

**Minutes of the Seventh Academic Council meeting held on 03.07.2013 at 11.00 A.M at Conference Hall, College Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy.**

**Members present**

1. Dr. B. Ashok, IAS, Vice Chancellor, KVASU
2. Dr. K.P. Sreekumar, Registrar, KVASU
3. Dr. M.R.Saseendranath, Director of Academics and Research, KVASU
4. Prof. S. Ramkumar, Director (Entrepreneurship), KVASU
5. Dr. P.C. Saseendran, Dean, CVAS Mannuthy
6. Dr. P. Rajendra Kumar, Dean, CDST, Mannuthy
7. Dr. P.I. Geevarghese, Professor, CDST
8. Dr. K. Narayanakutty, Director, CAS in Poultry Science, KVASU
9. Dr. K. V. Reghunandhanan, Professor (Retd)
10. Dr. K.C. Raghavan, Director, CASAGB, Mannuthy
11. Dr. K.A. Mercey, Professor & Head, Dept. of Biostatistics, CVAS, Mannuthy

**Special Invitees:**

1. Dr. A. Jalaludeen, Special Officer, Faculty of Poultry Science
2. Dr. Narayanan Nair, Director (CLDPR), Thiruvananthapuram
3. Dr.T.V.Anil Kumar, Scientist, Bio Medical Tech Wing, SCTIMST
4. Dr. GSLHV. PrasadaRao, Professor (Retd.)
5. Dr. K. Devada, Professor (RC), CVAS, Mannuthy
6. Sri. E. K. Mohanlal, Librarian, KVASU

The meeting was chaired by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. B. Ashok, IAS.

The Chairman welcomed the Academic Council members and the members gave a formal self-introduction in view of new members. The Director (Academics and Research) was requested to present the agenda items.

The minutes of the fifth Special Academic Council meeting of KVASU held on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 at Camp Office, Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Mannuthy, along with the action taken report was approved.

In the report presented by the DAR to the Academic Council, mention was made as to the different courses being offered by the University in the academic year 2013-14, the online application procedures together with the bank A/c opening details, as well as the entrance examination dates for the various courses.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor mentioned that on interaction with the students (MS/ Diploma), though most were satisfied with the courses, some minor issues discussed were inability to use library, contesting elections and eligibility for the PSC with this degree.

The following new items were discussed

**Item No. 1**

*Whether Academic council would approve the recommendations, stated below, put forth by the ministry of Human Resource Development in connection with concession to the Kashmiri Migrant student in KVASU during the academic session 2013-14.*

1. Relaxation in cut off percentage up to 10% subject to minimum eligibility requirement
2. Increase in intake capacity up to 5% course wise
3. Reservation of at least one seat in merit quota in technical /professional institutions
4. Waiving off domicile requirements

**Decision:** Approved. Decided to increase the intake capacity by creating supernumerary seats and also to write to the Govt. for waiving off domicile requirement.

(Action :DAR)

**Item No. 2:**

1. *Whether the University would approve the request for increasing department quota seats to B.V.Sc. & A.H. Programmes from 2 to 3.*

*If agreed,*

2. *whether it would be distributed between Livestock inspectors and Pharmacists in the ratio 2:1*
3. *Whether one of the seats would be allotted in CVAS, Mannuthy.*

**Decision:**

1. Approved. Decided to write to the Govt. for approval.
- 2 Approved.
3. Approved. Selection shall be based on merit and option of candidates like B.V.Sc&A.H. selection for other candidates.

**Item No. 3**

*Whether the Academic Council would approve for recommendation of the Committee constituted to study the anomaly in the calculation of GPA and OGPA i.e., Calculation of GPA and OGPA for all courses should be uniform and based on total credit points obtained during a semester divided by the total credit hours.*

**Decision:** Approved. Decided to amend Academic regulations accordingly with prospective effect. (Action:DAR)

**Item No. 4**

*Whether the Academic Council would approve Proposal for establishing an international students' cell, admission policy and admission procedure for international students state above.*

*If agreed*

*Whether the Academic council would approve the fee structure, Application for International admission and also application form for equivalence certificate shown in Appendix 1, 2 and 3.*

**Decision:** Approved. Decided to include persons with foreign passport as International students category and to delete all NRI category from the current proposal. DAR was authorized to modify the fee structure taking into account the rules of the Central and State Government and place the same in the Board of Management in view of the discussion in the Academic Council Meeting. (Action: Professor RC & DAR)

**Item No. 5**

*Whether the Academic Council would approve the enhancement of fee for external examiners*

**Decision:** Approved and place in the Board of Management for ratification(Action :DAR)

**Item No. 6:**

*Whether the Academic Council would approve the modifications suggested by the advisory committee of Ph.D students from CVAS, Mannuthy in their Ph.D work*

**Decision:** Approved.(Action: DAR)

**Item No. 7:**

*Whether the Academic Council would approve the amendments suggested in the academic regulations for MSc-Quality Systems in Dairy Processing and Diploma in Dairy Science programmes-2013 to be implemented from 2011 admission onwards, which was approved by the BOS meeting held on 28-06-2013. Whether modifications would be applicable to all other M.S./M.Sc. and Diploma Programmes.*

