



## AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY DELHI

### Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held at 10.00 AM on 11.10.2017 in the Private Dining Hall at the India International Centre, New Delhi

The 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council (AC) of Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD) was held at 10:00 AM on 11.10.2017 in the Private Dining Hall at the India International Centre, New Delhi. The following were present:

Professor Shyam B Menon Vice Chancellor	In the Chair
Professor K Ramachandran Nominee of the Government of NCT of Delhi	Member
Professor Madhavan K Palat Nominee of the Government of NCT of Delhi	Member
Professor Salil Misra, Pro Vice Chancellor & Nominee of the Vice Chancellor	Member
Professor Honey Oberoi Vahali School of Human Studies & Director, CPR	Member
Professor Geetha Venkataraman School of Liberal Studies	Member
Professor Chandan Mukherjee Director, CSSRM	Member
Professor Radharani Chakravarty Dean, School of Letters	Member
Professor Krishna Menon Dean, School of Human Studies	Member
Professor Asmita Kabra Dean, School of Human Ecology	Member
Professor Suchitra Balasubrahmanyam Dean, School of Design	Member

Professor Sumangala Damodaran Dean, School of Development Studies	Member
Professor Tanuja Kothiyal Dean, School of Undergraduate Studies	Member
Professor Kartik Dave Dean, School of Business, Public Policy & Social Entrepreneurship	Member
Professor Lawrence Liang Dean, School of Law Governance and Citizenship	Member
Dr Dharendra Datt Dangwal Dean, School of Liberal Studies	Member
Dr Rajan Krishnan Dean (Offg.), School of Culture & Creative Expressions	Member
Mr Akha Kaihrii Mao Dean (Offg.), School of Vocational Studies	Member
Dr Oinam Hemlata Devi Assistant Professor, School of Human Ecology & Nominee of the Vice Chancellor	Member
Professor Asmita Kabra Registrar (Offg.)	Secretary

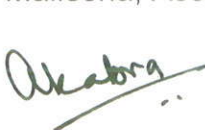
**Special Invitees:**

Professor Jatin Bhatt, Pro Vice Chancellor  
 Professor Ashok Nagpal, Former Dean, SHS  
 Dr Debal C Kar, Librarian  
 Shri J Ernest Samuel Ratnakumar, Controller of Finance  
 Professor Sanjay Kumar Sharma, Dean, Student Services  
 Professor Satyaketu Sankrit, OSD, Kashmere Gate Campus  
 Professor Rachana Johri, School of Human Studies  
 Dr Manish Jain, OSD, Lodhi Road Campus  
 Dr Anirban Sen Gupta, Dean, Academic Services  
 Dr Gunjan Sharma, Assistant Professor, School of Education Studies &  
 Co-Coordinator, Academic Council

**Regrets:**

Professor A. K. Sharma, Professor Farida A. Khan, Dr Mihir Shah and Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya could not attend the meeting.

Shri B. Mallesha, Assistant Registrar (VCO & Governance) assisted the meeting.




At the outset, the Vice Chancellor (VC) extended a warm welcome to the Members of the AC and the Special Invitees. He introduced Professor Asmita Kabra as the new Registrar (Offg.) of AUD, Professor Tanuja Kothiyal as the new Dean of School of Undergraduate Studies (SUS), Professor Krishna Menon as the new Dean of School of Human Studies (SHS), and Professor Suchitra Balasubrahmanyam as the new Dean of School of Design (SDes) and also Dr Manish Jain as OSD of AUD's Lodhi Road Campus. He thanked Dr M.A. Sikandar, former Registrar for his work, and Professor Rachana Johri, Professor Ashok Nagpal and Professor Jatin Bhatt for their work as the previous Deans of SUS, SHS and SDes respectively.

The following **resolutions** were passed:

**12.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the AC held on 04.08.2017**

The Council **resolved** to confirm the minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the AC held on 04.08.2017

**12.2 Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 04.08.2017**

The Council **resolved** to note the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions taken in its 11<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 04.08.2017, vide **Appendix-1**.

