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Proceedings of the Academic Council Meeting (Eighth) held on 20.11.2024 at 11.00 a.m. in AVC – II

Members Present :

- 1. Dr. B R Jayakumari, Principal
- 2. Dr. T K Umesh, Former Prof. of Physics, University of Mysore
- 3. Dr. C Naganna, Former Prof. in English, University of Mysore
- 4. Dr. D S Guru, DoS in Computer Science, University of Mysore
- 5. Dr. M Mahesh, DoS in Economics, University of Mysore
- 6. Dr. Biradar B S, DoS in Statistics, University of Mysore
- 7. Dr. C K Renukarya, Director, SBRR MFGC, PBMM Education Centre
- 8. Dr. Ramesh S R, CEO & Academic Advisor
- 9. Dr. Sreedhara H, Dean Academics, SBRR MFGC
- 10. Dr. Sumathi M P, HoD, Mathematics, SBRR MFGC
- 11. Dr. Sangamitra Gowtham M J, DoS in MBA, PBMM Education Centre
- 12. Ms. Geetha D, Assistant Professor, Department of English
- 13. Smt. Shruthy Poonacha, Controller of Examinations
- 14. HoDs of UG and PG Departments

Leave of Absence:

- 1. Prof. Vasuki K R, DoS in Mathematics, University of Mysore
- 2. Dr. Arun Chand Rayaroth, Head, Quality & Research, Zeus Biotech, Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru
- 3. Smt. Rachana C R, HoD, M.Sc. Computer Science and MCA

Agenda:

- 1. Ratification of revised BoS members list of UG & PG for 2024-27
- 2. Ratification of UG SEP Program Structure I & II Sem 2024-25
- 3. Ratification of I year (I & II semester) UG syllabi for the academic year 2024-25
- 4. Ratification of New/Revised Regulation for the academic year 2024-25 (UG & PG)
- 5. Ratification of PG syllabi 2024-25 (All 4 semesters)
- 6. Ratification of BoE and Panel of Examiners for the academic year 2024-25(UG & PG)
- 7. Transfer of credits earned under MOOC Program
- 8. Approval of BCA program (Specialization in AI) for the academic year 2025-26
- 9. Any other matter with the permission of the chair

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Dr. B R Jayakumari welcomed all the hon'ble members of the Academic council to the meeting.

Ms. Geetha D, presented the proceedings of the previous meeting.

Dr. Sreedhara H, Dean, facilitated the meeting by placing the agenda for discussion.

Agenda 1 - Ratification of Revised BoS Members list of UG and PG for 2024-27

Prof. Guru suggested that instead of naming 'BoS Members List' it is appropriate to name 'University Nominees for various BoS'. Prof. Biradar said as the nominees are for 2024-27, it is better to mention on the UG syllabus copy as 'Offered from 2024 -25 onwards' as the syllabus is for the first two semesters only.

The Academic Council approved the same.

Agenda 2 - Ratification of UG SEP Program Structure – I & II Sem 2024-25

Dr. Sreedhar, Dean said that the UG SEP program structure is with 46 credits (23 in each semester)

- Prof. Biradar sought clarification, on whether the credits mentioned are maximum or can a program be offered for a lesser number of credits.
- Prof. Guru said there is no stipulation for maximum or minimum credits. However, 23 credits are mandatory under the new structure given after rolling back the NEP.

The Academic Council noted the same.

Agenda 3 - Ratification of I year (I & II semester) UG syllabi for the academic year 2024-25

- Dr. Sreedhar, Dean-Academics, presenting the agenda for discussion brought to the attention of the Council that the stipulated number of 46 credits is maintained and the question paper pattern is based on the OBE requirement of distribution of marks among all units.
- The BoS of different departments have modified the syllabus of the University of Mysore to the extent of 30%. However, the Departments of Kannada, Hindi and Sanskrit have changed the syllabi completely while retaining the course titles to meet the requirements of the UUCMS portal.
- After the discussion among the Hon'ble members regarding the nomenclature of the current education policy, Prof Guru suggested that it is better to take clarification before calling it SEP. Prof. Biradar said in Karnatak University it is called Modified NEP. However, this is not appropriate as the state government has mentioned it as Roll back of NEP.
- Dr. Sreedhar, Dean clarified that the syllabus copies do not mention SEP anywhere. It is mentioned as CBCS 2024-25. Smt. Shruthy Poonacha, Controller of Examinations informed the house that in order to differentiate between the syllabi, on the question paper it is mentioned as Revised CBCS 2024-25.
- Prof. Guru said it is better to call it Restructured Program 2024-25 and the syllabus as Revised CBCS syllabus 2024-25.

Agenda 4 - Ratification of New/Revised Regulation for the academic year 2024-25 (UG & PG)

Sri Parameshwar Hegde, Nodal Officer brought to the attention of the members the changes made to the revised CBCS regulations for the academic year 2024-25.

