

# Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University

Raitha Bhavana, General Cariappa Circle, Gadag - 582101

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON SATURDAY, THE  $5^{\rm TH}$  JANUARY 2019, AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE REGIONAL OFFICE, GRAMEENABHIVRUDDHI BHAVAN, ANANDA RAO CIRCLE, BENGALURU-560 009

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

 Prof. B. Thimme Gowda Vice Chancellor, KSRDPR University

Chairperson

Prof. Ajjappa Alagawadi Former Professor, UAS, Raichur Member

Dr. S.S. Meenakshisundaram Chairman, MYRADA

Member

Smt. Neeti Sharma
 Sr. Vice President & Co-Founder,
 Team Lease Services Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru

Member

Prof. C.S. Patil
 Dean & Director, KSLU Law School
 Karnataka State Law University, Hubballi

Member

 Smt. Shilpa Nag, IAS, Director, Abdul Nazeer Sab SIRD Mysuru Member

Prof. Suresh V. Nadagoudar Registrar, KSRDPR University

Member-Secretary

# Member not present.

Prof. Gopal Naik, Dean, Economics & Social Science, IIM, Bengaluru

At the outset, the Registrar extended a warm welcome to all the members for the Special Meeting of the Academic Council and thanked Shri Pranesh Rao, former Director, SIRD, Mysuru, for his contributions and cooperation in the University affairs. He requested the Vice Chancellor to conduct the meeting.

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The Vice Chancellor formally welcomed the Members to the meeting and wished them a very Happy and Prosperous New Year 2019. He also welcomed the new SIRD Director Smt. Shilpa Nag, IAS., to the meeting and thanked Shri Pranesh Rao, former Director, SIRD, for his cooperation. He then briefed the Members about the progress made so far in acquiring the land earmarked for the new Campus, the problems encountered in the process, the tendering process for construction of few buildings, budgetary allocation and other academic / developmental activities like adoption of five villages by the University, starting of two new PG Courses Viz., Master of Public Health (MPH) and M.Sc., in Food Science Technology from the current academic year. He sought the suggestions and guidance from the members on the agenda of the meeting of the Academic Council.

Dr. S.S. Meenakshi Sundaram enquired about the extent of land earmarked for the new University Campus and the total budgetary allocation for the University.

Smt. Neethi Sharma suggested for starting a few short-time courses in smaller batches.

Smt. Shilpa Nag suggested to start some Software Application oriented training programmes relating to Civil Engineering for the benefit of PDOs and other Government servants.

Thereafter, the agenda was taken up for consideration.

# Subject No. 1: Confirmation of the Proceedings of the previous Academic Council Meeting- reg.

### Reference Note:

The proceedings of the first Regular meeting of the Academic Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in the Regional Office, KSRDPR University, Bengaluru are placed for confirmation.

### Resolution:

The Academic Council confirmed the proceedings of the first Regular meeting of the Academic Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

Subject No. 2: To consider the Regulations framed by the First Vice-Chancellor.

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### Reference Note:

The Executive Council under Section 25 of the KSRDPR University Act, 2016, is yet to be constituted by the Chancellor. In the Government letter No. RDP 277 ZPS 2017, dated 03/08/2017, the Vice-Chancellor of the university has been permitted to make Regulations for the functioning of the university under Section 86(2) of the Act, pending constitution of the Authorities of the university.

In the Government letter No.RDP 276 ZPS 2017, dated 21/08/2017, the Government has conveyed the approval of the Hon'ble Chancellor for permitting the Vice Chancellor to discharge all or any of the functions of the University for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Act and the regulations and for that purpose to exercise any powers or perform any duties, which by this Act and the Regulations are to be exercised or performed by any authority of the University until such authority comes into existence as provided by this Act and the Regulations as contemplated in Section 85 (1) of the Act. Section 86 of the Act contemplates Transitory Powers of the first Vice-Chancellor. As per Sub-Section (2) of Section 86 "The First Vice-Chancellor shall with prior approval of the Government make such regulations as may be necessary for the functioning of the University".

**Chapter V** of the Act deals with the provisions for making the Regulations under Sections 56. Under Section 56 (2) of the Act, the Academic Council shall have the power to propose regulations on all matters specified in clauses (a) to (g) of subsection (1) and matters incidental and related thereto in this regard.

With this background, the following regulations framed by the First Vice Chancellor in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 86(2) read with the relevant provisions of the Act are placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

### Regulations:

i) The Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University Convocation for Conferring Degrees Regulations, 2018; (Framed under Sections 5(v) & (vi) and 73 of the Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University Act, 2016)

# Resolution:

The Academic Council deliberated on the agenda and resolved to approve the draft Regulations governing the University Convocation for Conferring Degrees with suitable modifications as suggested with regard to Dress Code. The Vice Chancellor said that the same would be standardized looking into the Dress Code being adopted in the Agricultural/Horticultural Universities in the State and relevant to the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University.

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ii) The Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University Award of Honorary Degrees or Academic Distinctions at the Annual Convocations Regulations, 2018.

(Framed under Sections 28(17), 34(13) and 73 of the Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University Act, 2016)

## Resolution:

The Academic Council after a detailed discussion on the subject, resolved to approve the draft Regulations for award of Honorary Degrees or Academic Distinctions at the Annual Convocations. The Members suggested to explore the possibility of conferring Honorary Degrees/distinctions with different nomenclature instead of 'Honorary Doctorate', like 'Nadoja' being conferred by Kannada University, Hampi.

iii) The Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University Institution of Endowments, Fellowships, Traveling Fellowships, Scholarships, Studentships, Exhibitions, Stipends, Medals and Prizes Regulations, 2018.

