



## AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY DELHI

### Minutes of the Ninth Meeting of the Academic Council held at 10.00 AM on 31 January 2017 in the Private Dining Hall at the India International Centre, New Delhi

The Ninth Meeting of the Academic Council (AC) of Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD) was held at 10:00 AM on 31 January 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 A K Sharma Nominee of the UGC	Member
Professor K Ramachandran <i>Nominee of the Government of NCT of Delhi</i>	Member
Professor Farida A Khan <i>Nominee of the Government of NCT of Delhi</i>	Member
Professor Madhavan K Palat <i>Nominee of the Government of NCT of Delhi</i>	Member
Professor Salil Misra, School of Liberal Studies <i>Nominee of the Vice Chancellor &amp; Coordinator, AC</i>	Member
Professor Geetha Venkataraman, School of Liberal Studies <i>Nominee of the Vice Chancellor</i>	Member
Professor Chandan Mukherjee, School of Liberal Studies <i>Nominee of the Vice Chancellor</i>	Member
Professor Radharani Chakravarty, School of Liberal Studies <i>Nominee of the Vice Chancellor</i>	Member
Professor Ashok Nagpal Dean, School of Human Studies	Member
Professor Denys P Leighton Dean, School of Liberal Studies	Member

Professor Jatin Bhatt Dean, School of Design	Member
Professor Asmita Kabra Dean, School of Human Ecology	Member
Professor Rachana Johri Dean, School of Undergraduate Studies	Member
Dr Rajan Krishnan Dean (Offg.), School of Culture & Creative Expressions	Member
Dr Kartik Dave Dean (Offg.), School of Business, Public Policy & Social Entrepreneurship	Member
Dr Oinam Hemlata Devi, Assistant Professor, SHE Nominee of the Vice Chancellor	Member
Dr M. A. Sikandar Registrar	Secretary

**Special Invitees:**

Professor Sanjay Kumar Sharma, Dean, Student Services

Dr Praveen Singh, Dean (Offg.), Planning

Shri J Ernest Samuel Ratnakumar, Controller of Finance

Dr Debal C Kar, Librarian

Dr Diamond Oberoi Vahali, Associate Professor, School of Liberal Studies

Dr Deepan Sivaraman, Associate Professor, School of Culture and Creative Expressions

Dr Sunita Singh, Associate Professor, Centre for Early Childhood Education and Development

Shri Akha Kaihrii Mao, OSD, School of Vocational Studies

Dr Anirban Sen Gupta, Assistant Professor, School of Development Studies

Dr Ivy Dhar, Assistant Professor, School of Development Studies

Dr Manish Jain, Assistant Professor, School of Education Studies

Shri Siddharth Narrain, Visiting Faculty, School of Law, Governance and Citizenship




Regrets:

Dr. Mihir Shah, Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, Professor Honey Oberoi Vahali and Professor Sumangala Damodaran could not attend the meeting.

Shri B. Mallesha, Assistant Registrar (VCO & Governance) and Smt. Bindu Nair, Assistant Registrar (Student Services) assisted the meeting of the Academic Council.

At the outset, the Vice Chancellor and Chairperson, AC extended a warm welcome to the Members and the Special Invitees of the AC. He also introduced the new Members and the Special Invitees who attended the meeting for the first time.

The following **resolutions** were passed:

**9.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Eighth Meeting of the Academic Council held on 01 April 2016**

**Resolved** to confirm the Minutes of the Eighth Meeting of the Academic Council held on 01 April 2016.

**9.2 To report the Action Taken on the Minutes of the Eighth Meeting of the Academic Council held on 01 April 2016**

**Resolved** to note the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions taken in the Eighth Meeting of the Academic Council held on 01 April 2016.

The Action Taken Report (ATR) as noted by the AC is at **Appendix-1**.

**9.3 To consider the concept note and the proposal for setting up the School of Letters (SoL)**

The Academic Council (AC) considered the proposal for the creation of School of Letters (SoL) and accepted in principle the broad directions contained in the concept note, vide **Appendix-2**. The AC noted that the broad rationale for establishing the School of Letters (SoL) at AUD was to integrate knowledge from constituent disciplines of Language and Literature and to work in close proximity with other related disciplines and to create opportunities for the study of and research in languages and literature at various levels.

(2) The following programmes currently located in the School of Liberal Studies will be moved to the proposed School of Letters w.e.f. the academic year 2017-18:

- (i) MA in English;
- (ii) PhD in English;
- (iii) MPhil/PhD in Hindi;
- (iv) MPhil/ PhD in Comparative Literature and Translation Studies.



