Chinmaya Vishwavidyapeeth

Minutes of the 2nd Academic Council Meeting

13th March 2018 10:30 AM / Kapilah, Shankaram, CEG Campus

ATTENDEES

1. Prof. B Mahadevan, Vice Chancellor – Chairman
2. Smt. Pramodini Rao, Academic Director, Chinmaya Naada Bindu Gurukula
3. Prof. G Sabarinathan, IIM Bangalore (expert member)
4. Prof. G Gangadharan Nair (expert member)
5. Prof. Gopal Mahapatra, IIM Indore (expert member)
6. Prof. K Ramasubramanian, IIT Bombay (expert member)
7. Prof. Muralimadhavan Nair (expert member)
8. Dr. Vinayak Rajat Bhat, Head, School of Vedic Knowledge Systems
9. Dr. Pavankumar Satuluri, Head, School of Linguistics and Literary Studies
10. Dr Ramakrishnan Krishnamurthy, Head, School of Ethics, Governance, Culture, Social Systems
11. Shri Saurabh Singanapalli, Head, School of Contemporary Knowledge Systems
12. Dr Krishna Mohan K, Head, School of Philosophy, Psychology & Scientific Heritage
13. Dr. Varun Khanna, Assistant Professor, Chinmaya Eswar Gurukula
14. Dr. Hari Sundar G., Associate Professor, School of Contemporary Knowedge Systems
15. Prof. Abha Mohan, Assistant Professor, School of Contemporary Knowedge Systems
16. Shri Swapnil Chaphekar, Assistant Professor, Chinmaya Naada Bindu Gurukula
17. Smt Soumya S, Assistant Registrar – Secretary

Special Invitees

1. Shri Suresh Subramanian, (Former Registrar)
2. Prof. K. Subramanian, Controller of Examinations
3. Dr. Ramakrishna Pejathaya, Assistant Professor, School of Ethics, Governance, Culture, and Social Systems

Leave of Absence

1. Swami Sharadananda, Chinmaya International Foundation (expert member)
2. Prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi, Dean of Faculty, Chinmaya Eswar Gurukula
3. Prof. Radhavallabh Tripathi, Bhopal (expert member)
4. Prof. N K Sundareswaran, University of Calicut (expert member)

5. Pandit Abhijit Banerjee
6. Pandit Rupak Kulkarni
7. Vid. Manjusha Patil
8. Vid. Kala Ramnath
9. Dr. Jayanthi Kumaresh

NOTES

The meeting started with a prayer. Then, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor welcomed the guests.
This was followed by a round of introduction in which all the members introduced themselves to the Academic Council.
The Academic activities from June 2017 till date was briefly presented by the Secretary to the Academic Council.

DECISIONS TAKEN

A) Changes in programme structure: All schools have moved the foundation course IKS 1 & IKS 2 to 3rd and 4th Semester in place of the current 1st and 2nd Semester

Changes in the programme structure approved

B) VC suggested to waive fees for Integrated Masters in Sanskrit Vyakarana and Advaita Vedanta.

Fees waiver approved.

C) It was proposed to include 3 core courses each in the first year for the next batch of BBA and B. Com programmes respectively and spread out the foundation courses evenly across the 6 Semesters.

Proposal approved.

D) Programme specific proficiency courses: Essentials of Management and Accounting and Accounting Software package; proposed to be added to BBA and B. Com respectively.

Proposal approved.

E) New Minor stream introduced by School of Contemporary Knowledge Systems: Management & Economic Systems, to include the following courses:

i. HR skills for life & Work (Stream: Management & Economic Systems)
ii. Appreciating Temple Administration (Stream: Management & Economic Systems)
iii. Indian Perspectives on Health, Time and managing Lifestyles (Stream: Management & Economic Systems)
iv. Finance for Life (Stream: Management & Economic Systems)
v. Media Adaptations of Sanskrit Literature (Stream: Literature & Aesthetics)

It was suggested to rename the course Appreciating temple administration as Elements of Temple Administration or Introduction to Temple Management and depending on the content, offer as Part-1 and Part-2.

Suggestions i, iii, iv and v were approved and it was resolved that the suggestion on Appreciating Temple Administration be considered for suitable implementation.

F) Electives:

BBA:

Two streams of electives were proposed to be offered: Marketing and, Banking & Insurance. Prof. Gopal Mahapatra suggested to include a stream, Business Operations in view of employability and include Retail Management in Marketing stream since retailing is fast picking up. Also suggested to include more courses in Marketing and Business & Intelligence, specific to BPO sector.

Resolved that the suggestions would be considered for suitable implementation.

It was proposed to:

- Introduce Insurance and Risk management by combining Introduction to Actuarial Science and Enterprise Risk Management under the Banking & Insurance stream.
- Add a course on Indian Financial Services in the Banking & Insurance stream.
- Replace Entrepreneurship Development by Consumer Behaviour in Marketing stream.

Approved the changes proposed.

B. Com

It was proposed to replace Financial Reporting under Professional Accounting stream and Corporate Tax Planning under Taxation stream by Indian Financial Systems.

Shri Suresh Subramanian suggested to retain Financial Reporting and to add International Financial Reporting System as a module in this course. He also proposed that Indian Financial Systems was better suited for BBA.

After deliberations, VC suggested to include IFRS in B. Com and include Indian Financial Systems under BBA as per suggestions from Prof. G. Sabarinathan.

Resolved to include IFRS under B. Com and Indian Financial Systems under BBA.

Prof. Gangadharan suggested to incorporate elements from Arthashastra for BBA/ B. Com.

Resolved that Arthashastra will be experimented in minors and after reviewing the success, take it to the core/ elective.

