

Minutes of the online meeting of the third Research Council, held on 16th December 2021 in online mode.

Members present

1. Prof.(Dr.) M.R. Saseendranath, Vice Chancellor, Kerala Veterinary & Animal Sciences University.
2. Dr. P. Sudheer Babu, Registrar, KVASU, Pookode
3. Dr. N. Ashok, Director of Academics & Research, KVASU
4. Smt. Sreelatha M, Finance Officer, KVASU
5. Prof. (Dr). T.S Chandrasekhara Rao, Former Dean faculty of Veterinary Science, Sri Venketaswara veterinary University, Tirupati
6. Dr. E. Sreekumar, Scientist E II, Molecular Virology Laboratory, Rajiv Gandhi centre for Biotechnology (RGCB), Thiruvananthapuram
7. Dr. Koshy John, Dean, CVAS, Pookode.
8. Dr. C. Latha, Dean, CVAS, Mannuthy.
9. Dr. S N Rajakumar, Dean, VKIDFT, Mannuthy
10. Dr. Anilkumar, Professor (Faculty Research Coordination), KVASU
11. Dr. Indu V Raj, Controller of Examinations, KVASU
12. Dr. M. Mini, Professor & Head, Dept. of Veterinary Microbiology, CVAS, Mannuthy.
13. Dr. T. V. Aravindakshan, Director, Centre for advanced Studies in Animal genetics and Breeding
14. Dr. Reghu Ravindran, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Veterinary Parasitology, CVAS, Pookode
15. Dr. Divya M P, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Dairy Chemistry, VKIDFT, Mannuthy
16. Dr. A K Beena, Professor and Head, Dept. of Dairy Microbiology, VKIDFT, Mannuthy
17. Dr. Beena R L, Assistant professor, Dept. of Dairy Technology, VKIDFT, Mannuthy
18. Dr. Dinker Singh, Assistant Professor, CDST, Mannuthy
19. Dr. Aysha C H, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Food Microbiology, VKIDFT, Mannuthy
20. Dr. Archana Chandran, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Dairy Microbiology, CDST, Pookode
21. Dr. Smitha J Lukose, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Dairy Science and Technology, Pookode
22. Dr. Stella Cyriac, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Poultry Breeding and Genetics, CASM, Thiruvazhamkunnu
23. Dr. Shamna T P, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Poultry Production Management, CASM, Thiruvazhamkunnu.
24. Dr. Rachana C R, Assistant Professor & Special Officer, Dept. of Dairy Chemistry, CDST, Thiruvananthapuram

The meeting started at 11:30 am. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor welcomed the members and informed the house various reasons for the delay in the conduct of third Research Council meeting including the emergence of COVID-19 pandemic. The Vice Chancellor has stressed the importance of transforming the research finding to the field activities in order to help the farmers and general public as a whole and also mentioned that the research activities of the University must emphasise on the prevention of Haemoprotozoan diseases and also to address infertility problems in farm animals.

The meeting approved the minutes of the second research council meeting.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor released the Research Report of the University for the year 2018-19 and 2019-20 and congratulated the faculty and other staff for publishing the research reports of the University. Further requested the Director (Academics & Research) to proceed with the agenda items.

The Director of Academics & Research presented the research activities undertaken in the University during the last year in Power Point Templates (PPT). The Director has appealed the scientists to tap more funds from Externally Aided Projects (EAPs) for research by the University, since there is shortage of plan funds for research purposes.

Prof. (Dr). T.S Chandrasekhara Rao, Former Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Science, Sri Venketaswara Veterinary University, Tirupati has suggested that KVASU may implement the concept of granting 20% of institutional charges which is received from the funding agency to the Principal Investigators of that project as an incentive as is being done in that University. This would encourage the scientists to get more projects and thereby increase the amount available for research. This will improve the infrastructure and help the University to perform better in external agency rankings. The difficulties faced by the University while entering into collaborations with foreign Universities due to the stringent clauses in the MoU circulated by the ICAR were also discussed.

Dr. Rao has also suggested that KVASU may concentrate more on integral farming and to increase meat products which have a huge potential in the market, and also urged the University to increase the number of collaborations with external agencies.

Dr. E. Sreekumar, Scientist E II, Molecular Virology Laboratory, Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCBI), Thiruvananthapuram has opined that the University should concentrate on research on aspects of companion animals and zoonotic transmitting diseases. He has also suggested that specific stress should be given by University to veterinary medicine aspects along with animal husbandry practices.

Director (Academics & Research) has enquired about the Research collaborations with Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCBI), in Thonnakkal and Dr. Sreekumar ensured necessary support from his side.

Dr. C. Latha , Dean, CVAS, Mannuthy and Dr. T.V Aravindakshan pointed out that the research policy of the University should be revised periodically. Dr. Rajakumar, Dean, VKIDFT, Mannuthy has suggested that the faculty under University may be encouraged more for taking up more research activities. Dr. Anilkumar, Professor (FRC) suggested the need to encourage young scientists to tap more funds from EAPs. Dr. Archana Chandran has suggested that more industrial collaborations in area of development of value added products and Dairy Technology has to be explored. Dr. Beena R L and Dr. Dinker Singh have also opined that entering in to more industrial collaborations will be beneficial to the University. Dr. Beena A K brought to the notice of the council on the importance in area of rapid food diagnosis to ensure safety of Livestock Products. Dr. Smitha J Lukose has point out that University should also take up research projects on problems faced by farmers/public and come out with solutions. Dr. Stella requested to include PG & PhD programmes at CASM, Thiruvazhamkunnu. Dr. Reghu Ravindran has pointed out that there is no patent cell in the University. DAR welcomed all suggestions and criticisms.

Decision taken in Research Council on Agenda Items

Agenda Items	Action/Decision Taken
Reporting of Research Achievement	Director (Academics & Research) reported the achievements in his presentation.
Review of Research Policy	Director (Academics & Research) is entrusted to propose necessary modification in existing Research Policy of University in consultation with Deans of University and place the same as an agenda in next Research Council meeting

Action plan for University Vision Document 2035	Decided to constitute a high level committee with Hon'ble Vice Chancellor as Chairman and DAR, DE, Professor(FRC), BoM Members, HoUDs, Director (Farms) and ADR as members. Dr. Preethy John was nominated as the Convenor of the committee. Also decided to constitute a working committee with ADR as the Chairman. ADR should propose the members for working committee and conduct workshops/ discussions in this regard. The draft document shall be prepared and submitted to the High level committee and the final document shall be placed in next Research Council.
Modification in core areas of research	Council has directed to circulate the list of core area of research among all members for suggestion and bring the same to next Research Council as an agenda.
Other Items	Deferred. It is decided to conduct next meeting of Research Council before the end of July 2022

Director of Academics & Research delivered vote of thanks and the meeting came to an end at 1:15 PM.

Sd/-
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor

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Deputy Registrar