(3) The AC after detailed deliberations **resolved** to accept the proposal for the creation of School of Letters in AUD under Statute 12A of the Statutes of the University and recommend it to the Board of Management for its consideration.

**9.4 To consider the concept note and the proposal for setting up the Centre for Publishing (CfP)**

The Academic Council (AC) considered the proposal for the creation of Centre for Publishing (CfP) and accepted in principle the concept note, vide **Appendix-3**. The AC noted that the broad objective for establishing the Centre for Publishing (CfP) at AUD is to engage in publishing activities under the name of "AUD Press" of scholarly and creative work as well as translations and teaching-learning resources in areas of knowledge and creativity related to the mandate of AUD and to offer professional training programmes (Degree/Diploma) in publishing.

(2) The AC after detailed deliberations **resolved** to accept the proposal for the creation of Centre for Publishing in AUD under Statute 12B of the Statutes of the University and recommend it to the Board of Management for its consideration.

**9.5 To consider the recommendations of the Vice Chancellor for conferment of 'Professor Emeritus' / 'Professor Emerita' and 'Distinguished Professor' in pursuance of the recommendations by the Committee constituted to consider the nominations received in this regard**

The Academic Council (AC) considered the recommendations of the Vice Chancellor based on a due process approved by the AC and the Board of Management for conferment of 'Professor Emeritus' / 'Professor Emerita' and 'Distinguished Professor'. The report of the Committee appointed by the Vice Chancellor in this regard and its endorsement by the Vice Chancellor are attached vide **Appendix-4**.

(2) After due deliberations, the Council **resolved** to recommend that:

- (i) Professor Venita Kaul be conferred the title of Professor Emerita of Education Studies.
- (ii) Professor Kuriakose Mamkoottam be conferred the title of Professor Emeritus of Business, Public Policy and Social Entrepreneurship.
- (iii) Professor Vijaya Shankar Varma be conferred the title of Distinguished Professor of Philosophy of Science.

(3) The Council also **resolved** to recommend the matter regarding the above conferment to the Board of Management for its consideration and approval.



**9.6 To consider the revised concept note on School of Law, Governance and Citizenship (SLGC) and initial proposal for an MA Programme in Law, Politics and Society**

The Academic Council (AC) considered the revised concept note on School of Law, Governance and Citizenship (SLGC) that has already been constituted under Statute 12A and the initial proposal to offer an MA Programme in Law, Politics and Society. The AC noted that the concept note builds on and furthers some of the key issues identified in an initial concept note that had been approved by the Board of Management on 31 May 2010.

(2) The AC noted that SLGC's broad objective is to reorient the study of law and to create an intellectual home for cutting edge socio-legal research and scholarship. The School will position itself not as a supplement to or competing with existing programmes in Law and instead be based on a vision of radically redefining critical legal studies in India and the global south.

(3) The School through its initial programmes will focus on two directions:

(i) The establishment of a master's programme for graduates from all disciplines who want to focus on an advanced engagement with law. This could include students of politics, law, sociology, history etc., and in the initial phase this will consist of an MA in Law, Politics and Society.

(ii) An LLM program for law graduates who want to focus on an interdisciplinary study of law.

(4) The AC after detailed deliberations, **resolved** to approve in principle the revised Concept note of the School of Law, Governance and Citizenship, vide **Appendix-5**.

(5) The AC also **resolved** to approve in principle the broad structure of the proposed MA Programme in Law, Politics and Society, vide **Appendix-6**.

(6) During the deliberations, one member suggested that the nomenclature of SLGC could be "School of Jurisprudence" which would cover all the relevant aspects of law. The Vice Chancellor informed the members that this suggestion could be considered during the decennial review of the University when the nomenclatures and domains of all Schools and programmes might be brought under review.



**9.7 To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Academic Programmes on the revised rules of assessment, evaluation and promotion policy for School of Design (MDes)**

The Academic Council (AC) after detailed deliberations, **resolved** to approve the revised rules of assessment, evaluation and promotion policy for School of Design (MDes), vide **Appendix-7**.

The AC further suggested that any such modification in the assessment policy of various programmes be brought to its consideration through the Standing Committee on Academic Programmes (SCAP) after due consultation with the Assessment, Evaluation and Student Progression (AES) Division.

