Chinmaya Vishwavidyapeeth
(Deemed University under Section 3 of UGC Act)

Minutes of the 10th Academic Council Meeting

23rd November, 2020 09:00 AM (Video Conference)

ATTENDEES

1. Prof. Nagaraj K. Neerchal (NN), Vice Chancellor - Chairperson
2. Prof. P. Geervani (PG), Pro Chancellor, CVV (Member)
3. Prof. Gauri Mahulikar (GM), Dean of Faculty, CVV (Member)
4. Dr. Subbarao V. Jayanti (SJ), Head, School of Contemporary Knowledge Systems, CVV (Member)
5. Dr. Vanisree Ramanathan (VR), Head, School of Ethics, Governance, Culture & Social Systems, CVV (Member)
6. Dr. L. Sampath Kumar (LSK), Head, School of Linguistics and Literary Studies, CVV (Member)
7. Dr. Vinayak Rajat Bhat (VRB), Head, School of Vedic Knowledge Systems, CVV (Member)
8. Shri Swapnil Chaphekar (SC), Head, School of Kalayoga, Chinmaya Naada Bindu Gurukula (Member)
9. Dr. Radha Mohan (RM), Professor, School of Ethics, Governance, Culture & Social Systems, CVV (Member)
10. Pandit Abhijit Banerjee (AB), Professor (Guru), Chinmaya Naada Bindu Gurukula (Member)
11. Dr. Ramakrishna Pejathaya (RKP) Assistant Professor, School of Ethics, Governance, Culture & Social Systems, CVV (Member)
12. Dr. Sanjay Bapna (SB), Professor, Morgan State University (Member)
13. Dr. Soumya S (SS), Registrar (I/c), CVV – Secretary
14. Shri P. Krishna Kumaran Thampi (PKK), Controller of Examinations, CVV (Permanent Invitee)
15. Swami Advayananda (SA), (Invitee)
16. Ms. Jayalakshmi Nanda (JN), Chief of Staff of VC, CVV (Invitee)
17. Ms. Abha Mohan (AM), (Invitee)

Leave of Absence Granted:

1. Prof. Sreevalsakumar R, (SVK), Head, School of Philosophy, Psychology & Scientific Heritage, CVV (Member)
2. Dr. Shilpa Pandit (SP), Associate Professor, School of Philosophy, Psychology & Scientific Heritage, CVV (Member)

3. Shri Nithin Ramakrishnan (NR), Assistant Professor, School of Ethics, Governance, Culture & Social Systems, CVV (Member)
4. Prof. B Mahadevan (BM), Professor, IIM Bangalore (Member)
5. Smt. Pramodini Rao (PR), Academic Director, Chinmaya Naada Bindu Gurukula (Member)
6. Ms. Lakshmi Shenoy (LS), Finance Officer, CVV (Invitee)
7. Swami Sharadananda (SS), Chinmaya International Foundation (Member)

Members Absent:

1. Pandit Rupak Kulkarni (RK), Guru, School of Kalayoga (Member)
2. Prof. A. N. Balchand (ANB),
3. Vid. Manjusha Patil (VMP), Guru, School of Kalayoga (Member)
4. Prof. K. Dorasami

Meeting Minutes:

The meeting commenced as video conferencing at 9:00 AM with prayer and Shanti Mantra.

1. Welcome by Vice Chancellor

The Vice Chancellor welcomed members of the Academic Council to the 10th meeting.

2. Academic Achievements

Members took note of academic achievements by faculty and staff.

3. Approval of Minutes of previous Academic Council Meeting

1. ATR of previous Academic Council Meeting

Since 9th Academic Council meeting was convened through circular, the minutes of the 8th meeting of Academic Council was presented for approval.

Member RKP pointed out that Academic Achievements needed correction as well as completeness. SS explained that since the agenda is sent in advance, the achievements after sending the agenda may not be able to get captured. SS also explained the need for setting up a process to document the faculty and student achievements in a systematic manner from a NAAC perspective also which is being looked into.

Member PG made motion to approve the minutes of the 8th Academic Council. The motion was seconded by GM and the members resolved to approve the minutes of 8th Academic Council meeting.

Members took note of the Action Taken Report of the previous Academic Council meeting.

4. Approval for new courses in different categories

1. Business Research Methods and Project work (P)

To help the students to equip with the requisites for Dissertation, it was proposed to introduce the course: Business Research Methods and Project Work for BBA and B. Com students in the proficiency category.
Approval sought for the course.

Member SB suggested to develop appropriate rubrics for the course and send across.

Member PG suggested to include Course Code (proposed, if not finalized), Credits, Programme in which offered, Category, etc. while presenting to AC. The suggestion was accepted by the members. NN explained that the course codes may not be available now since it will be allotted only after AC approval. However, a proposed course code can be assigned. He also informed that the development of a course catalogue is under process.

NN made motion for in principle approval of the course: Business Research Methods and Project Work. The members resolved to approve the single credit course: Business Research Methods and Project Work.

