

Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD)

Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the Academic Council held on 16 July 2015 at 10.30 am in the Private Dining Hall at the India International Centre, New Delhi

The Seventh Meeting of the Academic Council (AC) of AUD was held on 16 July 2015 at 10:30 am 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 <i>Nominee of the UGC</i>	Member
Professor Ashoke Chatterjee <i>Nominee of the Government of NCT of Delhi</i>	Member
Professor K. Ramachandran <i>Nominee of the Government of NCT of Delhi</i>	Member
Dr. Mathew Varghese <i>Nominee of the Government of NCT of Delhi</i>	Member
Dr. Anuradha Kapur <i>Nominee of the Government of NCT of Delhi</i>	Member
Professor Ashok Nagpal School of Human Studies	Member
Professor Geetha Venkataraman School of Liberal Studies	Member
Professor Salil Misra Dean, Academic Services & Coordinator, Academic Council	Member
Professor Chandan Mukherjee Pro Vice Chancellor & Dean, SCCE	Member
Professor Denys P Leighton Dean, School of Liberal Studies	Member
Professor Venita Kaul Director, School of Education Studies	Member


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Professor Kuriakose Mamkoottam Director, School of Business, Public Policy and Social Entrepreneurship	Member
Professor Jatin Bhatt Secretary Dean, School of Design & Registrar (offg.)	Member
Professor Honey Oberoi Vahali Dean, School of Human Studies	Member
Dr. Sumangla Damodaran Associate Professor & Dean (offg.), School of Development Studies	Member
Dr. Rachana Johri Dean (offg.), School of Undergraduate Studies	Member
Dr. Asmita Kabra Dean (offg.), School of Human Ecology	Member
Dr. Praveen Singh School of Human Ecology	Member
Professor Vijaya S Varma Advisor, Planning	Special Invitee
Dr. Satyaketu Sankrit Associate Professor, School of Liberal Studies	Special Invitee
Dr. Oinam Hemlata Devi Assistant Professor, School of Human Ecology	Special Invitee
Dr. Anirban Sen Gupta Assistant Professor, School of Development Studies	Special Invitee
Dr. Raja Mohan could not attend the meeting.	

At the outset, the Vice Chancellor & Chairperson, AC extended a warm welcome to the Members and the Special Invitees of the AC and explained the reasons for delay in convening the meeting of the AC. He informed that the term of the Government nominees had come to an end on 09 October 2014 and their term was extended by the Hon'ble Chancellor of the University till the new nominees are notified. There was a delay in receiving the names of the new nominees on the AC from the Government. These names have now been received. For the current Government nominees, this is the last meeting. The Vice Chancellor then proceeded to thank the current government nominees on the Academic Council for their meaningful participation in the academic governance of the University.

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The following **resolutions** were passed:

Item 7.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the Academic Council held on 24 June 2014

Resolution 7.1

Resolved to confirm the Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the Academic Council held on 24 June 2014.

Item 7.2: To report the Action Taken on the Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the Academic Council held on 24 June 2014

Resolution 7.2

Resolved to note the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions taken in the Sixth Meeting of the Academic Council held on 24 June 2014.

The Vice Chancellor informed that the AC in its last meeting held on 24 June 2014 constituted a Committee, under the Chairpersonship of Professor A.K. Sharma, to examine the nomenclature of all the academic programmes at AUD. The Committee has now submitted its interim report. Once the final report is received, the same would be circulated among the Members.

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

Item 7.3: To consider the Minutes of the Standing Committee Research (SCR)

Resolution 7.3

7.3.1 The AC considered the Minutes of the SCR held on (a) 05-08-2014, (b) 09-10-2014, (c) 02-02-2015, (d) 09-04-2015, (e) 17-04-2015, (f) 27-04-2015 and (g) 08-06-2015, vide **Appendix-2**. After due deliberations, these were approved. Further, it was resolved to expand the membership of the SCR and include in it the Programme Coordinators of all M.Phil and Ph.D programmes.

7.3.2 The AC considered the revised M.Phil and Ph.D Research Studies Regulations (recommended by the SCR in its 24th meeting held on 08-06-2015). The VC requested all the members to look at the document very carefully and send suggestions, if any, to the Convenor or the

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Chairperson, SCR. These suggestions can be brought again to the next meeting of the AC. After due deliberations, the revised regulations were approved vide **Appendix - 2A**, subject to amendments proposed by members to be duly considered and approved in the next meeting of the Academic Council.