**9.8 To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee Research (SCR)**

The AC considered the recommendations of the meetings of the Standing Committee Research and approved the following items:

**9.8.1 Draft template to be followed for admission to MPhil and PhD programmes**

The AC **resolved** to approve the template to be followed for MPhil and PhD programmes admission, vide **Appendix-8**.

**9.8.2 Proposed PhD programmes in English and Sociology and MPhil/PhD programmes in Mathematics and Comparative Literature & Translation Studies**

The AC **resolved** to approve the proposed PhD programme in English, MPhil/PhD programme in Mathematics and MPhil/PhD programme in Comparative Literature & Translation Studies. The AC also approved the revised PhD programme in Sociology as recommended by the SCR. These programmes are at **Appendix-9**. The earlier version of the PhD programme in Sociology had been approved by the AC in its Fourth meeting held on 10 July 2013 and 19 July 2013, vide Resolution No. 7.

**9.8.3 De-enrollment of Ms Maitree Devi (S125DHS01), PhD scholar in History at the School of Liberal Studies**

The AC **resolved** to approve the recommendation of SCR for de-enrollment of Ms Maitree Devi, PhD scholar in History as neither deregistration nor further extension would be possible to be given to her as she had already been given ample opportunities in the past. The AC noted that Ms Maitree Devi had already consumed almost 4 years and was unable to present even a synopsis and that there was no merit in her plea for an extension.



#### 9.8.4 Language policy for PhD programmes

The AC **resolved** to approve the language policy for PhD programmes as recommended by the SCR vide **Appendix-10**.

#### 9.8.5 Change in the Research Studies Regulations {clause 14(iii)} relating to normal registration period of doctoral scholars at the School of Human Ecology and School of Human Studies (Psychology)

The AC **resolved** to approve the recommendation of SCR on normal registration period of doctoral scholars (even for those with MPhil degree) in the School of Human Ecology and School of Human Studies to be four years instead of three years (**Appendix-11**). The Council also noted that the change would apply prospectively (from the batch admitted in 2016) and that this change would be treated as an exception, applicable only to the doctoral programmes of SHE and SHS. The change would not affect the duration for which doctoral scholars get stipend from AUD, which shall continue to be three years. The AC suggested that adopting this practice uniformly for all PhD programmes of the University may be considered by the Standing Committee Research.

#### 9.8.6 Revision in the clause no. 13(iv) of the Research Studies Regulations related to normal registration period of scholars for MPhil programme in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy at the School of Human Studies

The AC **resolved** to approve the recommendations of SCR on the normal registration period of MPhil programme in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy offered by the School of Human Studies to be four years instead of three years as the programme is a three year long professional programme of training psychoanalytical psychotherapist with rigorous course work and practice-based components carrying 110 credits. The AC also noted that this would be treated as an exception and applicable only for MPhil Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy programme (**Appendix-12**).

The AC further **resolved** that regulations on the registration period of all the M.Phil/Ph.D programmes be revisited in the light of the new UGC's (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/ Ph.D Degrees) Regulations, 2016. The AC directed the Standing Committee Research to initiative steps in this matter.

The AC considered the minutes of the meetings of the Standing Committee Research held on 22 April 2016, 03 May 2016, 10 May 2016, 17 May 2016, 29 July 2016, 7 October 2016 and 18 October 2016 containing the above recommendations, vide **Appendix-13**.



**9.9 To ratify the decision of the Vice Chancellor in approving the recommendations of a Committee constituted to look into the matter of Shri Karan Sachdeva, PhD Scholar at the School of Development Studies regarding his de-enrollment and alleged academic harassment**

**Resolved** to ratify the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor (**Appendix-14**) on behalf of the Academic Council to give another opportunity to Shri Karan Sachdeva to prepare and submit his research (thesis) proposal and to constitute a committee comprising the following two faculty members to offer guidance to Shri Sachdeva in preparing his research (thesis) proposal:

- (i) Professor Chandan Mukherjee, SLS – Chair & Convener
- (ii) Professor Babu P. Remesh, SDS – Member

**9.10 To ratify the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor on behalf of the Academic Council as per the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Programmes (SCAP)**

**Resolved** to ratify the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the recommendations of the SCAP.

Replacement in the foundation core course with two courses in the MA Education programme (in Semester I and Semester II).

