

MINUTES OF THE 26<sup>th</sup> ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING CHAIRED BY SRI. DEVENDRA KUMAR SINGH IAS, HON'BLE VICE CHANCELLOR HELD AT THE CONFERENCE HALL, KERALA STATE VETERINARY COUNCIL BUILDING, PEROORKADA, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ON 21.05.2019 AT 02.30.P.M.

***The following members were present:***

1. Dr. Joseph Mathew, Registrar.
2. Dr. Ashok N, Director of Academics and Research (i/c).
3. Dr. C. Latha, Dean (i/c), CVAS, Mannuthy.
4. Dr. P. Sudheer Babu, Dean, CDST, Mannuthy.
5. Dr. G. Girish Varma, Dean (i/c), CASM, Thiruvazhamkunnu.
6. Dr. Koshy John, Dean (i/c), CVAS, Pookode.
7. Dr. S. N. Rajakumar, Special Officer, CFT, Thumburmuzhy.
8. Smt. Beena. R. L, Special Officer, CDST, Thiruvananthapuram.
9. Smt. Archana Chandran, Special Officer, CDST, Pookode.
10. Dr. Sajith Purushothaman, Assistant Professor, CVAS, Mannuthy.
11. Sri. Aswin S Warriar, Assistant Professor, Dairy Plant, Mannuthy

**Special invitees**

1. Smt. Annie N.V., Finance Officer(i/c).
2. Dr. K. M. Lucy, Controller of Examinations
3. Dr. K. Anilkumar, Professor (RC), CVAS, Mannuthy

The meeting started at 02.35 PM. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor welcomed the members of the Academic Council. Minutes and the action taken report of the 25<sup>th</sup> Academic Council of Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University held at the Conference Hall, Kerala State Veterinary Council Building, Peroorkada, Thiruvananthapuram on 18.01.2019 was discussed and approved. Council was informed that process for the election to the post of Students' representative in the Academic Council had initiated.

The important points needed special attention and urgent actions that were discussed in the 4<sup>th</sup> Nodal Officers Meet was reported by the Director of Academics and Research and it was decided to inform the State government that the Indian Council of Agricultural Research had instructed not to avail fund from different sources for Veterinary Internship programme.

**Decisions taken in the Academic Council meeting**

**Resolution 26.D.1**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the Courses with the number of seats, admission schedule and selection process as proposed?

**Decision:** Approved. The Council advised to include the sentence "Mandatory reservation for the Persons with Disabilities as per existing government rules is applicable" in the prospectus. The following suggestions made in the Council are also to be added in the Prospectus regarding course details:

1. In the table detailing the number of seats for Ph.D in Biosciences programmes, instead of "CVAS, Mannuthy and Pookode", it has to be mentioned as "KVASU" with an asterisk symbol and a foot note stating that the number of seats and College of allotment will be subject to the availability of facilities and eligible faculty.



2. Reduce the number of seats for M.Sc. Biostatistics Programme to 5.
3. Mention in the prospectus that the newly started entrepreneurial programmes offered by the University like B.Sc (PPBM), Diploma, PG Diploma and Technology Enabled Distance Learning Programmes are purely intended for imparting knowledge and skill developments in the field of Veterinary and Animal Sciences and the University do not assure/ guarantee any government job for these Programmes.
4. Regarding admission to Sarathi Institute of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Taliparamba, a foot note has to be given with an asterisk stating that "admission to these seats are subject to the fulfillment of the conditions regarding the affiliation" and approval of Board of Management.

It was also instructed to issue a notice to the Sarathi Institute of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Taliparamba for remitting the Affiliation fee and fulfilling all the requirements as suggested by the Expert Panel of the University made during the inspection at the institute and it should be informed that the admission to the Diploma in Dairy Science programme at that institute will be frozen for the admission 2019-20, if the institute fail to fulfill the conditions before 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.

