



UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL At 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, the 4th March, 2020

**Place of meeting :- Senate Chamber, University
Buildings, Thiruvananthapuram.**

Members Present

1. Prof.(Dr) V.P. Mahadevan Pillai
Vice-Chancellor (in the chair)
2. Prof.(Dr) P.P. Ajayakumar
Pro-Vice-Chancellor
3. Dr. Jayarajan David D
4. Dr. B.S. Jamuna
5. Dr. R. Jayachandran
6. Dr.S. Resia Beegam
7. Dr. Bindu R.L
8. Dr. Anil Lal S
9. Dr. K.C. Sunny
10. Dr. K.S. Chandrasekhar
11. Dr. Usha Sujit Nair
12. Dr.A. Gangaprasad
13. Dr. Sobha B.Nair
14. Dr. P.A Mohammed Kunju
15. Dr.Jaya.D.S
16. Dr. Anita Balan
17. Dr. Annie Abraham
18. Dr. A. Bijukumar
19. Dr. Thajudeen A.S
20. Dr. Preetha Nayar
21. Dr. Mini S
22. Dr. A. Jayakumaran Nair
23. Dr.T.S. Swapna
24. Dr. Sony George
25. Dr. G. Raju
26. Dr. Lalmohan. P
27. Dr.D. Mohammed Nooral Mubarak
28. Dr.P. Mohanachandran Nair
29. Dr.Anitha .V
30. Dr. Sabu Joseph.
31. Dr.K.Satheesh Kumar
32. Dr. R.B. Binoj Kumar

33. Dr.Sreekumar. K.N
34. Dr.V. Satish
35. Dr. Sindhu Thulaseedharan
36. Dr.B. Mini Devi
37. Dr.Shanavas.S.A
38. Dr.Shifa.S
39. Dr.G.Suresh Singh
40. Dr.Anuradha V.K
41. Dr.S.Sankararaman
42. Dr.Renjani.R.S
43. Dr. Beena Issac
44. Dr.Sibi.K.S
45. Dr.K.M. Sajad Ibrahim
46. Dr. Jasser.J
47. Dr.R.S. Krishnakumar
48. Dr. Shaila.C.A
49. Dr. Antony Palackal
50. Dr.C. Satheesh Kumar
51. Dr.Hepsy Rose Mary. A
52. Dr.Prasad .G
53. Dr.Vasantha Gopal.R
54. Dr. Latheesh D
55. Dr. Pramod Kiran R.B
56. Smt. Maggie. J
57. Dr. Anil Chandran S
58. Sri. Suresh S
59. Fr.George Mathew
60. Dr.N.Shaji
61. Dr.S.Prema
62. Dr.Jino Nainan
63. Dr.S.K. Subhash
64. Sri.Sunil .V.T
65. Dr. Lekshmi.R
66. Dr.Mohammed Thaha.A
67. Dr.K.G Padmakumaran Nair
68. Smt. Jairani P.S
69. Dr.S. Anilkumar
70. Dr.P.K. Sreekumar
71. Dr.Gladston Raj.S
72. Dr.Abin T Mathews
73. Sri.R. Indulal
74. Dr.E.Shaji
75. Dr.Venumohan.S
76. Dr.Safi Mohan.M.R
77. Dr.R.Sunil Kumar
78. Dr.Prakash Pillai.R
79. Dr.Bijukumar.K
80. Dr.V.Gopakumar
81. Sri.Pradeep Kumar .K
82. Sri.Shiju Joseph
83. Dr. K. Santhosh
84. Sri.M. Somasekharan Pillai
85. Smt. Baby Shakeela C
86. Sri.Balamurali.R.S

87. Adv.K.H. Babujan
88. Adv.A.Ajikumar
89. Dr.S. Nazeeb
90. Sri. R. Arunkumar
91. Sri.B.P Murali
92. Sri. Bijukumar G
93. Adv.Muralidharan Pillai.G
94. Adv.B.Balachandran
95. Dr.M .Vijayan Pillai
96. Smt. Renju Suresh
97. Prof. Lalitha.K
98. Dr.B. Unnikrishnan Nair
99. Sri.Jairaj.J
100. Sri.Viswan Padanilam
101. Dr. Mathew V
102. Dr. K.B Manoj

The meeting was called to order at 10.00 a.m by Prof.(Dr) V.P. Mahadevan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor in the Chair. He welcomed the members to the meeting.

(1) Business brought forward by the Vice-Chancellor and the Syndicate.

01. REGULATIONS RELATING TO TWO YEAR M.Ed CURRICULUM (2018 SCHEME) – Consideration of - reg. (Ac.L)

The Academic Council at its meeting held on 5th October 2018, vide item no. I.(36) considered and noted the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having approved the recommendations of the combined meeting of BoS(PG) and Faculty of Education regarding approval of regulations of two year M. Ed Curriculum (2018 scheme). U.O.No. Ac.AIII/2/FoE/2018(2) dtd 07/12/2018 was issued accordingly.

The Academic Council at its meeting held on 13/03/2019, vide item no. I.07 considered and noted the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in having approved the Syllabus of 2nd& 4th Semesters of two year M.Ed (non CSS) Degree course and two year M. Ed Curriculum (2018 scheme). U.O No. Ac.AcAIII/2/FoE/2018(3) dtd 13/05/2019 was issued accordingly.

(Copy of the Regulations is appended herewith)

The Regulations relating to two year M. Ed Curriculum (2018 Scheme) has to be laid before the Academic Council as stipulated under section 25 (ii) of the Kerala University Act, 1974 for consideration and approval.

Resolved to approve the amendments proposed

02. Five Year LL.B (Prior to 2011-12 admissions -adding of improved Internal marks with the ESA marks of examinations appeared previously- Representation from Ratheesh.R -Consideration of - reg:- (EG 1)

As per the Academic order No.Ac.AIII/3/FOL/IA 2018 Tvm dated 02/11/2018, failed candidates of the LL.B (3yr & 5yr) were granted permission to redo their internal marks. Clause 6 of this order states that “The students shall attend afresh the University Examinations of the paper(s) in which he/she has improved the internal assessment as special appearance. The earlier marks secured by the candidates (internal and University examinations in the concerned paper(s) will stand cancelled on registration to the University examinations after completion of the internal improvement.” Meanwhile the candidates of the Mercy chance examinations of LL.B (3yr&5yr) held from June 2018 to October 2018 submitted a memorandum to the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor requesting to add the marks of Internal Improvement to the examinations held from June 2018 to October 2018 on receipt of the same from the respective colleges since the results were not published then. By considering the

requests the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor accorded sanction subject to reporting to Syndicate for effecting the improved internal marks to the ESA marks secured in the mercy chance examination held from June 2018 to October 2018 (ie. before the Internal Improvement). The matter was reported to the Syndicate and it was approved as item no. 08.34 of the minutes of Syndicate held on 30.04.2019.

The candidate Ratheesh.R registered and appeared a total of twenty two (22) examinations including supplementary and regular chances for the V, VI, VII, VIII& IX semesters of LL.B (5yr) from 2007. According to the Regulation, failed candidates in each semesters have to reappear for the university examinations and the ESA marks already secured will be cancelled. Shri. Ratheesh.R in his application has requested to add the internal redo marks to the ESA marks which he had already appeared in the various examinations from 2007. Shri. Ratheesh. R submitted a request to add the internal marks received vide letter number PKL/2019/GLC Tvm dated 04/09/2019 for the semesters III, V, VI, VII, VIII& IX. Internal redo marks of Ratheesh.R in the Third semester were added to the March 2019 examination which he had appeared under Mercy chance. He had not registered for the other examinations under mercy chance started from June 2018. Hence the internal redo marks in V, VI, VII, VIII& IX were not effected.

As per the orders of the Controller of Examinations the clarification of Academic III section was sought on the matter. The Academic section remarked that the approval of the Academic Council is required to make any changes in the guidelines or provisions as the same had been approved by the Academic Council vide U.O Ac.AIII/3/FOL/IA.2018 dated 02.11.2018.

The whole matter regarding the incorporation of improved internal marks to the Theory papers of the mercy chance examination before the completion of the Internal Improvement and the amendment to Clause 6 of the U.O may be placed before the Academic Council.

RESOLVED that mercy chance candidates for LLB (3Year /5Year) be permitted to add the internal reappearance marks to their previous supplementary ESA to obtain minimum pass marks only.

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03. Recognition as Research Centre- P.G Dept. of Commerce, St.Gregorios College, Kottarakara- Consideration of -reg. (Ac.EI)

An application has been forwarded by the Principal, St.Gregorios College, Kottarakara to recognize the P.G. Dept. of Commerce of the institution as an approved research centre of University of Kerala. The required fee for Centre Recognition, Rs.10,500/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Five Hundred only) had been remitted.

In the application form, it is mentioned that four recognized research supervisors are employed in the institution and two research supervisors are there in the Commerce Department. A statement on the aims and objectives of the Institution has been submitted alongwith the application.

As per the procedure for the recognition as research centre, an inspection committee has to be constituted with two members of the Syndicate and a subject expert, for making enquiry into all matters relevant to the application by visiting the institution.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the Syndicate at its meeting held on 16.11.2018, vide item No. 07.68.A6, has considered the matter regarding the recognition of P.G. Dept. of Commerce, St. Gregorios College, Kottarakkara, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 13.11.2018, and resolved to constitute an inspection commission to verify the institutional and infrastructural facilities available in the Department.

The inspection was conducted on 14.02.2019 by a commission comprising Dr. S. Nazeeb, Sri. M. Sreekumar, Dr. Latha Devi (the then Members of Syndicate) and Dr. Balu B., (Assistant Professor, School of Distance Education) as the subject expert. The inspection commission recommended not to grant recognition to the P.G. Dept. of Commerce, St. Gregorios College, Kottarakkara and the matter was intimated to the Principal.

Later the Principal has submitted a request to reconsider the application and to re-inspect the centre as they are awaiting the NAAC peer team in this academic year since they have made all the rectifications pointed out by the inspection team. The requisite undertaking as stipulated in the norms for recognition as Research Centre (Clause 6 and 7) have also been submitted along with the request.

The matter of re-inspection of P.G. Dept. of Commerce in St. Gregorios College, Kottarakkara, was placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 16.11.2019. The committee considered the matter vide item No.A8 and recommended to constitute an inspection commission comprising Dr. S. Nazeeb, Adv. Muralidharan Pillai G, Prof. K. Lalitha, Members of the Syndicate and Dr. G. Raju, Professor, Dept. of Commerce, University of Kerala as subject expert. Further recommended to conduct the inspection in the above college on 25.11.2019. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 22.11.2019, considered the matter along with the above recommendation of the Standing Committee, and resolved to approve the same.

Subsequently, the inspection has been conducted at P.G. Dept. of Commerce, St. Gregorios College, Kottarakkara, on 25.11.2019 and the **inspection commission recommended to approve the said institution as a recognized Research Centre of University of Kerala**. Two approved Research Supervisors of University of Kerala are present in St. Gregorios College, Kottarakkara, Dr. Suman Alexander, Principal and Dr. Sumi Alex, Asst. Professor & HoD, PG Dept. of Commerce. Both of them have submitted their own declarations to shift their research centre from Devaswom Board College, Sasthamcotta and Mar Ivanios College, Thiruvananthapuram respectively, to the Dept. of Commerce in St. Gregorios College, Kottarakkara, in the event that the latter is permitted a Research Centre by the University of Kerala.

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics & Research at its meeting held on 16.12.2019, vide item No. A11 has considered the matter of granting recognition of P.G. Dept. of Commerce, St. Gregorios College, Kottarakkara, along with the inspection report and recommended to seek opinion of Academic Council in this regard. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 28.12.2019, vide item No. 07.63.A11, has considered the matter and resolved to approve the above recommendation of the Standing Committee.

As per the orders of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor matter of granting recognition of P.G. Dept. of Commerce, St. Gregorios College, Kottarakkara is placed before the Academic Council for opinion.

RESOLVED to accept the report of the inspection commission

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04. Ph. D Research- Exploring the possibility to continue Research under Dr. Madhu S Nair - Sri. Nirmal S Nair, Research scholar in Computer Science- Consideration of - reg. (Ac.E1)

Sri. Nirmal S Nair, full-time UGC-JRF research scholar in Computer Science and Engineering under the faculty of Engineering & Technology has submitted a request for permitting him to transfer his Ph.D Research to Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT), where his research supervisor Dr. Madhu S Nair is working as an Associate Professor.

Sri. Nirmal S Nair was granted Ph.D Registration in Computer Science and Technology under the guidance of Dr. Madhu S Nair at Dept of Computer Science, University of Kerala, Kariavattom vide U.O No. Ac.E1/A4/115/CSE/12607/2015 dated 04.09.2015 w.e.f 25/02/2015. His research period is valid upto 24/02/2020.

Dr. Madhu S Nair was a faculty at the Department of this University, while granting registration to the above research scholar. Later in May, 2018, the research supervisor was relieved from this University and he joined at Dept of Computer Science & Technology, CUSAT as an Associate Professor. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has permitted the research scholars to continue under his guidance for 1 year w.e.f 08/11/2018. Therefore Sri. Nirmal S Nair has to submit his thesis on or before 07/11/2019 under his guidance.

Now the research scholar has informed that he would not be able to submit the thesis within the permitted time limit. Hence he requested to grant permission for transferring his Ph.D Research from this University to CUSAT, as he desires to complete his research work and to submit thesis under the guidance of his present supervisor.

It may be noted that **UGC Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Mphil/PhD Degree UGC Regulation - 2009**, is silent about the transfer of Ph.D Research from one University to another. As per clause 6.6 of UGC Regulation 2016, "*in case of relocation of an M.Phil/Ph.D. woman*

scholar due to marriage or otherwise, the research data shall be allowed to be transferred to the University to which the scholar intends to relocate provided all the other conditions in these regulations are followed in letter and spirit and the research work does not pertain to the project secured by the parent institution/ supervisor from any funding agency. The scholar will however give due credit to the parent guide and the institution for the part of research already done".ie., UGC Regulation 2016 permits only women candidates to transfer their research work.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 22/11/2019, vide Item No. 06.61.A15 resolved to refer the matter to the Standing Committee of the Academic Council to explore the possibility of continuing research by Nirmal S Nair under Dr. Madhu S Nair. As per the resolution of the Syndicate the matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council. The meeting of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 01.01.2020 considered the same, vide Item No. 44 and recommended to refer the matter to the Academic Council.

As per the orders of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the matter of exploring the possibility to continue Research by Sri. Nirmal S Nair under Dr. Madhu S Nair is placed before Academics Council for consideration and recommendation.

RESOLVED to permit the research scholar to complete research in the University of Kerala under the same guide.

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05. Part Time Ph.D registration to Govt./Aided teachers working under KTU/DTE/DCE//DME/DAME in the subjects Physics, Chemistry, English, Mathematics, Physical Education, Sanskrit, Economics and Management – Consideration of reg:- (Ac.E.VI)

Smt. Sindhu R L, working as Assistant Professor in Physics, College of Engineering, Thiruvananthapuram has applied for part-time Ph.D registration in Physics in the July 2018 session. The Doctoral Committee held on 05/09/2018, recommended for granting part-time registration.

As per University Order No. Ac. E1/2017 dated 29.12.2017, part time Ph.D programme was restricted to regular teachers working in the teaching departments of the University/Centres and Govt/Aided Colleges within the jurisdiction of the University in lines with the UGC norms. As such the applicant Smt. Sindhu R L who was working as Asst. Professor in Physics at CET was not eligible for part time Ph.D registration considering the fact that CET is an institution not coming under the administrative Jurisdiction of Kerala University eventhough she was a Govt. College teacher coming under the administrative jurisdiction of Collegiate Education. Accordingly her application for part time Ph.D registration in the July 2018 session has to be rejected as she was not eligible for the same.

But if the Jurisdiction mentioned in the above U.O is considered as Geographical Jurisdiction of Kerala University, CET is a College within the Geographical Jurisdiction of the University and also considering the fact that Smt. Sindhu R L is a teacher working under the administrative control of Directorate of Collegiate Education, she is eligible for part time Ph.D registration in the July 2018 session itself as per the above said U.O.

As per clause (d) in the U.O Ac. E1/A4(2)/2019 dated 06.05.2019, all teachers working on regular basis in Govt/Aided Colleges including those under DTE/DME within the state are eligible for part time Ph.D registration. As such all the regular teachers working in Govt./Aided colleges coming under KTU/DTE/DCE/DME/DAME are eligible for part time Ph.D registration. The U.O was issued upon the decision of the Academic Council held on 13.03.2019.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 12.06.2019 vide Item No: 10.30.B11 while considering the part time Ph.D registration in respect of Smt. Sindhu R L, Asst. Professor in Physics, CET, Thiruvananthapuram, resolved to place the matter of granting Part time Ph.D registration to teachers of Govt./Aided Colleges working under KTU/DTE/DCE/DME/DAME in the subjects Physics, Chemistry, English, Mathematics, Physical Education, Sanskrit, Economics and Management before the Academic Council for consideration.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the resolution of the Syndicate, in the matter of granting Part-Time Ph.D Registration to Govt./Aided teachers working under KTU/DTE/DCE/DME/DAME in the subjects Physics, Chemistry, English, Mathematics, Physical

Education, Sanskrit, Economics and Management, if they are otherwise eligible for the same, is placed before the Academic Council for Consideration.

RESOLVED to consider teachers in general subjects working in Technical institutions also at par with those working in Arts and Science Colleges for purpose of registration for research leading to Ph.D

06. Improvement of Internal marks of B.Tech /B.Arch Course – Candidates of 2008 Scheme - Clarification –Consideration of - reg. (Ac.A.III)

The Academic Council at its meeting held on 13.03.2019 resolved to implement the provision of internal improvement for B.Tech 2013 scheme students who have secured 40 or above marks in the theory examination in previous attempt but failed due to low internal marks. The Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee on Examination authorized to frame the norms considered the request of the B.Tech 2008 scheme students and the remarks of the Chairman Board of Studies in Engineering (pass) and recommended to extend the provision to B.Tech 2008/ and B.Arch 2008 scheme students also. No specific norms regarding the scheme in which they should improve the internal marks is mentioned in the guidelines.

As per the norms for improvement of B.Tech course issued earlier, the 2008 scheme students were permitted to improve the internal marks in the existing scheme i.e. 2013 scheme and attend University Examination in 2013 scheme (similar for B.Arch course also). But under the new guidelines for improvement, students who already secured 40 or above marks in the previous supplementary examination can improve the sessional marks and the revised internal marks shall be added with the already obtained 40 or above marks of theory paper. In this scheme the student is not attending subsequent University examination. For the 2008 scheme B.Tech/B.Arch students the revised internal marks will be added with the marks secured in the examination attended in 2008 scheme. As per the existing norms they have to improve the marks in the corresponding subjects of 2013 scheme. As the students are not attending University Examination they may be permitted to improve the internal marks in the scheme in which they have attended the examination i.e., 2008 scheme.

The present norms issued vide UO.No. Ac.A.III B.Tech/B.Arch/2019 dtd 12.06.2019 do not mention the scheme in which the B.Tech/B.Arch students of 2008 scheme should improve the internal marks, the tabulation section has sought clarification in the matter.

The Standing Committee of the Academic Council at its meeting held on 24.07.2019 considered the matter and recommended to authorize the Dean, Faculty of Engg. & Technology to offer learned opinion and to place the matter before the ensuing meeting of the Syndicate. The Vice Chancellor has approved the above recommendation.

The Dean Faculty of Engineering and Technology opined that the students may be permitted to improve the sessionals by attending the subjects of scheme 2008 itself. For each subjects the students have to attend the instructions in the college in full and meet all criteria for the award of sessional marks.

It may be noted that as the B.Tech Courses have been shifted to KTU w.e.f., 2015 onwards and we do not have regular batch, the students are permitted to improve the sessional marks under a Faculty assigned by the Principal of the respective colleges under KTU.

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examination at its meeting held on 26.08.2019 considered the above matter and recommended to obtain clarification from the Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology on whether the students may be permitted to improve the sessional marks under a Faculty assigned by the Principal of the respective colleges under KTU, as there is no regular batch for 2008 scheme B.Tech under University of Kerala. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 31.08.2019 approved the above recommendation.

Accordingly the remarks of the Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology has been obtained. The Dean has remarked that the student may be permitted to improve his/her sessional marks of 2008 scheme, by studying the subject from a Faculty member assigned by the Principal. The student has to attend classes (separately, if required) with the minimum percentage attendance, take class test, write assignments and meet all the requirements for the award of sessional marks.

The matter along with the Dean's remarks was placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations at its meeting held on 15.11.2019 and committee recommended to accept the remarks of the Dean Faculty of Engineering and Technology that the B.Tech/B.Arch students of 2008 scheme who have secured 40 or above marks in theory papers can improve the sessional marks in 2008 scheme itself and the Syndicate held on 22.11.2019 resolved to refer the Item to the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor the matter regarding granting of permission for improvement of sessional marks of B.Tech/B.Arch students of 2008 scheme who have secured 40 or above marks in theory examination, in the 2008 scheme itself (instead of 2013 scheme as per the existing norms) along with the remarks of the Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology and the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

RESOLVED that the B.Tech / B.Arch 2008 scheme students be permitted to improve sessional marks under the same scheme under faculties assigned, meeting all requirements for the award of sessional marks.

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07. Implementation of the Guidelines for written Examination for candidates with Benchmark Disabilities issued by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt of India.- Consideration of-reg. (EA.I)

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations and Students' Discipline at its meeting held on 22/09/2017 vide item no. 22.22.02, considered the recommendation of the Sub committee constituted to study granting of special concessions by way of extra time, grace mark and service of scribe to differently abled candidates in University examinations and recommended that

1. Differently abled candidates who secure a minimum of 10% of total marks in theory examinations is eligible for a grace mark of 25% of total marks for theory examination.
2. A detailed category wise proposal may be obtained from the experts for updating the same in the examination manual of the University.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 10/10/2017 vide item no. 30.92.11 has resolved to approve the recommendation of the Standing Committee and the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has ordered to implement the same. As per UO.No.EAI/1000/2017 dated 13/12/2017, the first recommendation was implemented.

For the implementation of the second recommendation, Dr. Annie Vargheese, Head Allied Services, NISH, Akkulam and Abdul Hakkim K M, Head Master, Govt. School for Blind, Vazhuthacaud, Tvpmm were contacted and Dr. Annie Vargheese had sent e-mails with links related to the special concession offered nationally and internationally. Along with this, a letter from the Secretary, UGC regarding Guidelines for conducting written examination for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities issued by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. Of India was also received in February 2019. In this letter, it is requested to take immediate action as per the Guidelines.

The matter was placed before the Standing Committee of Syndicate on Examinations at its meeting held on 25/04/2019. The committee considered the matter and recommended to accept the guidelines of the UGC in principle. It further recommended to refer the matter to the Standing Committee of the Academic Council for detailed report. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 30/04/2019 vide no. 08.71.40 resolved to approve the above recommendations.

As per the Syndicate resolution, the matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 24/07/2019. The Standing Committee of the Academic Council considered the matter and recommended to obtain the norms followed by other Universities and to forward the same to the Sub Committee of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council constituted for the purpose, comprising of Dr.P.A.Muhammed Kunju (Dean, Faculty of Medicine), Dr.R.Jayachandran (Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies), Dr.K.G.Gopchandran (Dean, Faculty of Applied Science & Technology) and Dr.A.Bijukumar (Dean, Faculty of Science). As per this, the existing concessions / rules of the University for differently abled candidates and the concessions to be granted for the differently abled candidates with benchmark disability (min 40%) as per the

Guidelines issued by the ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. Of India were placed before the Sub Committee held on 03/08/2019.

The Sub Committee considered the guidelines for conducting written examination for persons with benchmark disabilities issued by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt of India and recommended that the Guidelines may be made applicable subject to the following modifications.

1) The candidates in the category of “Blind or Visually Challenged” may be termed as “*Candidates with Visual Impairment*” and the category may be termed as “*Visually Impaired*”.

Also, the “*Visually Impaired*” candidates may be provided with the following concessions depending on the percentage of disability.

40% to 79%	Compensatory time of 20 minutes per hour & the service of a scribe on the request submitted by the candidate
80% and above	Grace Marks applicable for the Disabled candidates, Service of Scribe & Compensatory time of 20 Minutes /Hour

2) All the candidates with Benchmark Disabilities of a temporary nature should be subject to the reassessment of the Medical Board after the age of 18 yrs and the Medical Certificate must be submitted to the University to avail the eligible concessions.

3) The Medical Certificate of the Temporarily disabled candidates (Sustaining injuries/ Accidents) should clearly specify that the injury has functionally disabled the candidate to write the exam and that the service of a scribe is essential for the examination / compensatory time (either one – sevice of a scribe or compensatory time)

4) The candidates appearing for Post Graduate/ M.Phil/Ph.D Entrance Exams are eligible for concessions on submission of Medical Board Certificate indicating that the disability of the candidate is of a permanent nature.

5) The categories “Mentally Challenged” may be renamed as “*Intellectual Disability*” and the name “Specific Learning Disabilities” (SLD) may be retained.

Grace marks shall not be granted to the candidates of this category, whose Medical Certificates do not indicate the percentage of Disability.

6) The University should follow the guidelines for classifying and categorising the disabilities as per Vol:5 dated 05/January/2018 of the Gazette of India.

7) Granting of Grace Marks for all courses for all eligible disabled categories should be limited to a maximum of 60% marks for each subject ie. The total of the ESA marks and the grace marks should not exceed 60% of the Total ESA marks of the subject , subject to all other stipulations.

The above recommendations were considered by the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 03/10/2019 and recommended to refer the matter to the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, the matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate recommendations.

RESOLVED to implement the proposed guidelines subject to the condition that the total ESA marks shall not exceed 60%, wherever it is obtained on award of grace marks.

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08. Issuance of Eligibility Certificate of B.A degree awarded by IGNOU(IGNOU-Airforce Community College Scheme) Ref:request received from Sri.Sreehari and Sri.Bhupendra Sharma- Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Sri.Sreehari and Sri. Bhupendra Sharma has applied for the eligibility certificate of B.A Degree awarded by IGNOU(IGNOU-Airforce Community College Scheme).The duration of the course is 3 years.It included two year in-service training and one year distance learning. Now they need the eligibility certificate for doing M.B.A Degree from University of Kerala. They had completed 10+2 pattern of study, which is recognized by the university of Kerala.

Then the file was forwarded to the Chairman and Dean, Faculty of Management Studies. He remarked that the Degree obtained B.A(Arts) from IGNOU has several components in built for Airforce personnal as part of their training. This Degree cannot be equated to the conventional B.A Degree offered at Universities. However considering the fact that the candidate goes through a three

year programme with stipulated pass minimum, this Degree can be considered as eligible qualification for the purpose of higher studies in University of Kerala for which a Degree in any discipline is the prescribed qualification. Hence the qualification for studying M.B.A can be given. The Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 04/11/2019 vide item No.22 referred the matter to the coming Academic Council with the recommendation to grant recognition to the BA degree from IGNOU (IGNOU- Air force Community College Scheme) as a degree for purpose of admission to programmes for which degree in any discipline is the prescribed qualification.

Hence as per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the whole matter regarding the issuance of Eligibility Certificate of B.A degree awarded by IGNOU(IGNOU-Air force Community College Scheme) for the purpose of doing M.B.A is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize as an eligible qualification wherever a degree in any discipline is the prescribed qualification.

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09. Conduct of Pre submission seminar-Mr.Sreekumar K G-Full time research scholar in Mathematics- Consideration of - reg:- (Ac.E.VI)

Mr.Sreekumar K G, a full-time research scholar in Mathematics under the guidance of Dr.Manilal K at University College, Tvpm has applied for granting permission to conduct pre submission seminar after completing two years of Full-time research.

Mr.Sreekumar K G has completed only two years of research as on 14/07/2019.He has qualified MPhil in July 1998.Since the registration of the research scholar is in January 2017 session, his research work is governed by the Regulations for the award of Ph.D degree University of Kerala, 2016. As per clause 4.1of the said Regulations Ph.D programme shall be for a minimum duration of three years including coursework and maximum of six years.

As per clause 13 of the Regulations Relating to The Registration for and Award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, *the minimum period of research required by a candidate for submission of the Thesis from the date of the registration shall be two years for MPhil/M.Ed/MSc (Research) degree holders and three years for others.*

Those scholars who come under Regulations 2009 and before with MPhil are being allowed to submit the thesis after two years from the date of registration.

The contradiction noticed in the minimum period of research for MPhil/M.Ed/MSc(Research) degree holders in the Regulations of the University and UGC Regulations 2016 needs to be clarified.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 30/10/2019 (Item No.05.80.B15) resolved to *seek the opinion of Doctoral committee concerned and the Standing committee on Academic Council and place the matter in the next meeting of the Standing committee of the Syndicate on Academics & Research* by approving the recommendations of the SC of the Syndicate on Academics & Research held on 01/10/2019 in this regard.

Accordingly, the matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council and considered the matter vide item no. 36, dated: 01/01/2020, and recommended to refer the matter to the Academic council.

As per the recommendation of the Syndicate, remarks from Dr.G Suresh Singh, Chairman, Doctoral Committee has been sought in this regard. He remarked that *the effective date of registration of Mr.Sreekumar K G is 14/07/2017, he possess MPhil Degree in Mathematics and has completed two years of research on 13/07/2019. Since his research area and M.Phil dissertation area are in the same field 'Graph Theory', he may be permitted to have his Ph.D thesis pre submission seminar.*

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the contradiction in the relaxation being offered to the minimum period of research for MPhil/M.Ed/MSc(Research) degree holders in the Regulations of the University and UGC Regulations 2016 is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to reject the request of the research scholar since the UGC Regulations 2016 does not allow for integrating M.Phil with research leading to Ph.D enabling shorter duration for submission of thesis.

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10. Recognition of Ph.D Degree in Botany awarded by University of Kerala – Consideration of -reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:- Request from Smt. Suja. S. R., dated 14/06/2019.

Smt. Suja. S. R., submitted the thesis of Ph.D. Degree in Botany awarded by University of Kerala titled “HEPATOPROTECTIVE AND ANTIOXIDANT PROPERTIES OF HELMINTHOSTACHYS ZEYLANICA (LINN.) HOOK.f., RHINACANTHUS NASUTA (LINN.) KURZ AND SPILANTHES CILIATA H. B. K.” for course recognition for the purpose of guideship in Biochemistry. She had obtained B.Sc degree in Botany and M.Sc degree in Botany from University of Kerala.

The Chairman, BoS in Biochemistry remarked that even though the candidate does not possess a P.G degree in Biochemistry, she has sufficient publication in the field of Biochemistry, which is a sufficient qualification for becoming a research guide in Biochemistry, University of Kerala. The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Biochemistry.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the whole matter regarding the recognition of Ph.D. Degree in Botany awarded to Dr. Suja. S. R, was placed before the Academic Council for consideration and resolved not to recognize the Ph.D Degree in Botany for research guideship in Biochemistry as she does not hold a post graduate degree in the relevant field.

When the candidate requested for a reconsideration of her application, the file was put up again and consequently it was ordered to place the matter before the Standing Committee on Academic Council. **It has to be noted that the question is whether the research guide in a subject need to have a PG Degree in the relevant subject, which is in fact the basic qualification for admission to the Ph.D programme itself. The Standing Committee on Academic Council at its meeting held on 01/01/2020 , vide item no. 39 considered the matter and recommended to refer the matter to the Academic Council.**

Hence, the whole matter regarding the recognition of Ph.D. Degree in Botany awarded to Dr. Suja .S.R by University of Kerala for the thesis titled “HEPATOPROTECTIVE AND ANTIOXIDANT PROPERTIES OF HELMINTHOSTACHYS ZEYLANICA (LINN.) HOOK.f., RHINACANTHUS NASUTA (LINN.) KURZ AND SPILANTHES CILIATA H. B. K.” for the purpose of guideship in Biochemistry, is again placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED not to permit research guidance in a subject in which the proposed guide does not hold a Post Graduate degree.

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11. Recognition as Research Supervisor in Biotechnology to Dr. Johnson John Bernet, Scientist Grade ‘C’- Reporting of and equating Scientist ‘C’ working in Central/ State Laboratories as par with Assistant Professor in University Departments and Affiliated Colleges for the purpose of granting Guideship- Consideration of - reg. (Ac.E1)

Dr. Johnson John Bernet, Ph.D holder in Biotechnology and working as **Scientist-C (Regular Faculty)**, in Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnonology, Poojappura, Thiruvananthapuram has submitted an application duly recommended by the Head of the Institution & Chairman BOS (PG), for the recognition as Research Supervisor in the subject Biotechnology.

As per University regulations 2016, relating to the award of Ph.D degree in University of Kerala, the following are the requisites for considering the application for Recognition as Research Supervisor:

1. Ph.D Degree (in concerned subject) is mandatory.
2. Two publications in approved journals after the award of Ph.D degree.
3. Facility certificate from the institution where they intend to work as guide.

4. The applications are to be forwarded by the respective heads of institution, duly recommended by Chairman, Board of Studies (PG).
5. Facility certificates are to be submitted by those who are working in college departments not approved as a research centre.
6. Guideship fee of Rs.1,000/- (Rupees One thousand only).
7. Experience certificate (not needed for teaching faculty working at departments of University of Kerala).
8. Two years teaching experience mandatory for granting Guideship. This is not mandatory for teachers working in the teaching departments of University of Kerala.
9. Two or more years post doctoral experience in reputed institutions will be reckoned as one year teaching/research experience only for the purpose of granting Guideship.
10. Applicant will be eligible for Guideship only one year after the award of Ph.D degree.
11. As per Clause 5.2 Scientists in the regular service in research laboratories of Central/State Government, located in the geographical jurisdiction of University, may also be approved as Research Supervisor/Co-supervisor. The Scientist in Grade-D, Scientist Grade-E and Scientist Grade-F&G are equated with Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor respectively, exclusively for the purpose of research supervision, subject to fulfillment of other requirements stipulated in these Regulations.

The above applicant has more than 2 years and 10 months of Research experience as Scientist-‘C’ in RGCB, Poojappura, Thiruvananthapuram. In the letter furnished by the Director, RGCB, it was stated that the applicant’s current designation is equivalent to “Assistant Professor” and his salary as per RGCB records of appointment is with three increments in addition to his designated position. It is further stated that the applicant is a Ramalinga swami Fellow and he draws his salary from the grant which is more than the salary awarded to him from RGCB. The Director, RGCB strongly recommended for the guideship of Dr. Johnson John Bernet as his qualification, experience, pay scale and designation are nothing less than that of an Assistant Professor. But as per University regulations, only Scientist in Grade-D can be equated with Assistant Professor.

The matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 20.03.2017 as Item No.18 and the committee *recommended not to grant recognition based on the ground that Guideship shall be granted only to Scientists of Grade ‘D’ and above in accordance with the University Regulations 2016.*

The Director RGCB had forwarded a clarification vide letter dated 11.04.2017, stating the distribution of Scientist’s designation at RGCB is as per CSIR norms. As per the norms Scientist-C (Scientist) and Scientist E-I (Senior Scientist) are considered as Assistant Professor, Scientist E-II (Principal Scientist) as Associate Professor and Scientist-F (Senior Principal Scientist) and Scientist-G (Chief Scientist) as Professor. The Director also stated in the said letter that it is not intended to solely support Dr. Johnson John Bernet’s case but it is in support of all Scientist’s in the rank of Scientist ‘C’ in RGCB’s payroll.

The matter was again placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 27.06.2017 subsequent to the above clarification letter from the Director, RGCB on the distribution of designation of Scientists as per CSIR norms. The committee considered the matter vide item No.8 and *recommended to consider the request on the elevation of the applicant to the higher cadre, Scientist Grade-D or Grade-EI, as specified by his parent institution.*

Another request was submitted by the applicant before the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor to reconsider his application for recognition as Research Supervisor. In his request he affirmed that as per the guidelines of RGCB and approved by the Govt. of India the current position that he holds as ‘Scientist C’ is equivalent to ‘Assistant Professor’ as required by UGC for being a Research Supervisor. As per the orders of Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor the matter was again placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 10th January, 2019 vide Item No.A5. The committee *recommended to entrust the IQAC to submit a detailed proposal regarding granting of guideship to Scientists in Research Institutions on the basis of the application submitted.*

The above matter was considered in the meeting of IQAC held on 10.01.2019, vide Item No. VI.22, and *resolved to approve the proposal provided they have qualifications and meet other*

requirements as prescribed for research guides of the University. It was further clarified by the IQAC that Scientists Grade 'C' can be equated with Assistant Professor of the University for the purpose of allotting Research Scholars.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 31.08.2019, vide Item No. 03.53.A10, considered the matter regarding the granting of guideship in the subject Biotechnology to Dr. Johnson John Bernet, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics & Research held on 24.08.2019 and resolved to grant Recognition to Dr. Johnson John Bernet as Research Supervisor on the strength of the clarification furnished by the Director, RGCB & the Director, IQAC of the University of Kerala. Further resolved to report the same to the Academic Council also for considering a general decision in the matter of granting guideship to Scientist Grade 'C'. University order granting Recognition as Research Supervisor to Dr. Johnson John Bernet was issued vide U.O No. Ac.E1/A1/15505/2016 dated 25/10/2019.

The matter of granting recognition to Dr. Johnson John Bernet, Scientists Grade 'C', RGCB, as Research Supervisor in the Subject Biotechnology is reported to the Academic Council.

As per the orders of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and in compliance with the decision of the Syndicate, the matter regarding equating of Scientist Grade 'C' working in Central/State Research Laboratories located in the geographical jurisdiction of this University, on a par with that of Assistant Professor in University Department and affiliated colleges, for the purpose of granting guideship in the subject concerned, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to approve the action of the Syndicate.

FURTHER RESOLVED to refer the matter relating to the equivalence of grades of scientists in Central /State Research Institutions with teaching cadre in the University for purpose of research guidance to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research.

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12. Bachelor of Design (B.Des)- Fashion Design Course- Regulations, Scheme and Syllabus – Removal of “Clause 11.8” under the title ‘Examinations’- Consideration of - reg.

