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Date: 28th October 2020

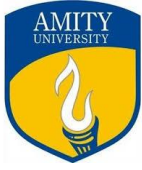
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE 7TH ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Date : 13.10.2020

Time: 10:30 AM Onwards

1. The 7th meeting of the Academic Council of Amity University Mumbai was held on 13.10.2020 at 10:30 AM through virtual mode on MS Teams. Lt Gen V K Sharma, The Hon'ble Offg Vice Chancellor and Chairman of the Academic Council, AUM presided the meeting.
2. The agenda points proposed to be discussed during the meeting, were earlier circulated to all the members of the Academic Council are attached as **Appendix A**.
3. The list of the members who attended the Academic Council Meeting is attached as **Appendix B**.
4. The Academic Council then proceeded to discuss the agenda points one by one. The detailed discussions and deliberations by members are given in following points.
5. **Agenda No. 1: Welcome address by the Chairman of Academic Council.**
 - a) The Hon'ble Offg Vice Chancellor and Chairman of the Academic Council extended warm welcome to all the members of the Academic Council. He introduced newly appointed external members of the Academic Council to the rest of members of the Academic Council, AUM.

The Chairman also congratulated all the faculty members and all the members of the Academic Council for the big achievement by AUM by securing good position amongst first 200 Universities in Universities Category in NIRF rankings 2019. He also acknowledged good admissions despite of the pandemic situations.



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The Chairman informed the academic council that this is the time for the University to go for the UGC Inspection, preparation for NAAC accreditation and to achieve rank amongst first 100 Universities.

The chairman also placed on record the online examinations of final year students, declaration of its results in time limit, promotion of continuing students, commencement of online classes beginning from August 2020 etc as per the state and UGC guidelines with the commitment and dedication of respective HOIs, faculty members, staff members and under the guidance by Hon. Chancellor and President of the University Dr. Aseem Chauhan Ji and with the blessings from Hon. Founder President Dr. Ashok Chauhan Ji.

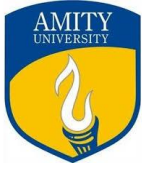
6. Agenda No. 2: Ratification of Minutes of Academic Council Meeting held on 15th October 2019. Appendix – C

The Minutes of the previous Academic Council Meeting held on 15th October, 2019 were presented by the Offg. Registrar.

Dr. Gautam Gawali proposed to approve Minutes of the previous Academic Council Meeting held on 15th October 2019 which were ratified by the members of the Academic Council.

7. Agenda No. 3: Approval of Academic Calendar for the Academic Year 2020-21. Appendix – D

The Academic Calendar for the academic year 2020-21 was presented and placed before the Academic Council by Offg. Registrar.



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The Chairman of the Academic Council cleared that students going for Summer Internships can join after completion of their internships and for the remaining students the classes of next academic year will be commenced from July 5, 2021.

Dr. A K S Suryavanshi requested the Academic Council to look into following proposals pertaining to Academic Calendar.

- Regarding ODD semester 2020; Need to push the existing calendar by 10 days for existing students, the reason is that during the exam time of new students there will be no classes for existing students.
- Second is the matter regarding the duration of Summer Internship Project (SIP).

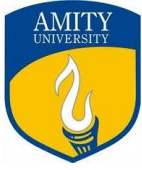
With due permission of the Chair, Prof. (Dr.) P.B. Sharma opined that the Academic Calendar is very well designed and no need to make any changes in it.

The Academic Calendar was prepared in accordance with the UGC's Guidelines on Examination and Academic Calendar for the Universities in view of COVID19 pandemic situation vide UGC letter No. D.O.No.F.1-1/2020 (SECY) dated 29th April 2020.

The Academic Calendar approved by Academic Council members is attached as Appendix – D.

8. Agenda No. 4: Approval of minutes of Board of Examination and Calendar of Examination for the Academic Year 2020-21. Appendix – E

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Examination and Calendar of Examination for the Academic Year 2020-21 was placed before the member and Dr. Santhanakrishnan Raman, COE presented the same.



