



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

### **Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council dated 19- April-2017**

**The first meeting of the Academic Council of Usha Martin University was held on 19.4.2017 at 4.30pm in the conference room of hotel Le Lac, Ranchi. The following members were present:**

- 1. Prof. S. C. Garg, Vice Chancellor, UMU – Chair**
- 2. Prof. L. N. Bhagat, Former Vice Chancellor, Ranchi University, Member**
- 3. Prof. Vandana Bhattacharjee, BIT Mesra, Ranchi, Member**
- 4. Prof. Swarat Choudhury, St. Xavier College, Ranchi, Member**
- 5. Prof. S. K. Tripathi, Ranchi University, Special Invitee**
- 6. Dr K. T. Lucas, Director, XIPT, Special Invitee**
- 7. Dr. Vinay Singh, Officer Incharge, UMU**

At the outset, Prof. S. C. Garg, Vice Chancellor, extended a very warm and cordial welcome to all present on behalf of the University and on his own behalf. He said that he was highly grateful to all for agreeing to associate with UMU and give the benefit of their expertise in the formative period of the University. He was of the view that the University was singularly fortunate to have them on its Academic Council and with their guidance as well as support, UMU should realize its vision to make education relevant for all, create excellence in teaching as well research using innovative strategies for seamless dissemination and creation of knowledge for the good of the youth of the state. Prof. Garg informed members that the University management would like to offer only those programmes which would have approval of the national statutory bodies, while also conforming to the norms of the Higher Education

Department of the Government of Jharkhand. In this process, UMU would like to create niche for itself in higher education map of the state.

Thereafter, the Council took the agenda items for its consideration

**Agenda Item AC.1.1: To consider and approve the programmes to be offered initially**

The Council was informed that to begin with, the University would like to offer BBA, MBA, BCA, BCom (Hons.), and Diploma Engineering programmes. The syllabi for these programmes were also placed for consideration and approval of the Council.

**AC.1.1.1** The Council took the agenda item for its consideration and deliberated on the nature of offerings proposed. After detailed deliberations, it was decided that as far as possible, the University should

- Adopt UGC nomenclature for programmes so that acceptability of the degree awarded by the University by other higher education institutions as well as employer groups is not an issue;
- refrain from offering six month certificate courses;
- conform to Choice Based Credit System proposed by the UGC and wherever available, adopt UGC Syllabi with changes, if necessary, as prescribed to accommodate local context and perspective;
- instead of BCA, use the nomenclature BSc (Hons) Computer Applications and BSc (Hons) Information Technology;
- BA (Hons) English should also be offered.
- offer Diploma in Mechanical and mining, in addition to Civil, rather than computers for employability in the job market; and
- to begin with, MCA and MA (Economics) may not be put on offer.
- The Council also decided that in coming years, programmes such as Retail management, BLib, MLib, and PhD in different subjects may be put on offer to diversify offerings and raise the profile of the University.
- The University should appoint regular faculty as far as possible. And preference should be given to PhD holders because they will be helpful in enhancing research profile of the University in due course of time. However, the provision of adjunct faculty for senior professors be kept open to promote quality research.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

This is issued with the approval of the Chair



(Vinay Singh)

Officer Incharge

**CC to:**

- VC
- PVC
- External members
- All HOD.s
- Special Invitees