**12.3 Recommendations of the Standing Committee Research (SCR)**

The Council took note of the minutes of the meeting of the SCR held on 29.08.2017 (vide **Appendix-2**) and **resolved** to approve the following recommendations:

**12.3.1 Extension and temporary de-registration of MPhil/PhD research scholars for completing their respective research programmes**

**Resolved** to accept the recommendation of the SCR for the grant of extension and temporary de-registration to the following research scholars of MPhil degree programmes of AUD:

Name	Enrolment No	Duration	Programme
<b>Extension</b>			
Suridhi Sharma	S144CWG10	4.8.2017 to 3.3.2018	MPhil, Women and Gender Studies
<b>De-Registration</b>			
Anuradha Banerji	S144CWG06	Date of Registration: 25.7.2014; Temporary de-registration from 24.7.2017	MPhil Women and Gender Studies
Grace Tungoe	S144CDP12	Year of Registration: 2014-15; Temporary de-registration from 15.7.2017	MPhil Development Practice





In the view of resolution 11.3.4 of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the AC, the Council reviewed the recommendation of the SCR to grant temporary de-registration to 8 PhD scholars in Psychology, SHS. The AC **resolved** to approve the temporary de-registration of these scholars subject to the following conditions:

- i) All PhD scholars registered before July 2017 are by default governed by the old Research Studies Regulations (RSRs). Thus, the maximum duration for completing the degree as stipulated in the old RSRs applies to these scholars by default.
- ii) Unless the PhD scholars (as listed below) duly submit (within the given time frame) the option form circulated by the Student Services Division, stating that they choose to be governed by the new RSRs, the old RSRs will apply to them by default.

Name	Enrolment No	Duration	Programme
Deepti Sachdev	S125CPS04	Date of registration: 01.9.2012; De-registration from: 25.8.2017	PhD Psychology
Anshumita Pandey	S125CPS01	Date of registration: 01.9.2012; De-registration from: 25.8.2017	PhD Psychology
Vinod R.	S125CPS12	Date of registration: 01.9.2012; De-registration from: 25.8.2017	PhD Psychology
Rajinder Singh	S125CPS08	Date of registration: 01.9.2012; De-registration from: 25.8.2017	PhD Psychology
Wrick Mitra	S125CPS13	Date of registration: 01.9.2012; De-registration from: 25.8.2017	PhD Psychology
Bibinaz Thokchom	S125CPS11	Date of registration: 01.9.2012; De-registration from: 25.8.2017	PhD Psychology
Neetu Sarin	S125CPS07	Date of registration: 01.9.2012; De-registration from: 25.8.2017	PhD Psychology
Bharti Mohan	S125CPS13	Date of registration: 01.9.2012; De-registration from: 25.8.2017	PhD Psychology

#### 12.4 Draft Code of Discipline for Students revised as per the directions given by the AC in its 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 04.08.2017

The AC deliberated on the draft Code of Discipline for Students which was revised as per the directions given by the AC in its 11<sup>th</sup> meeting held on

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04.08.2017. After due deliberations, the AC **resolved** to give the following directions to the Committee for framing the Code of Discipline for Students:

- i) The section titled "Commitment of the University", be made concise to focus on the cardinal principles of intellectual freedom and social responsibility, respect for others and non-discrimination.
- ii) How the Code will be implemented should be explicated in the document in the appropriate section. It should be mentioned that the Dean, Student Services, is the disciplinary authority for implementing the Code of Discipline, except in those matters that come under the purview of the Committee for Prevention of Sexual Harassment (CPSH) and Anti-Ragging Committee. The Dean, SS, be authorised to create appropriate mechanisms to facilitate the discharge of these functions.
- iii) The title "Legal Rules" in the item 3 of the draft be replaced with an appropriate formulation. Sub-item (ii) in this section may be reviewed and worded appropriately such that it does not potentially inhibit students' freedom of expression.
- iv) Under item 5 "General Rules", sub-item (iii) needs grammatic correction.
- v) The design of the document may be reviewed to make it more readable for students and/or a shorter and more readable version for students be created.
- vi) The document be reviewed keeping in mind the principles of parsimony and enforceability.

