



USHA MARTIN UNIVERSITY, RANCHI, JHARKHAND

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Research Council dated 27- July-2018

The meeting of the 2nd Research Council was held on 27th July 2018 at 10.30 am in the Conference Hall in the University campus. Following members were present in the meeting:

- 1. Prof. S.C. Garg, Vice Chancellor, UMU, Chair**
- 2. Prof. Madhulika Kaushik, PVC, UMU, Member**
- 3. Prof. G. P. Trivedi, Professor of Commerce, Ranchi University, Member**
- 4. Dr. Kumar Rajnish, Associate Professor, BIT Mesra, Jharkhand, Member**
- 5. Dr. Vinay Singh, Associate Professor, CS and Controller of Examinations**
- 6. Dr. Puja Mishra, Assistant Professor, Management, UMU, Member**
- 7. Dr. Sharmistha Roy, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, UMU, Member**
- 8. Prof. Viplaw K. Pandey, Registrar, UMU, Secretary**

RC 2.1 Welcome and Opening Remarks by the Chair

The Vice Chancellor began the proceedings by extending a very warm and cordial welcome to all the members present on behalf of the University and on his own behalf. He said that he was highly grateful to all members for participating in the meeting and giving the benefit of their expertise. He shared the following information.

1. The University faculty published 14 research papers; communicated three and 13 were published in conferences. In addition, four members of academic staff have earned PhD degrees (two from BIT Mesra, one from Ranchi University and one from Bundelkhand University in the academic session 2017-18. He proposed that greetings be extended to them all.) The University is making sincere efforts to encourage research by allowing faculty to participate in conferences as also by associating as academic partner.
2. Dr. Pandey, Registrar, has now been appointed as Professor of Commerce/Management and Dr. Vinay Singh COE (I/C) as Associate Professor, CS. (They will however continue to handle the responsibilities of the offices held by them before upgradation.) He

congratulated them for their achievements and hoped that they would rededicate themselves for the growth of the University with greater zeal.

3. A meeting of VC's was convened by the Minister, Higher Education, Govt. of Jharkhand on 9.5.2018 and a report on the status of the University was presented. To the pointed query about research, the Hon'ble Minister was informed that UMU was following UGC guidelines 2016 in letter and spirit. Though University has been using the provision of eminent external experts as co supervisors with the approval of RC, every scholar has been associated with at least one internal faculty member as the main supervisor. So far, the University had offered admission to only eight scholars in the first cohort. The Registrar also informed that entrance test for the second cohort was scheduled on 24.6.18 for management, computer science, commerce, physics, English and mathematics.
4. To create a niche for itself in research, the University has made a beginning by appointing Assistant Professor (Research).
5. The entrance test for M. Phil/PhD admissions for 2018 was held on 24.6.18 and the successful candidates were invited for interviews subsequently. While internal faculty was associated in setting test items, external experts were associated in moderating these.
6. The scholars of the first cohort have been pursuing their Research Methodology course. The examination for this will be scheduled shortly. Moreover, most of them have submitted their research proposals and COE is pursuing the matter with those who have yet to submit the same.

Prof. Garg also briefed the members about other academic initiatives taken by the University since the last meeting of RC and resolve of the University to offer high quality education to its learners for inclusive development of the state. He also invited suggestions of the members for future development.

RC 2.1.1 The members appreciated the initiatives taken by the University in general as also the transparency exercised in the PhD programme and advised that to regulate progress of research scholars, everyone should be advised to submit six monthly progress reports as mandatory requirement. These reports should initially be discussed in the Departmental Board of Studies and then reported to RC. This periodicity will also help candidates in the progress of their work. One member pointed out that the format of the progress report be developed by COE of the University.

RC 2.1.2 As far as the issue of research proposals is concerned, a letter be sent to all those who have yet to submit the same giving a time of one month and if they still fail to respond, their registration could be cancelled.

RC 2.1.3 Members also suggested that remunerations for activities like setting test items and moderation, wherever external experts were involved, be proposed to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Prof. Pandey, Registrar, then presented the agenda items for the deliberations by the Research Council.

RC 2.2 To consider and approve minutes of the First meeting of Research Council

RC 2.2.1 Prof. Pandey informed the members that in its first meeting held on 2.12.17, the Research Council had

1. Noted the research ordinance of the University based on UGC guidelines as approved by the Board of Management;
2. Approved the names of ten candidates for enrollment in the PhD programme of the University; and
3. Approved Prof. Vandana Bhattacharya, Head, Department of CS, BIT, Mesra and Prof. Swarat Chaudhari, St Xavier's College, Ranchi as external research supervisors.