The AC resolved that the Standing Committee Research be chaired by the Pro Vice Chancellor and NOT by any Professor of the University as recommended by the SCR in Section 2 of the proposed revised regulations.

- 7.3.3 The AC considered the revised curriculum document of the MPhil programme in Psychotherapy and Clinical Thinking presented by the Dean, School of Human Studies. Along with the change in the title of the programme to be henceforth known as **MPhil Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy**, the Academic Council also noted the salient changes in the overall structure, course title and content of the programme. In its earlier version, the M.Phil Programme in Psychotherapy and Clinical Thinking carried a total credit strength of 96. The revised M.Phil Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Programme will have 110 credits. As the programme promised to create professional psychodynamic psychotherapists, it was noted that in the current revision the balance between theory and practice-based components had been carefully thought through. In comparison to the earlier curriculum, the revised one emphasised more on reflective practice, along with making personal work (personal therapy) mandatory for every prospective candidate to qualify for the MPhil degree. Another significant change in the programme structure centred around taught courses to be now completed by the end of the 4th semester. This would help trainees to concentrate fully on their clinical internships and research dissertation during the entire third year.

Members of the Academic Council noted that the programme was a distinctive one and of significant social relevance. However, as this was the first programme of its kind, it was considered crucial that the programme team make links with professional bodies in the area of Mental Health in India. Further, the programme team was advised to seek recognition for the programme from the Rehabilitation Council of India as well as other similarly concerned professional bodies.

The Academic Council approved the revised curriculum document vide **Appendix - 2B** and the new nomenclature of the programme, "MPhil Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy."

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Item 7.4: To consider the minutes of the Standing Committee on Academic Programmes (SCAP) held on 26 June 2015 and 29 June 2015

Resolution 7.4

The AC considered and approved the minutes of the Standing Committee on Academic Programmes (SCAP) held on 26 June 2015 and 29 June 2015, vide **Appendix-3**.

7.4.1 The Council considered and deliberated on the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Academic Programmes (SCAP) on the following:

- Addition of the following new courses in the MA programme in Education (ECCE) already approved by the AC:
 - Learning and Development in the Early Years (4 credits; SES202104)
 - Developing Early Childhood Curriculum (4 credits; SES202106)
 - Observing and Assessing Young Children's Development and Learning (4 credits ; SES202105)
 - Workshop (1 credits; SES2023310)
 - Field Attachment (1 credit ; SES202301)
 - Summer Internship (4 credits; SES202303)
- Addition of the following new courses in the MA programme in Social Entrepreneurship (MASE), already approved by the AC:
 - Entrepreneurship in Education Sector (4 credits; SBP2SE611)
 - Local Communities, Entrepreneurship and Gender (4 credits; SBP2SE612)
 - Negotiation in the Cross Cultural Context (4 credits; SBP2SE613)
 - Creative Economy and Social Development (4 credits; SBP2SE614)
 - Sustainable Tourism (4 credits; SBP2SE615)
 - Entrepreneurship in the Health Sector (4 credits; SBP2SE616)
 - New Product and Market Development (4 credits; SBP2SE617)
 - Fundraising for New Social Ventures (4 credits; SBP2SE618)
 - Environment and Social Impact Assessment (4 credits; SBP2SE619)
 - Strategic Management of New Ventures (4 credits; SBP2SE620)
- Addition of the following new courses for different cohorts of students in the MA programme in Social Design, already approved by the AC:

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- Aesthetics of Form and Experience 3 (4 credits, SDe2SD203)
- Materials and Processes (2 credits, SDe2SD403)
- Workshop/Seminar (2 credits, SDe2SD603)
- Project Management (2 credits, SDe2SD703)
- Social Studio 3 (8 credits, SDe2SD803)
- Internship (2 credits, SDe2SD103)
- Ecology, Environment and Development: Critical Technology and Sustainability (2 credits, SDe2SD304)
- Workshop/Seminar (4 credits, SDe2SD504)
- Social Entrepreneurship: New Economics (4 credits, SDe2SD604)
- Social Studio 4: System Design Project (10 credits, SDe2SD704)
- Design Practice and Ethics (2 credits, SDe2SD105)
- Independent Study (4 credits, SDe2SD505)
- Social Studio V: Final Thesis Project and Seminar (14 credits, SDe2SD805)

- Addition of the following course to the MA programme in Environment and Development, already approved by the AC:
- Advanced Ecology (4 credits; SHE2ED323)

The Council approved the addition of above-mentioned courses to the different masters programmes already approved.

