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The third meeting of the Academic Council of the University was held on February 16, 2015 at the Board room of the University. Dr. S D Gupta, the President of the University chaired the meeting. The following members participated in the meeting:

1. Dr. S D Gupta, the President as Chairman of the Council.
2. Dr. Vivek Padgaonkar, Member
3. Dr. Ashok Kaushik, Member
4. Dr. S K Puri, Member
5. Dr. Santosh Kumar, Member
6. Dr. Seema Mehta, Member
7. Dr. Vinod Kumar, Controller Examinations
8. Bajrang Lal Sharma, Member Secretary.

At the outset, Dr. S D Gupta, the Chairman of the Council greeted all the members and requested them to observe silence for two minutes in reverence and to pay homage to late shri M L Mehta, the Chair person of the University. His spectacular contributions and ceaseless guidance in building this organization were also remembered with deep respect.

Dr. Ram Narain, Dr. BulBul Sood, Dr. Arun Dutta, Brig. N. S. Mani, Shri K. Shiv Kumar, Shri Sudarshan Srinivas and Dr, Faujdar Ram were granted leave of absence. After confirming the quorum the agenda of the meeting was taken for discussion. The summary of decisions and discussions held in the meeting is as under:

1. The Confirmation of the Second Meeting of the Council dated August 30, 2014

The Minutes of the Second meeting of the Academic council held on August 30, 2014 were mailed to the members of the council on September 9, 2014. No comments or observations have been received so far from the learned members, the Council unanimously confirmed the minutes of the second meeting held on August 30, 2014.

2. Review of Action taken on the decisions taken in the Second meeting

. The action taken report on the decisions/ observations summarized in the minutes of the Second Meeting of the council was considered in the meeting. Besides the following observation on the report, the Council Members uniformly expressed their satisfaction on the report:

Agenda no 4. The new school of Pharmaceutical Management and School of Rural management should prepare a detailed document relating to the respective School containing vision, objectives, mission, core activities, Programmes to be offered and future work plan etc.

3. Academic updates

(a) Meetings of the Boards of Studies

Shri Bajrang Lal Sharma, the Registrar of the University apprised the Council that Board of Studies have been constituted for respective Schools/ Institute by the President of the University. He further informed that the meetings of the Board of studies under the respective Schools/Institute have been held as under:

- (i) BOS under the IHMR- on February 07, 2015
- (ii) BOS under the SPM - on December 14, 2014

(iii) BOS under the SRM- on November 06, 2014 and January 15, 2015

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(b) Organizing Pradanya

Dr. S D Gupta, the Chairman of the Council apprised in the meeting that the University organized 19th Pradanya, an International Conference on "Innovations in Governance and Strategies: Reimaging Healthcare India" on September 20-21 2014. He further stated that the Conference was well attended by senior executives and policy makers of health, hospital and pharmaceutical sector from our country and abroad along with the academicians, alumni and students. The participants of the conference were hugely benefitted by enriching 11 research papers and 26 poster presentations. The Council noted the activities of the conference. Dr. Vivek Padgaonkar took the initiative for extending all possible help in connecting and involving persons from Pharmaceutical industry to such a conference.

(c) Conference under School of Pharmaceutical Management

Dr. S K Puri briefly stated in the meeting that a one day National Seminar on "Perspectives in Pharmaceutical Industry: Response of Pharma Education" was organized by the School of Pharmaceutical Management (henceforth referred as SPM) with aegis of Association of Pharmaceutical Teachers of India (Rajasthan State Branch) and Indian Pharmaceutical Association (Rajasthan State Branch) on 20th December, 2014.

He further informed that this conference was organized with an objective to facilitate the interaction amongst persons from Pharma industry, alumni, and the academia.

Dr. Padgaonkar suggested that such forums can be substantially used for comprehending the professional needs of the industry. He also assured his active

support and co operation for establishing a workable relationship of the SPM with the industry. The members of the Council noted the details of the conference and were of uniform opinion that such conferences will help a great deal in strengthening of the SPM.

(d) Faculty Meeting

Dr. Ashok Kaushik, Dean informed succinctly to the members of the Council about the meeting of the members of the faculty held on December 12, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Dr. S D Gupta, the President. He shared that the issues related to functioning of the committees and other processes like admissions, teaching, examinations, internships, placements, dissertation writing etc. were discussed in the meeting. He further stated that the Meeting ended with the President's call to all the faculty members to contribute their best in the process of transitioning of the University and to engage themselves effectively in the core activities (academics, research, training/consulting) of the University. The Council noted the details and suggested to hold such meetings more frequently for better efficiency and synergy.