- 1. Scoring a minimum 30% in C1 & C2 (put together) to be eligible for C3 exam
- 2. 50% attendance in theory and 75% in practical is mandatory for Internal Test
- 3. The title re-admission of the detained students is now referred as re-registration
- 4. HoDs to verify the syllabus and No. of credits of each course earned by the student in the previous college in the cases related to Transfer of Admission to second/third year programs
- 5. Payment of Examination fee by the student is mandatory to become eligible for the admission to the next semester, irrespective of whether the student appears for the examination or not
- 6. One Internal examiner and two different external examiners to set question papers for both UG and PG semester end examinations
- 7. To obtain permission from the Principal in consultation with Controller of Examinations and Management to appoint a retired faculty member as a Chairperson/Member for BoE

The house ratified the changes.

Prof. Guru suggested the stipulated attendance for C1, C2 and C3 should be calculated based on the date of admission for first year students to be eligible for the Semester end Examination. The Nodal Officer clarified that the college is already practicing the same. Prof. Biradar said it is better to mention in the regulations itself as 75% of the classes conducted.

Prof. Umesh sought to know if lack of attendance is condoned by way of paying fees. The Nodal Officer informed that there is no such policy and the students are detained if the attendance falls short of 75%. Prof. Guru and Prof. Biradar suggested that it is appropriate to use the word detained for UG students and dropped for PG students.

The house ratified the revised regulations.

Agenda 5 - Ratification of PG Syllabi 2024-25 (All 4 semesters)

• Prof. Umesh and Prof. Guru wanted to know to what extent the flexibility regarding autonomy is being exercised. Sri Parameshwara Hegde, the Nodal officer in response said that the department of Kannada has brought out new text books and the departments of Hindi and Sanskrit have brought in 90% change in the syllabus to bring in more interesting literary composition.

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• Prof. Guru pointed out the variation in the credits of MTTM program. When a Master's Program should be offered for 76 credits why is it offered for 89 credits.

In response, Dr. Vinay Kumar, HoD, MTTM informed the house that as the number of subjects were limited, the BoS added additional subjects to meet the industry requirement, which were essential for MTTM program. As a consequence, there is an increase in the number of credits. Prof. Guru appreciated the concern to bring in essential courses for the program but suggested not to make it mandatory, instead, it should be offered as Diploma by counselling the students to opt for extra credits. Prof. Umesh said a student is bound by the regulations. Prof. Naganna said it is better to anticipate the objections and bring in the necessary changes in the regulations itself.

- Prof. C K Renukarya said the university is rigid to some extent and cited the objections raised by BoS while framing the syllabus for M.Sc. Chemistry. However, he said the School of Life Sciences headed by Prof. S R Ramesh is able to bring in substantial changes and introduce Foundation Courses in addition to program specific courses of M.Sc. programs in Life Sciences (Biochemistry, Biotechnology and Microbiology).
- Regarding Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) Smt. Shruthy Poonacha, CoE, said though ID for ABC has been generated for all the students, it is not active. Prof. Guru said it will take some time to become active. The CoE also pointed out that results of students of the academic year 2019-20 and 2020-21 have been uploaded to the Digi Locker.

The house ratified the two years PG syllabi.

Agenda 6 - Ratification of BoE and Panel of Examiners for the academic year 2024-25 (UG & PG)

The house ratified the BoE and Panel of Examiners

Agenda 7 - Transfer of credits earned under MOOC Program

Prof. Umesh said it is better to exercise academic autonomy and encourage any employability program or SWAYAM/NPTEL courses as add-on courses. Prof. Guru suggested that if a student does a MOOC course related to his discipline it is better to add the credits to 'Soft Core or Open Elective course' subject to the regulations of open elective framed by the BoS. He also suggested that it is better to encourage the students to opt for courses across the faculty. From the list of courses under UGC MOOC the BoS can identify relevant courses and recommend it to the students.

Dr. S R Ramesh informed the council that the BoS in Biotechnology has approved 30 hrs. syllabus of a value-added course on "Mushroom and Mycelium Technology" and sought the approval to add 2 credits under add-on courses in the grade sheet.

In response, Prof. Guru said if the credits earned from the Certificate course cannot be added in the grade sheet then it is better to certify under the College name or the affiliated University. Prof. Umesh and Prof. Guru suggested to encourage the faculty members to offer courses on the MOOC platform. Dr. C K Renukarya said Dr. Rajeshwari, Dept. of MBA is already offering a course on 'Indian Economy'.

Agenda 8 - Approval of BCA program (Specialization in AI) for the academic year 2025-26

Prof. Guru suggested to get it approved from AICTE and also correspond with University of Mysore regarding the title of the program. However, it is better to name it as BCA (AI).

The house approved the mentioned BCA program.

Dr. C K Renukarya, proposed the vote of thanks.

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