- (i) Replacement in the foundation core course of “Philosophy and Education” (4- credits) offered in Semester II of MA Education programme with two courses titled “An Introduction to Philosophy of Education” (2-credits) and “A Philosophical Perspective for Education” (2-credits) in Semester I and Semester II, respectively
- 2. Addition of new courses as part of the MA programmes in the School of Education studies
  - (i) The addition of the new four-credit course “Global Childhoods” in the MA (Education) and MA (Education – ECCE) (**Appendix-15**).
- 3. Addition of four new courses in the MDes programme being offered by School of Design
  - (i) Introduction of four new courses in the MDes (Social Design) (i) “Learning to see” (four credits), (ii) “Introduction to Social Design (four credits), (iii) “Design Research Methods (four credits)” and (iv) “Design Process (four credits)” (**Appendix-16**) in the MDes (Social Design) to be offered in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester for the cohort 2016-19 and subsequent cohorts.
- 4. The revised programme structure for MDes to be offered from 2016-19 cohorts onwards, vide **Appendix-17**.



The AC considered and ratified the minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee on Academic Programmes held on 09.08.2016 containing the above recommendations, vide **Appendix-18**.

**9.11 To ratify the decision of the Vice Chancellor in approving the recommendations of the Standing Committee Research (SCR)**

**Resolved** to ratify the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the recommendations of the SCR on the following:

**9.11.1 Award of MPhil degree to 22 students and PhD degree to one student**

The following 22 students were awarded MPhil degree and one Student was awarded PhD degree:

(i) M.Phil degree

S.No.	Enrolment No.	Name	Course/specialization
1	S124DHS01	Peeyush Kumar	MPhil in History
2	S124DHS02	Ruby	MPhil in History
3	S134DHS05	Sanjay Kumar	MPhil in History
4	S134DHS07	Sunny Ruchi Ecka	MPhil in History
5	S134DHS08	Swati Goel	MPhil in History
6	S134DHI01	Achuta Nand Mishra	MPhil in Hindi
7	S134DHI02	Nirmal Rani	MPhil in Hindi
8	S134DHI04	Pooja Prajapati	MPhil in Hindi
9	S134CWG02	Abha Nityanand Tadvalkar	MPhil in Women's & Gender Studies
10	S134CWG07	Lalita	MPhil Women's & Gender Studies
11	S144CWG03	T Khyochano Ovung	MPhil in Women's & Gender Studies
12	S124CDP05	Dechen Wangmo	MPhil in Development Practice
13	S124CDP07	Janisar Akhtar	MPhil in Development Practice
14	S124CDP11	Natasha Narwal	MPhil in Development Practice
15	S134CDP02	Anuja Tripathi	MPhil in Development Practice
16	S134CDP03	Arunima Mishra	MPhil in Development Practice
17	S134CDP08	Kushagra Jain	MPhil in Development Practice
18	S134CDP18	Shruti Gupta	MPhil in Development Practice
19	S114CPS01	Akanksha Adya	MPhil in Psychotherapy & Clinical Thinking

20	S114CPS03	Karuna Chandrashekar	MPhil in Psychotherapy & Clinical Thinking
21	S114CPS12	Varun Viswanathan	MPhil in Psychotherapy & Clinical Thinking
22	S114CPS13	Vikas Deepak	MPhil in Psychotherapy & Clinical Thinking

(ii) Ph.D degree

S.No.	Enrolment No.	Name	Course/specialization
1	S115DHI03	Kumari Jyoti Gupta	PhD in Hindi

### 9.11.2 Extension given to the Research Scholars for completing their respective Programmes

**Resolved** to ratify the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor on behalf of the Academic Council on extension given to the Research scholars for completing their respective programmes, as detailed below:

i) <u>MPhil Scholars (four), SLS</u>	<u>Extension Upto</u>
(a) Shri Anshuman Shrivastava	31.03.2017
(b) Ms Ishita Singh	28.02.2017
(c) Shri Abhinav Goswami	28.02.2017
(d) Ms Sarita Chaudhary	28.02.2017
ii) <u>PhD scholars (eight)</u>	
(a) Shri Vinod R , PhD Psychology	31.12.2016
(b) Shri Wrick Mitra, PhD Psychology	31.12.2016
(c) Ms Bharti Mohan, PhD Psychology	31.12.2016
(d) Shri Prakash Tripathi , PhD Human Ecology	09.01.2017
(e) Ms Barsha Poricha, PhD Human Ecology	14.01.2017
(f) Shri Buddhaditya Das, PhD Human Ecology	23.02.2017
(g) Shri Abdul Rahman, PhD Women's & Gender Studies	26.03.2017
(h) Ms Nidhi Verma, PhD Women's & Gender Studies	18.02.2017

### 9.11.3 Number of seats filled in MPhil and PhD programmes in Monsoon Semester 2016 and Winter Semester 2017

**Resolved** to ratify the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor on behalf of the AC on the number of seats filled in the MPhil and PhD programmes in Monsoon Semester 2016 and Winter Semester 2017.

