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MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5th APRIL 2023

(THROUGH ONLINE MODE ON ZOOM PLATFORM)

The meeting of the 12th Academic Council was held on 5th April 2023 from 10:30 am onwards through online mode on Zoom Platform.

Following members were present in the meeting.

1. Dr. A W Santhosh Kumar – Chairperson
2. Dr. G. Thampi – Member
3. Dr. Vijay Singh Dahima – Member
4. Dr. Shrikant Charhate – Member
5. Dr. Gautam Gawali – Member
6. Dr. Bhawana Chanana – Member
7. Dr. Supriya Nene – Member
8. Dr. Bhawna Sharma – Member
9. Dr. Sagar Barge – Member
10. Dr. Sunil Dhaneshwar – Member
11. Dr. Nima Jerrit John – Member
12. Dr. Manjiree Vaidya – Member
13. Dr. Divya Pandey – Member
14. Dr. Manoj Devare – Member
15. Prof. Bhuvanesh Gowda – Member
16. Dr. Deepak H Hawaldar – Member
17. Dr. Sanjay Govind Patil (RICS) – Member
18. Dr. H. S. Vyas – Registrar & Member Secretary
19. Dr. Sujeet Kumar – Special Invitee
20. Dr. Suneela Dhaneshwar – Special Invitee

Following member could not attend the meeting due to their other important engagements.

1. Dr. P S Sali – Member
2. Dr. M P Kaushik – Pro Vice Chancellor AUMP – Member
3. Prof. P. B. Sharma – Member
4. Dr. Ashok Pundir – Member
5. Dr. T Vallinayagam – Member

All the agenda points were discussed one by one and deliberations were recorded as under.
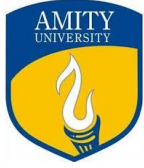
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Agenda – 1

Welcome address and Opening Remark by the Chairman of Academic Council – Hon'ble Vice Chancellor

The Academic Council meeting began with Hon'ble Vice Chancellor welcoming the members of the Academic Council. In his welcome address, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor mentioned that there is a need to have 360 degree Review of the Academic Plan of all the schools at Amity University Maharashtra to strengthen the academia.

Taking the discussion forwarded, the Registrar moved to Agenda Point no. 2 of the Academic Council Meeting.

Agenda – 2

Approval of Minutes of Academic Council Meeting held on 12 October 2022.

The Registrar placed before the members of the Academic Council along with Agenda, Minutes and Action taken report of the previous The 11th Academic Council Meeting held on 12h October 2022. The same was approved by the members.
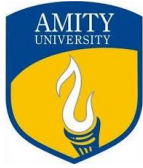
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Agenda-wise points discussed in the previous meeting is as follows:

Agenda Pt. #	Description	Remark
1	Opening Remark by the Chairman of Academic Council.	Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
2	Ratification of Minutes of Academic Council Meeting held on 19th March 2022.	Registrar
3	Approval of Academic Calendar for Odd semester 2022 – 23	Registrar
4	Last Semester Result, Student Eligible for Convocation and PhD Scholars to be awarded Degree.	Dy.Controller of Examination
5	Approval of Academic Calendar of PhD for the batch Jun 2022.	PhD., Coordinator
6	Approval of Calendar of Events to be conducted during Odd Semester 2022.	Registrar
7	Requirement of Teaching Staff for Odd Semester	Registrar
8	Approval of requirement of Books & Lab. Equipment for current Odd semester commencing from Aug 2022.	Registrar
9	Research activities at AUM to include projects, publications and patents submitted by University.	Presentation by Dr. Sagar Barge (On behalf of Dean Research i/c)
10	Any other point with permission to the Chair.	

Agenda – 3

Approval of Academic Calendar for Even Semester 2022 – 23

The registrar placed before the members of the Academic Council the Academic Calendar for the Even Semester 2022 – 2023.
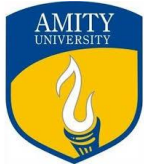
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Even Semester: Jan 2023 - June 2023 (Approved)