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Prof. (Dr.) P.B. Sharma suggested to the Board of Examination to analyze the results both for ODD as well as Even Semesters and to identify the areas where significant improvement could be made specially in teaching and continuous assessment at the level of HOIs and faculty members.

Prof. (Dr.) M P Kaushik has proposed the approval of minutes of Board of Examination and Calendar of Examination for the Academic Year 2020-21.

The Members of the Academic Council approved the minutes of Board of Examination and Calendar of Examination for the Academic Year 2020-21 is attached as Appendix – E.

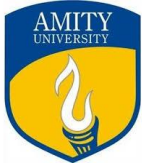
9. Agenda No. 5: Approval of Academic Calendar of PhD for the batch July 2020.

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The Academic Calendar of PhD for the batch July 2020 was presented by Dr. Alka Parikh, Dean, Research (Social Sciences) and University Ph.D. Coordinator before the Members of the Academic Council for their approval.

Prof. (Dr.) M.P. Kaushik suggested to conduct URC after the course work is over. Prof. (Dr.) P.B. Sharma suggested to conduct examinations soon after the course work is over and to organize the URC meeting.

The Academic Council Members tentatively approved the Academic Calendar for the Ph.D. program subject to approval by the Hon. Chancellor, Head Office and Central Ph.D. Department with regard to the batch of July 2020 and is attached as Appendix – F.



10. Agenda No. 6: Approval of the minutes of the Board of the Studies in respect of various institutions include ABS, AITT, AILA, AIBAS, ASET, ASCO, ASFDT, AIIT, ASAS, ASL, RICS & CII annexed as Appendix – G.

The minutes of the Board of Studies in respect of various institutions include ABS, AITT, AILA, AIBAS, ASET, ASCO, ASFDT (activity report), AIIT, ASAS, ASL, RICS & CII were presented by HOIS of respective schools for its ratification by the Academic Council.

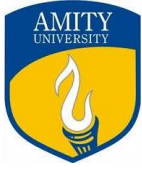
a) Minutes of the Board of Studies of ABS:

Dr. A. K. S. Suryavanshi, the HoI of ABS presented the minutes of the Board of Studies of ABS held on 19th September 2020. He explained all the agenda points pertaining to course structure of various programs, structure of Simulations and induction of Harvard Business School Materials as part of pedagogy, placement details and exam reports.

Prof. (Dr.) P.B. Sharma proposed to approve the minutes of the meeting of ABS.

He opined that the whole world is now looking into the management education from the fresh perspective. He discussed the need to focus on how to manage businesses, how to manage global competitiveness, how to manage new digital edge, from the perspective of new management style & systems, there is a need to create attention on searching new and innovative activities, opportunities, new horizons in the edge of uncertainty. He advised to relook and pay attention into academic programs, research layers, innovative ideas in case of our own country instead of global trends.

Dr. A.K.S. Suryavanshi informed that ABS has adopted domain specializations. Looking to expectations from the corporate, ABS has introduced 8 simulations which are being run by IIMs, top 5 B-Schools and by Harvard B-School. ABSM also started following practitioners



program and catering the demands of the corporates.

Prof. (Dr.) P.B. Sharma informed the academic council that since we are in new pandemic age today, we have to be precise in introducing and following practices as per the prevailing needs of our own country. He explained the importance of micro and small businesses and making it in practice for our students and spreading the awareness on MSMES, advanced technologies, generating innovative ideas etc. He shared the success story of Paytm, the revolutionary approach in understanding the need of people and our own country.

The Chairman agreed on the views presented by Prof. (Dr.) P.B. Sharma and his guidance in this new situation for everyone so we have to focus on innovation and look forward.

The Members of the Academic Council approved the minutes of the Board of Studies.

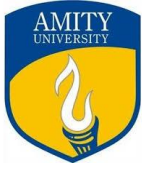
b) Minutes of the Board of Studies of AITT:

Dr. Divya Pandey, Hol of AITT presented the minutes of the meeting of Board of Studies held on 1st October 2020 in virtual mode.