The AC ratified the admission of 20 (twenty) MPhil Development Practice, 10 (ten) MPhil Women's and Gender Studies, 7 (Seven) M.Phil History, 3 (three) PhD History 5 (five) PhD Hindi, 4 (four) PhD Human Ecology, 10 (ten) PhD Women's & Gender Studies and 2 (two) PhD students in Development Studies.




**9.12 To ratify the decisions taken by the Vice Chancellor on behalf of the Academic Council on the matters as recommended by the Standing Committee Student Affairs**

**Resolved** to ratify the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor on behalf of the AC on the following recommendations made by the Standing Committee Student Affairs:

**9.12.1 Ms Chahat Lohia, Mr Satender Tiwari and Ms Aasiya Praveen for their re-enrollment to the BA English Honours, MDes and BA English Honours programme respectively**

The AC **resolved** to ratify the approval of the Vice Chancellor on re-enrollment of Ms Chahat Lohia, Mr Satender Tiwari and Ms Aasiya Praveen to the BA English Honours, MDes and BA English Honours programme respectively.

**9.12.2 Re-registration to the MA History programme of Manas Mishra**

The AC **ratified** the approval of the Vice Chancellor on re-registration of Shri Manas Mishra to the MA History Programme as additional two years can be given to complete the Masters programme.

**9.12.3 Additional semester for completing MA Economics programme by Tsewang Dorjey**

The Council **ratified** the additional semester given to Shri Tsewang Dorjey for completing MA Economics programme.

The AC considered and **ratified** the minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee Student Affairs held on 23.08.2016 containing the above recommendations, vide **Appendix-19**.

**9.13 To ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the MoUs signed between AUD and (i) Plan International (India Chapter) (ii) State Resource Centre for Early Childhood Education, Durgabai Deshmukh Mahila Sabha (iii) National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD), Regional Centre Guwahati, Assam (iv) School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi (v) e-PG Pathshala, a project sanctioned to UGC by the MHRD (vi) Results for Development Institute (vii) CARE India Solutions for Sustainable Development and (viii) The Trustees of Indiana University**

The Council **ratified** the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the MoUs signed between AUD and the following (**Appendix-20**):



(i) Plan International (India Chapter)

An MoU was signed on 21 April 2016 by the Centre for Early Childhood Care and Education (CECED) at AUD with the Plan International (India Chapter), New Delhi (1) to develop framework based on core activities for Responsive Care and Early Stimulation (RCES) for children based on 3 age cohorts-under 3 years, 3-6 years old and 6-8 years for comprehensive child development. (2) to develop two training manuals for the programme team on core activities under Responsive Care and Early Stimulation.

(ii) State Resource Centre for Early Childhood Education, Durgabai Deshmukh Mahila Sabha

An MoU was signed on 26 May 2016 by the Centre for Early Childhood Care and Education (CECED) at AUD with the State Resource Centre for Early Childhood Education, Durgabai Deshmukh Mahila Sabha, Hyderabad, for conducting the research study " Study of impact of Early Learning, Socialization and school readiness experiences in preschool settings on education and behavioral outcomes along the primary stage" which is also called the IECEI (Indian Early Childhood Education Impact) in Telangana.

(iii) National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD), Regional Centre Guwahati, Asom

An MoU was signed on 26 May 2016 by the Centre for Early Childhood Care and Education (CECED) at AUD with the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD), Regional Centre Guwahati, Asom, for conducting the research study "Study of impact of Early Learning, Socialization and school readiness experiences in preschool settings on education and behavioral outcomes along the primary stage" which is also called the IECEI (Indian Early Childhood Education Impact) in Asom.

(iv) School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi

An MoU was signed on 18 May 2016 by the AUD (for School of Design) with the School of Planning and Architecture , New Delhi to set up a Design Innovation Centre under Hub and Spoke scheme funded by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

(v) e-PG Pathshala, a project sanctioned to UGC by the MHRD

The agreement signed with e-PG Pathshala has been withdrawn from the Agenda as this was not strictly an MoU, this was rather an initial proposal by the Principal Investigator seeking grants from the UGC under the MHRD project.