Action Item: To bring back the course outline with appropriate rubrics.

2. New specialization for BBA and B. Com

Currently, the specializations that are offered in B. Com are:

1. Professional Accounting
2. Taxation

On request of the students for electives in the Finance specialization, it is proposed to offer electives in this specialization. The following are the courses proposed under this stream.

- Indian Financial System (E)
- Security Analysis and Portfolio Management (E)
- Mergers and Acquisitions (E)
- Financial Modelling (E)

Approval sought for including Finance specialization in addition to the existing specializations and offer for BBA and B. Com.

Member SB suggested that the Finance specialization could be combined with IT since it has extremely high demand in the Indian Economy. He further suggested that industry people could be invited to share the practical aspects with the students.

The members resolved to approve the Finance specialization and the proposed courses.

Action Item: To bring back the course outlines for the proposed courses.

3. A study of alaṅkāra-s based on Kuvalayānanda(C)
4. History of English Literature-Old English period and Middle English period (C)

5. Introduction to English Literature and Literary Forms (C)
6. Introduction to Linguistics (C)
7. Calculus and Analytical Geometry (C)
8. Combinatorics, Statistics and Basic Probability (C)
9. Number Theory and Matrices (C)
10. Indian Constitution and Human Rights (P)
11. Brand Management (E)
12. A Comparative Study Itihāsa-Purāṇa, Greek and Sumerian Mythologies(M)
13. Carnatic Vocal Basic 2 (M)
14. Company Law and Practice (M)
15. Introduction to Guidance and Counselling (M)
16. Learning Spanish-Level 1 (M)
17. Lit X - Comics and Graphic Novels (M)
18. Science for Sustainable Living (M)
19. Social Media and Law (M)
20. Tell, Never Teach A Story (M)

It was suggested to make a table of the proposed courses with details like School, Year, Course Code, Semester, Programme, etc.

Member SJ suggested that Spanish, being a foreign language may not fit into CVV vision. Member SM suggested that there need not be too many foreign languages. NN explained that a University should have a rich catalogue of courses but offering to students must be done judiciously. He further explained that AC approval for new courses should be obtained before starting the courses and not after starting the courses. Member PG suggested to include the number of times a course will be offered in a year. NN explained that while it may be possible for core courses, it may bot be so for minors and electives. Member GM suggested translation of Sanskrit texts into different foreign languages. Member SA appreciated the idea and indicated that CVV can start thinking of Indian languages also. Member PG suggested to start a course on Translation Studies also. RKP said that Translation Studies was offered as elective for MA Sanskrit though the title did not reflect the translation concept. He further stated that it would be good to design one or two minor courses every year blending IKS and CKS.

Member SA suggested to offer Computational Linguistics based on Anusaraka which integrates Paninian Grammar. Member GM said that Shri Pavan Satuluri is already working on a course in NLP/ Computational Linguistics.

Sl. No.	Course Name	School	Year	Semester	Programme	Course Type
3	A study of alaṅkāra-s based on Kuvalayānanda(C)	LLS	2020	3	BA Sanskrit	Core
4	History of English Literature-Old English period and Middle English period (C)	LLS	2020	1	B.A. B.Ed. English	Core
5	Introduction to English Literature and Literary Forms (C)	LLS	2020	1	B.A. B.Ed. English	Core

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6	Introduction to Linguistics (C)	LLS	2020	1	B.A. B.Ed. English	Core
7	Calculus and Analytical Geometry (C)	PPSH	2020	1	B.Sc. B. Ed. Mathematics	Core
8	Combinatorics, Statistics and Basic Probability (C)	PPSH	2020	1	B.Sc. B. Ed. Mathematics	Core
9	Number Theory and Matrices (C)	PPSH	2020	1	B.Sc. B. Ed. Mathematics	Core
10	Indian Constitution and Human Rights (P)	EGCS	2020	1	B.A. B.Ed. English & B.Sc. B. Ed. Mathematics	Proficiency
11	Brand Management (E)	CKS	2020	-	BBA/ B. Com	Elective
12	A Comparative Study_ Itihāsa-Purāṇa, Greek and Sumerian Mythologies(M)	LLS	2020	-	Any UG/ PG	Minor
13	Carnatic Vocal Basic 2 (M)	KY	2020	-	Any UG/ PG	Minor
14	Company Law and Practice (M)	EGCS	2020	-	Any UG/ PG	Minor
15	Introduction to Guidance and Counselling (M)	PPSH	2020	-	Any UG/ PG	Minor
16	Learning Spanish-Level 1 (M)	LLS	2020	-	Any UG/ PG	Minor
17	Lit X - Comics and Graphic Novels (M)	LLS	2020	-	Any UG/ PG	Minor
18	Science for Sustainable Living (M)	EGCS	2020	-	Any UG/ PG	Minor
19	Social Media and Law (M)	EGCS	2020	-	Any UG/ PG	Minor
20	Tell, Never Teach A Story (M)	LLS	2020	-	Any UG/ PG	Minor

Members resolved to approve the courses listed from 3 to 30 as above.