S. No.	Activity	Semester IV / VI / VIII/X	Semester II
1	*Re-registration / Orientation	27th Jan 2023	1st Feb 2023
2	Commencement of the classes	30th Jan 2023	2nd Feb 2023
3	Mid-Semester Tests	20th Mar to 25th Mar 2023	20th Mar to 25th Mar 2023
4	Parent Teacher Interaction	3rd April to 7th April 2023	3rd April to 7th April 2023
5	Faculty Feedback	23rd May to 3rd Jun 2023	29th May to 6th Jun 2023
6	Last date of the classes	6th Jun 2023	9th Jun 2023
7	End Semester Examinations	8th Jun to 28th Jun 2023	12th Jun to 3rd Jul 2023
8	Semester Break	29th Jun to 23rd Jul 2023	4th Jul to 23rd Jul 2023
9	Declaration of results	13th July 2023	18th July 2023
10	Commencement of the Next Semester	24th July 2023	24th July 2023

Chairman of The Academic Council, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the members of The Academic Council, that the process is initiated by the Central Team under the guidance of Hon'ble President to standardize the Academic Calendar of All Amity University campuses. Hence the academic calendar as communicated is followed.

Agenda – 4

Reporting of Convocation 2023.

The Registrar presented before the Members of the Academic Council Report of Convocation 2023.
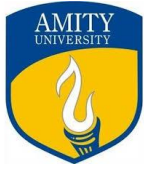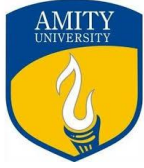
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1. **Total No. of Students Eligible for award of Degree**

Sr. #	Year	Number of Students			
		UG	PG	PhD	Total
1	2017	0	0	2	2
2	2018	3	0	1	4
3	2019	30	32	7	69
4	2020	554	291	0	845
5	2021	652	482	6	1,140
6	2022	802	464	3	1,269
7	2023	0	0	1	1
GRAND TOTAL		2,041	1,269	20	3,330

2. **Summary of No. of Graduands attended the Convocation Ceremony**

Sr. #	Year	Number of Students			
		UG	PG	PhD	Total
1	2018	0	0	1	1
2	2019	4	2	7	13
3	2020	153	103	0	256
4	2021	243	229	5	477
5	2022	494	321	3	818
6	2023	0	0	1	1
GRAND TOTAL		894	655	17	1,566

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Agenda – 5

Proposal to start B Pharm Program at Amity University Maharashtra.

The Registrar, Dr. H S Vyas, invited Dr. Suneela Dhaneshwar – Director, Amity School of Pharmacy to present before the members of the Academic Council details of Proposal to start B Pharm Program at Amity University Maharashtra.

For the information of the Members of Academic Council, Dr. Suneela Dhaneshwar shared following details:

- It is proposed to start B Pharm Program at AUM.
- It is an undergraduate program of 4 years duration comprising of 8 semesters.
- To start this program, approval from Pharmacy Council of India (PCI), New Delhi is required.
- PCI will grant initially only 60 seats for B Pharm program.
- After graduation of first batch of B Pharm, we become eligible to apply for PG and Pharm D programs.
- The curriculum and syllabus prescribed by PCI is mandatory to all PCI- approved institutes.
- A graduate of PCI –approved institute only is eligible to register as a registered pharmacist.
- The portal of PCI is likely to open in the **month of April 2023** where the proposal in the form of **Standard Inspection Format** (SIF) is to be uploaded.
- The preparation of proposal is under progress.
- Quotations for instruments/equipment's have been invited and **list is ready with approximate cost.**
- **Faculties** need to be appointed which have been **shortlisted** for **interview with Hon VC Sir.**
- **List of library books** (150 titles and 1,500 volumes) to be purchased and journals (10 national & 5 international) to be subscribed **is ready**.
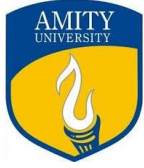
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- **Floor plan for infrastructure** as per PCI norms has been **prepared and submitted** to Hon VC Sir for approval of Hon C6 Sir.

Following documents are to be uploaded on PCI portal along with the SIF

- Availability of Land (for B. Pharm courses)
    - 2.5 acres District HQ/Corporation/Municipality limit
    - 0.5 acre for City / Metros
- Land Details to be in name of Trust and Society, Sale deed (Records to be enclosed)
- **Approved building/floor plans.**
- Letter from examining authority (AUM)
- Registration documents of Society/Trust
- Proof of address of the Society/Trust/ Management
- Status, details & minutes of the last Governing Council Meeting
- **Two Lac fees to start a new institute that includes inspection fees**
- **Appointment orders, consent to join for appointed faculties**
- Books, instruments & equipment's required for first 2 years
- Constructed labs (4) and classrooms (2) for first year B Pharm
- Gas, water, electricity connection documents

Dr. Suneela Dhaneshwar informed the members of the Academic Council that Amity University Maharashtra is fully prepared to submit the proposal to Pharmacy Council of India – PCI, the statutory council to get approval to offer Pharmacy Courses at AUM.

