

**MINUTES OF EMERGENT MEETING OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL**  
**DATE: 20 MAY 2020 | TIME: 11 AM | MODE: Through Zoom**

A meeting of Academic Council was held on 20 May 2020 at 11 am by Zoom App. Meeting was attended by Registrar, F.O., COE, and almost all members of Academic Council, including Prof. Prabha Shankar Shukla, Visitor Nominee and also by President and Secretary of Student Union of the university.

**Agenda as per following were read by Registrar one by one and resolution was passed by Academic Council as given against each item.**

**Agenda Item No. 1:**

Perusal and approval on the minutes of Admission Committee held on 11 May 2020

**Resolution:**

After detailed discussion, minutes of Admission Committee held on 11 May 2020, including Academic Calendar with minor modification for 2020-21 were approved.

**Agenda Item No. 2:**

Deciding the strategy that should be implemented by the university for maintaining Social Distancing after lockdown is open.

**Resolution:**

Matter was discussed in detail and it was decided that the suggestions given by the committee constituted under chairmanship of Prof. S.C. Bagri should be accepted. This state that the physical presence of students should be discarded in classes till the end of June 2020. Students, teachers and employees should not be allowed into University Campus and administrative offices without Identity Card. Outside persons should be restricted in University premises and should be allowed only after obtaining permission from the Registrar and upon production of valid Identity card. All rooms of the various Departments and offices should be sanitized by concerned Housekeeping department on daily basis.

**Agenda Item No. 3:**

Deciding about mode of examination and strategy for UG and PG students of terminal semester of 2019-20 of various courses of the university studying in university campuses and its affiliated colleges.

**Resolution:**

After detailed deliberation, following was decided by the Academic Council:





For the conduction of terminal examination (Even Semester 2019-20) of all UG and PG courses of the University, MCQ/OMR based method will be taken into action.

For UG Courses - MCQ/OMR test of total 70 marks on the basis of 35 Multiple Choice Question (each 2 marks) will be conducted. Duration of the Test will be one hour.

For PG Courses - MCQ/OMR test of total 60 marks on the basis of 30 Multiple Choice Question (each 2 marks) will be conducted. Duration of the Test will be one hour.

Remuneration for paper setting of PG courses - 50 Rupees per question.

Remuneration for paper setting of UG courses - 40 Rupees per question

**Agenda Item No. 4:**

Deciding mode of examination and strategy for UG and PG students of intermediate semesters of 2019-20 of various courses of the university studying in university campuses and its affiliated colleges.

**Resolution:**

Academic Council decided that for the grading of Intermediate semester of all UG and PG courses of the University, grading of students will be done on the basis of composite score (50% internal evaluation and 50% previous semester performance) as per UGC guideline.

**Agenda Item No. 5:**

Deciding strategy and mode of practical examination/Viva Voce/Field Work/Project/Dissertation/Internship/Lab Work for UG and PG students of terminal semester of 2019-20 of various courses of the university studying in university campuses and its affiliated colleges.

**Resolution:**

Academic Council had a detailed discussion on this issue and decided that for the conduction of terminal practical/Seminar/Viva Voice/Field work/Project/Dissertation/Internship/Lab work etc. examination (Even Semester 2019-20) of all UG and PG courses of the University, grading will be done on the basis of assignment/presentation etc. All the colleges and HoD's of various departments of the university are directed to form internal examiners committee for the conduction of above said examinations.



#### **Agenda Item No. 6:**

Deciding strategy and mode of practical examination/Viva Voce/Field Work/Project/Dissertation/Internship/Lab Work for UG and PG students of intermediate semester of 2019-20 of various courses of the university studying in university campuses and its affiliated colleges.

#### **Resolution:**

Academic Council had a detailed discussion on this issue and decided that for the conduction of Intermediate semester practical/Seminar/Viva Voice/Field work/Project/ Dissertation/Internship/Lab work etc. examination of all UG and PG courses of the University, grading will be done on the basis of assignment/presentation on meeting apps etc. All the colleges and HoD's of various departments of the university are directed to form internal examiners committee for the conduction of above said examinations.

#### **Agenda Item No. 7:**

Deciding about giving additional time to Research/PhD/M.Phil. scholars to submit their thesis whose maximum period for submission of M.Phil./ Ph.D. Dissertation/Thesis prescribed under relevant rules/ regulations/ ordinances of our University is expired/ expiring during the corona pandemic period.

#### **Resolution:**

Matter was discussed in detail and it was decided that six-month additional time shall be given to Ph.D./M.Phil. scholars (with scholarship where applicable) from the date of lockdown in the university i.e. 20 Mar 2020.