(Ac.A.IV)

Tabulation section has forwarded the proposal submitted by the Institute of Fashion Technology Kerala (IFTK), Kollam with regard to the removal of 'Clause 11.8' under the title 'Examination' of the Regulation, Scheme and Syllabi of Bachelor of Design (B.Des) fashion Design course.

“Clause 11.8 read – A student can register for the next semester only if she/he clears the previous semester as prescribed in the scheme”.

The Principal IFTK, Kollam in his letter has stated that as per the Scheme of B.Des –Fashion Design Course, any student failing to pass in the previous Semester University examination is not permitted to register for the next semester. This will lead to the delay in the smooth and successful passing of the students from the Institution. As per the provisions of the University rules, the supplementary exams are to be conducted along with the next term of examinations for the respective semester. Due to this delay, the failed students are not able to register for the next semester.

As per the remarks from the tabulation section, it may be noted that there is often a delay in the publication of results of B.Des Fashion Design examination due to the non availability of subject experts/examiners for the evaluation process, who are appointed from the National Institute of Fashion Technology all over India. Due to this, the affected students are not able to register for the next semester and carry forward.

The additional meeting of the Board of Studies in Applied Arts, held on 28th June 2019 discussed the matter and recommended to removal of the “Clause 11.8” from the Scheme of B.Des Fashion Design Course. The Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts endorsed the recommendation of the Board of Studies in Applied Arts.

As per the orders of the Honorable Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the removal of Clause 11.8 from the Regulation, Scheme and Syllabi of of B.Des Fashion Design Course, is placed before the Standing Committee on Academic Council held on 04/11/2019 vide item no .05. The Standing Committee on Academic Council referred the matter to the Academic Council.

In this regard, as per the orders of the Honorable Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the removal of “Clause 11.8” under the head ‘Examination’, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to remove clause 11.8 of the regulations for B.Des programme.

13. Starting of Electronics Department- Consideration of – reg. (Ac.D)

The meeting of the Academic Council held on 5th October,2018 considered the resolution given to the notice by Sri.Suresh.S, Member, Academic Council for starting a new Electronics Department under University of Kerla.The resolution was seconded by Sri.Indulal.The Vice-Chancellor informed that the matter would be examined.

As per statute 1 of chapter 37 in Kerala University First Statutes 1977,” a University Department of Study and Research is one established by statute and under the direct control of the University” and statute 2 contains the names of Department of Study and Research.Apart from this, statute 34 stipulates that other departments as may be prescribed by Senate from time to time. It is necessary to amend the statute for the establishment of a new department.

The proposal for starting of a new Department of Electronics in University of Kerala was placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council for Consideration.Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 12.02.2019 vide item no.36 considered the above matter and resolved to refer back the item.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor,the proposal for starting of a new Department of Electronics in University of Kerala is placed before the Academic Council for Consideration.

RESOLVED that the matter be deferred for the time being.

14. Recognition of M.Sc. Degree in Bioinformatics awarded by Sikkim Manipal University, Gangtok (State Private University) through distance education – Consideration of - reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:- Request from Smt. Ambily Nath.I.V, dated 11/07/2019.

Smt. Ambily Nath. I. V, has submitted copy of scheme and Syllabus of M.Sc. Degree in Bioinformatics awarded by Sikkim Manipal University, Gangtok (State Private University) through distance education for the purpose of higher studies and employment. The candidate had undergone 10+2 pattern of study, which is recognized by the University of Kerala. She had obtained B.Sc. Degree in Zoology from the University of Kerala.

The Chairman BoS in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics has remarked that the M.Sc. Degree in Bioinformatics awarded by Sikkim Manipal University, Gangtok (State Private University) through distance education as an eligible qualification for the purpose of higher studies and employment.

The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 04.11.2019; vide item No. 03, the committee recommended to place the matter before the Academic Council for consideration.

Hence as per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the whole matter regarding the recognition of M.Sc. Degree in Bioinformatics awarded by Sikkim Manipal University, Gangtok (State Private University) through distance education for the purpose of higher studies and employment is placed before the Academic Council, for consideration and recommendation.

RESOLVED that the M.Sc. degree in Bioinformatics awarded by Sikkim Manipal University be recognized subject to DEB approval.

15. Private Registration-UG courses under annual pattern - revision and semesterisation - Consideration of - reg. (Ac.A.II)

The Academic Council at its meeting held on 13.3.2019, approved comments made by various Board of Studies on revision and semesterisation of UG programmes offered through private registration and approved the same.

It may be noted that the comments of the Board of Studies varies with the suggestions for detailed discussions, requirement of time to study, proposal for converting the syllabus following in annual mode into semester mode, etc.

On all overall observation on the comments made by the Boards of Studies, recommendations for further study/discussions are prominent.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 01.01.2020 and Committee recommended to refer the matter to the next Academic Council.

The following are the UG courses being offered through private registration, in annual pattern.

Sl. No	Subject	Year of last syllabus revision
1	English (Main)	2006
2	Malayalam(Main)	2006
3	Hindi(Main)	2007
4	Tamil(Main)	2009
5	Arabic (Main)	2017
6	Sanskrit(Main)	2006
7	Afzal-ul-Ulama(Main)	2017
8	Philosophy	2005
9	Islamic History	2005
10	Economics	2005
11	History/	2002
12	Political Science	2006
13	Sociology	2005
14	Music	2005
15	B.Com	2006
16	B.Com (Co-Operation) Additional elective	2006
17	BBA	2015
18	English (Part I)	2006
19	Additional Languages	Paper I-2012 PaperII&III-2011
20	Subsidiaries for Malayalam Main Paper I- Kerala Culture Paper II- Sanskrit	2004
21	Subsidiaries for Hindi Main Paper I:Functional Hindi(compulsory)	2004
	Paper II: History of India/Sanskrit	2007
22	Subsidiary for Tamil Main Paper I: South Indian History with Special reference to Tamil Culture Paper II: General Essay and Translation/ Tamil Ithazhiyal tamil	2004

	Journalism	
23	Subsidiary for Arabic Main Paper I: Commercial Arabic Paper II: Islamic History of Arabic	2017
24	Subsidiary for Sanskrit Main Paper I: Outline of Indian Culture Part I Paper II: Outline of Indian Culture Part II	2004
25	Economics Sub	1987
26	Indian History (1857-1964) Sub	1992
27	World History- Modern World History(1789-1975AD) Sub	1993
28	(Sub) Kerala History Social and Economic History of Kerala since 1498	1990
29	History of Travel and Tourism in India Sub	1999
30	Tourism & Tourist Centres in India	1999
31	History of Journalism in Kerala	1999
32	Linguistics Sub	1995
33	Psychology Sub	2006
34	Political Science Sub	2006
35	Sociology Sub	2007

RESOLVED to proceed urgently towards revising the syllabi.

16. Corrections in the list of standard journal in Tamil – Consideration of- reg. (Ac.A.II)

Additions to the list of Standard journals in Tamil was issued as per U.O No. Ac.AII/2/32/2019 dated 13.05.2019, on the basis of the recommendation of the Board of Studies in Tamil(PG) at its annual meeting held on 30.11.2018, endorsed by the Faculty of Oriental studies at its meeting held on 27.2.2019 and approved by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 13.03.2019.

In view of the present request from the then Chairman, Board of Studies in Tamil(PG), to effect the following changes in the UO issued, the Hon. Vice- Chancellor has ordered to place the matter before the Academic Council.

	As in the U.O issued	Required modification
Name of Journal	ANJA Auvu Sudar	Aaivuchudar
ISSN No:	2181 – 5938 [www.anjacaivuchudar.in]	2581 – 5938 [www.anjacaivuchudar.in]

Accordingly the matter of effecting modification of particulars of the journal "Aaivuchudar" in the list of standard journals in Tamil is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED that the proposed corrections to the list of standard journals in Tamil be brought to effect.

17. Awarding BA Hindi based on Sahityacharya- after Cancelling Part IV of Degree Programme- Consideration of -reg. (Ac.A.II)

Smt. Remyasree. L.C who pursued B.Sc Degree during the academic year 2003-05 , passed Part I & Part II and failed in Part III. Meanwhile as a parallel course she studied and obtained Sahityacharya title of Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha during 2004.

As per UO No. Ac.AII/1/46755/VII(3)/2011 dated 19.7.2011,

1. 'Sahityacharya' title will be considered only equal to Part III of B.A Degree in Hindi.

2. The Candidates holding 'Sahityacharya' title will get B.A Degree in Hindi only after passing Part I and Part II of B.A/B.Sc Degree Courses.

3. Such candidates must take Hindi as Part II – Second Language. (*Later modified vide U.O No.Ac.AII/1/46755/VII(3)/2011 dated 26.6.2013 modifying the norms to “irrespective of the language choosen as additional language”*)

4. The BA/B.Sc students who wish to take BA Degree in Hindi through 'Sahityacharya' title without completing their course after passing Part I & Part II, their present Part III will be treated as cancelled.

5. Only those candidates who have passed 10+2 (Higher secondary) are eligible for getting B.A Degree in Hindi through 'Sahityacharya' title after having passed Part I&II of B.A/B.Sc Degree courses”.

Considering this provision, she cancelled the part III of her degree programme for which she had failed so as to obtain BA Degree in Hindi on the basis of Sahityacharya title. It may be noted that the candidate had done Sahityacharya and second year of her B.Sc Degree programme in the year 2004, simultaneously.

As per the hand book for admissions, University of Kerala, “No candidates who has joined a course of study in this University as a regular student or by private registration or by correspondance course shall be allowed to simultaneously join any other course or appear for any examination either in this University or any other University or Institution or Bodies except as provided for in the Regulations relating to the respective examinations. However, he may be permitted to join the following part-time courses conducted by the University:

Degree, Diploma and Certificate courses in Russian/German; Diploma in Computer Science, Diploma in English for Communication, e-Commerce.”

Since the candidate had cancelled Part III of her Degree course, she has now submitted that she is unable to become a degree holder due to cancellation of Part III and also not able to avail the benefit of Sahityacharya, as it is done parallel to the Second year of the degree course.

Hence the matter was placed before the annual meeting Board of Studies in Hindi(Pass) held on 26.11.2019 and the Board remarked as follows :

“ Remyasree.L.C has cancelled Part III of B.Sc. Hence the situation of getting two titles or two degrees at a time does not arise. So the BoS in Hindi(Pass) at its meeting held on 26.11.2019 recommends that she may be awarded BA Degree in Hindi based on the Sahityacharya title obtained by her.”

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 01.01.2020 and recommended to refer the matter to the Academic Council. Similar other request is also received.

Hence the matter of awarding BA Degree in Hindi, where the candidate had cancelled Part III of the Degree programme and possess Sahityachrya title obtaining it as parallel course to degree is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to award BA degree in Hindi on the strength of Sahityacharya of Hindi Prachar Sabha after cancelling Part III of BA/BSc.Degree under annual scheme.

FURTHER RESOLVED to correct the agenda item to be read as PART III instead of Part IV.

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18. PhD Registration - Ms.Lakshmi.C.S - Botany- July 2018 Session- Clarification of allocation of Co-Supervisor – inline with UGC/University of Kerala Ph.D regulation 2016 – Issuing guidelines - Remarks of IQAC-implementing general decision - Consideration of - reg:- (Ac.E.VI)

Ms.Lakshmi.C.S has submitted an application for PhD registration in Botany in the July 2018 Session.The Doctoral Committee has allocated Dr.R.Prakash Kumar, Scientist F, Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden, Palode as the research supervisor, Dr.Neethu.S.Kumar, Assistant Professor, Dept. Of Botany, MG College, Thiruvananthapuram and Dr.K.K.Sabu, Senior Scientist E1, Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden, Palode as co-supervisors.

On perusal of the documents submitted, the co-supervisor Dr.K.K.Sabu is presently supervising 7 candidates (6 fresh candidates and 1 reallocated) and co-supervising 6 candidates (5

fresh candidates and 1 reallocated). The second co-supervisor Dr.Neethu.S.Kumar is presently supervising 4 candidates (4 fresh candidates) and co-supervising 3 candidates.

University of Kerala Regulations 2016, Clause 5.3, clearly stipulates that a Professor as **Research supervisor/Co-supervisor** at any given point of time shall guide not more than 8 PhD scholars. An Associate Professor as research supervisor shall guide upto a maximum of 6 PhD scholars and an Assistant Professor as research supervisor shall guide upto a maximum of 4 PhD scholars. The UGC regulation 2016, clause 6.5, also clearly specifies “A Research Supervisor/Co-supervisor who is a Professor, at any given point of time, cannot guide more than three (3) M.Phil. and Eight (8) Ph.D. scholars. An Associate Professor and as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of two (2) M.Phil.and six (6) Ph.D. scholars and an Assistant Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of one (1) M.Phil. and four (4) Ph.D. scholars.”

In view of the above said clauses it is apparently clear that a professor in his/her capacity can supervise or co-supervise only 8 research scholars at a particular point of time, an Associate Professor can supervise or co-supervise six and an Assistant Professor can supervise or co-supervise four research scholars at a given point of time.

But the Departmental Doctoral Committee while making their recommendation did not clearly ascertain, as to whether the number of research scholars being co-guided are within the limit or has been prescribed by the UGC/University of Kerala regulation 2016.

In the instant case, the Co-Supervisor Dr.K.K.Sabu (Scientist ‘E’ Grade equivalent to Associate Professor) is presently supervising 7 candidates (6 fresh candidates and 1 reallocated) and co-supervising 6 candidates (5 fresh candidates and 1 reallocated). The second co-supervisor Dr.Neethu.S.Kumar is (Assistant Professor) presently supervising 4 candidates (4 fresh candidates) and co-supervising 3 candidates.

But as per UO.No.AcEVII/55101/2015 dated 14/05/2015 the number of research students that can be co-guided by approved research guides in departments where students pursue interdisciplinary research has been enhanced from two to five. The UGC vide letter No. F.No. 14-4/2016(PS) dated 25th July 2016 stated that “ It is clarified that Institutions/Colleges who consent to appoint Co-Supervisor from outside the Department/Faculty/College/Institution because of the fact that topics are of inter-disciplinary nature and they feel that the expertise has to be supplemented from outside, the University/College/Institution may do so provided that the terms and conditions are specified by the Research Advisory Committee. It is further clarified that the Supervisor has to be from amongst the regular faculty of the host University/College/Institution and only Co-Supervisor can be appointed from outside University/College/Institution”.

Taking into consideration of the above letter it is clear that selection of Co-Supervisor is also from among the regular faculty.

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 10/01/2019 while considering this matter has recommended to entrust the Director, Research (Dr.Annie Abraham) to submit a detailed proposal including clarification and the same was resolved by the Syndicate held on 22/01/2019. Accordingly Letters have been forwarded to Dr. Annie Abraham dated 13/02/2019 and 16/05/2019 for want of clarification on the matter.

Dr.Annie Abraham has submitted a proposal vide email letter dated 27/05/2019 stating the following:

1. If we are explaining the regulation word by word, as per UGC Regulation 2016 para 5.3, we have to stick on to that only and need no clarification at all, but we have to look into other matters also.
- 2.Please see that in the case of reallocation at our University, an Assistant Professor is already guiding upto 10 students, on the basis of earlier UGC Regulation explained by our University, indicating the University’s autonomy. That can be applied here also, for PhD registration.
- 3.More than that the eligibility criteria, admission procedures, structure and conduct of Ph.D.program, evaluation procedures etc. are strictly followed at our University and it is on par with any premier Universities in the country. We have to be strict with such matters for better academic input.
4. Also we have to see the policies adopted by other Universities in the State, before taking a strict decision. To my understanding they have not yet touched these areas.
5. Analysing para 5.4 of UGC Regulation, it promotes inter-disciplinary research and provides space for co-guidance. Definitely we have to take a suitable decision in such cases.

6. For promoting inter-disciplinary research, enhancing productivity and to accommodate foreign students, the University has to allow the supervising teachers to co-guide at least 2 students.
7. These are all the policy decisions to be decided by higher authorities.
8. In the case of Ms.Lakshmi C.S,Dept.of Botany- July 2018 session, University can take a decision only after resolving this issue.
9. Also it shall be made clear that the co-guide can be co-opted at any time of research, if guide and student are willing and on approval of the doctoral committee.

It is pertinent to note that The Secretary, University Grants Commission while issuing general guidelines regarding 2009 regulation, has informed the Vice Chancellors of all the Universities that, some of the Universities are circumventing the provisions of UGC Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Regulations, 2009 in matters related to Qualifications of Research Supervisors and the procedure for evaluation of research reports. It has been intimated by the UGC that in case of any aberration to the UGC Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D, it will be proceeded against as per the UGC Act, 1956 and the name of the University will be put in the defaulters list on the UGC website. In view of the above, the University was forced to implement UGC Regulation 2009. Sanction was thus accorded by the Vice Chancellor to implement UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2009 and subsequently the UO's were issued dated 08.01.2016 and 01.02.2016 for implementing UGC Regulation 2009. However a few petitioners challenged the validity of this University Order dated 01.02.2016 and filed a petition before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala. All those petitions were dismissed by the judgment of the Hon'ble High Court in WP(C) No. 12532 of 2016 (N). While upholding the decision of the University into to, it was directed by the Hon'ble High Court that any further amendments to U.O No Ac.E1/2016 dated 01.02.2016 **shall have to be implemented only with the approval of the UGC.**

It may also be noted that the University shall have to issue a separate certificate to all research scholars to the effect that their Ph.D Degree has been awarded in accordance with the provisions of the UGC Regulations 2016. Hence, it is high time to issue a clear guidelines clarifying the allocation of Co-Supervisor in line with UGC/University of kerala regulation 2016.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the detailed proposal including clarification on the matter submitted by the Director, Research was placed before the Syndicate held on 12/06/2019 for recommendation. The Syndicate referred the matter to IQAC for submitting specific proposals regarding the feasibility of the same.

As per the remarks obtained from IQAC the application for PhD registration in respect of Ms.Lakshmi.C.S cannot be considered with Dr.K.K.Sabu as Co-Supervisor as he is currently guiding seven candidates which is the maximum that can be permitted as per Regulations. Based on the facts of the case presented the registration with DrK.K.Sabucannot be considered.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 01.10.2019 and recommended to refer the matter to the Standing Committee on Academic Council for taking general decision. The Syndicate held on 31.10.2019 has resolved the above recommendation.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Standing Committee on Academic Council. The Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 01.01.2020 has recommended to refer the matter to the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter is placed before the Academic Council for taking general decision inline with UGC regulation 2016.

RESOLVED to proceed as per Regulations only.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the maximum permissible research scholars in respect of Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor be kept to 8,6, and 4 respectively, except for supernumerary registrations.

19. Ph.D Registration – Exemption from Ph.D Entrance Examination – Request – Dr.Praveen S S – Physics – Consideration of- Reg. (Ac.E.VI)

Dr.Praveen S S working as Assistant Professor in Physics, St.Thomas College, Kozhenchery, Pathanamthitta (affiliated to MG University, Kottayam) has submitted online application for Part-time Ph. D Registration in July 2019 session in Physics. He says that he holds a Ph.D Degree in Physics from Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT) awarded in 2013. He is a faculty member in St.Thomas College, Kozhenchery, Pathanamthitta (an aided college, affiliated to MG University, Kottayam) totally completing 5 years and 5 months. He requests that as Ph.D is a qualification much above M.Phil Degree, he should be exempted from Ph.D Entrance Examination of the University of Kerala.

As per notification for admission to Ph.D Degree, July 2019 session, candidates for admission to the Ph.D programme should have

1. Masters Degree or a Professional Degree recognized as equivalent to the Masters Degree of the University of Kerala in Grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (Or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) with not less than 55% marks OR an equivalent degree from a foreign educational institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.
2. Qualified in the entrance test conducted by this University or National Eligibility Test conducted by the UGC / CSIR /ICAR/ICMR or GATE or State Level Eligibility Test conducted by the Kerala Government or Fellowship awarded by the Central and State Govt. Departments/Agencies as approved by the University, M Phil Degree by research and thesis. The validity period if any of such qualifications are counted for granting admission.

The following categories are exempted from qualifying the entrance test for registration to Ph.D.

1. Regular College/University teachers who have 7 or more years of teaching experience are exempted from the entrance test.
2. Scientists working in approved research laboratories either owned or managed by the Central/State Government or in Autonomous Research Institutions of National status, with 7 years experience in Grade Scientists having two research papers published in the recognized research journals of the subject concerned approved by the UGC.
3. Candidates with DBT/JRF are permitted to register for research leading to Ph.D Degree in Biotechnology.
4. Candidates with DST-INSPIRE fellowship.
5. Those students who qualify UGC-NET/JRF, UGC-CSIR-NET/JRF, SLET, GATE and Research Fellowships of Central or State Government Departments/Agencies as approved by the University, as the case may be.
6. Teacher Fellowship holders and M.Phil Degree holders seeking registration for Ph.D shall be required to qualify Entrance Test in case registration is sought in a different discipline other than that specialized at PG/M.Phil Degree levels respectively.

From the online application submitted by Dr.Praveen S S it is clear that he had qualified M.Sc. Degree in Physics from University of Kerala in 2005. But he is not holding any eligibility under the above categories for exemption from qualifying Ph.D Entrance Examination of the University. He is holding a Ph.D Degree in Physics from Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT) awarded in 2013 and hence he requests to be exempted from Ph.D Entrance Examination of University of Kerala.

The matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on Syndicate held on 24/08/2019 and was recommended to be placed before the Academic Council. The Syndicate held on 31/08/2019 vide item No.03.53.B6 has resolved the same.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the request of Dr.Praveen S S for exemption from Ph.D Entrance Examination of the University being a Ph.D holder from CUSAT is placed before the Academic Council for appropriate recommendation.

RESOLVED to permit the item being withdrawn as the issue has already been decided upon and University Order issued.

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20. Readmission of Sri.Athul. K.T and Sri. Rajaneesh K.K to 4th Year BFA Degree - consideration of – reg. (Ac.A.IV)

The candidates Sri.Athul.K.T and Sri.Rajaneesh. K.K were applied for readmission to fourth year BFA Degree at College of Fine Arts , Thiruvananthapuram on medical ground. Their applications were duly recommended by the principal, College of Fine Arts. These two candidates were readmitted to 4th year BFA earlier vide U.O. No. Ac. AIV/3/32948/2017 dated 11.07.2017 (Rajaneesh.K.K) and U.O. No. Ac.AIV/1/023054/2016 dated 23.08.2016 (Athul. K.T) but they couldn't avail readmission due to medical ground.

In this connection it is noted that as per the revised regulation of BFA Degree, vide U.O. No. Ac.AIV/3/BFA/2018 dated 12.12.2018 the readmission shall be granted to the candidates only once in the entire course period on valid grounds.

The remarks of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Applied Arts was sought and recommended to grant readmission to the candidates to 4th Year BFA course once again on genuine grounds and the Dean , Faculty of Fine Arts endorsed the remarks of the Chairman.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter was placed before Standing Committee on Academic Council held on 3rd October 2019 ,vide Item No. 03 . The committee considered the applications, in view of the fact that the present regulation doesn't provides provision for readmission for the second time during the course, so standing committee on Academic Council recommended to refer the matter to the Academic Council.

Therefore as per the orders of the Vice- Chancellor, the matter of readmission to BFA 4th year for second time, in respect of the candidates Athul.K T. And Rajaneesh K.K is placed before the Academic Council for Consideration.

RESOLVED to proceed as per Regulations.

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21. Amendment to Regulations relating to Recognition of Examinations/Degree of State Boards/ Statutory Universities/Deemed Universities/ Other institutions- Consideration of- reg. (Ac.L)

The Academic Council at its meeting held on 13.03.2019; vide item no.I.65 considered and note the action of Vice-Chancellor subject to reporting to the resolved to the recommendations of the chairmen of various Boards of Studies and the Deans of respective Faculties, the Degrees/ Examinations/ Diplomas awarded by State Boards/Statutory Universities/ Institutions as per the details shown in the Statement appended are recognized as equivalent to the corresponding examinations/ Degrees of this University either on reciprocal basis or recommended as an eligible qualification for specific purposes such as higher studies or employment as the case may be, by the Vice-Chancellor subject to reporting to the Academic Council in exercise of the powers conferred on him as per Section 10(13) of the Kerala University Act of 1974.

(The list of Degrees/Examinations in appended)

The above amendment to Regulations relating to Recognition of Examinations/Degrees of State Boards/Statutory/Universities/Deemed Universities/Other Institutions is laid before the Academic Council for consideration and adoption as envisaged under Section 25(ii) of the Kerala University Act, 1974.

RESOLVED to recommend the proposed amendments to the Regulations.

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22. Recognition of B.Sc Degree in Costume Design and Fashion (Regular) awarded by the Bharathiar University, Coimbatore-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:- Request from Smt. Brinda. M. P. dtd 24/09/2018

Smt. Brinda. M. P has submitted the attested copies of the scheme and syllabus of B.Sc Degree in Costume Design and Fashion (Regular) awarded by the Bharathiar University, Coimbatore

for the purpose of higher studies and employment in fashion Designing and also equating her B.Ed Degree (Double Main) in Hindi and Social Science awarded by Mangalore University with the B.Ed degree in Hindi of this University. The candidate had undergone 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala.

The Chairman BoS in Applied Arts and the Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts has remarked in the proforma that B.Sc Degree in Costume Design and Fashion (Regular) awarded by the Bharathiar University, Coimbatore may be recognised as an eligible qualification for the purpose of higher education only.

The Chairman BoS in Education (Pass) has remarked that as per the B.Ed regulations of University of Kerala 50% marks for PartII Hindi (Second Language) was eligible for getting admission to the B.Ed Degree in Hindi. Also directed to forward the file to the BoS Chairman in Hindi (pass) to verify whether the candidate is eligible for getting admission to the B.Ed programme in Hindi.Hence the file was forwarded to the Chairman BoS in Hindi (Pass). He has remarked that as per the regulations of Kerala University, candidate with 50% marks in Part II Hindi (Additional Language) are eligible to pursue higher studies in Hindi. Though the regulation is silent on the number of years and number of papers to be studied in Part II Hindi it is inherent that Part II additional course has 3 papers of two years of duration for B.A/B.Sc course (Annual scheme) in Kerala University. Hence candidate with B.Com Degree and career related B.A or B.Sc Degree are not considered as eligible to pursue higher studies in Hindi including B.Ed in Hindi. The same can be applied for semester courses also. The candidate should study Hindi as additional language in 4 semesters to be considered for admission to M.A in Hindi or B.Ed in Hindi. Since the above mentioned candidate has studied Hindi only in 2 semesters (2 papers), she is not eligible to pursue B.Ed in Hindi of this University. The Dean Faculty of Oriental Studies has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Hindi (Pass).

It may also be noted that as per the regulations of this University B.A /B.Sc holders with 50% of marks for Part II Hindi and a Masters Degree in Hindi Language and Literature with not less than 50% marks are eligible for doing B.Ed Degree in Hindi. Since the candidate did not possess an M.A Degree in Hindi, her application for the purpose of equating her B.Ed Double Main Degree (Hindi and Social Science) with B.Ed Degree in Hindi of the University of Kerala may be rejected.

As ordered by the Vice-Chancellor the file was again forwarded to the Chairman BoS in Applied Arts and the Dean Faculty of Fine Arts for obtaining their specific remarks in this regard.

The Chairman BoS in Applied Arts has remarked that the University of Kerala offers a four year Degree course in Fashion Designing (B.Des). The B.Sc Degree in Costume Design and Fashion awarded by Bharathiar University is only a three year course. After a close perusal of the scheme and syllabus of the aforesaid course he has concluded that equivalency cannot be granted for the course. However the candidate was eligible to seek admission to a higher course for which the minimum prescribed qualification is a degree only. The Dean Faculty of Fine Arts has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Applied Arts.

It may also be noted that the same course offered by the Bharathiar University has already been recognized by the University of Kerala as an eligible qualification for the purpose of seeking employment in the field of Textile Industry.

As ordered by the Vice-chancellor the whole matter regarding the recognition of B.Sc Degree in Costume Design and Fashion (Regular) awarded by the Bharathiar University, Coimbatore was further placed before the Standing committee of the Academic Council for consideration.The Standing Committee of the Academic Council at its meeting held on 01/01/2020 vide item no. 45 considered the matter and noted the remarks of the Chairmen and also recommended to refer the same to the Academic Council.

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of the B.Sc Degree in Costume Design and Fashion (Regular) awarded by the Bharathiar University, Coimbatore for the purpose of higher studies and employment wherever the prescribed qualification is a degree is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree only for purposes for which a degree in any discipline is the prescribed qualification.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the request for eligibility for higher studies in the field of Hindi be rejected.

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23. B.Voc Food Processing Degree Programme introduced with effect from 2019 admission – repetition of Course-Clarification and Introduction of new Course for Vth Semester, Consideration of- reg. (Ac.A.IV)

The Regulation, Scheme and Syllabus for BVoc Food Processing Degree Programme implemented with effect from 2019 admission onwards vide U.O No. Ac.AIV/3/48619/IV.A.1 /2019 dated 06.05.2019.

In the syllabus of B.Voc Food Processing, the contents of the course code B.V FP-12 belongs to 2nd Semester is found repeated in the 5th semester (course code B.V FP-30) under the course name “Traditional Indian Dairy Products”. Clarification sought from the Chairman BoS in Business Management (Pass) in this regard and remarked that, on verifying the syllabus of B.Voc Food Processing found that there is repetition in the course name & subject of 2nd and 5th Semester. The matter was discussed by the Chairman, BoS with the resource persons involved in the original syllabus preparation, and suggested to replace the repeated course of 5th semester as follows. It is also informed that there is no change in the course code, duration, teaching scheme, examination scheme, practical marks, CE/IC marks, credit and end semester exam marks.

B.V.FP-30-Analysis of Milk and Milk Products

Name of the Course : Analysis of Milk and Milk Products		
Course Code :B.V.FP-30		Semester- V
Duration :75 hrs		Maximum Marks :50
Teaching Scheme		Examination Scheme
Practical : 4hrs /week		CE/IC Mark:10 Marks
Credit :1.5		End Semester Exam : 40 Marks
Unit .No	Contents	Hours
1.	Milk: Analysis of Titratable Acidity, Reducing sugar and non-reducing sugar, Protein by Biuret method	04
2	Butter: Acidity in butter, salt estimation,Determination of Saponification value.	04
3	Manufacture of Ice-Cream.	04
4	Preparation of flavoured milk.	04
5	Preparation of paneer from cow milk and preparation of value – added product from its by product.	04
6	Study on HTST pasteurization technique in milk.	04
7	Study on sanitation procedures used in a milk industry	04
8	Visit to industry.	04

The Dean, Faculty of Management Studies endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS and remarked that as there is a new paper introduced.

The Hon’ble Vice Chancellor ordered to place the matter before the Standing Committee on Academic Council for considerations and recommendations. The Standing committee at its meeting held on 01/01/2020, discussed the matter and recommended to place the matter before the meeting of the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council that the repetition of course clarification and introduction of new course for V semester is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and recommendation.

RESOLVED to authorize the Dean, Faculty of Management to rectify the discrepancy in the allocation of Hours in consultation with the BoS, and report the matter to the Academic Council.

24. Recognition of M.Sc Degree in Physical Oceanography and Ocean Modelling(Regular) awarded by Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies, Panangad, Kochi- Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:- Request from Smt. Princy. J. R dtd 14/10/2019

Smt. Princy. J. R has submitted the attested copies of the scheme and syllabus of M.Sc Degree in Physical Oceanography and Ocean Modelling (Regular) awarded by Kerala University of

Fisheries and Ocean Studies, Panangad, Kochi for the purpose of higher studies (Doing M.Phil Degree in Marine Science and Technology). The candidate had undergone 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala. She had qualified B.Sc Degree in Physics from the University of Kerala. She had remitted the required amount of fee of rupees 1050/- towards this purpose.

The Chairman BoS in Aquatic Biology and Fisheries has remarked that the candidate had obtained her B.Sc Degree in Physics, However the syllabus content of her M.Sc programme cover the basic syllabus contents offered for M.Phil Marine Science programme. Therefore the PG programme undertaken by the candidate can be considered as an eligible qualification for higher studies (M.Phil Degree in Marine Science and Technology). Since the programme offered by this University is a multi disciplinary subject, and covers more portion related to science and technology, the candidate's basic degree in Physics may not be considered as a point in rejecting the application. The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the recommendation of the Chairman BoS in Aquatic Biology and Fisheries.

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of M.Sc Degree in Physical Oceanography and Ocean Modelling (Regular) awarded by Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies, Panangad, Kochi as an eligible qualification for the purpose of higher studies (For doing M.Phil Degree in Marine Science and Technology) is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to grant recognition for the purpose for doing M.Phil in Marine Science and Technology.

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25. Recognition of B.A. Degree in History, Sociology and Political Science awarded by Karnataka State Open University, Mysore –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:- Request from Smt. Mary Smitha. C. R, dated 28/05/2019.

Smt. Mary Smitha. C. R, has submitted attested copies of Scheme and Syllabus of B.A. Degree in History, Sociology and Political Science awarded by Karnataka State Open University, Mysore for course recognition for the purpose of higher studies (M.A. Degree in Sociology) and employment.

The candidate had undergone 10+2 pattern of study, which is recognized by the University of Kerala. She had obtained B.Ed. Degree in Social Science from the Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam which is recognized by the University of Kerala as equivalent to B.Ed. Degree in Social Science of this University.

The Chairman BoS in Sociology (Pass) has remarked that the contents of the paper in Sociology does not satisfy minimum 60% of the syllabus of B.A.Sociology of the University of Kerala. Hence he offered the following remarks regarding the recognition of the above said degree.

1.The said degree with Triple main cannot be considered as equivalent to the degree in Sociology by the University of Kerala.

2.The said degree can be considered as equivalent to a general B.A. Degree by the University of Kerala.

3.Accordingly the candidate can be considered as eligible to go for higher studies, including Sociology in which the minimum requirement is a general degree with 50% or above marks.

4. This is also applicable for the candidate to apply for employment where the qualification is any degree.

The Dean, Faculty of Social Science has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Sociology (Pass).

As per orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the whole matter regarding the recognition of **B.A. Degree in History, Sociology and Political Science awarded by Karnataka State Open University, Mysore for the purpose of higher studies and employment, wherever a degree in any discipline is the prescribed qualification** is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to grant recognition for the purpose of higher studies and employment wherever a degree in any discipline is the prescribed qualification.

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26. Recognition of Bachelor of Physical Education Degree (Oneyear) (Regular) awarded by Annamalai University, Annamalainagar –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:- Request from Sri. Sijo. T. F. dated 05/12/2019.

Sri.Sijo. T. F. submitted an application for recognition of Bachelor of Physical Education

Degree (One year) (Regular) awarded by Annamalai University, Annamalainagar as an eligible qualification for doing M.P.Ed degree. He had obtained B.A. Degree in English Language and Literature from University of Kerala and he obtained M.P.Ed Degree from University of Calicut which is recognized by the University of Kerala.

When the file was forwarded for remarks of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Physical Education, the Chairman **recommended to grant recognition to the said degree as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment. The Dean, Faculty of Physical Education has endorsed** the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Physical Education.

Hence the whole matter regarding recognition of Bachelor of Physical Education Degree (One year) (Regular) awarded by Annamalai University, Annamalainagar for the purpose of higher education and employment, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to grant recognition for the purpose of higher studies and employment.

27. Request for removing the cost of text books from the total expenditure of short term courses A1 and A2 levels in German language- Consideration of –reg. (CSS)

The CSS Academic Committee in its meeting held on 20.08.2019 recommended that the scheme, syllabus and fee pattern for short term courses A1 and A2 levels in German Language and Literature to place before the Academic Council. The Academic Council held on 06.09.2019 considered the matter and resolved to approve the syllabi of short term courses A1 and A2 levels in German Language and Literature.

Now The HOD (i/c), Department of German has informed that due to oversight the cost of text books were erroneously mentioned in the total expenditure of the proposal of both A1 &A2 level short term courses in German while placing before the Academic Council. As per the discussion in the Academic Council the HOD has requested to remove the total cost of the text books of both A1 &A2 levels from total expenditure. The same was placed before the CSS Academic Committee held on 13.11.2019 for necessary recommendations.

The CSS Academic Committee recommended to place the corrected proposal before the Academic Council. Hence the corrected proposal is placed before the Academic Council for approval.

RESOLVED to approve the proposal.

28. Recognition of B.A (History, Economics, English) (Triple Main) Degree awarded by Mangalore University through Distance Mode -Consideration of- reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:- Request from Sri. Kiran. S. S.

Sri.Kiran. S. S. has submitted the copy of the scheme and syllabus of the B.A (History, Economics, English) (Triple Main) Degree awarded by Mangalore University through distance mode for course recognition for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of History. The candidate has completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognised by the University of Kerala.

When the file was forwarded for remarks of the Chairman Board of Studies in History (Pass), the Chairman remarked that B.A (History, Economics, English) (Triple Main) Degree awarded by Mangalore University through distance mode, cannot be considered equal to the B.A degree in History offered by the University of Kerala as it's syllabus does not even cover 50% of the B.A History of University of Kerala. However, the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences remarked that the degree can be recognized as an eligible qualification for higher education only (not for employment) where his degree is acceptable.

As per the orders of the Registrar, the matter was discussed by the BoS in History (Pass), and the Board unanimously recommended the degree as an eligible qualification for higher studies in the field of History.

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of B.A (History, Economics, English) (Triple Main) Degree awarded by Mangalore University through distance mode for the purpose of higher studies in the field of History, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree for higher studies only in the field of History.

29. Recognition of B.E. Degree in Aeronautical Engineering (Regular) awarded by Anna University through PSN College of Engineering and Technology, Melathediyoor (Autonomous) –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:- Request from Smt. Reena. J. dated 18/03/2019.

Smt. Reena. J. submitted an application for recognition of B.E. Degree in Aeronautical Engineering (Regular) awarded by Anna University through PSN College of Engineering and Technology, Melathediyoor (Autonomous) as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment. She had obtained 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala.

When the file was sent for remarks of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass II), the Chairman recommended to grant recognition to the said degree as equivalent to B.Tech degree in Aeronautical Engineering of this University. The Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Engineering (Pass II).

