



Minutes of the 1st Meeting

Of the Academic Council

Monday, December 30, 2013

At 11.00am

Minutes of the First Meeting of the Academic Council of the IIHMR University, Jaipur held in the Board Room of IIHMR, Jaipur at 11.00 am on December 30, 2013

'The IIHMR University' has been established and incorporated by the Ordinance 2013 (No 30 Of 2013) made and promulgated by the Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan on the 27th day of September 2013.

Under the section 23 of the ordinance, an Academic Council of the IIHMR University was constituted with the President of the University as its Chairperson. The Academic Council shall be the principal academic body of the university and shall, subject to the provisions of the ordinance and the Rules, Regulations, Statutes or ordinance made there under, coordinate and exercise general supervision over the academic policies of the University.

The first meeting of the Academic Council of the IIHMR University was held on 30th December 2013 at 11.00 AM in the Board Room of IIHMR, Jaipur.

Following were attended the meeting:

Dr. S.D. Gupta, Chairperson
Dr. Ram Narain, Vice Chairman
Mr. Arun Datta, Member
Dr. Vivek Padgaonkar, Member
Brig. S.K. Puri, Member
Dr. Santosh Kumar, Faculty Nominee
Dr. Seema Mehta, Faculty Nominee
Col. Ashok Kaushik, Ex-officio Member
Dr. Vinod Kumar, Ex-Officio Member

The Following were granted leave of absence:

Dr. Bulbul Sood, Member
Brig. N.S. Mani, Member
Mr. K. Shivkumar, Member
Mr. Sudarshan Srinivas, Member
Dr. Faujdar Ram, Member

Agenda 1. Meeting called to order by the Chairperson.

Agenda 2. The members introduced themselves and the Chairperson extended a warm welcome of the members of the Advisory Council. Further, on the request of the Chairperson, Dr. Ram Narain chaired the meeting.

Agenda 3. Briefing of the IIHMR University, its vision, objectives, structure, statutes of The IIHMR University.

Dr. S.D. Gupta made a brief presentation on The Indian Institute of Health Management Research and the idea behind to create IIHMR as IIHMR University. He informed that the Institute was established in 1984 with a fundamental purpose of creating new knowledge and developing alternate mode of improving healthcare to management research, education and training in India and other parts of the world. Over the past 30 years, the Institute has significantly contributed in the areas of health research management in the country and in South East Asia Region. It has also established a new paradigm of management of capacity development among the healthcare professional at the national, state and district level in the areas of leadership, strategic management, quality assurance in health care etc. For its contribution, the Institute has been designated as WHO Collaborating Centre for District Health System based on Primary Healthcare. It has also been designated as Institute of Excellence by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. The Post-graduate program in Hospital and Health Management is one of the unique programs for preparing health management professionals in India. Since the last 18 years over 1600 Alumni have graduated and now engaged in managing hospitals and healthcare organizations in India in public and private sectors, international organization and NGOs.

He informed that the Management Board of the Indian Institute of Health Management Research had submitted a proposal to the Government of Rajasthan for establishing the IIHMR University with exclusive focus for management research, education and training in the health and related sector. The proposal was favorably considered and subsequently made and promulgated an ordinance to establish and incorporate the Institute as IIHMR University under Section 29 sub-section 2, 3 and 4 of the Ordinance by the Hon'ble Governor, Government of Rajasthan, on the 27th day of September 2013. The primary focus of the University will be research and post-graduate education. Dr. Gupta informed that we have three other campuses in Delhi, Bangalore and Kolkata. As per the ordinance of the Government of Rajasthan, the IIHMR University cannot affiliate other institutions or any of its campuses and this will be a single campus university.

Dr. Gupta informed the members of the Council about the formation of Board of Management under the Chairmanship of Shri M.L. Mehta, and the constitution of Academic Council and officials of the University.

Agenda 4. Approval of the existing post graduate programs of the Institute to be offered by the University as MBA programs.

Dr. Gupta informed the Advisory Council that the Institute is currently offering the following postgraduate programs that are to be approved as MBA programs by the IIHMR University. He emphasized that these programs are approved by the All India Council for Technical Education, Government of India and now there will be no need to take approval of AICTE for offering education programs in the University.

Detailed discussion was held on the approval of converting the existing programs as MBA programs. Mr. Arun Datta was in the opinion that MBA will be more pertinent instead of using masters in the title of the programs, as it attracts the students' point of view and the industry as well. Dr. Gupta informed the members that the other campuses of IIHMR Delhi and Bangalore are also offering Post-graduate program in Hospital and Health Management and suggested to consider while changing the existing titles of these programs, it should not affect these programs of other IIHMR campuses. After considering all these suggestions it reached a conclusion that the existing and the new courses will be introduced as mentioned below:

1. Master of Business Administration in Hospital and Health Management
2. Master of Business Administration in Pharmaceutical Management
3. Master of Business Administration in Rural Management

The above existing programs are approved by the Council. However the implementation decision was left at the discretion of the President.

4.2 The Council also approved the following existing programs:

1. Master of Public Health (MPH) in collaboration with the Johns Hopkins University, USA, to be continued with the same title.
2. Fellow Program in Hospital and Health Management to be introduced as Ph.D. Program.

4.3 The Council also approved shifting of all these courses under IIHMR University. The Institute may apply for the closure to AICTE, if necessary.

Agenda 5. New Postgraduate Programs as per Schedule II of the Ordinance, and Approval for New Programs

The IIHMR University proposes to start the following sixteen new areas of postgraduate programs as indicated in the Schedule – II of the Ordinance (No. 30 of 2013) and sought approval of the Academic Council.

1. Public Health
2. Health and Hospital Management
3. Population and Reproductive Health

4. Nursing Management
5. Pharmaceutical Management
6. Rural Management
7. Health Economics and Finance
8. Urban Health
9. Nutrition and Health
10. Health Communication
11. Social and Behavioral Sciences
12. Environmental Health
13. Information Technology in Health Sector
14. Non-Government Organization Management and Entrepreneurship
15. General and Human Resource Management
16. Health Research Ethics

Shri M.L. Mehta's suggestion to introduce a new course in Social Entrepreneurship was also discussed in detail. Dr. Ram Narain enquired about the possibility and the need for introducing this course. Dr. Seema Mehta informed that the Institute has already incorporated two modules in the Rural Management program. After detailed discussion, it was concluded that the social entrepreneurship is not necessary for health. This course can be considered as a certificate course in the University.

The Council thoroughly discussed each area of the postgraduate programs to be offered by the IIHMR University and its relevance to the University. It was informed the members of the Council that presently there are as many as 80 courses being taught in the Institute and to develop the course curriculum for all these areas will not be a difficult task.

The members were of the opinion that since this is a research university, it should introduce PhD without compromising the quality.

The Council decided to constitute a sub-committee to review the proposed new courses under the chairmanship of Dr. Ram Narain and submit it further for the approval of the Academic Council.

The members of the Academic Council also considered new Postgraduate level, online programs, diploma, and certificate courses for approval.

1. Nursing Management
2. Hospital Management
3. Health Economics and Financing
4. Health Monitoring and Evaluation
5. Urban Health and Development

The Council suggested putting these courses also through the sub-committee for further approval from the Academic Council.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.