**Decision:** Deferred. The Faculty Dean was entrusted to submit the proposal with the approval of Board of Studies in view of the comments made therein. (Action : Dean, CVAS, Mannuthy)

**Item No. 8**

*Whether the Academic Council would approve the launching of the following courses approved by the BOS dated 28-06-2013.*

1. *Post Graduate Diploma In Ethnopharmacology*
2. *Master of Public Health (One Health)*
3. *PG Diploma in One Health*
4. *Certificate course in One Health*

**Decision:**

1. Post Graduate Diploma in Ethnopharmacology : Approved with the following modifications
  - a. Thorough review of the e-course material in the lower side by a competent body.
  - b. Budget set aside for course material (Rs. 2.5 Lakh) may be revised.
  - c. Project work may also include indigenous details including traditional knowledge.

- d. Syllabus may be modified with inputs from National Knowledge Digital Library and Ethnopharmacology division of NAARM
  - e. Animal diseases and treatment component to be included in the course work material. Recommended to seek the advice of Dr. Pushpangadhan in formulating the course. (Action: Course Director and DAR)
2. Master of Public Health (One Health): Approved with the following conditions
    - a. Program may be taken as a regular program as well as on-line.
    - b. Modify the faculty, seat capacity and fee structure in regular program.
    - c. Confirm that wild life ecology practices are taken up in consonance with the Centre of Wild Life Studies at Pookode during contact classes.
    - d. Review the course material prepared by expert/competent members and present in next Academic Council.
    - e. A two day workshop for preparation of the course material is to be organised before final acceptance of the proposal.
 Recommended to include climate change topics in the syllabus as suggested by Dr. Laura H. Khan of Princeton University. (Action: Course Director)
  3. PG Diploma in One Health: Approved with the following condition  
Review of course material by a competent body. Once approved, the program may be launched on line.
  4. Certificate course in One Health: Approved with the following condition  
Review of course material by a competent body. Once approved, the program may be launched on line.
- Decided to launch certificate course and P.G. Diploma courses and the announce MPH. Ask Course director to seek at least support of WHO and NPHFI for the programme.

**Item No. 9**

*Whether the Academic Council would approve the starting of Elective Course proposed by the Department of Veterinary Physiology approved by the BOS meeting held on 28-06-2013*

**Decision:** Approved. All existing department centers may be requested to offer an elective course apart from the mandatory courses to be offered as per the ICAR regulations.

**Item No. 10**

*Whether the Academic Council would approve the nine Ph.D. synopses of College of Veterinary and Animal Science, Mannuthy.*

**Decision:** Approved.

Regarding the one PhD synopsis of Sreelekha K.P. (12-DVM-05) that was not approved in FRC held on 18.05.2013 and 28.06.2013 and could not place in the Academic Council. DAR has clarified that the student project was not approved in both the FRC convened because the project was not clear on important aspects (specifically the plant name itself) on which the student is planning to work. Moreover the final evaluation of the thesis by two external and the publication of two research papers before submission of thesis (which are mandatory as per the KVASU Academic Regulations for Post Graduate programmes) also will be difficult due to non-revelation of important aspects of the research work. The Academic Council Meeting requested the Director of Academic Research and the faculty Dean to take up the matter with the Major Advisor and student and to sort it out without endangering the course requirement of the student without diluting the requirements.

**Outside Agenda**

**Item No. 1**

*Whether the Academic Council would approve the proposal to provide Merit cum Means Scholarship to 10% of the student strength in each course of Diploma/ Masters Programme as per the rules and regulations followed in the U.G. Programme of KVASU*

**Decision:** Approved. Decided to implement Merit cum Means scholarship for Diploma candidates from 2013-14 academic year (new admission) onwards. Decided to revise the fees budget accordingly. Proposal to be made before the Board of Management. Action : DAR)

**Item No. 2**

*Whether the Academic Council would approve the proposal to issue certificates of Diploma/ Masters Programmes to successful candidates within 30 days of final result notification*

**Decision:** Approved. DAR will notify the requirement.

**Item No. 3**

*Whether the Academic Council would approve the proposal to reserve one seat to Diploma holders of Poultry Production and Laboratory Techniques together to B.V.Sc & A.H. programme and one seat to Diploma holders of Dairy Science to B.Tech. (Dairy Science) programme by creating supernumerary seats in each programme.*

**Decision:** Approved.

**Item 4**

*Whether the Academic council would approve the support of participation of Faculty in National and International seminars with Financial assistance as available from the Directorate of Entrepreneurship*

**Decision:** Approved with the following recommendations.

- a. A guideline/ criteria is to be formulated for the selection of candidates, to be vetted by the Dean, DAR and DE.
- b. Registration fee, airfare and paper submission fee are to be included in the assistance offered.

Authorized DAR to issue it pending ratification by Academic Council and Board of Management  
The meeting came to a close by 1.30 pm.

Mannuthy  
03-07-2013

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Vice Chancellor