Hence the whole matter regarding recognition of B.E. Degree in Aeronautical Engineering (Regular) awarded by Anna University through PSN College of Engineering and Technology, Melathediyoor (Autonomous) as equivalent to B.Tech degree in Aeronautical Engineering of University of Kerala, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree as equivalent to the B.Tech Degree in Aeronautical Engineering.

30. Request from Mr. Hasan Hadi Ensaiif Altufaili to change the status of student of Bridge course to Regular course in MVA(Art History)– remarks of Dean –Consideration of-reg. (AcBI)

The request of Mr. Hasan Hadi Ensaiif Altufaili, an Iraqi national, student of MVA(Art History) course at Raja Ravi Varma Centre of Excellence for Visual Arts, Mavelikkara to change his student status from 'Bridge Course' to student of 1st semester MVA (Art History) main course was placed in the Executive Committee of the CGA held on 31.10.2019. The Committee recommended to obtain the remarks of the Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts on the equivalency of the candidate's BA Degree in Art Education with BFA course /and eligibility of his degree course for admission to MVA.

The Dean Faculty of Fine Arts has furnished remarks on the matter, that as per the opinion of the BoS Chairman in Applied Arts the candidate has already obtained 4 year Degree in Fine Arts from the Dept.of Art Education of the University of Babylon. Kerala University also offers 4 year degree course and hence, the candidate may be exempted from the Bridge course.

The matter was placed in the Executive Committee of the Centre for Global Academics held on 20.01.2020 and recommended to refer the matter to the Academic Council. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 21.01.2020 vide Item No .09 .20 .02 resolved that the recommendations of the Executive Committee of the Centre for Global Academics be approved.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the above matter is placed before the Academic Council for appropriate consideration and recommendations.

RESOLVED that the exemption from Bridge programme be permitted.

31. Recognition of B.Sc Degree in Mathematics awarded by Bharathiar University through Distance mode-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:-Request from Ms. Bhavya. M

Ms. Bhavya. M. has submitted the Scheme and Syllabus of B.Sc Degree in Mathematics awarded by Bharathiar University through Distance mode for recognition for the purpose of higher education including B.Ed. in Mathematics and employment. The course is having UGC DEB approval during her period of study. She has undergone 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala.

The then Chairman, Board of Studies in Mathematics (Pass) placed this matter before the additional meeting of the Board of Studies in Mathematics (Pass) held on 19.08.2019. The Board recommended to get the get advice from the Co-ordinator of the School of Distance Education of the University of Kerala and to entrust with the Chairman, BoS in Mathematics (Pass) for further proceedings.

Subsequently, the Co-ordinator of the School of Distance Education of the University of Kerala, offered the details of the complementary (Subsidiary) papers of B.Sc Mathematics as per the syllabus of the 2006 admissions.

When the file was forwarded to the current chairman Board of Studies in Mathematics (Pass) with the above remark, it was suggested to be placed before the meeting of the Board of Studies in Mathematics (Pass). The meeting held on 29.01.2020 recommended to give eligibility for higher education and employment in the light of the remarks offered by the co-ordinator of the School of Distance Education, University of Kerala.

The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the remarks of the Board of studies in Mathematics(Pass).

Hence as per orders of the Vice Chancellor, the whole matter regarding the recognition of B.Sc Degree in Mathematics awarded by Bharathiar University through Distance mode for recognition for the purpose of higher education including B.Ed. in Mathematics and employment is placed before the meeting of the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the Degree as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment wherever the qualification prescribed is B Sc. degree in Mathematics.

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32. Recognition of B.Ed. Degree (Commerce & Accountancy) (Regular) awarded by TamilNadu Teacher Education University, Chennai.- Consideration of –reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application received from Sri.Vijikumar.M

Sri.Vijikumar.M has submitted the Scheme and Syllabus of B.Ed.Degree (Commerce & Accountancy) (Regular) awarded by Tamil Nadu Teacher Education University, Chennai for recognition for the purpose of higher education and employment. The applicant has undergone 10 + 2 pattern of study and passed B.Com. (Distance) of Madurai Kamaraj University and M.Com Degree (Regular) Manonmaniam Sundaranar University which are recognized by the University of Kerala.

The Chairman, Board of Studies in Education (Pass) suggested to obtain the opinion of subject expert in Commerce Education and subsequently the file was forwarded to Dr.Isaac Paul who remarked the following points after careful scrutiny of the Regulations and syllabus for the Degree of Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) - Commerce optional of the Tamilnadu Teachers Education University in comparison with the Regulations and syllabus of the University of Kerala One Year Programme ,

- a) The Regulations and syllabus especially for Commerce optional of Tamilnadu Teachers Education University is in tune with the Regulations and syllabus of the University of Kerala.
- b) The content coverage, practicals, practicum components, assessment modalities (Internal as well as external) and weightage given to each curricular component is more or less similar as per the guidelines of NCTE.
- c) The Regulations and syllabus satisfies the adequacy and quality of the scheme and syllabus of the University of Kerala and recommend the same for recognition.

The Chairman, Board of Studies in Education (Pass) and the Dean, Faculty of Education have agreed to the opinion of the subject expert and recommended equivalency and eligibility for higher education and employment.

Hence, the whole matter regarding the recognition of B.Ed. Degree (Commerce & Accountancy) (Regular) awarded by Tamil Nadu Teacher Education University, Chennai as equivalent to the B.Ed. Commerce of this University is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree as equivalent to B.Ed Commerce Degree.

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33. Recognition of B.A. Degree in English (Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University through Sarah Tucker College (Autonomous)- Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application received from Ms. Ajitha.K

Ms. Ajitha.K has submitted the Scheme and Syllabus of B.A. Degree in English (Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University through Sarah Tucker College (Autonomous), Tirunelveli for recognition for the purpose of higher education and employment. The applicant has

undergone 10 + 2 pattern of study recognised by the University of Kerala.

The Chairman, Board of Studies in English (Pass) noted that it is found after considering the scheme and syllabus for B.A. Degree in English (Regular) of 2014 onwards of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University that Ms. Ajitha.K has studied 13 core papers – Non fiction (credits – 4), Poetry – I (Credits – 4), Indian Literature in English (credits – 4), Poetry II (credits – 4), Social History of England (credits – 4), American Literature (credits – 5), History of English Literature I (credits – 5), Fiction(credits – 5), History of English Literature II (credits – 5), Introduction to Literary Criticism(credits – 5), Drama (credits – 5), Post Colonial Literature (Credits 5) and Shakespeare (credits – 5); 4 Allied Papers – Background to Literature (credits – 5), Grammar and Composition (Credits 5), Fundamentals of Journalism (Credits 5), and English for Competitive Examinations (Credits 5), 3 Papers as Elective I – Major Elective II – Major, Elective III Major – 5 Credits each, along with 2 papers as Elective I Non Major and Elective II Non Major, - 2 credits each. Total No.of Credits: III and Instructional Hours: 116. In the light of these facts she has recommended that recognition may be given to B.A. Degree in English (Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University through Sarah Tucker College (Autonomous) for the purpose of higher education and employment.

The Dean, Faculty of Arts has remarked that the B.A. Degree in English (Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University through Sarah Tucker College (Autonomous) can be approved on the basis of the remarks of the Chairperson Board of Studies in English (Pass) and on the basis of the scheme and syllabus submitted by the applicant. She has marked equivalency and eligibility for higher education and employment in the prescribed proforma.

Hence, the whole matter regarding the recognition of B.A. Degree in English (Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University through Sarah Tucker College (Autonomous), Tirunelveli as equivalent to the B.A. Degree in English Language and Literature of this University is placed before the meeting of the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the Degree as equivalent to B.A Degree in English Language and Literature

34. Recognition of M.P.Ed. Degree (Regular) awarded by Pondicherry University- Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application received from Ms. LipsyJohn.L

Ms. LipsyJohn.L has submitted the Scheme and Syllabus of M.P.Ed. Degree (Regular) awarded by Pondicherry University. The applicant has undergone 10 + 2 pattern of study recognised by the University of Kerala and passed B.P.E. from this University.

The Chairman, Board of Studies in Physical Education remarked that the M.P.E.S. Degree of Pondicherry University has already been recognised by the University of Kerala for higher studies and employment. He has also noted that only the nomenclature has been changed to M.P.Ed. from 2002. After verifying the scheme and syllabus of M.P.Ed. Degree from Pondicherry 60- 70 % similarity has been found with the syllabus of M.P.E. of this University. Hence he has recommended equivalency and eligibility for higher education and employment.

The Dean, Faculty of Physical Education also has noted that the M.P.E.S. Degree of Pondicherry University has already been recognised by the University of Kerala for higher studies and employment. The nomenclature has been changed to M.P.Ed. from 2002. On verifying the adequacy and quality of the scheme and syllabus of Pondicherry University 60- 70% similarity has been found with that of the University of Kerala. Hence she has recommended equivalency and eligibility for higher education and employment.

Hence as per orders of the Vice Chancellor, the whole matter regarding the recognition of M.P.Ed. Degree (Regular) awarded by Pondicherry University as equivalent to the M.P.E. of this University is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree as equivalent to M.P.E Degree of the University of Kerala.

35. Recognition of M.Sc Degree in Physics (Regular) awarded by Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, Coimbatore. (Deemed to be University)- Consideration of reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application received from Ms. Divya Philip.

Ms. Divya Philip submitted the Scheme and Syllabus of M.Sc Degree in Physics (Regular) awarded by Karunya Institute of Technology and Science, Coimbatore (Deemed to be University) for the purpose of higher education and employment. The applicant has undergone 10 +2 pattern of study and passed B.Sc Degree in Physics from Kannur University which are recognized by the University of Kerala.

The Chairman BoS in Physics (P.G) has remarked that the applicant has undergone 10 +2 pattern of study and received B.Sc from Kannur University which are recognized by the University of Kerala and has passed M.Sc Degree in Physics from Karunya Institute of Technology and Science (Deemed to be University). He has also noted that the syllabus of her M.Sc Physics programme is 70-80% similar to the syllabus of the University of Kerala. Hence he has recommended to grant eligibility to the candidate for higher education and employment.

The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the recommendation of the Chairman.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the whole matter regarding recognition of M.Sc Degree in Physics (Regular) awarded by Karunya Institute of Technology and Science, Coimbatore (Deemed to be University) for the purpose of higher education and employment is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and recommendation.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of Physics.

36. Recognition of Ph.D Degree in Physics awarded by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham (Deemed University), Coimbatore-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:- Request from Smt. Jyothy. S. Nair

Smt. Jyothy. S. Nair has submitted an application for course recognition of the Ph.D Degree in Physics for the thesis titled "AN ANALYSIS OF GALEX OBSERVATIONS OF THE AQUILA RIFT" awarded by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham (Deemed University), Coimbatore for the purpose of employment in the field of Physics. The applicant has undergone 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala. She had qualified B.Sc Degree in Physics awarded by the University of Kerala and also obtained M.Sc Degree in Physics from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam which are recognised by this University. The candidate has remitted the required amount of fee of Rs 1050/-towards this purpose.

The Chairman BoS in Physics (PG) has examined the thesis entitled " AN ANALYSIS OF GALEX OBSERVATIONS OF THE AQUILA RIFT" and remarked that the broad area of the thesis is from Astrophysics which is a branch of Physics and also remarked that the candidate had published two articles out of which one is in MNRAS (Highly reputed journal in the field). Hence the Ph.D Degree awarded by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham can be considered as an eligible qualification for the purpose of higher studies and employment. The Dean Faculty of Science has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Physics (PG).

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of the Ph.D Degree in Physics for the thesis titled " AN ANALYSIS OF GALEX OBSERVATIONS OF THE AQUILA RIFT" awarded by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham(Deemed), Coimbatore for the purpose of higher studies and employment is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of Physics.

37. M.Tech Degree course - Classification of Results of Candidates who attend Examination in additional/mercy chance, Clarification- reporting of -reg.- (Ac.AIII)

As per the M.Tech Regulations (2008 scheme) a student is given only 3 chances to reappear for the examination in the subjects in which he/she has failed with in a period of 5 years from the time of his/her registration. In clause 5.4 it is specified that in case students has taken more than 2 chances

in passing a subject only minimum pass grade 'D' will be allotted in that subjects irrespective of the actual marks scored. In the clause 5.7 – 'class Distinction' – the classification of students availing additional/mercy chance is not mentioned. The tabulation section sought clarification in the matter.

The Board of Studies in Engineering (PG) at its additional meeting held on 23.09.2019 (Item No. I) considered the matter and recommended that the candidates of M.Tech Degree course may be awarded second class, if he/she has appeared for the examination in mercy chance exceeding the time limit. Also only minimum pass grade 'D' shall be awarded to those subjects appearing in mercy chance irrespective of the actual marks/grade scored. It is suggested that necessary explanation may be given in the back page of the marklist. This may be made applicable to all M.Tech courses irrespective of scheme (i.e., 2003,2008 and 2013).

Considering the urgency to finalize results of some candidates, the Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology approved the above recommendation. The Standing Committee on Academic Council at its meeting held on 16.10.2019 considered the matter and recommended to agree with the recommendation of the Board of Studies in Engineering (PG).

The Vice-Chancellor subject to reporting to the Academic Council approved the recommendation of the Board of Studies in Engineering (PG) (Item No.I) taken at the additional meeting held on 23.09.2019 as endorsed by the Dean Faculty of Engineering and Technology and recommended by the Standing Committee on Academic Council.

Accordingly, University Order No.Ac.AIII/4/M.Tech/2019 dated 04/11/2019 has been issued.

The above decision regarding the classification of results of M.Tech students who attend examinations in mercy chance and issuance of University Order in this regard is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

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38. B.Tech Degree course Mercy chance examination to the candidates up to 2007 admission- reporting of –reg. (Ac.A.III)

The failed candidates of B.Tech Degree Course (2006 & 2007 admissions) had requested for a mercy chance to attend the examinations of failed subjects to enable them to complete the B.Tech Degree programme.

As per the B.Tech Regulations a candidate is given 10 year since his first admission, to complete the programme and pass all examinations. The Standing Committee of Syndicate on examinations at its meeting held on 15.11.2019 recommended to grant one mercy chance to the candidates of B.Tech Degree Course (upto 2007 admission) under 2003 scheme to appear for the failed subjects of B.Tech Degree examination under transitory provision, subject to reporting to the Academic council. Further recommended that the mercy chance granted will be the final chance which shall be specified in the Examination notification. The Syndicate held on 22.11.2019 approved the same.

Accordingly, University Order No.Ac.AIII/4/B.Tech/MC/2019 dated 30/12/2019 has been issued.

The above decision to grant mercy chance to the B.Tech students up to 2007 admission under 2003 scheme and issuance of University Order in this regard is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

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39. Inclusion of Faculty Dean for endorsement of Examiners panel – implementation - Reporting of - reg. (Ac.E.II)

The Academic Council, at its meeting held on 06.09.2019, vide item No.16.02, considered the matter regarding modifying U.O No.Ac.E.II/4/17657/18 dtd 28/02/2019 and resolved to include the Faculty Dean for the endorsement of the Panel of Examiners for the evaluation of Ph.D thesis.

It may be noted that the U.O mentioned above clearly mentions that 'the panel prepared by the Research Supervisor should be countersigned by the Head of the University Department in the subject concerned which should be endorsed by the Faculty Dean'.

Hence, it is brought to the notice of the Academic Council that, the resolution to include the Faculty Dean for the endorsement of the Panel of Examiners for the evaluation of Ph.D thesis, has already been implemented and modification as recommended above is not relevant.

Noted

40. M.Tech Degree Course Mercy chance examination to the candidates of 2008 Scheme - reporting of –reg.- (Ac.AIII)

Sri. Shanavas M J, M.Tech (part time student, 2009-12 batch) who could not pass the examinations (2008 scheme) has requested for a mercy chance to clear the failed papers. As per the regulations a student is given only 3 consecutive chances to reappear for the examination in the subject in which he has failed. The time limit to complete the programme is 7 years from the date of admission to the course.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 31.08.2019 resolved to approve the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations (dated:-26.08.2019) to grant one mercy chance Examination to the students of M.Tech Degree course (2008 scheme, part time and full time) subject to reporting to Academic Council. The Vice Chancellor subject to reporting to the Academic Council accorded sanction to implement the above resolution. Accordingly UO.No.Ac.AIII/4/5700/M.Tech/2019 dtd. 16.10.2019 has been issued.

The above decision to grant mercy chance to the M.Tech students (2008 scheme) and issuance of University Order in this regard is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

41. Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)–SDE-Programme 2018 scheme – Corrections in the language Course Code – Reporting of – reg. (Ac.AIV)

The revised Scheme and Syllabus for Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Programme was implemented for SDE from 2018 admission onwards vide U.O No.Ac.A IV/3/ BBA SDE/2019 dated 21.02.2019

The tabulation section had sought clarification with regard to the Course Code of English Language Course of BBA Second Semester. The Chairman, Board of Studies in English (Pass) remarked that, the correct Course Code is EN 1211.1 (Writing and Presentation Skills) for Second Semester BBA (SDE) Degree Language Course. The Dean, Faculty of Arts had endorsed the recommendations.

Sanction had therefore been accorded by the Vice Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council to correct the Course Code of English Language of Course of BBA Second Semester as EN 1211.1(Writing and Presentation Skills) in the Scheme of BBA through SDE and U.O. No. Ac.AIV/1/BBA(SDE)/2019 date 02.12.2019 has been issued in this regard.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

42. First Degree Programme in Economics(under SDE) -Complementary paper- History of Modern India-Course code correction- Reporting of - reg. (AC AII)

The Scheme and Syllabus of SDE UG Programmes were reframed as per U.O. No.AcAII/1/8/2018 dated 08/03/2018. It has come to notice that the course code of complementary paper to First Degree Programme in Economics ie; History of Modern India was erroneously entered as HY 1231.3 instead of HY1231.1.The matter was brought to the notice of Chairman, Board of Studies in History (Pass) and obtained remarks agreeing with the correction. The remarks was endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences.

Accordingly, sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor for correction of course code of Complementary paper - History of Modern India , in the Syllabus for First Degree Programme in Economics to HY 1231.1, subject to reporting to the Academic Council. Accordingly, U.O.No: Ac.A.II/3/46/ 2019 dated 10/7/2019 has been issued in this regard.(copy enclosed).

The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having approved the modification in the Syllabus for First Degree Programme in Economics(under SDE) in respect of Course code is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

43. Fatima Mata National College Kollam (Autonomous) - Complementary course in Political Science - Syllabus approved – reporting of – reg. (Ac.AII)

The Principal Fatima Mata College(Autonomous), Kollam submitted the draft Scheme and Syllabus of Complementary Course in Political Science for 2019 admissions. The Board of Studies in Political Science(pass) at its meeting held on 11/06/2019 considered the Scheme and Syllabus and suggested some modifications. The matter was intimated accordingly and in turn the Principal submitted the revised Syllabus incorporating the changes suggested by the BoS. The revised draft Syllabus was verified by the Chairman Board of Studies and also endorsed by the Dean Faculty. The Vice Chancellor has accepted and approved the revised Syllabus on the basis of remarks of the Chairman Board of Studies and Dean Faculty, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

The action taken by the Vice Chancellor is having approved the Scheme and Syllabus of Complementary course in Political Science in respect of Fatima Mata National College, Kollam(Autonomous) for 2019 admissions is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

44. FMN College (Autonomous), Kollam - Syllabus of Sanskrit for MA degree Programme in Malayalam - Approval of Syllabus-Reporting of - reg. (Ac.A.II)

The proposed syllabus of Sanskrit for MA Degree Programme in Malayalam Language and Literature (2019 admission onwards) was forwarded by the Principal, Fathima Matha National College(Autonomous), Kollam for approval of the University. Considering the fact that the constitution of Board of Studies in Sanskrit(PG) is pending, the Vice-Chancellor, as per provision 69 P(2) of the University Laws(3rd Amendment) Act of 2014, nominated Dr. Shaila.C.A to constitute an expert committee to facilitate a fair and objective assessment of the proposed syllabus.

As per the letter No. Skt.No.116/2019-20 dated 21.11.2019, forwarded by Dr.Shaila.C.A, the expert committee recommended to approve the syllabus, which was resubmitted after effecting modifications suggested by the expert committee and considering the same Vice-Chancellor approved the syllabus of Sanskrit for MA Malayalam, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having approved the syllabus of Sanskrit for MA Malayalam, submitted by the Principal, Fathima Matha National College, Kollam is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

45. Approval of revised Regulation, Scheme and Syllabus of B.Com (Hearing Impaired) – Reporting of– reg. (Ac.A.IV)

The Executive Director, NISH had submitted a draft Regulation, Scheme and Syllabus B.Com (HI) for approval. In the Additional meeting of the Board of Studies in Commerce (Pass) held on 26th July 2019, examined the syllabus in detail and recommended to approve the same with certain modifications. The Dean, faculty of Commerce endorsed the recommendations of the Board of Studies. The Vice-Chancellor ordered to place the resubmitted Syllabus before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council.

The Standing Committee of the Academic Council at its meeting held on 04/11/2019 vide item no: 26 considered the Syllabus of B.Com (HI) and recommended to agree with the opinion of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Commerce (pass) and the Dean, Faculty of Commerce.

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, to implement the revised Regulations, Scheme and Syllabus of B.Com (HI) Degree and U.O No. Ac.AIV/1/20049/BCom(HI)/2019 dated 23/12/2019 was issued accordingly.

This matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

46. First Degree Programme in B.Com under the Credit and Semester System (CSS) in SDE – 2017 admission onwards — Modification of Course Code – Reporting of – reg. (Ac.AIV)

The revised Scheme and Syllabus of B.Com First Degree Programme was introduced in SDE from 2017 admission onwards. The tabulation section had sought clarification with regard to the mismatch of Course Code of Open Course and Elective course of First degree Programme BCom under SDE.

The Chairman, Board of Studies in Commerce (Pass) recommended that Marketing Management is an Open Course, for B. Com First Degree Programme in SDE from 2017 admission onwards, the code may be taken as 1651.1, the code 6 is for Elective and 5 is for Open Course. The Dean, Faculty of Commerce endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, Board of Studies. The Standing Committee on Academic Council recommended to approve the proposed modification of Course Code as recommended by the Chairman, Board of Studies and as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Commerce.

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council to correct the Course Code in the syllabus of B.Com under SDE (2017 admission) that Marketing management is an Open Course, the Code shall be taken as 1651.1 and U.O. No. Ac.AIV/1/B.Com/SDE/2019 date 22.11.2019 has been issued in this regard.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

47. M.Tech Degree Course Mercy chance examination to the candidates of 2013 Scheme - reporting of –reg. (Ac.AIII)

The students of M.Tech Degree Course (2014 admission) who could not pass the examinations as per the Regulations of 2013 scheme have requested for a mercy chance to clear the failed papers. As per the regulations a student is given only 3 consecutive chances to reappear for the examination in the subject in which he has failed.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 31.08.2019 resolved to approve the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations (dated:-26.08.2019) to grant one mercy chance Examination to the students of M.Tech Degree course (2013 scheme, part time and full time) subject to reporting to Academic Council. The Vice Chancellor subject to reporting to the Academic Council accorded sanction to implement the above resolution. Accordingly UO.No.Ac.AIII/4/23585/M.Tech/2019 dtd. 16.10.2019 has been issued.

The above decision to grant mercy chance to the M.Tech students (2013 scheme) and issuance of University Order in this regard is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

48. Scheme & Syllabus of M.A Public Administration under SDE 2017 Admission onwards – Modification of pass requirements, on the basis of regulations – reporting of – reg. (Ac.AII)

The regulations for PG programmes in the semester pattern in the SDE 2016 5.3 provides that, “there is no separate minimum for CE. However for a pass in each course a candidate shall obtain 35% for the ESE and 40% in the aggregate (both CE and ESE taken together). Minimum marks required for passing a programme is also 40%.

But in the clause 6 of the Scheme and Syllabus of M.A Public Administration under SDE 2017 admission onwards, the pass requirements was mentioned as “the students who secure not less than 30 marks for Annual Assesment and an aggregate minimum of 40% marks including Continuous Assessment for a paper shall be declared to have passed in that paper.

On the basis of the clarification sought by the tabulation section, on clause 6 of the Scheme and Syllabus of MA Public Administration, the remarks of the Chairman,Board of Studies and Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences was obtained. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 03.08.2019, vide item no.03.31.03 resolved to approve the recommendations to make clause 6 of the Scheme and Syllabus of M.A Public Administration in tune with the PG regulations under SDE.

Accordingly U.O.No.Ac.AII/4/56/2019 dated 15.10.2019 was issued with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council(copy appended).

The action taken is having modified pass requirements in the Scheme and Syllabus of MA Public Administration under SDE 2017 admission onwards to make it in tune with the PG regulations under SDE, is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

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49. MA /MHRM -Mercy Chance Examination -granted reporting of -reg. (AC AII)

The Syndicate, at its meeting held on 25/05/2019, considered the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Examination held on 16/05/2019 to grant one mercy chance examination of PG programmes, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

On the basis of resolution of the Syndicate, sanction was granted by the Vice-Chancellor for granting one mercy chance examination for the following PG Programmes under annual scheme, subject to reporting to the Academic Council and *UO No: Ac. AII/3/44/2019 dated 03/07/2019 was issued (copy appended).*

- MA History (2000 Scheme)
- MA Political Science(1994 Scheme)
- MA Economics(2002 Scheme)
- MHRM (2008 Admission-SDE) 2003 Scheme.

The action taken by the Syndicate and Vice-Chancellor in having granted one mercy chance examination for the above PG Programmes under annual scheme, is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

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50. Syllabus for M.Phil English Language and Literature- 2019 admission onwards- Reporting of - reg. (CSS)

The HoD, Institute of English has submitted the draft syllabus for M.Philprogramme in English Language and Literature from 2019 admission onwards. The CSS Academic Committee in its meeting held on 15.10.2019 has decided to place the syllabus for M.Philprogramme in English Language and Literature before the next Academic Council and to implement the syllabus w.e.f 2020 admission onwards.

The HOD suggests that as all the books required for the new syllabus have been purchased and preparation for teaching the course have already been started, the MPhil syllabus may be implemented w.e.f 2019 admission. Hence the matter was again placed before the CSSAC held on 13.11.2019 and the Committee recommended to approve the draft syllabus for M.Philprogramme in English Language and Literature from 2019 admission onwards, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

Therefore the matter is reported to the academic Council.

Noted

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51. Award of grace Marks – Practical difficulties in implementing the Academic Council decision- Reporting of –reg. (CSS)

As per the CSS regulations (Clause 7.5) for the Post Graduate Programmes in the University Departments the issuance of Grace marks is limited to 15 per academic year and 30 marks for the whole Programme. Smt. Aparna S. Anil, a student of MA English Language and Literature approached the Hon'ble High Court for awarding 5% grace marks which she earned by competing in the University Youth Festival and bagging prizes, in par with that of Affiliated Colleges. The Hon'ble High Court wide judgment of WP(C) No: 8591 of 2018 dated 28.01.2019, stated that “ the respondents are directed to award grace marks to the petitioner in accordance with the U.O of Director, Students Services”. While preferring appeal, the standing Council has given a legal opinion that it is difficult to justify a different treatment in the award of Grace marks. He has also opined that revamping of awarding grace marks in future can also be considered in the back drop of this case.

As such amendment to clause 6.4.4 of post graduate regulations in the teaching Departments of University of Kerala (2017) was placed in the meeting of the CSSAC held on 20.08.2019 and the Committee recommended to refer the item to the Academic Council. The Academic Council in its meeting held on 06.09.2019 considered the matter and resolved “to limit the grace marks to 3% of the gross total marks of the entire Programme. Further resolved that the grace marks be awarded only for a single item every year”

In this regards following points are to be clarified in implementing the above decision.

1. Gross total marks: Whether it is the total of the Maximum Marks of all courses?
2. Grace marks be awarded only for a single item every year - As Youth Festivals are conducted every year, the PG Programmes being a two year Programme, students who participate in both years get double benefits (3%+3%) or only 3% for whole Programme ?
3. As the grace marks are calculated as 3% of the gross total marks of the entire Programme, the same can be added; only after receiving all the four semester results. Will it create any difficulty to students?
4. Clarification in calculation of grace marks as per the AC resolution – 3% of gross total marks of the entire Programme. The calculation can be done in two ways.

Fig. 1. Calculation I: For a candidate ‘X’

CGPA	Gross total mark	Grace mark 3%	Total	Final CGPA
7.81	2400	72	2022.3	8.1

(When 72 marks are added to 6 papers using the method of calculating $CGPA \times Credit \times Grade\ point + \dots$)

Total Credits

Fig. 2. Calculation II: For a candidate ‘X’

CGPA	Percentage	Grace mark 3% (in percent)	Grace marks (in marks)	Total	Final CGPA
7.81	78.1	2.34	23.4	80.44	8.04

Final % = $78.1 + 2.34 = 80.44$

Final CGPA = 8.04

Which calculation shall we adopt?

5. Ranking :

As per the CSS PG regulations there is no ranking of students in PG programmes. The CSS Academic Committee recommended to issue Position Certificates based on CGPA. As per the guidelines of award of grace marks (Clause 15), “The grace marks awarded shall not be considered for ranking and the total marks after awarding grace marks shall be one less than the total marks of the third rank”. In case of CSS programmes it is to be decided how the clause can be implemented.

6. The award of grace marks in the new method can be implemented from 18-20 batch onwards?

The CSS Academic Committee recommended the following in awarding grace marks to students undergoing programmes under CSS, subject to reporting to the Academic council.

1. Gross Total marks: Total of the Maximum Marks of all courses.
2. Grace marks be awarded only for a single item every year and only once in the whole programme.

3. Calculation Grace marks: Example.

CGPA	Gross total mark	Grace mark 3%	Marks awarded	Total marks after adding Grace marks	Final CGPA
7.81	2400	72	1950.3	2022.3	8.1

(Grace mark of 72 marks be distributed as per the request of the candidate)

4. The grace marks awarded shall not be considered for ranking and the total marks after awarding grace marks shall be one less than the total marks of the third rank.
5. The award of grace marks as per the Academic Council resolution can be implemented from 19-21 batch onwards.

Therefore the matter is reported to the academic Council.

The resolution of the matter by the CSS Academic Committee is noted.

52. Approval of Preliminary Score Sheets for selection of teachers in the Departments of IMK, Music, Education and Futures Studies – Reporting of – reg. (Ad.H)

The following templates for direct recruitment of teachers in the University Teaching Departments were prepared/modified as per the requirements in accordance with the UGC Regulations 2010 and amendments thereto:

- i) The Preliminary Score Sheets and Applicant Summary Sheet for direct recruitment of Associate Professor and Professor in the Departments of Music approved vide U.O. dated 01-02-2018 were further revised to suit the subject specific requirements.
- ii) The Preliminary Score Sheets and Applicant Summary Sheet for direct recruitment of Associate Professor and Professor in the Departments of Education were prepared.
- iii) The Preliminary Score Sheets approved vide U.O. dated 18-11-2015 and Applicant Summary Sheets approved vide U.O. dated 07-01-2017 were recommended to be followed for the direct recruitment of Associate Professor in the Dept of Futures Studies.

The Preliminary Score Sheets and Applicant Summary Sheets prepared/modified/adopted were approved by the Vice-Chancellor and U.O. No. Ad.H/Gen/UGC-R 2010/2016/IV Amendt dated 24-06-2019 was issued (copy appended).

The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having approved the Preliminary Score Sheets and Applicant Summary Sheets as stated above, are reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

53. MA Degree Programme in English Language and Literature (Regular)-Comprehensive Paper- EL245(2017 Admission onwards)-Pattern of Question -modification –Reporting of-reg. (AcAII)

The additional meeting of Board of Studies in English(PG) held on 26/04/2019 considered the need for modification of the Question paper pattern of the Comprehensive Paper EL 245 of MA Degree Programme in English Language and Literature(Regular) from 2017 Admission onwards.

As per the new pattern formulated by the Board of Studies detailed below,sanction was accorded by the Vice Chancellor for issuance of necessary U.O. in this regard ,subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

1.100 objective type questions with multiple choice (4 nos)

2.1 mark for each question (100×1=100 marks)

3. Questions should be based only on core papers of all four semesters with equal weightage for all papers as far as possible.

A copy of U.O. No.Ac.AII/4/55/ 2019 dated 15 /10/2019 issued in this regard is enclosed for reference.

The action taken in having modified the Question paper pattern of Comprehensive Paper of MA Degree Programme in English Language and Literature(Regular)-2017 Admission onwards is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

54. Three year LL.B Degree Course (2007-10, 2010-13 batches) 2004 scheme and Five year LLB Degree course (200510 batch) 2002 scheme One mercy chance to appear for the failed papers – Granted – Orders issued. – Reporting of – reg. (Ac.AIII)

The candidates of Three year LL.B Degree Course of 2007 & 2010 admissions (2004 scheme) and Five year LL.B Degree Course of 2005 admissions (2002 scheme), who could not complete their examinations within the time-limit stipulated by the Regulations, had requested one more chance to

appear for the failed papers, The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations held on 26.08.2019 had considered the request and recommended to grant one mercy chance examination to candidates of 3year LL.B Degree Course of 2007-10 & 2010-13 batches (2004 scheme) and 5 year LL.B Degree Course of 2005-10 batch (2002 scheme), subject to reporting to the Academic Council. The Syndicate held on 31.08.2019 [item No. 03.31.12], resolved to approve the same. The Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council had accorded Sanction to the candidates of Three year LL.B Degree Course of 2007-10 & 2010-13 batches (2004 scheme) and Five year LL.B Degree Course of 2005-10 batch (2002 scheme), who could not clear all the papers, being granted one mercy chance to appear for the failed papers. Accordingly, U O No. Ac.AIII/3/LLB Mercy chance/2019, dated 16/10/2019 was issued.

The action taken by the Vice Chancellor in having granted one mercy chance to the candidates of Three year LL.B Degree Course of 2007-10 & 2010-13 batches (2004 scheme) and Five year LL.B Degree Course of 2005-10 batch (2002 scheme) and the issuance of U.O No. Ac.AIII/3/LLB_Mercy chance/2019, dated 16/10/2019 is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

55. LLM Degree course- One mercy chance to appear for the failed papers - Granted – Orders issued – Reporting of – reg. (Ac.AIII)

Sri. P Sreekantan Nair, a student of LLM Degree Course of 2015 admission (2001 scheme), had requested for a mercy chance to appear in the ensuing examinations for the failed papers.

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations at its meeting held on 26.08.2019 had considered the matter and recommended to grant one mercy chance examination for LLM Degree course in 2001 scheme to Sri. P Sreekantan Nair, to appear for the failed papers, subject to reporting to the Academic Council and the Syndicate held on 31.08.2019 [item No. 03.31.11] resolved to approve the same.

The Vice-Chancellor subject to reporting to the Academic Council had accorded Sanction to Sri. P Sreekantan Nair, candidate of LLM Degree Course, 2015 admissions being granted one mercy chance to appear for the failed papers. Accordingly, U.O No. Ac.AIII/3/20416/LLM-MC/2019 dated: 01.11.2019 was issued.

The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having granted one mercy chance to Sri. P Sreekantan Nair, for LLM degree course and issuance of U O No. Ac.AIII/3/20416/LLM-MC/2019 dated: 01.11.2019 is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

56. Regulation relating to the semesterisation of post graduate programmes – SDE – Clarification on minimum marks for pass in Dissertation and Viva-Voce – Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AII)

The regulations relating to the semesterisation of post graduate programmes in the School of Distance Education(SDE), 2016 was implemented vide notification no Ac L/R/2729-B/2015 dated 06/02/2016.

Now the tabulation wing has pointed out that in the Scheme & Syllabus of MA/Msc/M.Com programmes offered through SDE, minimum marks required for a pass in Dissertation, Viva-Voce of fourth semester are not mentioned. Further reported that since the valuation process of final semester PG is in progress, clarification on the matter is essential for consolidating results.

Norms for evaluation has been prescribed under clause 5 of Regulations relating to the semesterisation of post graduate programmes in the School of Distance Education(SDE), 2016(Copy appended for reference)

The question of not specifying minimum marks for Dissertation and Viva-Voce in the Scheme and Syllabus of MA/Msc/M.Com offered through SDE is submitted before the Academic Council for consideration and recommendation.

RESOLVED that for MA/MSc/M.Com programmes offered through SDE, minimum marks required for a pass in Dissertation, Viva-Voce of fourth semester shall be 35% for individual pass with the gross total remaining not less than 40%.

57. Issuance of Eligibility certificate of M.A Hindi (Distance) awarded by DakshinaBharath Hindi PracharSabha, Madras-Consideration of- reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:- Request from Smt. Ajidhalkkadan

Smt. Ajidhalkkadan applied for Eligibility Certificate of M.A Hindi (Distance) awarded by Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras. On verification she had completed 10th and B.A Degree in Hindi of Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha,(Distance) which are recognized by this University.

It may be noted that she had forwarded a mail (flagged) regarding the recognition of Hindi Examinations conducted by voluntary Hindi Organisations from Ministry of Education and Social welfare. It is noted that Visharad examination of Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras is equivalent to INTER Examination which is not seen recognized by this University. The applicant had completed Rashtrabhasha Visharad Uttarardh Examination conducted by Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras.

The Chairman BoS in Hindi (Pass) has remarked that as per the mail (Flagged) Visharad of Dakshin Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha which she has cleared is equivalent to Pre-Degree (inter). She had passed 10th & B.A .So Eligibility Certificate may be issued for M.A (Hindi) awarded by Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha.

The Chairman BoS in Hindi (PG) has remarked that as per the evidences attached it is found that she has passed 10th, Visharad, and B.A. To substantiate her Visharad she has sent a mail (Which is flagged) which is self explanatory that Visharad is equal to Inter(+2/ pre-degree). Hence she has eligibility to get admission as per 10+2+3 pattern in PG programme. So Eligibility Certificate can be issued for M.A (Hindi) awarded by Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras.

The Dean Faculty of Oriental Studies has endorsed the recommendations of the Chairman BoS in Hindi (PG).

It is very specific in the remarks of the Chairman both BoS (pass) and PG Hindi that it is by virtue of the document produced by the candidate which is a press note dated 18/02/1970 issued by the Govt. Of India that they have recommended granting recognition to the M.A Hindi (Distance) awarded by Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras.

