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Karnataka State Rural Development



ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ
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**Proceedings of the Special meeting of the Academic Council held
on 28-09-21 at 11:00 am through (Zoom) Application**

Members Present:

1. Prof Vishnukanth S Chatpalli Vice-Chancellor, KSRDPRU Chairperson
2. Dr. S.S. Meenakshisundaram, IAS (Rtd) Chairman, Myrada, Bengaluru. Member
3. Dr. S. Madheswaran Vice-Chancellor, The Gandigram Rural Institute, Dindigal Member
4. Dr. Rajendra Potddar Director, Walmi , Dharwad Member
5. Dr. Allen P. Ugargol Associate Professor of Practice, Centre for public Policy (CPP), IIM, Bengaluru Member
6. Dr. Vijayalaxmi Amminabhavi Retd Professor, Physiology, Karnataka University, Dharwad Member
7. Prof. N. Sivanna Director I/C, Centre for Research, Innovation and Evaluation, KSRDPRU. Member
8. Dr. TBBSV Ramanaiah, Retd Professor, Dept of Studies in Social work, University of Mysore, Mysore and Honorary Professor, KSRDPRU. Member
9. Dr. S.S. Hugar, Former Professor and Dean, Department of Commerce, Karnataka University, Dharwad and Honorary Professor, KSRDPRU. Member

10. Prof. Basavaraj L Lakkannavar
Registrar and
Director I/C, Centre for Training,
Publication and Supervision, KSRDPRU

Member Secretary

Leave of Absence:

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| 11. Sri. S V Ranganath, IAS(Rtd)
Former Chief Secretary,
Chairman, Coffee Day, Bengaluru | Member |
| 12. Director,
Abdul Nazeer Sab State Institute of Rural Development
and Panchayat Raj, Mysore | Member |

At the outset, Registrar welcomed all the dignitaries present in the meeting and requested the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to preside over the meeting.

Hon'ble, the Chairperson of the Academic Council thanked the Registrar and welcomed all the members present. He informed the members of the council that the nomination of Dr. Allen P. Ugargol in place of Sri. N.S. Mahendrakar has been assented by the Honble Governor and approved by the Government. He welcomed Dr Allen P Ugargol to the meeting. Vice-Chancellor explained the purpose of this special meeting being held with regard to NEP-2020 and also invited the members for physical meeting to be held on 8th Oct 2021 in view of the inauguration of 3 new building to be held on 9th Oct 2021.

Further in the backdrop of Under Graduate programmes to be started in the University as per NEP-2020, Vice-chancellor briefed through a presentation regarding the preparations, 2 Advisory Committees constituted to design and draft course contents under Chairmanship of Prof. T.V Kattimani and for framing admission guidelines and ordinances under Chairmanship Prof. S.S. Hugar, finalization Graduate attributes in line with Vision and mission of the University after Brainstorming NEP workshop session held from 13th to 15th September in the new campus, constitution of 7 working groups involving eminent Academic experts/Practioners/Experts in their respective fields for designing the syllabus, etc., He also informed that the course contents had been designed to enhance Skill aspects which gives more emphasis on skills to empower the students which is in accordance to UGC and guidelines issued by Govt. of Karnataka with

respect to NEP 2020. The following 6 exclusive and unique features are included as a part of curriculum to fulfill the mandate of the University:

- Rural immersion,
- Student internship programme,
- Life skills & Professional skills,
- fundamentals of agriculture and allied activities
- Indic Knowledge System
- Gandhian Thought and Action

Further he thanked the efforts made and suggestions given by internal committee members, academic experts and advisory committees in preparing syllabi, course contents and the background work required for UG programmes. Later agenda was taken up for discussion.

Agenda 1: To consider and approve the draft course structure, Frame work and syllabi of UG Programmes at per New Education Policy-2020

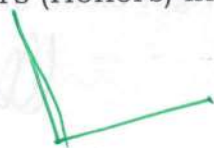
Reference Note:

The Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University has started functioning from the academic year 2017-18.

Further, it is proposed to start new Under Graduate Programmes from the academic year 2021-22 as per the Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University act 2016, Sec 4 (2) (iii), which reads "to start courses leading to award of Doctorates, post Doctorates, post graduates, graduates, Diploma and certificate holders with an interdisciplinary and integrated base to design solution for the complex and diverse issues of rural development".