The Committee for framing the Code of Discipline for Students, chaired by Professor Geetha Venkataraman, was directed to revise the document in the light of the above and present it for consideration in the next meeting of the AC. The Committee may consult Professor Lawrence Liang, Dean, SLGC, in the process of revision.

## **12.5 Ratification of the following decisions taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the recommendations of the SCR**

**12.5.1 Resolved** to ratify the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor (as Chair, AC) to allow PhD Scholars registered before July 2017 to opt for being governed by the new Research Studies Regulations (RSRs). Unless the PhD Scholars duly submit within the given timeframe the option form circulated by the Student Services Division stating that they choose to be governed by the new RSRs, the old RSRs will apply to them by default.

**12.5.2 Resolved to** ratify the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor (as Chair, AC) in approving the recommendations of SCR (~~vide Appendix-3~~) for award of PhD

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degree in History to Mr Atul Bhardwaj and MPhil degree in History to Ms Sarita Chaudhary, scholars in SLS.

## 12.6 Ratification of the following decisions taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the recommendations of the ACRPM

12.6.1 Resolved to ratify the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the following a AUD Sponsored Research Project from Grant-In-Aid and an Externally Funded Research Project in the following AUD Centres as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Research and Projects Management (ACRPM) in its meeting held on 11.08.2017 (~~vide Appendix-4~~):

AUD Sponsored Research Project (from Grant-In-Aid)			
S.No.	Project Titled	Centre	Amount (Rs.)
1	Institutional Memory Project	CCK	8,63,000/- (for 6 months)

Externally Funded Research Project			
S.No.	Project Titled	Centre	Funding Agency/Institute
1.	Early Childhood Development of the Poor: Impacting at the Scale	CECED	In collaboration with the Yale University

## 12.7 The AC noted the following items reported in the meeting:

### 12.7.1 Composition of the RSCs of the School of Development Studies (SDS) and the School of Liberal Studies (SLS)

The AC took note of the composition of the RSCs of SDS and SLS reported in the minutes of the SCR meeting held on 29.08.2017 (~~vide Appendix-5~~) as follows:

i) SDS: The members of the committee are as follows:

- a. Professor Sumangala Damodaran, Dean, SDS, Chairperson
- b. Professor Babu P Remesh, SDS, Convenor
- c. Dr Deepita Chakravarty, SDS, Member
- d. Dr Nandini Nayak, SDS, Member
- e. Dr Ivy Dhar, SDS, Member
- f. Dr Rinju Rasaily, SLS, Member

ii) SLS: The members of the committee are as follows:

- a. Professor Dharendra Datt Dangwal, Dean SLS, Chairperson
- b. Professor Geetha Venkararaman, SLS, Member
- c. Professor Krishna Menon, SHS, Member
- d. Professor Gopalji Pradhan, SOL, Member
- e. Professor Tanuja Kothiyal, SLS, Member
- f. Dr Rukmini Sen, SLS, Convenor
- g. Dr Balchand Prajapati, SLS, Member



### 12.7.2 Admission process in the MPhil/PhD programmes of various Schools, for the Monsoon Semester 2017

The AC took note of the admission process and number of students admitted in the MPhil/PhD programmes of the various Schools reported in the minutes of the SCR meeting held on 29.08.2017 (vide **Appendix-6**) as follows:

#### i) MPhil Programmes:

- a. Four students were admitted in MPhil programme in Mathematics, SLS
- b. Three students were admitted in MPhil programme in CLTS, SoL

