

Amity University, Haryana

August 3, 2018

Minutes of the 17th meeting of the Academic Council of Amity University, Haryana held on July 31, 2018.

Following were present:

Prof (Dr) P.B. Sharma	Vice Chancellor	Chairperson
Prof (Dr) Padmakali Banerjee	Pro Vice Chancellor	Member
Prof (Dr) Rajendra Prasad	Dean, Faculty of SET	Member
Maj Gen (Dr) Mahavir Singh	Director, AMS	Member
Dr Gunjan M. Sanjeev	Director, Intl Affairs	Member
Maj Gen P.K. Sharma	Director, ALS	Member
Prof (Dr) A.K. Raghav	Director, IRD	Member
Prof (Dr) V Madhukar	Director (Admissions)	Member
Prof (Dr) S K Jha	Director ASLA	Member
Prof (Dr) J P Dudeja	Professor	Member
Prof (Dr) A.K. Yadav	Director, ASAS	Member
Prof A Bhattacharya	Dy Director, ASH	Member
Dr Priti Singh	Director, IQAC	Member
Prof Ashok Tiku	HOD (Foreign Languages)	Member
Mr Rajiv Mishra	Director, ASCO & Amity TV	Member
Prof J K Mehta	Prof ASCO	Member
Mr S. Sengupta	Registrar	Secretary

Special Invitees:

Maj Gen B.S. Suhag	Dy Vice Chancellor
Maj Gen G.S. Bal	DSW
Prof (Dr) U.N. Singh	Dean, Faculty of Arts
Rear Admiral K K Pandey	Director HR
Dr Satish Sardana	Director, AIP
Dr Bhavana Adhikari	Dy. Dean, Academics

Prof Sunil Saran, Prof S.K. Gupta and Dr Pranati Barua could not attend the meeting due to their prior commitments.

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed all the members and Special Invitees and emphasized the importance of the Academic Council in deciding the all-important academic activities of the University. He also mentioned that Academic Council is also to oversee the level of academic delivery and also whether various outcome inputs are in consonance with the target set by the University.

Referring to the students, especially the newly admitted ones, the Chairperson highlighted the following areas which the HOIs need to oversee and monitor on a regular basis.

- Ensure the sincerity of the pursuit of Academic Activities
- Attract Good students and serve them properly
- Conduct of regular classes
- Attendance of students to be maintained regularly
- Maintain Academic Discipline
- Academic load to be distributed evenly among the teachers.
- To be in touch with the students especially the newly admitted students.
- Students have to be sensitized to take interest in their studies.
- Mentor –Mentee system to be strictly implemented
- Explore student's interest as an entrepreneur
- Transparency must be maintained in all aspects of academic activities in the school/institute

The Chairperson then addressed the following matters concerning the University and suggested all concerned to ensure improvement.

- Involvement of small section of faculty in quality research and publications. This must be taken up by all the faculties.
- By involving Industry Executives in regular academic activities, the industry integration will be taken a step further.
- Attempt must be made to raise the standard of the University to a greater height to secure a position within top 10 universities of the country.

The Chairperson then announced the important events coming up during the year 2018-19 as per the detail below;

- Innovation Day on September 28, 2018
- Convocation in February 2019.

It was emphasized by the Chairperson that preparations for both these important events must begin now. According to him, the Innovation Day must be showcased as a habit and culture of the University and not an occasional activity. He suggested that a National Innovation competition in various areas may be conducted with the grand Finale on September 28, 2018. For convocation also thinking must begin from now onwards. He mentioned that HOIs and members of the Academic Council may suggest the names of renowned persons to whom the honor of Honoris Causa and Honorary Professor could be bestowed and send the names to the Vice Chancellor, AUH.

Next, the Chairperson announced that the Pro Vice Chancellor has been assigned the responsibility to steer through the process of NAAC accreditation, NIRF ranking and IQAC activities on a day to day basis. The Chairperson was of the view that under her dynamic leadership and enthusiastic manner of working style, she would be able to do justice to the assignments. He then requested the Pro Vice Chancellor to say a few words.

The Pro Vice Chancellor, in her brief address sought the cooperation of all HOIs and other Senior Officials of the University to undertake the tasks of NAAC, NIRF & IQAC. She was of the opinion that all especially the HOIs of different schools must strive hard to take the University forward. She informed that soon she will form a core group to support her in all the activities especially for NAAC accreditation. NIRF ranking will be determined after a few months and we will have to submit the relevant and correct data to them on time. About IQAC, she felt that although they have done exhaustive audit, the follow up action was little slow which, she said, will be accelerated in due course.

Prof (Dr) Rajendra Prasad, Dean Research and Director, AIB remarked that current projects undertaken by the faculty are doing fine and the work is in progress. With more

facilities added by the year end, the research and project activities will certainly be accelerated.

The Chairperson mentioned that Centralized Instrumentation Facility is being set up at the University for the benefit of research and the faculty must take full advantage of this facility.