(vi) Results for Development Institute

An MoU was signed on 27 September 2016 by the University for the Centre for Early Childhood Care and Education (CECED), AUD with the Results for Development Institute, 1.1.11 19th Street NW, Suite 700 Washington, DC 20036 USA for an International Project of Mobile Reading to Children supported by Results for Development (R4D) Institute, Columbia.

(vii) CARE India Solutions for Sustainable Development, Noida

An MoU was signed by the University for the Centre for Early Childhood Care and Education (CECED) with the CARE India Solutions for Sustainable Development, Noida for a Project – “A baseline study of Early Childhood Education Component of Early Start : Read in Time Project in Odisha”.

(viii) The Trustees of Indiana University, Bloomington

An agreement of “Friendship and Cooperation” and an Sub-agreement for “Academic Cooperation and Exchange” between the Trustees of Indiana University and the Ambedkar University Delhi were signed on 17 October 2016 at AUD to implement a series of cooperative academic activities and for the creation of faculty, staff and student exchange programmes.

**9.14.1 To note the re-constitution of the Standing Committee on Academic Programmes (SCAP) with Professor Salil Misra, SLS as Chairperson, Dean (Assessment, Evaluation and Student Progression) as new Ex-Officio Member and Ms Monishita Hajra Pande, Assistant Professor, SUS as Convenor besides Deans of all Schools and Deans of Academic Services, Student Services and Planning as Ex-Officio Members**

The AC noted the re-constitution of the Standing Committee on Academic Programmes (SCAP) with Professor Salil Misra, SLS as Chairperson, Dean (Assessment, Evaluation and Student Progression) as new Ex-Officio Member and Ms Monishita Hajra Pande, Assistant Professor, SUS as its Convenor, besides Deans of all Schools and Deans of Academic Services, Student Services and Planning, as Ex-Officio Members vide Notification dated 18.10.2016 (**Appendix-21**).



**9.14.2 To note the appointment of Prof. Geetha Venkataraman, Dean(AES) as new Ex-Offico Member of the Standing Committee Research (SCR) and Professor Salil Misra to act as the Chairperson of the SCR till the new Pro Vice Chancellor is appointed**

The AC took note of Professor Salil Misra, School of Liberal Studies having been nominated to act as the Chairperson of the Standing Committee Research (SCR) till the new Pro Vice Chancellor's appointment.

Similarly, Professor Geetha Venkataraman, Dean (AES) has been nominated as a new Ex-Officio member of the SCR.

**9.14.3 To note the Seventh and Eighth Ambedkar Memorial Lectures (AMLs) by Ms. Aruna Roy and Professor Romila Thapar on 14 April 2015 and 14 April 2016 respectively**

The Council noted that Ms. Aruna Roy delivered the Seventh Ambedkar Memorial Lecture on 14 April 2015 at the India International Centre. The title of her lecture was, "Is unbridled capitalism a threat to Constitutional democracy in India?". Dr. Usha Ramanathan was the discussant.

Similarly, the Eighth Ambedkar Memorial Lecture was delivered by Professor Romila Thapar on 14 April 2016 at the India International Centre. The title of her lecture was "Rethinking Civilization as History".

**9.14.4 To note the brief reports of different Centres established in AUD:**

- (1) Centre for Psychotherapy and Clinical Research (CPCR)
- (2) Centre for Early Childhood Education and Development (CECED)
- (3) Centre for Social Science Research Methods (CSSRM)
- (4) Centre for Community Knowledge (CCK)
- (5) Centre for Urban Ecology and Sustainability (CUES)
- (6) Centre for Development Practice (CDP)
- (7) AUD Centre for Incubation, Innovation & Entrepreneurship (ACIIE)

The AC noted the reports of different Centres namely (a) Centre for Psychotherapy and Clinical Research (CPCR); (b) Centre for Early Childhood Education and Development (CECED); (c) Centre for Social Science Research Methods (CSSRM); (d) Centre for Community Knowledge (CCK); (e) Centre for Urban Ecology and Sustainability (CUES); (f) Centre for Development Practice (CDP) and (g) AUD Centre for Incubation, Innovation & Entrepreneurship (ACIIE) at AUD (Appendix-22).



#### **9.14.5 To report on the Admissions for the academic session 2016-2017**

(1) The AC noted the report on the Admissions for the academic year 2016-17 prepared by the Student Services Division. It was noted that the BA and MA programmes in the University were completed over the month of July and the first week of August, 2016. The online application process was open from mid-May to June 24 for the BA and MA programmes. There has been a substantial increase in the number of applications for 2016-17 over the previous years. The applications have increased substantially by 61.5 per cent for BA programmes and 38.1 per cent for MA programmes. Additionally in the case of BA applications, there has been a marked increase in the number of programmes applied for by each unique applicant from 2.5% in 2015-16 to 4.2% in 2016-17.