#### ii) PhD Programmes:

- a. Three students were admitted in PhD programme in Development Studies, SDS
- b. Ten students were admitted in PhD programme in Sociology, SLS
- c. Two students were admitted in PhD programme in Mathematics, SLS
- d. Three students were admitted in PhD programme in Human Ecology, SHE
- e. Four students were admitted in PhD programme in CLTS, SoL
- f. Six students were admitted in PhD programme in English, SoL
- g. Four students were admitted in PhD programme in Hindi, SoL

### 12.7.3 Letter/communication received from the UGC (dated 4.10.2017) regarding inclusion of disaster management courses in the curriculum of higher education institutions

The AC took note of the letter received from the UGC (vide **Appendix-7**) requesting all universities to consider compulsory courses on Disaster Management for students. The AC **resolved** to direct the Dean, SUS, to present this matter to the BoS of SUS to take cognizance of the UGC directions and devise appropriate ways to incorporate them in the curriculum.

### 12.7.4 Letter/communication received from the UGC (dated 5.10.2017) regarding model syllabi for Psychology

The AC took note of the letter circulated by the UGC requesting universities to peruse and suitably adopt model syllabi for BA/BSc, MA/MSc and PhD programmes in Psychology developed by an Expert Committee constituted by the UGC (vide **Appendix-8**). The AC **resolved** to direct the Dean, SHS and the Dean, SUS, to present the UGC letter/communication to their respective BoSs for taking cognizance of it and initiating whatever necessary actions that the Boards deemed fit and report to the AC.

### 12.8 Supplementary consideration items pertaining to the matters arising out of the Standing Committee Student Affairs (SCSA)

The Academic Council took note of the Minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee Student Affairs (SCSA) held on 9.10.2017 and 10.10.2017 (vide **Appendix-9**).





### 12.8.1 Memorandum submitted by Shri Akunth, second year student of BA SSH for promotion to the third year

The Council considered the recommendations of the SCSA on the memorandum submitted by Shri Akunth, second year student of BA SSH for promotion to the third year. The Council took a serious note of the lapses and lack of coordination amongst course teachers i.e. Ms Thokchom Bibinaz Devi and Mr Wrick Mitra, Assistant Professors, SUS/SHS as there were undue delay in submission of attendance records and grades pertaining to students.

After due deliberations, the Council **resolved** as under:

- i) Shri Akunth be promoted to the Third year (5<sup>th</sup> semester) as an exceptional case by relaxing the extant rule of passing of a minimum of 14 courses for promotion to the third year as he could clear 13 courses out of the required 14. However, this shall not be quoted as a precedent.
- ii) Shri Akunth be exempted from the ceiling of a maximum of 10 courses in a year during 2017-18, in order to enable him to clear the failed courses within the minimum stipulated duration of the programme.
- iii) He be advised to clear the failed courses in the subsequent semesters (i.e. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>) as per the rules of AUD.
- iv) The teachers concerned be directed to give him the assessments he had missed till date for all the 5<sup>th</sup> semester courses. They may also be directed to give him adequate help/tutorials for the classes that he has missed. The Dean, SUS is authorized to initiate steps for this.

Further, the Council **resolved** to constitute a committee comprising the following members to identify the lapses on the part of the teachers and other constituents of the system and recommend appropriate actions to be initiated. Further, the committee shall come up with concrete suggestions in order to ensure an appropriate system in place to ensure non-recurrence of such lapses in future:

- a. Pro-Vice Chancellor-II (Chair)
- b. Dean, Assessment, Evaluation and Student Progression
- c. Dean, Student Services
- d. Dean, Academic Services
- e. Dean, School of Human Studies
- f. Dean, School of Undergraduate Studies

The Committee shall submit their recommendations latest by 27<sup>th</sup> of October, 2017. The Council also took note of the allegations made by Shri Akunth in his memorandum about the discrimination based on caste and gender and **resolved** to refer the matter to the Grievance Redressal Committee for Students constituted by the University.





Further, the Council **resolved** to authorize the Vice Chancellor to constitute a committee to streamline the ERP system in order to avoid the problems related to grades, attendance records etc., of the students.

