

Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira

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The 9th meeting of the Academic Council of our college will be held on 28 April 2017, Friday, at 2.30 pm at the Saradananda Conference Hall of the college to discuss the following agenda.

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- 1. a) Confirmation of the proceedings of the last meeting held on 6 October 2015. b) Business arising out of the proceedings 2. Reporting on the discussions held in BoS meetings 3. Reporting on the discussions held in IQAC meetings 4. Changes in Examination Rules and Regulations Regulations for M.Phil. courses Swami Vivekananda Research Centre: progress and future plans 7. Reporting on the Platinum Jubilee Celebration (2016-2017) 8. Possibility of Introduction of CBCS Miscellaneous. a) A&A Awa7; b) DST-PIST: 9. Miscellaneous. A/A&M BWALT D/ US 1-12313

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 - 3. 4 teachers of the college on the basis of seniority in the service a) Prof Subrata Roy Chowdhury, b) Prof Tanweer A Mazhari, , c) Prof Dúrgashankar Chakraborty, d) Prof Subhankar Roy.
 - 4. 4 Experts from outside the college:
 - a) Swami Divyagunananda (Education) 9748580334 (m), divyagunananda@gmail.com
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 - 5. Nominees of the University:
 - a) Prof Swagata Sen, Pro Vice Chancellor, University of Calcutta, 09830398068 (m), swagata sen in@rediffmail.com
 - b) Dr Debasis Biswas, Inspector of Colleges, University of Calcutta 9433242030 (m), debashishcu@yahoo.com

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 - 7. Invitees: a) Sri Priyabrata Ghoshal, Secretary, Teachers' Council, b) Br Dhirachaitanya, Jt. CoE, c) Br Tyagatmachaitanya, Dy

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Proceedings of the Meeting of the Academic Council

Meeting No 9

Dated: 28 April 2017

Time: 2.30 pm; Venue: Saradananda Conference Hall, Vidyamandira

Swami Shastrajnananda, Principal of the College, took the chair.

Agenda 1 (a): The proceedings of the last meeting (No 8) dated 6th October 2015 were read and confirmed.

Agenda 1(b): After some corrections the proceedings were accepted.

Agenda 2. : Chairpersons of all the Boards of Studies submitted the salient points of the discussions held in their meetings. The Heads of the following departments submitted the changes in the syllabi and/or course structures in UG (Hons.)/PG programmes : Bengali, Chemistry, Industrial Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics.

Here all the Departments mentioned that they have now pointed out the direct activities related to employability, entrepreneurship and/or skill development areas in their courses. Heads of the Departments and all other members of the AC deliberated upon this point in details and are of unanimous opinion that fundamental knowledge transaction which is the prioritized and sole objective of quality learning system in her her education spectrum can and should not be measured with such parameters like employability, skill c velopment and entrepreneurship etc. These are the management area coinage. However, despite that it has been observed that maximum courses which are being offered in different programmes are directly related to some job market and the class room study pattern is also ensuring that.

HoDs also reported that Course Outcomes (COs) and Programme Spacific Outcomes (PSOs) have also been identified.

Resolved that the changes done in different Board of Studies meetings as presented here be approved and the employability-tagged courses, Cos, PSOs should also be mentioned in the curricula and those should be kept on the college webportal.

Further resolved that the all stakeholders should be made aware of these new initiatives.

Agenda 3: The IQAC Coordinator briefed on the discussions held in meetings of the cell in the last academic session. It has been proposed that Choice Based Credit System may be fully introduced from the session 2017-2018. Members of the AC welcomed the proposal. The Principal reported that the college already introduced credit-grade marksheet pattern, however, marks are still being shown considering the requirement of state level jobs.

Resolved that the Proposal for introduction of CBCS be approved and the Principal be authorized to take necessary steps to implement it.

Agenda 4: The Joint Controller of Examinations, then suggested a major change in regulations for UG (Hons) courses. As per the proposal, a student must secure at least 35% marks separately in theory and practical portions at the end of each semester to be declared promoted to the next semester/ to be announced a General graduate at the end of the 6th semester. The suggestion was accepted by the council.

Resolved that the done changes be approved.

Agenda 5: The Principal reported that the regulations for M. Phil. programme have been framed according to University of Calcutta M. Phil. Regulations (Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira (Regulations for the Degree of Master of Philosophy, M. Phil.) Regulations 2016).

Resolved that the M. Phil. regulations be approved.

Agenda 6: It was reported that Swami Vivekananda Research Centre was going to start new Ph. D. programmes on Philosophy and Applied Chemistry from the next academic session. Resolved that the new programmes be approved.

Agenda 7: The Principal reported on the year-long Platinum Jubilee Celebrations that comprised academic seminars organized by each Department (including Central Library) as well as workshops and orations.

Agenda 8: The Principal reported that Choice-based Credit System (CBCS) is being practiced partially in the college as almost all the departments are offering discipline-specific electives. For further inclusion of alternatives, a number of General subjects (viz. Microbiology, English) will be started from this academic year.

Agenda 9: (a) The Principal informed that Academic and Administrative (A & A) Audit has been done in 2015 by a 2-member external peer team comprising Prof Pabitra Sarkar and Swami Tattwasarananda. Resolved that the A & A Audit be approved.

(b) He further informed that Vidyamandira has received the central DST-FIST award for the session 2015-16 and West Bengal state DST-FIST award for 2016-17.

(c) The Vice Principal read out the synopsis of the results of semester examinations of undergraduate and post graduate courses as well as the performance of the students of outgoing batches in various competitive examinations.

(d) The Principal placed the names of the Supervisors for Ph.D. programmes of Sanskrit, Philosophy, Applied Chemistry and Mathematics. Members of the Committee discussed at length on the teaching and research experience and publication of the Supervisors as proposed in the list.

Resolved that the following faculty members be allowed to act as Supervisors in the Ph.D. programmes as listed above: 1. Dr Anjan Das (Sanskrit), 2. Dr Samim Ahmed (Philosophy), 3. Dr Arup Kumar Dhabal (Philosophy), Dr Uttam Kumar Ghorai (Applied Chemistry), Dr Saugata Mitra (Mathematics), Dr Arnab Jyoti Dasgupta (Mthematics). Resolved further that this list may be forwarded to the Governing Body of the college, the apex body of the college in all academic and administrative matters, for receiving its concurrence. Resolved further that the issuance of the Appointment Letter to the Supervisor (ALTS) will be done by the Principal of the college and where the Principal is the Supervisor, President of the Governing Body will issue the Appointment Letter to Supervisor (ALTS).

(e) The Principal proposed to constitute three Committees: i) Chemical Ethics Committee, ii) Life Science and Animal Ethics Committee, iii) Institutional Code of Conduct Monitoring Committee.

The AC welcomed the proposal and the committees were constituted as par the following: i) Chemical Ethics Committee - Principal – Ex-officio Chairman, Head of the Department of Chemistry – Ex-officio Convenor, Head of the Department of Industrial and Applied Chemistry – Ex-officio member. Ii) Life Science and Animal Ethics Committee: Principal – Ex-officio Chairman, Head of the Department of Microbiology – Ex-officio Convenor, Head of the Department/Coordiator of Zoology – Ex-officio member. Iii) Institutional Code of Conduct Monitoring Committee: Principal – Ex-officio Chairman, Swami Tattwasarananda – Member (renowned educationist and Principal, Ramakrishna Mission Shikshanamandira).

The meeting came to a close with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Signature of the Chairman

Read and Confirmed

Signature of the Member-Secretary