In this regard, with detailed deliberation and discussion, the Academic Council had approved the institution of Undergraduate Programme as per the New Education Policy-2020 in its 6th Meeting held on 20th July 2021. Based on the Academic Council Approval, the Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University, Gadag would be commencing 4 Years Under-Graduate Programs in five disciplines from the Academic Year 2021-22 namely;

1. Bachelors of Arts (Honors) in Rural Development and Governance
2. Bachelors of Science (Honors) in Agribusiness and Food Processing
3. Bachelors of Science (Honors) in Geoinformatics and Computer Science
4. Bachelors of Commerce (Honors) in Innovation and Start-ups.
5. Bachelors (Honors) in Public Health and Social Work.



In this connection, the KSRDPR University, Gadag and Centre for Educational and Social Sciences, (CESS) Bengaluru jointly organized three days workshop in Koushalya Vikas Bhavan, KSRDPR University New Campus, Gadag on 13th, 14th and 15th September, 2021. The Goal of the workshop was to frame curriculum and syllabi for the above said programs as per NEP 2020, UGC and Government of Karnataka guidelines. University has constituted various working committees and invited Subject Experts from various discipline to share their valuable thoughts and inputs to frame curriculum and syllabi in three days Workshop.

Based on the input/suggestion/discussion, all the working committees have prepared draft Programme Structure, Curriculum and Syllabi as per NEP 2020.

The draft Programme Structure, Curriculum and Syllabi is placed before the Academic Council for kind consideration and approval.

Resolution

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor explained briefly the model programme structure drafted by experts for the UG programs as per NEP-2020. He requested Prof. N. Sivanna of B.A (Honors) Rural Development and Governance and Prof. TBBSV Ramannaiah & Dr. Allen Ugaragol of Bachelor of Honors in public Health and Social Work who are members of Academic Council and also members of the Working group to explain briefly about the model structures, draft syllabi prepared.

Prof. N.Sivanna briefed to the council the draft model structure and syllabi drafted for B.A (Honors) Rural Development and Governance programme. He informed that until now, structure and syllabus for 1st year i.e., for the first 2 semesters had been prepared to start the programme. In coming days remaining semester syllabi and course contents will be finalized.

Dr. S. Madheswaran, suggested including Rural society and basic infrastructure, Basic statistics as part of syllabus as it is a important topic a student need to be aware of. Replying to this, Prof N Sivanna said that Rural society and basic infrastructure is already included in 1st year syllabus and basic statistics will be considered in syllabus of higher semesters.

Prof. TBBSV Ramanaiah and Dr Allen Ugargol thanked the Vice-Chancellor and the University in bringing out innovative and right blend of Public Health and

Social Work as a UG Honors programme. They also informed them that students will have huge placement opportunities in this field of study.

Dr. S.S. Meenakshisundaram sought information regarding the multiple entry and exit options available to the students under NEP. In reply, Vice-Chancellor informed that under NEP model students would be awarded with Certificate/Diploma/ Bachelor/Honors degree after completion of 1st, 2nd and 3rd and 4th year respectively. He further clarified that, a Certificate and Diploma acts as a foundational course for higher studies or even he/she can definitely get basic level or entry level jobs. A comprehensive document on syllabus and areas of study of all the programmes will be presented based on Board Of Studies committee's decisions during the meeting to be held on 08/10/2021.

Prof. Vijaylaxmi Amminbhavi opined that life skills should be introduced in the curriculum, to which Vice Chancellor replied that the skills necessary for today's world have been included and they would be revised as and when required.

Dr Allen, expressed happiness for the development of an innovative blend of courses and opined that this model could very well be replicated by other Universities.

After detailed discussion and suggestions, Members of the Academic Council appreciated the comprehensive and innovative blend of major and minor courses and resolved to approve the draft syllabi of all the UG programmes with suggestions of adding advanced studies in the syllabus higher semester.

Agenda 2: To consider draft Ordinance, Guidelines for Admission and Examination relating to Under Graduate Programmes as per NEP 2020

Reference Note:

The Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University, Gadag would be commencing 4 Years Under-Graduate Programs in five disciplines from the Academic Year 2021-22 namely;

1. Bachelors of Arts(Honors) in Rural Development and Governance
2. Bachelors of Science(Honors) in Agribusiness and Food Processing
3. Bachelors of Science(Honors) in Geoinformatics and Computer Science
4. Bachelors of Commerce (Honors) in Innovation and Startups.
5. Bachelors (Honors) in Public Health and Social Work.