(Framed under Sections 5(xvi), 28(16), 34(12), 56(1) and 59(1)(c) of the Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University Act, 2016)

# Resolution:

Speaking on the subject, Dr. S.S. Meenakshi Sundaram expressed concern about the Clause 2(2), which says that "No Scholarship, prize or Medal shall be instituted and awarded on the basis of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth or any of them", as it leads to discrimination. After detailed discussion, it was resolved to modify the clause as "No Cash Prize or Medal shall be instituted and awarded on the basis of religion, race, caste, place of birth or any of them". With this modification, the Academic Council approved the draft Regulations.

### Additional Item:

iv) The Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University Teachers' Seniority Regulations, 2019.

### Resolution:

After deliberations, the Academic Council resolved to approve the draft Regulations governing seniority of University Teachers, with corrections as suggested in Clause 4(b) to replace the word 'preference' with 'merit' and to

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delete the words "or the competent authority", and to a Clause relating to Redressal of Disputes instead of Clause 4 (3), which reads thus:

(3) Cases which cannot be determined by the application of any of the above, the same may be referred to a Committee of three members constituted by the Executive Council headed by a former Vice Chancellor or a retired High Court Judge. The other two members shall be at the level of Professor (retired or serving) from any other State University of Karnataka.

# Subject No. 3: To consider the Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 2018.

### Reference Note:

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 86(2) read with Sections 5(xiii) and 58(2)(c) of the Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Act, 2016, the First Vice-Chancellor of the University has framed the Classification, Control and Appeal (CCA) Rules regarding Discipline and Penalties for the employees of the University. The same are placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

### Resolution:

The Academic Council resolved to approve the draft Classification, Control and Appeal (CCA) Rules pertaining to discipline and penalties for the employees of the University with certain changes in the Schedule 'A', and to group the Officers and the Teachers of the University separately under Group-A.

# Subject No. 4: Any other subject with the permission of the Chair.

# v) To consider and approve the University Logo – reg. Reference Note:

The University invited proposals, through a Press Release, from the general public to design a suitable LOGO & MOTO statement for the University, reflecting the geographical, cultural, agricultural and the concept of sustainable Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and such other salient features of the University. It was notified that the author of the Logo would be rewarded with a sum of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty five thousand only). In response to the press release, several proposals have been received. After consultations with an artist/designer certain logos have been short-listed for consideration.

The draft Logos are placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

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# Resolution:

The Academic Council perused the various designs of University Logo and resolved to approve the Logo with the State Government logo on the top of University Logo with certain modifications as suggested.

ii) To consider the Proceedings and recommendations of the Board of Studies in Geoinformatics meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### Reference Note:

The Board of Studies in Geoinformatics meeting was held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at KSRDPRU Regional Office, Bengaluru and has, inter-alia, made the following recommendations:

- a) Reviewed the Course design and contents of all four semesters of M.Sc., Course in Geoinformatics and suggested appropriate modifications (Annexure-I to the Proceedings).
- b) Designed the Course pattern and drafted the course contents for the P.G. Diploma and Certificate Courses in Geoinformatics/ Remote Sensing & GIS (Annexure-II to the Proceedings).

The Proceedings of the BoS meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, are placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

# Resolution:

The Academic Council resolved to approve the Proceedings of the Board of Studies in Geoinformatics meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

iii) To consider the Proceedings and recommendations of the Board of Studies in Social Work meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

### Reference Note:

The Board of Studies in Social Work meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at KSRDPRU Regional Regional Office, Bengaluru and has made the following recommendations:

- a) Reviewed the course design of all four semesters of M.S.W Course in Community Development (Rural Reconstruction) and Community Health and suggested appropriate modifications (Annexure-I to the Proceedings);
- b) Modified the existing syllabus (Annexure-II to the Proceedings);
- c) Prepared, scrutinized and approved the syllabus for four papers;
- d) Recommended to offer four papers in Community Health Specialization;
- e) To design the Field Work pattern and contents for all the four semesters including Rural Immersion and Project work;
- f) Decided to have three Open Electives in M.S.W. Course.

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The Proceedings of the BoS meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018, are placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

# Resolution:

The Academic Council resolved to approve the Proceedings of the Board of Studies in Social Work meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

iv) To consider the Proceedings and recommendations of the Board of Studies in Commerce meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018.

### Reference Note:

The Board of Studies in Commerce meeting was held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 at KSRDPRU, Gadag and has made the following recommendations:

- a) Approved the syllabi of the two Open Elective Papers Viz., 1) Personality Development; and 2) Personal Finance and Tax Planning to be offered by the Commerce Department to the students of other PG Departments in 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester w.e.f. academic year 2018-19;
- b) Approved the syllabi of the renamed Elective paper i.e. "Entrepreneurial Finance" at 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester M.Com (Entrepreneurship) w.e.f. academic year 2018-19;
- c) Revised the contents of the existing approved papers at M.Com (Entrepreneurship/Cooperative Management) 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Semesters and to prepare the revised syllabi for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> semesters;
- d) Recommended introduction of P.G. Diploma/Certificate courses (like PG Diploma in Dairy Farming etc.) in Entrepreneurship/Cooperative Management after adequate preparation.

The Proceedings of the BoS meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018, are placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

# Resolution:

The Academic Council resolved to approve the Proceedings of the Board of Studies in Commerce meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018.

The meeting was concluded with thanks to the Members and the Chair.

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Member-Secretary

B. Winnegwala Vice Chancellor 05/01/2019 Chairperson

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