The said press note dated 18/02/1970 was issued more than 48 years back and the current status and also as to whether the State Govt have accepted the same and recognized Visharad Exam as equivalent to Pre-Degree/HSE are matter which are to be ascertained formally.

The Board of Studies in Hindi (PG) at it's annual meeting held on 03/12/2019 recommended to issue the eligibility certificate for the afore mentioned PG programme on the merits of the endorsement of the Chairman BoS in Hindi (PG) and the Dean Faculty of Oriental Studies based on equivalence accorded to plus two level qualification by the government.

Hence the whole matter regarding the issuance of Eligibility Certificate for M.A Hindi (Distance) awarded by Dakshina Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

<p>RESOLVED that the recognition of Visharad programme as equivalent to Pre-degree by the Government be ascertained prior to recognizing the degree.</p>

58. Recognition of B.A. English Literature, Sociology and History (Three Main)(Private) Degree awarded by Dr.BhimraoAmbedkar University, Agra (formerly Agra University) –Consideration of - reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:- Request from Sri. Aneesh. A. dated 07/09/2017.

Sri.Aneesh. A. submitted an application for recognition of B.A. English Literature, Sociology and History (Three Main) (Private) Degree awarded by Dr.Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Agra (formerly Agra University) as an eligible qualification for employment for which any basic degree is the prescribed qualification. He had obtained 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala.

When the file was sent for remarks of the Chairman, Board of Studies in History (Pass), the Chairman remarked that the degree cannot be considered equivalent to B.A. Degree in History.

As per the candidates (who is a defence personnel in Air force) request to consider his degree as an eligible qualification for employment wherever any basic degree is the prescribed qualification,

the file was sent for the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Sociology (Pass). The Chairman recommended to grant recognition to the said degree as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in the field of Sociology. The Dean, Faculty of Social Science has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Sociology (Pass).

Hence the whole matter regarding recognition of **B.A. English Literature, Sociology and History (Three Main) (Private) Degree awarded by Dr.BhimraoAmbedkar University, Agra (formerly Agra University)**, as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in the field of Sociology, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment wherever the qualification prescribed is BA degree in Sociology.

59. Complaints pertaining to calculation of index marks by adding weightage for PG admissions – Letter from member Secretary, Kerala State Higher Education Council – Consideration of - reg. (Ac.AII)

The member Secretary Kerala State Higher Education Council vide letter No:KSHEC-A7/706/MS/Drct./2019(Adm.-EB) dated 03/10/2019 has invited attention to reported complaints pertaining to PG admission in the University of Kerala.

In the letter it has been stated that since the University of Kerala is granting additional weightage for its students for PG admission, the rank position of students from other Universities is affected adversely. The letter further reads that no other University is providing such weightage to their students which provide candidates from other Universities an equal opportunity.

It has been further stated in the letter that the matter was taken up for discussion in the meeting of the PVC's held on 12/07/2019 and it was resolved to recommend the University of Kerala to follow merit based calculation of index marks for PG Admission in University/Affiliated Colleges as followed by other Universities in the State.

On verification of PG Prospectus it is noted that as per clause 6(Preparation of ranklist), sub clause 6.1.1, for admission to MA degree programme in English "An additional weightage of 5 marks be given to all students from the University of Kerala. This mark shall be added to the mark secured for English Language Course or CGPA(S)/CCPA(S) as the case may be. In respect of BA degree holders in English Language and Literature, the 5 marks will be added after adding the 5% of marks to CGPA(S)/CCPA(S) or English Language Course as specified in Para I. In case there is a tie, preference will be given in degree holders in English Language and the following order:

- (i) CGPA (S)/CCPA(S) in English.
- (ii) CGPA /CCPA English Language Course
- (iii) CGPA/CCPA for Additional Language Course
- (iv) CGPA(S)/CCPA(S) for Non- English Graduates"

In this connection the following points may be noted:

1)It is a statutory obligation of the University to ensure the availability of sufficient avenues for higher education are locally available to the people residing in the area within its territorial jurisdiction.

2)Accordingly 5% grace marks has been awarded to students who have acquired degree from this University as a measure to ensure that this obligation is met.

3)Moreover the University of Kerala maintain very high profile (NIRF Rank 29) and the students have to put in considerable effort to secure his/her grades/marks.

4)That this shall not become a hurdle to these students in the course of their higher studies in this University itself is also 'raison detre' for the above mentioned grace marks.

In this context the opinion of Kerala State Higher Education Council to follow merit based calculation of index marks for PG admission in University Department/Affiliated Colleges as followed by other Universities in the State and to standardise the software for student admission under the Centralised Admission Process(CAP) is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

RESOLVED to maintain status quo.

60. First Degree Programme in Mathematics –inclusion of study tour/field visit- Consideration of - reg- (Ac AV)

Ref: - Sub Item No.5-IV (N) I under Item No.II of the minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council held on 13.03.2019.

The Academic Council held on 13.03.2019 vide sub item No.5 IV (N)I under item no II resolved to include study tour/field visit for the fulfillment of the BSc Mathematics course, as recommended by the Board of Studies in Mathematics (pass) and endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Science. Since, the semester and year of admission for which study tour is to be incorporated was not mentioned in the decision, clarification was obtained from the Chairman, Board of Studies in Mathematics (pass) for the same.

The Chairman vide e-mail dated 14.1.2020 recommended to include the study tour at the V semester of the First Degree Programme in Mathematics under CBCS system w.e.f 2018 admission. The Dean, Faculty of Science endorsed the above recommendations of the Chairman Board of Studies in Mathematics (pass).

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to agree with the proposal to include academic tour in the scheme.

61. First Degree Programme in Commerce under CBCS system- carry over of results under different scheme- Consideration of –reg. (Ac.AV)

Ref: 1.Request from Smt.Arya.P.M dated 26.08.2019

2.Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 03-10-2019.

Smt.Arya.P.M, is a candidate of 2014 admission (2014 scheme), who had discontinued her studies in IV semester and was readmitted to V semester during the academic year 2018-19, under 2015 scheme. She had appeared the examinations of I to IV semester under 2014 scheme and examinations of V & VI semester under 2015 scheme.Tabulation section requires clarification on whether the results of first four semesters appeared by the candidate under 2014 scheme shall be carried over to V and VI semester under 2015 scheme.

The remarks of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Commerce (pass) was obtained in this regard and the Chairman remarked that the marks obtained in I to IV semesters can be carried over to V & VI semester as there is no change in the syllabus and scheme. The only change from 2014 to 2015 scheme is the interchange of core paper and foundation paper (Environmental studies and methodology and perspective of Business Studies) in the first semester.

The Dean, Faculty of Commerce endorsed the recommendations of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Commerce (pass).

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor the matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council.

The Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 03.10.2019, considered the above matter and noted the remarks of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Commerce (pass), endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Commerce, pointing out that the marks can be carried over to the scheme of 5th and 6th semester as there is no change in the syllabus and scheme and the only change from 2014 scheme to 2015 scheme is the interchange of core paper and foundation paper (Environmental studies and methodology and perspective of Business Studies) in the first semester and the committee recommended and referred the matter to the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and recommendations.

RESOLVED that the proposal to carry over the marks obtained under 2014 scheme to the 5th and 6th semester attended under 2015 scheme be agreed to.

62. Recognition of B.Sc Mathematics (Directorate of Distance and continuing Education) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundarnar University, Tirunelveli.- Consideration of -reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Request received from Sri. Jayarajan K.S dtd 16/08/2019.

Sri. Jayarajan K.S had submitted the attested copy of Scheme and Syllabus of B.Sc Mathematics (Directorate of Distance and continuing Education) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundarnar University, for course recognition for the purpose of higher studies and employment. He had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala.

When the file was forwarded for the remarks of Chairman, BoS in Mathematics (Pass) he has recommended to place the the file on the Board of Studies (Pass).

The Board of Studies in Mathematics (Pass) at its Annual Meeting held on 29/01/2020 item no.V considered the matter of recognition and decided to recommended the University to grant recognition to Sri. Jayarajan.K.S for the B.Sc Degree in Mathematics awarded to him by Manonmaniam Sundarnar University through Directorate of Distance and Continuing Education and marked Higher studies and employment option in the proforma.

The Dean Faculty of Science has endorsed the recommendations of the BOS in Mathematics (Pass).

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of B.Sc Mathematics (Directorate of Distance and Continuing Education) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundarnar University for the purpose of higher studies and employment wherever a B.Sc. degree in Mathematics is the prescribed qualification is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED that the degree be recognized as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment wherever the qualification prescribed is B Sc. degree in Mathematics.

63. UGC Regulations 2018- Compliance report to the Government Furnishing of – Consideration of -reg. (Ac.FII)

The Government has sought compliance report from the University relating to implementation of **UGC Regulations 2018** on Minimum Qualification for Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education. UGC promulgated Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for appointment of teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges, 2018, on **18/07/2018**.

The Government of Kerala has issued **G.O(P)No.18/2019/HEDN** dated **29/06/2019**, to accept the revised UGC Scheme for revision of pay scales, where in it is mentioned that the qualification for the recruitment and Career Advancement Scheme for teachers mentioned in the notification of the UGC Regulations, 2018, will be **deemed to come into force with effect from 18/07/2018**, the date of Gazette Notification of the Regulation, 2018 by the UGC.

The **Academic Council** of the University of Kerala had **implemented** the said Regulations, at its meeting held on 13/03/2019 with certain modifications and additions, vide item No. 68. The resolution of the Academic Council was **laid before the Senate** held on 28.03.2019, vide item no:06, and the House noted the adoption of the UGC Regulations, 2018 . The **Syndicate** at its meeting held on 08.08.2019, noted the resolution of the Academic Council and resolved to **approve the PBAS proforma and Applicant Summary Sheets** for the direct recruitment of Assistant Professors and CAS promotions of the teachers of the Affiliated Colleges with the following modifications, without detriment to the academic qualifications prescribed for the purposes by the UGC.

1. For purpose of **direct selection of teachers, a maximum of 20 marks be allotted for interview**, in addition to the maximum of 100 marks allocated in the UGC Regulations for shortlisting of candidates. (This has been done to facilitate proper grading criteria for the selection The UGC Regulations 2018 have been implemented by the University action committee to evaluate the individual applicants based on their merit.)

2. Government Nominee shall be mandatory in all selection committees for direct recruitments to Government Aided Private Colleges. (This has been in accordance with directives of the Government who is pay master to Aided Colleges.)

3. For purpose of **CAS promotion to the post of Associate Professor in Affiliated Aided Colleges**, where such posts are borne on the cadre of Assistant Professor, constitution of Selection Com The UGC Regulations 2018 have been implemented by the University Committee need not be insisted, and instead **Screening cum Evaluation Committee** may be instituted. (As per provisions of the Kerala University Act 1974, the Educational Agencies running Private Aided Colleges are entitled to make appointments to the lowest cadre of teaching faculty i.e, Assistant Professor AGP 6000. All promotions are made against higher posts borne on the cadre of Assistant Professors and carries the same workload i.e, 16 hours, whereas Associate Professor as per UGC The UGC Regulations 2018 have been implemented by the University Guidelines carries only 14 hours)

4. The teachers who are eligible for promotion under **CAS from 23.02.2016 onwards may exercise Option A or Option B of UGC Regulations, 2018**. However, the Option B can be exercised only within three years from the date of notification of UGC Regulations 2018, ie, upto 17.07.2021 subject to Clause 6.3 of the Regulations.

5. In the case of aided affiliated colleges, the post mentioned as **College Director of Physical Education in the Regulation be known as Assistant Professor of Physical Education (Level 10) (Entry Cadre)** with the subsequent levels being known as Assistant Professor (Level 11) Assistant Professor (Level 12), Associate Professor (Level 13 (A)) of Physical Education, so on, with the CAS Promotions / Placements being guided by the The UGC Regulations 2018 have been implemented by the University The UGC Regulations 2018 have been implemented by the University provisions under note 1 to 6.4 E Clause of the Regulations. (The Government has issued specific orders considering Physical Education as a teaching faculty in the Aided Colleges for the purpose of appointments and promotion of teachers.)

The relevant University Order was issued on 02/09/2019, and along with the said order, the PBAS proforma and the Applicant Summary sheets were also **uploaded in the University website**.

The amendments to the Kerala University First Statutes 1977 incorporating the provisions of the UGC Regulations 2010 have received the assent of the Chancellor and is due to be gazetted soon. Thereupon the **Syndicate shall propose to the Senate to further amend the First Statutes for constituting screening committee only for CAS promotion as Associate Professor** as per the above mentioned decision of the Academic Council.

The University has adopted the UGC Regulations 2018 for the appointment and Promotions of teachers in affiliated aided colleges with effect from the date of promulgation by the UGC and has effectively implemented the regulations in the matter of initial appointments as well as CAS Promotions due from the very date of promulgation by the UGC.

Once the amendment regarding UGC Regulations 2018, proposed by the Syndicate, is approved by the Senate, the same shall be submitted to his Excellency the Chancellor for his assent prior to Gazette Notification.

The above facts were placed before the Meeting of the Syndicate held on 21.01.2020 vide item No. 09.21 which resolved to refer to the item back to the Academic Council in the context of the queries of the Government in the Higher Education Department relating to the status of implementation of UGC Regulations 2018, and the amendment to the Kerala University First Statutes.

The entire matter is placed before the Academic Council for facilitating a proper response to the Government on the **sagacity of the University in having implemented the UGC guidelines, both in letter and spirit** and in keeping with the provisions of the Kerala University Act 1974 and the relevant rules and regulations prevailing in Government relating to the service conditions and pay and emoluments of teachers in private aided colleges **without any dilutions whatsoever to the eligibility criteria and academic qualification prescribed by the UGC** for purposes envisaged in the Regulations 2018.

RESOLVED to intimate the Government about the implementation of the UGC Regulations by the University in exercise of the provisions of Kerala University Act 1974.

FURTHER RESOLVED to authorize the Vice Chancellor to take appropriate measures in accordance with specific directions, if any, from the Government.

64. Recognition of Ph.D Degree in Physics awarded to Sri. Sajeev Philip by Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada -Consideration of- reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:- Request received from Sri. Sajeev Philip dated 04/01/2020.

Sri.Sajeev Philip submitted an application for recognition of Ph.D degree in Physics awarded by **Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada** with thesis titled as “INSIGHT INTO GLOBAL GROUND-LEVEL AIR QUALITY USING SATELLITES, MODELING AND IN SITU MEASUREMENTS”, as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in the field of Physics. He had obtained B.Sc. and M.Sc. Degrees in Physics from University of Kerala. It may also be noted that the Ph.D degree in Physics awarded to Sri. Sajeev Philip by Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada is recognized by Association of Indian Universities.

When the file was sent for remarks of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Physics (PG), as per clause 10 of guidelines for evaluating the quality and relevance of Ph.D thesis generated by Foreign Universities, the total points awarded by the Chairman is 82/100, wherein the minimum is 60/100. Hence the Chairman remarked that the Ph.D degree in Physics awarded to **Sri. Sajeev Philip** by **Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada** can be recognized as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in the field of Physics. The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Physics (PG).

Hence the whole matter regarding recognition of **Ph.D degree in Physics awarded to Sri. Sajeev Philip by Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada for the thesis titled “INSIGHT INTO GLOBAL GROUND-LEVEL AIR QUALITY USING SATELLITES, MODELING AND IN SITU MEASUREMENTS”**, as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in the field of Physics., is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in the field of Physics.

65. Recognition of Ph.D Degree in Zoology awarded by University of Kerala - Consideration of - reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:- Request received from Smt. Usha. S. dated 18/01/2020.

Smt. Usha. S. submitted an application for recognition of Ph.D degree in Zoology awarded by University of Kerala with thesis titled as “STUDIES ON THE FINS OF CARP FISHES (Cyprinus carpio, Labeorohita, Catlacatla) USED IN POLY CULTURE”, as an eligible qualification for the purpose of employment (Assistant Professor in Aquatic Biology and Fisheries). She had obtained B.Sc. Degree and M.Sc. Degrees in Zoology from University of Kerala.

When the file was sent for remarks of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Aquatic Biology and Fisheries, the Chairman remarked that the Ph.D degree in Zoology awarded to Smt. Usha. S. by University of Kerala for the thesis titled “STUDIES ON THE FINS OF CARP FISHES (Cyprinus carpio, Labeorohita, Catlacatla) USED IN POLY CULTURE” can be recognized as an eligible qualification for employment in the field of Aquatic Biology and Fisheries. The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Aquatic Biology and Fisheries.

Hence the whole matter regarding recognition of Ph.D degree in Zoology awarded to Smt. Usha. S. by University of Kerala for the thesis titled “STUDIES ON THE FINS OF CARP FISHES (Cyprinus carpio, Labeorohita, Catlacatla) USED IN POLY CULTURE”, as an eligible qualification for employment in the field of Aquatic Biology and Fisheries, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in the field of Aquatic Biology and Fisheries.

66. Relaxation of minimum period for the submission of Ph.D thesis – Smt. Swapna M.S., Full-time Research Scholar in Optoelectronics –Consideration of- reg: (Ac.E1)

Request has been received from Smt. Swapna M.S., Full-time Research Scholar in Optoelectronics, duly recommended by the Supervisor for relaxation in the minimum period for the submission of her Ph.D Thesis.

In her request it is stated that she had joined the Dept. of Optoelectronics on 17.10.2016 for the M.Phil Programme, the dissertation of which was extended to the Ph.D Programme. After the

submission of M.Phil thesis she had joined for Ph.D Programme. She also stated that she had successfully passed the Course Work examination and had appeared for annual progress assessment for the First Year before the Doctoral Committee.

Smt. Swapna M.S. has been granted Ph.D Registration vide U.O.No.AcE1.A/ 118/OES/16658/2018 dated 10.08.2018 in January 2018 session in the subject Optoelectronics under the guidance of Dr. S. Sankararaman, Professor, Dept. of Optoelectronics, University of Kerala, Kariavattom. Effective date of Registration of the scholar is on **20.03.2018**. In her request Smt. Swapna M.S. stated that till this date she had published 37 Research papers in peer reviewed journals and presented papers in 16 national / International conferences and has also applied for one patent during this period. She also stated that the University has recognized her Research contribution by giving a Certificate of Appreciation on 27.12.2017. Smt. Swapna M.S. is therefore requesting, by considering her Research output, to extend the statutory provision, of submission of thesis six months before the expiry of minimum period after Ph.D Registration and to permit her to complete the formalities for submitting thesis.

Since the Registration of the scholar is in January 2018 session, the Research work undertaken by the scholar is governed by the Regulations for Award of Ph.D Degree, University of Kerala, 2016. As per Clause 13 of the Regulations Relating to The Registration for And the Award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, *the minimum period of research required by a candidate for submission of the thesis from the date of registration shall be two years for M.Phil/M.Ed/ M.Sc.(Research) Degree holders and three years for others.*

In the request she pointed out the Sec.9 (viii) of Chapter 23-D (Faculty of Applied Sciences), The Kerala University First Statutes, 1977, read as, *within Six months before the expiry of the prescribed minimum period after registration or any' other time afterwards, the candidate shall submit to the Registrar together with, the prescribed fee, four copies of the thesis, printed or typewritten in English (Spiral binding) embodying the result of Research carried out by him.*

Here the Registration has been granted to Smt. Swapna M.S. in January 2018 session and she comes under the purview of Regulations, 2016. As per Clause 4.2 of the UGC Regulations, 2016 and as per Clause 4.1 of the University of Kerala, Regulations 2016, **Ph.D Programme shall be for a minimum duration of three years, including course work and a maximum of six years. The minimum research period for the M.Phil qualified scholars is not mentioned in both of these Regulations.** It is mentioned only in the Regulations Relating To Registration For And The Award Of The Degree Of Doctor Of Philosophy, University of Kerala and as per clause 11[4] of the said Regulations, it is mentioned that the said Regulations will be applicable to those who register for Ph.D research from July 2009 onwards.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 30.10.2019 has considered the above matter, vide item No. 05.80.A3, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics & Research and **resolved to seek opinion of Doctoral Committee concerned and the Standing Committee of the Academic Council.**

Accordingly, opinion has been sought from the Chairman, Doctoral Committee and the Standing Committee of the Academic Council. The Standing Committee of the Academic Council at its meeting held on 01.01.2020, vide item No. 38, has considered the matter and recommended to refer the matter to the Academic Council.

In reply to the Letter dated 20.01.2020, seeking opinion on the matter of granting relaxation of minimum period for submission of thesis in r/o Smt. Swapna M.S., the Chairman, Doctoral Committee has forwarded the copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Doctoral Committee held on 21.01.2020 at the Dept. of Optoelectronics.

The opinions of the members of the Doctoral Committee are as follows:

1. **Dr. K.G. Gopchandran: M.Phil dissertation work and Ph.D Research programme of the Research Scholar are almost in related areas.** Therefore, the Standing Committee of the Academic Council can take a decision on the matter.

2. **Dr. Yamuna A. :** As per U.G.C. ordinance No.II A Effective from the Academic session 2016-17 section 5, "Duration of Ph.D programme" 5.1 states that Ph.D programme shall be for a minimum duration of three years. Dr. Yamuna A. **doesn't agree with violation of UGC rule since there is nothing extraordinary in the research contribution in the field of Science by the particular**

candidate.

3. **Prof. S. Sankararaman (Supervisor) :** Smt. Swapna M.S. is doing Ph.D Research under his guidance **continuing her M.Philprogramme in the same field. Her Research work is the fruitful application of soot which she started during M.Phil under his guidance. Hence the topic of the Research is the same for M.Phil and Ph.D.** Till this date she has published 44 Journal Papers, 18 conference papers and applied for one patent. University has recognized her work by giving a certificate of appreciation. The Supervisor also suggested that University may take appropriate decision as to encourage M.Phil students in general and also to strengthen M.Philprogramme by considering it as the first year of Research.

As per the orders of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the matter of granting relaxation in the minimum period for submitting Ph.D thesis in respect of Smt. Swapna M.S., (M.Phil qualified Ph.D Scholar) who completed 1 year and 2 months of her Full-time Research in Optoelectronics is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and decision in this regard.

RESOLVED that the item be withdrawn as there is no current relevance.

**67. Mercy chance examination to BSc Computer Science and BCA(Annual Scheme – SDE)
- Reporting of –reg- (Ac. AIV)**

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 22.11.2019 vide item no 06.62.01 considered the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations held on 15.11.2019 regarding requests for mercy chance examination for B Sc Computer Science and BCA Degree (Annual Scheme – SDE) upto 2012 admissions and that for 2013 admission. The Syndicate resolved to approve the recommendations of the Standing Committee, to grant one Mercy Chance examination and to mention in the Examination notification that the mercy chance sanctioned will be the final one, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

The Vice-Chancellor has accorded sanction to implement the resolution of the Syndicate to grant one final mercy chance to the failed candidates of BSc Computer Science and BCA Degree (Annual Scheme – SDE) upto 2012 admissions and that for 2013 admission and to mention in the Examination notification that the mercy chance sanctioned will be the final one, subject to reporting to the Academic Council. A U. O was issued vide U.O. No.Ac.A IV/2/ 06.62.01/2019 dt24.01.2020 in this regard.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

**68. Recognition of the B.A Triple Main (Psychology, Sociology, Economics) Degree
(Regular)awarded by Christ University(Deemed to be University),Bangalore. (Ac.C)
Ref:Applicaton received from Smt.Amala.Dtdt 13/03/2019**

Smt.Amala.D has submitted the attested copy of the Scheme and Syllabus of B.A Triple Main(Psychology,Sociology,Economics)Degree(Regular)awarded by Christ University(Deemed to be University), for course recognition for thepurpose of applying B.Ed in Social Science . She had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala.

When the file was forwarded for remarks of the Cairman Board of Studies in Sociology (Pass), he remarked that the whole matter may be placed before the Board of Studies in Sociology (Pass) to take a final decision.

The Annual meeting of Board of Studies in Sociology(Pass)at its meeting held on 18/11/2019 (item No.IV) recommended that *the B.A Triple Main(Psychology,Sociology,Economics)Degree(Regular)awarded by ChristUniversity(Deemed to be University)Bangalore* can be recognized as an eligible qualification forthe purpose of doing B.Ed in Social Science.

The Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences has endorsed the recommendations of BOS in Sociology (Pass).

As per the orders of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor the whole matter regarding the recognition of B.A Triple Main(Psychology,Sociology,Economics)Degree(Regular)awarded by Christ University(D deemed to be University) as an eligible qualification for the purpose of doing B.Ed in Social Science is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED that the degree be recognized as a BA Degree under the Faculty of Social Sciences for purpose of admission to B.Ed (Social Sciences).

69. First Degree Programme in English under CBCS system-Oral Examination for Continous Evaluation (CE) for the paper Language course I- Language Skills for the first semester,w.e.f 2019 admissions- Reporting of- reg. (AcAV)

The Scheme and Syllabus of Additional Language courses/Foundation Course in English for all First Degree Programmes under CBCS system (BA/B.Sc/B.Com and Career-related Programmes BA/B.Sc/B.Com 2(a) & 2(b)) had been revised as per the U.O No. Ac.AV/2/English/2019 dated 12.06.2019

The additional meeting of the Board of Studies in English (pass) at its meeting held on 07/08/2019 , discussed the evaluation process of the paper “Language Skills”-Language course-I in the Semester I and recommended to conduct an oral examination for Continous Evaluation (CE) in Listening and Speaking Components for the paper “Language Skills”- Language course-I in the Semester I - EN 1111.1 (BA/B.Sc), EN 1111.2 (B.Com), EN 1111.3 (career-related First Degree Programmes under CBCS system 2(a)) and EN 1111.4 (career-related First Degree Programmes under CBCS system 2(b)) and to allot 10 marks for the internal test (oral), to be implemented w.e.f 2019 admissions onwards.

The Dean, Faculty of Arts endorsed the recommendations of the Board of Studies in English (pass). Sanction has been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council for the **conduct of oral examination for continous evaluation (CE) in Listening and Speaking Components for the paper “Language Skills” Language course-I in the Semester I EN 1111.1 (BA/B.Sc), EN 1111.2 (B.Com), EN 1111.3 (career-related First Degree Programmes under CBCS system 2(a)) and EN 1111.4 (career-related First Degree Programmes under CBCS system 2(b)) and to allot 10 marks for the internal test (oral),w.e.f 2019 admissions**, as recommended by the Board of Studies in English (pass) and endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Arts. U.O vide No.Ac.AV/1/English/2019 dated 01.10.2019 had been issued in this regard.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

70. Scheme and Syllabus of First Degree Programme in Statistics under CBCS system, revised w.e.f 2018 admissions - Correction in the course code of Foundation Course II – Statistical Methods II in the second semester-Reporting of-reg. (AcAV)

The Scheme and Syllabus of First Degree Programme in Statistics and Complementary course in Statistics for First Degree Programme in Mathematics under CBCS system, had been revised w.e.f 2018 admission vide U.O No.AcAV/1/Statistics/2018 dated 20.06.2018.

The tabulation section has pointed out an anomaly in the course code of the Foundation course II- “Statistical Methods-II” in the syllabus of First Degree Programme in Statistics under CBCS system, revised w.e.f 2018 admissions.

The above matter was intimated to the Chairman, Board of Studies in Statistics (pass) and the Chairman remarked that the **Course Code of Foundation Course II-“Statistical Methods II” is ST 1221 instead of ST 1241**.The Dean, Faculty of Science endorsed the recommendation of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Statistics (pass).

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor the matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council.

The Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 07.11.2019 considered the above matter and noted the remarks of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Statistics (pass) endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Science, that the course code be modified to ST 1221 instead of ST 1241 and recommended to agree to the same.

The Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council has approved the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council and a U.O had been issued vide No.AcAV/1/Statistics/2018 dated 27.11.2019.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council

Noted

71. Additional Language Courses/Foundation Course in English for Career-related First Degree Programmes under CBCS system 2(b) & 2(a) and BA/B.Sc/B.Com Programmes-Deletions/Clarifications in the syllabus revised w.e.f 2019 admissions- Reporting of-reg. (AcAV)

The Academic Council held on 13.03.2019 resolved to approve the Syllabus of Additional Language Course/Foundation Course in English for all First Degree Programmes under CBCS system, to be implemented with effect from 2019 admissions as recommended by the Board of Studies in English (Pass) and endorsed by the Faculty of Arts and a U.O viden0.AcAV/1/English/2019 dated 12.06.2019 had been issued in this regard.

The Additional meeting of the Board of Studies in English (pass) held on 11.07.2019 and 30.08.2019 has recommended following Deletions/Clarifications in the Syllabus of the Language Course in English for all First Degree Programmes under CBCS system, revised w.e.f 2019 admissions.

1) Language Course in English for First Degree Programmes in Commerce

Semester: I Hours : 5/week Credits : 4 Course : Language Skills.

"All Modules and Units are to be taught from the text book – Language Skills : A Course on Communication Skills in English".

Semeter : IV Hours : 3/week Crdits : 3 Course : Readings in Literature

Portions to be taught

Module 1 : Poetry

Module 2 : Fiction

Module 3 : Prose

Module 4 : Drama

I. Poetry

1.Robert Frost - "The Gift Outright"

2.Wole Soyinka - "Telephone Conversation"

3.Oodgeroo Noonuccal - "We Are Going"

4.Anil Gharai - "Agony"

5.Ayyappa Paniker - "I Can't Help Blossoming"

II. Short Stories

1.C.Ayyappan - "Madness"

2.Chandrika Balan - "You are Under Surveillance"

III. Essays

1.Arundhati Roy - "The End of Imagination" (upto Bomb and I)

IV. One Act Plays

1.Anton Chekhov - " A Marriage Proposal"

Text book : Global Voices and Cultures

2) Language Course in English for BA/B.Sc/Career-related Programmes under CBCS system 2(a).

Semester : I

Eight Essays

1.Living in the Planet of the Apps – Khyrunnisa.A

2.Ageing in India : Some Social Challenges to Elderly India – Abhay.B.Mane

3.India's Women :The Mixed Truth – Dr.Amartya Sen

4.Drug Abuse : Causes and Solutions – Samudranil Mukherjee

5.Artificial Intelligence – Gareth South well

6.Universal Declaration of Human Rights – Leah Levis

7.What Secularism is and is not – Romila Thapar

8.The Globalisation of Inequality – P.Sainath

in the Textbook "Thoughts of Our Times" are to be taught for the above programmes

Semester : IV

Nine Poems, including "I Can't Help Blossoming" by AyyappaPaniker, in the Textbook : Global Voices and Cultures are to be taught for BA/B.Sc/Career-related Programmes under CBCS system 2(a).

3) Language Course in English for Career-related First Degree Programme under CBCS system 2(b).

Semester : II

Language Course 2 : English for Career

Credits : 2 Hours : 3/week

The U.O vide paper read as (2) above is modified to this extent

The Syllabus of Language Course in English for semester I & II of Career-related First Degree Programme under CBCS system 2(b) is uploaded in the University Website.

The above recommendations of the Board of Studies in English (Pass) had been endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Arts.

The Vice Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council had approved the above recommendations of the Board of Studies in English (Pass), as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Arts and a U.O vide no.AcAV/1/English/2019 dated 13.11.2019 had been issued in this regard.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

72. Mercy chance Examination for BHM Degree Examination (2006 Scheme) –Reporting of - reg. (Ac.AIV)

Several requests have been received from failed candidates of BHM Degree (2006 Scheme) for conduct of mercy chance examinations as detailed below:

Course	Name of Candidate	Year of Admission/Batch	Semester
BHM Degree (2006 Scheme)	Ashin V Mohan	2009-2013	S ₂ ,S ₆ ,S ₇
	Arun S	2010-2014	S ₆ ,S ₇ ,S ₈
	Angelo Gilbut	-	S ₁ ,S ₃ , S ₇ , S ₈
	Akhil K S	2009-2013	S ₈
	Vinith V Sasi	2009-2013	S ₈

As per the regulation for 2006 scheme BHM Degree Course, a candidate should complete the programme within a period of eight years after joining the programme. As such all the permissible chances are over.

As per the orders of the Honorable Vice Chancellor, the request for mercy chance examination for BHM Degree candidates 2006 Scheme upto 2010 admissions was placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations held on 15.11.2019, and the committee recommended to grant one mercy chance to the failed candidates of BHM degree examination (2006 Scheme), subject to Reporting to the Academic Council. The Committee also recommended that the mercy chance granted will be the final chance which shall be specified in the examination notification. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 22.11.2019 vide Item No. 06.62.02 resolved to approve the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations and U.O. No. Ac.AIV/1/BHM(2006)/2019 dated 14.01.2020/note to the concerned has been issued to this effect.

This matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

73. Career-related First Degree Programme in Electronics – Request for Equivalency Certificate –Consideration of-reg. (Ac AV)

Ref: - Application from Sri.Rahul.R.K, dated 15.10.2019

Sri.Rahul.R.K is a graduate inCareer-related First Degree Programme in Electronics under CBCS system during the academic year 2013-16.

He has requested to issue an Equivalency Certificate to the effect that Career-related First Degree Programme in Electronics is equivalent or higher to Diploma in Electronics and Communication Engineering.

The remarks of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Electronics was obtained in this regard. He has stated that "on comparing the syllabus of the Diploma in Electronics and Communication of Dept. of Technical Education, Govt. of Kerala with that of BSc Electronics of University of Kerala, it is clear that the contents match well and hence the BSc Electronics of University of Kerala can be treated equivalent to Diploma in Electronics and Communication of Dept. of Technical Education, Govt. of Kerala."

The Dean, Faculty of Applied Science & Technology endorsed the recommendations of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Electronics.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and recommendation.

<p>RESOLVED to consider the B.Sc. Degree in Electronics as an eligible qualification for purposes for which the Diploma in Electronics awarded by the Department of Technical Education, Government of Kerala is the prescribed qualification.</p>

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UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 4th March 2020

I. Business brought forwarded by the Vice-Chancellor and the Syndicate

74. Fourth semester MFA Degree Examination April 2019-resubmission of Dissertation-request from Parvathy.S.Nair-Consideration of - reg:- (EG I)

The fourth semester MFA Degree Examination April 2019 was held from 01.04.2019 to 12.04.2019. And sixteen (16) students appeared for the examination and submitted their Dissertation to the University. The Dissertations were evaluated by the Jury who conducted Viva-voce on 12/07/2019. The Jury comprised of both external and internal examiners. After the Viva-voce, the Chairman of Fourth semester MFA Degree Examination April 2019 submitted the marks of the Dissertations. The marks of six candidates including Parvathy.S.Nair were entered as **“Resubmit the Dissertation”** and no marks were provided. The Chairman of the Board of Examination and the External examiner reported that the six candidates shall resubmit the dissertation with proper modification. The examiner has remarked that the dissertations are to be resubmitted due to **“below average quality”**. The result of the above examination was published on 07/09/2019. Since the regulation of the MFA course is silent about resubmission of Dissertation for the same examination, results of the above six students were published as failed so as to enable them to resubmit the dissertation in the next Fourth year MFA Examination with the junior batch.

As per the orders of the Hon’ble Pro Vice Chancellor, detailed remarks had been sought from the Chairman, Board of Examination. He had remarked that *“the jury of the fourth semester MFA Examination had studied the dissertations in detail and recommended for resubmission to enable the candidates to improve or modify the same project they had worked on or select new topic. Their assumption is this may be due to the lack of proper guidance. As per the letter the students are not ready to improve or modify and resubmit their dissertations. Under these circumstances this is to suggest that according to the university regulation dissertation already submitted may be reevaluated and award them deserved marks.”*

Meanwhile, the candidate Parvathy S. Nair submitted a similar request dated 16/10/2019 which was forwarded to obtain remarks of the BOS Chairman and the Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts. BOS Chairman remarked that *“the chairman as well as the jury of fourth semester MFA examination 2019 has reported that the dissertations submitted by 6 out of 16 candidates were of very low standard expected of students of Post Graduate course and hence they proposed resubmission of the same. The written dissertation carries 180 marks and the viva 120.By proposing ‘resubmission’ the jury has offered the candidates opportunity to improve and modify the work.*

The claim of the candidate Parvathy S Nair that she had secured second rank in final year BFA examination and had won Awards from Kerala Lalithakala Academy only proves her proficiency in the medium and not in the theoretical knowledge and awareness. Courses in theoretical studies (such as Modern Western Indian Art &Aesthetics) including preparation of written dissertation also form part of the syllabus of MFA courses. Any attempt to alleviate the clauses would question the reliability and esteem of the University.BOS chairman concluded that the complainant be advised to resubmit the dissertations after effecting the required modification.”

Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts also agreed the above comments of BOS Chairman and opined that *“the candidates should resubmit Dissertation after the modification and also remarked that the examiners were proposed to enter the marks awarded to the candidate.”*

It may be noted that there is no provision in the MFA regulations for resubmission in the same examination. But as a special case, as suggested by the Chairman BOS, Chairman BOE, Dean Faculty of Fine Arts the dissertations of the six students including Parvathy.S.Nair may be resubmitted with proper modifications and reevaluated without year lapse.

As ordered by the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor the whole matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations on 18/12/2019 for appropriate recommendation on the request of the candidate Parvathy.S.Nair to reevaluate the Dissertations of Fourth semester MFA Examination, April 2019. The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations recommended

to refer the matter to the Academic Council and the above recommendation was approved by the Syndicate at its meeting held on 13/01/2020. Hence, the whole matter is placed before the Academic Council.

RESOLVED to authorize the Syndicate to obtain a revised panel of evaluators to facilitate valuation of dissertations submitted originally, and further to seek explanation from the original evaluators for not valuing the dissertations as per norms for valuation.

**Deputy Registrar
(Acad.I)**

75. Eligibility for admission to B.Sc Biotechnology - request from Smt.Aiswarya.A – Reporting of- Reg. (Ac.AIV)

Smt.Aiswarya. A, vide paper read as (1) above has requested to consider Senior Secondary Examination offered by CBSE with the subjects English, Hindi, Physics, Chemistry and Biotechnology as one of the subject as the eligibility for admission to B.Sc Degree course in Biotechnology of the University of Kerala.

