



AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY DELHI

Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Academic Council held at 10.00 AM on 04.08.2017 in the Private Dining Hall at the India International Centre, New Delhi

The 11th Meeting of the Academic Council (AC) of Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD) was held at 10:00 AM on 04.08.2017 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 Jatin Bhatt Pro Vice Chancellor & Dean, School of Design	Member
Professor Salil Misra, School of Liberal Studies Pro Vice Chancellor	Member
Professor A K Sharma Nominee of the UGC	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 Honey Oberoi Vahali, School of Human Studies Nominee of the Vice Chancellor	Member
Professor Geetha Venkataraman, School of Liberal Studies Nominee of the Vice Chancellor	Member
Professor Chandan Mukherjee, School of Liberal Studies Nominee of the Vice Chancellor	Member
Professor Radharani Chakravarty Nominee of the Vice Chancellor & Dean, School of Letters	Member
Professor Ashok Nagpal Dean, School of Human Studies	Member
Professor Asmita Kabra Dean, School of Human Ecology	Member

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Professor Sumangala Damodaran Dean, School of Development Studies	Member
Professor Rachana Johri Dean, School of Undergraduate Studies	Member
Professor Lawrence Liang Dean, School of Law Governance and Citizenship	Member
Professor Kartik Dave Dean, School of Business, Public Policy & Social Entrepreneurship	Member
Professor Dharendra Datt Dangwal Dean, School of Liberal Studies	Member
Dr Rajan Krishnan Dean (Offg.), School of Culture & Creative Expressions	Member
Dr Oinam Hemlata Devi Assistant Professor, School of Human Ecology & Nominee of the Vice Chancellor	Member
Dr M. A. Sikandar Registrar	Secretary

Special Invitees:

Professor Sanjay Kumar Sharma, Dean, Student Services
 Professor Satyaketu Sankrit, OSD, Karampura Campus
 Shri J Ernest Samuel Ratnakumar, Controller of Finance
 Dr Debal C Kar, Librarian
 Professor Denys P Leighton, School of Liberal Studies
 Dr Diamond Oberoi Vahali, Associate Professor, School of Liberal Studies
 Shri Deepan Sivaraman, Associate Professor, School of Culture & Creative Expressions
 Shri Akha Kaihrii Mao, Associate Professor & 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 Gunjan Sharma, Assistant Professor, SES & Co-Coordinator, Academic Council

Regrets:

Professor K Ramachandran, 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 Dharendra Datt Dangwal, the new Dean, School of Liberal Studies, to the members, and thanked Professor Denys P. Leighton for his work as the previous Dean of the School. The VC introduced Professors Jatin Bhatt and Salil Misra in their new role as the Pro Vice Chancellors of AUD.

The following **resolutions** were passed:

11.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the tenth meeting of the AC held on 17.07.2017

The Council **resolved** to confirm the minutes of the tenth meeting of the AC held on 17.07.2017, as circulated on 25.07.2017.

11.2 Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes of the tenth meeting of the Academic Council held on 17.07.2017

The Council **resolved** to note the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions taken in its tenth meeting held on 17.07.2017, vide **Appendix-1**.

11.3 Recommendations of the Standing Committee Research (SCR)

The Council took note of the minutes of the meetings of the SCR held on 04.07.2017 and 01.08.2017 (vide **Appendix-2**) and **resolved** to approve the following recommendations:

11.3.1 Draft regulations concerning degrees of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Master of Philosophy (MPhil), and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to be followed for MPhil and PhD programmes

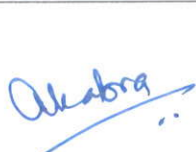
Considered the draft regulations concerning degrees of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Master of Philosophy (MPhil), and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to be followed for MPhil and PhD programmes.

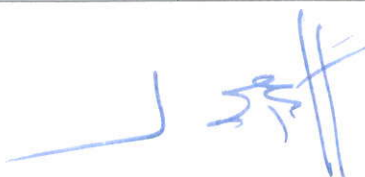
After due deliberations, the Council **resolved** to approve the above with the amendments, vide **Appendix-3**.

