



MINUTES

17th ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

DATE : 18th September 2020

TIME : 10:30 AM

VENUE : Online through Zoom

**MINUTES OF THE 17th ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING OF AMITY UNIVERSITY
MADHYA PRADESH, HELD ON 18th SEPTEMBER 2020**

1. The 17th meeting of the Academic Council of Amity University Madhya Pradesh (AUMP) was held on 18th September 2020 at 1030 hours on Zoom Platform (Online Mode). The meeting was presided by Lt Gen V K Sharma, AVSM (Retd), the Vice Chancellor and Chairman of Academic Council, AUMP, Gwalior.

2. The Agenda Points proposed to be discussed during the meeting, were earlier circulated to all members and are attached as **Appendix-A**. The list of Members of Academic Council of Amity University Madhya Pradesh present in the meeting is attached as **Appendix-B**. The Academic Council then proceeded to discuss the agenda points. The details of discussion are given in the succeeding paragraphs.

3. **Agenda No. 1: Welcome Address by Chairman.**

(a) The Vice-Chancellor of the University and Chairman of Academic Council welcomed all the members of Academic Council. He introduced the special invitees from Amity University Mumbai and the Director ABV-IIITM, Gwalior with the other members of Academic Council.

(b) He informed members that the Academic Council is mother of all Statutory Bodies, as the planning for the upcoming semester i.e. January, 2021 is primarily done in this meeting, which later gets ratified in Board of Management and Governing Body Meeting.

(c) In his welcome address he said that the Pandemic has its great disadvantages, but has also provided opportunities by the means of networking and connecting online, because of which some of the external members who would have find it hard to travel and remain physically present in the meeting have spared their valuable time for the virtual meeting.

(d) Further he mentioned in his address that any mature person should have tolerance for ambiguity, in that, planning must be done even in times of uncertainty that which all of us have gradually learnt over a period of time, as no one can predict when things will be normal.

(e) With this he ended his initial welcome address and asked the Registrar to continue with the agenda points to be discussed in the meeting.

4. **Agenda No. 2: Ratification of Minutes of Academic Council Meeting held on 12th March 2020.** The Minutes of the last Academic Council Meeting held on 12th March, 2020 were briefed to the members through an online presentation by the Registrar. The minutes were ratified and are attached as **Appendix - C.**

5. **Agenda No. 3: Approval of revised Academic Calendar for the Academic Year 2020-21.**

(a) The revised Academic Calendar for the Academic Year 2020-21 was placed before the members of the Academic Council and Dean Academics was requested to brief the members. Dean Academics informed the members that the revision was made in the Academic Calendar due to the UGC's Notification with respect to Academic Calendar keeping in view to the COVID 19 pandemic scenario and the changes proposed were with regard to the commencement of the session for newly admitted students i.e Semester - I.

(b) The Vice Chancellor asked Dean Academics to amend the revised Academic Calendar by changing the Mid Semester Examination dates to 22nd - 26th February, 2021 for Semester -VIII, B.Sc./BCA Semester - VI (Final Semester) of the Even Semester commencing from January, 2021 instead of 15th to 19th February, 2021. This was agreed by all present.

(c) The revised Academic Calendar incorporating the suggestion of Hon'ble VC was unanimously approved by the members of the Academic Council, which is attached as **Appendix - D.**

6. **Agenda No. 4: Approval of revised Calendar of Examination for the Academic Year 2020-21.** The revised Examination Calendar for the Academic Year 2020-21 was placed before the member and Brig (Dr) J Matta, CoE was asked to brief about the proposed revision in the same. Brig (Dr) Matta informed the members, that the revision in Examination Calendar was keeping in view to the changes proposed in the revised Academic Calendar. He said the examination of the first semester students have been delayed by one week from the earlier proposed date and same is with the second semester dates. As directed by the Chairman for change in date for the mid semester examination, the same will also be incorporated in the revised Examination Calendar. The Members of the Academic Council approved the revised Examination Calendar subject to change in dates of Mid Semester Exams.