Agenda – 6

Approval of Academic Calendar of PhD for Even Semester 2022-23 and for the batch of Jan 2022.
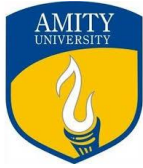
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The Registrar invited AUM PhD Coordinator Dr. Sujeet Kumar to present before the Members of the Academic Council Academic Calendar of PhD for the batch prior to Jan 2023.

Dr. Sujeet Kumar – AUM PhD Coordinator presented the following information:

Sr. No.	Academic Activity	Batch (before July 2022)	Batch (July 2022)
1	Commencement of Semester	02rd January 2023	15th February 2023
2	Continuation of Research work	Throughout the Semester	
3	Conduct of DRC for Semester Progress Evaluation/Topic Approval, and other agenda items	01st - 30th June 2023	
4	Commencement of the Next Semester	01st July 2023	
5	Submission of DRC recommendation/s by the Institution/School, to PhD Office, with the requisite supporting documents	20th July 2022	

Academic Calendar - Ph.D. Batches of Jan 2023

Sr. No.	Academic Activity	Tentative Dates
1	Registration & Central Orientation: All PhD Scholars admitted at AUM	28th March 2023
2	Institutional/ Departmental Orientation & Commencement of the Coursework	01st April 2023
3	Last date for the PhD Coursework	01st July 2023
4	End - Semester Examination	10th - 15th July 2023
5	Declaration of the Result (Expected)	31tt July 2023
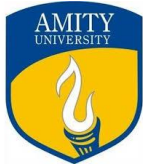
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6	After the End - Semester Examinations	Continuation of Research Work (As per Department/ Ph.D. Guide)
7	Commencement of the Next Semester	01st August 2023

After discussion the same was approved by the Members of The Academic Council.
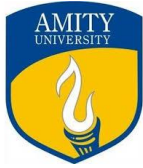
Agenda – 7

Proposal of new courses/program to be started in the academic year 2023-24.

The Registrar, Dr. H S Vyas, invited Mr. Nandkumar Dhake, Director Admissions at Amity University Maharashtra to present before the members of the Academic Council details of Proposal of new courses/program to be started in the academic year 2023-24.

Mr. Nandkumar Dhake, shared for the information of the Members of Academic Council, following information:

Sr No	School	Program Name	Program Duration	Approved Intake	Fee Structure/ semester
1	Amity School of Fashion Technology (ASFT)	M.A. in Fashion Retail Management	2 yr	20	Rs 70000
2	Amity School of Fashion Technology (ASFT)	Masters in Fashion Communication and Journalism	2 yr	20	Rs 75000
3	Amity Business School (ABS)	B.Com Accounting & Finance (BAF)	3 yr	30	Rs 47000
4	Amity Institute of Biotechnology (AIB)	MSc in Astrobiology and Space Sciences	2 yr	20	Rs 75000
5	Amity Business School (ABS)	B.Sc Economics	3 yr	40	Rs 80000
6	Amity Institute of Behavioral and Allied Sciences, AIBAS	Professional Diploma in Clinical Psychology	1 yr	8	Rs 130,000 (under Approval)

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Agenda – 8

Approval of the minutes of the Board of Studies recommendations in respect of Schools proposing change in the courses offered.

The Registrar invited following Heads of Schools to present before the Members of the Academic Council Academic the changes proposed in the interim Board of Studies Meeting.

| Sr. No.	Institute Name	Changes in BoS	Will be present by
1	Amity School of Engineering & Technology (ASET) & Amity Institute of Technology (AIT)	Yes	Dr. Shrikant Charhate
2	Amity Institute of Behavioral and Allied Science (AIBAS)	Yes	Dr. Gautam Gawali
3	Amity Institute of Biotechnology (AIB)	Yes	Dr. Penna Suprasanna
4	Amity of Fashion Design & Technology (ASFDT)	Yes	Dr. Bhawana Chanana
5	Amity Business Schools (ABS)	Yes	Dr. Bhawana Sharma
6	Amity School of Communication (ASCO) & Amity Film (AFS)	Yes	Dr. Nima John
7	Amity Law School (ALS)	Yes	Dr. Vijay Singh Dahima
8	Amity School of Architecture & Planning (ASAP)	Yes	Dr. Supriya Nene
9	Amity School of Languages (ASL)	Yes	Dr. Manjiree Vaidya
10	Amity Institute of Liberal Arts (AILA)	Yes	Dr. Deepak H. Hawaldar
11	Amity School of Applied Sciences (ASAS)	Yes	Dr. Sunil Dhaneshwar
12	Amity School of Fine Arts (ASFA)	Yes	Prof. Bhuvnesh Gowda
13	Amity Institute of Travel & Tourism (AITT)	Yes	Dr. Divya Pandey
14	Amity Institute of Information Technology (AIIT)	Yes	Dr. Manoj Devare
15	RICS – School of Build Environment (RICS)	Yes	Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Patil
16	CII – School of Logistic	No	Dr. T Vallinayagam
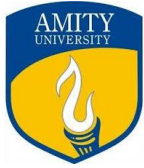
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The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor suggested following:

