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**MINUTES OF THE THIRTY SECOND MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 AT 09.30 A.M.**

**PRESENT**

The following members of the Academic Council attended the meeting:

**Members**

Dr Leena Srivastava  
Dr Rajiv Seth  
Dr Arabinda Mishra  
Prof Prateek Sharma  
Prof B P Murty  
Prof Mihir Deb  
Prof TC Kandpal  
Dr Vishal Narain  
Prof PK Joshi  
Prof S Sundar  
Prof Manipadma Datta  
Dr Shaleen Singhal  
Mr Amit Kumar  
Prof Vinod Tiwari  
Dr Mala N Reddy  
Dr Najmur Rehman  
Dr Suneel Pandey  
Dr Anandita Singh  
Dr Arun Kansal  
Dr Kaushik Ranjan Bandhyopadhyay  
Dr Sanjay Saxena  
Dr R Sitaraman

**Invitees**

Dr Bhawna Bali  
Dr Smriti Das

Prof V K Jain, Prof Santosh Panda, Prof MN Murty, Dr Kamala Sankaran, Dr Ravi Shanker, Dr Pramjit Khurana and Dr Suresh Jain did not attend the meeting.



**Item No. 1 To confirm the minutes of the thirty first meeting of the Academic Council held on 14 June 2013.**

The minutes of the thirty first meeting of the Academic Council held on 14 June 2013, as circulated to the members, were confirmed by the Council.

**Item No. 2 To consider and approve course outlines of the MBA programmes.**

The following course outlines of the MBA programmes, as given in the agenda notes, were presented to the Academic Council.

1. Environmental Economics ( from 1 to 2 credits)
2. Quantitative Methods in Management II (from 3 to 2 credits)
3. Managerial Economics II (from 4 to 3 credits)
4. Economics & Regulation : Theory and Practice (from 4 to 3 credits)
5. Mergers & Acquisitions (new course 2 credits)
6. Infrastructure Policies, Reforms and Law (from 4 to 3 credits)
7. Legal Aspects of Business (new course 3 credits)
8. Management Information Systems (revision of content)

The above mentioned course outlines and credit changes were discussed and approved by the Academic Council.

The following general observations were made by the Council. These would apply to all courses across the University.

- (i) In elective courses, wherever necessary, pre-requisites to the courses, as expected by the faculty/instructor, may be clearly mentioned.
- (ii) Learning outcomes of the programme and of the courses must be indicated and brought out in the course outlines.
- (iii) There should be an obvious link between the learning outcomes and the evaluation criteria.

**Item No. 3 To consider and approve course outlines of the M.A (Sustainable Development Practice) programme**

The following course outlines and credit changes of the M.A (Sustainable Development Practice) programme, as given in the agenda notes, were discussed and approved by the Academic Council:-

1. Public Policy Process and Institutions (II Sem from 4 to 3 credits)
2. Project Design and Management (III Sem from 3 to 4 credits)

**Item No. 4 To consider and approve the programme structure and course outlines of the M.Tech (Urban Development and Management) programme.**

The programme structure and II semesters course outlines of the M.Tech (Urban Development Management) programme, as given in the agenda notes, were discussed and approved by the Academic Council:-

1. Regeneration and City Competitiveness
2. City and Regional Planning and Management
3. Real Estate Development
4. Geoinformatics for Urban Development
5. Stochastic Modelling for Urban Development

**Item No. 5 To consider and approve restructuring of and outlines of courses of the M.A (Sustainable Development Practice) programme.**

The following credit changes and course outlines of the M.A (Sustainable Development Practice) programme, as given in the agenda notes, were discussed and approved by the Academic Council:-

1. Society, development and social policy
2. Perspectives in environmental sustainability
3. Methodologies II: Decision-making in public policy and evaluation methods
4. Organizational behavior (from 4 to 2 credits)
5. Strategic communication for public policy (from 3 to 2 credits)

**Item No. 6 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 up-to a maximum of seven years.

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

Student Name	Supervisor	Dt of Registration	Extn already granted	Extn now granted
Manish K Baghla	Dr Kaushik R Bandyopadhyay	14.07.2008	NIL	1 year
Prateeksha R Mayee	Dr Anandita Singh	28.01.2009	NIL	1 year

The Council suggested that extension beyond 5 years should not become a matter of routine. Regulations need to be drawn up, which lay down yardsticks to be met, before cases for extension are put up to the Academic Council.

**Item No. 7 To consider and approve the setting up of a new Department of Water Resources and the programme structure of a proposed M.Tech (Water Resources Management) programme.**

The Academic Council considered and approved the setting up of a new Department of Water Resources and the programme structure of a proposed M.Tech (Water Resources Management) programme.

The Council recommended the creation of the new department to the Board of Management for its approval.

**Item No. 8 Rule for maximum period of validity of earned credits**

The Academic Council discussed and approved the proposed maximum period of validity of earned credits at the University, as 5 years from the date of earning the credits.

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

At present, the rules of the University require that if a student does not meet the minimum attendance requirement of 75% he/she will be debarred from taking the final exam, and will be awarded an 'F' grade.

It was proposed that in order to distinguish such an award from an 'F' received for academic performance, a new grade 'Ab' be introduced for the former. This grade will be entered in red colour in the grade card, but will not count towards SGPA or CGPA, and will not count towards credits earned.

The Council approved the above proposal.