

Minutes of the Second Research Council Meeting held on 13th March 2014 at University Headquarters, Pookode, Wayanad.

Members Present

1. Dr.B.Ashok, Vice Chancellor, Kerala Veterinary & Animal Sciences University.
2. Dr.K. Kumanan, Director of Research, TANUVAS
3. Dr.M.R.Saseendranath, Director of Academics & Research ,KVASU
4. Dr.P.C.Saseendran, Dean,CVAS ,Mannuthy
5. Dr.Leo Joseph, Dean, CVAS, Pookode.
6. Dr. Rajendrakumar, CDST, Mannuthy
7. Dr.P.I. Geevarghese, Professor, CDST, Mannuthy
8. Dr.P.C. Alex, Professor (Clinics), KVASU
9. Dr.George.T.Oommen, Professor & Head, Meat Technology Unit, Mannuthy
10. Dr. K.A.Mercey, Professor and Head, Department of Statistics
11. Dr.N.Vijayan, Professor & Head, Dept. of Veterinary Pathology, COVAS, Pookode
12. Dr.P.Kuttinarayanan, Professor & Head, Dept. of Livestock Products Technology, COVAS, Pookode

Special Invitees

- 1 Dr.K.P.Sreekumar, Registrar, Kerala Veterinary & Animal Sciences University
- 2 Dr.H.Subramanian, Finance Officer, KVASU
- 3 Prof.S.Ramkumar, Director of Entrepreneurship, KVASU
- 4 Sri.Jose Immanuel, Deputy Director, Dairy Development, Wayanad
- 5 Dr.A.Radhamma Pillai, Professor & Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (Kerala Agricultural University), Wayanad
- 6 Dr.K.R.Geetha, District Animal Husbandry Officer, Wayanad.
- 7 Dr.K.Devada, Professor (Research Coordinator),CVAS,Mannuthy
- 8 Dr.K.C.Raghavan, Professor & Convenor, Monitoring & Evaluation Cell (DAR), Mannuthy
- 9 Dr.Jose John Chungath, Professor & HOD, Veterinary Anatomy & Histology, COVAS, Mannuthy

Meeting started at 11.00 am. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor welcomed the members and requested Director (Academics & Research) to proceed with the agenda items.

The meeting approved the minutes of the first research council meeting held on 27.11.2012.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor released the Research Report of the University for the year 2013 and also released the latest issues of Research Digest published by the University.

The Director (Academics & Research) presented the research activities undertaken by Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University during last one year.

The Editor, Journal of Veterinary and Animal Sciences' was directed to seek advertisements for incorporation in the journal. Director (Academics & Research) informed the body that Departments of Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development were requested to subscribe the journals published by the University.

During discussion, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor directed to organise a brainstorming session including all the PG teachers under the Chairmanship of Dr. P. C. Alex, with, Dr. P. C. Saseendran, Dr. Rajendrakumar, Dr. Leo Joseph and Dr. K. C. Raghavan as members and Dr. K. Devada as Convenor for improving PG research and to submit a report on UG & PG Course requirements with justifications within a fortnight. It was also directed to convene a meeting to discuss about the possibilities of involving the UG students as part of University research. It was suggested that for the interest of the institution/University, the supervisory faculty should extend the research period, if the performance of student is not satisfactory instead of approving by diluting standards.

Various research activities undertaken in various areas/disciplines during the year were reviewed and Hon'ble Vice chancellor stressed that researchers should plan department wise the research activities for the next 4-5 years in advance.

It was also stressed that research carried out as part of state plan projects should be more result oriented and the importance of promoting inter-disciplinary research approach in the University. Special care has to be taken to remove adhocism while preparing project proposals and to follow a methodological approach in implementing research activities.

Regarding the project on the Early Neutering in Dogs (END), Hon'ble Vice chancellor requested the Director of Entrepreneurship for further discussions with corporations in Kerala for implementation.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the house that a Proforma Analysis of faculty for the period from April 2012 to March 2013 revealed that the faculty staff in clinics is suffering from more work and is lacking required staff in such departments. It was suggested to employ more people on contract and was also suggested to hire building for clinics for expansion of activities.

Dr Kumanan, Director of Research, Tamil Nadu Veterinary & Animal Sciences University has urged the University to identify the thrust areas of research and to strengthen it. It was suggested that periodical discussions may be needed to review the projects and to maintain quality of research. It is informed that Tamil Nadu Veterinary & Animal Sciences University get funds from DBT through good viable project proposals. He had further suggested that young scientists of the University to be encouraged to get more EAPs and thereby increase the revenue as institutional charges. It is informed that last year about 43 young scientists of that University brought about 98 lakh rupees from EAPs alone. He has further stated that that University had constituted a patent cell where in patent attorney is a member and that the incentive received from invention goes as 30% to institution, 30% to inventor, 30% to concerned department, and the remaining 10% to other faculty strengthening proposals.

Regarding periodicals published from the University it was suggested that periodicals of technical nature are to be published in such a manner that even a common man can afford to learn the contents.

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Director (Dairy Development) Wayanad had expressed his view that research projects of the University must help dairy farmers in the District. He has also stressed the problem with the industrial waste in the district and sought the help of the University in the matter and Director (Academics & Research) informed that University would prioritize the problem in its research programmes.

The District Animal Husbandry Officer, Wayanad informed about the problems faced in the Animal husbandry Sector in the district and she was requested to list out the problems in research areas where assistance from University is needed and to forward to the Director (Academics & Research) of the University. The Director (Academics & Research) was entrusted to take up the proposals when received for consideration and to include in the research programmes of the University on a priority basis.

Professor & Head, KVK Ambalavayal (KAU) suggested to organize a zonal workshop for appraisal and taking up of regional problems.

The Director of Entrepreneurship stressed importance of various points like identification of the problems in research, possibilities for connecting different disciplines of research for better research findings, faculty comprehension etc. He has also stressed the optimum use of technology in research and requested to promote more field based projects.

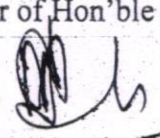
Dean, CDST Mannuthy has requested to revise curriculum for Internship of students and requested to change the time schedule. Vice Chancellor suggested that time schedule should be changed in such a way that (may be from 8 AM) it should pull up efficiency in students of research and thereby bring good results to the institution as well.

Dr P.C.Alex, Professor (Clinics) expressed his concerns that most of the research projects are pre-planned and yielding only 'expected results' rather than good results.

Dr.George.T.Oommen, Professor & Head, Meat Technology Unit, Mannuthy has expressed his concerns over the ability of the University to communicate results of research to public and Director of Entrepreneurship explained that the University would try to collect such information from the faculty and to disseminate knowledge to the public.

Director of Academics & Research delivered vote of thanks and the meeting came to an end at 1.30 PM.

//By Order of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor//


Director (Academics & Research)
28/11/14

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