7.4.2 The Council discussed and considered the recommendation of the SCAP on the following:

- The addition of 10 seats for students to be admitted to the PG Diploma in Early Child Care and Education (ECCE), along with already existing provision of 30 seats for the two year MA programme in Education (ECCE).

The Council approved the addition of 10 seats of students to be admitted to PG Diploma in ECCE.

7.4.3 The Council considered and approved the restructuring of the BA Honours programmes of the School of Undergraduate Studies along the following lines based on recommendations of the SCAP:

- The progression of courses will be in such a way that students are offered core courses from the very first semester instead of from the second. However only one core course will be offered in the first

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semester so that the students retain the option of a lateral movement from one programme to another.

- English, Hindi and Environmental Issues and Challenges (EIC) will constitute the main foundation courses covering 12 credits. The Introduction to Social Sciences (ISS) and the Logic and Reasoning (LR) (hitherto foundation) will be shifted to foundation optional basket.
- There should be four credits of foundation optional. These can be taken from a basket of courses, consisting of courses on 'Gender and Sexuality', 'Equality, Discrimination and Marginalization', 'Introduction to Social Sciences and Humanities' and 'Logic and Reasoning'.

The Council concurred with the SCAP in reiterating that there should be a greater participation of faculty from all the Schools in SUS at the level of offering electives, foundational optional and sharing teaching responsibilities of disciplinary or core courses.

The Council approved the restructuring of the BA programmes along the lines recommended by the Board of Studies (BOS) of School of Undergraduate Studies and the SCAP.

Item 7.5: To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee Student Affairs (SCSA) made in its meetings held on 11.12.2014 and 27.05.2015

Resolution 7.5

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- 7.5.1 To consider the letter from UGC regarding inclusion of Mother's Name in all the application forms/Degree/Certificates issued by the University**

The committee recommended that the UGC notice for including the names of Father and Mother of the graduating students may be placed before the Academic council for consideration of its implementation.

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7.5.2 To consider an appeal made by the students of BA (Mathematics), SUS regarding one more chance after Partial Repeat (PR)

The AC discussed in great details of the above item of the 22nd meeting of the SCSA held on 27-05-2015.

Three students of the BA (Mathematics) 6th semester, who had failed one course even after the Partial Repeat (PR), made an appeal to the Evaluation and Attendance Committee (EAC) of the SUS, to grant them one more chance of PR. They cited some personal unfortunate incidence as the reason for their failure to clear the PR. The EAC decided not to entertain the appeal of the three students. In taking this decision the EAC went by the established criteria and procedures which clearly state that "a student failing PR (i.e., not thereby obtaining a passing course grade) shall not be allowed another PR opportunity for the same course."

The SCSA deliberated on this issue and resolved that "taking into consideration the unforeseen incident that had happened with one of the batch mates of these students, as a one- time exceptional case, the three students may be allowed to repeat the entire course (M11) assessments in July 2015. This may not be quoted as precedence."

While discussing this case, the AC, to begin with, took the views of the representative of the Mathematics faculty in the AC and then of the members of the SCSA. After ascertaining their views on the matter, the members of the AC deliberated upon the issue at length. It was argued that while taking any decision the concurrence of the Maths faculty should be sought. Also that the assessment scheme should contain some special provisions for students of the last semester of the programme, so that the failing students may not lose one whole year and may be able to complete all their credits within the stipulated time. It was also suggested that cases of this kind should not constitute precedence.

After a prolonged discussion, the AC resolved **not** to accept the recommendation of the SCSA and instructed that this matter be referred back to the School to be taken up by the Student Faculty Committee (SFC) of the programme.

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7.5.3 To report the approval of the Vice Chancellor for the recommendations of Standing Committee (Student Affairs) on the following:

- (a) the request by the SBPPSE students for exemption from the 80% mandatory of attendance on medical grounds**

The AC resolved to note the approval of the Vice Chancellor to the request from students of first/fourth trimester of MBA and Social Entrepreneurship (Ankur Khanna, Gaurav Kundra, Rishi Singh Arora, Saumya Jain, Aditya, Pranav Talwar and Rashmi Chadha) seeking exemption from the 80% mandatory attendance on medical grounds in the first/fourth trimester students.

- (b) the request for re-enrolling the de-enrolled students of SUS, SLS, SHE, SHS, SES and SCCE**

The AC resolved to note the approval of the Vice Chancellor for the re-enrollment of the de-enrolled students of SUS, SLS, SHE, SHS, SES and SCCE as per the procedure that has been approved by the Academic Council in its sixth meeting held on 24 June 2014.

