



USHA MARTIN UNIVERSITY, RANCHI, JHARKHAND

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Research Council dated 7- June-2019

The meeting of the 3rd Research Council was held on 7th June 2019 at 11.00 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 Arvind Hans, Associate Professor, Management, UMU, Member
7. Dr. Sharmistha Roy, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, UMU, Member
8. Dr. Anupama Verma, Assistant Professor, Management, UMU, Special Invitee
9. Prof. Viplaw K. Pandey, Registrar, UMU, Secretary

RC3.1 Welcome and Opening Remarks by the Chair

The Chairman extended a very warm and cordial welcome to all the members present on behalf of the University and on his own behalf. He expressed his gratitude to all present for participating in the meeting and giving the benefit of their expertise. Before, requesting the Registrar to place agenda items, he shared the developments in the University since the last meeting of RC held in 2018:

Research Scholars:

- (i) The RC approved enrollment of 25 scholars in 2018 (in CS, Management, Commerce, Physics, Mathematics and English).

- (ii) One of the scholars associated with Dr. Anandroop Roy in 2017 requested that he be associated with Dr Sarmishtha Roy as his principal supervisor had left the University.
- (iii) Most of the registered scholars have completed course work now and presented their Synopsis on 3rd and 4th June, 2019. Some of the scholars were advised to submit their synopsis after incorporating suggestions of the experts within a time frame of up to one month. The University has also made submission of six monthly Progress Reports mandatory for every scholar so as to pace their progress. The internal faculty members and respective supervisors, were requested to appraise the respective Committees of the progress of scholars enrolled with him/her, in case a given research scholar could not be present. At this stage, Dr Vinay Singh informed that one of his students Mr. Suryanarayan Prasad had neither reported his progress nor responded to his calls.
- (iv) The entrance test for the third cohort was held on 31.3.19 for Management, Computer Science, Commerce, Physics, English, Education and Mathematics. 101 candidates appeared for the test. Another 18 candidates were exempted from entrance test as they were M. Phil/NET qualified. Of them, 76 candidates were interviewed last month by subject expert committees and 38 candidates have been recommended for admission. (The details shall be placed under separate item for approval of the RC.)
- **Research:** The University faculty published/communicated 5 papers in international research journals, and a book chapter was under consideration for publication. In addition, three members of academic staff have received PhD degrees (two from BIT Mesra and one from Ranchi University). The University is making sincere efforts to encourage research by allowing faculty to participate in conferences. Capacity building of the faculty is also being done through FDPs on Research Methodology and OER search and identification as research resources. The University granted seed money of Rs. 6.82 lacs for research for six projects that have been approved.
 - **Placements:** The outcomes of placement interviews have been very encouraging; it is highly satisfying that all students of UMU's first batch of MBA programme got placement. Also, all students of 2nd semester MBA have got SIP and all students of MCA have got internship in an IT company in Ranchi. The VC placed on record his appreciation for the Placement Committee comprising Academic Faculty and the

Training and Placement Officer. The Committee functioned under the guidance of Prof. Viplaw Pandey, Registrar,

- **Land and Building:** The University management purchased 31.6-acre land in Narayan Soso and got it registered in the name of the University. After mutation, construction of new campus was started on 18th January. It is hoped that at least two floors will become available for use by August and UMU should be able to shift to its own campus sometime during the next session.
- **Academic Programmes:** As far as diversification of the academic profile of the University is concerned, it is proposed to add B. Tech (CS, Mining and Mechanical), PhD (Education) and agriculture science programmes to the existing bouquet. We still await visit of BCI and DEB teams.
- **Addition of Core faculty:** Due to increased no. of programmes and the addition of specializations within some programmes, we recruited a few full time teaching faculty members: Sh. S. K. Prasad in Mining, Dr Arvind Hans and Mr. Mustafa Khalid in Management, Ms. Neha Prakash in Commerce, Mr. Nitesh Kumar in Economics, and Dr Kumari Jyotsna in Mathematics.