#### **Resolution 26.D.2**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the reservation procedures to be followed for PG/ Ph.D. admissions in Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University as recommended by the Committee, from next Academic Year onwards (2019-20 admission)?

**Decision:** Approved.

#### **Resolution 26.D.3**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the report and recommendations of the sub-committee for conducting PG Certificate Course in Veterinary Homeopathy from 2019-20 admission onwards?

**Decision:** Deferred. The Council considered the report and decided to continue the course this year. It was also decided to constitute a committee with Director of Homeopathy Department, a person from Animal Husbandry Department, a person from Dairy Development Department, Principal from a Government Homeopathic College along with the members of this sub-committee to study the scope of Veterinary Homeopathy course and its practise in animals. The Committee have to discuss whether the Veterinary University can give certificates for this course and have to prepare and submit a detailed report on the matter in the Academic Council.

#### **Resolution 26.D.4**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the Guidelines and Proforma for the best teacher award of the university proposed by the subcommittee?

**Decision:** Approved with the following suggestions in the Proforma:

1. In Part C (extension and other Activities) -1. (Co-curricular activities), NSS, NCC, Assistant Warden ship, Associate Patron, Staff Editor, Placement and Counseling centre, PTA patron/ vice-patron/ secretary/ treasurer had assigned 2 Marks per activity per year subject to a maximum of 4 marks per year. The council suggested to restrict the maximum marks for this item to only 4 marks by removing criteria of maximum of 4 marks per year.



2. The staff editor should be given marks only if the magazine was published.
3. In Part B (Research) – 2 (Research Projects), Outlay of the Project is calculated for the entire period of five years.

The Council had suggested to make as mandatory, the students' feedback through a Proforma for the evaluation of the teachers by the students at the end of every semester. The Proforma given as annexure to this Agenda can be used for collecting evaluation of the teachers by the undergraduate students and entrusted the Controller of Examinations to prepare a Proforma for evaluation of teachers by postgraduate students that can include descriptive way of evaluation.

**Resolution 26.D.5**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the suggestions regarding refund of fees and Liquidation damage to the students who discontinue various academic programmes of the University?

**Decision:** Recommended to the Board of Management.

**Resolution 26.D.6**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the amendments proposed in the Academic Regulations for Ph.D. Programmes in Biosciences.

**Decision:** Approved with modifications suggested. In the Mode of selection, the candidates need to submit a research proposal showing their area of research interest in the Selection Committee/Interview Board as being done in the admission to other Ph.D. programmes of the University. The number of students that can be guided by a teacher as Major Advisor as per the existing regulations of the University shall be inclusive of Ph.D Biosciences programmes also.

**Resolution 26.D.7**

Whether Academic Council would approve the proposed amendments to the Academic Regulations for Master of Science Programmes?

**Decision:** Approved.

**Resolution 26.D.8**

Whether the Academic Council would approve to increase the tuition fee of the M.Sc. Biostatistics programme to Rs.50,000/- per semester ?

**Decision:** Approved.

**Resolution 26.D.9**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the proposal for constituting a committee for the formulation of rules and guidelines for instituting Dr. Chandra Menon Memorial Award?

**Decision:** Approved.

**Resolution 26.D.10**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the request for unifying the timing of both Men's and Ladies' hostels of Colleges under Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University in compliance with the G.O (Rt) No. 539/2019 dated 07/04/2019, by amending the Hostels Rules.

**Decision:** Approved.



**Resolution 26.D.11**

Whether the Academic Council would resolve to recommend the Board of Management for taking urgent measures for the creation and filling up of various teaching/ non-teaching positions and creation of minimum facilities as per the ICAR norms for getting accreditation of the colleges and programmes, in order to safeguard the future of students studying in these colleges?

**Decision:** Deferred. As the matter needs urgent decision, the Council suggested to bring the Agenda in the next Academic Council after making clarifications regarding the teacher students ratio proposed and the other norms proposed by the ICAR regarding the accreditation of the colleges. The Council has directed the Dean, CDST, Mannuthy to present the issues regarding the ICAR accreditation of the Dairy Science and Technology colleges and the College of Food Technology, Thumburmuzhi under the Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University and the future course of action that could be taken up for getting accreditation, through a Power point Presentation.