The revised Examination Calendar after making amendments as suggested by the Chairman is attached as **Appendix- E.**

7. **Agenda No. 5: Approval of Academic Calendar of PhD for the batch July 2020.**

Dr Swapnil Rai, Associate Professor and University Research Coordinator was asked to present the Academic Calendar of PhD for the July, 2020 session before the Members of the Academic Council for approval. The same was approved and is attached as **Appendix -F.**

8. **Agenda No. 6: Approval of minutes of the meeting of additional Board of Studies conducted by ASET.**

Maj Gen (Dr) SC Jain, Director ASET was asked to brief the members on the agenda of additional Board of Studies conducted by ASET. Accordingly, Maj Gen (Dr) Jain, briefed the members about the decision taken in the additional Board of Studies and presented its Minutes of the Meeting for its ratification in the Academic Council. The Minutes of the Meeting was unanimously ratified by the members of the Academic Council. The Minutes of the said meeting is attached as **Appendix -G.**

9. **Agenda No. 7: Approval of Calendar of Event for the period from Jan - June 2021.**

On the basis of Academic Calendar, Examination Calendar and the details of planned events of various institutes/schools, an Event Calendar of AUMP for the upcoming semester Jan-June 2020 was prepared and put up before the Chairman. The Chairman discussed all the planned events with the respective Hols and suggested the following amendments in the same:

- (a) National Seminar of ALS to be re-scheduled to 6th February, 2021.
- (b) National Seminar of EVS to be re-scheduled to 3rd February, 2021.
- (c) World Syndrome Day of AIBAS to be preponed to 19th March, 2021.
- (d) Annual Debate to be re-scheduled to 15th March, 2021.
- (e) Addition of Event of ASAP 'Live Sketching Workshop at Padavli, Mitavli and Bhateshwar' to be scheduled 27th January, 2021.
- (f) Addition of Event of ASAP 'Case study at Sun Valley' to be scheduled on 30th January, 2021.
- (g) Addition of Event of ASAP 'Workshop on Advance Building Construction and Services' to be scheduled on 2nd February, 2021.

(h) Addition of Event 'Film Festival' to be scheduled on 10th March, 2021.

(i) Addition of Event 'National Seminar of AIP' to be scheduled on 2nd March, 2021.

In consultation with all HoIs the Event Calendar was finalized and the same is attached as **Appendix -H** which was unanimously approved by the members of Academic Council incorporating suggestion given by the Chairman.

10. **Agenda No. 8: Requirement of Teaching Staff for the year 2020-21.**

Keeping in view the faculty load and backfill vacancies created against the left faculty members in the various institutes, the requirement of teaching faculty for the session 2020-21 has been prepared and put up before the members for approval. The same was approved and is attached as **Appendix- I.**

11. **Agenda No. 9: Approval of requirement of Lab Equipments for next even semester commencing from Jan 2021.**

The requirement of lab equipments received from the various institutes for the session commencing from Jan 2021 was briefed to the members. The Chairman in this regard suggested the following:

(a) Lab requirement of AIB to be reduced from the proposed amount of Rs six lacs. Prof (Dr) R S Tomar was asked to check with other campuses and then resubmit the proposal.

The agenda item was unanimously approved subject to revision in the lab requirement of AIB and the same is attached as **Appendix -I.**

12. **Agenda No. 10: Approval of requirement of Books for next even semester commencing from Jan 2021.**

Hols of various Institutes/Schools have proposed the requirement of Books for the next semester commencing from Jan 2021 which was put up before the member of Academic Council. Hon'ble VC suggested that the book requirement of AIP and ASAP must be reviewed and re-submitted. The books requirement of all institutes other than AIP and ASAP was unanimously approved and the same is attached as **Appendix- K.**

13. **Agenda No. 11 Post facto Approval for promotion of students of all semesters (except final semester) without conducting ESE examination, as per guidelines of State Govt and UGC.**

Registrar put up the agenda item before the member and informed them about the notification received from the State Government and UGC with respect to promotion of intermediate students and conduct of ESE Examination for final semester

students. Accordingly, Ex-Post Facto approval was requested from the members of the council with respect of promotion of intermediate students and for the conduct of examination of final year / semester students as per the SoP approved by Hon'ble Chairman and Vice Chancellor, AUMP.

The same were approved by the Council.

14. **Agenda No. 12: Approval of proposal for making Centre for Detection of Fake News and Disinformation as Centre of Excellence of AUMP.**

(a) Dr Sumit Narula, Director ASCO and Chairman of Centre for Detection of Fake News and Disinformation was asked to brief the members on the requirement of the centre, activities it has carried out and reasons for making it the Centre of Excellence of AUMP. Accordingly, Dr Narua briefed the members regarding its inception and brief activities carried out by the centre.