As of now, The University has 19 full time faculty members at different levels. Of them, 12 are PhD holders (Professor: 1, Associate Professors: 2 and Assistant Professors: 9). But for one, all other faculty members are enrolled in the PhD programmes of BIT/Ranchi University/UMU. All of them have cleared their course work and the research work is at different stages of completion. We hope that by 2021, our entire faculty would comprise doctorates.

In view of new courses to be added in Law, education and agriculture, the University intends to appoint some more faculty members and strengthen existing faculty position in the light of increasing enrollments.

- **New Members on BOG:** Prof. A. A. Khan, Former VC, Ranchi University and Prof. A. P. Padhi, Former VC of Sambalpur University had been nominated by the Hon'ble Governor of Jharkhand and Visitor of the University on our BOG. The VC welcomed their nomination and said that he looked forward to their expert advice in BOG for the growth of the University.

- **Chancellor's Visit:** The Chancellor visited the University on 3.12.18 and interacted with the faculty as well as the students. He was happy to learn that the strength of the University was its dynamic and highly qualified Faculty, who devote themselves enthusiastically to academic as well as co-curricular activities.
- **Development of Learning Management System:** The University has developed LMS system to promote ICT enabled education. A training programme for UMU faculty was conducted on 30th November and 1st December by an expert from New Delhi under the guidance of Prof. Madhulika Kaushik, PVC.
- **Statutory Councils:** The University applied to BCI for approval of BBALLB and LLB programmes and the expert committees have yet to visit us. We also await visit of DEB Committee for DE programmes. Our appeal for approval of pharmacy programmes is pending with PCI.

RC 3.1.1 The members appreciated the initiatives taken by the University in general as also the transparency exercised in the PhD programme and advised that submission of six monthly progress reports as mandatory requirement should help pace the progress of scholars. These reports should initially be discussed in the Departmental Board of Studies and then reported to RC.

RC 3.1.2 The case of Mr. Surya Narayan Singh was considered and the Council recommended that a letter be sent to him advising him to submit his fee within one month and contact his supervisor immediately to comply with the requirements stipulated by RC. In case he fails to do so, he should be informed that his registration could be cancelled. The Council further decided that if a candidate fails to clear course work on two subsequent attempts, she be required to re-register. The Council also suggested that Research Ordinance be reviewed and placed before the AC for approval, if there are any amendments. (Action: COE)

RC 3.1.3 As for the request of Mr. Biresh Kumar to change of main supervisor, the RC permitted change so as to be consistent with UGC guidelines. (Action: COE)

Prof. Pandey, Registrar, was then requested by the Chair to present the agenda items for the deliberations by the Research Council.

RC 3.2 To consider and approve minutes of the second meeting of Research Council

RC 3.2.1 Prof. Pandey informed the members that the second meeting of the Research Council was held on 27.07.2018 at the University Campus. The minutes of the meeting were circulated soon after for approval by the members. The Council had in the second meeting:

1. Noted and appreciated the practice of following UGC norms in UMU's PhD programme;
2. Approved the discipline-wise names of twenty five candidates selected as the II cohort of the programme (Physics 1, Mathematics 1, Commerce 4, Management 13, Computer Science 5 and English 1) for enrolling in the PhD programmes of the University

The detailed minutes, as circulated, are placed at Annexure-1. The Registrar proposed that as no comments or amendments to the minutes had been received, the same may please be approved

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RC 3.3 Matters arising out of the Minutes

RC 3.3.1 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 3.3.2 No issue was taken up under this item.

RC 3.4 To consider and approve Action taken on the minutes of the second meeting of RC

RC 3.4.1 The item was taken up for discussion. Prof Pandey informed the members that the Action Taken on the decisions of the second meeting of the Research Council is placed in Annexure 2 for perusal of the members

RC 3.4.2 The members perused the Action Taken on the decisions of RC and were satisfied by the compliance.