**Resolution 26.D.12**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the concept note to start a lead centre for Veterinary Translational Medicine and Research, at the Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine for bringing in problem-oriented approaches with regard to Animal Health?

**Decision:** Deferred.

**Resolution 26.D.13**

Whether the Academic Council would permit Kum.Geethu Chandran G.C (17-BPT-18) B.Sc.(PP&BM) student of CASM, Thiruvazhamkunnu to permanently discontinue the programme by exempting the payment of liquidated damages.

**Decision:** Deferred. Council advised to collect fee as per the Board of Management decision on the newly proposed liquidation damages.

**Resolution 26.D.14**

Whether the Academic Council will approve the amendments in clause 20- (Repetition of courses) of the Academic Regulations for the Diploma Programmes?

**Decision:** Deferred.

**Resolution 26.D.15**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the proposal to include Dr.Arun Zachariah, Forest Veterinary Officer, Kuppadi, Via Sulthan Bathery, Wayanad as additional member from outside the University in the Advisory Committee of Dr.Punya.M.S (18-MVM-40) MVSc scholar, Dept of Veterinary Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine over and above the already existing four members.

**Decision:** Approved.

**Resolution 26.D.16**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the proposal to include Dr.P.R.Umashankar, Scientist G, Division of in vivo Models and Testing, Biomedical Technology Wing, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum as additional member from outside the University in the Advisory Committee of Dr.Megha.K.G (18-MVM-49), MVSc scholar, Dept. of Veterinary Pathology over and above the already existing four members.

**Decision:** Approved.



**Resolution 26.D.17**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the proposal to include Dr.Ponnu Jose, Assistant Professor of Dept of Community Medicine, Jubilee Mission Medical College and Research Institute as additional member from outside the University in the Advisory Committee of Dr.Sruthi.C.(18-MVM-61), MVSc scholar Dept of Veterinary Public Health over and above the already existing four members.

**Decision:** Approved.

**Resolution 26.D.18**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the proposal to include Dr.A.Latha, Professor & Head, Agricultural Research Station, KAU, Mannuthy in the Advisory Committee of Dr.Arun Sankar K.J.(18-MVM-19) MVSc Scholar Dept of Livestock Products Technology over and above the already existing four members.

**Decision:** Approved.

**Resolution 26.D.19**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the proposal to include Dr.Deepa Ananth, Assistant Professor, Department of Animal Nutrition as additional member from inside the University in the Advisory Committee of Dr.Megha.P.S.(18-MVM-057) M.V.Sc. scholar, Dept. of Veterinary Physiology over and above the already existing four members.

**Decision:** Not approved.

**Resolution 26.D.20**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the proposal to include Dr.P.Prameela, Professor, Dept of Agronomy, College of Horticulture, Velanikkara as additional member from outside the University in the Advisory Committee of Dr.Saravanan.M (18-MVM-18) MVSc scholar, Dept. of Livestock Production Management over and above the already existing four members.

**Decision:** Approved.

**Resolution 26.D.21**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the proposal to include Dr. Bindu.J, Principal Scientist, Division of Fish Processing, ICAR-CIFT, Kochi as additional member from outside the University in the Advisory Committee Dr. Kavitha Rajagopal (18-DVP-01) Ph.D.scholar in the Department of Livestock Products Technology over & above the already existing five members.

**Decision:** Approved.

**Resolution 26.D.22**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the proposal to include Dr. Arun A Sha, (Director Research & Veterinary Operations), Wildlife SOS, Bannerghatta Bear Rescue Centre, Bannerghatta Biological Park, Bangalore, as an additional member in advisory committee of Dr.Gowri Menon N (18-MVP-16), MVSc scholar, Dept. of Veterinary Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine, CVAS, Pookode.