- (c) the document titled 'Assessment FAQs 2014-15' to convey the Assessment Policy of the School of Education Studies**

The AC resolved to note the approval of the Vice Chancellor for the document titled 'Assessment FAQs 2014-15' created by the SES to communicate the Assessment Policy to the students of MA Education.

- (d) the requests for re-enrolling the de-enrolled students of SCCE, SES, SHS, SLS and SUS**

The AC resolved to note the approval of the Vice Chancellor for the re-enrollment of the de-enrolled students of SCCE, SES, SHS, SLS and SUS as per the procedure that has been approved by the Academic Council in its sixth meeting held on 24 June 2014.

- (e) the request for exemption from Grade cut due to short of attendance by the SBPPSE students**

The AC resolved to note the approval of the Vice Chancellor to the request from Grade cut of Gaurav Kundra in the Sixth (final) Semester of MBA.

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(f) the request of Ms Richa Jain for award of PG Diploma in Development Studies

The AC resolved to note the approval of the Vice Chancellor to consider request of Ms Richa Jain for award of PG Diploma in Development Studies in the 4th convocation. It was noted that the Dean, SDS and the Programme Coordinator had informed through their note that Ms Richa Jain had completed all requirements for PG Diploma in Development Studies on time and has submitted a request for Diploma in July 2013. While SDS had entered all her grades on time, inadvertently the results were not formally forwarded to Dean Student Services. As a result, delay occurred in processing her request for the award of Post Graduate Diploma in Development Studies.

Item 7.6: To consider the recommendations of the Equivalence Committee made in its first meeting held on 9 June 2015

Resolution 7.6

Resolved to approve the recommendations of the Equivalence Committee made in its first meeting held on 9 June 2015, vide **Appendix-5**.

Item 7.7: To ratify the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor on behalf of the Academic Council on the matters as recommended by the Standing Committee (Student Affairs)

Resolution 7.7

Resolved to ratify the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor on behalf of the Academic Council on the matters as recommended by the Standing Committee Student Affairs, vide **Appendix-6**.

Item 7.8: To ratify the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor on behalf of the Academic Council on the recommendation of the Standing Committee Research about the specific number of seats to be filled through MPhil and PhD Admissions 2015-16

Resolution 7.8

Resolved to ratify the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor on behalf of the Academic Council on the recommendation of the Standing Committee Research about the specific number of seats to be filled through MPhil and PhD Admissions 2015-16, vide **Appendix-7**.

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- Item 7.9:** To note the Fee Structure for Admission cohort 2015-16 (for the entire period of studies in a programme) in compliance with the Fee Policy as approved by the Board of Management

Resolution 7.9

Resolved to note the Fee Structure for Admission cohort 2015-16 (for the entire period of studies in a programme) in compliance with the Fee Policy as approved by the Board of Management, vide **Appendix-8**.

- Item 7.10:** To note the revised guidelines for utilization of funds under Learning Enhancement and under Field Based Learning

Resolution 7.10

Resolved to note the revised guidelines for utilization of funds under Learning Enhancement and under Field Based Learning, vide **Appendix-9**.

- Item 7.11:** To note the re-constitution of the Equivalence Committee as the Standing Committee of the Academic Council

Resolution 7.11

Resolved to note the re-constitution of the Equivalence Committee as the Standing Committee of the Academic Council, vide **Appendix-10**.

- Item 7.12:** To note the constitution of a Standing Committee for Students Travel Grant (SCSTG)

Resolution 7.12

Resolved to note the constitution of a Standing Committee for Students Travel Grant (SCSTG), vide **Appendix-11**.

- Item 7.13:** To note the re-constitution of the Student Welfare Fund Managing Committee

Resolution 7.13

Resolved to note the re-constitution of the Student Welfare Fund Managing Committee, vide **Appendix-12**.

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Item 7.14: To note the report on the Third Annual Convocation held on the 3rd of November, 2014

Resolution 7.14

Resolved to note the report on the Third Annual Convocation of the University held on the 3rd of November, 2014, vide **Appendix-13**.

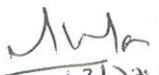
Item 7.15: To note the Academic Calendar for the year 2015-16

Resolution 7.15

Resolved to note the Academic Calendar for the year 2015-16, vide **Appendix-14**.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.


Coordinator, AC


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