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**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY EIGHTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 15
DECEMBER 2011 AT 09:30 A.M**

PRESENT

The following members of the Academic Council attended the meeting:

Members

Prof Bhavik R Bakshi
Dr Rajiv Seth
Prof B P Murty
Prof Mihir Deb
Dr V K Jain
Dr Paramjit Khurana
Prof M N Murty
Dr. Ravi Shankar
Dr. Kamala Sankaran
Dr. Arabinda Mishra
Dr Prateek Sharma
Dr P K Joshi
Dr Priya Bhagowalia
Prof S Sundar

Prof Vinod Tiwari
Prof Manipadma Datta
Mr Amit Kumar
Dr Anandita Singh
Dr Suresh Jain
Dr Mala N Reddy

Special Invitees

Dr Shaleen Singhal
Dr Poornima Varma
Dr Kavita Sardhana

Prof T.C. Kandpal, Dr Vishal Narain, Prof Santosh Panda, Dr. V V N Kishore, Dr S Ramakrishnan, Mr Prabir Sengupta, Prof. Badal Mukhopadhyay, Dr Suneel Pandey, Dr Sanjay Saxena, Dr Kaushik R Bandyopadhyay, Dr Arun Kansal, Dr Najmur Rehman did not attend the meeting.

Item No. 1 To confirm the minutes of the twenty seventh meeting of the Academic Council held on 07 July 2011.

The minutes of the twenty seventh meeting of the Academic Council held on 07 July 2011, as circulated to the members, were confirmed by the Council.

Item No. 2 To consider and approve courses of MBA (Urban Management) programme.

Prof. S. Sundar explained about the demand and prospects of the programme. Dr. Bhavik R. Bakshi appraised the Council of the merits of the programme.

The Academic Council discussed and approved the following course outlines of the MBA (Urban Management) programme:

- a) Concepts of Sustainability in Urban Management

Item No. 3 To consider and approve the courses of the M Sc (Economics) programme.

The Academic Council discussed and approved the following course outlines of the M. Sc. (Economics) programme:

- a) The Theory of Finance
- b) Indian Agriculture in a Global Setting.

Item No. 4 To consider and approve courses of the M. A. (Sustainable Development Practice) programme.

With regard to modifications of the eligibility criteria, there was some discussion about whether minimum percentage should be indicated or not. Some members felt that a minimum percentage for application should be specified. It was decided that the suggestion of removing the minimum percentage would be tried for a year and then revised if necessary based on the experience.

The revised eligibility criteria will be as follow:

“An undergraduate degree (honours or equivalent) in any discipline, from a recognized institution/university. Candidates with prior experience in development sector would be preferred.”

The Academic Council discussed and approved the revised programme structure and course outlines of the M. A. (Sustainable Development Practice) programme with the following observations:-

- a) The 4 credit summer internship-cum-practicum 2 has now become non-credit Summer Internship.
- b) Final field research (21 credits) has now become Final Project (16 credits).
- c) International Development 1 course (1 credit) has been merged with Global Classroom to become a 4 credit course.
- d) Group Practicum 1 has been shifted from semester 1 to semester 2 and it has become a 4 credit course.
- e) Group Practicums 2 and 3 have been dropped.
- f) Basics in Environmental Science 2 course has been replaced by another existing course "Environmental Implication of Energy Use" and has been moved from semester 1 to semester 3.
- g) "Economic Analysis of Public Policy" and refresher course on economics have been replaced by "Principles of Economics" in semester 1 and "Development Economics" in semester 2.
- h) International Development 2 course (1 credit) will be offered as non-credit workshop.
- i) Global Health 1 will now be called "Introduction to public health: Inter-linkages between Environment, Health and Nutrition" and Global Health 2 will now be called "Population and Health: Techniques of Analysis and Policy Perspectives".
- j) "Geographic Information System" has been shifted from Semester 3 to Semester 2.
- k) "Law, Society and Sustainable Development" has become 3 credit course.
- l) "Project Design and Management for Sustainable Development Practice" and "Management of Non-Government Organizations" has been introduced in semester 3.
- m) Semester 3 will allow students to opt 2 electives instead of 1.
- n) "Science and Technology for Sustainable Development" has been dropped.

The council discussed and approved the following course outlines of the M. Sc. (Sustainable Development Practice) programme:

- a) Development Economics
- b) Group Practicum 1 : Local Needs Assessment
- c) Law, Society and Sustainable Development
- d) Basics of Climate Change: Science and Policy
- e) Economics of Climate Change and Adaptation
- f) Good Governance for Sustainable Urban Development
- g) Provision of Sustainable Urban Services
- h) Renewable energy Resources and Technologies
- i) Renewable Energy: Policy, Planning and Management

Item No. 5 To consider and approve courses outline of proposed programme – “Advanced Diploma in Geoinformatics”.

The Academic Council approved the proposal to commence a new programme leading to an Advanced Diploma in Geoinformatics.

The Council discussed and approved the following courses outlines of the proposed programme – “Advanced Diploma in Geoinformatics”:-

- a) Principles of Spatial Data
- b) Remotely Sensed Spatial Data
- c) Geo-database and Geometric Network
- d) Spatial Modelling
- e) Advances in GIS & GIS Customisation
- f) Project Work

Item No. 6 Presentation by the Dean, Faculty of applied Sciences for creating one synergistic programme out of the three existing M. Sc. Programmes namely Environmental Studies, Natural Resources and Water Resources Management.

Dr. Prateek Sharma made a detailed presentation about creation of one synergistic programme out of the three existing M. Sc. Programmes namely Environmental Studies, Natural Resources and Water Resources Management.

A tentative structure of the new programme, which would lead to the degree – M. Sc. (Environmental Studies and Resource Management), was presented to the Council.

The Academic Council discussed and approved the merger of existing three programmes into one programme, with the structure as proposed.

The detailed courses outline will be presented in the next Academic Council meeting.

Item No. 7 Extension of maximum period of submission of thesis.

A doctoral candidate is expected to submit his/her thesis within five years from the date of registration. This period may be extended by the Academic Council as a special case upto a maximum of seven years.

It was recommended that separate requirements be developed for full time versus part time PhD students.

On the recommendation of the supervisors, the Academic Council allowed an extension of the maximum period of submission of the thesis, in respect of the following candidates:

Mr. Jami Hossain – one year
Mr. Susheel Kumar – six months
Ms. Deepshikha Sharma – six months
Ms. Divya Negi – one year
Mr. Gopal K. Sarangi – one year
Mr. Prashant Kumar – one year

Item No. 8 To consider and approve addition of the following names to the panel of experts who could be nominated to the Selection Committees for faculty.

The Academic Council discussed and approved addition of the following names to the panel of experts who could be nominated to the Selection Committees for faculty:

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Item No. 9 Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

1. Dr. Bhavik R. Bakshi informed the Council about the proposal of creating a Department of Business Sustainability.

The Council discussed the proposal and recommended the creation of the new Department to the Board of Management of the University.