Accordingly, **“Ordinance Governing Four-years (8 Semesters) Under Graduate Programmes as per NEP-2020 in various Schools of the Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University – 2021”** framed under relevant provisions of the KSRDPRU Act, are placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. (Copy of the same placed at Annexure 1)

Further, an Advisory Committee as approved in the Academic Council meeting held on 20-07-2021 was constituted to frame the Guidelines for admission and Examination relating to Under Graduate Programmes as per NEP-2020, under relevant provisions of the KSRDPRU Act, and related Ordinance/ Regulations.

An Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 25-09-2021 has considered the Guidelines for Admissions and Examination. The following is the list of encloses:

- i) Draft Admission and Examination Guidelines (Annexure 2)
- ii) Draft First year Admission Notification (Annexure 3)
- iii) Draft Admission and Examination Fee Structure (Annexure 4)
- iv) Draft Seat Matrix (Annexure 5)
- v) Hostel Rent and Deposit Notification (Annexure 6)

The subject is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

Resolution:

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor deliberated about the constitution of 2 Advisory Committees with respect to design and draft course contents under Chairmanship of Prof. T.V Kattimani and another for framing admission guidelines and ordinances under Chairmanship Prof. S.S. Hugar and thanked the members of committees. He further requested Prof. S.S. Hugar present in the meeting to explain about draft guidelines and Ordinance prepared.

Prof. S.S. Hugar, Former Professor and Dean, Department of Commerce, Karnataka University, Dharwad explained that necessary provisions which were required to start the UG course till the student gets graduated is considered, based on draft model regulations released by Karnataka State Higher Education Council while framing the Ordinance governing Choice based Credit system for

UG programmes. He further informed the Council that, any matters which might be required could be incorporated in the Ordinance.

After detailed deliberations, Academic Council highly appreciated efforts made by the committee and resolved to approve Guidelines and Ordinances framed under Chairmanship of Prof. S.S. Hugar with following suggestions.

- Additional safety clause need to be added at the end of the ordinance that ***“Any other matter relating to this ordinance if not added, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor may by order take necessary action not inconsistent with the act, as he may deem fit in each case duly recording the reasons for taking such decision”***

Agenda 3: To consider the draft Syllabi of First & Second Semester for Foundation Course on Agriculture and allied activities.”

Reference Note:

The meeting of the Expert Committee constituted to design structure and Syllabi of First & Second Semester for Foundation Course on **‘Agriculture and Allied Activities’** was conducted on 17.08.2021, 30.08.2021 and 08.09.2021. The Chairperson and Members of the committee deliberated and discussed the concepts related to Agriculture and Allied Activities and prepared the draft syllabi which would be placed for approval in Board of Studies in MBA programme. This proposed compulsory course of two credits (which includes the Fundamentals of Agriculture, Allied Activities, Agri-entrepreneurships etc) would be introduced in the Curriculum of First and Second semesters of all Ten Post-Graduation Programmes. Draft of the syllabi is attached (Annexure 1).

The subject is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. (Copy of the same placed at Annexure 1)

Resolution:

As our University’s vision and mission is purely based on Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Agriculture and Allied activities as a compulsory course with 2 credits (1 credit for theory and 1 credit for practical) for both UG and PG is introduced, explains Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor.

Adding to this, Dr Rajendra Poddar, Chairman of Agriculture and Allied activities course content drafting committee explained that, with the intension of

student to be exposed to all the basic and important agricultural concepts like Agricultural laws and schemes in India and Karnataka, dry land area cultivation, water management etc., the course content is designed. Practical aspects were designed keeping in mind the existing infrastructure available in the University campus. It was the discretion of BOS to add or delete this course contents while framing the complete curriculum of UG programme.

Dr. Meenakshisundaram, sought the Council's opinion regarding the omitting of the IPR related topic and including the topic on significance of Dry-land Agriculture. Prof N Sivanna, opined that, topic on PRI and Agriculture, disaster Management could be included.

Dr Potdar, replied that Dry-land Agriculture and Disaster Management topics were already included and IPR related topic could be reconsidered.

With above deliberations, Vice-Chancellor and Academic Council highly appreciated the efforts made by Dr. Rajendra Poddar and team in preparing syllabi for Agriculture and allied activities and resolve to approve the matter with following suggestions.