11.3.2 Award of MPhil degree to the two scholars

Resolved to approve the recommendation of the SCR for the award of MPhil degree to the following two students:

Name	Enrolment No	Programme	School
Lalita Kaushik	S114CPS14	MPhil Psychotherapy	CPCR, SHS
Ashutosh Kumar	S134CDP04	MPhil Development Practice	CDP





11.3.3 Extension, re-registration and temporary de-registration of MPhil/PhD scholars for completing their respective programmes

Resolved to approve the recommendation of the SCR for extension, re-registration and temporary de-registration of MPhil/PhD degree to the following research scholars of AUD:

Name	Enrolment No	Duration	Programme
Extension			
Bharti Mohan	S125CPS03	1.7.2017 to 31.12.2017	PhD Psychology
Ojit K. Singh	S135BED02	30.8.2017 to 28.2.2018	PhD Human Ecology
Shaina Sehgal	S135BED04	29.8.2017 to 28.2.2018	PhD Human Ecology
Re-Registration			
Minakshi Bhagat	S134CWG09	From 17.05.2017	MPhil Women and Gender Studies
De-Registration			
Kailash	S125CPS06	Date of Registration: 01.09.12; Temporary de-registration from 1.06.2017	PhD Psychology
Jenny Hoipineng	S125CPS05	Date of Registration: 01.09.12; Temporary de-registration from 1.06.2017	PhD Psychology
Aparajita Bhargarh Chaudhary	S125CPS02	Date of Registration: 01.09.12; Temporary de-registration from 1.06.2017	PhD Psychology
Shikha Gill	S125CPS09	Date of Registration: 01.09.12; Temporary de-registration from 1.06.2017	PhD Psychology

11.3.4 Proposal to apply the AUD Research Studies Regulations 2017 retrospectively to all PhD scholars registered

Resolved to approve the recommendation of SCR of applying the proposed AUD Research Studies Regulations 2017 retrospectively to all PhD scholars currently enrolled with AUD.

11.3.5 Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between AUD and the Centre for Women's Development Studies (CWDS) for MPhil/PhD Programme

Resolved to approve the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between AUD and the Centre for Women's Development Studies (CWDS) for MPhil/PhD Programme (vide **Appendix-4**), as recommended by SCR.




11.3.6 Revised programme structure of joint MPhil & PhD Programme by AUD and CWDS in Women's and Gender Studies

Resolved to approve the revised programme structure of joint MPhil & PhD Programme by AUD and CWDS in Women's and Gender Studies (vide **Appendix-5**) and recommended it for further consideration by the Board of Management.

11.4 Recommendations of the Standing Committee Academic Programmes (SCAP)

The Council took note of the minutes of the meetings of the Standing Committee Academic Programmes (SCAP) held on 27.07.2017 and 01.08.2017 (vide **Appendix-6**) and **resolved** to approve the following recommendations of the SCAP:

11.4.1 Proposed MA programme in Law, Politics and Society, and its first semester courses, to be offered by the School of Law, Governance & Citizenship (SLGC)

Resolved to approve the proposed MA programme in Law, Politics and Society, along with the outlines of the first semester foundational courses to be offered by the School of Law, Governance & Citizenship (SLGC) from the Monsoon Semester of 2017, as recommended by SCAP (vide **Appendix-7**). The approved first semester courses for the programme are: (i) "Introduction to Law & Legal Methods"; (ii) "Indian Constitutionalism: Law, Politics and History"; (iii) "An introduction to Jurisprudence and Legal Philosophy"; and (iv) "Law and the Making of Modern India".

11.4.2 Proposed changes in the evaluation scheme of MA History programme

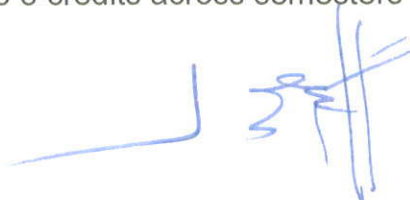
Resolved to approve the change in the evaluation scheme of MA History programme of School of Liberal Studies of lowering the minimum passing grade in the dissertation from B Minus to C Plus, vide **Appendix-8**.

