



USHA MARTIN UNIVERSITY, RANCHI, JHARKHAND

Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Research Council dated 11- July-2023

The meeting of the 7th Research Council was held on 11th July 2023 at 11.00 am in the University Campus. Following members were present in the meeting:

- 1) Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro-Chancellor, UMU, Special Invitee
- 2) Prof. Madhulika Kaushik, VC, UMU, Chair
- 3) Prof. Swarat Chaudhari, St Xavier College, Member
- 4) Prof. Kumar Rajnish, BIT Mesra, Ranchi
- 5) Prof. Himanshu Narayan, UMU, Dean Academic, 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, UMU, Member

RC7.1 Welcome and Opening Remarks by the Chair

Calling the meeting to order, the Chairperson extended a warm and cordial welcome to all the members present. Prof. Kaushik expressed her gratitude to all the members for sparing their valuable time for the meeting. Before taking up agenda items, she briefed the members about the developments and initiatives taken by University since the previous meeting:

- The university awarded 9 PhD candidates in the year 2022 and 2023. All Ph.D. theses have been successfully uploaded to Shodhganga. This step ensures the widespread availability and accessibility of our scholars' valuable research contributions.
- There has been a notable increase in the number of students completing their Ph.D. requirements at our university. Total 51 students had enrolled for the academic session among which 21 were awarded fellowship. The university had 26 patents to its credit for the academic session 2022-2023. Total 71 journal articles and 10 books/book chapters were published in the year 2022. 297 articles had been published in the year 2023 and many are under consideration for publication. This achievement is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our research scholars, as well as the guidance and support provided by our esteemed faculty members. She also highlighted that continuous improvement and growth in maintaining research excellence needed cooperation and involvement of external experts and researchers, as their invaluable

insights, expertise, and guidance were instrumental in shaping the research direction and fostering a culture of innovation at our university.

- The University had approved 70 seed money projects valued at a total of ₹84.90 lakhs. Additionally, the institution received substantial funding and recognition, Consultancy income of ₹40 lacs, and Sponsored projects of approx. ₹5.8 crores.
- The development of infrastructure within the campus and the facilities developed since last meeting signified evolutionary phase of the University. She informed that 5 – Ph. D degrees were awarded by the Hon'ble Governor of Jharkhand at 1st Convocation of Usha Martin University held in May 2023.

Dr. Arvind Hans, Dean Faculty, was then requested by the Chair to present the agenda items of the Research Council on behalf of the Registrar, Member Secretary, who was participating remotely

RC 7.2 To consider and approve minutes of the Sixth meeting of Research Council

RC 7.2.1 Dr. Hans informed the members that the sixth meeting of the Research Council was held on 05.04.2022 in online mode. The minutes of the meeting were circulated among the members soon after. But no comments were received from any member. The detailed minutes, as circulated, are placed at Annexure-1. The Dean Faculty informed that no comments were received from any member. He then proposed that the minutes may be approved as circulated.

RC7.2.2 The members approved the minutes, as circulated.

RC 7.3 To report action taken on the minutes of the 6th Research Council Meeting:

S.No.	Important Item	Decision Taken	Status of Implementat ion
1.	RC 6.3.3	The Council unanimously decided that it will be an excellent initiative. The information of orientation programme be given by the COE after the Registration process is completed.	The decision of Research Council has been implemented.
2.	RC 6.4.1 Submission of Six monthly report by every PhD scholar	Progress reports of Ph. D scholars have been received and certified satisfactory by respective supervisor.	Implemented

3.	RC6.4.2 In order to manage pace and quality of research, the University proposes to introduce annual presentation of the work done in the period of one year by every research scholar.	The presentations to be scheduled towards the end of each calendar academic year and the dates be announced well in advance.	Noted for compliance.
4.	RC 6.5.3 To judge the quality of research papers for financial support in Research expenses,	A committee of 3 - 4 members, including the Dean Academic, Dean Research, Research Guide and an External member are deciding for presentation in National conference or seminar.	Implemented
5.	RC 6.7.3 The Ph.D. Scholars who are defaulter on fee payment may be asked to pay a late fee.	The RC decided that the fee issues be taken to Finance committee.	It is under process of implementation.