**12.8.2 Cases of Ms. Swati, Ms. Kirtika Pawar, Ms Tanya Jaswal, Shri Sriharsh Sharma Churai, Ms. Nawasha Mishra, Shri Ayush Anant and Ms. Manuja Rawat for award of Bachelor's degree in the forthcoming Convocation on 8 December 2017**

The Council considered the recommendations of the SCSA on the above cases. After due deliberations, the Council **resolved** to approve the following:

- i) The twelfth elective Sociology course done by the students in the final year be considered as their twelfth core Sociology course which enables the students to complete their 96 credits to become eligible to be awarded their BA Honours Sociology degree.
- ii) The programme coordinators be informed that the Academic Council has viewed the lapses on their part very seriously and that the AC has directed them to ensure that such errors which have serious consequences should not occur in future.
- iii) Systems be improved in SUS to prevent such occurrences.
- iv) The faculty members be made aware of the assessment rules.

Further, the Council **resolved** to authorize the Vice Chancellor to constitute a committee to relook at the assessment rules.

**12.8.3 Request for promotion to 3<sup>rd</sup> year by Ms Anjali Nair, second year student of BA Economics Honours**

The Council considered the recommendations of the SCSA on the request of Ms Anjali Nair and after due deliberations, **resolved** to approve the following:

- i) Ms Anjali Nair be promoted to the 3<sup>rd</sup> year and be advised to repeat the compulsory language course in the current semester.
- ii) SUS office be advised to communicate to students in writing about the specific rules of promotion from time to time. Such rules be uploaded on the University website and a handbook be printed for distribution among students at the time of their admission.

The teachers be directed to arrange for those assessments of Ms. Anjali Nair that she has missed till date for all the 5<sup>th</sup> semester courses. The concerned teachers be directed to give her adequate help/tutorials for the classes she has missed.



#### 12.8.4 Request for promotion to 3<sup>rd</sup> year by Shri Aalekh Roy, second year student of BA Mathematics Honours

The Council considered the recommendations of the SCSA on the request of Shri Aalekh Roy and after due deliberations, **resolved** to approve the following:

- (i) Shri Aalekh Roy be promoted to the 3<sup>rd</sup> year and be advised to repeat the Compulsory language course in the current semester.
- (ii) SUS office be directed to communicate to students in writing about the specific rules of promotion from time to time. Such rules be uploaded on the University website and a handbook be printed for distribution among students at the time of their admission.
- (iii) The teachers be directed to arrange for those assessments of Shri Aalekh Roy that he has missed till date for all the 5<sup>th</sup> semester courses. The concerned teachers be directed to give him adequate help/tutorials for the classes he has missed.

#### 12.9 Ratification of the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the constitution of the Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) at AUD

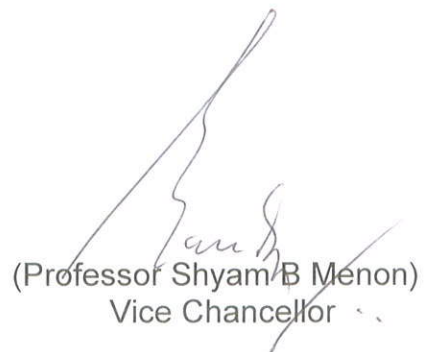
**Resolved** to ratify and recommend for further ratification by the Board of Management (BoM) the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor (as Chair, AC) in approving the constitution of the Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) at AUD (vide **Appendix-10**) in pursuance with the UGC notification {F.No. 14-4/2012(CPP-II)} dated December 2012, with the following modifications:

- i) The nomenclature of the Committee be changed to "Grievance Redressal Committee for Students" (GRCS)
- ii) In item 2(a)(ii) the "constituent bodies" be replaced with "constituent bodies such as Schools of Studies, Centres, Divisions, other bodies of the University, etc."
- iii) Amend item 2(a)(iii) to include "any other category" in addition to those already included in the formulation.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.



(Professor Asmita Kabra)  
Registrar (Offg.)



(Professor Shyam B Menon)  
Vice Chancellor