RC 3.5 To consider and approve discipline-wise admission in M.Phil. and PhD programmes for the third cohort (July 2019 session)

RC 3.5.1 Prof Pandey informed the Council that In accordance with its approved research guidelines for M. Phil and PhD, the University conducted its entrance test for the third cohort of PhD and M. Phil programmes on 31.3.2019. 101 candidates appeared in the test (Management 14, Computer Science 32, Commerce 5, Physics 4, Mathematics 4, Education 32 and English 10). In addition, 18 candidates with M. Phil/NET qualifications were accorded exemption from written test as per UGC guidelines. While test paper for Education was set by an external renowned professor, exam papers for other subjects were set by the internal faculty and duly moderated by external subject experts.

He also informed the Council that 76 candidates qualified in the written test and were invited for F2F interviews held from 29.4.2019 to 4.5.2019. As stipulated in PhD guidelines of the University, eminent external experts were part of the committees constituted for each discipline to interview prospective candidates. (Prof. S. Chaudhari of St Xavier's College for Physics, Dr Ghoroi of BIT for Mathematics, Prof. V. Bhattacharya of BIT for CS, Dr Panchanan Mahto, Retd Associate Professor, RU for English, Prof. Anupma Bhargava, St Xavier's College for Education and Prof. G. P. Trivedi of Marwari College, RU for Commerce. For the third cohort of PhD admissions, the candidates who scored 50% and above marks in the composite score for both written test and the interview were recommended by the Selection Committee discipline-wise.

RC 3.5.2 Prof. Pandey then read out the names of all 38 successful candidates recommended for admission to the research degree programmes for consideration and approval of the Research Council:

Commerce: 04

1. Abhijit Garai
2. Pradeep Kumar
3. Ratan Kishore

4. Pranav Kumar

Computer Science: 07

1. Purnima Kumari Srivastava
2. Supriya Gupta
3. Yashwant Kumar
4. Arvind Kumar Sinha
5. Rohini Kumari
6. Ajay Kumar
7. Amresh Bose

English: 07

1. Rashmi Kumari
2. Arun Kumar
3. Supriya Deogharia
4. Priya Pallavi
5. Siti Kanta Negi
6. Digangana Mishra
7. Mudasir Maqbool

Management: 03

1. Rati Kushwa
2. Prem Shankar
3. Richa Sahay

Mathematics: 02

1. Manish Kumar
2. Rajni Gupta

Physics: 02

1. Sumit Kumar
2. Arvind Kumar

Education: 13

1. Manoj Kumar
2. Amrita Bhakt
3. Poonam Jha
4. Jyotsna
5. Madhu
6. Shashi Kant

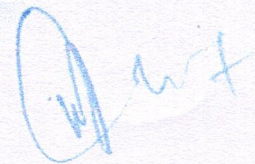
7. Swati Anjan Toppo
8. Vaishali Saini
9. Rashmi Rekha
10. S. K. Habib
11. Tazeen Ahmed
12. Rashmi Lugun
13. Sangram Banerjee

RC3.5.2 Prof. Pandey further informed the Council that on the basis of existing teacher strength, UMU has 7 available seats in Physics, 7 seats in Mathematics, Three in English, One in Commerce, six in Computer science and three in Management. The University intends to appoint one Associate/Assistant Professor each in Finance and Marketing, One Assistant Professor in Commerce, One Professor, One Associate Professor and One Assistant Professor in Education and Two Associate Professors/ One Professor and One Associate Professor in Computer Science to meet the UGC requirements for PhD candidates as also to respond to its teaching load requirements.

RC3.5.3 While approving the recommendations of selection committees, Research Council advised that names of successful candidates should be uploaded on the University Website. Moreover, they should be informed individually through post/email/phone and all successful candidates be advised to deposit their fee by 30.7.19. The classes for course work should start from 12.8.19.

RC 3.6 Any Other matter with the permission of the Chair

RC3.6.1 No matter was discussed under this item.



(Prof. Viplaw Kishore Pandey)
Registrar, UMU