RC 7.4 To Consider and Approve Admission of Seventh Cohort in Ph. D Programme

RC 7.4.1 Dr. Hans informed that the University conducted entrance tests and face-to-face interactions with subject experts for the admission to the Seventh Cohort in the Ph.D. programme. The selection process followed UGC guidelines. Out of the eighty successful: Commerce (9), Education (6), Pharmacy, Microbiology (1), Computer Science (5), Law (12), English (4), Management (8), Physics (1), and Mass Communication (5). The details of the selected candidates are placed in Annexure-2. Dr. Hans requested the Council to approve the list of selected candidates.

RC 7.4. The RC approved the list of candidates admitted to the PhD programme and the same is placed at Annexure 3.

RC 7.5 Mandating annual progress presentations by every scholar in December every year

RC 7.5.1 Dr. Hans informed the members that there was need for continuous monitoring of the progress made by research scholars. The proposal mandated annual progress presentations by every scholar in December/ January each year on campus.

The VC emphasized that the purpose of presentations was to provide an opportunity to research scholars to assess their progress, receive feedback from their Doctoral Committees, and engage in constructive discussions with fellow researchers. The objective was to maintain the pace and quality of research and foster a culture of collaboration and intellectual growth among scholars.

RC 7.5.2 The members discussed the proposal and acknowledged its importance in ensuring accountability and facilitating timely support for research scholars. They recognized the value of regular progress presentations to track the development of research progress and offer guidance for further improvement.

RC 7.5.3 After thorough discussion, the Research Council approved the proposal.

RC 7.6 Funding and Financial Support for Paper Publication Reimbursement

RC 7.6.1 Dr. Hans informed the members that in the 6th Meeting, the Research Council recommended that incentives be provided to teaching faculty for publication of research papers in journals mentioned in the UGC Care list, Scopus list, or Web of Science Journals. This initiative was essentially aimed to strengthen the research culture in the University.

The VC informed the Council that the University Management had started reimbursing the registration fees for faculty members presenting their research papers. This was extended to publication of research papers in reputed journals, particularly those with high impact factors. It has now decided that the University will reimburse the expenditure involved in payment for such publications, subject to the condition that the publication is in any of the journals listed in the UGC Care list, Scopus list of Journals, or Web of Science journals.

The Research Council suggested that:

- a. In case the publication is jointly authored with another researcher from the same University or another University of the group, reimbursement be made to the UMU staff only on pro rate basis.
- b. The VC informed the Council that the Management has decided to put a cap on reimbursement against publication, with a recommended maximum amount of Rs. 10,000/- or the cost of publication, whichever is less.

RC 7.6.2 The PC informed the Council that a comprehensive proposal shall be placed before the Council in the next meeting. He also invited RC members to give their inputs and suggestions.

.RC 7.7: Noting the Implementation of Research Ethics Paper in PhD Programme as per UGC Guidelines

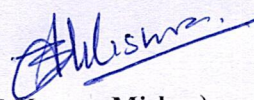
RC 7.7.1 Dr. Hans informed RC that the University has initiated the implementation of the Research Ethics Paper in the Ph.D. programme, aligning with the guidelines mandated by the University Grants Commission (UGC). The syllabus for the Research Ethics Paper, provided as Annexure 3, is to be adopted to equip research scholars with a comprehensive understanding of ethical issues and principles related to research conduct.

RC 7.7.2 While expressing support for promoting ethical research practices among our scholars, the RC advised that approval of AC be obtained before adopting the paper.

RC 7.8: Any Other Matter

RC7.8.1 No issue was raised under this item.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair


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