- Adding Disaster Management and omitting Intellectual Property Rights topic in syllabus.
- To prepare exhaustive reference books list than Indicative reference books list by the committee.
- Topic on Gender issues/ Women Employment/ Rural Women development to be ensured as part of all the programme's curriculum.

Agenda 4: To consider the draft syllabi for Diploma course in Gandhian Philosophy, Thought and Actions.

Reference Note:

The meeting of the Expert Committee constituted to draft Syllabi for Diploma Course in Gandhian Thought and Action was conducted on 02.09.2021, 24.09.2021. The Chairperson and Members of the committee deliberated and discussed the concepts related to Gandhian Thought and Action and prepared the draft syllabi which would be placed for approval in the Board of Studies of MA in RDPR programme. This proposed Diploma course is of 40 credits (2 Semesters) offered in blended mode open to the entire public with a minimum qualification of 10+2.

Draft of Course structure and the syllabi is enclosed at Annexure 1.

The subject is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

Resolution:

Prof. Vishnukanth S Chatpalli was happy to announce that, the replica of Sabarmati Ashram in the University has become the prime tourist destination and a source of inspiration, in the city of Gadag, with a footfall of more than 10000 visitors. As an initiative to share knowledge on Gandhian thought and action, university has proposed to start Diploma course of 2 semesters with 40 credits. The committee of academic experts has framed syllabus as per Diploma guidelines of UGC which include study childhood days of Gandhi, days of satyagraha etc. Gandhi in action is the important aspect included in the syllabus. He appreciated the effort made by the committee in preparing the syllabus.

N Sivanna briefed about the framework. Dr Meenakshisundaram, opined that Impact of Globalisation on Gandhian Thought should also be included in the learning process. Dr Madeswaran, informed that eminent scholars from Gandhigram Institute may also be involved in this process of designing/teaching the course, if required.

After few discussions, it was resolved to add impact of globalization on Gandhian thoughts & actions, relevance of Gandhian thoughts in current world. The concept of Gandhian action in the syllabus was taken positively by the council.

Further, Academic Council resolved to approve the syllabi.

Agenda 5: To Consider and approve entering into Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with different organizations.

Reference Note:

The University has entered / would be entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with different organizations to conduct Academic, Research, Training and Extension, Student and Community centric activities. The details are as under:



Sl.No	Name of the Organization	Remarks
1	Global Indian Scientists & Technocrats Forum (GIST)	Placed for approval. The draft copy of MoU is enclosed (Annexure 1).
2	RASHTRAM: School of Public Leadership	Placed for ratification, The copy of MoU is enclosed (Annexure 2).
3	Youth for Seva	Placed for approval. The draft copy of MoU is enclosed (Annexure 3).
4	University of Agricultural Science, Bangalore	Placed for approval. The draft copy of MoU is enclosed (Annexure 4).
5	Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, Bidar	Placed for approval. The draft copy of MoU is enclosed (Annexure 5).

The subject is placed before Academic Council for consideration and approval.

Resolution:

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor explained the need of MOU's with GIST, RASHRAM, Youth for Seva, UAS-Bangalore, Karnataka Veterinary Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, Bidar

- Members of the council appreciated the involvement of the other organizations in building the University.
- They suggested that earlier made MOU's need to be looked into for proper functionality and effective actions need to be taken.
- Members also suggested that University should think of Collaborating with International level Universities or Organizations in terms of faculty exchange programmes, student internship programmes, increasing research activities etc.




- Dr. Allen Ugargol suggested that, for any MOU to be functional and for its effective implementation, full time relevant field experience faculty with requisite knowledge is a must. So University has to initiate action for this.

Dr Meenakshisundaram sought information about the number of MoUs signed and the activities being undertaken. Vice Chancellor, informed about the same and briefed the Council that some of the MoUs would be revisited/reviewed.

The Academic Council members after detailed discussion and suggestions resolved to approve the matter.

Prof S S Hugar, appreciated the ground work being done by the University in Academic and other Extension projects. Dr. S. Madheswaran, also congratulated the Vice Chancellor and the team for having taken up many initiatives and activities.

Registrar, Prof. Basavaraj L. Lakkannavar invited all the members for special meeting of Academic Council on 8th Oct 2021 followed by the inauguration of new buildings in University campus on 9th Oct 2021 and thanked all the members for their value time and suggestions.



Registrar



Vice Chancellor