(2) Among the various BA programmes, the increase in the applications ranged from 50 per cent to around 80 percent. Among the MA programmes, there is a similar trend of substantial increase except for in MA Education. The range of increase in applications varies roughly between 26 per cent and 86 per cent.

(3) While these increases can be partly driven by factors like the full fee-waiver for SC and ST students, introduced this year (this also reflects in the filling up of reserved seats) as well as the introduction of a few BA programmes at the new Karampura campus, which warrants a one-time jump in applications, there are reasons for this trend to persist as well in future. With most MA programmes having completed 5 or more years now and BA programmes in their 7<sup>th</sup> year, it can be expected that AUD will attract larger numbers of applicants in the coming years.

(4) In the case of SUS admissions, there were a number of new dimensions. Instead of merely cut-offs being announced like till last year, lists with names were published along with cut-offs. This change was primarily done to allot campuses to the students based on their campus preference and merit. There was also a provision of campus transfer in case seats were empty in a particular campus after every round of admission. The campus transfer lists published after every round was also based on the student's preference, merit and number of seats vacant in a particular campus.

#### **9.14.6 The report the Fifth Annual Convocation held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December, 2016**

The AC noted that the Fifth Annual Convocation of the University for Conferment of degrees/ diplomas to the students who had successfully completed all the assessment requirements of courses in the year 2016 was held on 9 December 2016 on the University campus(**Appendix-23**).



(2) His Holiness the Dalai Lama was the Chief Guest and delivered the convocation address. Shri Najeeb Jung, the then Hon'ble Lt Governor of Delhi in his capacity as the Chancellor of the University presided over the Convocation ceremony.

(3) During the Convocation, 530 students who had completed the prescribed requirements during the academic year 2015-16 were awarded with PhD, MPhil, MA, BA (Hons) Degrees in various fields of studies such as Economics, Development Studies/Practice, Psychology, Women's & Gender Studies, Business Administration, Education, Environment & Development, English, History, Psychology, Sociology, Mathematics, Human Ecology, Hindi, Design, Film Studies, Literary Art and Visual Art, Performance Studies and Social Sciences & Humanities.

(4) Further, 19 students were awarded post graduate diplomas in Early Childhood Care & Education, Development Studies, Environment & Development and Publishing.

(5) The breakup of the students who were awarded Degrees and Diplomas are: BA (Hons) Degree – 169; MA Degree – 300; M.Des.– 5; MBA – 33; MPhil Degree – 22; PG Diploma – 19 and PhD – 1 (Total = 549). The first Ph.D. Degree of the University was awarded to a female student during the Convocation.

(6) The female students who were given various Degrees and Diplomas during the Convocation constituted 66% of the total students.

#### **9.14.7 To note the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degrees) Regulations, 2016**


The AC **noted** the University Grants Commission (UGC) Regulations, 2016 (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/ Ph.D Degrees), vide Gazette Notification dated 05 May 2016 (**Appendix-24**).

The AC authorised the Standing Committee Research (SCR) to study the above Regulations and to come out with a detailed proposal for their implementation with necessary amendments in the existing procedures being followed by the University.

#### **9.14.8 To note the UGC Guidelines on Adoption of Choice Based Credit System**

The AC **noted** the University Grants Commission (UGC) Guidelines on Adoption of Choice Based Credit System (**Appendix-25**).

The AC authorised the Standing Committee on Academic Programmes (SCAP) to study the Guidelines and to come out with a detailed proposal





as to how these guidelines may inform the curriculum structure and assessment process of the academic programmes of the University.

**9.15 To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Academic Programmes (SCAP) on the proposed 4 year Integrated BA-B.Ed Programme to be offered by School of Education Studies**

The AC **resolved** to approve in principle the concept note on Conceptualising Teacher Education at AUD and approved the proposed structure of the 4 year integrated BA-B.Ed programme to be offered by School of the Education Studies, with two trajectories (a) Pre-Primary to Primary and (b) Upper Primary to Secondary, vide **Appendix-26**.