The Academic Council, at its meeting held on 06.09.2019, considered the matter but an error had crept into the minutes in the subject combination as PCM instead of PCB. Further the Standing Committee on Academic Council considered the matter and recommended that the subject combination of Physics, Chemistry, Biotechnology shall also be accepted for admission to B.Sc programme in Biotechnology.

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice Chancellor subject to reporting to the Academic Council that the subject combination of Physics, Chemistry and Biotechnology shall also be accepted for admission to B.Sc Programme in Biotechnology. A U.O vide No.Ac.AIV/02/18607/2019 dated 12.02.2020 was issued in this regard.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

76. Revised Scheme and Syllabus of Master of Business Administration (MBA) (Full Time/Evening - Regular/SDE) Degree Programme with effect from 2018-2019 admission – Reporting of – reg. (Ac.AIV)

The Regulation, Scheme and Syllabus of MBA (Full Time/Evening-Regular/SDE) Degree Programme was revised w.e.f. 2018-19 admission vide U. O. No. Ac.AIV/3/MBA Syllabus/2017 dated 30.11.2017.

The Standing Committee of the Academic Council vide paper read as (2) above, considered the following modifications suggested by the Chairman, Board of Studies in Business Management (PG), who is also the Dean, Faculty of Management Studies in the Regulation, Scheme and Syllabus of MBA (Full Time/Evening-Regular/SDE) Degree Programme w.e.f. 2018-19 admission.

Fourth Semester

Code	Subject	L	P	C	CA	ESA	Total
MGT 401	Strategic Management	3	0	3	25	75	100
	Elective-I	3	0	3	25	75	100
	Elective-II	3	0	3	25	75	100
	Elective-III	3	0	3	25	75	100
MGT 402	Project / Independent Research Study(IRS)	0	5	5	0	150	150
MGT 403	Comprehensive Viva Voce	0	0	1	0	50	50
	Total	12	5	18	100	500	600
Grand Total for all Semester		78	7	86	700	2200	2900

In order to qualify for dual specialisation, the candidate is expected to complete seven electives from two specialisations from Table A and for single specialisation 7(seven) electives from Table B of the Scheme. The course code of MBA shall be 'MGT'.

The Standing Committee of the Academic Council recommended to approve the modifications suggested by the Chairman, Board of Studies in Business Management (PG) who is also the Dean, Faculty of Management Studies in the Regulation, Scheme and Syllabus of MBA (Full Time/Evening-Regular/SDE) Degree Programme w.e.f. 2018-19 admission, subject to reporting to the Academic Council and U.O. No. Ac.AIV/3/MBA/2020 dated 04.02.2020 has been issued to this effect.

This matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

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77. Clarification in Course Code and Marks in MBA 2018 Admission –Consideration of - reg. (Ac.AIV)

Tabulation section of MBA has forwarded the draft format of Mark lists, Provisional Certificate and Degree Certificate of MBA 2018 Scheme (2018 Admission Onwards-Full Time/Travel & Tourism/Evening -Regular) for approval. The Section has also requested clarification on the following:

- 1) In the scheme and syllabus, the code of core subject start with “MGT” but in the code of elective starts with “MBA”.
- 2) The maximum marks for a theory paper is 75 and the minimum should be 50% of 75, hence there may be a chance to displaying decimal point in the mark list.

Remarks of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Business Management (PG) has sought in this regard and the chairman remarked to place the matter before the Board of Studies in Business Management (PG).

The Board of Studies at its meeting held on 12th December 2019 discussed the matter and recommended as follows:

- 1) The Board recommended to approve the mark lists, provisional certificate and degree certificates for MBA (Full Time /Evening Regular/Travel & Tourism) courses offered under the University of Kerala with 25 marks for internal and 75 marks for the external examination. The pass minimum for external examination was approved at 37.50 marks for each subject. However, while calculating the cumulative score in the IV semester, CSS regulations for PG programme at University of Kerala be applied.
- 2) The Course code for all elective to be renames as MGT_ _ _ in place of MBA_ _ _
It may please be noted that the MBA programme offered through CSS is under credit and semester system. The MBA (Full Time /Evening Regular/Travel & Tourism) is under mark system.

As per the orders of the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, the matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and recommendation.

RESOLVED to approve the recommendations of the Board of Studies.

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78. Approval of Regulation, Scheme and Syllabus – B.Voc Degree Programme in Travel and Tourism – Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

The Director, Snehacharya Institute of Management & Technology, Alappuzha has forwarded the Regulation, Scheme and Syllabus of B.Voc Degree Programme in Travel and Tourism for approval. The former Chairman, Board of Studies in Business Management (Pass) recommended some suggestions in the scheme and syllabus and the Dean, Faculty of Management Studies recommended to incorporate the suggestion in the Syllabus.

Then the Director, Snehacharya Institute of Management & Technology, Alappuzha has resubmitted the modified Regulation, Scheme and Syllabus of B.Voc Degree Programme in Travel and Tourism. The Chairman, BoS in Business Management (Pass) who is also the Dean, Faculty of Management Studies approved the same.

As per the orders of the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, the Regulation, Scheme and Syllabus of B.Voc Degree Programme in Travel and Tourism is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

RESOLVED to approve the Regulation, Scheme and Syllabus of B.Voc Degree Programme in Travel and Tourism.

79. Recognition of Examination –Degrees of State Boards- Statutory Universities – Deemed Universities- other Institutions –Approved by the Vice-Chancellor-Reporting of-reg. (Ac.C.)

On the basis of the recommendations of the Chairman of various Boards of Studies and the Deans of respective faculties, the degrees/Examinations/Diplomas awarded by States Boards/Statutory Universities / Institutions as per the details shown in the statement appended are recognized as equivalent to the corresponding examinations/Degrees of this University either on reciprocal basis or recognized as an eligible qualifications for specific purposes such as higher studies or employment as the case may be, by the Vice-Chancellor Subject to reporting to the Academic Council in exercise of the powers conferred on him as per section. 10(13) of the Kerala University Act of 1974. Hence the matter is reported to the Academic council. The Statement Showing the Degrees Examinations recognized is appended.

Noted

80. BASLP Degree Course, II semester- One mercy chance to appear for the failed papers -granted – Orders issued – Reporting of – reg. (Ac.A.III)

Ms. Aswathy Sundar S (2013-17 batch) and Ms. Anu A Ashok (2014-2018 batch), students of BASLP Degree Course at NISH, who failed to pass the papers of II semester, BASLP Degree Course within the three attempts stipulated in the Regulations, had requested to grant one mercy chance to clear the failed papers of II semester, BASLP degree course

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations held on 15.11.2019 had considered the requests and recommended to grant one mercy chance examination to the failed candidates of II semester of BASLP Degree course (2010 scheme) subject to reporting to the Academic Council. Further recommended that the mercy chance granted will be the final chance which shall be specified in the examination notification.The Syndicate held on 22.11.2019 [item No. 06.62.08] resolved to approve the above recommendation.

The Vice-Chancellor subject to reporting to the Academic Council had accorded Sanction to the failed candidates being granted a mercy chance to appear for the failed papers of II semester of BASLP Degree Course (2010 Scheme). Accordingly, U.O No. Ac.AIII/3/BASLP-MC/2020 dated: 03.01.2020 was issued.

Hence the above matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

81. BHMS Degree Course – One final mercy chance to clear the failed papers of II, III and IV year (1982 scheme) - Granted – Orders issued – Reporting of – reg.(Ac.AIII)

Smt. Malika P R , BHMS Degree student (prior to 2000 admission) of Govt. Homoeopathic Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram, had requested to grant a mercy chance to clear the failed papers of II, III and IV year of BHMS (1982 scheme) degree course to complete the course.

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations held on 15.11.2019 had considered the above matter and recommended to grant one mercy chance to the failed candidates to clear the failed papers of II, III and IV year BHMS Degree course (1982 Scheme), subject to reporting to the Academic Council. Further recommended that the mercy chance granted will be the final chance which shall be specified in the examination notification. The Syndicate held on 22.11.2019 [item No. 06.62.09] resolved to approve the recommendations.

The Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, had accorded sanction to the failed candidates being granted a mercy chance to appear for the failed papers of II, III and IV year BHMS Degree course (1982 Scheme),

The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having granted one mercy chance to the failed candidates to appear for the failed papers of II, III and IV year BHMS Degree course (1982 Scheme) and issuance of U O No. Ac.AIII/3/BHMS/2019 dated: 03.01.2020 is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

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82. Equating BAL LLB with a degree in Social Science –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.AII)

Ms.Deepika.V.S, a graduate in BAL LLB of this University has requested to equate her degree with any degree in Social Science, for the purpose of employment, as required for the post of Probation Officer by Kerala PSC.

The Dean, faculty of Social Sciences has remarked that “ On verification it was found that the applicant had passed 49 written papers along with two papers in Practical Training. She had studied a wide variety of papers that includes papers in Indian History, Sociology, Political Science, Economics, Development, Logical Psychology. This is besides her core papers in Law. The BAL LLB degree secured by Deepika.V.S may be considered as a degree in Social Science of Kerala University. This would enable the applicant to be eligible for the post of Probation Officer, notified by Kerala PSC.”

The Syndicate, in approving the recommendations of Standing Committee on Academics and Research at its meeting held on 13.01.2020, vide item no. 08.76.D2 decided to refer the same to Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic Council for its specific recommendation in the matter and to place the same to Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research.

Subsequently, as ordered by the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding equating BAL LLB to a degree in Social Science for the purpose of employment is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and recommendation.

RESOLVED to authorize the Vice Chancellor to convene a meeting of the Chairmen, Boards of Studies (Pass) of subjects under Faculty of Social Sciences along with the Chairman, Board of Studies, Law (Pass) and to issue appropriate orders.

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83. Recognition of Bachelor of Arts (Regular) with a combination of English (Optional), Sociology and Political Science awarded by University of Mysore-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:Request received from Sri.Ajith Benny dtd 08/08/2020.

Sri.Ajith Benny, had submitted the attested copy of scheme and Syllabus of Bachelor of Arts (Regular) with a combination of English(Optional),Sociology and Political Science of University of Mysore,for course recognition for the purpose of getting equivalency with B.A Degree in English of the University of Kerala.He had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala.

The chairman considered the request by Sri.Ajith Benny who was awarded Bachelor of Arts (Regular) with a combination of English(Optional),Sociology and Political Science by University of Mysore,for the purpose of equivalency with B.A Degree in English of University of Kerala.The syllabus for B.A English(Optional) submitted showed that Sri.Ajith Benny had studied 10 papers. Total instructional hours in English component is 42.So B.A (Regular) with a combination of English (optional),Sociology and Political Science may be given equivalency withB.A(English), University of Kerala.

The Dean Faculty of Arts remarked that as it is a triple main B.A Degree Programme the file shall be placed in the Board of Studies in English(Pass) for detailed discussions.

The Annual meeting of Board of Studies in English(Pass) held on 29/10/2019(item No.V),considered the application of Sri.Ajith Benny and compared the B.A(English) Main Syllabus of University of Kerala and the Syllabus of B.A Triple main(English,Sociology,Political Science) of University of Mysore and found that new genres and trends in English Language and Literature are missing in the Syllabus of B.A triple main. The Board therefore observed that B.A Triple main of University of Mysore cannot be given equivalency with B.A Degree in English of University of Kerala, but eligibility for higher studies (M.A. Degree in English Language and Literature) may be given.

The Dean has endorsed the decision.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor,the whole matter regarding the recognition of the Bachelor of Arts(Regular) with a combination of English(Optional),Sociology and Political

Science by University of Mysore for the purpose of doing M.A Degree in English Language and Literature is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the Degree for purpose of admission to MA English Language and Literature programme.

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84. Recognition of Ph.D Degree in Agriculture awarded by Justus-Liebig University Giessen,Germany.-Consideration of –reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:Request received from Sri.Binoy Ambika Manirajan dtd 28/09/2019

Sri.Binoy Ambika Manirajan has submitted the Ph.D thesis titled "BACTERIAL AND FUNGAL MICROBIOTA OF FLOWER POLLEN AND POTENTIAL IMPACT ON POLLEN-RELATED ALLERGIES" awarded by Justus-Liebig University Giessen,Germany for course recognition for the purpose of applying for Assistant Professor in Biotechnology. He had passed B.Sc Microbiology and M.Sc Biotechnology from Bharathidasan University, which are recognized by the University of Kerala. He has submitted the equivalence certificate from AIU.

The Chairman BOS in Biotechnology (PG) recommended that as per clause (10) of guidelines for evaluating the quality and relevance of Ph.D thesis generated by Foreign Universities the total points awarded is 74/100.Minimum is 60/100.The Academic quality of the Ph.D thesis has been assessed as per the format submitted in various categories of criteria, such as contribution to knowledge, originality and creativity integration and coherence, Methodology and analysis knowledge creation and evidenced by publication etc were carried out and is indicated in the format. The Justus - Liebig University Giessen ranked 50 as per the Academic Ranking of World Universities Ranked 351 by Times Higher Education World University ranking,385 in the best of Global Universities and Stands 521 in QS World University Ranking. Association of Indian Universities also recognized this University.Based on the above ,it is recommended that the Ph.D in Agriculture awarded to Sri.Binoy Ambika Manirajan by Justus-Liebig

University Giessen, Germany may be equated to the Ph.D Degree in Biotechnology of the University of Kerala for the purpose of higher Studies and employment in the University of Kerala and affiliated Colleges.

Dean, Faculty of Applied Science and Technology has endorsed the recommendations of Chairman BOS in Biotechnology(PG).

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of Ph.D Degree in Agriculture awarded to Sri.Binoy Ambika Manirajan by Justus-Liebig University Giessen, Germany or the thesis titled "BACTERIAL AND FUNGAL MICROBIOTA OF FLOWER POLLEN AND POTENTIAL IMPACT ON POLLEN-RELATED ALLERGIES" for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of Biotechnology is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree for purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of Bio-Technology.

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85. Admission of students to programmes by various colleges without insisting on the Eligibility Certificate of those who have obtained their qualifying degrees from other Universities- measures to ensure eligibility-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

It is mandatory for applicants for admission to programmes in this University to obtain and submit eligibility certificate if they have their qualifying degrees from other Universities/ Institutions.

It has been noticed of late that many colleges/ institutions are not complying with this mandatory requirement, either due to ignorance or due assumption of eligibility without actually ascertaining the fact.

This has led to a situation where the University is finding itself in a difficult situation during registration for examinations.

In view of the apprehensions raised by the examination wing it would be appropriate to

1. Instruct the admission section to issue an urgent notice to all Principals/ Heads of the institutions not to admit any student applying to any courses without producing the Eligibility Certificate for the qualifying examination of another Universities/Institutions. Further, the

institutional Heads may be directed to give an acknowledgement of the fact on the closing day of admission.

2. The IT cell be instructed to enroll students having qualifying degree from another Institutions/Universities only if the certification relating to Eligibility Certificate is presented.

As per orders of the Vice Chancellor, the whole matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to direct the Principals of colleges to ensure that eligibility certificate is produced at the time of admission and that no university enrolment is forwarded in respect of any student otherwise, upon closure of admissions.

86. Recognition of Five year Integrated M.Sc Degree in Applied Geology (Regular) awarded by Pondicherry University, Pudhucherry - Consideration of-reg. (Ac C)

Ref:- Request from Smt.Shania James dtd 13/01/2020

Smt. Shania James has submitted the attested copies of the scheme and syllabus of Five year Integrated M.Sc Degree in Applied Geology (Regular) awarded by Pondicherry University, Pudhucherry for the purpose of higher studies(Doing Ph.D Degree in Geology) and employment.The candidate had undergone 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala. She had remitted the required amount of fee of rupees 1050/-towards this purpose.

The Chairman BoS in Geology(Pass) has remarked that the admission criteria and requirements for admission to the first three years of Integrated M.Sc course in Applied Geology of Pondicherry University is the same as that of the UG admission criteria of the University of Kerala and also the course structure and syllabus of the first six semesters covers more than 90% of similarity with that of UG degree in Geology of this University. Hence the Chairman BoS in Geology(Pass) has recommended to give equivalency and eligibility for both the purpose of higher studies and employment. The Chairman BoS in Applied Geology (PG) has remarked that the scheme and syllabus of the five year Integrated M.Sc Degree in Applied Geology (Regular) of Pondicherry University from the seventh to tenth semesters also have more than 90% of similarity with that of PG syllabus in Geology of University of Kerala. By considering the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Applied Geology (Pass), and more than 90% of similarity with PG Degree in Geology of the University of Kerala the Chairman BoS in Applied Geology (PG) has recommended to recognize the Five year Integrated M.Sc Degree in Applied Geology (Regular) of Pondicherry University as equivalent to M.Sc Degree in Geology of this University acquired through a B.Sc Degree in Geology for the purpose of both higher studies and employment and hence eligibility certificate may be issued to the candidate. The Dean Faculty of Science has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman Bos in Applied Geology(Pass) and (PG).

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of Five year Integrated M.Sc Degree in Applied Geology (Regular) awarded by Pondicherry University, Pudhucherry as equivalent to M.Sc Degree in Geology acquired through a B.Sc Degree in Geology for the purpose of higher studies and employment is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree as equivalent to M.Sc. Degree in Geology obtained after a B.Sc. Degree in Geology.

87. Recognition of Triple Main B.A Degree in History, Economics and political Science awarded by Mangalore University through St. Agnes College (Autonomous), Mangaluru- and the constitution of Recognition Recommendation Committee- Consideration of -reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:- Request from Smt. Sumana dtd 21/11/2017.

Smt. Sumana had submitted the attested copies of scheme and syllabus of Triple Main B.A Degree in History, Economics and political Science awarded by Mangalore University through St. Agnes College (Autonomous), Mangaluru for course recognition for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of Economics. The candidate has under gone 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala.

The chairman Board of Studies in Economics (pass) has evaluated the adequacy and quality of the syllabus of Triple Main B.A Degree awarded by Mangalore University through St. Agnes College (Autonomous), Mangaluru. The scheme and syllabus of the course undergone by the applicant is adequate and covers more than 80% of the scheme and syllabus prescribed by University of Kerala. Hence he recommended to grant equivalency and eligibility for higher education and employment. The Dean of the Faculty of Social Science has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Economics (pass).

The Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 13/05/2019 has recommended to obtain the comments from the Chairman as to how the Triple Main degree course covers 80% of the scheme prescribed by the University of Kerala and place the matter before the ensuing meeting of the Academic Council.

As per recommendations of the standing committee of the Academic Council the file was forwarded for further remarks of the Chairman and the Dean Faculty of Social Sciences. The Chairman and the Dean has once again verified the matter and gave their remarks as follows.

The Chairman remarked that the Triple Main Degree awarded by the University of Mangalore through St. Agnes college (Autonomous), Mangaluru can be accepted wherever the degree is an eligible qualification for employment or higher education and also said that the Triple Main degree should not be considered as a disqualification for the candidate. The Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Economics (pass).

It may be noted that three main degree acquired in regular mode from other universities are already recognized as a degree for purpose of admission to programmes for which the prescribed qualification is a degree in any discipline. It would only be appropriate in this context to insist on verifying the content and scheme of general paper also especially English Language content. Hence such syllabus relating to Triple main Degrees may be referred to the English BoS Chairman mandatorily.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor the whole matter regarding the recognition of the Triple Main B.A Degree in History, Economics and Political Science awarded by Mangalore University through St. Agnes college (Autonomous), Mangaluru for the purpose of higher education and employment was placed before the meeting of the Academic Council held on 06/09/2019. The Academic Council at its meeting held on 06/09/2019 vide item no I.04, considered the above matter of recognition and resolved that the matter be referred to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research.

The meeting of the standing committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 16/12/2019 considered the matter of recognition and recommended to constitute a **Recognition Recommendation Committee** of Standing Nature consisting of the following members.

1. Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Chairman)
2. Director, IQAC (Convenor)
3. Convenor, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research
4. Vice chairman, CSS
5. Dean of Faculty concerned
6. Chairman BoS (UG & PG) concerned

Further resolved that the above committee shall make specific recommendations on all matters pertaining to the recognition of triple main and double main programmes offered by other universities and autonomous colleges and the recommendation of the committee shall be approved by the Academic Council.

The syndicate at its meeting held on 28/12/2019 considered the above matter and resolved that recommendation of the Standing committee of the Academics and Research held on 16/12/2019 be approved. Further resolved to include the convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations in the Recognition Recommendation Committee of Standing Nature.

As per the Regulations of the Academic Council, the power conferred upon it by the Kerala University Act 1974 to recognise examinations of other Universities shall be exercised by taking into cognizance the recommendation of the concerned Board of Studies and Faculty based on a detailed study of the syllabus content, scheme of examinations, admission criteria and other such relevant criteria. The present recommendation of the Syndicate has to be considered in the context of the relevant provisions in the Kerala University Act. First statutes as the Academic Council which shall

report to the Senate only, and the only Standing committee available in the case of Academic Council is the Deans Council as provided for in the Statutes. If any change has to be made to the arrangement, it can be initiated only through a statutory amendment with the consent of the Academic Council. Hence the recommendation of the Syndicate will have to be put up to the Academic Council for amendment to Regulations for incorporating a Recognition Recommendation Committee. The Vice Chancellor has ordered to place the file before the Academic Council for consideration.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor the whole matter regarding the recognition of the Triple Main B.A Degree in History, Economics and Political Science awarded by Mangalore University through St.Agnes college (Autonomous), Mangaluru as an eligible qualification for higher education and employment wherever the prescribed qualification is a degree in any discipline is placed before the Academic Council along with the recommendations of the Syndicate.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree for purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of Economics.

88. Recognition of M.Phil Degree (Regular) in Commerce awarded by Bharathidasan University through St.Joseph's College(Autonomous),Tiruchirappally-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Request received from Smt.Remya.N dtd15/11/2019

Smt.Remya.N, had submitted the attested copy of scheme and Syllabus of M.Phil(Regular) Degree awarded by Bharathidasan University through St.Joseph's College(Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, for course recognition for the purpose of applying for Assistant professor in Commerce. She had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala. She had obtained B.com Degree from Bharathidasan University through Holycross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, which is recognized by the University of Kerala and M.Com (Regular) Degree awarded by Bharathidasan University through St.Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, which is also recognized by the University of Kerala for higher studies and employment.

The Chairman BOS in Commerce who is also the Dean, Faculty of Commerce, remarked that the M.Phil(Regular) Degree awarded to Remya.N by the Bharathidasan University through St.Joseph's College(Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli can be recognized for employment.

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of M.Phil (Regular) Degree in Commerce awarded by Bharathidasan University through St.Joseph's College(Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, for the purpose of employment is placed before the Academic Council for Consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree for purpose of employment in the field of Commerce.

89. Recognition of Ph.D Degree in Chemical Science awarded to Smt. Nimmy Mohan by SreeChitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram -Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Request received from Smt.Nimmy Mohan dtd 16/12/2019.

Smt.Nimmy Mohan has submitted the Ph.D Degree in Chemical Science awarded by Sree Chitra Tirunal institute of Medical Sciences and Technology for the thesis titled "DESIGNING OF NEW BIO-CERAMIC MATERIALS FOR HARD TISSUE ENGINEERING" for course recognition for the purpose of applying Assistant Professor in Chemistry. She had passed B.Sc Degree in Chemistry from University of Kerala and M.Sc Degree in Applied Chemistry from M.G University, Kottayam through C.M.S College(Autonomous,) which is recognized by the University of Kerala.

When the file was forwarded for the remarks of Chairman BOS in Chemistry(PG), he remarked that the candidate has passed M.Sc Degree in Applied Chemistry which has been recognized by our University. She got Ph.D Degree from SCTIMST based on her work on Bioceramic Materials for hard tissue engineering. She has three quality publications in journals approved by our University. It is recommended that the Ph.D Degree in Chemical Science awarded by SCTIMST may be considered eligible for employment in the field of Chemistry.

Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the remarks of Chairman BOS in Chemistry(PG).

As per the orders of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor the whole matter the was was placed before the Standing Committee on Academic Council for consideration. The Standing Committee on Academic Council held on 22/02/2020 decided to place the file in the ensuing Academic Council.

Hence whole matter regarding the recognition of Ph.D Degree in Chemical Science awarded to Smt. Nimmy Mohan by Sree Chitra Tirunal institute of Medical Sciences and Technology for the thesis titled "DESIGNING OF NEW BIOCERAMIC MATERIALS FOR HARD TISSUE ENGINEERING" for the purpose of employment in the field of Chemistry is placed before Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree as an eligible qualification for employment in the field of Chemistry.

90. Recognition of M.Sc Degree in Botany and Plant Science Technology (Regular) awarded by Mahatma Gandhi Univerisity, Kottayam –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.C)
Ref:- Request from Sri. Alan Thomas. S.

Sri. Alan Thomas. S. has submitted the copy of the scheme and syllabus of the M.Sc Degree in Botany and Plant Science Technology (Regular) awarded by Mahatma Gandhi Univerisity, Kottayam for course recognition as equivalent to M.Sc Degree in Botany or as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in Botany. He had completed 10+2 pattern of study and B.Sc degree in Botany and Biotechnology (Regular) from Mahatma Gandhi Univerisity which are recognized by the University.

When the file was forwarded for remarks of the Chairman Board of Studies in Botany (PG), the Chairman has remarked that the syllabus of the M.Sc Degree in Botany and Plant Science Technology (Regular) awarded by Mahatma Gandhi Univerisity, Kottayam is 80 – 90% similar to that of the M.Sc Botany of University of Kerala and hence the course may be recognized as equivalent to M.Sc Botany of University of Kerala. The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Botany (PG).

As per orders of the Vice Chancellor, the whole matter was placed before the Standing Committee on Academic Council held on 22/02/2020 and the committee referred the matter to the Academic Council for consideration.

Hence, the whole matter regarding recognition of M.Sc Degree in Botany and Plant Science Technology (Regular) awarded by Mahatma Gandhi Univerisity, Kottayam as equivalent to M.Sc Botany of University of Kerala, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree as equivalent to M.Sc. Degree in Botany of the University of Kerala

91. Recognition of B.Sc Degree in Physical Education, Health Education and Sports awarded by Bharathidasan University through A. Veeriya Vandayar Memorial Sri. Pushpam College (Autonomous), Thanjavur- Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)
Ref:- Request from Shri. Febin Jebaraj. A dtd14/10/2019

Shri. Febin Jebaraj. A has submitted the attested copies of the scheme and syllabus of B.Sc Degree in Physical Education, Health Education and Sports awarded by Bharathidasan University through A. Veeriya Vandayar Memorial Sri. Pushpam College (Autonomous), Thanjavur for course recognition for the purpose of higher studies (For admission to B.PEd Programme). The candidate had undergone 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala. He had already qualified the B.PEd degree awarded by the University of Madras through Y.M.C.A College of Physical Education (Autonomous), which is not recognized by this University. He had also obtained the M.PEd Degree from Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University through Y.M.C.A College of Physical Education (Autonomous). He had passed the M.Phil Degree in Physical Education from the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, which is recognized by this University. Also obtained the Ph.D Degree in Physical Education from Bharathi Dasan University and qualified the U.G.C NET in Physical Education also.

The Chairman BoS in Physical Education has remarked that the the B.Sc Degree in Physical Education, Health Education and Sports acquired by the candidate can be considered as an eligible qualification for the purpose of admission to the B.PEd Degree since the basic requirement of

admission to the B.PEd programme is a degree in any discipline. The Dean Faculty of Physical Education has endorsed the recommendation of the Chairman BoS in Physical Education.

As per the orders of the the Vice- Chancellor the whole matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 22.02.2020, the committee referred the matter before the Academic Council.

Hence the whole matter regarding the B.Sc Degree in Physical Education, Health Education and Sports awarded by Bharathidasan University through A. Veeriyar Vandayar Memorial Sri. Pushpam College (Autonomous), Thanjavur as an eligible qualification for the purpose of admission to the B.PEd Degree programme is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree as an eligible qualification for admission to the B.PEd programme.

92. Recognition of M.A. Degree in Hindi through distance education awarded by Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati – Consideration of- reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:- Request from Smt. Jinu Varghese

Smt. Jinu Varghese has submitted the copy of the scheme and syllabus of the M.A. Degree in Hindi through distance education awarded by Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati for course recognition as an eligible qualification for employment (to enter service book and for promotion). She had completed B.A. degree in Hindi Language and Literature from University of Kerala.

When the file was forwarded for remarks of the Chairman Board of Studies in Hindi (PG) and Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies, the Chairman and Dean remarked that the syllabus of the M.A. Degree in Hindi through distance education awarded by Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati is more than 80% similar to that of University of Kerala and the course may be recognized as equivalent to M.A Hindi Language and Literature of University of Kerala for the purpose of higher studies and employment.

As per orders of the Vice Chancellor, the whole matter was placed before the Standing Committee on Academic Council held on 22/02/2020 and the committee referred the matter to the Academic Council for consideration.

Hence, the whole matter regarding recognition of M.A. Degree in Hindi through distance education awarded by Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati as equivalent to M.A Hindi Language and Literature of University of Kerala for the purpose of higher studies and employment, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree as equivalent to the M.A. Hindi Language and Literature Degree of the University of Kerala.

93. Recognition of :

1) Bachelor of Library and Information Science (Regular) awarded by Goa University. - Considerion of-reg

2) Master of Library and Information Science (Regular) awarded by Goa University- Considerion of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:- Application received from Ms. Nancy Warral. L

Ms. Nancy Warral. L submitted the Scheme and Syllabus of Bachelor of Library and Information Science (Regular) and Master of Library and Information Science (Regular) both awarded by Goa University, for the purpose of higher education and employment. The applicant has undergone 10 + 2 pattern of study recognised by the University of Kerala and passed B.A. History from this University.

The Chairman BoS in Library Science has remarked equivalency and Eligibility for higher Education and employment in the proforma meant for B.L.I.Sc and M.L.I.Sc. The Dean, Faculty of Arts has endorsed the recommendation of the Chairman.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the recognition of of the above said Degree was placed before the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 22.02.2020 and it was recommended to place the matter before the meeting of the Academic Council to be held on 04.03.2020.

Hence the the whole matter regarding the recognition of :

- 1) Bachelor of Library and Information Science (Regular) awarded by Goa University, and
- 2) Master of Library and Information Science (Regular) awarded by Goa University as equivalent to the corresponding degrees of this University, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration .

RESOLVED to recognize the degrees as equivalent to the corresponding degrees of the University of Kerala.

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94. Recognition of M.Sc Degree in Physics awarded by Bharathiar University through Kongunadu Arts and Science College College (Autonomous), Coimbatore- Consideration-of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:- Request from Smt. Nisha.N dtd 11/10/2019

Smt. Nisha.N has submitted the attested copies of the scheme and syllabus of M.Sc Degree in Physics awarded by Bharathiar University through Kongunadu Arts and Science College College (Autonomous), Coimbatore for course recognition for the purpose of higher studies (For doing Ph.D) in the field of Physics. The candidate had undergone 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala. She had qualified the B.Sc Degree in Physics awarded by Bharathiar University through PSGR Krishnammal College for women (Autonomous), Coimbatore which is recognized by this University for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of Physics.

The Chairman BoS in Physics has remarked that the scheme and syllabus of M.Sc Degree in Physics awarded by Bharathiar University through Kongunadu Arts and Science College College (Autonomous), Coimbatore have 80% similarity to that of University of Kerala. Hence eligibility may be granted for higher education and employment. The Dean Faculty of Science has endorsed the recommendation of the Chairman BoS in Physics

As per the orders of the the Vice- Chancellor the whole matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 22.02.2020, the committee referred the matter before the Academic Council.

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of the M.Sc Degree in Physics awarded by Bharathiar University through Kongunadu Arts and Science College (Autonomous), Coimbatore as an eligible qualification for the purpose of higher studies and employment is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in field of Physics.

FURTHER RESOLVED that henceforth NAAC score be made a mandatory criterion while considering the recognition of degrees awarded through Autonomous Colleges.

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95. Recognition of M.Sc Degree in Physics (Regular) awarded by Manipal Univerisity (Deemed to be University) – Consideration of- reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:- Request from Sri. Noah Jacob

Sri.Noah Jacob has submitted the copy of the scheme and syllabus of the M.Sc Degree in Physics (Regular) awarded by Manipal Univerisity (Deemed to be University) for course recognition as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in Physics. He had completed 10+2 pattern of study and B.Sc degree in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics (Regular) from Christ University (Deemed) which are recognized by the University of Kerala.

When the file was forwarded for remarks of the Chairman Board of Studies in Physics (PG), the Chairman remarked that the syllabus of the M.Sc Degree in Physics (Regular) awarded by Manipal Univerisity (Deemed to be University) is 70 – 80% similar to that of University of Kerala and hence eligibility for higher studies and employment may be granted. The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Physics (PG).

As per orders of the Vice Chancellor, the whole matter was placed before the Standing Committee on Academic Council held on 22/02/2020 and the committee referred the matter to the Academic Council for consideration.

Hence the whole matter regarding recognition of M.Sc Degree in Physics (Regular) awarded by Manipal Univerisity (Deemed to be University) as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree as an eligible qualification for higher education and employment in field of Physics.

96. Recognition of M.Phil Degree in Commerce (Regular) awarded by University of Madras through Ethiraj College for Women (Autonomous), Chennai- Consideration of –reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:-Request from Smt. Priyanka.K.V

Ms. Priyanka K.V submitted scheme and syllabus of M.Phil. Degree in Commerce (Regular) awarded by the University of Madras through Ethiraj College for women, (Autonomous) Chennai for recognition of the said degree for the purpose of higher studies and employment. The applicant has undergone 10 + 2 pattern of study recognised by the University of Kerala and passed B.Com. Degree in Corporate Secretaryship (Regular) from Madras University through M.O.P. Vaishnav College for Women (Autonomous) and M.Com.from Madras University through Stella Maris College (Autonomous) which are recognised by the University of Kerala for higher studies and employment. She has produced a certificate from The University of Madras to the effect that her M.Phil degree is awarded in accordance with UGC Regulations 2009.

The Chairman of the Board of Studies in Commerce (P.G.) who is also the Dean, Faculty of Commerce has remarked that the M.Phil Degree (Regular) awarded by the University of Madras through Ethiraj College for Women (Autonomous), Chennai can be recognised for the purposes of higher studies and employment.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the recognition of of the above said Degree was placed before the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 22.02.2020 and it was recommended to place the matter before the meeting of the Academic Council to be held on 04.03.2020.

Hence, the whole matter regarding recognition of M.Phil Degree in Commerce (Regular) awarded by the University of Madras through Ethiraj College for women (Autonomous), Chennai for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of Commerce is placed before the meeting of the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree as an eligible qualification for higher education and employment in field of Commerce.

97. Recognition of Bachelors in Sports Management (B.S.M) Degree (Regular) awarded by University of Mumbai through Garware Institute of Career Education and Development (Autonomous)Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref :-Application received from Ms. Sera Mathew

Ms. Sera Mathew submitted the Scheme and Syllabus of Bachelors in Sports Management (B.S.M) Degree (Regular) awarded by University of Mumbai through Garware Institute of Career Education and Development (Autonomous) for the purpose of higher education and employment specifically for doing B.P.Ed. The applicant has undergone 10 + 2 pattern of study recognised by the University of Kerala

The Chairman BoS in Physical Education has remarked that the basic requirement for admission to B.P.Ed. (2 year) in the University of Kerala is any Degree. He has also opined that the Bachelors in Sports Management (B.S.M) Degree (Regular) awarded by University of Mumbai through Garware Institute of Career Education and Development (Autonomous) may be approved as a basic degree specifically for doing B.P.Ed.(2year).

The Dean, Faculty of Physical Education has remarked that the eligibility for admission to B.P.Ed. (2 year) is Bachelors Degree in any discipline. Bachelors in Sports Management (B.S.M) Degree (Regular – Three years with six semesters) awarded by the University of Mumbai through Garware Institute of Career Education and Development (Autonomous) can be considered as eligible qualification for pursuing B.P.Ed. (TwoYear) Course.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the recognition of the above said Degree was placed before the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 22.02.2020 and it was recommended to place the matter before the meeting of the Academic Council to be held on 04.03.2020.

Hence the the whole matter regarding the recognition of Bachelors in Sports Management (B.S.M) Degree (Regular) awarded by University of Mumbai through Garware Institute of Career Education and Development (Autonomous) for the purpose of higher education and employment, specifically for doing B.P.Ed is placed before the meeting of the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree for purpose of admission to the B.P.Ed. programme

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98. Recognition of M.Sc Degree in Biochemistry awarded by University of Madras through Meenakshi College for Women(Autonomous), Chennai-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:- Request from Smt. Sreeja. S dtd 05/11/2019

Smt. Sreeja. S has submitted the attested copies of the scheme and syllabus of M.Sc Degree in Biochemistry awarded by University of Madras through Meenakshi College for Women (Autonomous), Chennai for course recognition for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of Biochemistry. The candidate had undergone 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala. She had qualified the B.Sc Degree in Biochemistry (Regular) awarded by University of Madras which is recognized by this University and has qualified M.Phil Degree in Biochemistry through Meenakshi College for Women(Autonomous), Chennai which is not recognized by this University. She had also obtained a Ph.D Degree in Biochemistry from Annamalai University which is recognized by this University.

The Chairman BoS in Biochemistry has remarked that the syllabus of the M.Sc Degree in Biochemistry of University of Madras through Meenakshi College for women (Autonomous), Chennai has 80% of similarity with that of this University. Hence eligibility may be granted for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of Biochemistry. The Dean Faculty of Science has endorsed the recommendations of the Chairman BoS in Biochemistry.

As per the orders of the the Vice- Chancellor the whole matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 22.02.2020, the committee refered the matter before the Academic Council.

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of the M.Sc Degree in Biochemistry of University of Madras through Meenakshi College for women (Autonomous), Chennai as an eligible qualification for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of Biochemistry is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree as an eligible qualification for higher education and employment in field of Biochemistry.

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99. Recognition of M.Sc Degree in Applied Statistics and Informatics (Regular) awarded by Indian Institute of Technology Bombay – Consideration of- reg.

(Ac.C)Ref:- Request from Smt. Sreelekshmy. S.

