

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING OF KVASU
CONVENED ON 19TH JANUARY 2013 AT CONFERENCE HALL, COLLEGE OF
VETERINARY AND ANIMAL SCIENCES, POOKODE

Venue: Conference Hall, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Pookode (10.30 AM)

Chair: Dr. B. Ashok IAS

Members present:

1. Dr. K.P. Sreekumar, Registrar
2. Dr. A. Jalaludeen, Director of Academics and Research
3. Dr. H. Subramanian, Dean, CVAS, Mannuthy
4. Dr. Leo Joseph, Dean, CVAS, Pookode
5. Dr. P. Rajendra Kumar, Dean, CDST, Mannuthy
6. Dr. N.R. Harshakumar, District Animal Husbandry Officer Kalpetta
7. Dr. P.I. Geevarhese, Professor, CDST
8. Dr. K.C. Raghavan, Director, CAS in Animal Genetics and Breeding
9. Dr. K.A. Mercey, Professor and Head, Department of Statistics
10. Dr. K. Narayanakutty, Director, CAS in Poultry Science
11. Dr. P. Kuttynarayan, Professor & Head, Livestock Products Technology
12. Dr. K V Raghunandan, Professor (Retd)

Special Invitees:

1. Sri. V.P. Jayanand, Finance Officer
2. Dr. M.R. Saseendranath, Professor, CVAS, Mannuthy
3. Sri. Joseph Kuriakose, General Secretary, KVASU Union

The meeting was chaired by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. B. Ashok, IAS. He welcomed the members and requested the Director, Academics and Research (DAR) to move the agenda items serially.

The minutes of the Fifth Academic Council Meeting of KVASU held on 14th November 2012 at the Liaison Office of KVASU, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram, along with the action taken report was approved.

REPORTING

Revision of Student fee structure.

The matter was reported to the Academic Council.

1. Decided to invite a student member as a special invitee for Academic Council meeting when student issues are in Agenda.
2. The enhancement of tuition fee is limited to 10% for both UG and PG programme and increase, if any, is to be decided annually with the University budget. (Recommend to the Board of Management)
3. A part of the electricity charge to be borne by the university after ascertaining the per student load to be borne by the hostel.
4. Decided to implement the hike in electricity charges only with effect from 1st March 2013 after allowing hostels to re-determine/ economise load.
5. Decided to amend the increase in fee with the approval of Board of Management.

Whether the Academic Council would ratify the action of transferring Kum. Aishwarya M.S (11 – BVM – 005), first year BVSc & AH student of College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy to College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Pookode.

Ratified.

Official Resolution -2

1. Whether, the Academic Council would ratify the action of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor in having granted sanction to create two supernumerary seats for the admission of differently abled candidates to the Diploma Course in Poultry Production, in anticipation of approval by the Academic Council.

2. Whether the Academic Council would approve the inclusion of Clause 6 of G.O. (MS) No.107/ 08/ H.Edn dated 30.08.2008 regarding reservation of physically handicapped candidates in the selection procedures of all University MS/ Diploma courses by creating supernumerary seats.

1. Ratified

2. Selection criteria of physically challenged candidates will be done based on the Clause 6 of G.O. (MS) No.107/ 08/ H.Edn dated 30.08.2008 and the Director of Academics and Research is entrusted to look into this. Academic regulations will be added with the cited G.O.

Official Resolution -3

Whether the Academic Council would approve the number of seats for PG courses and Diploma programme in the Academic year 2013-14 as detailed.

Approved.

1. Decided to design a Diploma Programme in Dairy Engineering from the present Diploma in Dairy Science from the Academic year 2013-14. The Dean, CDST will submit fresh proposal with the Board of Studies for approval.

2. Decided to publish the Academic Calendar along with budget every year starting 2013-14.

3. Decided to increase the number of Merit-cum-Means Scholarship, subject to the sufficiency of Plan Fund.

Official Resolution -4

Whether the Academic Council would elect a teacher member of the Academic Council to the the Governing Council of Kerala State Higher Education Council.

The senior most Dean will represent the University. (Notification to be issued by the Registrar and communicated to the Kerala State Higher Education Council).

Official Resolution -5

Whether the Academic Council would approve the reservation of seats for the children who have completed 6 years of schooling in Rural areas.