- ASAS – On introduction of NPTEL & SWAYAM courses and adding of credit should be at general University level across all schools, and should not be restricted to few schools. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor directed Dean Academics to make a note of this and should be followed in general only on approval.

- ASAS – He further added that on introducing additional subjects within a course or introducing new program, must be done more diligently keeping in view the subjects and courses offered by other schools. Example ASAS wishing to introduce B Sc Data Science, which is already offered by AIIT & ASET.

- ASFA – It was suggested for UG Level courses to change the mid-term pattern of evaluation from written examination to presentation & viva, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and other members discouraged such variations only in one school. Hence, this is not approved. Like that no major change of credits must be done for any course

- Also, the decision to remove a Foreign Language from a course, was not approved further to discussion.

- Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stressed the need to revamp the whole Borad of Studies under the aegis of Dean Academics and standardize the process and sequence of activities.

- RICS - it was observed that 8 courses where learning experience is to be enhanced through study tours and site visits for students. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor directed that these has to be part of curriculum and a proper credit is to be allotted for such tours. He also stressed that study tour should be complementing the course and adding value to the student. RICS head was suggested to critically examine this and resubmit through its Bos to the next Academic Council for approval.

- The Academic Council has observed that there was no representation from CII School, and has suggested that the said school should present its case in the next Academic Council Meeting. The absence will be informed to the CII head office.
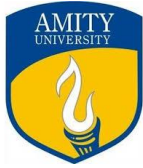
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Agenda – 9

Update on Research activities at AUM to include projects, publications and patents submitted by University.

The Registrar invited In-charge Dean Research Dr. Penna Suprasanna to present to the Members of The Academic Council Research Activities at AUM.

Given below is the summary of the content presented by Dr. Penna Suprasanna.

1. **Research Publications**

Amity University campus	No. of publications	SCOPUS INDEXED publications
AUM	179	129
Total	658	432

2. **Research funding (Project submitted/ongoing):**

Amity University campus	No. of Project submitted	No. of Project sanctioned
AUM	47	08 (05 Ongoing)
Total	203	24 (17 Industrial)

3. **Research Conferences/Workshops**

Amity University campus	No. of conferences/FDPs Attended	No. of conferences/FDPs Organized
AUM	70	17
Total	493	147

4. **Patents filed/Granted:**

Amity University campus	No. of patent filed/Granted
AUM	01 filed, 3 Publishes and 1 Granted
Total	30 filed (12 Granted)
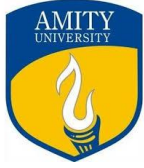
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5. **Ph.D. admissions**

Amity University campus	No. of candidate registered for Ph.D.
AUM	170 (Registered for PET Jan 2022)
Total	214

6. **MoUs**

Amity University campus	No of MOUs signed
AUM	02 (1 International)
Total	31 (7 International)

7. **Online Webinar / Lecture / Workshop Attended**

| Amity University campus	webinar/lecture/workshop Attended
AUM	82
Total	1,801

8. **Ongoing Projects**

   a. **CONSULTANCY WORK**

School/ Institute	Funding Agency	Value	Date
RICS	Tata Reality	INR 30 Lakh	24th August 2022
RICS	A collaborative funded research project with New Castle University Australia	INR 14.50 Lakh	1st Sep. 2022

   b. **INDUSTRY-FUNDED PROJECTS**

School/ Institute	Funding Agency	Duration of project	Project Amount	Status
AIB(CoE Astro)	SatSure Pvt. Ltd	5 Year	INR 5.00 Lakh	Ongoing
ASET	JMS Mining Pvt. Ltd	2 Years	INR 25000/-	Ongoing
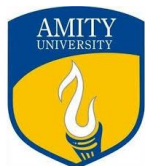
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AIB(CoE Astro)	Mars Analogue Research in Ladakh	2 Years	US$ 1,000	Ongoing