Smt. Sreelekshmy. S. has submitted the copy of the scheme and syllabus of the M.Sc Degree in Applied Statistics and Informatics (Regular) awarded by Indian Institute of Technology Bombay for course recognition as an eligible qualification for employment (Assistant professor in Statistics). She had completed 10+2 pattern of study and B.Sc degree in Mathematics from Mahatma Gandhi University which are recognized by the University.

When the file was forwarded for remarks of the Chairman Board of Studies in Statistics (PG), the Chairman remarked that the syllabus of the M.Sc Degree in Applied Statistics and Informatics (Regular) awarded by Indian Institute of Technology Bombay is 70 – 80% equivalent to the syllabus of M.Sc Statistics of University of Kerala and hence eligibility for higher studies and employment may be granted. The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Statistics (PG).

As per orders of the Vice Chancellor, the whole matter was placed before the Standing Committee on Academic Council held on 22/02/2020 and the committee referred the matter to the Academic Council for consideration.

Hence the whole matter regarding recognition of M.Sc Degree in Applied Statistics and Informatics (Regular) awarded by Indian Institute of Technology Bombay as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in the field of Statistics, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree as an eligible qualification for higher education and employment in field of Statistics

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100. Recognition of M.Com(Regular) Degree awarded by University of Madras through Loyola College(Autonomous),Chennai- Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:Request received from Sri.Francis Joseph dtd 03/01/2020

Sri.Francis Joseph had submitted the attested copy of scheme and Syllabus of M.Com(Regular) Degree awarded by University of Madras through Loyola College(Autonomous),Chennai for course recognition for the purpose of employment.He had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala.He had obtained B.com Degree from Mahatma University ,which is recognized by the University of Kerala.

The chairman BoS in Commerce who is also the Dean, Faculty of Commerce remarked that the M.Com Degree(Regular)awarded by University of Madras through Loyola College(Autonomous),Chennai to Francis Joseph can be recognized for both higher studies and employment.

As per the orders of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor the whole matter was placed before Standing Committee on Academic Council for consideration and recommendation.The Standing Committee on Academic Council held on 22/02/2020 decided to place the file in Academic Council.

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of the M.Com(Regular) Degree awarded by University of Madras through Loyola College(Autonomous),Chennai for the purpose of higher studies and employment is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree as an eligible qualification for higher education and employment in field of Commerce.

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101. Recognition of Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Painting (Regular) awarded by Bangalore University through College of Fine Arts (Autonomous), Bangalore- Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:- Request from Smt. Sheethal .C. S dtd 17/10/2019

Smt. Sheethal. C. S has submitted the attested copies of the scheme and syllabus of Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Painting (Regular) awarded by Bangalore University through College of Fine Arts (Autonomous), Bangalore for course recognition for the purpose of higher studies (Doing M.V.A Degree in Painting through Raja Ravi Varma College of Excellence for Visual Arts) and Employment. She had qualified the secondary examination from Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board, which is recognized by this University. Instead of passing the senior secondary examination she had qualified a two year foundation course prior to this B.F. A Degree in Painting which is associated with this B.F.A Course (Totally a 5 year programme)

The Chairman BoS in Applied arts has remarked that the scheme and syllabus of the course undertaken by the candidate is equivalent to that of B.F.A course of the Fine arts college affiliated to this University. Hence the Chairman recommended to grant eligibility for both higher studies and employment.The Dean Faculty of fine Arts has endorsed the recommendation of the Chairman BoS in Applied arts.

As per the orders of the the Vice- Chancellor the whole matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 22.02.2020, the committee refered the matter before the Academic Council.

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Painting (Regular) awarded by Bangalore University through College of Fine Arts (Autonomous), Bangalore as an eligible qualification for the purpose of higher studies and employment is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree as an eligible qualification for higher education and employment.

102. Recognition of B.A Degree in Theatre Studies, Communication and Media Studies, English (Regular) awarded by CHRIST University (Deemed University), Bangalore- Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:- Request from Smt.Keshav Sankar.J. dtd 05/11/2019.

Shri.Keshav Sankar. J. has submitted the attested copies of the scheme and syllabus of B.A Degree in Theatre Studies, communication and Media Studies, English (Regular) awarded by CHRIST University (Deemed University), Bangalore for course recognition for the purpose of higher studies (For getting admission to M.A Degree in Political Science in University of Kerala). He had undergone 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by this University and obtained an M.A degree in International Relations and Political Science offered by Central University of Kerala which is recognized as equivalent to M.A Degree in Political Science of this University for higher studies and employment.

The Chairman BoS in Political; Science has remarked that the B.A Degree in Theatre Studies, Communication and Media Studies, English (Regular) awarded by CHRIST University (Deemed University), Bangalore undertaken by the candidate can be considered as an eligible qualification for the purpose of admission to M.A Degree in Political Science of this University. The Dean Faculty of Social Science has endorsed the recommendation of the Chairman BoS in Political Science.

As per the orders of the the Vice- Chancellor the whole matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 22.02.2020, the committee referred the matter before the Academic Council.

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of B.A Degree in Theatre Studies, Communication and Media Studies, English (Regular) awarded by CHRIST University (Deemed University), Bangalore as an eligible qualification for the purpose admission to M.A Degree in Political Science of this University is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree for purpose of admission to M.A. Political Science Programme

103. Recognition of B.Sc. Degree in Entire Computer Science (Regular) awarded by Solapur University – Consideration of- reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:- Request from Smt. Monisha Jayapalan, dtd.18/07/2019.

Smt. Monisha Jayapalan, submitted attested copies of the Scheme and Syllabus of B.Sc. Degree in Entire Computer Science (Regular) awarded by Solapur University for course recognition for the purpose of higher studies (M.Tech. Computer Science) and employment. The candidate had undergone 10+2 pattern of study and is recognised by the University of Kerala. She had obtained M.Sc. Degree in Computer Science (Regular) from the Solapur University which is recognized by the University of Kerala.

The Chairman, BoS in Computer Science (pass) has remarked that the admission criteria of the University is not insisting that Mathematics is mandatory at plus two level. But the candidate had studied Mathematics at plus two level. The Syllabus of the Course is around 75% similar to that of our University at that period. The pass minimum percentage is also go along with that of University of Kerala. In these circumstance he specifically recommended to grant eligibility for higher education and employment for this candidate because she studied mathematics at plus two level.

The Dean, Faculty of Applied Science and Technology has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Computer Science (pass)

As per orders of the Vice-Chancellor the matter was placed before the Standing Committee of Academic Council held on 22-02-2020 the committee referred the item to the Academic Council.

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of B.Sc. Degree in Entire Computer Science (Regular) awarded by Solapur University for the purpose of higher studies and employment, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree as an eligible qualification for higher education and employment in field of Computer Science, provided Mathematics forms a component of the Plus two qualification of the degree holder.

104. Recognition of Ph.D. Degree in Biotechnology awarded by the University of Kerala - Consideration of- reg.

Ref:- Request from Sri. Praveen Kumar. P. P, dated 06/11/2019.

Sri. Praveen Kumar. P. P, has sought for course-recognition of Ph.D. Degree in Biotechnology awarded by the University of Kerala for the thesis titled “Molecular characterization of the environmental strains of vibrio cholerae isolated from the aquatic sources in Southern Kerala” for the purpose of Research Guideship and also for employment in the field of Zoology.

The candidate had undergone 10+2 pattern of study, which is recognized by the University of Kerala. He had obtained B.Sc. Degree in Zoology and M.Sc. Degree in Zoology from the Kannur University is recognized by the University of Kerala as equivalent to the corresponding subjects of this University.

The Chairman BoS in Zoology (PG) has remarked that the Ph.D. Degree in Biotechnology awarded by the University of Kerala can be considered as an eligible qualification for Research Guideship and also for employment in the field of Zoology. He also marked equivalency, Eligibility for higher education and employment in the proforma.

The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Zoology (PG).

As per orders of the Vice-Chancellor the matter was placed before the Standing Committee of Academic Council held on 22-02-2020 the committee referred the item to the Academic Council.

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of Ph.D. Degree in Biotechnology awarded to Sri. Praveen Kumar. P. P. by University of Kerala for the thesis titled “Molecular characterization of the environmental strains of vibrio cholerae isolated from the aquatic sources in Southern Kerala” for the purpose of Research Guideship and also for employment in the field of Zoology, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the Ph.D degree as an eligible qualification for employment and research guideship in the field of Zoology.

105. Recognition of BSc degree in Mathematics awarded by Bharathiar University through VLB Janakiammal College of Arts and Science(Autonomous), Coimbatore- Consideration of-reg.

Ref:Request received from Sri.Gouri Sankar C.M dtd 14/06/2019.

Sri.Gouri Sankar C.M had submitted the copy of scheme and Syllabus of BSc degree in Mathematics awarded by Bharathiar University through VLB Janakiammal College of Arts and Science(Autonomous) Coimbatore ,for course recognition for the purpose of M.B.A admission.Either the eligibility certificate may be given which is as equivalent to B.Sc Mathematics of University of Kerala or the degree may be recognized for which any degree is the basic qualification.He had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala.

When the file was forwarded to Chairman BOS in Mathematics(pass), The chairman remarked that the documents submitted by Sri.Gouri Sankar is found eligible for higher studies and employment.further adequacy and quality of the scheme and syllabus submitted in comparison with the schemeand syllabus of University of Kerala is more than 80%.

The Dean Faculty of Science endorsed the remarks of Chairman BOS in Mathematics(Pass).

As per the orders of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor the whole matter was placed before Standing Committee on Academic Council for consideration and recommendation.The Standing Committee on Academic Council held on 22/02/2020 decided to place the file on Academic Council.

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of Bsc degree in Mathematics awarded by Bharathiar University through VLB Janakiammal College of Arts and Science(Autonomous),

Coimbatore for the purpose of higher studies and employment is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the degree as an eligible qualification for higher education and employment in the field of Mathematics.

106. B.Tech Degree Course 2013 scheme – Request to extend the provision of One Time Sessional Improvement to students who have obtained 40 marks in regular examination – Sri. Jeffin Thomas John – Consideration of - reg. (Ac.AIII)

The Academic Council at its meeting held on 13.03.2019 resolved to agree to the request of B.Tech students of 2013 scheme to implement One Time Sessional Improvement. As per this scheme the students who have secured 40 or above marks in theory paper in the previous examination are permitted to improve internal marks of the subject in which they have secured 40 or above marks but failed due to low internal marks. The revised internal marks shall be added with the already obtained 40 or above marks. Here, the student is exempted from attending University Examination.

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations recommended to approve the guidelines prepared and the Syndicate held on 30.04.2019 approved the guidelines subject to reporting to Academic Council. Accordingly University order dated 12.06.2019 containing the guidelines of One Time Sessional Improvement was issued. The matter was reported to the Academic Council held on 06.09.2019 and AC noted the same.

As per the ‘clause 2’ of the guidelines, “candidates, who have obtained 40 marks or above in the University theory supplementary examination and failed in the subject due to the low internal assessment marks (less than 35) alone are eligible to apply”. As per the ‘Clause 10’ the “revised internal marks shall be added to the highest marks scored by the candidates so far in the University Supplementary Examinations”.

The notification for registration to One Time provision for improvement sessional marks for B.Tech students 2013 admission (2013 scheme) for candidates who have secured 40 marks or above for theory supplementary examination was issued on 03.12.2019.

Sri.Jeffin Thomas John has requested to consider the 40 marks secured in the regular examinations also for becoming eligible to register for One Time sessional improvement, which is against the present guidelines approved by the Academic Council.

The B.Tech Tabulation has remarked that if the 40 marks are taken from his regular examination the Kerala University Computer Center has to ensure that the candidates regular examination details will not be corrupted at any stage and no modification would follow. This should remain unchanged safe and secured. In transcript preparation an additional column for improvement of sessional marks should be given and the exam code relating to the examination from which the marks are carried should be shown.

The KUCC has remarked that a new module is to be developed to incorporate One Time registration feature. Implementing this change will have huge impact in consolidation of marklists, moderation etc. With the current strength it may be difficult to take up modifications involving these many changes in the existing software.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor the request of Sri.Jeffin Thomas John to consider 40 or above marks secured in regular exam also (instead of Supplementary Exams alone as per the present norms) for registration to One Time sessional improvement is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

RESOLVED that the Regulations be adhered to, and the applicant be permitted to re-do the sessionals by appearing for the supplementary University Examination also.

107. Explore the possibility to continue research by Smt. Preethi S. Nair, Full-time Research scholar in Computer Science under the guidance of Dr.Madhu S. Nair – Consideration of - reg: (Ac.EI)

Request has been received from Smt. Preethi S. Nair, Full-time Research Scholar in Computer Science, duly recommended and forwarded by the Head, Dept. of Computer Science, University of Kerala for the extension of grace period for the submission of thesis under the present

Supervisor, Dr.Madhu S. Nair. The scholar also mentioned that now she is on maternity leave from 15.07.2019.

Smt. Preethi S. Nair has been granted Full-time Ph.D Registration in Computer Science under the Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology, under the supervision of Dr.Madhu S. Nair. The scholar has joined at Dept. of Computer Science, University of Kerala, Kariavattom on 01.10.2014. Dr.Madhu S. Nair has been relieved from the post of Assistant Professor, Dept. of Computer Science, University of Kerala w.e.f 02.05.2018 AN and joined as Associate Professor, Dept. of Computer Science, CUSAT w.e.f 03.05.2018 FN.

Accordingly, Dr.Madhu S. Nair has submitted a request to grant grace period to the Research scholar under his supervision (including Smt. Preethi S. Nair), for submitting her thesis. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 31.08.2018 has considered the above request along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research and resolved to entrust the Vice-Chancellor for resolving the said issue appropriately. Subsequently Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has ordered to allow a grace period of one year under the supervision of Dr.Madhu S. Nair, from the date of intimation of the decision or upto valid research period, whichever is earlier, for the 5 research scholars, including Smt. Preethi S. Nair. The remaining research scholars are directed to apply for guide change and centre change.

As per the above decision taken by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Smt. Preethi S. Nair was able to continue her research under the supervision of Dr.Madhu S. Nair only upto 30.09.2019. But the candidate is now on maternity leave w.e.f. 15.07.2019 and as per the attested copy of the Medical Certificate submitted along with the request, her due date for delivery is on 03.11.2019. In her request the scholar has also stated that she has one journal publication, her second work is under review and the last work is on progress, but her medical condition does not allow her to work diligently. Hence the Research scholar requested to grant her grace period for completing research work under the guidance of Dr.Madhu S. Nair.

The above matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research. The Standing Committee at its meeting held on 16.12.2019, has considered the matter vide item No. A4, and **recommended to refer the matter to the Standing Committee of the Academic Council to explore the possibility to continue research by Preethi S. Nair under Dr.Madhu S. Nair.** The Syndicate at its meeting held on 28.12.2019, vide item No. 07.63.A4, has considered the matter and resolved to approve the above recommendation of the Standing Committee.

As per the orders of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the matter of exploring the possibility to continue research by Smt. Preethi S. Nair, Full-time Research scholar in Computer Science (on maternity leave w.e.f. 15.07.2019), under the guidance of Dr.Madhu S. Nair, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

RESOLVED to permit the research scholar to continue research in the University of Kerala itself under the supervision of the same research guide.

108. Ph.D Research- Considering Publications in journals for the purpose of award of Ph.D Degree and for granting recognition as Research Supervisor- Public Notice from UGC - Consideration of- reg. (Ac.E1)

UGC has published public notices dated 14/06/2019 & 16/09/2019 regarding research articles published in predatory/dubious journals which were considered for various purposes including awarding of academic Degrees, that deteriorates academic integrity and the need for ensuring quality of publications.

UGC has informed that with effect from 14/06/2019, research articles published only in journals indexed in UGC-CARE List should be considered prospectively for any academic purposes and also informed that along with other academic purposes, award of Research Degrees also must be based on the quality of published work rather than just numbers or mere presence in peer reviewed or in old UGC approved list of journals which is available in UGC website for reference.

The following points may be considered in this regards:

1. As per the U.O No. Ac.E1/2016 dated 01/02/2016 (Guidelines for implementing UGC Minimum Standards and Procedures for award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree, Regulations. 2009), *Ph.D. Scholars shall publish at least two research papers in a referred Journal bearing ISSN before the submission of the thesis for adjudication, and produce evidence for the same in the form of acceptance letter or the reprint.* As per clause 8.5 of the Regulations for Award of Ph.D. Degrees, University of Kerala, 2016, *Ph.D. scholars shall publish at least one research paper in refereed journal, duly approved by the UGC/University, and make two paper presentations in conferences/seminars, recognized by the Department Council concerned, before the submission of the thesis for adjudication and produce evidence for the same in the form of presentation certificates and reprints.*

2. For the purpose of granting Recognition as Research supervisor in any subject, a regular Professor of the University/approved research centre shall produce at least five research publications in refereed journals, approved by the UGC/University and any regular Associate/Assistant Professor of the University/approved research center with a Ph.D. degree shall produce at least two research publications in refereed journals, approved by the UGC/University (Clause 5.1).

3. The public notice advised to accept publication in journals only from UGC-CARE List w.e.f 14/06/2019, prospectively for any academic purpose. But many research scholars who submitted thesis and going to submit thesis were published research articles in University approved journals and in old UGC approved journals in the light of University Regulations, without being aware of the decision of UGC. These research scholars will be affected, if the University accepts publications only from journals indexed in UGC-CARE List retrospectively w.e.f 14/06/2019.

The Syndicate meeting held on 28/12/2019, vide item no. 07.63.A17 considered the above matter and resolved to refer the matter to IQAC and to the Standing Committee of the Academic Council for study and detailed report with specific recommendation. Vice- Chancellor has ordered to implement the said resolution. As per the orders of Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor the matter of accepting research publications only from journals indexed in UGC-CARE List w.e.f 14/06/2019 for the purpose of granting Recognition as Research Supervisor and for awarding of Ph.D Degree, on the strength of the Public notices by the University Grants Commission, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

RESOLVED that, as per the UGC notification, the specification relating to UGC-CARE List shall have only prospective effect and the validity of publications made till 14.06.2019 shall be reckoned on the basis of the criteria that existed till that date.

FURTHER RESOLVED to authorize the Syndicate to consider suitable steps for alleviating the difficulties that might be experienced by the Research Scholars on account of the stipulation on basis of the recommendations by the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research.

109. Ph.D research-Non compliance of Supervising Teachers to guide research scholars for Ph.D –complaint from Dr.B.S.Jamuna- Consideration of -reg: (Ac.EVI)

Dr. B S Jamuna, Professor and Head, Institute of English, University of Kerala, Tvpm has submitted a letter regarding the allotment of supervising teachers for Ph.D registration.

In the letter, she states that the supervising teachers are refusing to guide the candidates allotted to them by the Doctoral Committee. When the supervising teachers are invited for the Ph.D synopsis presentation at the Institute of English to select their candidates, they not only absent themselves for the presentation but when the students are allotted to them, they refuse to take the candidates.

Also she attached a complaint submitted by a student Ms.Arunima.S, whose topic was approved by the Doctoral Committee and the list of Guides who have vacancies in the January 2019 session.

Ms.Arunima.S, who have registered in January 2019 session included in the recommendation list and Dr. Neeta Sharma, Associate Professor of English, Mar Ivanios College, Thiruvananthapuram has been allotted to her by the Doctoral Committee. She has four vacancies. Ms Arunima S approached to her for the consent, she informed that she is not ready to take any candidate, because she is retiring in the coming year (as per records her superannuation date is on: 31/03/2021). Then the candidate approached Dr. Kishore Ram, Dr. Nair AnoopChandrasekharan and Dr.Dasappan V. Y and she failed to get the consent from these supervisors to attend the Doctoral Interview.

Research supervisors with vacancies are available, but for the time being, with some excuses, they are jeopardizing the candidate's opportunity.

As per U.O. dtd. 01.02.2019 " Allocation of the supervisor for a selected scholar shall be decided by the Department in a formal manner depending on the number of scholars per faculty member, the available specialization among the faculty supervisors, and the research interest of the scholar as indicated during the interview, by the scholar"

Both the Doctoral Committee Chairman and the concerned candidate are requesting this issue as the most urgent and take necessary action on this matter that a candidate losing his/her chance due to the non -co-operation of guides even though they have vacancies.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, explanations were obtained, dated 14/06/2019 from the Research supervisors Dr. Kishore Ram, Dr. Nair AnoopChandrasekharan and Dr.Dasappan V. Y. Dr.Neeta Sharma has not yet responded till date.

Dr. Nair AnoopChandrasekharan, Assistant professor, Dept.of English, Bishop Moore College, Mavelikkara in his reply letter stated that *"when he had submitted his application for recognition as a supervisor for the Ph.D programme, he was told that the University of Kerala would allot only four candidates to an Assistant Professor as per the UGC norms. However one fine day after the re registration of my first four candidates the University decided that they would be considered as supernumerary allotments and he would be eligible to take more candidate. He reluctantly agreed to accept one more candidate. Thus, as of date, **five students are registered with him, which in itself is 25% more than his mandated workload.** Besides this, filling up a Ph.D vacancy is very different from filling up a vacancy in an UG course, because here factors other than the mere presence of vacancy come into play. He was afraid that taking any more candidates at the moment, especially the ones whose research interests are diametrically different from him, would not just seriously jeopardize his ability to do justice to his role as a research Guide but also would be compromising with the interests of the five research scholars (1 fresh +4 re allocated) who are already registered with him besides imperilling his ability to fulfil his responsibilities in his college. He hopes **University of Kerala, which prioritises quality of research output over quantity would empathise with his situation.** Also he pointed out that **if a teacher teaching in a college takes up research guidance, which is not a compulsory part of his duty, which is not remunerative and if he travels from remote places to Typm for synopsis presentations/ doctoral committee meetings at his own expenses, happily shouldering the stress and strain associated with rescheduling his classes in the college, it is for the love of research and willingness to make a positive difference to the lives of his ward(s).** Therefore expecting him not to miss even a single meeting at the University , at the cost of his work in the college, which, he believe is his first and foremost responsibility, would be tantamount to doubting his sincerity and thus doing gross injustice to him. Having to pen a reply to such a show cause notice, it is in itself, utterly demoralizing and emotionally debilitating".*

Dr.Kishore Ram, Assistant Professor, MM NSS College, Kottiyam has replied that, *" the following accusations are made against him (1) he does not attend Ph.D. synopsis presentation meetings and (2) he refused to accept Ms.Arunima S whose topic was approved by the doctoral committee. The first allegation raised by the Dean, he would like to say that the Dean of Research is aware that he take up all duties assigned by her. He was present at all synopsis presentations during the year 2016-2018 as he was at the Institute of English from 16-7-2016 to 15-7-2018 as UGC research awardee (post doc). He was also present during the June 2018 presentation but he could not attend the Jan 2019 pre-doc meeting because of certain inconveniences. Aided-college teachers have various other commitments too. **It is to be noted that no TA/DA is allowed, and only 'Duty Certificates' are issued instead of 'On Duty certificates' for attending these meetings.** To the second allegation, raised by the candidate, he would like to point out that:*

(1). Arunima S has not approached him, discussed the synopsis or title with him and he has not received any communication from the doctoral committee regarding this. He was not even aware who this Arunima S is. (2). A JRF candidate can do research anywhere in India and it is not proper to raise allegations against research supervisors of a particular university. There are research supervisors with vacancies at high profile departments like EFLU, HCU, CUTN, IT, Jadavapur, Delhi etc. Moreover, the University Library, Palayam, which is my research centre is no longer a research centre and I have not been allotted a new centre. Hence, technically it is not possible to accept scholars. **He wishes to add that he will not be in a position to supervise research scholars as he was planning to move out of his present job at the earliest.** A research scholar will take four to five years to complete a Ph.D. and when he leaves they will have to search for a new supervisor. Hence, **he is requesting the university not to allot any Ph.D. scholars to me**".

Dr. Dasappan V Y, Principal, St. Xavier's College, Thumba has replied that "as a Research Supervisor, he has not received any official communication either from any competent authority of the University of Kerala, or from the Institute of English of the University of Kerala or from the candidate for Ph. D, named Ms. Arunima S. allotting the said candidate to me by the Doctoral Committee. The statement by Dr. B. S. Jamuna, Professor and Head, Institute of English, University of Kerala, regarding the absence of supervising teachers for the Ph. D synopsis presentation is not true in his case. In an earlier case in mid March this year itself, even amidst unusually hectic activities in the college as part of the final preparation for the NAAC Peer Team Visit, he was present at the Institute of English for the presentation of one of the candidates allotted to me. It may be possible that the candidate may have tried to contact him over phone. But even if it is so, merely based on an attempt to contact him over phone from an unknown person, he cannot be so irresponsible in committing himself to be her/his Research Supervisor for Ph.D".

In the meantime, as per the orders of the Registrar, Ms. Arunima S has been allotted to Dr. Kishore Ram, Assistant Professor, MM NSS College, Kottiyam by the Doctoral Committee on her request dated 15/07/2019. But the facility centre of Dr. Kishore Ram is Kerala University Library, Palayam, Typm and the libraries are not being approved as research centre as per the regulation.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the matter regarding the research supervisors who are not willing to guide candidates even after allotments have been made by DDC to them was placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research for consideration and appropriate recommendations.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 28/12/2019 (Item No.07.63.B15) resolved to refer the matter to the Standing committee of the Academic Council for taking appropriate decision in the matter by approving the recommendations of the SC of the Syndicate on Academics & Research held on 16/12/2019 in this regard.

Accordingly, the matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

RESOLVED that non-cooperation on the part of Research Guides be viewed seriously since acceptance of guideship is on the basis of individual application to the University.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the attendance of Research Guides during doctoral committee meetings be monitored and reported to the Syndicate.

110. M.Sc. degree programme in Chemistry offered at the colleges affiliated to the University of Kerala Equivalency to M.Sc. degree programme in Applied Chemistry of University of Kerala - for employment purpose- Consideration of- reg. (Ac.AII)

A request has been received from Smt. Reshma Joseph to issue a special certificate stating that M.Sc degree programme in Chemistry offered at the colleges affiliated to the University of Kerala is equivalent to M.Sc. degree programme in Applied Chemistry of University of Kerala, for employment purpose. She has studied M.Sc Chemistry from the University of Kerala during the period 2012 - 14.

The remarks of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Chemistry (PG) has been obtained in this regard.

The Chairman has remarked that M.Sc degree programme in Chemistry is almost equivalent to M.Sc degree programme in Applied Chemistry except one elective paper in our University and

hence recommended that a special certificate stating M.Sc degree programme in Chemistry of University of Kerala is equivalent to M.Sc degree programme in Applied Chemistry of University of Kerala may be issued.

The Dean, Faculty of Science endorsed remarks mentioned above.

It may be noted that as per U. O. No. Ac. AII /2/2004 dated 15.01.2005 M.Sc degree course in Applied Chemistry is equivalent to M.Sc degree course in Chemistry.

The matter regarding granting of equivalency for the course M.Sc. degree in Chemistry offered at the colleges affiliated to the University of Kerala to that of M.Sc degree course in Applied Chemistry of University of Kerala for employment purpose is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate decision.

RESOLVED to recognize that the M.Sc. Chemistry Degree be treated as an eligible qualification wherever the M.Sc. Degree in any specific branch of Chemistry is the prescribed qualification.

111. M.Sc. degree programme in Statistics – Request to carry over marks scored in old scheme – Consideration of- Reg. (Ac.AII)

Smt. Krishnapriya.D.L has been admitted M.Sc. degree programme in Statistics (2015 scheme) during the academic year 2017-19 at the University College, Thiruvananthapuram.

As per U.O.No.Ac.AII/1/53/2019 dtd.24.08.2019, readmission has been granted to Smt. Krishnapriya.D.L to 3rd semester M.Sc degree programme in Statistics (2018 scheme) during the academic year 2019-20 at the University College, Thiruvananthapuram with the following conditions :-

1. She shall be eligible for readmission to the course concerned.
2. She shall earn the minimum attendance required to appear for the University Examination at the end of the academic year.
3. She shall take the same optional subject/language for which she was studying at the time of discontinuance.
4. She shall appear for the examination as per the existing scheme and syllabus and the marks scored by her for the papers in the old syllabi stands cancelled.
5. She shall repeat the continuous assessment of all the papers of the semester.

In her request, she states that **in 2015 scheme M.Sc. Statistics, she has studied the paper ' Distribution Theory' in I semester & the paper 'SamplingTechniques' in II semester and passed the papers. But the papers areinterchanged each other in 2018 scheme.**

Similarly, **in 2015 scheme M.Sc. Statistics she has studied the paper 'Estimation' in semester II (paper name changed to Statistical Inference in 2018 scheme) & the paper 'Applied Statistics' in semester III and passed the papers. But the papers are interchanged each other in 2018 scheme.**

Hence, she has requested to give permission to carry over marks scored in old scheme.

The list of course of the 2018 scheme and their respective courses in 2015 scheme are given below :-

Semesters	2018 scheme		2015 scheme	
	Course Code	Course Name	Course Code	Course Name
I	ST 211	Analytical Tools for Statistics - I	ST 211	Analytical Tools for Statistics - I
	ST 212	Analytical Tools for Statistics – II	ST 212	Analytical Tools for Statistics – II
	ST 213	Probability Theory – I	ST 213	Probability Theory – I
	ST 214	Sampling Techniques	ST 214	Distribution Theory
II	ST 221	Distribution Theory	ST 221	Probability Theory – II
	ST 222	Probability Theory – II	ST 222	Sampling Techniques
	ST 223	Applied Statistics	ST 223	Estimation
	ST 224	Practical - I	ST 224	Practical - I
III	ST 231	Statistical Inference I	ST 231	Testing of Hypotheses

	ST 232	Statistical Inference II	ST 232	Multivariate Analysis
	ST 233	Multivariate Analysis	ST 233	Applied Statistics
	ST 234	Elective I	ST 234	Elective I
IV	ST 241	Design and Analysis of Experiments	ST 241	Design and Analysis of Experiments
	ST 242	Stochastic Processes	ST 242	Stochastic Processes
	ST 243	Elective – II	ST 243	Elective – II
	ST 244	Practical - II	ST 244	Practical - II

Remarks of the chairman, Board of Studies in Statistics (PG), University of Kerala has been received in this regard. The Chairman has remarked that: -

Smt.Krishnapriya.D.P is re- admitted to M.Sc Statistics with 2018 batch. So, the 3rd and 4th semesters may be completed with the 2018 batch as per the 2018 scheme.

For the 1st and 2nd semesters, she is already completed the semesters in 2015 scheme. By comparing the syllabi of 2015 and 2018 schemes, out of the 8 papers 7 papers are same and there is no change in the syllabus.

So, for the first semester the papers ” Analytical tools for Statistics – 1, Analytical tools for Statistics -2, Probability Theory – 1, the marks may be carry over from the result of her 1stsemester as per the previous scheme. The paper “ Sampling Techniques” in the first semester of the 2018 scheme was there in the 2nd semester of the 2015 scheme. It may be carried over.

In the 2nd semester, as per the 2018 scheme the papers are “ Probability Theory – 2, Distribution Theory, Applied Statistics and Practical 1”, She completed the papers Probability Theory – 1 and Practical – 1 in the second semester and Distribution Theory in the first semester as per the 2015 scheme. These marks may be carried over. For the paper “ Applied Statistics”, she may be permitted to appear with the second semester examination of the 2019 batch for both external and internal by keeping the attendance same she scored in the semester.

The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed these remarks.

The matter regarding carry over marks scored by Smt. Krishnapriya.D.L for M.Sc. degree programme in Statistics in (2015 scheme) to 2018 scheme under which she was granted readmission is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

RESOLVED to concede with the request as proposed by the Chairman, Board of Studies and the Dean.

112. Engagement of Smt. Neethi S. Lal as Assistant Professor of Mathematics Category change from Academic Coordinator to Asst. Professor- Consideration of- reg. (Ad.A.VII(A))

Smt. Neethi S. Lal was working as Academic Coordinator at KUCTE, Kayamkulam. She has requested to engage her as Assistant Professor as she has passed MSc, MEd and NET in Education by category change. Smt. Neethi S. Lal was already included in the rank list of teachers prepared in 2015. Though she has secured only 54.6% in M.Sc Statistics, she has informed that she is eligible to get 5% reservation given to OBC (NonCreamy Layer) as she is from Ezhava Community which is specified in the amendment of special rules of Kerala college G.O(p) No. 10/2018 HEdndtd 13.04.2018 and as per amendment, minimum 50% marks for M.Sc degree is sufficient for appointment as Lecturer in Collegiate Education. NCTE regulation amendment 2017 also specified that reservation for SC/ST/OBC shall be as per the extant policy of the Central Government or State Government as applicable to all other categories of service in Govt. The request of Smt.Neethi S. Lal was placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Departments and Other Institutions held on 16.01.2019 and the Syndicate at its meeting held on 22.01.2019 vide item No. 02.121.07 resolved to engage Smt. Neethi S. Lal as Asst. Professor in Mathematics at KUCTE, Kariavattom and Vice Chancellor has accorded sanction to engage her. She has been directed to submit employment contract and indemnity bond and she joined duty w.e.f 07.03.2019 at KUCTE, Kariavattom as Asst.Professor. When the file with employment contract was forwarded to Finance I section for

endorsement, they have requested to clarify the qualification of Assistant Professor in Mathematics as per NCTE.

In the NCTE regulation, based on which appointments are done in KUCTEs, qualification of Asst. Professor is specified as MSc Mathematics with 55%, M.Ed 55%. But Smt. Neethi S. Lal has passed MSc Statistics and M.Ed Mathematics and NET in Education. But she has already been included in the ranklist of Assistant Professors of Mathematics prepared in 2015 by the then staff. UGC notification dated 18.07.2018 4.1(A) indicates the eligibility for Assistant Professor as Masters degree in concerned /relevant/allied subject.

In the meantime, Smt. Neethi S. Lal has requested that

1. her M.Ed is in Mathematics Education which means MSc Mathematics and MSc. Statistics are considered relevant subjects and
2. UGC notification dated 18.07.2018 4.1(A) indicates the eligibility for Assistant Professor is Masters degree concerned /relevant/allied subject are considered.
3. For the admission prospectus of B.Ed/admission B.Sc Mathematics/Statistics and M.Sc Mathematics/MSc Statistics are considered as in equal preference.
4. As in Kerala Public Service Commission's notification towards H.S.A Mathematics, Statistics and Mathematics are considered as in equal preference.
5. For teaching Physical Science, P.G in Electronic Science/Biochemistry are considered, also Biotechnology/Microbiology for Natural Science teaching.

She has informed that the above points are leading to an indication that Mathematics and Statistics are considered relevant subject for teaching Mathematics education, as the papers are not based on pure Mathematics/Statistics as in P.G (MSc). The paper are based on Mathematics Education.

Smt. Neethi S. Lal had already worked as Lecturer in Mathematics at KUCTE Alappuzha and Kayamkulam from 07.07.2008 to December 2014.

She has requested to grant sanction order of bond as early as possible and to release salary w.e.f. 07.03.2019 in the post of Asst. Professor. The copies of M.Ed certificate, appointment order, experience certificate, HSA notification, UGC notification etc are produced.

It may be noted that the qualification of Assistant Professor of KUCTEs as per NCTE notification 2014 was introduced in Kerala University from 2015/16 onwards when NCTE has granted recognition. In that regulation, the qualification of Asst. Professor of Mathematics is specified as MSc Mathematics with minimum 55% marks and M.Ed degree with minimum 55% marks. Smt. Neethi S. Lal has only 54.6% marks for MSc Statistics. Though she was included in the ranklist of Asst. Professor prepared in 2015 by the then staff, she could not be engaged then as her MSc marks was less than 55%. Later she has submitted request for OBC reservation of 5% relaxation of marks as she belongs to Ezhava community and she was eligible for it as per UGC notification and G.O(P) No.10/2018 HEDn dated 13.04.2018 and in NCTE Regulation 2017, it is specified that reservation shall be as per extant policy of Central or State Government and decision was taken to engage her as Asst. Professor of Mathematics. But as there is doubt regarding whether MSc Statistics degree holder can be considered for engaging as Asst. Professor of Mathematics, clarification was sought from Ad.H, Ac.A.II and Ad.F I section. The Chairman, Board of Studies in Mathematics (PG) and Dean Faculty of Science has stated that MSc Statistics, degree cannot be considered for the post of Asst. Professor in Mathematics in Teacher Education Institutions since MSc Statistics is not equivalent to MSc Mathematics course and cannot be considered as allied subject.

In this circumstance, the file was put up for orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor whether NCTE to be addressed for clarification on whether candidate having MSc Statistics degree, MEd in Mathematics Education with 55% marks and NET in Education can be considered for the post of Asst. Professor of Mathematics in Teacher Education Institutions.

The Vice Chancellor ordered to place the matter before the Syndicate and to get clarification from NCTE. A letter was sent to NCTE for clarification of the matter (Lr.No.Ad.A.VII(A)/2019 dated 26.09.2019) but no reply has so far been received. Smt. Neethi S. Lal has been working as Asst. Professor of Mathematics w.e.f. 07.03.2019 and her employment contract is not yet signed. As her salary has not been released, she has requested to disburse her salary as she is struggling to travel from Kayamkulam to Kariavattom without money.

As per orders of the ViceChancellor, the matter regarding engagement of Smt. Neethi S. Lal as Assistant Professor of Mathematics in KUCTEs was placed before the Syndicate for consideration.

The Syndicate vide item no 05.24 dated 30.10.2019 resolved to refer the item to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research. Meanwhile, Smt. Neethi S. Lal has again forwarded a request to release her salary w.e.f 07.03.2019.

The ViceChancellor has ordered to seek remarks of Chairman, Board of studies education and Dean, Faculty of Education.

The Chairperson, Board of studies in Education UG (pass) has endorsed the views of Board of Studies Chairman in Mathematics and Dean, Faculty of Science and made it clear that to be Asst. Professor in Mathematics, Neethi S. Lal needs to have an MSc in Mathematics but she is not in possession of that degree.

The Dean, Faculty of education has remarked that the minimum basic qualification for the appointment of Asst. Professor in Teacher Education Institution were prescribed by the NCTE irrespective of nature of Universities or Institutions. Smt. Neethi S. Lal possess a postgraduate degree in Statistics which is not in tune with the NCTE regulations. She has further remarked that the engagement of Smt. Neethi S. Lal can be considered only after receiving clarification from NCTE.

