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**Proceedings of the 7th meeting of the Academic Council held on
18-12-2021 at 11:00 am through 'Zoom' Online Meeting App**

Members Present:

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| 1. Prof Vishnukanth S Chatpalli
Vice-Chancellor, KSRDPRU | Chairperson |
| 2. Dr. S.S. Meenakshisundaram, IAS (Retd.)
Chairman, Myrada, Bengaluru. | Member |
| 3. Dr. S. Madheswaran
Professor, ISEC, Bengaluru, | 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
Professor, Psychology, 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. Prof. Basavaraj L. Lakkannavar
Secretary
Registrar and Director I/C, Centre for Training,
Publication and Supervision, KSRDPRU | Member |

Leave of Absence:

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| 10. Sri. S. V. Ranganath, IAS (Retd.)
Former Chief Secretary,
Chairman, Coffee Day, Bengaluru | Member |
| 11. Dr. S.S. Hugar,
Former Professor and Dean, Department of Commerce,
Karnataka University, Dharwad and
Honorary Professor, KSRDPRU. | Member |
| 12. Director,
Abdul Nazeer Sab State Institute of Rural Development
and Panchayat Raj, Mysore | Member |

At the outset, Registrar welcomed all the members of the Academic Council. He thanked the Members for taking out time to attend the meeting. He requested the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to address the meeting. Vice-Chancellor warmly invited all the Members.

Later the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor briefed through Power Point Presentation about various activities carried out by University related to Academic, Students Admission, Research, Training and other Extension Activities. It was also informed that, University has instituted Five Under Graduate Programme based on NEP-2020 and further the eligible staff required to carry out the Academic and other activities have been recruited on temporary contract basis for the same.

Further Hon'ble Vice Chancellor explained different Research Projects which are carried out by the University in association with other line departments.

He brought to the notice of the Members that, besides other subjects, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Govt of Karnataka, has accorded approval for the establishment of Gadag district **Goshala** in the University Premises, under "Jillegondu Goshale Scheme". Initially the Capital Infrastructure would be contributed from the Department and the University on 50:50 basis, to house 100 numbers of animals.

Dr. S. Madheswaran, appreciated the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and the Registrar for efforts made by the University regarding Research Activities carried out with other line department. He opined that, survey report of "**One District One Product**" should be sent to the Government for further action and also the report should be published in the Media, to get wide coverage.

The members noted the progress and appreciated the work carried out by the University.

Later on the agenda was taken up for discussion

Subject No. 1: Confirmation of the Proceedings of the Sixth Meeting held on 20-07-2021 and Special Meeting of the Academic Council held on 28-09-2021 and 08-10-2021, respectively.

Reference Note:

The Proceedings of the Sixth Meeting and Special Meetings of the Academic Council held on 20-07-2021, 28-09-2021 and 08-10-2021 were circulated to all the members, since no objections or corrections have been received from any member, they are deemed to have been confirmed. (Related copies placed at Annexure 1, 2 & 3).

RESOLUTION

After going through the Proceedings, the Academic Council confirmed the proceedings of the Sixth Meeting of the Academic Council held on 20-07-2021 and Special Meetings of the Academic Council held on 28-09-2021 and 08-10-2021.



Subject No. 2: Action Taken Report (ATR) on the resolutions of the Sixth Meeting held on 20-07-2021 and Special Meetings of the Academic Council held on 28-09-2021 and 08-10-2021 respectively.

Reference Note:

Action Taken Report (ATR) on the resolutions of the Sixth Meeting of the Academic Council held on 20-07-2021 and Special Meetings of the Academic Council held on 28-09-2021 and 08-10-2021 are placed before the Academic Council for kind information (Related copies placed at Annexure 1, 2 & 3).

RESOLUTION

The action taken report based on the resolutions of the said meetings was briefly explained by Hon'ble Registrar.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed to fasten the process of finalizing the guidelines of Centre for Training, Publication and Supervision which is under consideration of of University Empanelled advocate, Sri Anoop Deshpande. He also requested Dr. Abdul Aziz to give clarity on number of students selected for Best rural immersion report award and Best project work award. Replying to this, Dr. Abdul Aziz said based on the guidelines prepared Best rural immersion report award has been given to 5 students and the shortlist for awarding Best project work award is yet to be prepared based on respective Programme Coordinators recommendations.

