



USHA MARTIN UNIVERSITY, RANCHI, JHARKHAND

Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the Academic Council dated 13-November-2019

The meeting of the 8th Academic Council was held on 13-November-2019 at 2.30 pm in Conference Hall in the University Campus. Following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. S. C. Garg, Vice Chancellor, UMU – Chair
2. Prof. L. N. Bhagat, Former VC, Ranchi University
3. Prof. V. Bhattacharya, Head, Computer Science, BIT Mesra
4. Prof. S. Chaudhari, St Xavier College, Ranchi
5. Prof. Madhulika Kaushik, PVC, UMU
6. Dr. Vinay Singh, Associate Prof., UMU
7. Dr. Arvind Hans, Associate Prof., UMU
8. Dr. Sharmistha Roy, Associate Prof., UMU
9. Dr. Anupama Verma, AP., UMU
10. Dr. Sumit Gupta, Dr. UMU, Special Invitee

AC.8.1 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 on behalf of the University and on his own behalf. He expressed his gratefulness particularly to the external members for sparing their valuable time from their busy schedules since the first meeting of AC held in 2017 and giving benefit of their experience and expertise to UMU. He highlighted that due to their expert advice, the nature of courses offered by the University and student enrollment have grown in the last three admission cycles. Before requesting the PVC to present the Agenda Items, he shared various academic developments in the University since the last meeting.

- (i) Subsequent to entrance exam and interviews research scholars enrolled in the third cohort, were recommended by various selection committees. They are being offered courses on Research Methodology and Computers in Research. The examination for course work shall be conducted in December.
- (ii) In this academic session, the University enrolled new students for the new session. The AC had approved offer of B. Sc (Agriculture) in an earlier meeting.
- (iii) The Orientation programme for Third and Fifth Semester students was held whereas Orientation programme for First Semester students was held. He also mentioned that due to shortage of space, the Administration had to resort to double shift: From 9.30am to 1pm and 1 pm to 4.30pm. Moreover, to compensate the teaching and non-teaching staff for increased workload, the University had to implement five- day week with effect from 15th September with the stipulation that it would be continued till double shifts run. He hoped it will get AC's approval.

- (iv) As informed earlier, UMU hopes to shift to its permanent campus in Angada in 2020. Though exact date of inauguration has not been fixed as yet, it could be as early as January 2020.
- (v) The University has been negotiating with Ethno-technologies to create a centre of excellence with complete academic and technological support for offer of a few trending programmes to our learners with minimal cost to them. To support this initiative, the Academic Council has recommended revision of courses and launch new programmes.
- (vi) The University Management is very keen to promote research in the University. To support this initiative, it is giving Scholarships to Full Time Research Scholars with the rider that they would share some workload and take a few classes. This is in tune with international practice and would help them gain useful experience. Further, the University Management has decided to institute three Chairs:
(1) Birsa Munda Chair for Sustainable Agriculture and Tribal Affairs, and (2) Naresh Goyal Chair for Innovations led Entrepreneurship. 3) Amitav Choudhary Chair for Sports and all round development. These are also agenda items for this meeting. The VC placed on record his sincere appreciation to the management for this support.
- (vii) The University conducted a Workshop on Research Methodology on with internal Resource Persons: Prof. M. Kaushik and Dr Arvind Hans. Participants (UMU research scholars, teachers from other Universities and our own faculty) attended it. The VC congratulated the Management Faculty of the University for taking an important lead. In fact, the success of this programme has enthused the management as well as other faculties to organize similar workshops. For instance, a two-day workshop is being held jointly by a faculty member from Computer Science Dr. Nagma Khatoon and Assistant Librarian Mrs. Sumita Ghosh on the use of Koha platform. Management faculty is planning to organise second workshop on Research Methodology in Jan-Feb 2020.

University would also like to hold a National Conference on the Role of Private Universities in HE in Jharkhand/ East India/India and seeks AC's guidance about the duration and venue.

- (viii) This time of the year marks the initiation of activities for placement of UMU students. The process has begun on positive note for UMU. Sachin Kumar Sinha, one of our 5th Semester BCA students has been selected in Capgemini. T&PO is determined to work for achieving the laurels of 100% placement for all eligible students.
- (ix) The University faculty published/communicated their research as per following details:
- (x) Last but not the Least, with a heavy heart the VC informed the Council that Prof. Viplaw Pandey, Registrar and Professor, Accounting and Finance, has demitted his office to join A.P.J University in Gurugram. This is a huge loss to UMU as well as to him personally as lion's share of administrative load, when either VC and/or PVC were not in station, was being taken by him. However, He expressed his happiness for Dr. Pandey and conveyed respect for his decision. The University Administration has started search for a suitable candidate but attaining intimate understanding with and confidence in the new incumbent will take time. Nevertheless, on behalf of the University, the VC wished him all the very best in his new endeavor. The VC also mentioned that his association with the research programme of the University shall continue as Co-supervisor of all scholars currently enrolled with him. .