However, Academic Council also recommends that additional time of one year w.e.f. 20 Mar 2020 may be given to Ph.D./M.Phil. scholars in some cases (in view of the seasonal studies in some cases) with six months scholarship, where applicable. But, for availing additional time for more than six months, proper justification needs to be submitted by concerned supervisor to the university through concerned HoD of the department and Dean of concerned School. Such additional time exceeding six months and upto one year can be given by Vice Chancellor if justification seems apt to the university. *Scholarship shall be subject to ratification of F.C.*

#### **Agenda Item No. 8:**

Conducting of Viva for PhD students by video conferencing, Zoom App, Google Meet, Jitsi or other mode of online meeting etc.

#### **Resolution:**

Academic Council took note of past decisions of the University's Academic Council and Executive Council and found that the decision of conducting Viva

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for PhD students by video conferencing, zoom etc. has already been approved by the University in the past. In view of this the Academic Council insisted to implement the EC decision by following the university procedure to conduct viva of such students/scholars by any online method, including Zoom, Google Meet, Jitsi and others online method/s as feasible to department/School.

**Agenda Item No. 9:**

Deciding about strategy for developing Virtual Class Room in different campuses and schools of the university.

**Resolution:**

Matter was discussed in detail and it was decided that all the departments having sufficient resources should develop virtual classroom. Required resources shall be provided by the university to other departments interested to develop virtual classrooms subject to the availability of resources and fund.

**Agenda Item No. 10:**

Deciding about strategy for developing virtual lab in different campuses and schools of the university and uploading the E-content on university website.

**Resolution:**

Matter was discussed in detail and it was decided that the suggestions given by the committee constituted under chairmanship of Prof. S.C.Bagri should be accepted. It was decided by the Academic Council that all the departments having sufficient resources should digitize the study material and develop 25% of each theory paper in the first year, followed by 25% every year till the entire syllabus is over. This includes developing video lectures, digitizing contents and uploading the same on the university website. Required resources should be provided by the university to such departments interested to develop virtual class and e-Contents subject to availability of funds.

**Agenda Item No. 11:**

Deciding about strategy for developing mechanism for Mentor-Mentee counselling

**Resolution:**

Matter was discussed in detail and it was decided that the suggestions given by the committee constituted under chairmanship of Prof. S.C.Bagri should be accepted. It was decided by the Academic Council that all the departments should give a road map to each mentor at the beginning of session to monitor the allotted students and some percentage of marks for internal assessment be assigned for it. All affiliated colleges and departments and schools of the university should also develop the mechanism for Mentor-Mentee counselling that may include Mobile and WhatsApp among others.

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**Agenda Item No. 12:**

Deciding about the strategy for giving admission in various courses in PG during next session i.e. 2020-21.

**Resolution:**

The Academic Council deliberated on this issue and recommended that considering the pandemic and lack of time to conduct the Entrance examinations, university should allow the admission in PG on a merit basis for the next session i.e. 2020-21 only.

**Agenda Item No. 13:**

Perusal of UGC Guidelines issued recently during lockdown vide UGC F.No.1-1/2020 (Secy) dated 29 Apr 2020 and developing further strategy on different activities for the university on the basis of these guidelines.

**Resolution:**

The Academic Council perused the guidelines and decided that a grievance committee be constituted to handle students grievances related to examinations and academic activities. The committee shall comprise all Deans, HoD of all departments of the university, DSW, COE, Dy. COE, and Incharge Coordinator DPU. All affiliated colleges should also constitute committee at their own level to handle grievance of their students in compliance with the UGC guidelines given in the aforesaid letter.

**Agenda Item No. 14:**

Considering of entering in MOU with HBT, Palampur.

**Resolution:**

Academic Council agreed for the same and decided that university should go ahead and enter into MOU with HBT, Palampur for various academic activities.

**Agenda Item No. 15:**

Acceptance of MOOCs Courses offered on SWAYAM Platform for credit mobility as per the UGC (Credit Framework for Online Learning Courses through SWAYAM) as per the guidelines issued by UGC vide its letter no. F. No. 1-8/2017 (SWAYAM Board) dated 19 May 2020.

**Resolution:**

The Academic Council noted that during previous meeting of Academic Council it has been already been approved by the Academic Council for inclusion of MOOC in ordinance of all PG subjects and pre PhD course of University.





The Academic Council approved for inclusion of MOOC in ordinance of all UG subjects as well.

Regarding the adoption of SWAYAM MOOCs for the coming semester, Dr Ajay Semalty, University SWAYAM Coordinator, is authorized to select the MOOCs for credit transfer for different subjects in consultation with the concerned Heads of the Department. The selection of core, elective, and/or skill-based courses may be adopted as per the syllabi.

As per the UGC guidelines, there will be no exams or engagements in University on exam days of SWAYAM MOOCs (14/15 Nov. 2020 or any other days). It was also decided that some fixed amount per month can be given to Dr. Ajay Semalty, Coordinator, SWAYAM in consultation with Finance Section in addition to his monthly salary for the extra efforts being made by him to monitor SWAYAM activities.

**Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.**

  
(Dr. A.K. Jha)  
Registrar  
Member Secretary

  
21.5.2020  
(Prof. Annpurna Nautiyal)  
Vice Chancellor  
Chairperson