11.4.3 Revised credit structure, addition of new courses, and launch of new elective courses for MA English and MA Comparative Literature & Translation Studies (CLTS) programmes of School of Letters (SoL)

Resolved to approve the following recommendations of SCAP for MA English and MA CLTS programmes of SoL (vide **Appendix-9**):

- (i) Revised credit of the MA English course "Indian People's Theatre Association (IPTA);
- (ii) Addition of three new courses to the basket of MA English electives ("Asian Canadian Literature"; "Translation in Contemporary India"; "Remembering Partition");
- (iii) Revised credit of the MA English dissertation (from 4 credits in semester IV to 8 credits across semesters III and IV);





- (iv) Launch of two elective courses in MA CLTS (“Narrative and Narratology”; “Lyrical Pasts: Poetry in the Indo-Islamic Millennium”).

11.4.4 Programme structure of the proposed MA Dance Practice programme to be offered by the School of Culture and Creative Expressions (SCCE)

Resolved to approve the programme structure of the proposed programme of the School of Culture and Creative Expressions (SCCE) with the amended nomenclature “MA Performance Practice (Dance)”, vide **Appendix-10**. While approving the programme, the AC **resolved** to give the following directions to the SCCE:

- (i) To develop a brochure on the programme that communicates to an outside audience the vision and approach of the programme vis-à-vis the conventions and the idea behind the proposed nomenclature;
- (ii) To work with the Assessment, Evaluation and Student Progression (AES) Division to have an assessment system for the programme that is compatible with the University’s assessment policies;
- (iii) To explore mechanisms for sustainability of the programme in the long-run as the grant from Tata Trust is only for one programme cycle;
- (iv) To ensure that the faculty appointment is as per the AUD norms and procedures;
- (v) To work out the administrative, financial and legal aspects of the collaboration between AUD, the Gati Forum and the Tata Trust before the Programme is launched; and
- (vi) To flesh-out the details on and preparing a process documentation of how the collaboration between AUD, the Gati Forum and Tata Trust is working and report to the AC before the summer of 2018.

11.4.5 Proposal for three elective courses to be offered in the School of Human Studies (SHS)

Resolved to approve the proposal for launch of three elective courses to be offered in School of Human Studies (vide **Appendix-11**). These courses are: (i) 1 elective course “Gendered World: Politics and Memory in Northeast India” for the MA Gender Studies programme; and (ii) 2 elective courses “Gendering Disability Studies”, and “Situating Disability Studies” for MA Psychosocial Clinical Studies, MA Gender Studies and other MA programmes at AUD.

11.4.6 Proposal for two elective courses to be offered in the School of Development Studies (SDS)

Resolved to approve the proposal for two elective courses to be offered for MA Development Studies programme of School of Development Studies (SDS) (vide **Appendix-12**). The two elective courses are (i) “Gender and Development”, and (ii) “Development Experiences in South Asia: Themes in Political Economy”.

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11.4.7 Report on comparison between the UGC's Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and AUD-CBCS, submitted by a sub-committee constituted by the SCAP

Resolved to approve in principle the report of the sub-committee for comparison between UGC Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and AUD-CBCS (vide **Appendix-13**). While approving the report, the AC **resolved** to direct the sub-committee to ensure that the total credits of the undergraduate programmes at AUD are at par with the UGC-CBCS as the main difference in the UGC-CBCS and AUD-CBCS is that of the total credits for the undergraduate programmes: 140 as per UGC-CBCS and 96 as per existing AUD-CBCS. The report should offer specific recommendations which would make the AUD undergraduate programme compatible with the UGC-CBCS. This should be brought back to the AC for consideration in its next meeting.

11.5 Recommendations of the Standing Committee for Professional, Vocational and Continuing Education Programmes (SCPVCE)

The Council took note of the minutes of the first meeting of the SCPVCE held on 25.07.2017 and **resolved** to approve the following recommendations:

11.5.1 Proposal for two elective courses in the MDes (Social Design) Programme of the School of Design (SDes)

Resolved to approve the proposal for two courses to be offered in the third semester of the MDes (Social Design) Programme of SDes, as recommended by the SCPVCE (vide **Appendix-14**). These courses include: i) "Examining Rural and Urban"; and ii) "Exploring User Interface and User Experience Design".