Thereafter, the Vice Chancellor invited suggestions from the members.

AC. 8.1.1 The members commended the University for the Impressive Progress in enrollments and advised that the quality must not be lost in numbers. They hoped that similar growth in enrollment shall be maintained in future with the offer of Diploma/Degree programmes in Pharmacy, etc. Further the Council appreciated that the University is constructing Hostels for female and male students and faculty housing on priority, apart from developing Gym and other sports facilities on the campus in different phases. One external member suggested that the campus buildings should have green structures. Also use of solar panels should be maximized and dependence on external sources of electricity should be minimized to achieve economy of scale. Further plantation of trees will help in this endeavor further. It was also suggested that plans for rain water harvesting

should be incorporated at the very outset for sustainable campus management.

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

AC.8.2 To Confirm the Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of Academic Council

AC 8.2.1 As the first item on the Agenda, the Council was informed that the minutes of the Seventh meeting of the Academic Council were circulated to all members and are placed at Annexure attached. No comments were received from any member in the stipulated time period of a fortnight. She therefore proposed that the minutes may be deemed to have been confirmed as circulated.

(Annexure:1)

AC 8.2.2 The Council approved the minutes as circulated.

AC 8.3 To Consider Matters Arising out of Minutes and Note the Action Taken on the Minutes of Seventh Meeting of Academic Council

AC 8.3.1 No issue was raised under matters arising out of minutes.

The AC perused the action taken and expressed satisfaction on compliance of its decisions. The ATR is placed at Annexure 2.

(Annexure:2)

AC 8.4: To consider and approve the recommendations of the Board of Studies of following Faculty/Departments:

AC 8.4.1 The Council approved the recommendations of the Board of Studies of following Faculty/Departments:

The details of the BOS of the following programmes is attached as Annexure.

(Annexure:3)

AC 8.5 To consider and approve Institution of Three Research Chairs

AC 8.5.1 The Academic Council was informed that in order to strengthen University's research credentials and provide for tangible outcomes for the region specific research endeavors, the University Management has decided to institute two research Chairs in the following specific fields:

1. Birsa Munda Chair for Agriculture and Sustainable Tribal Development

This Chair is intended to support research in the field of agriculture and locally relevant research themes for sustainable tribal development. Jharkhand is often cited as a rich state inhabited by poor people, who have been deprived of benefits of higher education and research on their indigenous expertise. With the realization that a deep understanding of indigenous knowledge systems, culture and sustainability practices could be the most potent tool for empowerment and enrichment in the region when coupled with the currently available affordances of policies, technology and sustained human effort, Usha Martin University would like to accord highpriority to Agriculture and sustainable tribal development. Birsa Munda Chair Professor for Agriculture and Sustainable Tribal Development shall be expected to blend indigenous knowledge of local skill sets with fast emerging technologies and facilitate economic empowerment of people and inclusive development in agriculture. The Chair will be graced by an eminent expert in these domains, at the level of a professor so that time bound and focused development in these areas can be planned.

The endowment for the Chair is expected to support the salary of the Chair as well as the Chair office, in addition to the seed funding for the research projects. The Chair would also be expected to bid for research support and funding in the public domain from various sources.

2. Naresh Goyal Chair for Innovation led Entrepreneurship

Innovation led Entrepreneurship is one of the proven strategies for sustained economic development and for creating a pool of employment generators instead of employment seekers. The vital role played by the entrepreneurs towards the development of advanced countries have made the individuals of developing and under-developed countries, cognizant of the importance of innovation led entrepreneurship for economic development. In the present times, it has been widely recognized that enthusiastic, motivated and active entrepreneurs possess the capability of exploring potential of available resources, technologies, labor and capital. For achieving goal of

economic development, it is necessary to make advancements in innovation led entrepreneurship, both qualitatively and quantitatively. Entrepreneurship is the catalytic agent forenergizing the growth engine of transition economies like India, a fact that has been underlined by various research studies in the country. The University would like to support development of entrepreneurial spirit and the culture of entrepreneurship in the region by institution the Naresh Goyal Chair for Innovations led Entrepreneurship. The Chair is expected to focus its research initiatives in the field of entrepreneurship development supporting ecosystem and enabling development of entrepreneurial competencies. The endowment for the Chair is expected to support the salary of the Chair as well as the Chair office, in addition to the seed funding for the research projects. The Chair is also expected to bid for research support and funding in the public domain from various sources.