Speaking about Course on Agriculture and Allied Activities implemented in all the U.G. and P.G. Programmes, Dr. Rajendra Potddar expressed his happiness bringing this into reality. He also requested to share the feedback/ troubles/ difficulties faced while implementing either and theory or practical part of the course. Dr. Abdul Aziz and Hon'ble Registrar informed that all the BOS Committees have approved Course on Agriculture and Allied Activities in their respective programmes and suggested to review the contents of the course and refine it. Replying to this, Dr. Rajendra Potddar said, the committee will consider the suggestions and the contents of the course will be reviewed as early as possible.

Dr. S S Meenakshisundaram, appreciated the fact that there has been encouraging talk and concentration on agriculture, in the University curriculum and campus.

Regarding MoU with UAS, Bengaluru, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor instructed Dr. Girish Dixit, to speed up the process, in consultation with the concerned staff. Dr. Rajendra Potddar informed that PPMC (Project Planning and Monitoring Cell) of the University may be consulted for the same.

With above discussion and suggestions, members resolved to approve the ATR.



Subject No. 3: Conduct of Second Convocation of KSRDPR University proposed to be held during the last week of February 2022 (Tentative) after the consent of the His Excellency the Governor of Karnataka and the Chancellor of the University.

Reference Note:

Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University, Gadag started its academic activities from year 2017-18. The students of the 1st and 2nd batch had been conferred degrees during the 1st Convocation held on 10th April 2021. Third batch has successfully completed their Post Graduate Programmes, about 144 students are eligible for the conferment of degree.

It is proposed to conduct the Second Convocation during the last week of February, 2022 (tentative) after the consent from His Excellency the Governor of Karnataka and the Chancellor of the University. A Convocation Committee has been constituted with vide notification No: RDPRU 37 EXM 2021 dated 8-11-2021 under the chairmanship of Prof. J.G. Nayak (Annexure 1).

In order to conduct the Second Annual Convocation successfully, the Convocation Committee meeting was held on 23.11.2021, Preparatory works regarding the Second Convocation were reviewed by the members and after deliberation suggestions were made accordingly. (Annexure-2). University internal committees are formed consisting of University Staff (Annexure-3) for smooth conducting of Second Convocation. The recommendations of Convocation Committee are placed for kind perusal and approval of Academic Council Members.

RESOLUTION

Speaking on this, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the members that there was a breakthrough in the Dress Code designed by the University during 1st Convocation and officers from many Universities have visited the University to have a look at the same. Further it was informed that, in view of the term of Executive Council Members due for expiry in March 1st week, University tentatively has proposed to conduct 2nd Convocation during the last week of February-2022, upon receiving approval from the competent Authorities. In view of this, to review the schedule of the robes and other materials that are used to conduct the Convocation, a Convocation Committee under Chairmanship of Prof. J. G. Nayak held review meeting and suggested few modifications as below (As in annexure).

- The colour strip/ border used in the white Khadi Jacket during first Convocation to be removed as the Jacket can't be used in any other occasions.
- Pataga colour to be changed to differentiate the dignitaries.
- To remove Jhari work in Green Angavastram of Khadi Material and add Embroidery of University Logo and name.

University has constituted various Committees with responsibilities for successful completion of the 2nd Convocation, explains Prof. Basavaraj L. Lakkannavar.

Members appreciating the efforts made in refining the schedule of robes and other materials, resolved to approve the matter.

Subject No. 4: To suggest the names for Chief Guest to deliver Convocation Address for placing the same before His Excellency the Governor of Karnataka and Chancellor of the University.

Reference Note:

As per "The Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University Convocation for Conferring Degrees Regulations 2019", the Chief Guest has to deliver a suitable Convocation address. Thus, the matter is placed before Academic Council to suggest names for Chief Guest for the Convocation, for placing before His Excellency the Governor of Karnataka and Chancellor of the University.

RESOLUTION

Speaking on this, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor suggested below names as Chief Guest to deliver Convocation Address.

1. **Smt. Reema Nanavathy**, IAS (Retd.), Padma Shri Awardee for her contributions to the field of social service.
2. Padma Vibhushan **Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade**, Dharmadhikari of the Dharmasthala Temple.
3. **Sri S M Vijayananda**, IAS (Rtd), Former Chief Secretary to Govt of Kerala and former Secretary, Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Govt of India.
4. **Dr. W. R. Reddy**, IAS (Retd.), Former Director General, NIRDPR- National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad.

