

MINUTES OF THE 29th ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING CHAIRED BY PROF.(Dr.)M.R.SASEENDRANATH, HON'BLE VICE CHANCELLOR, HELD ONLINE (GOOGLE MEET) ON 07.10.2020 AT 11.00.AM.

The following members were present:

1. Dr. Ashok N, Registrar.
2. Dr. Ajith Jacob George, Director of Academics and Research.
3. Dr. M. K Narayanan, Director of Entrepreneurship
4. Dr. P. Sudheer Babu, Dean, CDST, Mannuthy.
5. Dr. C. Latha, Dean, CVAS, Mannuthy.
6. Dr. Koshy John, Dean, CVAS, Pookode.
7. Dr. G. Girish Varma, Dean, CASM, Thiruvazhamkunnu.
8. Dr. S. N. Rajakumar, Special Officer, CFT, Thumburmuzhy.
9. Dr. Rachana C. R., Special Officer, CDST, Thiruvananthapuram.
10. Smt. Smitha J Lukose, Special Officer, CDST, Pookode.
11. Dr. Dinker Singh, Special Officer, CDST, Kolahalamedu.
12. Dr. Sajith Purushothaman, Assistant Professor, CVAS, Mannuthy.
13. Dr. Afsal. S., 18-MVM-58, Student Representative.

Special invitees

1. Smt. Sreelatha M., Finance Officer.
2. Dr. K. Anilkumar, Professor (FRC), CVAS, Mannuthy.

The meeting started at 11.05 AM. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor welcomed all the members of the Academic Council and given a brief summary regarding the convocation and server failure of IUMS. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor congratulated Dr. Sisilamma George and Dr. Varuna P. Panicker for securing the patent for the research they had conducted and, conveyed his wish to follow their path by the other faculty members of the University. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor had also congratulated Dr. B. Sunil for getting selected as an adhoc expert in World Veterinary Association.

The Council has approved the minutes and the action taken report of the 28th Academic Council Meeting of the Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University with a modification in the decision of resolution number 28.OA.4. The change in decision is as below:

Item No	Point for decision	Previous Decision	Newly approved decision
OA.4	Whether the Academic Council would approve the proposal to grant a maximum honorarium of Rs. 1000/- per one theory/ practical session can be paid for guest lecturers with post graduate qualification subject to qualification and experience while honorarium for graduate will be Rs. 500/- per one theory/practical session.	The Council has directed to grant an honorarium of Rs.750/- per one theory/ practical session for the guest lecturers with postgraduate qualification while honorarium for graduate will be Rs. 500/- per one theory/ practical session.	A Committee is constituted with Director of Academics and Research (Chairman), Dairy Sciences Faculty Dean (Convener), Veterinary Science Faculty Dean, Poultry Science Faculty Dean and Dean, College of Veterinary and Animal Science, Pookode to study the previous Board of Management decision on fixing fee/ honorarium for Guest lecturers on hourly basis.

Decisions taken in the Academic Council meeting on the Agenda Notes

Item No	Point for decisions	Decisions
29.C.1	Whether the Academic council would ratify the actions taken by the University in the Admission procedures for the academic year 2020-21, due to the unprecedented situation of COVID-19 pandemic.	Ratified.
29.C.2	Whether Academic Council would ratify the actions of Director of Academics and Research and Controller of Examinations in having issued orders and Guidelines/ Circulars/ Notifications and further orders/ circulars during COVID pandemic period for the smooth conduct of Academic activities in the University observing the Central/ State/ ICAR directions and orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.	Ratified the actions already taken and granted permission to issue necessary orders/ circulars for the smooth conduct of academic activities in the University during COVID 19 pandemic period observing the Government/ ICAR directions in this regard.
29.C.3	Whether the Academic Council would permit the 2015 and earlier admission BVSc & AH students of College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy to register for Internship without undergoing All India Study Tour and complete the course by relaxing clause 41.4 of Academic Regulations of the BVSc & AH course considering prevailing Covid-19 situation.	Permitted. The Council has also permitted the other courses to register for the Internship or to do the next step in order to complete the programme without undergoing Study tours prescribed in the Academic Regulations for the current academic year due to the wide spread of COVID-19 pandemic.
29.C.4	കോൺവൊക്കേഷൻ മാറ്റിവെച്ച സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളിൽ നിന്നും ഈടാക്കിയ മുഴുവൻ തുകയും തിരികെ നൽകുന്നതിനുള്ള അനുമതിക്കായി ഭരണസമിതിക്കു ശുപാർശ ചെയ്യാമോ	ശുപാർശ ചെയ്തു. സർവ്വകലാശാല എന്നും വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് അനുകൂലമായാണ് തീരുമാനം എടുക്കുന്നത് എന്നത് മറ്റെന്നു വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾ സർവ്വകലാശാലയ്ക്കെതിരെ നടത്തുന്ന കുപ്രചരണം ആവർത്തിക്കരുതെന്ന താക്കീത് വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് നൽകണമെന്നും നിർദ്ദേശിച്ചു.
29.C.5	Whether the Academic Council would approve the proposed Score Card for the Direct recruitment/ Selection of Assistant Professors in the University and the modified procedure for selection, as per the UGC Regulations, 2018.	The Council has approved the score card with modifications suggested by the members of the Council for the direct recruitment/ selection of Assistant Professors and the modified scorecard is attached with this minutes. The Council has directed to consider this scorecard for the selection of Assistant Professor notified already and to place the approved score card for the ratification in the next Board of Management meeting.