The Chairperson expressed his view that patenting is another important area where the University is not doing too well and the situation must improve. He asked Dr A.K. Raghav about the reasons for the same. Dr Raghav explained that while faculty share ideas with him but to a limited extent. The Chairperson advised Dr Raghav to take further initiative in this regard. After discussions, the Chairman constituted a Patent Cell with the following members:

Dr Ashok Raghav
Dr Atul Thakur
Dr Arvind Chhabra
Dr U.N. Singh
Shri Atul Jain

Dr Raghav informed that so far 41 patents have been filed out of which 20 were filed by him. The Chairperson advised him to visit all the schools / institutes to meet the HOIs and Faculties of the respective schools /institutes and arrange submission of more patents after exchanging ideas with them.

The Chairperson identified the following areas which are crucial for the further development of the University:

- Academic Rigor
- Pressure of Performance
- Administrative Application
- Student's Satisfaction
- Placement
- Research & Patents

The Chairperson then invited Dy Vice Chancellor to say a few words about the infrastructure facilities and any observation, if he has, on any other matter.

The Dy Vice Chancellor was of the opinion that:

- SOPs must be vetted by the concerned authority so that they may be taken up for approval and implementation.
- More attention must be accorded to record maintenance.
- Mentor-Mentee relation must improve for betterment of the system.

He also informed that six Porta Cabins are being ordered for the purpose of accommodating more laboratories.

The agenda items were taken up next as per the direction of the Chairperson.

Item No AC 17.1: a) To confirm the minutes of Sixteenth meeting of Academic Council held on 15th Feb, 2018

After a brief discussion, the minutes of the sixteenth meeting of the Academic Council was confirmed by the members.

b) Action taken on the minutes of the Sixteenth meeting of the Academic Council

After a brief discussion, the Action taken report was also confirmed by the members of the Academic Council.

Item No AC 17.2: Any other item with the permission of Chair

The Registrar then sought the permission of the Chair to raise the following item:

ASCO Proposal for approval of one PG Diploma program and two certificate programs for the Academic year 2019-20.

The Registrar placed the relevant documents in this regard and informed that recommendation of BOS has been obtained by the School and they have also prepared the relevant documents for all the three programs, viz a) Post graduate Diploma in New Media and Digital Marketing, b) Certificate Course in Digital Photography c) Certificate course in Video Editing.

The Chairperson requested Shri Rajiv Mishra, Director, and ASCO to make a brief presentation on the curriculum, syllabi and the genesis of the proposal to launch the programs.

Shri Mishra made a brief PPT presentation and justified the need of launching the above three courses through his presentation. After this a brief discussion followed and the Council approved the launch of the programs from the academic session 2019-20.

With the permission of the Chair, following items were also taken up.

a) Dy Dean, Academics made a brief oral presentation on introduction of the following Minor track programs for the academic year 2018-19

- Quebec Studies
- Korean Studies
- Entrepreneurship
- Stem Cell Technology

Pro Vice Chancellor also explained the need of introducing the above courses under Minor track program. After a brief discussion, the council approved the proposal.

b) Dr V. Madhukar, Director (Admissions), then made an oral presentation about the current Admission status for the Academic year 2018-19. He stated that as on July 30, 2018, 1440 students have been admitted (paid fees). He also mentioned that in 30 programs there have been no admissions and in about 47 programs the number of admissions are 5 or below. He also mentioned that out of 132 programs there are about 40 programs only in which 10 or more students have taken admission. He sought for the views of the Academic Council in this regard.

The Pro Vice Chancellor suggested that a review must be conducted for the programs where the admission is very less and a concerted view taken about the continuance of those programs.

The Chairperson agreed for review of those programs where the admission is miniscule. He made the following observations:

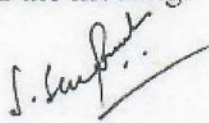
- The ratio of admission in AUUP, NOIDA is much more than AUH.
- Admission in Master's program is less than desired.

- We are not able to attract more students for whatever reason it may be.
- There may be lacunae in our school connect & Industry connect programs and they need to be strengthened.
- More Involvement of HOIs and faculties of institutes/schools will help in more admissions.
- Student's satisfaction is very important and this should be ensured for more admissions in future.

c) The Registrar informed the members that Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and Prof U.N. Singh and two Other Faculty of AUH had a discussion with Nobel Laureate Shri Kailash Satyarthi and other members of "Kailash Satyarthi Foundation" on May 25, 2018. As per the Minutes of the said meeting, it was proposed to launch a combined Degree program on "Master of Child Right Studies" as also "Ph.D. Program in Child Right's and Development". Prof U.N. Singh had requested for in principle approval for both these programs and he will prepare the syllabi and Curriculum structure etc. in consultation with KSFC after a consultative committee is constituted.

After some discussions, the council accorded in principle approval for the same.

There being no other item for discussion, the Chairperson thanked all the members and closed the meeting.



Registrar & Secretary
Academic Council, AUH.