Dr. S. Madheswaran, Dr. S. S. Meenakshisundaram and Dr. Allen P. Ugargol suggested **Dr.K. Kasturirangan**, Retd. Eminent Scientist, ISRO considering his contributions in the field of Space research to the country.

Dr. Vijayalaxmi Amminabhavi suggested Padma Vibhushan Awardee **Dr. B. M. Hegde** for his contribution in the Medicine field.

After detailed discussion on the names for Chief Guest to deliver Convocation Address, below 6 names were shortlisted to place before the Executive Council for consideration.

1. **Smt. Reema Nanavathy**
2. **Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade**
3. **Sri S.M Vijayananda,**
4. **Dr. W. R. Reddy**
5. **Dr.K. Kasturirangan**
6. **Dr. B. M. Hegde**



Subject No. 5: To recommend the names for the consideration and approval of the Executive Council in order to place the same before the Expert Scrutiny Committee to confer Honorary Degrees during Second Annual Convocation of KSRDPR University.

Reference Note:

• With respect to the "The Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University Award of Honorary Degrees or Academic Distinctions at the Annual Convocation Regulation 2019" (Annexure-1), members of the Academic Council may recommend names for consideration of Honorary Degree or academic distinction, which will be conferred on any person on the ground that he/she is in their opinion by reasons of eminent attainment and position, fit and proper to receive such degree or academic distinction. These recommendations are further forwarded to Executive Council. The recommendations of the University for conferring Honorary Degree shall be forwarded to the Scrutinizing Committee at least 45 days in advance to the date of Convocation. Further, Scrutiny Committee may recommend not more than three persons in an academic year, for conferment of Honorary Degrees. Above matter is placed for kind perusal and approval of Academic Council members.

RESOLUTION

Speaking on this, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor requested the members to suggest the names to confer Honorary Degrees during 2nd Convocation. Dr. Rajendra Potddar, Director, WALMI, Dharwad considering contribution towards field of agriculture, organic farming and dealing with women issues suggested **Smt. Sunanda Jayaram.**

Dr. S. S. Meenakshisundaram suggested Padma Sri Awardee **Ms Seetavva Joddati**, of Belagavi, considering her contributions in the field of emancipation and empowerment of women suffering within the Devadasi system

The Members of Academic Council approved to recommend the proposed names for conferring of Honorary Degrees.

The proposed names shall be placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Subject no 6: To consider and ratify the re-constitution of Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC).

Reference Note:

The first Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC) was initially constituted to look into the matters of drafting and reviewing ethical issues regarding the public health related project work/ dissertation for students (mandatory for students as partial fulfilment criteria to complete MPH programme) or any other research activities. It is proposed to re-constitute Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC) under the guidelines of Indian Council of Medical Research, National Ethics



guidelines for Biomedical and Health Research Involving Human Participants, 2017 (Copy placed at Annexure-1).

The IEC Committee has been re-constituted, vide Notification No: RDPRU/IEC/MPH/1/2021, dated:23.10.2021, (Copy placed at Annexure -2) for a period of 3 years or until further orders, in exercise of powers vested under KSRDPRU (Constitution of Standing Committees and Appointment of Ad-hoc Committees) Regulations, 2019 read along with section (30) of KSRDPRU Act which provides for the constitution of Committees for advising upon any matter relating to the University, pending approval of Executive Council.

Hence, the matter is placed before the Executive Council for perusal and ratification.

RESOLUTION

As a mandate under guidelines of Indian Council of Medical Research, National Ethics guidelines for Biomedical and Health Research Involving Human Participants, 2017, University has re-constituted Institutional Ethics Committee to look into the matters of drafting and reviewing ethical issues regarding the public health related project work/ dissertation for M.P.H. Students, explains Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and requested Dr. Allen P. Ugargol to comment on the same. Replying to this, Dr. Allen P. Ugargol said University has taken important step in constituting Ethical Committee. This helps Students in getting required framework while dealing with public health issues in their field work/ Project work.

The Members complimented the University for constituting the Committee, involving persons from multiple disciplines.

With above discussion, Academic Council resolved to approve the matter.

At last Registrar Prof. Basavaraj L. Lakkannavar thanked Academic Council Members for their valuable time and suggestions given in the meeting and invited all the members to attend the Inauguration of Residential complex for group 'C' and 'D' employees, Ladies Hostel and foundation stone laying ceremony of other buildings, tentatively scheduled to be held in the month of January 2022.


Registrar


Vice Chancellor