journals in more numbers (preferably 10 -15 by each staff) and mentioned that quality of papers is of utmost imperative for any faculty at the university. He was also of the opinion that Faculty must not only teach but also engage in research activities so that the teaching-learning experience could be translated into the area for better output.

The Pro VC shared that AUUP (Amity University Uttar Pradesh) has set a yardstick wherein the Engineering & Science Deptt are required to publish 5 times more papers vis-a-viz Humanities and other Deptts. In addition, efforts, be made to help Hospitality & Nursing deptts which currently have Zero publications to their credit.

The Chairman highlighted that so far sponsored projects received at the University have exceeded the value of Rs10 crores 21 lacs and few more are already in the advanced stage, which is a healthy sign and he felt that by the time the year ends, this will be much higher. He



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complemented the AIB team for having achieved this stature of sponsored projects under the able leadership of Prof Rajendra Prasad.

After the opening remarks of the Chairman, the Agenda Items were taken up by the Secretary for discussion: -

**Item No AC 14.1**

- (a) **To confirm the minutes of Thirteenth meeting of the Academic Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

After a brief discussion, the Minutes of the thirteenth meeting of the Academic Council were approved.

- (b) **Action taken on the Minutes of the Thirteenth Meeting of Academic Council**

After a brief discussion, the item was approved.

**Item No AC 14.2**

**Presentation of Strategic Plan by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor**

A question was posed to the August audience by the VC, that what does one understand from Strategy to which diverse perspectives / thoughts were shared wrt their construal of Strategy.

Post brainstorming, the summation of all lead to a mutual thought wherein it was agreed, that, Strategic planning is an organizational management activity that is used to set priorities, focus energy and resources, strengthen operations, ensure that employees and all stake holders are working towards common goals / results and carry mid-course correction if required to achieve the "Vision and Mission" of the University.

Thereafter the Hon'ble Chairman presented the Strategic plan in form of PPT presentation, wherein he shared his Vision; Road Map & Action Plans by emphasizing upon the core spirit which he named '**The Panchtatvas**' and the major focus areas – termed as '**High 9**'.

The emphasis areas for AUH for which he shared his goals; strategic action plans; road map along with time line have been elaborated **vide enclosed report as per Appx 'A'** attached and the appended slides.

**Slide A: CORE SPIRIT:**

- Growth with quality, relevance & excellence
- Accelerating research and innovation
- Knowledge of wealth creation:
  - Fostering incubation



- Technology transfer
- Start ups
- Collaboration with selected world class Institutions
- Internationalization & global esteem

**SLIDE B: Major Focus- High 9**

- Attracting quality students and shaping them as professionals of new age.
- Attracting quality faculty & developing them as world class Academics & globally recognized researchers.
- High employability of Graduates
- Knowledge creation & translation into IPR and patenting
- Innovation Incubation & start up
- Attracting sizable foreign students
- Active collaboration with world class universities & institutions
- Foster values, professional morality & create responsible citizenship
- Community service, sustainability & alignment to National missions

The Vice Chancellor also kept on elucidating the above points during the course of the presentation.

The following slides were then presented by him with the content being the same as appended:

**SLIDES C to H**

- Admissions
- Academic excellence through Choice Based Credit System & other Academic Innovation
- Accreditation & Ranking
- Faculty Development
- Industry Integration
- Research & Publications

The areas that were covered under the above slides included:

- Strategic Areas of Importance
- Goals
- Existing Position
- Strategic Action
- Targets & Timeline.





During the presentation, the Vice Chancellor elaborated on all the above points in the respective areas and a healthy discussion followed.

**SLIDE I: Funded Research Projects**

The relevant point to be noted are the Financial Targets specified along with time line in terms of R&D grant which we should strive to receive.

December 2017: 12.5 crores

December 2018: 17.5 crores

December 2019: 23.5 crores

December 2020: 31.0 crores

**SLIDE J: Corporate Relations and Placement**

The Chairman raised apprehension wrt students not meeting QR for shortlisting & their final selection by companies. He directed both the HOIs & Dir CRC to dwell on the issue and come up with a workable plan wherein we mentor students by enhancing technical & aptitude skills and groom them for mock tests; personality development; GD and interviews. He asked, Mr Rakesh Singh, Dir CRC to share his action plan wrt guaranteeing 100 % placement by the year 2018 and explore methodology / pro-activeness to address visiting of bulk recruiting companies to the AUH campus.

**SLIDES K to O**

- Internationalization
- Infrastructure and Learning resources
- Extension Activities
- IQAC
- Library & Knowledge Centre

These slides also dealt upon with the following areas:

- Strategic Area of importance
- Goals
- Existing position
- Strategic action
- Targets & timeline.