21. Value added Courses - Civil Service Examination Training Cum Certificate Courses

The programme is intended to train students for Civil Service Examination. The programme will be conducted online, in collaboration with Chinmaya Academy of Civil Services, Chennai. Each segment of this programme shall be treated as a value-added course that a student can take along with his/her undergraduate programme. The courses may also be taken by non-degree seeking students, provided that they have the necessary pre-requisites.

The course adopts the standard syllabus prescribed by the Government of India.

Approval sought for offering the Civil Service Examination training cum certificate courses as value added courses.

AM presented the concept of offering IAS coaching based on the syllabus prescribed by Govt. of India. Member SB enquired if non-degree students can also participate from other institutions. NN explained the options of modus operandi of offering the courses and stated that if student go to for-profit

Institutions, they will not get certificate for the credits earned. Moreover, the enrolled students will have real value addition in terms of employability. This will help us recruit undergraduate students since this is a value addition. Member PG suggested to do a measured pitching for this course and also offer for non-credit since students should not feel pressurized. She further suggested that students who take it for a non-credit can be given a certificate once they complete the courses. Member SA and NN congratulated AM for pursuing the initiative further with Chinmaya IAS Academy.

Member SB suggested to give accountability to the concept in the long run and create a lead for such initiatives. NN explained that CA, CS, etc. are being planned and all such initiatives can be grouped under an umbrella.

The members resolved to approve the proposal of offering the Civil Service Examination training through certificate courses which may be taken either for credit or as value added courses.

5. Revision in courses:
   1. Changes Proposed in Sanskrit Courses for 2020-21

- New course outline for Proficiency course - Sanskrit for Communication
  The current course: Sanskrit for Communication is offered as a 3-credit course. The content has been revised to make it 4 credits.

  Approval sought for offering the proposed course with 4 credits from 2020 batch.

- Dropping the course 'Applied Sanskrit Grammar' in all UG Programs (4 credits)
  Three courses from MIL (Modern Indian Languages) category with 11 credits becomes little heavy for students without Sanskrit background. The courses are:
  - Sanskrit - A Language for Eternal Use (4 Credits)
  - Applied Sanskrit Grammar (4 Credits)
  - Sanskrit for Communication (3 Credits)

To equip the students with basic grammar, the essential grammar Grammar components required for conversing in Sanskrit is included in 'Sanskrit: A Language for Eternal Use course', which is sufficient for the students in this level.
Students can be expected to understand Sanskrit conversation and motivated to converse in Sanskrit. Increasing the credit number of 'Sanskrit for Communication' will serve that purpose. The credit for the course: Sanskrit for Communication is being revised from 3 to 4.
A new core course will be included in this place, so that overall credit requirement will remain the same.

Approval sought for:
- Dropping the course Applied Sanskrit Grammar
- Introduce a new core course to maintain overall credits as 120

Member LSK and GM explained the rationale behind increasing the credit of Sanskrit for Communication, dropping Applied Sanskrit Grammar and introducing

a new core course.

Members resolved to approve the following:

- **Increase the credit of Sanskrit for Communication from 3 to 4**
- **Drop the course Applied Sanskrit Grammar**
- **Introduce a new core course in the curriculum**

2. Dropping the course 'Accounting Principles and Practices' in BBA and B. Com The course was designed to serve as a bridge for students without a commerce background. From 2020, this course is being offered in the bridge programme. In the light of this, the course: Accounting Principles and Practices is being dropped and a course: Business Research Methods and Project Work is being introduced so as to equip the students to take up the Dissertation.

   AM explained the rationale of dropping the proficiency course: Accounting Principles and Practices' and introducing "Business Research Methods and Project Work"

   Members resolved to approve the proposal of dropping the course: Accounting Principles and Practices.

6. Revised Programme Structure and Curriculum:
   a. BA Sanskrit

   Members resolved to approve the revised Programme Structure of BA Sanskrit from 2020 admissions.

7. Presentation by CoE on CIA and make up exam (Deferred from 8th ACM)

   CoE presented the exam related procedures such as changes to the CIA – End term exam break up structure and the make-up exam.

   Members took note of the exam related procedures.

8. Any other business with the permission of the Chair

8.1 Member VRB proposed that for the research scholars who attended IKS in workshop mode as a certificate, the credit can be transferred to their coursework. Such scholars need not repeat IKS in coursework.

Member SA enquired whether minor courses can be taken by scholars. Member VRB replied that he is working on a policy with VRR. SA also enquired whether it is possible for scholars from other Universities to come to CVV if they wish so. Member VRB replied that it is possible provided they take the de novo courses as extra.

Member resolved to approve the credit transfer of the IKS in workshop mode to their coursework.

8.2 SS proposed the date of the next Academic Council meeting as January 20, 2021.

Members took note of the date of the next meeting of the Academic Council.

In His Service
Sd/-
Registrar

Vice Chancellor
Chinmaya Vishwavidyapeeth