

# **MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH MEETING OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF KVASU CONVENED ON 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 AT CVAS, POOKODE**

**Venue: Conference Hall, CoVAS, Pookode**

**Time: 11.00 AM**

## **Members present:**

1. Dr. B. Ashok, IAS, Vice Chancellor
2. Dr. Joseph Mathew, Registrar
3. Dr. K. Devada, Director of Academics and Research
4. Dr. T. P. Sethumadhavan, Director of Entrepreneurship
5. Dr. V. Brahmanandan, Director, Dept. Of Animal Husbandry,
6. Dr. Sisilamma George, Dean, CVAS Mannuthy
7. Dr. G. GirishVarma, Dean, CDST, Mannuthy
8. Dr. K. Vijayakumar, Dean, CVAS Pookode
9. Dr. A. Jalaludeen, Special Officer, CASM, Thiruvazhamkunnu
10. Dr. S. Ramkumar, Professor, RIVER, Puduchery
11. Dr. A. K. Beena, Associate Professor, CDST, Mannuthy
12. Dr. B. Sunil, Professor, CVAS, Mannuthy
13. Dr. Usha. P. T. A Professor, CVAS, Mannuthy
14. Dr. C. T. Sathian, Professor, CVAS, Mannuthy
15. Dr. S. Sujith. Asst. Professor, CVAS, Pookode
16. Dr. P. Shuhaib, Student Representative

## **Special invitees**

17. Dr. H. Subramanian, Finance Officer
18. Prof. G.S.L.H.V. Prasada Rao, Consultant Professor
19. Dr. K. P. Sreekumar, Professor (RC)

The Registrar reported adequate quorum. In the introductory remarks, the Vice Chancellor welcomed the members.

The minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting of KVASU held on 19/08/2014 at the Conference Hall, CVAS, Pookode was approved and the action taken report was discussed in detail. It was noted to expedite the decisions in a few resolutions (like 13.4.4, 13.5.2, 13.5.7, 13.5.8 and OA 1 & 2) where actions were being taken.

## **Decisions taken in the Academic Council meeting**

### **Resolution 14.4.1:**

Whether the Academic Council will approve the proposal for conduct of the first Convocation ceremony of the Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 tentatively or a date approved by Hon'ble Chancellor and the nominations for conferring honorary degrees to Dr. P. K. Warriar, Hon'ble Managing Trustee, Arya Vaidya Sala, Kottakkal and Doyen of Ayurveda and Dr. Amrita Patel, Former Chairperson, National Dairy Development Board and Animal Nutritionist.



**Decision 1:**

Approved. Decided to adopt standard western gown and top hat attire for students, guests and officials during the convocation ceremony. Also decided to explore the feasibility of hiring the attire of suitable colours /patterns for students and design stitching them by contacting the NIFT or suitable agency for members of Management Council. (Action: DAR)

**Decision 2:**

Regarding the award of honorary doctorates to Dr. P. K. Warriar, Managing Trustee, Aryavaidya Sala, Kottakal and Dr. Amrita Patel, Former Chairperson, NDDB, decided to recommend to the Board of Management and Management Council.

**Resolution 14.4.2:**

Whether the Academic Council will approve to amend regulations to improve the integrity and quality standard of PG/Ph.D programmes

**Decision:** Approved with the following corrections

1. Institutional Animal Ethics Committee (IAEC) to be replaced with Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments in Animals (CPCSEA)
2. In Column 3 in Academic form 37 A M.V.Sc. thesis to be included
3. Rules pertaining to Major Advisor qualifications to be relaxed on specific recommendation of the Dean to that effect in departments where there is shortage of qualified supervisory staff (Action: DAR)

**Resolution 14.4.3:**

Whether the Academic Council will approve the proposal for additional anonymous referee for Ph.D theses by the Vice Chancellor.