The Minutes of the meeting were circulated soon after for approval of the members. These are placed at Annexure 1. So far no comments on the minutes by any member have been received

Dr. Pandey further informed that eight candidates (Management 1, CS 4 and commerce 3) finally registered with the University and 7 seats in Management, five seats in CS, five seats in Commerce, and four each in English Physics and Mathematics were available for second cohort.

Prof. Pandey then requested the members to approve the minutes.

RC 2.2.2 The Research Council approved the minutes as circulated.

RC 2.3 Matters arising out of the Minutes

RC 2.3.1 Prof. Pandey invited members to indicate any decision that may have been left out of the minutes of the first meeting of RC or not presented as decided for discussion under matters arising out of minutes.

RC 2.3.2 No issue was taken up under this item.

RC 2.4 To consider and approve Action taken on the minutes of the First meeting of RC

RC 2.4.1 The item was taken up for discussion. Prof Pandey informed the members that the Action Taken on the decisions of the First meeting of the Research Council is placed in Annexure 2.

RC 2.4.2 The members perused the Action Taken and were satisfied by the compliance. However, one of the members reiterated that every scholar should be informed that s/he has to submit progress report through the supervisor(s) every six month and on non-submission of two reports consecutively her/his registration could be cancelled. The Council unanimously approved the suggestion.

RC 2.5 To consider and approve discipline-wise admission in M.Phil. and PhD programmes for the second cohort (July 2018 session)

RC 2.5.1 Prof Pandey informed the Council that in accordance with its approved research guidelines for M.Phil. and PhD, the entrance test for was conducted on 24.6.18. In all, 53 candidates appeared in the examination (Management 25, Computer Science 14, Commerce 6, Physics 2, Mathematics 3 and English 3). In addition, six candidates with M.Phil./NET qualifications also applied and were accorded exemption as per UGC guidelines. The candidates qualifying in the admission test were invited for F2F interview discipline-wise, from 23rd July to 26th July, 2018. The interviews of successful candidates were conducted with the help of eminent professors as experts (Prof. S. Chaudhari of St Xavier's for Physics, Dr. Ghoroi of BIT for Mathematics, Prof. Bhattacharya of BIT for CS, Prof. Tripathi for English and Prof. Das of RU for Commerce. Prof. L. N. Bhagat, Former VC, RU and member, BOM, UMU was requested to help as research methodology expert.)

The list of the candidates recommended for admission to the research degree programmes on the basis of their performances in written and viva voce examinations was tabled in the meeting so as to maintain confidentiality of the process.

We now have 7 seats in Management, 6 seats in CS, 4 in English, 4 in physics and 5 in Commerce as far as regular full time faculty research load is concerned. In addition, the PVC, who has been a management professor has also desired to take a few students, if suitable candidates were available.

Prof. Pandey then placed the recommendations made on the combined performance in written examination and interview for consideration and approval of the Research Council

RC 2.5.2 The item was taken for discussion and the Council decided that all candidates securing 50% marks or more overall be offered registration. Subject to this, the names of following candidates were approved:

Management

1. Amitabh Chandan
2. Annand Kumar Sinha
3. Arun Shaliesh Kandulna
4. Dhiraj Kamta
5. Pranav Mishra
6. Prem Bhashkar
7. Rashmi
8. Santosh Kumar Gupta
9. Shomik Chandan
10. Dhiman Kanti Mirdha
11. Sayantani Moitra

12. Vivekanand Sharma

13. Khyati Munjal

Commerce

1. Neha Prakash
2. Writika Tekriwal
3. Binod Kumar Bakshi
4. Kumar Gaurav

Computer Science

1. Anshuman Mishra
2. Vishal Chandra
3. Puja Gupta
4. Kumar Sanjeev
5. Ved Prakash

Physics

1. Arunava Mukherjee

Mathematics

1. Suman Kumari Sinha

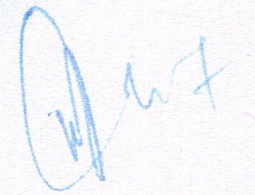
English

1. Grace Khalko

RC 2.5.3 While approving the recommendations of selection committees, Research Council advised that names of successful candidates should be uploaded on the University Website as well as informed individually through post/email/phone. Moreover, all successful candidates be advised to deposit their fee by 15.8.18 and their classes for Research Methodology should start soon thereafter.

RC 2.5.4 Prof. Pandey informed the members that one of the prospective PhD students had desired that he be associated with Dr. Binod Kumar, who has retired from IIM. R. C. desired that complete details on qualifications be obtained for consideration.

RC 2.6 Any Other matter with the permission of the Chair



Prof. Viplaw Pandey
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