**Decision:** Approved.

**Resolution 26.D.23**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the proposal to include Dr. Nigel Caulkett, Professor,



Dept. of Veterinary Clinical & Diagnostic Sciences, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Calgary, Canada, as additional member in the advisory committee of Dr.Souljai Jayakumar Sindhu (18-MVP-36) MVSc scholar, Dept. of Veterinary Surgery & Radiology, CVAS, Pookode?

**Decision:** Not approved. It can be considered in the next Academic Council provided valid MoU between the Universities exists and also by observing the procedural formalities from the Ministry of Home and External Affairs.

#### **Resolution 26.D.24**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the proposal to include Dr.Vasudaven.V.N, Assistant Professor, Department of Livestock Products Technology, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy, as additional member in the advisory committee of Dr.Anjana Satheesh (18-MVP-34) M.V.Sc. scholar, Dept. of Veterinary Surgery & Radiology, CVAS, Pookode?

**Decision:** Not approved.

#### **Resolution 26.D.25**

- 1) Whether the academic council would approve the proposal forwarded by the Board of Studies for allotting two seats each in the Department of Dairy Technology and Department of Dairy Microbiology and one seat in the department of Dairy Chemistry for doctoral programmes.
- 2) Whether the academic council would approve the ICAR guidelines and syllabus for the newly starting doctoral programmes in the disciplines of Dairy Technology, Dairy Microbiology and Dairy Chemistry.

**Decision:** Deferred.

#### **Resolution 26.D.26**

Whether Academic Council would approve the amendments suggested in academic regulation of B.Sc. Poultry Production and Business Management Degree Programme regarding registration of additional semester(s) to clear the backlogs.

**Decision:** Approved with the deletion of the words 'depending on the discretion of the head of institution' in the clause 37.2.4.3 and by adding the symbol 'RE 3' in the Annexure 37.2.2

#### **Resolution 26.D.27**

Whether the Academic Council would recommend the requested hike in internship allowance?

**Decision:** Deferred. The Council suggested preparing a comparative statement by including the internship allowances of B.V.Sc. & A.H, B.Tech and B.Sc. programmes and the financial liabilities that may likely to incur to the University due to the proposed enhancement.

#### **Resolution 26.D.28**

Whether the Academic Council would ratify the action (ie., returning the certificates to the students) and waive off the entire course fee by looking into the clause 44.1 of the academic regulations of B.Sc. PPBM.

**Decision:** Not ratified. The Council had suggested to bring an agenda in the next Academic Council by indicating the financial liability due to the discontinuance and other details regarding this matter and to decide as to whether the liability has to be fixed against officers responsible.



**Resolution 26.D.29**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the reduction of seats for BSc PPBM programme from 2019 admission?

**Decision:** Deferred. It may be discussed in the Board of Management.

**Resolution 26.D.30**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the proposed strength of teaching and non teaching staffs of different units under Faculty of Poultry Science?

**Decision:** Deferred.

**Resolution 26.D.31**

Whether the Academic Council would ratify the decision taken under removal of difficulties?

**Decision:** Ratified.

**Resolution 26.E.1**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the recommendation to take steps to modify the existing rules and common regulations to be framed for both internal as well as external candidates?

**Decision:** The Council had entrusted the Director of Academics and Research to constitute a sub-committee with not more than five members to study the matter in detail and to submit a report in the next Academic Council Meeting.

**Resolution 26.E.2**

Whether the Academic Council would approve to Grant grace marks for the students joining NSS/ Republic day NSS camps/ NSS Certificate holders

**Decision:** Deferred to next Academic Council. Council had suggested to put the agenda with more clarity showing how much marks have to given for each type of NSS certificates, after consulting with the prevailing orders in the Kerala Agricultural University on similar matter.

The meeting ended by 06.55 PM with a vote of thanks from the Director (Academics & Research).

30-05-2019

Sd/-  
**VICE CHANCELLOR**