



## **USHA MARTIN UNIVERSITY**

### **Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council of UMU held at 11.00 am on 13.04.2023 through Google meet**

**The following members were present:**

1. Prof. Madhulika Kaushik, VC, UMU (Chair)
2. Prof. S. C. Garg, Pro Chancellor, UMU, Special Invitee
3. Dr. Anil Kumar Mishra, Registrar, UMU, Member Secretary
4. Prof. Himanshu Narayan, Dean Academic UMU.
5. Prof. S. M. Prasad, Former PVC, Jharkhand Rai University
6. Mr. Niranjana Mishra, Business Head J K Cement
7. Dr. Vinay Singh, Associate Professor, UMU
8. Dr. Arvind Hans, Dean faculty, UMU
9. Dr. Md Amir Khusru Akhtar, Associate Professor, UMU
10. Dr. Regina Rabello, Principal Nursing, UMU
11. Dr. Abhishek Pandey, Associate Professor, UMU
12. Dr. Lopamudra Satapathy, Associate Professor. UMU
13. Dr. Akanksha Anand, Associate Professor, UMU
14. Dr. Prakash Chandra Panda, Associate Professor, UMU
15. Dr. Jayantika Pal, Associate Professor, UMU
16. Dr. Sailesh Narayan, Associate Professor, UMU
17. Dr. Sharmishtha Roy, Associate Professor & Dean Student Welfare, UMU
18. Dr. Anupama Verma, Associate Professor, UMU
19. Ms. Tulika Sinha, Assistant Professor, UMU
20. Dr. Rupa Kumari, Assistant Professor, UMU
21. Dr. Jagesh Kumar Ranjan, Assistant Professor, Department Engineering & Applied Sciences
22. Dr. Dinesh Pandey, Assistant Professor, UMU

  
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**AC 15.3.1** The members expressed satisfaction on compliances of decisions taken in 14<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting.

**AC 15.4 To consider and approve the changes in 3 year existing undergraduate programmes to 4 year honors programmes as per NEP-2020**

**AC 15.4.1** It was brought to the notice of Academic council that in pursuance of our plan for implementation of NEP 2020, all present 3-year undergraduate degree programmes of the university shall be converted to 4-year honors degree programmes by 2027, beginning with BA English and BCOM programmes this year followed by BCA & BBA in 2024-25. Required preparation may accordingly be made.

The Registrar requested the members to consider and approve the changes in existing B.A. English (Hons.) and B.Com. (Hons.), consequent upon NEP directions. Both programmes will be of 4 years' duration as suggested in NEP. **(Annexure – 1 A & 1 B)**

**AC 15.4.2 The members of Academic Council discussed the provision of exit plan in detail and suggested UMU Management and HoD to get the consent of members and implement it effectively.**

**AC 15.4.2.1:** Vice Chancellor explained that the UMU Management is proposing 2 – different programmes, one as pass course of three years duration and another programme is of four years duration of honors degree. The students can exit after three years and such students will be provided with B.A. or B Com. pass course degree.

**AC 15.4.2.2:** The external members suggested to revisit the UGC guidelines on exit plan and if possible implement it 100% as per guidelines.

**AC 15.5 To consider and approve offer of New Programmes**

**AC 15.5.1 M A English**

Dr. Panda presented the recommendation of BoS conducted for M.A. English and requested for approval of the detailed syllabi. The ordinance was also presented. **(Annexure 2 A & 2 B)**

**AC 15.5.2 M. Sc. in Microbiology & Bioinformatics**

Dr. Lopamudra Sathpathy presented the recommendations of BoS meeting held on 29.03.2023. She informed that BoS has perused the detailed syllabi of M. Sc. in Microbiology and Bioinformatics and approved it with a few suggestions. These have been incorporated. The ordinance was also presented. **(Annexure 3 A & 3 B)**

Prof. S.M. Prasad, suggested that the University should create

- 1.) Majors disciplines of Agriculture viz; Agronomy, Plant breeding & genetics, Soil Science, plant protections (Entomology & Pathology), Horticulture with the status of Departments and a teacher given the charge as Head of Department (even, if single teacher is representing the subject discipline).
- 2.) The faculties of above department should be headed by the Dean (The present HoD may be appointed as Dean {officiating} till the position of Dean is filled up)

  
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The ANM programme approved by the JNRC has very low response It is proposed to discontinue the offer of this programme if it remains not self – sustainable. However, the principal of School of Nursing requested Academic Council to allow her to continue with ANM programme for one more session. She assured to make all effort to get the admission more than 10 to satisfy the criteria of continuation of any programme.

**AC 15.7.3** The AC agreed to her request to continue ANM for one more academic session and also to the proposal of discontinuing the M Com Programme.

**AC 15.8 To approve the list of graduating students, programme-wise for award of respective qualifications.**

**AC 15.8.1** CoE explained that UMU is organizing its 1<sup>st</sup> convocation on 4<sup>th</sup> May. The total number of eligible candidates are 577, whose list are appended programme for approval of academic council for award for degree - diploma sought the successful candidates. **(Annexure 6)**

**AC 15.8.2** The CoE also sought the approval of Academic Council to honor the best performers with the award of Gold Medal for various programmes in the year 2019-2022. He proposed that gold medal be given to only those students having highest CGPA in that program with more than 10 students and have cleared all papers in one attempt with more than 7.5 CGPA.

The CoE informed the AC that the total number of the gold medalist are 18.

**AC 15.8.3** The academic council approved the proposal to award gold medals. **(Annexure 7)**

**AC 15.9 Any other item with the permission of the Chair.**

**AC 15.9.1** Dr. Rupa presented the proposal of JMC Department to initiate diploma programme in addition to the existing program of BA in Journalism and Mass Communication. She presented the Minutes of the BoS for approval of the detailed syllabus of the Diploma Program in 'Creative Writing for Print and Broadcast Media' (DCWPBM). **(Annexure 8)**

The Academic Council approved the proposal and suggested that initially such programme be opened for students of English and JMC of UMU but gradually it could be opened for outsider also.

**AC 15.9.2** Academic Council members suggested that all HoD's should use **Shodh Gangotri** for publication of synopsis and **Shodh Chakra** for publication of articles, apart from using **Shodh Ganaga** for Ph. D thesis.

**The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.**

  
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