c. SANCTIONED PROJECTS

School/ Institute	Funding Agency	Duration of project	Project Amount	Status
ACDDD-AIB	SERB-SRG	2 years	INR. 27.44 Lakh	Sanctioned
ACDDD-AIB	SERB-TARE	3 Year	INR 15.00 Lakh	Sanctioned
AIIT	West Bengal National University	1 Year	INR 8.00 Lakh	Sanctioned
CoE Astrobiology-AIB	UC Berkeley	6 month	INR 8.80 Lakh	Extension
ASET	IEEE-GRSS USA	1 Year	$5000	Sanctioned
ASET	UKI-FNI, UK	8 Months	£49995	Sanctioned
AIB	DST-Nidhi Prayas	2 Year	INR 8.0 Lakh	Sanctioned
AIB	DST-SERB	5 Years	INR 119 Lakh	Sanctioned
ASET-CoE-Nanoscience	DST-SERB	3 years	INR. 46 Lakh	Sanctioned
AIB	DBT	5 Year	INR 40.00 Lakh	Sanctioned

9. **letters/Magazines:**

10. **Notable Events/Conference/Workshops/FDP**
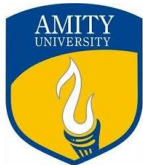
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11. Centres of Excellence at AUM:

Sr. No.	School	Names of Centre of Excellence	Year
1	AIB	Centre of Excellence in Astrobiology	2019
2	ASET	Centre of Excellence for Nano Science & Nano Technology	2019
3	AIB	Centre of Excellence for Proteomics & Drug Discovery	2020
4	AIB	Centre for Computational Biology & Translational Research	2020
5	AIB	Centre for Drug Discovery & Development	2021

The members of the Academic Council applauded the efforts made by Amity University Maharashtra on research front. Dr. Ashok Pundir admired the efforts put in by AUM in the field of Research despite of the Pandemic.

Agenda – 11

Any other point with permission of the chair.

Since there was no other point to be discussed The Academic Council Meeting ended with Hon'ble Vice Chancellor extending the vote of thanks to the members and thanked them for their enthusiastic participation and for giving valuable inputs.

In his concluding remark, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor mentioned the following points:

1. **On evenization of credits:**

   Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stated that we need to have an in-depth analysis on the credits that are evenized. Analysis on what we are following and what we wish to achieve should be detailed. He added that presently the overburden of credits and uneven credits if existing should be identified and further modified accordingly.
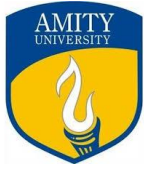
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2. **Regarding Minor Track:**

   Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stated that there are certain minor tracks have more number of students and many do not register sufficient students. He added that there is a need to add more minor tracks from certain schools. He directed Dean Academics to take initiatives in this regard.

3. **Regarding the Evaluation Pattern:**

   Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stated that CoE office is already working on it and few workshops were also organized on the topic. There is a need for complete revamping of the evaluation pattern both internal and external evaluation. The HO is contemplating on introduction of digital evaluation system.

4. **Board of studies:**

   Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stated that in the Board of Studies, the respective school head of institution should ensure that quality input comes from subject experts who are invited at the BoS, which will help enrich and strengthen the syllabus. He advised the respective Head of Institutions to call for feedbacks from subject expert and external members invited for BoS.

5. **Regarding Study Tours:**

   Hon'ble Vice Chancellor mentioned that there are certain schools such as AITT, Fashion, AILA, etc., where study tours are requested. The concerned HoIs are directed to make the study tours as a part of the syllabus with proper outcome of the tours. Proper process of obtaining the student and parent consent should be followed to safeguard the interest of the university.

6. **Regarding council guided courses such as Law, Architecture, RCI etc.**

   On the council guided courses, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stated that though we are not permitted to make any modification in the contents, the heads of the respective institutions must pay attention on the way these contents are delivered within the class.
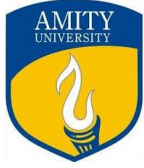
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With the concluding remarks of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor the Academic Council Meeting was concluded.

Dr. H. S. Vyas
Registrar

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Date: 12th April 2023

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2. All Members of the Academic Council

3. Office