(e) Second Batch of the Ph. D. Programme

The Council noted the details of the admission process while putting its appreciation on record about the overwhelming response of the applicants in this programme.

(f) Internships and Placements

The Council noted the progress made so far in placements of the students. Dr. Padgaonkar observed that the University should focus more on enhancing the employability of the students and on internships providing quality learning

4. Approval of modified policies on Examinations and Admissions.

Dr. Vinod Kumar informed the Council that the regulations on examinations have been modified on the basis of the inputs received from various stake holders. The Council considered the regulations recommended by the Board of Studies and approved these regulations with the observation that the regulation should be generic and directional in nature. It also observed that the enlisted unfair means may be deleted from the regulations as the definition provided in the Rajasthan Act of 1992 is quite exhaustive.

Dr. Ashok Kaushik stated in the meeting that Regulations on admissions, reservation of seats and the Student Guide have been modified keeping in mind the suggestions and inputs received from the colleagues and students. The Council considered and approved both the documents with the observation that the note of disclaimer be deleted from the regulations and the reservation in admissions will be provided as per the policy of the State Government.

It was also decided in the Council that these regulations be modified / updated periodically looking to the changing scenario of the industry but for such modifications the matter is not required to be brought before the Council again. For such modifications, the President of the University is authorized to take an appropriate decision.

5. Consideration of the minutes of all the Board of studies and approval of the curricula of new programmes

(a) The Council considered the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies created under the IHMR which was held on February 7, 2015. The Council noted the contents of the minutes and approved the curricula of three new Courses recommended by the Board of Studies. The Council also accorded approval in change of nomenclature of the programme "Procurement and supply chain management" in place of "Logistics and supply chain management".

(b) The Council considered the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies constituted under the School of Pharmaceutical Management and noted the contents..

(c) The Council considered the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Studies created for school of Rural Management held on November 06, 2014 and January 15, 2015 respectively. The Council noted the contents of the minutes and approved the curricula of the MBA programme in Rural Management recommended by the Board.

6. Updates on promotional activities and strategy for admissions in 2015-16.

The Chairman informed the Council in detail about the marketing strategy of the University specifically for Admissions in the academic year 2015-16. The Council noted the progress and expressed its satisfaction on the multi pronged promotional strategy.

7. Review of Research Projects and MDPs

The Chairman shared the details of ongoing and completed research projects under the University. The Council noted the details of the research projects and appreciated the diversity of the research projects. Dr. Padgaonkar observed that where sharing of the data and results of the research has not been restricted by the respective principal agency such data and results can form a source of revenue. The Chairman clarified that in most of the research projects data and results are classified and the University has to respect the conditions of the executed MOU / agreement.

The Council noted the volume, nature and direction of the training programmes being offered by the University. Dr. Padgaonkar underlined the role of the credible speakers and quality training programmes on latest managerial challenges. Dr. Seema Mehta shared that the University is organizing tailor made MDPs for IFFCO and KRIBHCO for their capacity building and on the similar lines MDPs can be organized as per the training needs of the Pharmaceutical companies. Dr. Padgaonkar observed that there is huge potential of such training programmes in Pharma industry if the university ropes in eminent speakers/ trainers for 2-3 day long programmes. He also assured his best possible cooperation in this activity.

8. Any other matter with the consent of the chair.

(i) Policy/ Regulations on fee exemption, award of scholarships and fellowships and institution of medals and prizes.

Bajrang Lal Sharma, the Registrar apprised the members of the Council about the proposed regulations on scholarship and institution of medals. He further informed that the Statutes of the University have categorical provision for such regulations. Since the regulations have financial implications therefore these regulations need to bear the approval of the Board of Management. The Council noted and recommended the regulations.

(ii) Policy for admission of International Students and their Fee structure.

Bajrang Lal Sharma, the Registrar informed the Council members that the academic programmes offered by the University are also open for the international students. The Council considered the issue and advised that the University should welcome the international students in all the academic courses but such students need to fulfill the visa and other formalities required under law in force. The Council also observed that the issue of fee may be decided by the Fee Fixation Committee.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.