As per orders of the ViceChancellor, the request of Smt. Neethi S. Lal to engage her as Asst. Professor of Mathematics in KUCTEs and to release salary from 07.03.2019 is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics & Research for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

The syndicate vide item no.08.76.D7 at its meeting held on 13.01.2020 resolved to release the salary of Smt. Neethi S. Lal as Academic Coordinator. Further resolved that the item be referred to the combined Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research & Finance. Also resolved to refer the matter regarding the eligibility of Smt. Neethi S. Lal as Asst. Professor in Mathematics to the Standing Committee of the Academic Council.

Meanwhile, Smt. Neethi S. Lal has informed that she has applied for a special certificate showing MSc Mathematics /MSc Statistics as allied subjects from Kerala University and she has been directed to approach for such a certificate from parent University ie. MG University from where she studied MSc statistics (Memo No. Ac.C/13203/2019 dated 26.06.2019). An order is also issued from MG University vide no. 104/AcA12/2020 MGU dated 09.01.2020 that it has been decided to issue certificate that MSc Statistics and MSc Mathematics are allied subjects based on expert opinion of chairman, Board of Studies, Mathematics (PG) and Dean faculty of Sciences and after placing the matter before the Academic Council meeting held on 30.11.2019 and it is informed that they have reported the matter to the syndicate. The certificate for the same was issued from MG University.

The engagement of Smt. Neethi S. Lal as Asst. Professor of Mathematics in KUCTE and release of salary was placed before the Standing Committee of the syndicate on Academics and Research and the syndicate held on 13.01.2020 resolved to release the salary of Smt. Neethi S. Lal as Academic Coordinator, further resolved that the item be referred to the Combined Standing Committees of the Syndicate on Academics and Research & Finance. Also resolved to refer the matter regarding the eligibility of Smt. Neethi S. Lal as Asst. Professor in Mathematics to the Standing Committee of the Academic Council.

As per orders of the ViceChancellor, the matter regarding the eligibility of Smt. Neethi S. Lal as Assistant Professor in Mathematics is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

RESOLVED to consider the qualification secured by the incumbent as eligible criteria for posting as Assistant Professor in Mathematics in KUCTE.

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113. UG/PG Online Admission 2020-21 – Eligibility to apply for B.Sc/M.Sc Geology courses for Differently Abled (PWD) candidates- inclusion in the prospectus – Consideration of-reg. (Ac.H)

As per UG Prospectus 2019, clause 4.1.2, Reservation for Persons with Disabilities (PWD)

(i) 5% seats of the sanctioned strength shall be created, over and above, exclusively for Physically Handicapped candidates in Government/ Aided Colleges (as per clause 32(1) of chapter VI, The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016).

(ii) In all other affiliated Colleges, three seats for each programme (BA/BSc/BCom) are created over and above sanctioned strength for physically handicapped candidates for admission to First Degree Programme **except First Degree Programme in Geology.**

Hence, as per the prospectus, the PWD candidates (Differently Abled) were permitted to apply for B.Sc. Geology course in Govt./Aided Colleges but not in self financing colleges. For clarifying the above disparity, remarks of the Chairman, BoS, (Geology-Pass) was sought and the same is given below.

“The subject of Geology is basically field oriented. In the UG level, field work (Geological Field work) is carried out extensively for nearly two weeks for final year students, for about a week for 2nd year students and for about 3 days for 1st year students. This field training is usually carried out outside the state. Similarly for PG course in Geology, Geological field work and Geological mapping form a constituent part of the academic programme. Under these circumstances, persons with disability under the categories of blindness and colour blindness will find difficult to adjust to the situation. The subject of Geology also deals with laboratory studies such as microscopic studies and identification of minerals and rocks, both microscopically as well as macroscopically. Chemical analysis of samples (rocks and minerals) also forms a part of the curriculum. So, persons with blindness and colour blindness will find it difficult to adjust to the curricular activities of this nature. Persons with more than 50% orthopaedic handicapped will also find it difficult to carry out extensive geological field work.

Candidates or persons with less than 50% physical handicapped (orthopaedically) may apply for B.Sc. degree courses. But blindness and colour blindness will hinder their academic activities and so not advisable.”

The remarks of Chairman, BoS, (Geology-Pass) has been endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Science.

The above said change in the eligibility criteria for differently abled candidates to apply for B.Sc. Geology and M.Sc. Geology course need to be included in the UG/PG Prospectus for admissions 2020-21.

The Vice-Chancellor has ordered to place the matter before the Academic Council.

Hence, the remarks of the Chairman, BoS, (Geology-Pass) regarding the eligibility criteria for differently abled candidates to apply for B.Sc. Geology and M.Sc. Geology course endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Science is placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council for consideration and recommendation on the following.

Whether the criteria that “Candidates or persons with less than 50% physically handicapped (orthopaedically) may apply for UG/PG degree courses in Geology. But candidates with blindness and colour blindness are not eligible” be included in UG/PG prospectus for all affiliated colleges and centers.

RESOLVED that only candidates with less than 50% (orthopaedic) handicap be permitted to apply for admission to B.Sc and M.Sc programmes in Geology.

ALSO RESOLVED that those who are blind or colour-blind shall also not be permitted to apply.

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114. Request to withdraw the U.O No AC A IV/2/mode of delivery SDE/2017 dated 08.06.2017 differentiating the certificates issued to students of SDE –Consideration of-reg. (AR/B.Sc (Annual))

Ref:- 1. Note to P.S to P.V.C from the Director SDE

2. U.O No AC A IV/2/mode of delivery SDE/2017 dated 08.06.2017

The SDE courses of U.G have been semesterised from the academic year 2017-18 onwards. Hence the formats of marklists, provisional certificates and degree certificates had to be approved by the respective academic bodies vide U.O No.AC A IV/2/mode of delivery has to be mentioned in all the documents issued to the candidates who appear from SDE. Hence all the formats of marklists, Provisional certificates and degree certificates were denoted with D S(Distance Study) and the same have been approved by the academic bodies.

Now the Director SDE has forwarded a note to P.S to the P.V.C and the P.V.C has directed to place the matter in the Academic Council.The Director SDE has stated that U G C-DEB (Distance

Education Bureau) regulations 2017 had directed the Universities to mention the mode of delivery in the documents issued to students completing their programmes through Distance Education.

But later UGC-DEB in its public notice has stated that the emphasis on noting the mode of delivery may prove a deterrent to aspiring students and hence their certificates should be treated as equivalent to the certificates issued by the traditional Universities in the country.

The SDE University of Kerala has already submitted an affidavit to U G C as per their directions that SDE University of Kerala will follow the same scheme and syllabus applicable to the regular mode students and that examinations shall be conducted using the same Question paper at par with that of the regular mode from 2020-21 onwards.

Moreover from 1976 onwards University has been issuing certificates to students of SDE without differentiating it from the regular mode. Also no other Universities in Kerala are issuing certificates or marklists differentiating the students of distance mode from regular mode.

The Director SDE has requested not to consider the proposal to differentiate the degree certificates, marklists issued to students of UG & P G through SDE with that of the students of regular mode.

As the University of Kerala till date has not issued any marklist/Provisional certificates Degree certificates denoting the mode of study and since the U G C has directed not to differentiate the students with their mode of study and also since the SDE-University of Kerala will be following the same scheme and syllabus at par with the regular students and presenting the same exams with the regular students the issue of marklist, Provisional certificate and degree certificates denoting DS(Distance Study) may not be considered. If the Academic council agrees to the same, the U O at reference (2) may be withdrawn.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has ordered to place the above matter in the Academic Council. Hence the above matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

RESOLVED to cancel the University Order regarding the mentioning of mode of delivery (i.e, distance mode) in Mark lists and Degree Certificates of candidates presented through School of Distance Education.

115. UG/PG Online Admission 2020-21 – cancelling a course and taking admission to the same course –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.H)

As per the Hand Book of Admissions, the norms for cancellation for UG and PG courses and taking admission to the same course are as given below.

1. UG courses - As per Clause III.3.(i), candidates undergoing various courses in the University, candidates who have registered/appeared for I, II, III year BA, B.Sc, B.Com degree or I to VI semesters of CBCS examination are permitted to cancel registration/examination for the purpose of joining for other courses in the University or any other University.
2. PG courses - A Candidate who has joined the MA, M.Sc, M.Com degree courses of this University as a regular student and who has appeared for any of the semester examination shall be permitted to cancel registration/examination for the purpose to rejoin PG courses in the subject which he/she had originally selected or in any other subject through distance mode only.

As per U.O.No. Ac.AV/1/Eligibility/2011 dated 02.07.2012, the candidates who discontinue their studies of the 1st degree programme under CBCS system can take admission to the same course under annual scheme through private registration or SDE by cancelling the courses and examination taken by them.

Hence in the light of the above said order, if a candidate joins for B.Sc course (B.Sc. Physics) under CBCS system and cancels the same, he will not be able to take the same course through regular mode. Since B.Sc courses are not offered through Private mode/SDE, he/she will not be pursue the course under the University.

Also, it may be noted that, as per the norms for cancelling PG course, it is not clear that whether the candidates who discontinues/ cancels the course before registering for examinations are permitted to pursue the same course after discontinuance/cancellation under regular mode.

As per clause II.B of the Hand Book of Admissions, "the University Ordinances provide for readmission of students who are forced to discontinue their course of study for genuine reasons. Hence, if the candidates are otherwise eligible, their application for readmission shall be forwarded by the Principal. Additional seats to accommodate these candidates shall also be sanctioned if requested by the Principal."

But as per the provision for readmission, the candidate can take readmission only in the same college where he/she had studied earlier. Also, if a candidate cancels the course and take TC from the college, he will not be able to take readmission.

In previous years, various queries have been received from candidates regarding cancellation of a course and the possibility to join the same course after cancellation in regular mode.

It is seen that the candidate discontinues/cancel course due to various reasons given below.

1. Issues in the college where he/she has pursued the course (like ragging, issues with college authorities/other students etc)
2. Distance from home town.
3. Non availability of college hostel.
4. Death or serious illness of parents/supporting guardian.
5. Illness of the candidate causing disability/serious illness of the candidate.
6. Difficulty to commute due to accident, surgery etc.
7. Difficulty to continue studies due to financial crises in the family.

It is seen that the present norms of cancellation of UG and PG courses hinder the opportunity of candidates who are forced to discontinue/cancel their studies due to genuine reasons.

Hence the norms for cancellation of UG and PG courses may be revised and permission may be granted to the candidates to pursue the same course of study which they have cancelled earlier, through regular mode.

The Vice-Chancellor has ordered to place the matter before the Academic Council.

Hence the matter regarding revising the norms for cancellation of UG and PG courses and permitting the candidates to pursue the same course of study which they have cancelled earlier, through regular mode is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

RESOLVED to permit admission to the same programme conducted in regular mode as a one - time provision only in exigent circumstances as proposed above.

116. Recognition of the B.A (Hons) Degree in English (Regular) awarded by Sambalpur University through Gangadhar Meher College (Autonomous), Orissa-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C/ Ac.AII)

Ref:- Request from Smt. Apolonia Soreng dated 18/06/2018.

Smt.Apolonia Soreng has submitted the attested copy of scheme and syllabus of the B.A (Hons) Degree in English (Regular) awarded by Sambalpur University through Gangadhar Meher College (Autonomous), Sambalpur, Orissa for course recognition for the purpose of higher studies (For doing B.Ed programme in English). The candidate had undergone 10+2 pattern of study, which is recognized by the University of Kerala.

The Chairman Board of Studies in English (pass) has scrutinized the application of the candidate who had obtained B.A (Hons) Degree in English (Regular) from Sambalpur University through Gangadhar Meher College (Autonomous) Sambalpur, Orissa and remarked that eligibility may not be granted for the candidate since the syllabus of the said course has only less than 60% similarity when compared with that of the University of Kerala.

As the Chairman BoS English (pass) has not recommended to give eligibility for the aforesaid course, the Dean Faculty of Arts has referred the same to the full board of English (pass) for detailed discussion and recommendation.

It may be noted that for getting admission to the B.Ed programme in English the candidate should hold a B.A Degree in English or equivalent Degree. Otherwise any B.A /B.Sc holder with 50% of

marks for part I English, who also possess an M.A Degree in English or equivalent, is also considered eligible.

As remarked by the Dean Faculty of Arts the whole matter was placed before the annual meeting of the BoS in English (pass) held on 21-11-2018, which recommended that eligibility may be given for B.A (Hons) Degree in English (Regular) awarded by Sambalpur University through Gangadhar Meher College (Autonomous) Sambalpur, Orissa for the purpose of admission to B.Ed course as requested by the candidate.

As ordered by the Vice -Chancellor the matter regarding the recognition of the B.A (Hons) Degree in English (Regular) awarded by Sambalpur University through Gangadhar Meher College (Autonomous), Orissa for the purpose of higher studies (B.Ed programme in English) was placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

The Academic Council at it's meeting held on 06/09/2019 vide Item No. 77 considered the matter of Recognition of B.A (Hons) Degree in English (Regular) awarded by Sambalpur University through Gangadhar Meher College (Autonomous), Orissa and resolved to refer the same to the combined board meeting of English and Education.

The combined Board of Studies at it's meeting held on 28/01/2020 was recommended to give admission to B.Ed programme in English offered by the University of Kerala by considering the minutes of the annual meeting of the Board of Studies in English (Pass) held on 21/11/2018 which already recommended to give Eligibility for the purpose of admission to B.Ed course in English as requested by the candidate.

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of B.A (Hons) Degree in English (Regular) from Sambalpur University through Gangadhar Meher College (Autonomous) Sambalpur, Orissa for the purpose of admission to B.Ed programme in English of the University of Kerala is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to approve the B.A (Hons) Degree in English (Regular) from Sambalpur University through Gangadhar Meher College (Autonomous) Sambalpur, Orissa for the purpose of admission to B.Ed programme in English, and further resolved the same recognition be accorded to the B.A (Hons) Degree of the University of Kerala for the purpose of admission to B.Ed English Programme.

117. UG/PG Online Admission 2020-21 – Removing weightage of marks for NSS/NCC for admission to UG and PG courses –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.H)

The Academic Council at its meeting held on 25.10.1980 considered the question of giving weightage of marks to NSS/NCC certificate holders for ranking and selection of students for various courses and resolved to agree to the following proposal for implementation from the academic year 1981-82.

1. Bonus marks in respect of NCC and NSS candidates are to be given for admission to all courses under the University other than for professional courses, for purpose of ranking. The bonus marks to be awarded shall be as follows.
 Degree – 15 marks
 PG courses – 5 marks
2. In respect of candidates who want to avail bonus marks for NCC, the marks will be awarded on the basis of NCC Certificates signed by the Director and issued by the Directorate of NCC to the candidates who have secured at least 75% of attendance after having participated in its activities during the course of study immediately preceding the course for which admission is sought.
3. In respect of candidates who want to avail bonus marks for NSS, the marks will be awarded on the basis of NSS Certificates signed by the Vice Chancellor and issued by the University to volunteers who have completed 240 hours of work within a period of two years in the course of study immediately preceding the course for which admission is sought.
4. The benefit of bonus marks for purpose of admission can be availed by the candidates only under any one category (either NCC or NSS)

Hence, from the academic year 1981-82 onwards, the above said weightage is being granted to the NSS/NCC certificate holders for UG/PG admissions under the University.

But now, it has been learned that grace mark is being awarded to NSS/NCC certificate holders along with their plus 1 and plus 2 marks. The Govt. of Kerala notification 2020 for the conduct of 1st and 2nd year higher secondary examination is attached. As per the said notification,

GRACE MARKS FOR NCC CADETS

10% scores will be awarded to NCC Cadets as grace marks during Second Year only on satisfying the following four conditions.

- i. The candidate should be in the rank of Corporal or above.
- ii. The candidates are holders of A, B or C certificates.
- iii. The candidate must have represented any one centrally organised camp.
- iv. The benefit of 5% grace marks is awarded to NCC cadets who attended the following camps also;

1. Naval Attachment Camp
2. Army Attachment Camp
3. Pre Republic Day Camp (RDC)
4. Pre-Nau Sainik Camp (NSC)

- v. 5% Grace Marks is awarded to NCC cadets who have attained 75% attendance [(G.O.(Ms) No. 125/12/Gl.Edn., dated 20.04.2012)]
- vi. Application for grace marks for NCC shall be submitted in duplicate, one copy to the Secretary, Board of Higher secondary Education and the other to Deputy Director General, NCC. Marks are awarded on the basis of the recommendation of the Director General, NCC.

GRACE MARKS FOR NSS

Marks are awarded on the basis of the recommendation of the State Co-ordinator NSS. Grace Marks in Higher Secondary Examination to NSS Volunteers is awarded as detailed below;

- i. NSS Volunteers having NSS Certificates - 2%
- ii. NSS Volunteers attended National Camps - 3%
- iii. NSS Volunteers attended Republic Day Camps - 5%

Also, as per U.O. No. Ac.AV/1/Grace marks/2015 dated 25.02.2015, the guidelines for the award of grace marks to the candidates of 1st degree programme under CBCS system for their achievements in Sports/Arts/NSS/NCC from 2013 admission onwards was approved.

Since grace marks are already being awarded to NCC/NSS certificate holders along with their marks in the higher secondary level and degree level, **granting of weightage of 15 marks again for admission to UG courses and 5 marks for PG courses is a double benefit and it is accounted for a dual weightage for such candidates over other candidates.**

Hence, granting of weightage of marks to NSS/NCC certificate holders for admission to UG/PG courses may be reviewed.

The Vice-Chancellor has ordered to place the matter before the Academic Council.

Hence the matter regarding reviewing of granting of weightage of marks to NSS/NCC certificate holders for admission to UG/PG courses is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

RESOLVED that no additional weightage be given for NCC / NSS Certificate holders during admissions and to revoke existing dual weightage.

118. Recognition of Ph.D. Degree awarded by VIT University (Vellore Institute of Technology) –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:- Request from Sri. Murugavel.S, dated 01/01/2020.

Sri.Murugavel. S. has sought for course-recognition of his Ph.D. Degree awarded by VIT University (Vellore Institute of Technology) for the thesis titled “SYNTHESIS, CHARACTERIZATION AND ELECTRICAL STUDIES OF POLYTHIOPHENE-TINOXIDE NANOCOMPOSITES” for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of Physics.

The candidate had undergone 10+2 pattern of study, which is recognized by the University of Kerala. He had obtained B.Sc. Degree in Physics and M.Sc. Degree in Physics from the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University which is recognized by the University of Kerala as equivalent to the corresponding subjects of this University. He had completed M.Phil. Degree in Physics from VIT University (Vellore Institute of Technology). He has completed the Ph.D. degree as per 2009 UGC regulation. He has remitted the required amount of fee of Rs 1050/- towards this purpose.

The Chairman BoS in Physics (PG) has remarked that the candidate has undergone 10+2 pattern of study. He has obtained B.Sc. Degree in Physics and M.Sc. Degree in Physics from the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University which is recognized by the University of Kerala. The candidate was awarded Ph.D. Degree for the thesis entitled "SYNTHESIS, CHARACTERIZATION AND ELECTRICAL STUDIES OF POLYTHIOPHENE-TINOXIDE NANOCOMPOSITES" from VIT. He has published three articles out of which one is in the scopus indexed Journal. The area of work is interdisciplinary involving Physics. Hence the Ph.D. degree awarded to Mr.Murugavel. S. by VIT can be considered as an eligible qualification for the purpose of higher studies and employment.

The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Physics (PG).

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the whole matter regarding the recognition of Ph.D. Degree awarded to Sri. Murugavel. S by VIT University (Vellore Institute of Technology) for the thesis titled "SYNTHESIS, CHARACTERIZATION AND ELECTRICAL STUDIES OF POLYTHIOPHENE-TINOXIDE NANOCOMPOSITES" for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of Physics, is placed before the Academic Council, for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the Ph.D degree as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in the field of Physics.

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119. Post Doctoral Fellowship – Issuance of PDF certificate – Dr.Sinu J Varghese – Consideration of-reg. (Ac.EVII)

An application has been received from Dr.Sinu J Varghese, Post Doctoral Fellow in Zoology at Fatima Mata National College, Kollam. Vide UO.No.Ac.EVII/2014-15 dated 26/05/2017, she has been awarded SRF for a period from 22/09/2016 to 21/09/2017 under the supervision of Dr.Mary Teresa P Miranda, Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Zoology, Fatima Mata National College, Kollam, who is a retired faculty and Fatima Mata National College, Kollam as centre. Later she has been granted extension of period of fellowship for one more year for a period from 22/09/2017 to 21/09/2018 vide UO.No.Ac.EVII/2017 dated 12/04/2018.

As she has been awarded Ph.D in Zoology on 17/04/2018 (Date of Syndicate resolution) and her research Supervisor, Dr.Mary Teresa P Miranda has been retired from service, she has been granted conversion to Post Doctoral Fellowship w.e.f. 17/04/2018 to 21/09/2018 and Change of Research Supervisor to Dr.A Akhila Thomas, Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Zoology, Fatima Matha National College , Kollamvide UO.No.Ac.EVII/028834/2018 dated 17/09/2018.

Earlier she had requested for further extension in research period for seven months, but it was rejected by the Vice-Chancellor on the reason that the maximum duration of PDF award shall be restricted to two years and she has already completed two years of research. She has again submitted a request to reconsider the orders and requested for further extension in research period upto 31/03/2019 without any remuneration, for the successful completion of the research work, along with a medical certificate stating that her research work was affected due to some medical issues in between the research period. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 22/01/2019 has decided not to grant extension in research period beyond two year vide item.no.02.100.C24.

As per the orders of the Registrar a letter has been sent to the Head, Dept. of Zoology, University of Kerala, Kariavattom, seeking the information regarding the status of her PDF report. In the meantime, Dr.Sinu J Varghese has submitted an application for PDF certificate, in which she reported that she had submitted her PDF report on 12/03/2019. As per the remarks from the Head, Dept. of Zoology, **Smt.Sinu J Varghese submitted her PDF report at Dept. of Zoology, University of Kerala on 12/03/2019. It is also reported that she has successfully completed her PDF at FMN College, Kollam** and recommended to award PDF certificate.

When the matter was put up for orders on whether the PDF registration granted to Dr.Sinu J Varghese may be cancelled and the candidate be directed to refund the fellowship claimed or whether

she may be issued with the PDF certificate condoning the delay in submitting PDF report, the Vice Chancellor has ordered to place the matter before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research.

Considering the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics & Research held on 01/10/2019, the meeting of the Syndicate held on 30/10/2019 vide item No. 05.80.C4 resolved to conduct a hearing of the candidate at the next meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics & Research. Consequently sanction has been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor to conduct the hearing at the next Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics & Research.

Considering the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 07/01/2020, which heard the candidate, the Syndicate held on at its meeting held on 13/01/2020, vide item no.08.76.C7 has resolved to refer the matter to Standing Committee of the Academic Council for obtaining remarks in the regard.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor the matter is placed before the Academic Council for remarks.

RESOLVED that no extension be granted for PDF beyond 2 years.

120. Recognition of Ph.D Degree in Natural Sciences awarded by University of Konstanz, Germany-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application received from Sri.Franklin.J

Sri.Franklin. J submitted the thesis of Ph.D Degree in Natural Sciences entitled “Solid Phase Synthesis of Oligosaccharide Mimetics from Orthogonally Protected Sugar Diamino Acids for RNA Targeting” from the University of Konstanz, Germany for recognition of the said Degree for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of Chemistry.

The applicant has undergone 10 + 2 pattern of study recognised by the University of Kerala and passed B.Sc. Polymer Chemistry and M.Sc. Chemistry (Inorganic Chemistry) from Mahatma Gandhi University. He has submitted all relevant documents and remitted required amount of fee towards this purpose.

The Chairman Board of Studies in Chemistry (P.G.) has remarked that the Ph.D Degree in Natural Sciences was awarded by University of Konstanz, Germany which has world ranking of 222 as per Times Higher Education. It has been recognised by the AIU. The content in Chemistry in the thesis is of good quality which led to good publication. Based on quality and & quantity, the Chairman has recommended that the said Ph.D Degree may be considered as eligible for employment in the field of Chemistry. Also, the Chairman has awarded 89 points out of 100 to the variables in the format of the Evaluation Report attached as per the guidelines for evaluating the quality and relevance of the Ph.D thesis generated by a foreign University to be recognised by the University of Kerala.

The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman in the Evaluation Report and Proforma.

Hence, as per orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding recognition of the Ph.D Degree awarded to Sri.Franklin.J by the University of Konstanz, Germany for the thesis titled “Solid Phase Synthesis of Oligosaccharide Mimetics from Orthogonally Protected Sugar Diamino Acids for RNA Targeting” for the purpose of employment in the field of Chemistry is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to recognize the Ph.D degree as an eligible qualification for employment in the field of Chemistry.

121. Amendment to the Regulations relating to the Recognition of Examinations/ Degrees of State Boards/Statutory Universities/ Deemed Universities/Other Institutions – Consideration of- reg. (Ac.L)

The Academic Council at its meeting held on 6th September, 2019 vide item no. I.87 considered and noted the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in having approved the Recognition of Examinations/Degrees of State Boards/Statutory Universities/Deemed Universities/Other Institutions. On the basis of the recommendations of the Chairmen of various boards of studies and the Dean of respective faculties, the Degree/ Examinations/Diploma awarded by the State Boards/ Statutory

Universities/Institutions as per the details shown in the Statement appended are recognized as equivalent to the corresponding Examinations/Degrees of this University either on reciprocal basis or for specific purpose such as higher studies or employment as the case may be by the Vice Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council in exercise of the Power conferred on him as per Section 10(13) of the Kerala University Act, 1974.

The Degrees/ Diploma awarded by either Universities and recognized by the University of Kerala have to be incorporated in the “Regulations and Degrees of other Universities by an amendment. As such an amendment proposal is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

Amendment Proposal

“That, in Chapter IV- Norms for granting Recognition / equivalence to Examinations, Degrees etc. of Universities or Bodies of foreign Countries of the Regulations relating to recognition of examinations and Degrees of Other Universities, the following be added to the existing entries under relevant Universities/ Institutions under the Heading “Degrees and Examinations of other universities and institutions” recognized by the University of Kerala.”
(The List of Degrees/Examinations is appended)

The above amendment to Regulations relating to Recognition of Examinations/Degrees of State Boards/ Statutory Universities/ Deemed Universities/Other Institutions is laid before the Academic Council for consideration and adoption as envisaged under Section 25 (ii) of the Kerala University Act, 1974.

RESOLVED to approve the amendment proposal.
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122. Amendment to the Regulations relating to the Recognition of Examinations/Degrees of State Boards / Statutory Universities/ Deemed Universities / Other Institutions – Consideration of-reg. (Ac.L)

The Academic Council at its meeting held on 6th September, 2019 vide Item No. I.39 considered and noted the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in having approved the Recognition of Examinations/Degrees of State Boards/Statutory Universities/Deemed Universities/Other Institutions. On the basis of the recommendations of the Chairman of various boards of studies and the Dean of respective faculties, the Degree/ Examinations/Diploma awarded by the State Boards/ Statutory Universities/Institutions as per the details shown in the Statement appended are recognized as equivalent to the corresponding Examinations/Degrees of this University either on reciprocal basis or for specific purpose such as higher studies or employment as the case may be by the Vice Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council in exercise of the Power conferred on him as per Section 10(13) of the Kerala University Act, 1974.

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(The List of Degrees/Examinations is appended)

The above amendment to Regulations relating to Recognition of Examinations/Degrees of State Boards/ Statutory Universities/ Deemed Universities/Other Institution is laid before the Academic Council for consideration and adoption as envisaged under Section 25 (ii) of the Kerala University Act, 1974.

RESOLVED to approve the amendment proposal.
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123. M.Tech Degree Course (2003 Scheme) Mercy chance to appear for examinations of the failed subjects – Consideration of- reg. (Ac.A.III)

Several requests have been received from students of M.Tech Degree Course (2003 Schemes) for granting mercy chance to appear for the examinations of the failed subjects, for completing the programme.

As per the Regulations of M.Tech degree course (2003 Scheme), 'a student is given only three consecutive chances to reappear for the examination in the subject in which he has failed within a period of five years from the time of his/her registration to the M.Tech Programme'. A mercy chance examination was granted to the M.Tech 2003 Scheme as per U.O No. No.Ac.A.III/4/M.Tech/03/2018 Dated: 04/06/2018.

As per the orders of the Vice chancellor, the request of the 2003 Scheme students of M.Tech Degree Course for granting mercy chance, to clear the failed subjects placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

The meeting of the Syndicate held on 13/01/2020 Vide item No. 08.22.05 considered the minutes of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on examinations held on 18/12/2019. The Standing committee on examinations considered the above matter and recommended to grant one mercy chance to the failed candidates of M.Tech Degree Course (2003 Scheme), subject to reporting to the Academic Council. The committee also recommended that the mercy chance granted will be the final chance which shall be specified in the examination Notification.

The Syndicate resolved to refer the matter to the Academic Council, Subject to the approval of the Academic Council Mercy chance shall be granted to the failed candidates of M.Tech Degree Course (2003 Scheme).

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the above resolution of the Syndicate is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED TO grant one final mercy chance.
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124. UGC Regulations 2018- PBAS proforma and Applicant Summary Sheets for Placement/Promotion and direct recruitment of Teachers- Reporting of- (Ac.F.II)

The UGC has promulgated the **Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and the Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2018**, vide Govt of India notification dated 18/07/2018.

The UGC Regulations, 2018 was placed before the meeting of the Academic Council held on 13.03.2019 vide Item No. 68.

The Academic Council considered and resolved to approve the **UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and the Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2018** with the following modifications and additions.

1. For purpose of direct selection of teachers, a maximum of 20 marks be allotted for interview, in addition to the maximum of 100 marks allocated in the regulations for shortlisting of candidates.
2. Government Nominee shall be mandatory in all selection committees for direct recruitments to Government Aided Private Colleges.
3. For purpose of CAS promotion to the post of Associate Professor in Affiliated Aided Colleges, where such posts are borne on the cadre of Assistant Professor, constitution of Selection Committee need not be insisted, and instead Screening cum Evaluation Committee may be instituted.
4. The Teachers who are eligible for promotion during the period from 23.02.2016 upto the date of implementation of UGC Regulations 2018 may exercise option either for 2010 or 2018 Regulation.

Post mentioned as Assistant Director of Physical Education in the regulations shall be known as Assistant Professor. The Academic Council further resolved to approve the PBAS templates in respect of Physical Education.

It may be noted that, the Syndicate at its meeting held on 30.04.2019 considered the proposal regarding the finalisation of templates for Performance PBAS proforma and Applicant Summary Sheets for Placement/Promotion and direct recruitment of Teachers with respect to UGC Regulations 2018.

It was observed that while approving the proforma, the amendments proposed by the Academic Council, which were incorporated in the said proforma with specific recommendations relating to the actual implementation of the Regulations, in the light of the provisions contained thereto under clause 6.3, and limiting the modification of nomenclature of Assistant Director of Physical Education to University Departments alone, were not specifically noted in the Minutes of the item concerned of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 30.04.2019.

Hence, the Vice Chancellor has ordered to place the proposal of implementation of UGC regulations 2018 and the proposal regarding the finalisation of templates for Performance PBAS proforma and Applicant Summary Sheets for Placement/Promotion and direct recruitment of Teachers with respect to UGC Regulations 2018, before the Syndicate and the Syndicate held on 08.08.2019 reconsider the same vide Item No. 02.55 and resolved that the proposal be agreed with the following modifications.

1. The Teachers who are eligible for placement/promotion under CAS from 23.02.2016 onwards may exercise option A or Option B of UGC Regulation 2018. However, the option B can be exercised only within three years from the date of notification of UGC Regulations 2018, ie., upto 17.07.2021, subject to clause 6.3 of the UGC Regulations.

2. In the case of Aided affiliated Colleges, the post mentioned as College Director of Physical Education in the Regulations be known as Assistant Professor of Physical Education (Level 10) (Entry Cadre) with the subsequent levels being known as Assistant Professor (Level 11) Assistant Professor (Level 12), Associate Professor (Level 13 (A)) of Physical Education, so on, with the CAS Promotions/ placements being guided by the provisions under note 1 to 6.4 E Clause of the Regulations.

And further resolved that

(1) To approve the PBAS Proforma and Applicant Summary Sheet in respect of University Departments and Aided Colleges affiliated to the University of Kerala.

(2) To report the above modifications to the Academic Council

(3) Recommended to the Senate to make necessary amendments to the Kerala University First Statutes 1979.

As per the resolution of the Syndicate and orders of the Vice Chancellor, the U.O implementing the UGC Regulation 2018 alongwith the templates for Performance PBAS proforma and Applicant Summary Sheets for Placement/Promotion and direct recruitment of Teachers in affiliated aided Colleges with respect to UGC Regulations 2018, was issued vide U.O No. AcFII/General/UGC-R-2018/2019 dated 02.09.2019 and the same was uploaded on University website.

The above modifications are reported to the Academic Council.

Noted.

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125. Exemption from writing Ph.D Entrance Examination- request submitted by Anju Krishnan G, DST Women Scientist Awardee –Consideration of- reg. (AcEVI)

Request has been received from Smt. Anju Krishnan G, for exempting her from qualifying Ph.D entrance examination, as she had been awarded for the fellowship under Women Scientist Scheme – A (WOS-A) by the Department of Science and Technology (DST). Application has also been submitted by the candidate for the registration leading to award of Ph.D Degree in the subject Zoology in January 2020 session. The candidate in her letter stated that she was awarded the DST Women Scientist Fellowship on April 2019 and as per the DST norms she has to register for Ph.D within one year of the date of award. She also added that Mahatma Gandhi University has exempted the DST Women Scientist Awardees from writing Ph.D Entrance test. Hence she is requested that she be exempted from appearing the Ph.D Entrance test.

As per clause 3.1 of the Regulations for Award of Ph.D Degrees, University of Kerala, 2016, candidates with UGC - NET /JRF, UGC – CSIR-NET/JRF. SLET recognized by UGC, GATE and

Research fellowships of central and state Government departments/agencies as approved by the University from time to time, as the case may be, shall be eligible for exemption from the entrance test.

As per the orders of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor the matter of grating exemption from writing the Ph.D Entrance examination in respect of Smt. Anju Krishnan is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to accord exemption to ' Women Scientist' awardees of DST also from appearing in Ph.D entrance examination.

126. Regulations relating to the semesterisation of post graduate programmes in the School of Distance Education (2016) - minimum marks for pass in Dissertation and Viva-Voce – clarification – reg. (Ac.A II)

Regulations relating to the semesterisation of post graduate programmes in the school of distance education(SDE), 2016 was implemented vide notification no:Ac L/R/2729-B/2015 dated 06/02/2016.

Related regulatory provisions in this regard are as follows:

Clause 5.Evaluation

5.1. Evaluation of each course shall be done in two partz viz.

- 1.Continuous Evaluation(CE)
2. End Semester Evaluation(ESE)

5.2.The distribution of marks shall be 25% for CE and 75% for ESE.

5.3. Pass Requirement – There is no separate minimum for CE. However for a pass in each course a candidate shall obtain 35% for the ESE and 40% in the aggregate(both CE and ESE taken together). Minimum marks required for passing a programme is also 40%.

As per clause 6 - Classification of Results

6.1. The classification of results of the Programmes shall be done at the end of the 4th semester based on the total marks secured for all semesters and shall be as follows.

- Candidates securing not less than 40% but below 50% - Third Class
 Candidates securing not less than 50% but below 60% - Second Class
 Candidates securing 60% and above - First Class

The tabulation wing has pointed out that in the Scheme & Syllabus of MA Degree programme in Public Administration offered through SDE, minimum marks required for a pass in Dissertation, Viva-Voce of fourth semester are not mentioned.

Further pointed out that though the regulations provides for classification only as 'first', 'second' and 'third' class, the Scheme and Syllabus of MA Public Administration provides for 'Distinction' besides the said classification.

Since the valuation process of final semester PG is in progress, clarification on classification is essential for consolidating results.

The Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences remarked that "The condition '80% and above Distinction' contained in the Regulation of MA Public Administration shall be done away with"

The need for clarity over pass minimum for dissertation and Viva-voce for MA/Msc/M.com., in general, is being placed before this session of Academic Council as a separate item.

Hence deleting provision of classification of results as 'Distinction' in the scheme and syllabus for MA Public Administration offered through SDE, in tune with the PG regulations for SDE is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

RESOLVED that the minimum marks for pass in a programme shall be 40%, while for a pass in each course the minimum shall be 35% ESE with 40% in the aggregate(both CE and ESE taken together),and that there shall be no pass minimum for internal.

FURTHER RESOLVED to delete the provision of 'Distinction' in the classification of results for programmes under SDE.

127. Permission to write MA(Political Science) exam in Malayalam – request from Mx. Muhammed Najeeb.C – reg. (Ac. A II)

Mx.Muhammed Najeeb.C(Nadira Mehrin), candidate for MA(Political Science) has requested to write exam in Malayalam language.

As per Ordinance(3) subclause(3) of chapter VII of Kerala University First Ordinance 1978, it is clearly mentioned that, “Candidate must answer question papers, except in the case of languages other than English, in English, unless otherwise stated there in.”

But TG has requested a special consideration for writing exam in Malayalam, as a representative of transgender candidates who suffer educational backwardness.

The Dean Faculty of Social Sciences has remarked that, “The Kerala University First Ordinance 1978 clearly stipulates that candidates must answer question papers in English. The request by Muhammed Najeeb.C, for permission to write PG Examination in Malayalam medium therefore cannot be entertained.”

The Dean further remarked that, “there are other categories of students having social and economic backwardness writing examination in English. If social backwardness is accepted as a criteria for writing answer scripts in Malayalam, it would amount to opening up of a Pandoras Box.” Recently, Smt.Sreelekshmi.P, who is 100% visually impaired requested to write her MA(Music) exam in Malayalam with a scribe. But the Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts remarked that “the regulations may strictly be followed and the candidate may be provided with a scribe who can write the Examination in English”.

As per orders of the Vice Chancellor the matter regarding need for review of Ordinance(3) sub clause(3) of chapter VII, Kerala University First Ordinance 1978 is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to defer the matter for the time being.