**Decision:** Approved

**Resolution 14.4.4:**

~~Whether the Academic Council will approve the enhanced standards recommended for Masters and Doctoral Programmes.~~

~~**Decision:** Decided to issue guidelines for thesis submission incorporating the evaluation of theses by at least an overseas referee for Ph.D. A panel to be given by at least the Dean and the DAR to finalise the overseas referee during the 5<sup>th</sup> semester of Ph.D programme.~~

~~Decided to apply more stringent criteria for allowing internal deputation of Ph. D candidates based on additional conditions like availability of facilities and suitable manpower in the department of the applicants and qualifications of the applicants~~



depending on whether at least one of the prior degrees of the applicant is from outside the State of Kerala/domicile, on a case to case basis. Decided to reduce the number of internal deputation to state of Kerala /domicile KVASU departments and to recommend it to the Board of Management. (Action: DAR)

It was also pointed out that scientists/experts located in other Universities could be nominated as Major Advisors in departments where there is shortage of experts or qualified teachers to discharge the supervisory work if the Dean recommends the same. The same should be ratified by the Academic Council. A proposal to concomitantly increase the Research Grant may be presented in the state plan projects 2016-17.

**Resolution 14.4.5:**

Whether the Academic Council will approve the proposal for establishing University Postgraduate Schools of Research

**Decision:** Deferred after detailed discussion. A subcommittee with DAR as Chairperson, Professor (RC) and Deans of Colleges as members was formed to convene a separate meeting to relook in to the proposal, refine the final proposal and discuss again in the next Academic Council. (Action: DAR)

Authorized the DE to prepare an organizational chart of the same proposal to be placed in the next Academic Council.

**Resolution 14.4.6:**

Whether the Academic Council will approve the academic regulations for Ph.D Programme in Biosciences and the syllabi of eight courses proposed

**Decision:** Approved in principle. Fine tuning required as discussed by the committee with the DAR and Deans and to be placed in the Board of studies (to be convened within three weeks by Deans ) before placing in the next Academic Council meeting (Action: DAR and Deans)

**Resolution 14.4.7:**

Whether the Academic Council will approve the proposal for starting Ph.D Programme in the Department of Veterinary Biochemistry, CVAS, Pookode

**Decision:** Approved in principle. Fine tuning required by the committee with the DAR and Deans and to be placed in the Board of studies (to be convened within three weeks by Deans) before placing in the next Academic Council meeting (Action: DAR and Deans)



**Resolution 14.4.8:**

Whether the Academic Council will approve the proposal for starting Ph.D Programme in the Department of Anatomy, CVAS, Pookode

**Decision:** Approved in principle Fine tuning required by the committee with the DAR and Deans and to be placed in the Board of studies ( to be convened within three weeks by Deans ) before placing in the next Academic Council meeting (Action: DAR and Deans)

**Resolution 14.4.9:**

Whether the Academic Council will approve the proposal for starting Ph. D Programme in the Department of Clinical Medicine, CVAS, Pookode

**Decision:** Approved in principle. Fine tuning required by the committee with the DAR and Deans and to be placed in the Board of studies ( to be convened within three weeks by Deans) before placing in the next Academic Council meeting (Action: DAR and Deans)

**Resolution 14.4.10:**

Whether the Academic Council will approve the proposal to start post graduate programme (M.V.Sc) in the department of Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine

**Decision:** Approved in principle. Fine tuning required by the committee with the DAR and Deans and to be placed in the Board of studies (to be convened within three weeks by Deans) before placing in the next Academic Council meeting (Action: DAR and Deans)

**Resolution 14.4.11:**

Whether the Academic Council will approve the amendments suggested in the academic regulations of residency program to be implemented from 2014 admission onwards

**Decision:** Approved with the following changes

1. The administrative control of residents to be entrusted with the Head of Teaching Veterinary Clinical Complex/Instructional Livestock Farm Complex at both campuses.
2. The maximum credit load of residents should exceed 12 per semester.
3. The inclusion of Head of Teaching Veterinary Clinical Complex/Instructional Livestock Farm Complex shall be based on requirement or merits as decided by the major advisor in consultation with the HOD/Dean
4. The number of resident positions will be notified on proposals of Deans before admissions as per the requirement in each department (Action: DAR)



**Resolution 14.4.12:**

Whether the Academic Council will approve enhancing the minimum time limit for M.V.Sc. students availing assistantship from KVASU to 5 semesters from 2014 onwards