(b) After hearing Dr Narula, the Chairman asked him to appoint Dy Chairman, Advisors from inside and outside the university (national from international), committee consisting of members in the interdisciplinary areas, prepare charter of duties, submit the draft of notification to make it Centre of Excellence, so that Hon'ble VC can notify it after getting the approval of Hon'ble Chancellor.

(c) The Vice Chancellor and the Chairman had in principal approved the proposal to make the Centre for Detection of Fake News and Disinformation for making it a Centre of Excellence in AUMP.

15. **Agenda No. 13: Information about Research Projects submitted by various institutes/ schools from March 2020 to Aug 2020.**

Dr. Swapnil Rai, Associate Professor, EVS & University Research Coordinator, on behalf of Dean (Research), AUMP presented the research and innovation output carried out by Directorate of Research and Innovation. The members of Academic Council appreciated research activities carried out by the University. The Chairman suggested that all the Centres for Excellence should have a Chairman and a Dy Chairman, they should have advisors and members from national and international level. All the advisors and members should be approved in the University Research Council (URC). He asked Dean Research to get this done on priority before the upcoming URC Meeting i.e. within 3 weeks time, so that it can be approved in the same. The Chairman also informed the members of Academic Council that the University is also

publishing a Scopus Indexed Journal of Content, Community and Communication. Further, he also added that one of the book on jointly authored by Prof (Dr) Anil Vashisht and Dr Rajat Pathak will be launched on 19th September, 2020 on the occasion of Raising Day Function of the University. Further, he informed the members that the University is celebrating its 10th Raising Day on 19th September, 2020 and invited all the members to attend the online celebration which will be presided by Hon'ble Founder President of Amity Group Dr Ashok K Chauhan and Dr Aseem Chauhan, Hon'ble Chancellor & Chairman of Amity University. He asked the Registrar to send a link of the online celebration to the members of Academic Council, Board of Management and Governing Body.

16. **Agenda No. 14: Any Other Points with the Permission of the Chair.** Registrar with the permission of Hon'ble Chairman, invited Hon'ble External Members of the Academic Council to give their view about the University and their feedback. The following external members gave their view and feedback accordingly:

(a) Prof (Dr) Arun Pandey. Prof Pandey expressed his great pleasure and honour to be a part of the member of Academic Council of the University and was very much pleased with the rapid strides made in the field of research and innovation by the Institution. He complemented that the University is not only the best University nationally but also doing equally good globally. He also congratulated the University for meticulously planning its events and academics for the complete year successfully in this difficult time too. He said that the success will surely reflect in the ranking and accreditation in which the University will participate in the future and took the opportunity to congratulate Hon'ble VC under whose guidance, the university has achieved such a great accomplishment.

(b) Dr Rajender Sahu. He thanked the Hon'ble VC to invite him for the Academic Council Meeting. He appreciated the timelines and planning of the University which has been well designed and told that this speaks that the University is making great strides under the able leadership of Hon'ble VC.

(c) Dr Vikas Thakre. He mentioned that it is always a learning experience whenever he attends any function of the University. He congratulated Hon'ble VC for successfully converting the pandemic situation into an opportunity and nothing has stopped the University from achieving the timelines and commitments set even during this troubling times. He suggested that while designing the committee for newly proposed Centre for Excellence in Fake News and Disinformation, stake holders from various sectors should be

involved and it should not restrict to fake journals or publications alone and thanked the University for making him a part of the Council.

(d) Dr Niti Pandey. She congratulated the Hon'ble VC for the achievements and told that she is very happy to be a part of the University through this Committee and thanked for the same and gave her wishes for the upcoming session.

(e) Dr AKS Suryavanshi. He thanked for inviting him to join the August Academic Council Meeting and said that his experience of attending the same was very much intellectually enriching and further mentioned that under the leadership of Hon'ble VC has given the opportunity of collaborating with group of institutions within Amity and have desired for a meaningful get together.

(f) Dr Gautam Gawali. He said it was a very enriching experience and that he had lot to learn from the AUMP especially the wonderful work being carried out by AIBAS and wished to have interaction with the institution for a fruitful collaboration.

(g) Dr Manish Parmar. He thanked Hon'ble VC for inviting him and also told that it was a great learning experience for him.

17. Since, there was no other point to discuss, the meeting concluded at 1330 hrs with thanks to the chair.

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Place : Gwalior



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