



USHA MARTIN UNIVERSITY, RANCHI, JHARKHAND

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Research Council dated 29- October-2021

The meeting of the 5th Research Council was held on 29th October 2021 at 11.00 am through Google Meet. Following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro-Chancellor, UMU, Special Invitee
2. Prof. Ramesh Kumar Pandey, Vice Chancellor, UMU, Chair
3. Prof. Madhulika Kaushik, PVC, UMU, Member
4. Dr. Kumar Rajnish, Associate Professor, BIT Mesra, Member
5. Prof. Swarat Chaudhari, St Xavier College, Member
6. Dr. Vinay Singh, Associate Professor, CS, UMU and Controller of Examinations(I/C), Member
7. Dr. Arvind Hans, Associate Professor, Management, UMU, and Dean Faculty, Member
8. Dr. Md Amir Khusru Akhtar, Associate Professor, Computer Science, UMU, and Dean, Research, Secretary
9. Dr. Anil Kumar Mishra, Registrar, Member

RC 5.1 Welcome and Opening Remarks by the Chair

Calling the meeting to order, the Chairman extended a very warm and cordial welcome to all the members present. He expressed his gratitude to all members for sparing their valuable time for the meeting especially to Dr K. Rajnish and Prof. S. Chaudhari, who readily agreed to give benefit of their expertise to UMU. Before requesting the Registrar UMU to present the agenda items, he shared a few developments in the University since the last meeting: -

During covid-19, UMU had gone through very stressful period. The faculty members had cooperated in conducting the classes and the examination in online mode. We followed all the protocol of Covid-19 and only after the permission of the government, the offline classes have started.

The entrance test for PhD admissions for 2021 was held on 23.7.21 in online mode and the successful candidates were offered admission following UGC guidelines. While internal faculties were associated in setting questions, the external experts were assigned the job of moderation. Admission to this cohort of PhD programme was offered after interviews of a candidate who has cleared the entrance test. Finally, 28 candidates were selected. Out of these 28 candidates, 19 were awarded fellowships for their PhD research work.

VC informed that ever since we have shifted to our new campus enrollment of student and research activities have improved. The PVC also welcomed the members and informed the Council that one research scholar under guidance of Dr. Vinay Singh had appeared in the pre-PhD seminar. He was allowed to submit his PhD Thesis.

The Pro-chancellor Prof. S.C. Garg thanked Prof. Pandey at the end and as concluding remark expressed his gratitude to the outgoing members of RC who had helped the University in various research activities and supported us to great extent.

Dr. Anil Kumar Mishra, Registrar, was then allowed by the Chair to present the agenda items for the deliberations by the Research Council.

RC 5.2 To consider and approve minutes of the Fourth meeting of Research Council

RC5.2.1 The Registrar informed the members that the fourth meeting of the Research Council was held on 22.02.2021 in online mode. The minutes of the meeting was circulated among the members. The detailed minutes, as circulated, is being placed at Annexure-1. The Registrar proposed that as no comments or proposal for amendments to the minutes has been received, the same may please be approved as circulated.

RC5.2.2 The detailed minutes, as circulated was considered approved and is placed at Annexure-1

RC 5.3 Approval of Fifth Cohort of admissions in the PhD programme.

RC 5.3.1 The Registrar informed that the University conducted its entrance test for the PhD programme in online mode on 23/07/2021. Fifty-Five candidates appeared in the test (Management 23, Computer Science 04, Physics02, Chemistry 01, Commerce 05, Pharmacy 02, Law 14and JMC 04) In addition, 07candidates with /NET qualifications were accorded exemption from written test as per UGC guidelines. Admission test papers for all concerned disciplines were set by the internal faculty but to ensure quality, the University involved external experts to moderate papers of all disciplines.

Out of 55 candidates, only 36 candidates qualified in the test. The details of qualified students are – 12 from Management, 3 from Computer Science, 1 from Physics, 3 from Commerce, 2 from Pharmacy, 11 from Law and 4 from JMC.