3. Amitabh Choudhary Chair for Sports and all round development

University endeavors and intends to demonstrate competence in outdoor and indoor sports activities. The purpose of this chair is to strengthen the University's sports facilities at par with the national and international standards. University envision to develop state of art sports infrastructure & culture in times to come with this chair.

AC 8.6.2 The members welcomed the decision of the management to institute three research Chairs in fields which are so intimate to the people of Jharkhand. One member suggested that before appointing an eminent person as Chair professor, the University should organize a few lectures by eminent scholars and publicize these in media to create awareness about the concern UMU has for the people of Jharkhand. With this positive comment, the Council adopted the proposal and desired that it be implemented meticulously.

AC.8.7 To Consider and Approve Institution of Full-time Research fellowships.

AC.8.7.1 Prof. Kaushik informed the Academic Council that with its approval, the University launched the PhD programme in 2017. As a result, now we have about sixty scholars. Most of them are working professionals. However, with our proposed move to the permanent campus and

the consequent accreditation in our physical, technological and knowledge resources infrastructure, the University would like to give further impetus to its research degree programme by instituting full time research fellowships. The scholars would be required to undertake fulltime research while sharing teaching load not exceeding 12 hours per week in the faculty to which they are assigned.

The award of the Research fellowships will be made to well scoring candidates enrolling for PhD programme of the University. The number of scholarships would depend on the quality of prospective scholars.

AC.8.7.2 The AC welcomed the institution of scholarships for reinforcing full time research. However, it advised that such progressive steps should be matched by availability of research journals (in print or e-version) and other academic resources. With this advice, the proposal was approved.

AC 8.7.3 The members perused the bio-data and were satisfied with the quality of the proposals. The Council approved the names of Dr Pratty Guha Sarkar of RIMS and Dr. (Mrs) Anupama Bhargava of St Xavier's College, Ranchi as co-supervisors.

AC 8.8 To consider and approve Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes (MPhil and PhD)

AC 8.8.1 The Council was informed that while considering the ordinances of some UG and PG programmes in the last meeting, the Academic Council desired that the Ordinance on Research Degree programmes be drafted and placed for approval. It was suggested that as the draft ordinance still has some gaps; it will be finalized and be submitted for the next AC

In the meantime, the University has also drafted ordinance on conduct of Convocation of the University. The same is placed at Appendix 5.

AC 8.8.2 The Academic Council agreed to the proposal for tabling the Research Ordinance in the next meeting. Further while discussing the conduct of Convocation of the University, it was decided that Convocation shall be led by the Registrar and followed by the PVC, VC, the distinguished speaker, the Visitor and the Chancellor in the subsequent rows. They would be followed by the members of BOG, BOM, AC and other statutory bodies.

AC 8.9 To report the Value Added Courses offered to the students in the session 2018-19.

AC 8.9.1 The Council was apprised about the Value Added Course offered to the students in the session 2018-19.

(Annexure:4)

AC 8.10 To consider and approve the list of new courses introduced in various programmes of Departments approved by the respective BOS.

AC 8.10.1 The list of new courses introduced in respective programmes offered in 2019-20 academic year as approved in BOS have been placed for consideration and approval in AC. The agenda item of BOS is attached as annexure. The AC members confirmed the same.

BOS of respective programs (2019-20 AY)

S. No.	Faculty	Department	Programme Name	BOS held Date
1	Faculty of Journalism & Mass Communication		BAJMC	10.09.2019
2	Faculty of Business Management & Commerce	Department of Business Management	BBA	20.07.19
3	Faculty of Business Management & Commerce	Department of Commerce	BCOM	21.08.19

(Annexure:5)

AC 8.11 To consider and approve the admitted strength of students for the session 2019-20.

AC 8.11.1 The members of the Board discussed and approved the admitted student's strength for the **2019-20** Academic Year for programs in all Departments.

(Annexure:6)

AC 8.12 To report the FDP, Conference and Seminar attended by the Faculty members and organized in the University in the Academic Year 2018-19.

AC 8.12.1 The Academic Council members were apprised about the FDP, Seminars and Workshop attended and organized in the University.

(Annexure:7)

AC 8.13 To consider and approve the Minutes of IQAC held on 27.02.2019 and 27.062019.

AC 8.13.1 The Academic Council considered and approved the minutes of IQAC minutes held on 13.11.2018.

(Annexure:8)

AC8.14 Any other matter with the permission of Chair

AC8.13.1 No issue was raised under this item.

CC to:

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



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