29.C.11	<p>1. Whether the Academic Council would ratify the action in having taken to collect the amount for 5,000 US Dollar from Dr. Mohan Reddy Nemali for starting the endowment proposed as 'Dr. C. K. S. V. Raja Award for the best Ph.D thesis approved in the academic year under veterinary faculty of Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University instituted by Dr. Mohan Reddy Nemali' and also proceed with starting of the Endowment.</p> <p>2. Whether the Academic Council would approve and recommend the above mentioned guidelines for the award, prepared and submitted by the Committee led by Director of Academics and Research.</p>	<p>1. Ratified the action.</p> <p>2. Approved the guidelines and recommended to the Board of Management.</p>
29.C.12	Whether the Academic Council would ratify the action taken by the University in delinking from CDSL Ventures Ltd. (CVL) and registering on UGC-Digilocker as directed by UGC.	Ratified.
29.C.13	Whether the Academic council would approve, the decision of Board of Studies not to provide equivalency certificate to M.V.Sc (Veterinary Biochemistry) and M.Sc. (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology).	Approved.
29.C.14	Whether the Academic Council would approve the proposal to relaunch the MS (Wildlife Studies) as a multidisciplinary programme in the emerging field of higher education in collaboration with the other Universities.	Deferred. The Council has directed to place the note after thorough study by the Board of Studies concerned even it is an approved course since the new proposal contains collaboration with other Universities.
29.C.15	Whether the Academic Council would approve to start Post Graduate Certificate Course in Veterinary Forensic Medicine in the University.	Approved to start the programme from the academic year 2021-22 and to admit 10 students per batch per year.
29.C.16	Whether the Academic Council would approve the modified Ph.D synopsis of R.Solomon Rajkumar, Ph.D Scholar in the department of Livestock Products Technology, College of Veterinary and	Approved.


29.C.6	Whether the Academic Council would approve the revision of fee for various UG and PG courses offered by Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University from the Academic year 2021-22 as in Appendix II and to impose a proportionate enhancement of fee in regular intervals thereafter.	Approved in principle and recommended to the Board of Management, since the Government has directed the University to raise the internal revenue. The Council had recommended to round off the fees to the nearest integer.
29.C.7	Whether the Academic Council would accept the application of Mr. Rajeesh R, Assistant Professor, College of Dairy Science Technology, Thiruvananthapuram for Ph.D programme (2020-21) as a special case by relaxing the eligibility criteria already notified by the University for the academic year 2020-21.	Approved as a special case, considering the shortage of staff in the faculty of Dairy Science. The Council has observed that by permitting the candidate to do his Ph.D in KVASU would result in retaining the benefit of the faculty in the University.
29.C.8	Whether the Academic Council would clarify on which rule/regulations may be followed for the 'Dairy Technology' course of College of Dairy Science and Technology, Mannuthy which is accredited by both ICAR and AICTE.	The Council has directed to follow the instruction from the Commissioner of Entrance Examinations, Kerala regarding admission procedures including the liquidation damages and to follow the regulations prescribed by ICAR and KVASU for academic matters.
29.C.9	1. Whether the Academic Council would approve the submission of thesis for M.Sc. Animal Biotechnology programme and constitution of an Advisory committee comprising of four members (Guide/ Chairperson and three other members including the Course Director). 2. Whether the Academic council would approve the recommendation of the subcommittee to follow the Academic Regulations of M.V.Sc. Programme for MSc Animal Biotechnology also.	1. Approved. 2. Approved.
29.C.10	1. Whether the online examination will be conducted using online platform with objective and subjective questions in 40:60 ratios. 2. Whether the final mark will be awarded by taking 30 percent from online examination of each module and 70 percent from offline examination.	1. Approved. 2. Approved.