All 36 qualified candidates along with 07 Net qualified (Total 43) candidates were invited for discipline wise online interview .39 candidates participated the interview sessions, and 28 qualified the interviews. The number of successful candidates subject-wise are – Management - 08, Computer Science - 02, Commerce - 03, Pharmacy - 02, Law -11 and JMC- 04. Out of total 28 PhD scholars, 19 scholars received funding from various sources including university fellowship.

Admission to this cohort of PhD programme was offered to 28 candidates. The list of selected candidates, are placed at Annexure-2 for consideration and approval.

RC 5.3.2 The Registrar requested the Council to approve the recommendations of the DRCs. The RC approved the list of candidates admitted to the PhD programme and the same is placed at Annexure 2.

RC 5.4 To approve the panel of Co-guides for specified researchers

RC 5.4.1 The Registrar informed the members that several requests have been received from academicians for empanelment as co-supervisors. UMU administration followed the criteria of eligibility approved by the RC in selection of co-guides. It was ensured that the proposed co-guides are active researchers and represent expertise in the field that is not currently available at UMU. The item was taken up for discussion. While approving the proposal, the RC advised that, in future, the University should consider enrolling co- guides suitable for interdisciplinary research. One external member suggested empaneling those academicians who are active researchers and have published at least three papers in last three years.

RC 5.4.2 Pro-chancellor suggested to send the list of academicians who have applied for co-guides to RC members and internal supervisors and to seek their comments on the profiles before the names are approved.

RC 5.5 To present the progress reports of enrolled candidates

RC5.5.1 The Registrar informed the Council that the supervisors have collected the six-monthly progress report of their PhD scholars.

RC5.5.2 Pro-Chancellor instructed the Examination controller to report the status of progress report to RC It was also suggested that the comments of the main supervisor on the report should be recorded and maintain in the Examination division. He should send reminder to those who have not submitted up-to-date progress report

RC 5.6 To report the changes approved by the AC in the PhD ordinance

RC 5.6.1 The Registrar informed the Council that UMU has been offering PhD programme for the last five years. During this period, a few deficiencies were noticed and subsequently modified through internal consultation. The following changes were made in the PhD ordinance and were presented to the Academic council for approval. The interview component for admission to the Ph.D. programme is mandatory for all including those who are exempted from the entrance test.

Distribution of marks of both Research Methodology and Core papers would be as follows:

Continuous assessment - 40%

End Term exam - 60%.

Syllabi of term papers for Computer Sc., Management, Commerce, English, Mathematics and Education are framed and shared with scholars

Any one of the plagiarisms softwares (Turnitin, iThenticate and Ouriginal) to be certified in the Thesis

These changes are placed in Annexure 3.

RC5.6.2 Pro-chancellor suggested to add syllabi for Faculty of Pharmacy and Faculty of Law

RC 5.7 To consider research proposals for funding.

RC 5.7.1The Registrar informed the Council that to strengthen research culture in the University, the Management has been putting great emphasis on research by the faculty. While research scholarships for PhD scholars were instituted and availed in 2019 and 2020, the seed money for four research proposals were sanctioned. The Council was informed that the Foundation had agreed to sanction seed money for a second-round research projects of the faculty. Total 81 projects were approved for seed money allocation. Many research proposals were received for second-round of internal funding The Registrar also informed that UMU had applied for 25 patents. Total 157 journal papers and over 17 books and book chapters had been published since the commencement of the academic session.

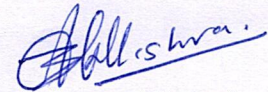
RC 5.7.2 The members appreciated the idea of seed money and hoped that others academic collaborations with institutions and research agencies can be made for the development of research. The committee also discussed the possibilities of signing MoUs with Candidlex Advisors LLP, Noida and Global Jurix LLP, New Delhi.

RC 5.8 Any Other matter with the permission of the Chair

RC 5.8.1 The pro Chancellor suggested to make Dean research as the member secretary of RC council, subject to the provisions of the UMU statutes. All members agreed to the proposal. The matter will be taken up in BOM meeting

RC 5.8.2 PVC informed that two full time research professors in Education have joined the UMU. They are very eminent research scholars. It was also requested that the requirement of Research professors across disciplines has been advertised by the university and if the Council members are in touch with eminent researchers who have superannuated from active service but will like to pursue research guidance, the same should be informed to the university.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair



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