The main points presented by Dr. Divya Pandey include approval of new masters program Master of Travel & Tourism Management (MTTM), approval of course structure and syllabus of MTTM, procurement of books, study materials and software etc.

Prof. (Dr.) P.B. Sharma presented his views on how the travel and tourism industry affected badly in this ongoing pandemic situation. He suggested to incorporate some important aspects/dynamics/modules in the curriculum to understand the uncertainty in the difficult times in the industry,

Prof. (Dr.) M. P. Kaushik proposed approval of the minutes of the meeting of Board of Studies of AITT which is approved by all the Academic Council Members.



c) Minutes of the Board of Studies of AILA:

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies, Liberal Arts of AILA held on 31st July 2020 and Board of Studies of BSW and MSW held on 3rd August 2020 presented by HOI Dr. Alka Parikh.

The Members of the Academic Council ratified the minutes of the Board of Studies of AILA.

d) Minutes of the Board of Studies of AIBAS:

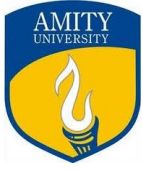
The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies of the AIBAS held on 20th July 2020 was placed before the council and Dr. Gautam Gawali, HOI presented the same.

The Chairman acknowledged the developments of AIBAS and its popularity among students. This school remains first choice among students who wish to pursue their studies in Clinical Psychology, behavioral studies and M.Phil. etc.

Dr. Gautam Gawali read the minutes and explained about the revision in syllabi, industry exposure, field work provisions, research and development activities etc.

Prof. (Dr.) P.B. Sharma appreciated new thoughts presented by the HOI of AIBAS. He suggested some revision in field work studies. He added that the focus need to be given on how the technology has impacted the behavior of people, how the pandemic has impacted the behavior of people and the same can be carried out at inside or outside of the University community and one credit should be incorporated for the field study practical.

The Members of the Academic Council ratified the minutes of the Board of Studies of AIBAS presented by the HOI.



e) Minutes of the Board of Studies of ASET:

Dr. Shrikant Charhate, HoI of ASET presented the minutes of the meeting of Board of Studies of ASET meeting held on 22nd September 2020 on virtual mode.

Dr. Charhate informed the council about major changes and modifications in syllabi of B. Tech programs during in the meeting.

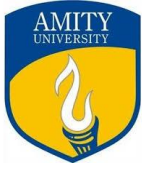
Prof. (Dr.) M.P. Kaushik asked for some clarifications on the subjects like Economics for Engineers and Sociology for Engineers.

Prof. (Dr.) P.B. Sharma opined that Engineering is applied science and hence there is no question for such nomenclature, it can be “Economic Impact of Engineering and Technology Development ”. For Sociology for Engineers, it can be “What kind of impact Engineers make on Social Development”.

The same way for legal aspects it can be “Legal aspects of Engineering and Technology”. The same way engineering and technological can be used in Cyber security, cybercrime etc. It is very important to understand the impact of Engineering and Technology on various emerging areas and the applied aspect must be kept in mind.

Prof. (Dr.) P.B. Sharma suggested to relook the course content and course objectives etc as per the need of time.

The Chairman suggested to incorporate interdisciplinary areas in engineering courses. He added that in today’s time students need to know about entrepreneurship, economics, sociology and fashion etc with their existing engineering studies as interdisciplinary subject. Engineering is involved in everything. Every branch needs to know about other



areas also. Students are encouraged to select other areas also. Students must be encouraged to attend seminars, webinars and workshops of interdependency of other programs.

The Chairman also focused on importance of coding. For good placements, coding knowledge is necessary. Hence, we must give more importance on coding in our programs. We must organize coding competitions, providing coding lessons to students, online coaching of coding etc. Further, students have to learn languages like python, C++, JAVA etc. and faculty must sensitize students about this. The Chairman advised to organize maximum events on above aspects.