**9.16 To consider the proposal for MA Education (Early Childhood Care and Education) and PG Diploma ECCE to be assimilated into AUD as regular academic programmes**

The AC **resolved** to approve the proposal for MA Education (Early Childhood Care and Education) and PG Diploma ECCE to be assimilated into AUD as regular academic programmes. The Council noted that the School of Education Studies (SES) has been offering the aforesaid two programmes in the area of Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) since 2014. These programmes have been supported by the Sir Ratan Tata Trust (SRTT). The funding from SRTT is coming to an end on March 31, 2017. For these programmes to continue, these will have to be assimilated into AUD's regular repertoire of programmes and supported by AUD. The main support required will be in the form of two additional positions of Assistant Professor. The AC also considered and **approved** the report of the Third Party Programme Evaluation on these two programmes.

The AC after detailed deliberations **resolved** to approve the proposal for MA Education (Early Childhood Care and Education) and PG Diploma ECCE to be assimilated into the repertoire of regular academic programmes in AUD and recommended the creation of two additional positions of Assistant Professor for this purpose for consideration by the Board of Management (**Appendix-27**).

**9.17 To consider recognising 'Faculty Development Workshops / Courses' as part of the AUD Career Advancement Scheme in lieu of Orientation / Refresher Courses organised by Academic Staff Colleges**

The AC considered the proposal for recognising 'Faculty Development Workshops / Courses' as part of the AUD Career Advancement Scheme in lieu of Orientation / Refresher Courses organised by Academic Staff Colleges.



(2) The AC noted that the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) has organised several brainstorming sessions on creating innovative in-house faculty development programmes for the AUD faculty. This is keeping in mind the slightly different disciplinary orientation of the Schools and Programmes at AUD. Secondly, most of the Schools have lean faculty strength making it difficult for faculty members to participate in refresher / orientation programmes spanning over three weeks.

(3) The plan is to establish an *Academic Teaching Development Programme* to help and assist the teachers to adopt innovative and relevant pedagogies, appropriate assessment practices, field practicum, and exposure to and acquiring new knowledge. The idea is to help attain excellence and professionalism in teaching.

(4) Workshops and retreats will be undertaken for faculty development, especially in the area of research methodology and writing, which would filter down to strengthening student writing and research. Methodology workshop will also be conducted for research students of the University. Workshops will be also be planned to share, deliberate and document varied teaching and assessment practices across different programmes.

(5) Each such programme / workshop will go through a process of vetting by bodies like the SCAP, SCR and IQAC. One such workshop on 'Practical Pedagogy' (4 sessions) conducted by Dr. Anannya Dasgupta from Shiv Nadar University is already planned for February 2017.

(6) The AC after detailed deliberations **resolved** to approve the proposal for recognising these workshops as part of the AUD Career Advancement Scheme in lieu of the Orientation / Refresher courses being offered in various Academic Staff Colleges.

#### 9.18 To note the plan to develop or reactivate the following programmes

The AC noted that:

(A) The following MA programmes that have been on the anvil for some time would be developed:

- (i) MA Public Policy and Governance
- (ii) MA Global Studies
- (iii) MA Public Health
- (iv) MA Urban Studies

(B) The following two programmes would be reactivated:

- (i) Redesign the MA Social Entrepreneurship as a one year "post-masters" programme called Postgraduate Diploma or Fellowship in Social Entrepreneurship after an MA, MBA or MDes.



- (ii) Reactivate the one year Postgraduate Diploma in Publishing, redesigning it as a "post-Masters" programme after an MA (preferably in English).
- (C) Besides, the School of Law, Governance and Citizenship was developing an MA Law, Politics and Society.
- (D) In the development and offer of the aforesaid programmes, the following principles would be broadly adhered to:
  - (i) Most of these programmes would be offered jointly by two or more Schools.
  - (ii) These programmes would be built on a common pool of courses.
  - (iii) Faculty recruitment would be based on the combined requirements of the aforesaid programmes and the undergraduate programmes. The new faculty would be required to participate in the teaching of the aforesaid programmes as well as the undergraduate programmes.

#### **Any Other Items with the permission of the Chair**

The Vice Chancellor informed the members that the University was in the process of inviting Professor Valerian Rodrigues, former Professor at JNU, to be the first Ambedkar Chair Professor. The Ambedkar Chair has recently been set up by the University and was supported by the proceeds of the University Development Fund.

The VC also informed the members that the University would be entering its 10th year in August 2017. In this connection, it was proposed to set in motion a Comprehensive Decennial Review of the University.

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



(Dr M A Sikandar)  
Registrar



(Professor Shyam B Menon)  
Vice Chancellor