Approved.

Decided to reserve 25% of seats in UG Programme for students who have completed 6 year domicile and schooling in schools in rural areas and recommend to Government to amend entrance policy for BVSc. & AH and B. Tech (DSc. & T) accordingly from 2014-15.

Official Resolution -6

Whether the Academic Council would approve the establishment of a new Faculty of Poultry Sciences under the Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, in principle, subject to the approval of the Board of Studies of Veterinary and Animal Sciences and recommend to the Board of Management to appoint a Special Officer to organize the faculty in the next academic year.

Approved in principle. The Special Officer may be appointed by the Board of Management.

The Director of Academics and Research will function as Special Officer, as full additional charge, for now.

Official Resolution -7

Item: 1

Whether the Academic Council approves the procedure for affiliation of new courses to other recognized colleges/ institutions.

Noted. Some changes are required and advised to be re-examined by the Board of Studies and to place it in the special Academic Council to be convened for the purpose on 8th February 2013.

A sub Committee is constituted with the following members- Dean, CVAS, Mannuthy as Chairman, Dr. P I Geevarghese, Professor, CDST, Prof. (Dr.) K. V. Raghunandan (Retd.), and Dr. M. R. Saseendranath, Professor, CVAS, Mannuthy as members. The committee may co-opt any other members as required.

Item II (a) & Item II (b)

Whether the Academic Council approves the starting of M.V.Sc programme in Animal Biotechnology and M.Sc. programme in Animal Biotechnology at CVAS, Mannuthy

1. Decided to start the programme under the School of Animal Production and Biotechnology. Dr. Aravindakshan, Professor, Centre for Advanced Studies in Animal Genetics and Breeding will be the Co-ordinator for the school also.
2. To modify the educational qualification for admission to MSc. (Animal Biotechnology) to include B. Tech (Biotechnology /Dairy Science) / A Graduate Degree in Life Science (Zoology/ Botany/ Chemistry/ Agriculture) – resubmit with the approval of Board of Studies in the next Academic Council scheduled during February 2013

Item III

Whether the Academic Council approves the proposal for starting of PG Diploma in Office Management

Approved.

Item: IV

Whether the Academic council approves extending the course Diploma in Dairy Science at Pookode campus.

Approved with observation to ascertain the availability of Faculty and strengthen, if necessary, before notification of the post.

Item: V

Whether the Academic Council approves extending the course Diploma in Poultry Production to Pookode campus?

Approved.

Item VI

Whether the Academic Council approves the proposal to start a Certificate course in skill development programme in Livestock Production at Pookode campus?

Requested the Board of Studies of Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences to modify the programme based on the remarks of the Course Director and the Dean, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Pookode and place it in the next Academic Council.

Item: VII

1. Whether the Academic Council approves replacing the existing course STAT 531 with BSTAT 551 for students undergoing MS courses?

2. Whether the Academic Council approves the syllabus of BSTAT 551- Biostatistics (2+1)?

Approved.

Item: VIII

Whether the Academic Council approves the enhancement of Post Graduate student research grant for MVSc and Ph.D. programmes from the current rate of Rs.20000/- and Rs. 30000/- to the proposed rate of Rs. 50000/- and 1,00,000/- respectively as in the Kerala Agricultural University?

To be re-examined by the Finance Officer.

Deans are authorized to enhance 25% of grant amount per student, if sufficient Plan Fund is available as allotted upon proper justification.

Item IX

Whether the Academic Council approves the starting of Post Graduate Diploma in Livestock-Agri Entrepreneurship and Food Security Management (PGD in LEFM) under technology enabled distance mode?

Approved.

Item X

Whether the Academic Council approves the starting of Post graduate Certificate course in Farm journalism under technology enabled distance mode?

Approved.

Official Resolution -8

Item No. 1

Whether the Academic Council approves the proposal for the formation of an expert committee to study whether modifications are needed in the syllabus of the MS (Wildlife Studies) programme and to recommend modifications, if needed

Approved.

Item No. 2

Whether the Academic Council approves the proposal to recognize KFRI, Peechi, as a Research Centre of KVASU in the area of Wildlife Studies and permit the students of KFRI to register for PhD under KVASU.

Approved.