A general discussion followed and the strategic plan prepared by the Vice Chancellor was highly appreciated and approved by the Academic Council.



### Item No AC 14.3

#### **Presentation on New Academic Initiatives by the Pro Vice Chancellor:**

The Pro-Vice Chancellor presented the Academic Framework Regulations (2017-18) in form of PPT presentation enclosed as **per Appx 'B'**. She emphasized on AUII's Core Philosophy i.e., achieving excellence through academic innovation and vision of being an industry integrated University.

She emphasized on the '**Three Core Pillars**' and '**5 C's of Academic Framework**' to achieve our objectives and re-emphasized that the academic activities of the University centers around

- Innovation & Flexibility
- Flexible Credit System
- Faculties (6) & Institutions (18)
- Achieving Excellence through academic innovation
- Industry integration & ICT

#### Core Pillars:

- Academic Rigor
- Industry Integration
- Technology

She mentioned the 5 C's of Academic Framework that is followed in the University as following:

- Choice
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Creativity

She believed that **the introduction of the Choice based Credit / Flexible Credit System** along with blended learning approach are the hallmark of Amity University, Haryana. The flexible credit system focuses on leveraging the talent and innovative capabilities of the budding professionals to meet the needs of the contemporary dynamic business environment thus making the student more industry ready. She emphasized that the review of Academic Framework is required to achieve the objectives and the methodology of such reviews could be to:



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- Rationalize number of credits and contact hours of students to align with best practices and current market demand
- Give flexibility to pursue research projects, self-study, group project, Industry certification.
- Strengthen CBCS
- Ensure conformity with regulatory bodies.

She mentioned that the impact of the above will be seen through:

- Student centric approach
- Reduction in contact hours
- Improved avenues for live projects, certification & case studies
- Strengthen self-studies
- Improved employability

A general discussion followed on the above presentation of Pro Vice Chancellor and members participated in the same and made certain observations but generally it was appreciated by all the members. Accordingly, the proposed Academic Framework was approved by the AC. It was informed by Pro VC that the proposed academic framework will be applicable to the batch of students of 2017-18 onwards.

#### **Item No 14.4**

#### **Presentation on Admissions by Director Admission:**

Dr. Vikas Madhukar, Director Admission then presented the report on the admission profile of 2017. In his presentation, he mentioned the weightage vis a vis status, number of programs, dates of entrance examinations, forms & admissions, fast track admission & scholarship, Institute wise status of admission till 08<sup>th</sup> August 2017, and number of International admissions.

According to the data presented by him 1429 students have been admitted so far as on 08 August 2017. The number of foreign students admitted are 19. There was a brief discussion on the admission process and it was reiterated and agreed to reduce the time frame of declaring the results of admission tests as members felt that as far as possible the result for admission test be declared the same day to expedite the admission process.

The Chairman desired to explore option of declaring result on the same day. This, in turn would facilitate retaining and enhancing intake of more students in all disciplines.



Members & HOIs raised anxiety wrt AUH Website not being up to date & the same even being shared as feedback from the environment due to which neither the students nor the guardians are aware wrt academic programmes; infrastructure & facilities available at the campus. It was felt that this is one of the foremost reason for low turnout of students seeking admission.

The Chairman asked Head Amity TV to ponder & discuss his action plan to address the same, post which University would take up the matter with Head Office & recommend its decentralization if inevitable.

He also requested all the HOI's to be present during the admission test held at AUH from time to time.

**Item No 14.5**

**New programs to be introduced & revision of syllabi of current courses.**

The Registrar informed the Council that proposals for introduction of new courses and revision of syllabi of some existing courses have been received from Amity Medical School, Amity School of Engineering & Technology & AIIT, Amity School of Liberal Arts, Amity School of Applied Science and Amity Business School. He apprised the Chairman and the members that the minutes of the Board of Studies of all the above proposals is available with the office.

After some discussion on the subject, the Council approved the introduction of new courses and revision of syllabi of existing courses applicable for the Academic year 2017-18.

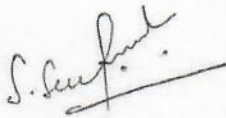
**Item No 14.6**

**Courses discontinued for Academic year 2017-18**

Dr. Madhukar presented the list of courses which are to be deleted from the Academic Session of 2017-18 and the same was vetted and approved by the Academic Council.

**Item No. AC 14.7 Any other point with permission of the Chair.**

After exchanging vote of thanks between the Chair and the members, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.



Registrar & Secretary  
Academic Council, AUH

