



AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY DELHI

Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the Academic Council held at 10.00 AM on 30.10.2017 in Private Dining Hall at the India International Centre, New Delhi

The 13th meeting of the Academic Council (AC) of the Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD) was held at 10:00 AM on 30.10.2017 in Private Dining Hall at the India International Centre, New Delhi. The following were present:

Professor Shyam B Menon Vice Chancellor	In the chair
Professor A. K. Sharma Nominee of the University Grants Commission	Member
Professor K. Ramachandran Nominee of the Government of NCT of Delhi	Member
Professor Farida A. Khan 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 and Nominee of the Vice Chancellor	Member
Professor Geetha Venkataraman, SLS Nominee of the Vice Chancellor	Member
Professor Chandan Mukherjee, Director, CSSRM Nominee of the Vice Chancellor	Member
Professor Radharani Chakravarty, Dean, School of Letters Nominee of the Vice Chancellor	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 and Social Entrepreneurship	Member
Professor Dharendra Datt Dangwal Dean, School of Liberal Studies	Member
Dr Rajan Krishnan Dean (Offg.), School of Culture and Creative Expressions	Member
Shri Akha Kaihrii Mao Dean (Offg.), School of Vocational Studies	Member
Dr Oinam Hemlata Devi, Assistant Professor, SHE and Nominee of the Vice Chancellor	Member
Professor Asmita Kabra Registrar (Offg.)	Secretary

Special Invitees:

Professor Jatin Bhatt, Pro Vice Chancellor
 Professor Praveen Singh, Dean, Planning
 Dr Debal C Kar, Librarian
 Professor Sanjay Kumar Sharma, Dean, Student Services
 Professor Satyaketu Sankrit, OSD, Kashmere Gate Campus
 Professor Anup Kumar Dhar, Chairperson, ACRPM
 Dr Arindam Banerjee, Dean(Offg.), Academic Services
 Shri Deepan Sivaraman, Associate Professor, SCCE
 Dr Anirban Sengupta, Assistant Professor, SDS
 Dr Ivy Dhar, Assistant Professor, SDS
 Dr Manish Jain, OSD, Lodhi Road Campus
 Dr Gunjan Sharma, Assistant Professor, School of Education Studies and
 Co-Coordinator, Academic Council

Regrets:

Dr Mihir Shah, Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya and Professor Honey Oberoi Vahali 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 welcomed Dr. Arindam Banerjee, Dean (Offg.), Academic Services, as a new special invitee to the Council.

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The following **resolutions** were passed:

13.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the 12th meeting of the AC held on 11.10.2017

The Council **resolved** to confirm the minutes of the 12th meeting of the AC held on 11.10.2017.

13.2 Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes of the 12th meeting of the Academic Council held on 11.10.2017

The Council **resolved** to note the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions taken in its 12th meeting held on 11.07.2017, vide **Appendix-1**.

In its 12th meeting, the AC considered the memorandum submitted by Shri Akunth, second year student of BA SSH, for promotion to the third year (vide item 12.8.1). The Council discussed the progress on the matter and **resolved** as under:

i) In its 12 meeting, the AC constituted a committee (Chairperson Pro-Vice Chancellor II) to identify the lapses on the part of the teachers and other constituents of the system and recommend appropriate actions to be initiated. It was reported to the Council that the Committee was proceeding with its terms of reference. The Council **resolved** to direct the Committee to look at the antecedents of the teachers concerned while studying the case and making its recommendations.

ii) The AC had also referred the matter to the Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) for Students. The report of the GRC on the matter was presented for information to the AC, vide **Appendix-2**. The AC **resolved** to take note of the report. The Council authorised the Chairperson, AC, and the Dean, Student Services, to review the full-length report of the GRC and seek elaboration if needed.

13.3 Recommendations of the Standing Committee Student Affairs (SCSA)

13.3.1 Draft 'Constitution of the Student Council'

The AC deliberated on the draft 'Constitution of the Student Council' and appreciated the efforts of the students and the SCSA in arriving at the draft. The





Council discussed ideas for further revising the draft and **resolved** to give the following directions to the SCSA:

i) The draft Constitution of the Student Council be reviewed in terms of its structure and formulation of the contents. While the attempt should be made to retain the spirit of the proposals of the interim Student Council that acted as a 'Constituent Assembly', the core values, structures and systems of AUD must also be upheld.

ii) To facilitate greater participation of AUD students in the process of evolving the draft Constitution of the Student Council, the revised version of the document be uploaded on the University intranet. Observations and suggestions from the current students of AUD should be invited within a stipulated time frame of 15 days. The SCSA shall review the comments thus received and revise the draft, if necessary. The revised draft be submitted to the AC for its consideration.