A separate proposal has to be submitted for identifying the qualifications of students of KFRI who may join for PhD at KVASU and to identify presently available PhD programmes of KVASU that suit the requirements of KFRI.

Item No. 3

Whether the Academic Council approves that the students of MS (Wildlife Studies) programme to have classes at KFRI, Peechi, for a period of up to one and a half months each during the first two semesters of the programme.

Approved.

Item No. 4

Whether the Academic Council approves that the number of seats notified for the MS (Wildlife Studies) programme may be limited to ten instead of twenty.

Approved.

Item No. 5

Whether the Academic Council approves the proposal to collaborate in matters concerning wildlife welfare, education and research with state, national and international organizations like Kerala State Forest Department, Wildlife Institute of India, National Centre for Biological Sciences, Zoological Society of London, Royal Veterinary College, University of Edinburgh, University of Calgary, Bombay Natural History Society, Wildlife Trust of India etc.

Approved

Item No. 6

Whether the Academic Council approves that the official name of Board of Studies (Wildlife Studies) of KVASU may be changed to Board of Studies (Wildlife)

Approved.

Item No. 7

Whether the Academic Council approves the proposal of the registration of a separate website of the KVASU Centre for Wildlife Studies with the web address as www.kvasucws.ac.in

Approved.

All departments may create web pages and link it to the KVASU website using generic URL viz. www.cws.kvasu.ac.in

Item No. 8

Whether the Academic Council approves the proposal for starting the above three new courses from the academic year 2014-15 and the constitution of the committee for developing the syllabus.

Approved.

Non official Resolution -1

Reservation of 10 % of seats in B.Tech (Dairy Science and Technology) programme for the Children of Dairy Farmers of the State from the year 2014 onwards.

Approved.

Included with in the 25% earmarked for candidates from rural areas and decided to recommend the same to the Government for implementation from 2014-15.

Non official Resolution -2

Delegation of powers to the Faculty Deans for deputing Teaching staff/ Academic Consultants for attending Summer Institutes/ Seminars/ Conferences conducted within the country and to sanction Airfare for period not exceeding 5 (five) working days.

Approved except Heads of Departments and Station Heads who will be granted permission by the Registrar/ Vice Chancellor as the case is.

Outside Agenda - 1

Whether the Academic Council permits Dr. Shaheena P., Associate Professor, Dept. of Development Economics, College of Co-operation Banking and Management, Kerala Agricultural University to become an additional member in the advisory committee of Dr. Sabin George, Ph. D Scholar (2010-23-102), Dept. of Livestock Production Management.

Approved.

Outside Agenda - 2

1. Whether the Academic Council would approve to fix a fee of Rs. 500/- for comprehensive examination of MS students.
2. Whether the Academic Council would approve to fix a fee of Rs. 1000/- for Final Viva-voce Examination of MS students

Approved.

Outside Agenda - 3

Whether the Academic Council would approve the award of Assistantship to the M.Tech students as applicable to other MS/ MVSc. Programmes.

Approved.

Outside Agenda - 4

Whether the Academic Council approves Dr. Nigel Caulkett DVM, MVetSc, Diplomate ACVA, Professor (Anaesthesiology), Veterinary Clinical & Diagnostic Sciences, University of Calgary, Canada, as co-guide in the Advisory Committee of Dr. Joju Johns (12 MVP 05), MVSc student, Department of Surgery and Radiology, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Pookode.

Approved.

Outside Agenda - 5

Whether the Academic Council approves Dr. Jacob Alexander, Veterinary Surgeon, Zoological Gardens, Thiruvananthapuram, as co-guide in the Advisory Committee of Dr. Dilip Falgunan (12 MVP 06), M V Sc student, Department of Surgery and Radiology, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Pookode

Approved.

Concluding remarks.

The Vice Chancellor registered anxiety in the irregular publication of the Journal and urged urgent dissemination of all printed copies.

1. Entrust the Editorial Board of the Journal of Veterinary and Animal Science to look into the following.
 - a. Digitalization of journal and making the Journal inclusive of all aspects of the KVASU's functioning and making it on-line with monthly updating.
 - b. Timely publication of the journal.
2. The Vice Chancellor directed all Deans to disburse all scholarships and Assistantships during the first working day of the month itself.

The meeting came to an end at 01.30 pm.

Sd/-

Vice Chancellor

26-01-2013