Prof. (Dr.) P.B. Sharma opined to not only care what industry needs today but also what industry needs tomorrow. The applied aspects of engineering are very important like data analytics, coding, machine learning, algorithm etc which are truly need of an hour.

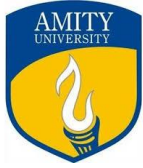
The Members of the Academic Council ratified the minutes of the Board of Studies of ASET presented by Dr. Shrikant Charhate.

f) Minutes of the meeting of the Board Studies of ASCO:

Dr. S. Raghava Chari, the HoI of ASCO presented the minutes of the Board of Studies of ASCO meeting held on 29th September 2020.

Dr. Chari presented the review of the syllabus of Bachelor's in Film Making (BAFM) course, review of the syllabus of BSc. VFX and Animation (BSC A&VFX) and B.A. Multimedia and Gaming (BA M&G) review of the credits of UG & PG courses.

Dr. Sunder Rajdeep, the external member appreciated ASCO for starting films education.



Dr. Chari informed the academic council that ASCO has good infrastructure with giant film studios, sound studios, animation studios with rehearsal rooms etc. ASCO has fully practical programs with theoretical modules.

The Chairman suggested Dr. Chari to invite the external member, Dr. Sunder Rajdeep, to visit the campus and especially ASCO for his valuable suggestions and guidance.

Dr. Chari extended his warm welcome to Dr. Sunder Rajdeep to visit ASCO.

The members of the academic council ratified the minutes of the meeting of the board studied of the ASCO presented by Dr. Chari.

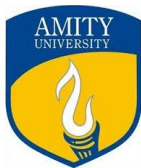
g) Activity Report of ASFDT:

Dr. Bhawana Chanana presented activity report on academic activities after last academic council.

The Chairman gave his valuable remarks that fashion is 90% practical and 10% theory. In Mumbai, fashion has a big potential to grow and same for our fashion school too. The online learning material for fashion is tremendous. The fashion students should have sewing machines to work from home.

Further, he added that fashion is a dynamic world, students needs to be in touch with the fashion trends. Students must eye on fashion for middle class, poor people and for everyone. There are lots of scope and innovation opportunities so students must grab it.

All the members of the academic council appreciated the activities carried out by fashion school as presented by the HOI.



h) Minutes of the Board of Studies of AIIT:

Dr. Manoj Devare, Hol of AIIT presented the minutes of the meeting of Board of Studies for Ph.D. program on held on 30th September 2020, BOS for BCA on 19th September 2020, BOS for BSc on 19th September 2020, BOS for MCA on 16th May 2020 on virtual mode.

Dr. Manoj presented academic activities, course structures, minor revision in syllabi etc.

The minutes of meeting of Board of Studies of AIIT ratified by all the members as presented by the HOI.

i) Minutes of the Board of Studies of ASAS:

Dr. Aradhna Khare, the Hol of ASAS presented the minutes of the Board Studies, Chemistry Department of ASAS meeting held on 2nd October 2020.

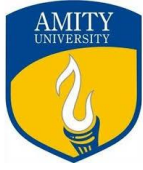
Dr. Khare presented the activity report, revision in syllabi, summer projects/ dissertation activities, career planning of students, proposal of certificate courses etc.

The Members of the Academic Council ratified the minutes of the Board of Studies of ASAS presented by Dr. Aradhna Khare.

j) Minutes of the Board of Studies of ASL:

Dr. Manjiri Vaidya, the Hol of ASL presented the minutes of the Board of Studies of French Department of ASL meeting held on 3rd October 2020.

Dr. Manjiri Vaidya presented the minutes pertaining to Replacement of French manual of “PG FL French” courses (From “Français.com” to “Latitudes 1), Change in examination scheme: from 70:30 to 50:50 external : internal for all “FL French” courses, restructuring the UG FL French course for Engineering students, discussion on curriculum of all



semesters of BA (Hons) French for its Course contents, Course structure, Manuals and Examination schemes.