11.5.2 Draft curriculum including the programme structures of the three BVoc Programmes to be offered by the School of Vocational Studies (SVS) and the course outlines for the first two semesters thereof

Resolved to approve the programme structures and the course outlines of the first 2 semesters of the BVoc Programmes in i) Retail Management, ii) Tourism & Hospitality, and iii) Early Childhood Centre Management & Entrepreneurship, to be offered from Monsoon Semester 2017 by the School of Vocational Studies (SVS), as recommended by the SCPVCE in its first meeting held on 25.07.2017 (vide **Appendix-15**). It was decided that even while the structure of the BVoc programme is largely externally determined, the SVS should make systematic attempts to bridge the gap between the general education and skill components of the programme. The SVS should develop an imagination of its prospective graduates and transact the programme in harmony with that imagination.

The AC also **resolved** that the Dean, Assessment, Evaluation and Student Progression (AES), would be included as member on the composition of the SCPVCE.

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11.6 Recommendations of the Standing Committee Student Affairs (SCSA)

The Council took note of the minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee Student Affairs (SCSA) held on 19.07.2017 and resolved to approve the following recommendations: *vide Appendix-15-A*

11.6.1 Draft Code of Discipline for Students framed by a Committee constituted by the Vice Chancellor

Resolved to approve in principle the draft Code of Discipline for Students (vide **Appendix-16**), with the following directions:

- (i) the document should be made concise such that it only includes the general disciplinary expectations from the students;
- (ii) the document should maintain a restorative and constructive spirit; and
- (iii) the committee that prepared the draft Code of Discipline, may have Professor Lawrence Liang, Dean, SLGC, as member.

The Committee should come back with a revised draft document in the next meeting of the AC.

11.7 Ratification of the following decisions taken by the Vice Chancellor:

11.7.1 Resolved to ratify the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the recommendations of Standing Committee Student Affairs (SCSA) in its 28th meeting held 19.07.2017 on various student related matters as under:

- (i) Rejection of the request made by Judhajit Mukherjee (S153DSC21: 2015-17 batch) for recognition of reassessment in 'Faith, Religion and Society' course during Winter Semester (WS) 2017;
- (ii) Extension of span period beyond 5 years for the completion of BA degree by Rwirubu Basumatary; and
- (iii) Approval for the change of course registration of Muniba Syed, BA SSH final semester student to enable her to complete BA degree in winter Semester 2017 and for award of degree in 2017.

11.7.2 Resolved to ratify the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the utilisation of one vacant position of Professor by diverting it temporarily to the Centre for Social Science Research Methods (CSSRM), AUD, till the term of Professor Chandan Mukherjee and appointment of Professor Mukherjee, SLS, as full time Faculty and Director in the Centre.

11.8 Other Items

11.8.1 Draft Terms of Reference (ToRs) for affiliating foreign visitors to AUD, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on International Partnerships (ACIP)

Resolved to approve the draft Terms of Reference (ToRs) for affiliating foreign visitors (scholars/researchers/practitioners/administrators) to AUD, as recommended by Advisory Committee on International Partnerships (ACIP) in its meeting held on 11.07.2017 (vide **Appendix-17**).

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11.8.2 Draft Policy Guidelines for undertaking Consultancy, Training and Practice based activities, as recommended by Senior Management Team (SMT)

The draft Policy Guidelines for undertaking Consultancy, Training and Practice based activities, as recommended by Senior Management Team (SMT) of the University in its meeting held on 18.07.2017, was deliberated upon. After due deliberations, the AC **resolved** to make the following observations:

- (i) there is a need to make conceptual distinction between the activities that would count as being essential for research and scholarship in a field, and those that would count as endeavours that are largely carried out by individuals for income generation;
- (ii) the policy framework should maintain a facilitative spirit and not become restrictive; and
- (iii) the framework should incorporate provisions to utilise the revenue generated by the University from these activities in a way that encourages research in the areas where the possibility of external grants/ consultancy activities is limited.

The AC authorised the VC to constitute a sub-committee of the AC under the Chairpersonship of Professor Jatin Bhatt, Pro-Vice Chancellor, for further deliberations on the draft policy.

11.8.3 Resolved to approve the validity of the existing list of external experts to be associated with the Selection Committees under Statute 14(2)(iii) for teaching posts as proposed by the Dean, Academic Services, till such time the new list of experts is approved by the Academic Council.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.



Registrar (Offg.)



Vice Chancellor (Offg.)