



## **USHA MARTIN UNIVERSITY, RANCHI, JHARKHAND**

### **Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council dated 18<sup>th</sup> December-2020**

The meeting of the 11th Academic Council was held on 18-December-2020 at 4.00 pm in Online Mode through Google Meet. Following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. S. C. Garg, Vice Chancellor, UMU – Chair
2. Prof. S. M. Prasad, Former PVC, Jharkhand Rai University
3. Prof. V. Bhattacharya, Head, Computer Science, BIT Mesra
4. Prof. R.P. Mishra, Head, Mechanical Engineering Department, BIT Mesra
7. Prof. Madhulika Kaushik, PVC, UMU
- 8 Dr. Vinay Singh, Associate Prof., UMU
- 9 Dr. Arvind Hans, Associate Prof., UMU
- 10 Dr. Md Amir Khusro Akhtar, Associate Professor, UMU
- 11 Dr. Abhishek Pandey, A.P, UMU
- 12 Dr. Shahnaaz Zabi, A.P, UMU
- 13 Dr. Lopamudra Satpaty, A. P. UMU
- 14 Dr. Akanksha Anand, A. P., UM
- 15 Dr. Prakash Chandra Panda, A. P., UMU
- 16 Dr. Jayantika Pal, A. P., UMU
- 17 Sh. Rajesh E Patro, Registrar, Member Secretary

Following members could not attend the meeting due to their prior commitments:

1. Dr. Srinivas Moorthy, National Law University, Ranchi and
2. Prof. S. Chattopadhyay, IIM, Ranchi

## **AC 11.1 Welcome Remarks and Information Sharing by the Chairman**

At the outset Prof. S. C. Garg, Vice Chancellor extended a very warm and cordial welcome to all members attending the meeting. He expressed his gratefulness to the external members for sparing their valuable time from their busy schedules and giving benefit of their experience and expertise to UMU. He particularly welcomed the new Registrar Sh Rajesh Patro, who had been a very senior bureaucrat in the Govt. of Jharkhand. He also delightedly welcomed all the eminent members.

He put on record his most sincere thanks to Former Registrar, Sh. Binod Kispotta and Deputy Registrar Dr Sumeet Gupta for helping in navigating the University in difficult times. Before requesting the Registrar to present the Agenda Items, he shared a few important developments in the University since the last meeting. He informed the Council that

(i) The University conducted interviews for the posts of Registrar, Campus Director, Director (Corporate Relations), Dr, FO and Physical Instructor. The recommendations of the selection Committees were approved by the BOM through circulation. Now Registrar, Campus Director, Director (Corporate Relations) and DR have joined. He hoped that with their administrative experience, the University fraternity would gain greater acceptance in the peer community and serve student community better. (No one was found suitable for the position of FO/AFO.)

(ii) The University had enrolled new students in UG+PG programmes and in PhD programme, though he had hoped to touch 600 mark. He informed the Council that due to Covid-19 scare, there was a lurking fear that the admissions would take a great hit and the growth rate of 30% attained in previous years would go down considerably. Though the University missed the upward growth trajectory, yet it had managed to avoid the hit to a great extent; the maximum drop in the enrollments was in Engineering Diploma, Bachelor in Computers and MBA. The programme-wise admission details are attached in Annexure.

*(Annexure:1)*

(iii) The University had moved operations to its permanent campus in Narayan Soso on Purulia Road, though campus Inauguration by the Chief Minister of Jharkhand Sh. Hemant Soren had been scheduled for February, 2021 depending on his convenience. The current academic session has been going on in the online mode but once normalcy returns, the University would start F2F classes on the new Campus. After Campus inauguration, the University would like to hold its first convocation in March. He requested the members to grace these occasions.

(iv) As mentioned in the previous meetings, the University Management emphasized research by the faculty by extending support for participation in the conferences and publications in Scopus journals. The Campus Director had been working with younger faculty and encouraging them to develop research projects for governmental funding; seed money would also be granted by the UMU Trust for initiating work in that direction. He informed the Council that VC, PVC and Dr Amir Khusro, Associate Professor, Computer Science and IT along with an external education expert had submitted a collaborative research proposal to AIU and that had reportedly been sanctioned. He hoped that the University would build upon this.

(v) To fulfill academic commitment to its learners, the University had successfully been practicing outcome based online teaching for continuing batches from August 10, 2020. For first year non-engineering students, the classes were started from November 2, 2020. (In between, end semester examinations were conducted online.) However, classes for first year Engineering Diploma and B. Tech students could be started from 2<sup>nd</sup> December because AICTE had extended the date of admission to 30.11.2020. (We used the intervening period to conduct remedial classes for English for engineering students) He was pleased to inform the council that the continuous assessment component had been completed for continuing batches by mid November 2020 and the term end examinations for all continuing batches have been scheduled from 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2021 through online mode. He informed that this exercise would be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> January and their next semester would hopefully begin F2F from 21.1.2021.

(vi) Since the last meeting, new faculty had joined in various programmes after approval of recommendations of the Selection committees by the BOM.

He then invited suggestions from the members for newer directions and the road map for the University.

**AC 11.1** Members lauded the emphasis of management on research. AC further suggested that the University should consolidate its offerings for obtaining NAAC certification and AICTE approvals. They hoped that addition of senior officials in the University should accelerate the growth trajectory. The University should also initiate extension work for the good of the people living in its surrounding localities.

The VC then requested the Registrar to present the agenda items. The Council took the agenda items one by one for its consideration.

**AC.11.2 To Confirm the Minutes of the Tenth Meeting of Academic Council**

**AC 11.2.1** The Registrar informed the Council that the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council were circulated to all members and are placed at Annexure. No comments were received from any member in the stipulated time period of a fortnight. He therefore proposed that the minutes may be deemed to have been confirmed as circulated.