The Members of the Academic Council ratified the minutes of the Board of Studies of ASL presented by Dr. Manjiri Vaidya.

k) Minutes of the Board of Studies of RICS:

Prof. Amol Shimpi, the Hol of RICS presented the minutes of the Board of Studies of RICS meeting held on 23rd September 2020.

Prof. Amol presented the activity report of RICS, the establishment of anti-ragging cell, course work submission, examination evaluation and summer internships, academic planning of 2020-21, upcoming foreign collaborations etc.

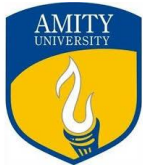
The Members of the Academic Council ratified the minutes of the Board of Studies of RICS presented by Dr. Amol Shimpi.

l) Minutes of the Board of Studies of CII School of Logistics:

Prof. Vignesh Vaidya, the Hol of CII School of Logistics presented the minutes of the Board of Studies of CII School of Logistics meeting held on 25th August 2020.

He informed the council about the merger of MBA Logistics and MBA Supply Chain Management as MBA Logistics and Supply Chain Management, inclusion of Professional Ethics as a value added course, compulsion of summer internships and revision of exam pattern as 50:50 instead of 70:30.

The Members of the Academic Council ratified the minutes of the Board of Studies of CII School of Logistics presented by Prof. Vignesh Vaidya.



The Minutes of the Board of Studies of ABS, AITT, AILA, AIBAS, ASET, ASCO, ASFDT, AIIT, ASAS, ASL, RICS & CII were unanimously ratified by all the members of the Academic Council. The minutes of all the schools are attached as **Appendix – G**.

11. Agenda No. 7: Approval of activity report submitted by Department of Nanotechnology.

Appendix H

Dr. Dattatray Late presented the brief activity report of Department of Nanotechnology with following details.

Dr. Late presented report on the PhD course structure, syllabus for course with appropriate credits, Ph. D domain course, literature survey with appropriate credits and examination & evaluation scheme for Ph.D. program.

The Chairman opined that there is a wide scope in nanotechnology and suggested to bring more projects and research work in department.

All the academic council members appraised the activities carried out by Department of Nanotechnology and by Dr. Dattatray Late.

12. Agenda No. 8: Approval of Calendar of Events to be conducted at University level for the upcoming even semester 2020-21.

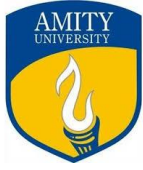
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The Chairman suggested that all the 36 events listed in agenda point no. 12 will be coordinated at the head office level. The approval process will be done at later stage.

13. Agenda No. 9: Requirement of Teaching Staff for the upcoming even semester 2020-21.

Appendix_J

The academic council reviewed the requirement of teaching staff in various schools for the even semester 2020-21.



The requirement list was prepared on the basis of academic load in various schools.

The Academic Council approved the requirement of teaching staff.

The Chairman permitted to initiate the recruitment process as per prevailing norms through the HR department, HOI level and central HR team.

14. Agenda No. 10: Approval of requirement of Books for upcoming even semester commencing from Jan 2021. Appendix_K

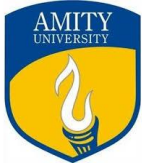
The Chairman suggested to give more emphasis on e-books, e-learning resources, e-library resources, E-initiatives of UGC, MHRD, NAD, Manu Patra, online journals and other available online resources.

He also advised to cut down the expenses on purchasing of books only for this time as number of students who are visiting the library are drastically reducing due to pandemic. The Chairman suggested to focus on reference books in library and core books should be purchased by students at their own.

The Chairman informed all the HOIs specially AIBAS, ALS, ASL, ASFDT and ASET to revise and rework the list submitted earlier for approval and put up again for further process.

15. 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. Appendix_L

Offg. Registrar put up the agenda item before the academic council and informed 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 academic 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, AUM.

The Academic Council approved the agenda.

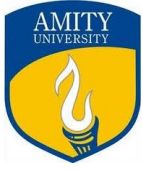
16. Agenda No. 12: Information and presentation about Research activities to include projects, publications and patents submitted by University from 15th Oct 2019 onwards.