	Animal Sciences, Pookode.	
29.C.17	Whether the Academic Council would approve the doctoral research proposals of the two students from College of Dairy Science and Technology, Mannuthy.	Approved.
29.C.18	Whether the Academic council would approve the proposal to co-opt Dr. Murugadas.V, Scientist, Division of Microbiology Fermentation and Biotechnology, ICAR-CIFT, Kochi as an additional member from outside the University in to the advisory committee of Dr. Asha K (19-DVP-01) PhD scholar in the department of VPH, CVAS Pookode.	Approved.
29.C.19	Whether the Academic Council would ratify the orders issued by the Vice-chancellor as per the clause "Removing the difficulties".	Approved.
29.D.1	Whether the Academic Council would approve the participation in MOOC courses with e- certification for fulfilling the requirement for CAS promotions instead of attending normal refresher/ orientation courses.	A committee has been constituted with the Registrar, Director of Academics and Research, Controller of Examinations, Faculty Deans and Faculty Research Coordinator, CVAS, Mannuthy (Convenor) of the University to study the matter in detail and to submit the same before the Council.
29.D.2	Whether the Academic Council would approve the decision of the University to take steps to provide the pending fellowship for M.V.Sc. scholars who are currently working in the college/ hospitals during this COVID-19 pandemic situations.	The Council got satisfied with the intimation of Director of Academics and Research in the matter that the delay had occurred due to delay in submission of the correct agreement by the students and later on, the University has taken actions for releasing the fellowship to the residents on receiving the same.
29.OA.1	Whether the Academic Council would approve the proposal for starting PhD in Biosciences (Clinical Molecular Genetics).	Approved in principle. The Council has directed the Faculty Dean of Veterinary and Animal Sciences to forward the complete and revised proposal to start the programme and to forward the same to Government of Kerala as a programme in the emerging fields of higher education. This programme will follow the fee structure and academic regulations of existing Ph.D. in Biosciences programmes of the University, and it will commence from the academic year 2021-22 and the proposal will revise accordingly.

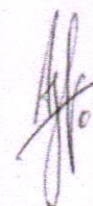
29.OA.2	Whether the Academic Council would approve the Proposal for starting of new Ph. D Course entitled "Ph. D. in Biosciences (One Health)" and submitting the same to Kerala State Higher Education Council.	Approved in principle and directed to follow the suggestions/ decisions of the Council in the proposal for starting PhD in Biosciences (Clinical Molecular Genetics).
29.OA.3	Whether the academic council would permit to send letter of willingness to the Executive Director of Common Wealth Veterinary Association for collaboration for establishing an Animal Welfare Research centre attached to the Department of Livestock Production Management, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy.	Permitted.
29.OA.4	Whether the Academic Council would approve the Post Graduate Diploma Course in Applied Animal Welfare, Ethics and Law	Deferred. The Council has directed the Faculty Dean of Veterinary and Animal Sciences to propose the programme after clarifying the specifications/ guidelines to start the programme in Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) platform by the University Grants Commission.
29.OA.5	Whether the Academic Council would approve to start 'Online Certificate Course in Animal Welfare' in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine, Ethics and Jurisprudence, CVAS Mannuthy	Deferred.
29.OA.6	Whether the Academic Council would approve to start new Certificate Course in Animal Forensic in the University in accordance with the aforesaid proposal.	Approved to start from the academic year 2021-22 with 20 students per batch per year.
29.OA.7	<p>1. Whether Academic Council would permit to submit application for ICAR accreditation for College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Pookode and College of Dairy Science and Technology, Mannuthy only as mentioned above.</p> <p>2. Whether the application for ICAR accreditation for other colleges may be submitted on fulfilling the eligibility criteria prescribed by NAEAB of ICAR.</p>	<p>1. Permitted.</p> <p>2. The Council has directed to initiate necessary actions to fulfil the eligibility criteria prescribed and to apply for the ICAR accreditation for other colleges at the earliest after ensuring the eligibility.</p>

29.OA.8	Whether the Academic Council will grant approval for starting Certificate programme in "Multiskill Development Programme in Integrated Resources Management centered on Livestock and Poultry" at Ecofarm under Dept of LPM, CVAS, Mannuthy.	Deferred and suggested to bring the agenda after placing the complete proposal and syllabus in the concerned Board of Studies.
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The Director of Academics and Research has reported about the failure of server hosted the IUMS software and the Council has directed to process all matters related to mark entry, result declaration and issuing of all certificates, etc manually. The meeting ended by 02.45 PM with a vote of thanks from the Director of Academics and Research.


Vice Chancellor
(Chairman)
09/10/2020


Prof. (Dr.) M. ASHOK
REGISTRAR


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