It was proposed that as per suggestions of Board of Studies:

- Course Outlines will be revised to include Learning Outcomes.
- The course content of Principles and Practices of Banking will be reduced so as to facilitate effective learning.
- For BBA, the module on Fund Flow will be replaced by Cash Flow.

Approved the suggestions of Board of Studies.

G) BA – Sanskrit:

Changes in core courses to merge Vyakarana and Darshana were proposed.

Changes in courses to merge Vyakarana and Darshana approved.

Of the proposed core courses, Prof. Ramasubramanian suggested to rename Darshanam – 1 as Nyaya Darshana by Gautama.

Resolved that the suggestions would be considered for suitable implementation.

Prof. Ramasubramanian requested to share the course outlines of the elective – Alankara.

To send the same to Prof. Ramasubramanian

It was suggested to rename the course Appreciating temple administration as Elements of Temple Administration or Introduction to Temple Management and depending on the content, offer as Part-1 and Part-2.

Resolved that the suggestions would be considered for suitable implementation.

H) MA – Sanskrit:

Prof. Ramakrishna Pejathaya presented the programme structure and changes proposed to the Academic Council.

Prof. Muralimadhavan and Prof. Gangadharan suggested to modify the title Sanskrit Language: An appreciative Enquiry to Sanskrit Language: A critical Enquiry.

Resolved that the suggestions would be considered for suitable implementation.

Prof. K Ramasubramanian suggested to rename the course title: Learning through Research to a better title.

Resolved to consider the suggestion and find a suitable title.

It was suggested that in Vedic Sahitya, Vedic Mantras should be taught. Prof. Gangadharan Nair suggested to include 1st Chapters of Nirukta and move Vedic Sahitya to electives.

Resolved that the suggestions would be considered for suitable implementation.

I) BA – Music

Prof. Swapnil presented the changes in CNBG programme structure.

The present 5-year integrated programme was proposed to be changed to 3-year BA programme.

Approved the proposal.

Prof. Muralimadhavan suggested to consider exchange programmes with other traditions/ Universities for the benefit of the students' learning enhancement.

It was proposed to keep Academic Council updated with the decisions regarding CNBG campus.

Proposed to deliver minors common to CEG and CNBG using Videoconferencing for students from both locations.

Smt. Pramodini Rao proposed to deliver light music and folk music as workshop based for enhanced learning experience.

Proposals Approved.

Smt. Pramodini Rao proposed that Prof. Himanshu, who is doing Ph. D in Music Therapy can be utilized to design minors on Music Therapy. Prof. Ramasubramanian suggested meeting with music therapy practitioners for further inputs.

Resolved that the suggestions would be considered for suitable implementation.

J) BA – Applied Psychology

Prof. Krishna Mohan K presented the programme structure of BA – Psychology. The foundation courses aligned with the rest of the programmes. All the courses were proposed to have 3 credits.

Prof. Gopal Mahapatra suggested to include Neuroscience psychotherapy and psychometrics. Prof. Krishna Mohan explained that these were a part of Biopsychology, Psychology for Health and Well Being and Psycho Diagnostics respectively.

Prof. Ramasubramanian suggested to move Psycho Diagnostics to the core courses and move community Psychology to electives. Prof. Gopal Mahapatra suggested to rename Psycho Diagnostics as Psychological Testing.

The Academic Council suggested to rename 'Applied Research Methods and Statistics' as 'Psychological Research Methods and Statistics'.

The Academic Council suggested to rename 'Applied Social Psychology' as 'Social Psychology: Context and Applications'.

Resolved that the suggestions would be considered for suitable implementation.

K) Post Graduate Diploma in Counselling

Prof. Krishna Mohan K presented the programme structure of Post Graduate Diploma in Counseling.

Prof. G. Sabarinathan cautioned that in the first Semester, the following courses do not have any validated instruments:

1) Classical Indian Approaches to Counselling I
2) Classical Indian Approaches to Counselling II
3) Classical Indian Approaches to Self-Development

Prof. Varun explained that the 1st course is the situational contexts from Epics, 2nd is from a Philosophical perspective and the 3rd is from a Vedanta perspective.

Shri Suresh Subramanian suggested to rename the courses with Indian names itself.

Resolved that the suggestions would be considered for suitable implementation.

Prof. Gopal Mahapatra suggested to introduce a course on Comparative between Indian and other Cunselling perspectives.

Vice Chancellor suggested to a course on Clinical perspectives in Counselling and reduce any other course that can be compromised. He also suggested that an attractive name can be given to the course.

Prof. Gopal Mahapatra suggested to include Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP), which is catching up in a big way in India.

Resolved that the suggestions would be considered for suitable implementation.

L) Student intake and annual fees for academic year starting July 2018

The proposed student intake and annual fees for different programmes were approved.

M) Student Attendance and Grading Policy

The revised Student Attendance and Grading policy was proposed as under

CURRENT	PROPOSED

Attendance (%)	Grade Point (After Adjustment)	Attendance (%)	Grade Point (After Adjustment)
Above 90%	No change	Above 90%	No change
85.01 – 90%	X – 1	80.01 – 90%	X – 1
80.01 – 85%	X – 2	75.01 – 80%	X – 2
75.00 – 80%	X – 3	Below 75%	0
Below 75%	0		

Approved the revised Student Attendance and Grading policy.

N) Examination Manual

Prof. K. Subramanian presented the Examination manual before the Academic Council.

Examination manual approved.

O) Examination Audit

It was suggested that examination audit be conducted. Also suggested was to include entrance exams under the purview of examination audit.

Resolved that examination audit will be conducted in phases.

The meeting ended with Shanti Mantra.

ACTION ITEMS

The course outline of the elective – Alankara must be sent to Prof. K Ramasubramanian for reference and suggestions.

Registrar i/c
Chinmaya Vishwavidyapeeth

Vice Chancellor
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