Appendix_M

Dr. Aparna Khanna presented report on the research activities to include projects, publications and patents submitted by University from 15th Oct 2019 onwards.

Dr. Khanna presented brief report on major research areas, research publications, research funding, research workshops / conferences, patents, MoUs, magazines / newsletters and activities carried out by center of excellence.

Dr. Sunder Rajdeep asked about the information on MOU (if any) with the media houses of Mumbai for media students for the internship purpose. Dr. Chari informed the academic council that CRC is handling such matters. As of now ASCO has not signed any MOU for internships but in near future we are planning to sign MOUs for internships with the companies coming for placement activities.



17. Agenda No. 13: Any other point with permission to the Chair.

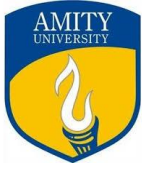
With the permission of the Chairman of the Academic Council following Members have put up their points for further discussion.

Dr. Santhakrishnan Raman, COE requested the Chair and the members of Academic Council to include at least one notable alumni in board of studies in each school.

The Chair appreciated the concern of COE and said that a good quality of alumni may be nominated as a member by each school. Further, he added that alumni should be from good academic background among toppers/ scholarship holders.

Prof. (Dr.) P.B. Sharma agreed on suggestion given by the COE and added that the progress made by the University is highly satisfying under able leadership of Hon. Offg. Vice Chancellor. He advised to focus on research publications, patents, and innovations for making the University amongst top Universities of India. He encouraged the University to maximize the efforts for the opportunities created by funding agencies of India and abroad.

Hon. Offg. Vice Chancellor thanked Prof. (Dr.) P.B. Sharma for his encouraging words. He also emphasizes on continuous improvement towards journey to excellence. He motivated all by his inspiring words to learn new things, what is happening around the world, to learn from the new situations as challenges and convert them into opportunities same like the way we converted the pandemic into opportunity and we have done so many webinars, online guest lectures, expert sessions, online meetings, online classes, online exams and the statutory academic council meeting etc.



Hon. Offg. Vice Chancellor also focused on following aspects of research and innovation.

1. Just submitting research projects to funding agency is not enough. There must be proper liaison at appropriate level to ensure the idea reaches to concern person/ agency and it gets sanctioned.

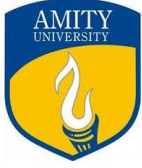
2. To avoid publications in fake and clone journals floating around us. He also informed all the members about the center of excellence for Detection of Fake News and Disinformation at AUMP to check the credibility of any journal whether it is fake or genuine.

3 . Innovation by students: Senior students must be encouraged to go beyond the horizon of knowledge, and they must be encouraged to do projects, the final year projects must be of good quality.

4. Our alumni must not be forgotten, they are our brand ambassadors. Institutions should remain in touch with them, getting information on what is happening in the industry, what the industry needs, how the curriculum can be improved and to include good alumni in our BOS. He advised to implement our plans on ground with utmost sincerity, in a motivated and innovative manner and to the best of our ability.

Towards the end of the meeting, Hon'ble Offg. Vice Chancellor thanked all the worthy members of the academic council. He specially thanked external member Prof. (Dr.) P.B. Sharma for his valuable time, his intellectual and scholarly suggestions for academic excellence and for the progress of the University.

He also thanked rest external members Dr. P. Sali, Prof. (Dr.) M.P. Kaushik, Dr. Sunder Rajdeep and Dr. T. Thampi for their valuable presence and suggestions.



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Hon'ble Offg. Vice Chancellor thank all the HOIs, HODs and Offg. Registrar for effectively organizing online academic council meeting.

The meeting was concluded at 01:20 PM with vote of thanks to the Chair and all the Academic Council Members for their valuable presence and scholarly inputs to the Academic Council.

Date: 26th October 2020
Place: Mumbai



Dr. Manish Parmar
Officiating Registrar
Amity University Mumbai

To,

- 1. The Hon'ble Offg. Vice Chancellor and the Chairman of the Academic Council**
- 2. All members of the Academic Council**
- 3. Office copy**