*(Annexure:2)*

**AC 11.2.2** The Council approved the minutes as circulated.

**AC 11.3 To Note the Action Taken on the Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Meetings of Academic Council**

**AC 11.3.1** The AC perused the action taken and expressed satisfaction on compliance of its decisions. The ATR is placed at Annexure 3.

*(Annexure:3)*

**AC 11.4 To Consider and Approve Creation of Department of Nursing and offer of B. Sc (Nursing) and GNM Programme.**

**AC11.4.1** The Registrar informed the Council that the University has been offering professional programmes to its learners since its inception. The Faculty of Health Sciences has been offering programmes such as Diploma and Bachelor in Pharmacy, Bachelor of Physiotherapy, and Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technologies, these have been well received and now it is felt that to further enrich this bouquet of job-oriented programmes and create health care professionals, the University should offer (GNM) and Bachelor of Nursing (B. Sc (Nursing)) Programmes through the Faculty of Nursing. He highlighted that GNMs are extremely valued caregivers to the newborn and in India, there is skewed doctor versus Nursing professional ratio. Moreover, there is great demand for such programmes in the state.

**AC11.4.2** He further informed that to meet one of the mandatory requirements of the Nursing Council, the University had approached the RIMS to sign an MOU for providing professional training to all students. The University would, if recommended by the AC, approach State Nursing Council for approval so that enrollments can be made in the next academic session.

**AC11.4.3** The proposal was discussed in detail. While appreciating the need for the programmes and approving the offer of GNM and B. Sc (Nursing), the AC advised that these may be located in the Faculty of Health Science under Department of Nursing. The Council

further advised that the University should also consider offer of Post B.Sc (Nursing) programme, if allowed as per latest guidelines and subject to the conditions laid down by the State Nursing Council in respect of teaching faculty, support staff, and infrastructure such as laboratories in addition to space requirements while putting in place a standing arrangement with a full service hospital. It would be advisable to construct a separate building before applying for approval of these programmes.

**AC11.5 To consider and approve offer of programmes in Online Mode during the Covid 19.**

**AC11.5.1** The Registrar informed the Council that during the Covid-19 lockdown, the University developed capacity in online teaching. It has been recognized by QS IGauge as the only university in Jharkhand and Bihar for its e-capabilities. NEP-2020 has also recommended that online mode of education should be used maximally to enhance access for inclusive education

**AC 11.5.2** The coordinators made presentations of their respective programmes and several suggestions were made. While appreciating the idea of offer of online PG Diploma, Advance Diploma and Diploma programmes, the Academic Council advised that their scope should be flexible as envisaged in NEP-2020. Moreover, the faculty should revisit their respective programme fee for sustainability, uniqueness, need and employability of learners. The approved programmes are placed as Annexure .

*(Annexure: 5)*

**AC 11.6 To consider and approve the admitted strength of students for the Academic Year 2020-21.**

AC 11.6.1 The members of the Board approved the same.

*(Annexure: 5)*

**AC 11.7 To consider and approve the list of Value Added Course for the students in Online Mode.**

**AC 11.7.1** The Academic Council confirmed the same.

*(Annexure:6)*

**AC 11.8 To consider and approve the FDP, Seminars, Conferences Organized and attended by the faculty members.**

**AC 11.8.1** The Board members appreciated and confirmed the same.

*(Annexure:7)*

**AC.11.9 To consider and approve list of programs, eligibility criterion with maximum intake to be offered by all the Faculties/ Departments of the University for the Academic Year 2021-22.**

**AC 11.9.1** Academic Council confirm the list of programs with eligibility criterion with maximum intake to be offered by all the Faculties/ Departments of the University.

*(Annexure:8)*

**AC 11.10 To consider and approve the Minutes of IQAC held on 10.12.2019, 17.11.2020 and 27.02.2020.**

**AC 11.10.1** The Academic Council considered and approved the minutes of IQAC minutes held on 10.12.2019, 17.11.2020 and 27.02.2020.

*(Annexure:9)*

**AC 11.11 To consider and approve the list of new courses introduced in various programmes of Departments approved by the respective BOS.**

**AC 11.11.1** The Board members confirmed the same.

*(Annexure:10)*

<b>Courses that has been offered new to existing programs</b>			
<b>Name of the programme</b>	<b>Name of the Course</b>	<b>Course Code</b>	<b>BOS Date</b>
BCA	Cloud Computing	BCA-EC008	06.07.2020
BCA	Numerical Methods	BCA-EC009	
BCA	System Programming	BCA-EC010	
BCA	Cloud Computing Lab	BCA-EP008	
BCA	Numerical Methods Lab	BCA-EP009	
BCA	System Programming Lab	BCA-EP010	

**AC 11.12 To report the published/Granted patents**

**AC 11.12.1** The Academic Council members received the report the semester results for both ODD and Even Semesters of the Calendar Year for 2020

*(Annexure:11)*

**AC 11.13 Any other matter with the permission of Chair**

**AC11.13.1** The Registrar informed the Council that the University has been preparing and following Academic Calendar every year separately for new and continuing batches. This year the admissions to various programmes have been staggered by the regulating agencies due to Covid-19 restrictions. For instance, UGC extended the last date of admission in all non-engineering programmes to 31<sup>st</sup> October and AICTE allowed admissions in engineering programmes till 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**AC 11.3.2** The Academic Council pursued the Academic Calendars for continuing batches as well as for all first year programmes and approved the same. These are placed at Annexure 5.



**Mr. Rajesh E Patro**  
Registrar, UMU

CC to:

VC  
PVC  
External members  
All HOD's  
Special Invitees

**Registrar**  
**Usha Martin University**