**Decision:** Decided to make a recommendation in the next Academic Council meeting as to whether to continue or withdraw providing KVASU Assistantship to M.V.Sc /Ph.D students as Residency programme has been introduced in the University(Action: DAR)

**Resolution 14.4.13:**

Whether the Academic Council will approve the modified Academic Form No: 30

**Decision:** Approved

**Resolution 14.4.14:**

Whether the Academic Council will approve the introduction of a regulation "Graduates holding B.V.Sc and AH degree may prefix the abbreviation Dr", as per the English prefixing convention in partial amendment to B.V.Sc and AH Regulations.

**Decision:** Approved. To be notified in the University and the Kerala Government Gazette

**Resolution 14.4.15:**

Whether the Academic Council will approve the guidelines for deputing teachers/scientists for various scientific meetings, as resource persons and as external examiners

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

Decided to increase the number of classes that a teacher can act as resource person outside the institution/University to two classes per month with the permission of the Dean. It will not include the classes ordered to be taken by the Deans or University officers connected with University entrepreneurial / extension activities (Action: Dean). Also decided to include granting permission in addition to the word deputing.

**Non-Official Resolution 14.5.1:**

Whether the academic council would approve the preparation of academic calendar of Kerala Veterinary & Animal Sciences University and Inclusion of medical leave for UG students, empowering the Dean of the respective college to allow or deny medical leave

**Decision:** Deferred with suggestion to examine the academic calendar already prepared by the Directorate of Academics and Research. Regarding medical leave to students, it was clarified that attendance shortage due to medical reasons could be permitted only if it is within condonable limits by the Vice Chancellor.



#### Outside Agenda 1-

Whether the Academic Council would approve the student entrepreneurship proposal in respect of talent marks, scheme to a maximum of 4 % and attendance benefit@ 10 % to the student entrepreneurs in the University as amendments to the KVASU Academic regulations?

**Decision:** Approved. The total attendance benefits of any activity under Entrepreneurship should be limited within the 10 per cent allowed. (Action: DAR)

#### Outside Agenda 2-

Whether the Academic Council would approve of the follow-up taken with respect to the priorities for action in the Universities, and agree with the installation of CCTV cameras in examination halls as suggested in the Vice-Chancellors' conference before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

**Decision:** Approved with the suggestion to form separate Inspection squads at the University level for random check on examination conduct and invigilation. Close circuit cameras to be installed within two months. (DAR)

#### Outside Agenda 3-

Whether the Academic Council would ratify the action of the Vice Chancellor permitting Kum. Akhila Mohan (12 BVP 205) CVAS, Pookode with shortage of attendance, to appear for external examinations on medical grounds.

**Decision:** Ratified

#### Outside Agenda 4

Whether the Academic Council would approve to take urgent steps to fulfill the minimum standards as prescribed by the ICAR with regards to the man power and infrastructure facilities.

**Decision:** Deferred for decision in the next Academic Council meeting after obtaining detailed remarks of the members.

Dr. S. Ramkumar, Professor gave a power point presentation on selected characteristics reflecting the personal, socio, educational and other dimensions of first year students who attended the KVASU Orientation programme 2014.

The students' representative was invited to mention issues if any. The following matters were allowed to be mentioned and clarified by the Chair.

1. Regarding the request to allow Shri. C. Subith to appear for Annual Board Examination in relaxation of rules, the Chair informed that the Academic Council holds no power to allow relaxation for public exam to individual cases, besides the disposal of the University in the matter on merits of the case has been agreed to by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala.

2. Regarding orders levying charges for electricity and water from the students, it was advised to accept it as petition from the member to the Board of Management as it pertains to the decision of the Board of Management.
3. Regarding the point that Academic Council had not approved enhancement of seats, the Chair informed that the decision was taken by Statute 341 by Circular resolution and a High Court case is pending in the matter. So no discussion on merits can be taken up.

The meeting came to a close by 2.45 P.M. The Director (Academics and Research) moved a vote of thanks.

Sd/-

**Vice Chancellor**