13.3.2 Draft 'Code of Discipline for Students' as per the directions of the AC in its 12th Meeting held on 11.10.2017

Resolved to approve the draft 'Code of Discipline for Students' with the directions to the Committee for formulating the Code (Chair, Professor Geetha Venkataraman) to implement the following changes in the draft:

i) In the section "Commitment of the University" the phrase "does not discriminate" be replaced with "non-discrimination of". The part of the sentence that lists different identities should be deleted.

ii) Part of the section "Authority for report of misconduct" be amended to read as follows: "Any misconduct according to these rules shall be dealt with by the Dean Student Services (DSS). The DSS shall be responsible for implementing this code. DSS may delegate any function or create a sub-committee or refer a matter to an appropriate body of the University to..."

iii) In the section "General rules" in the sub-items (iii) and (iv) "allowed to" and "permitted to" be replaced with appropriate formulations.

The approved version of the 'Code of Discipline for Students' is at **Appendix-3**.





13.4 Draft Policy Guidelines for Undertaking Consultancy, Training and Practice based Activities

The AC deliberated on the draft Policy Guidelines for Undertaking Consultancy, Training and Practice based Activities and **resolved** to give the following directions to the Sub-Committee of the AC (Chair, Professor Jatin Bhatt) for formulating the draft Policy:

- i) The second paragraph of the “Introduction” section be made more specific and reformulated in consonance with AUD’s vision.
- ii) In the fifth paragraph of the “Introduction” section “consultancy / training” be amended to include “practice” as well.
- iii) The first paragraph in the section “Organisational Set-up” be amended to read as follows: “An Office of the Consultancy Services with a Committee to oversee the work be set-up along with necessary support staff from Administration and Finance Divisions”.
- iv) In item 2 of the section “Norms for Consultancy Activities”, the phrase “excluding summer/winter break” be deleted. The norm for the maximum consultancy days/hours be reviewed to ensure that these are comparable with the norms at other similar institutions.
- v) The provisions of the section “Payment and Sharing of Consultancy Fees” be revised as follows: a) Create a provision for payment of consultancy by concerned faculty member through cash or cheque in the name of the Registrar, Ambedkar University Delhi, in the case of services that require protection of client identity; b) The calculation of how the University’s share of 35% of the consultancy fee is to be apportioned between the School/Centre and the University be reworked in proportionate percentage; c) The provisions of this section be discussed with a tax lawyer and amended if necessary.

After due deliberations, the AC **resolved** to recommend the draft Policy Guidelines for Undertaking Consultancy, Training and Practice based Activities for consideration by the Board of Management, vide **Appendix-4**.





13.5 Proposal for setting-up an Equal Opportunity Office (EOO) at AUD

Resolved to recommend the proposal for setting-up an Equal Opportunity Office (EOO) at AUD, vide **Appendix-5**.

13.6 Proposal that in-principle all AUD faculty are required to undertake 4 credits of core School of Undergraduate Studies (SUS) teaching per year

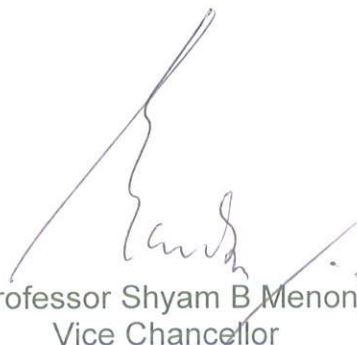
The AC deliberated on the proposal presented for consideration by the Committee of former Deans of School of Undergraduate Studies (SUS) – that in-principle all AUD faculty are required to undertake 4 credits of core SUS teaching per year. The AC **resolved** to in-principle approve the proposal with the following directions to the Committee:

- i) The substantive part of the proposal that seeks to make it mandatory for all AUD faculty to undertake 4 credits of core SUS teaching per year be revised to require “4 credits of preferably core and foundation SUS teaching per year”.
- ii) The proposal shall include a requirement of consultation with the Dean, SUS, before planning and offering new courses in SUS.
- iii) The details of the proposal be worked out.
- iv) The nature and structure of SUS programmes be reviewed to facilitate interdisciplinarity, rethinking of the conception of the core and non-core components, and exploring and expanding the possibilities of major and minor in the programmes.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.



(Professor Asmita Kabra)
Registrar (Offg.)



(Professor Shyam B Menon)
Vice Chancellor