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128. Eligibility criteria of MA degree programme in Russian – modification – consideration of – reg. (Ac. A II)

As per notification No. Acad. L – 4104 / R / 88 dated 22.08.1988, “ Graduation in any subject in the faculties of Arts, Social Sciences, Science and Oriental Studies with Russian as additional language under Part II of degree examination, securing not less than 50% marks for that part or a pass in the Diploma Examination in Russian of this University or an examination accepted by the Academic Council as equivalent to”.

The meeting of Faculty of Arts held on 02.03.2019, on the basis of the discussions in the annual meeting of Board of Studies in Russian, recommended that changing the eligibility criteria of MA Russian- be placed before the Academic Council.The minutes of the faculty was approved by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 13.03.2019.

The decision was arrived at the following submission by Dr. Narendran V before the annual meeting of the Board of Studies in Russian held on 28.12.2018, which are noted below:

- Students are unable to seek admission to M.A (Russian) over after securing 50% or more marks in the Diploma/Integrated Diploma in Russian examinations because of the fact that they do not have the required 50% or marks at graduation.
- Presently University rules restrict admission to the post graduate courses only to those who have secured 50% or more marks at graduation. But Degree Course in Russian is not offered in any college in the University of Kerala. Students who seek admission to M.A. (Russian)(which is offered at the Department of Russian) shall either have chosen Russian as Second Language at the graduate level, or should have Diploma/ Integrated Diploma in Russian which requires then to take a two year course at the University Department of Russian.
- Students who have secured 50% or more marks in the Diploma/Integrated Diploma in Russian Examinations will be denied admission if they fall short of the 50% marks at their graduation, which is in some subject other than Russian. This is an injustice done to students who have promising talent in Russian Language.”

The remarks of the Head of the Department,Department of Russian, who is also the Chairman,Board of Studies in Russian has been sought in the matter.

The Chairman remarked that the Board of Studies in Russian has not made any changes from the qualifications for admission to MA Russian from the condition stipulated in Notification No. Acad.L-4104/R/88 dated 22/08/1988. But since the credit and semester system authorities maintain

that graduation with atleast 50% of marks only should be admitted to MA courses, many students were denied admission in the past.

Hence the question whether modifications need be made in the eligibility criteria for admission to MA degree programme in Russian, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to refer the matter to CSS Academic Committee to consider modifying the CSS Admission Regulations in respect of Russian and German to stipulate 50% minimum for the corresponding language part in graduation/alternative qualification concerned.

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129. Master of Library and Information Science Degree programme (under SDE)-Updated regulations-approval of -reg. (Ac.A II)

The publication of results of first and second semester examinations of Master of Library and Information Science Degree programme (under SDE) are pending as the regulations of Master of Library and Information Science programme (under SDE) lacks clarity on the pass requirements of the programme .The Annual meeting of Board of Studies in Library and Information Science held on 31/01/2020 discussed and the regulations have been updated with necessary modifications.

The minutes of the meeting has been endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Arts and approved by the Registrar.

As ordered by the Vice Chancellor, updated regulations of MLISc programme under SDE is placed before the Academic Council for approval.

**Revised Updated regulations of MLISc Programme
under School of Distance Education.**

- **Objectives**

The main objectives of the Master's Degree in Library and Information Science (MLISc) are:

- To acquaint the students with the various aspects of information, knowledge and communication
- To acquaint the students with the various techniques of information storage and retrieval.
- To give students a detailed knowledge relating to national; and international information systems and techniques of designing various types of information systems
- To acquaint the students with facts of information technology and to make them proficient in using IT devices for the routine operations of the library.
- To equip the students in research methodology and statistical techniques.

- **Duration**

Two semesters

- **Eligibility for admission**

The minimum qualification for admission to the course is a bachelor's degree in library information science of the University of Kerala, or a degree of any other university recognized as equivalent thereto.

- **Attendance**

Minimum attendance required for ESE is 75%. No candidate will be allowed to register for the examination unless he/she has attended 75% of the contact classes/seminars. However those who do not have the required percentage for attendance can appear for ESE by paying a condonation fee fixed by the University.

- **Evaluation**

The evaluation consists of two parts

- Continuous Evaluation and ii) End Semester Evaluation
- Tutorials are to be conducted in each semester.

- **Continuous Evaluation (CE)**

25 marks set apart for CE for each paper are awarded by concerned course instructor/ course coordinator and are appointed as 5 for attendance, 10 for test papers/assignment and 10 marks for seminar presentation/records.

- **End Semester Evaluation (ESE)**

ESE shall be conducted by the University. Minimum attendance required to appear for ESE is 75% of classes, seminars and tutorials/contact classes. Examinations for odd and even semesters will be conducted at the end of the academic year. There will be 75 marks for each course in ESE. Students are eligible for condonation in attendance as per the general norms of the university.

- **Supplementary Exams**

Students who fail in any course in any semester shall be permitted to appear for the ESE with the next admitted batch of candidates. Maximum of two supplementary exams (along with the junior batch) is permitted within three academic years.

SCHEME OF TWO SEMESTER M. L. I. Sc. DEGREE COURSE

Total credits – 36

FIRST SEMESTER

Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Maximum Marks		Total
			Internal Assessment	Written exam (3 hrs.)	
LISM51	Information, Knowledge and Communication	4	25	75	100
LISM52	Information Processing and Retrieval	4	25	75	100
LISM53	Information Technology Applications (Theory)	4	25	75	100
LISM54	Information Technology Applications (Practical)	4	25	75	100
LISM55	Information Systems and Services	4	25	75	100
	Total	20			500

SECOND SEMESTER

Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Maximum Marks		Total
			Internal Assessment	Written exam (3 hrs.)	
LISM56	Information, Systems Management	4	25	75	100
LISM57	Research Methodology	4	25	75	100
LISM58	Dissertation and Viva-Voce examination	4	25 viva-voce	75 Dissertation	100
LISM59	Technical Writing	2	25	75	100
LISM510	Statistical Methods	2	25	75	100

	Total	16			500
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The teaching hours including seminars and tutorials for regular course shall be 16 hours per credit. Duration of contact classes for the course in SDE shall be as per the general pattern followed in the School of Distance Education.

There is no separate minimum for CE. But the minimum marks for ESE for pass in a course shall be 25 out of 75, and an aggregate (CE+ESE) of 40 or E Grade.

Grading

The final results for each course are in grades on a 7 point scale, as follows.

Percentage Of Marks	Letter Grade
90 and above	A+ Outstanding
80 to < 90	A Excellent
70 to < 80	B Very Good
60 to < 70	C Good
50 to < 60	D Satisfactory
40 to < 50	E Adequate
Below 40	Failed

- Consolidation of SCPA:** - SCPA is obtained by dividing the sum of credit points (CP) obtained in a semester by the sum of credits (C) taken in that semester. After the successful completion of a semester, semester credit point average (SCPA) of a student in that semester shall be calculated. Suppose the student has taken four courses each of four credits in a particular semester, after consolidating the Grade for each course. SCPA has to be calculated as shown below:

Course core	Title	credits	Mark obtained	Grade	Grade points (G=M/10)	Credit points CP=C*GP
01	4	82	A	8.2	32.8
02	4	60	C	6.0	24.0
03	4	50	D	5.0	20.0
04	4	45	E	4.5	18.0
Total		16				94.8

$SCPA = \text{Total Credit Points} / \text{Total Credits} = 94.8 / 16 = 5.92 = \text{D Grade}$

For the successful completion of a semester, a student shall have to score a minimum SCPA of 4.00 (E Grade). However, the students shall be promoted to the subsequent irrespective of SCPA scores.

- Consolidation of CCPA:** - An overall letter grade (Cumulative Grade) for the whole programme shall be awarded to the student based on the value of CCPA using a seven point scale as shown earlier. It is obtained by dividing the sum of the credit points to all the courses taken by the student, for the entire programme by the total number of credits.

Semester	SCPA Credit point (CP)	SCPA Credit (C)
1	94	16
2	95	16
Total	189	32

- CCPA = Total Credit Points of Two Semester / Total Credit of Two Semester. $189 / 32 = 5.9 = \text{D Grade}$**

For the successful completion of the programme and award of a degree, a student must pass all courses satisfying the minimum credit requirements and must score a minimum CCPA of 4.00 or an overall grade of E.

Dissertation and Viva Voce

The students have to work on a topic applying appropriate research techniques and prepare a dissertation. Appropriate size of the dissertation shall be minimum 100 typed pages in A4 size paper. The student should appear for a viva-voce. The viva-voce examination is based on the dissertation. 75 marks are set apart for dissertation and 25 marks for viva-voce. Students who fail

in appearing viva-voce shall be permitted to appear for a maximum two viva-voce (along with the junior batches only) within 3 academic years.

- **Supplementary Exams**

Students who fail in any course in any semester shall be permitted to appear for a maximum two supplementary exams (along with junior batch) with in three academic years.

- **Marks Cum Grade Sheet: -**

The consolidated mark cum grade sheet issued at the end of the final semester on completion of the programme shall contain the details of all courses taken during the entire programme for obtaining the degree the consolidated mark cum grade sheet shall indicate the CCPA and overall letter grade for the whole programme. No students shall be eligible for the award of the degree unless he/she has successfully completed a programme of not less than 2 semester's duration and secured at least 32 credits prescribed in the Regulations.

The marks-cum-grade sheet of both the semester be prepared providing 9 columns in the following order with necessary description as shown below.

M.L.I.Sc. Degree Programme
Under Credit and Semester System (CSS) in SDE

Semester 1.

Course code	Course Title	Credit	Mark Awarded			Grade Points (GP)	Grade Awarded (G)	Credit Point (C*GP)
			ESE (Max 75)	CE (Max25)	Total (Max100)			
LISM51	4						
LISM52	4						
LISM53	4						
LISM54	4						
LISM55	4						
Results	SCPA							Grade Awarded

Semester 2.

Course code	Course Title	Credit	Mark Awarded			Grade Points (GP)	Grade Awarded (G)	Credit Point (C*GP)
			ESE (Max 75)	CE (Max25)	Total (Max100)			
LISM56	4						
LISM57	4						
LISM58	4						
LISM59	2						
LISM510	2						
Results	SCPA							Grade Awarded

CONSOLIDATED GRADE CARD

Semester	Attendance	GPA	Grade	Credit
1				
2				

FINAL RESULT

CCPA	Credit	Grade	Percentage

RESOLVED to approve the updated Regulations of Master of Library and Information Science Degree programme in the School of Distance Education.

130. UG Admission – request received from Sri. Bibinraj. R.B – boarded out from National Defence Academy on medical grounds – admission for BSc Computer Science in the third Semester (Ac.AIV)

A request has been received from Sri. Bibinraj. R.B – who was a cadet of National defence Academy and boarded out on medical grounds, for admission to BSc. Computer Science course. In the request it has been stated that Bibinraj. R. B joined National Defence Academy in January, 2018. He was pursuing BSc Computer Science degree in Academy along with the Military Training. During the course of Training, he was injured and boarded out from the Academy on medical grounds in September, 2019. He completed two semesters of BSc Computer Science course in the academy which is recognized by the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. It has been stated that he wishes to rejoin defence service through CDSE after the completion of degree course. He is now 20 years old . Since the age limit for applying for CDSE is 23 , if he couldn't join for the degree course this year, he will not be able to apply for the same. He has requested for admission at Govt. College Kariavattom for BSc Computer Science course in any of the affiliated Govt/ Aided / Self Financing colleges in this academic year.

In this context, the following points may be noted.

- 1) The candidate has not registered for degree admission 2019.
- 2) Admission to all UG courses for the academic year 2019 – 2020 has been closed on 16.09.2019.

The Syndicate considered the request of Sri. Bibinraj R. B and resolved to authorize the Chairman, BoS in Computer Science (Pass) to verify the feasibility. The Chairman opined that the content of the Syllabus of the programme undergone by the candidate is closely similar to what University of Kerala offers for BSc Computer Science. But in order to make a policy decision for the same the matter was referred to the Board of Studies in Computer Science (Pass) meeting because University of Kerala doesn't permit lateral entry for the BSc Computer Science Programme.

The Board considered the matter and recommended that specific permission should be extended to him to join third semester BSc Computer Science in 2020 itself. Also recommended that in due course he has to clear all first and second semester courses of University of Kerala as supplementary exams.

The above said matter was discussed in the annual meeting of Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology and recommended to place it before Academic Council as a separate item since the lateral entry in BSc Computer Science Programme is against the CBCSS regulation of University of Kerala.

Therefore as per the orders of the Vice- Chancellor, the matter of readmission to Third semester BSc Computer Science Programme, in respect of the candidate Sri. Bibinraj R.B is placed before the Academic Council for Consideration.

RESOLVED TO permit the applicant to join third semester of B.Sc. Computer Science programme subject to the condition that in due course he has to clear all first and second semester courses of University of Kerala in supplementary examinations.

131. Amendment to Regulations relating to First Degree Programmes under CBCS system Continuous Evaluation (CE)- Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AV)

- Ref:-**
1. Minutes of the meeting of the Sub -Committee constituted to study the complaints regarding internal marks held on 05.02.2020.
 2. Minutes of the meeting of the University Level Monitoring Committee (ULMC) held on 19.02.2020.
 3. Minutes of the meeting of the University Level Monitoring Committee (ULMC) held on 28.02.2020.

The Sub-Committee constituted to study the complaints regarding internal marks held on 05.02.2020 recommended to exclude the marks for attendance in Continuous Evaluation for UG & PG courses and suggested no minimum for Continuous Evaluation in UG courses.

As per the regulations, the marks of CE for UG courses shall be consolidated by adding the marks of Attendance, Assignment/Seminar and Test paper respectively.

a	Attendance	5 marks
b	Assignment/Seminar	5 marks
c	Test Paper	10 marks

The subcommittee recommended to modify the above clause as follows:

	Assignment/Seminar	10 marks
	Test Paper	10 marks

Further recommended that the minimum percentage (35%-E Grade) required for a pass in Continuous Evaluation (CE) may be removed from the Clause 12.7 of the Regulations relating to First Degree Programmes under CBCS system and also recommended that the other rules regarding attendance for UG courses remain as such and the above recommendations shall come into effect from 2020 admissions onwards.

The University Level Monitoring Committee (ULMC) held on 19.02.2020 vide Item.No.4 approved the recommendations of the Sub-Committee to exclude the marks for attendance in Continuous Evaluation (CE) for First Degree Programme under CBCS system and that no minimum marks be prescribed for Continuous Evaluation (CE) in UG courses. The Committee recommended to modify the clause 12.3 of the regulations relating to First Degree Programme under CBCS system as follows:

a	Assignment/Seminar	10 marks
b	Test Paper	10 marks

Further recommended that the above changes need not be made applicable to practical courses of the First Degree Programmes under CBCS system and all other rules regarding attendance for First Degree Programmes shall remain as such.

Also recommended that Academic Branch may place a detailed note specifying the clauses related to Continuous Evaluation (CE) stipulated in the regulations relating to First Degree Programme under CBCS system, which require amendments and to place the same before the meeting of the ULMC to be held on 28.02.2020.

The University Level Monitoring Committee held on 28.02.2020 recommended to change/modify the clauses in the regulations relating to First Degree Programme under CBCS system is as follows:

Clauses	Existing Provisions	Recommended Change/ modification
7.11	Attendance: Students who secure a minimum of 75% attendance in the aggregate for all the Courses of a semester taken together alone will be allowed to register for End Semester Evaluation. Others have to repeat the semester along with the next batch, unless they could make up the shortage of attendance through condonation. However the award of Grade for attendance in CE shall be made course-wise. Condonation of shortage of attendance to a maximum of 10 days in a semester subject to a maximum of two times during the whole period of a Degree Programme shall be granted by the	<i>Attendance: Students who secure a minimum of 75% attendance in the aggregate for all the Courses of a semester taken together alone will be allowed to register for End Semester Evaluation. Others have to repeat the semester along with the next batch, unless they could make up the shortage of attendance through condonation. However the award of Grade for attendance in CE shall be made course-wise for practicals only. Condonation of shortage of attendance to a maximum of 10 days in a semester subject to a maximum of two times during the whole period of a Degree Programme shall be granted by the University on valid grounds. This</i>

	University on valid grounds. This condonation shall not be considered for awarding marks for CE. Benefits of attendance for a maximum of 10 days in a semester shall be granted to students who participate/ attend University Union activities, meetings of the University Bodies and Extra Curricular Activities, on production of participation/attendance certificate by the University Authorities/Principals as the case may be. But in such cases, condonation will be considered for award of marks for CE.	<i>condonation shall not be considered for awarding marks for CE in practicals. Benefits of attendance for a maximum of 10 days in a semester shall be granted to students who participate/ attend University Union activities, meetings of the University Bodies and Extra Curricular Activities, on production of participation/ attendance certificate by the University Authorities/Principals as the case may be. But in such cases, condonation will be considered for award of marks for CE in practicals only.</i>
9.2.2	The allotment of marks for attendance shall be as follows: Attendance less than 51 % - 0 mark 51% to 60% - 1 mark 61% to 70% - 2 marks 71% to 80% - 3 marks 81% to 90% - 4 marks 91% to 100% - 5 marks	<i>The allotment of marks for attendance for practicals shall be as follows: Attendance less than 51 % - 0 mark 51% to 60% - 1 mark 61% to 70% - 2 marks 71% to 80% - 3 marks 81% to 90% - 4 marks 91% to 100% - 5 marks</i>
12.3	The marks of CE shall be consolidated by adding the marks of Attendance, Assignment/ Seminar and Test paper respectively for a particular Course. a Attendance 5 marks b Assignment/Seminar 5 marks c Test Paper 10 marks	<i>The marks of CE shall be consolidated by adding the marks of Assignment/ Seminar and Test paper respectively for a particular Course. (a)Assignment/Seminar:10marks (b)Test Paper :10 marks</i>
12.7	A minimum of 35% marks (E Grade) shall be required for passing a Course with a separate minimum of 35% (E Grade) for Continuous Evaluation and End Semester Evaluation.	<i>A minimum of 35% marks (E Grade) shall be required for passing a course with a separate minimum of 35% (E Grade) for End Semester Evaluation (ESE).</i>
12.16	Those who fail in the CE (those who fail to secure a minimum of E grade) will have one chance to improve (except the marks for attendance) along with next regular batch of students	<i>Those who fail to secure a pass minimum of 35% (E Grade) for a course will have one chance to improve CE marks for the course.</i>

The committee recommended that these modifications relating to Continuous Evaluation (CE) stipulated in the regulations relating to First Degree Programmes under CBCS system shall take effect from the academic year 2020 admissions onwards and further recommended that the matter is to be placed before Academic council.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to reallocate marks presently allocated for attendance to assignment. Also authorized the Syndicate to formulate specific policy on the matter of assigning separate internal marks for attendance component.

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132. Belated appearance of Internal Viva voce , Drafting , Pleading and Moot Court activities of Three year LLB degree course – Consideration of- reg. (EG I a)

As per the Regulations of Three year Unitary LLB degree course, Paper V of Third, Fourth, Fifth and Six semester comprising viva voce, drafting pleading , moot court activities etc, is evaluated internally. Hence the Regulation stipulates that a candidate who fails in paper V of Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth semesters shall appear in that paper in the next academic year without obtaining readmission.

Request has been received from Sri.Bijoy SJ, Smt.Liju B Nair and Sri.Sajikumar P, Sri.Arun R and Sri.A.Iqbal as detailed below to accept the marks secured in paper V of Third, Fourth, Fifth and Six semester in Unitary LLB and Paper IV and Paper V of Three year LLB Prior to 2011 admission, which is done along with supplementary appearances other than in the next immediate chance as stipulated in the Regulation.

In a similar case in respect of Smt.Asha.S.Nair, candidate of Three year LLB (prior to 2011 admission) from Kerala Law Academy Law College, who appeared for paper V (viva voce) in November 2007 and failed in that paper and was unable to appear in the next immediate chance due to health issues as stated by the candidate, appeared for paper V along with the mercy chance appearance in December 2016. Since the Regulation of Three year LLB (prior to 2011 admission) is silent regarding the conduct /appearance of paper V, clarification was sought from the Academic section. The Academic section remarked that the marks awarded for the viva voce along with mercy chance appearance may be accepted after getting approval of the authorities.

Therefore as per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor the matter was placed before the Examination Monitoring Committee. The Examination Monitoring Committee at its meeting held on 5.10.2019 considered the matter and recommended to accept the marks awarded for viva voce conducted along with mercy chance examination. Similar in the case listed under Sl.no5 above.

Since the Regulation for Three year Unitary LLB degree course stipulates to repeat the failed paper V of Third, Fourth, Fifth and Six semester in the next academic year, clarification was sought from the Chairman BoS on whether the reappearance after a lapse of more than one year can be accepted. The Chairman BoS had remarked that " It is seen that the relevant Regulation provides for participating in the Moot court in the next academic year, when one fails to participate in the regular stream. The Regulation is silent as to the remedy of a candidate who fails to participate in Moot court for a considerable period, as in the present case. The scheme and syllabus is totally different at present. In these circumstances University may pass appropriate orders."

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations held on 18.12.2019 considered the matter and recommended to refer the same to the Academic Council. However the Syndicate held on 13.01.2020, vide item no.08.22.04 resolved that the item be referred to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations for detailed study.

Accordingly the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations at its meeting held on 26.02.2020 considered the matter and recommended that the internal marks acceptable as per the regulations be accepted and to place the matter of rest of the candidates before the Academic council. Considering the urgency of the matter the above recommendations of the Committee was approved by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor subject to reporting to the Syndicate.

The matter is therefore placed before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

RESOLVED to accept the marks secured in supplementary appearances other than the next immediate chance alongwith marks awarded for moot court, drafting , pleading and viva voce in the case of candidates in respect of whom the relevant scheme has already expired or where the candidate is appearing for mercy chance.

133. MBA Degree course – Request for Mercy chance Examinations – 2014 Scheme (2014 Admissions)-Consideration of - reg. (Ac.A.IV)

As per the regulations relating to MBA Degree Course (2014 Scheme), a candidate shall be required to complete the programme within a period of five years after joining the programme. As per the requests received from the MBA(2009 Scheme) candidates for mercy chance, U.O No.Ac.AIV/3/Mercy Chance/MBA/2019 dtd 06.06.2019 issued for all semesters.

As per the remarks from the tabulation section, it is reported that all the permissible chances of first semester examination for 2014 admission candidates were over (two supplementary chances and two additional chances). The scheme and syllabus of MBA course was revised in 2018.

Now more candidates have requested for conducting mercy chance examination of all semesters of MBA (2014 scheme) and 2014 admission.

The matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations at its meeting held on 26th February 2020 vide item no. 5 and the committee recommended to grant one mercy chance and to refer the matter to the ensuing Academic Council.

In view of exigency, the recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations held on 26th February 2020 was approved by the Vice Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Syndicate.

Therefore the matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to agree to the request .

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134. School of Distance Education – Inclusion of mode of delivery in the marklists of candidates – Consideration of - reg . (Ac.AIV)

The University Grants Commission, vide letter dated 31.10.2016 has informed that some institutions / Universities offering education through open and distance learning (ODL) mode, issue the degrees, mark sheets, diploma certificates etc to the students without indicating the mode of delivery of the programme.

In order to erase the ambiguities between conventional mode degree(s) with that of ODL mode degree(s), the commission has decided that all the institutions/ Universities offering programmes through ODL mode are essentially required to mention “ Mode of delivery : ODL/ Distance “ on all the documents issued to the students during or after the completion of programme.

The Academic Council at its meeting held on 15.04.2017, vide item no. 11 resolved that the mode of delivery :’ Distance Study ‘ be mentioned in all the documents issued to the candidates who appear for the examinations through SDE during or after completion of the programme with effect from 2017 admissions. Vide U.O no. Ac. AIV/2/Mode of delivery – SDE dated 08.06.2017 was also issued in this regard.

Now, while the draft marklist of various UG and PG courses under SDE (S1 and S2) were forwarded from different tabulation sections, for approval of respective Chairpersons and Deans of Faculties, the mode of delivery was mentioned in different ways such as abbreviation – ‘DS’ , ‘Distance Study’ , ‘ Distance Mode’ ,‘from school of Distance Education’ etc. During the process of approval of draft marklists, while certain Chairpersons and Deans verified and approved the drafts, going through the academic particulars in the draft such as course code, course title, credits etc without specifically mentioning the mode of delivery, others had pointed out the decision taken by the Academic Council for inclusion of mode of delivery in the marklists.

In this context ,the meeting of the SDE Monitoring Committee held on 26.07.2019 considered the matter and observed that the system of inscription of mode of delivery in marklists and Degree certificates are not been followed in other streams/ modes of courses offered by the University and the Committee recommended to refer the matter to the Syndicate. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 31.08.2019 vide item no: 03.42.03 resolved that the item be referred to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations along with the guideline of UGC.

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations held on 26/02/2020 vide item no. 12 considered the matter and recommended to refer the matter to the Academic Council by including remarks of the Director, SDE. The remarks of the Director, SDE sought through e-mail.

Remarks of the Director, SDE :

The UGC-DEB Regulations 2017, clause 13(9) had directed the Universities to mention the mode of delivery i.e. Open and Distance Learning in the mark sheet and Degree Certificates issued to students who have completed their programmes through Open and Distance Mode as different from that of Regular mode. Based on this, a proposal has been put up from the Tabulation Section to mark the Degree Certificates / Mark sheets issued to graduated SDE students with a “D/S”(Distance Study) signifying that they had pursued their programme through distance mode.

But it may be noted that the UGC Distance Education Bureau in its Public Notice issued later F.No.1 - 9/2018 (DEB-I) dated 23.02.2018 has emphasized that “Non recognition / non equivalent of degrees of Open and Distance Learning (ODL) institutions for the purpose of promotion /employment

and pursuing higher education may prove a deterrent to many aspiring students and will ultimately defeat the purpose of Open and Distance Education.” And that “the Degrees /Diplomas/Certificates awarded for programmes conducted by the ODL institutions recognized by the erstwhile DEC/UGC, in conformity with UGC Notification on Specifications of Degrees, should be treated as equivalent to the corresponding awards Degrees/Diplomas/Certificate of the traditional Universities /Institutions in the country.

From 2020-21 onwards, as per the UGC directions, SDE has already submitted an affidavit to UGC to the effect that SDE will follow the same scheme and syllabus applicable to the regular mode students and that examinations shall be conducted using the same question papers at par with that of a regular mode , from 2020 -21 onwards.

Moreover, since 1976, University has been issuing Degree Certificates to students pursuing programmes of SDE, without any differentiation with the regular mode.

Further, no other Universities in Kerala are issuing Certificates or Mark lists differentiating the students of Distance mode, from that of Regular mode.

In the circumstances, the proposal to differentiate the Mark list/Degree Certificates of students who pass out from SDE, from that of students of Regular mode would not be in conformity with the UGC Public Notice 2018 mentioned above.

Hence the proposal to differentiate the Degree Certificates / Mark lists issued to students pursuing UG & PG programmes through Regular and Distance mode may not be considered.

As ordered by the Vice – Chancellor , the need for clarity in the terminology relating to the mode of delivery to be used in the marksheets and related documents being issued to the students of SDE is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate recommendations.

RESOLVED to revoke the University order in view of the revised UGC notification.

135. LL.M Degree Course – 2001 scheme – Mercy chance to Second and Fourth semesters – Request – Consideration of- reg. (Ac.AIII)

Sri. R Subramanian Potty (2015 admission), candidate of LL.M Degree Course of 2001 scheme, who could not complete his course within the time limit stipulated in the Regulations, has now requested to grant him a mercy chance, to appear for the failed papers of II and IV semesters, at the ensuing examinations.

In this context, it may be noted that:

As per the Regulations of LL.M Degree Course “No candidate shall be permitted to complete the programme by attending more than eight (8) continuous semesters” and “Not more than two chances for reappearance for each semester shall be granted”.

As per the same, the candidate can appear for the LLM examination only if mercy chance is allowed, as the time limit for the completion of the programme is over.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the request of Sri. R Subramanian Potty, for a mercy chance to appear for the failed papers, was placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations. The Committee held on 26.02.2020 item No. 34 recommended to grant one mercy chance and to place the matter before the ensuing Academic Council. In view of exigency, the above recommendations was approved by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Syndicate.

Hence, as per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the request from Sri. R Subramanian Potty, LL.M Degree Course of 2001 scheme, for a mercy chance to appear for the failed papers, is placed before the Academic Council , for appropriate decision.

RESOLVED to permit one final chance.

136. Three year LL.B Degree Course (2004, 05 06, 08 and 09 admissions-2004 scheme and Five year LLB Degree course (2002,03,04,06,07 and 08 admissions -2002 scheme - One mercy chance to appear for the failed papers – Granted – Orders issued. – Reporting of – reg. (Ac.AIII)

The candidates of Three year LL.B Degree Course of 2004 to 2011 admissions (2004 scheme) and Five year LL.B Degree Course of 2002 to 2011 admissions (2002 scheme) who could not complete their examinations, had requested to grant them one more chance to appear for the failed papers as they had improved their internal assessment marks as per the clause '6' of the guidelines for improvement of internal assessment as special appearance to the LLB students.

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations held on 15.11.2019 had considered the requests and recommended to grant one mercy chance examination to the failed candidates of 3 year LL.B Degree Course of 2004, 05, 06, 08 & 09 admissions – 2004 scheme (2007, 10 , 11 & 12 admissions excluded) and 5 year LL.B Degree Course of 2002, 03, 04, 06, 07 & 08 admissions – 2002 scheme (2005, 09, 10 & 2011 admissions excluded) , subject to reporting to the Academic Council. The Committee also recommended that the mercy chance granted will be the final chance which shall be specified in the examination notification. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 22.11.2019 [item No. 06.62.22] resolved to approve the same.

The Vice-Chancellor subject to reporting to the Academic Council had accorded Sanction to the candidates of 3 year LL.B Degree Course of 2004, 05, 06, 08 & 2009 admissions – 2004 scheme and 5 year LL.B Degree Course of 2002, 03, 04, 06, 07 & 2008 admissions – 2002 scheme, who could not clear all the papers, being granted one mercy chance to appear for the failed papers. Accordingly UO NO. Ac.AIII/3/3yr&5yr LLB_Mercy chance/2019 dated,01.01.2020 was issued.

The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having granted one mercy chance to the candidates of Three year LL.B Degree Course of 2004, 05, 06, 08 & 2009 admissions – 2004 scheme and 5 year LL.B Degree Course of 2002, 03, 04, 06, 07 & 2008 admissions – 2002 scheme, and issuance of U.O No. Ac.AIII/3/3yr & 5yr LLB_Mercy chance/2019, dated 01/01/2020 is reported to the Academic Council.

Noted

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137. M.A/M.Sc (Semester) Programmes – Request for granting Mercy Chance Examination – Regarding-Consideration of –reg. (Ac.AII)

As per clause 3.1 of the Regulations for PG degree programme, the normal duration of a PG degree programme shall be four semesters. No students shall be permitted to complete the programme by attending more than 8 continuous semesters.

As per U.O.No.Ac.AIV/1/Uniform Span Period/2016 dtd.15.07.2016, the maximum duration for completing a programme of study be restricted to Y+ 2 years for annual programmes and S+4 semesters for semester programme unless otherwise specified by the apex bodies, where Y and S stand for the normal or minimum duration prescribed for completion of the programme.This will supersede the provisions currently contained in the Regulations of various courses and stands applicable to all UG and PG courses.

The candidates who could not get a pass within this period, can write the exam only if mercy chance is granted.

The list of students who requested for mercy chance for the various scheme/ admissions/ subjects is appended herewith.

The request of candidates for granting mercy chance for examinations of PG programmes was placed before the Standing Committee on Examination held on 26.02.2020.

The Committee recommended to grant one mercy chance and to refer the matter to the ensuing Academic Council.

In view of exigency, the above recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations was approved by the Vice – Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Syndicate.

The request of candidates for granting mercy chance for examinations of PG programmes and the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations to grant one mercy chance, subject to reporting to the Syndicate is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to grant one more chance to all subjects .
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138. B.Tech Degree Course – Request to avail One Time Provision for sessional improvement by candidates of 2013 admission who have already attended sessional improvement – Consideration of -reg. (Ac.AIII)

B.Tech Tabulation section has forwarded requests from students seeking permission to register for One Time sessional improvement. Notification for One Time provision for improvement of sessional marks for B.Tech Students (2013 admission) who have already secured 40 and above marks in theory papers in the University supplementary examinations, but failed in the subject due to low internal marks (less than 35) was issued on 03.12.2019.

The notification for improvement of sessional marks after completion of course for B.Tech students (2013 admission) who have failed in the examination has been issued for improving the marks of Even Semesters on 25.01.2019. The individual orders were issued in March 2019. The Academic Council at its meeting held on 13.03.2019 resolved to agree to the request of B.Tech Students (2013 scheme) to permit improvement of Internal marks only for students who have secured 40 or above marks in theory examinations but failed due to low internal marks. University order approving the guidelines was issued on 12.06.2019, the provision was extended to B.Arch and B.Tech 2008 scheme also. As per the above guidelines, the clause V in the norms issued earlier ie, “they shall attended the University Examinations of the subject (s) in which they have improve the sessional marks as per the existing scheme and syllabus. The earlier marks secured (CA & ESA) in the concerned subject (s) will stand canceled on registration to the University Examinations” is exempted.

The notification for improvement of sessional marks for Odd semesters (2013 admission) was issued on 21.08.2019 for students **who have not secured 40 or above marks in supplementary examination.**

The students who have already improved sessional marks of Even semesters in March 2019 and secured 40 marks in previous examination have now requested to permit them to register for One Time sessional improvement so as to avoid attending University Examination. They claim that at the time of notification of the Even semesters the provision of One Time CA improvement was not approved by University. As per the improvement orders issued to these candidates they shall attend University Examination after completing internal improvement.

The students who have applied for sessional improvement of Odd semesters, ie, who have not secured 40 marks, after receiving the order, have secured 40 marks in recently published results and they have also requested to permit them to register for One Time sessional improvement to avoid attending University Examination.

As per the notification for One Time sessional improvement issued on 03.12.2019 the last date was 18.12.2019. The tabulation section requested to clarify:-

1. whether the above category of students may be permitted to register One Time sessional improvement.
2. In the case of candidates who have secured 40 or above marks and done sessional improvement already as per the Odd & Even semester notifications, whether their improved sessional marks be considered under One Time provision notified on 03.12.2019.
3. If the above students are permitted to register One Time improvement, whether the students need to remit additional fees. (Fee of rupees 765/- per semester were remitted by students towards sessional improvement processed in the Academic section. The fee for One Time registration is 2500/- per semester and rupees 500/- per subjects).

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations held on 18/12/2019 considered the above matter and recommended to refer the matter to the Academic Council with the recommendations of the Board of Studies Engineering and the Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology. The Syndicate held on 13/01/2020, Vide item No. 08.22.09 resolved that the above recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations held on 18/12/2019 be approved.

The meeting of the Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass -I, II and III) chaired by the Chairman, Pass - II held on 22/02/2020 recommended that the Onetime Sessional Improvement may

be allowed and the student need to write the University Examination after completing the Sessional improvement. The minutes of the meeting was circulated to the Chairman Pass- I, Pass III and other members of the Board of studies in Engineering (Pass-I,II and III). The Chairman Pass- I and some members noted the minutes and recommendation of the Additional meeting and approved the minutes. But the Chairman Pass- III and one member, remarked that if they have already passed the University examination ,they need not appear again just for the want of Sessional marks, but they need to improve the sessional marks so as to get the minimum required for overall pass .

The Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology remarked that he considered it as a matter of fairness to extend all the benefits provided in the notification dated 3/12/2019 to students who have done their sessional improvement prior to 3/12/2019. He remarked that the matter may be circulated to the BoS via email by including his recommendation. The remarks of the Dean was forwarded to all the chairmen and members of the Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass-I,II and III) through email for their remarks. Several members of the Board of Studies have now agreed with the opinion of the Dean.

As per the orders of the vice Chancellor, the above matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate decision.

RESOLVED to permit one time sessional improvement as per Regulations .

FURTHER RESOLVED that improved sessional marks obtained by candidates who has secured 40 or above marks in end-semester examinations be reckoned under one time provision and to exempt remittance of additional fees **and also resolved** the benefit of notification dated 03/12/2019 be extended to candidates who did the sessional improvement prior to the said notification.

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139. B.Ed Degree Course- Request for Mercy chance Examination for first semester (Two year, 2015 Scheme) – Consideration of- reg. (Ac.AIII)

Some candidates of B.Ed Degree Course have submitted requests for conducting mercy chance examination for first semester (Two year, 2015 Scheme).

As per the Regulations of B.Ed degree course (2015 Scheme), three chances will be given for reappearance as long as the same Scheme exists. The Syllabus of B.Ed degree course has been revised from 2019 onwards. Presently, the last batch of 2015 Scheme (Two year, 2018 admission) B.Ed degree students are studying in the 4th semester.

The file was placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations held on 26.02.2020. The committee vide item no. 09 recommended to grant one mercy chance and to refer the matter to the ensuing Academic Council. Also, in view of exigency, the recommendations of item no. 09 in the minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations held on 26.02.2020 was approved by the Vice Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Syndicate.

Accordingly, the matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to approve the one time mercy chance .

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140. B.Ed Degree in Special Education (Intellectual Disability) Course – Request for Mercy Chance for Ist, IInd ,IIIRD & IVth Semester of 2015 Scheme – Consideration of- reg. (EG.B.II)

Smt.Rakhimol.R, Candidate from K.V.M College of Special.Education, Cherthala has submitted request for conducting Mercy Chance Examination for B.Ed Degree in Special Education (ID) (2015 Scheme).

B.Ed Degree in Special Education (Intellectual Disability) Course is being conducted only at K.V.M College of Special Education, Cherthala under University of Kerala. 2015 Scheme is going on for the above said course.

As per the Regulations of B.Ed Degree in Special Education Course (2015 scheme), 'A Student may be permitted to complete the programme, on valid reasons within a period of three years from the date of admission to the programme'.

Smt. Rakhimol R, got admission to B.Ed Special Education (Intellectual Disability) Degree Course during the academic year 2015-2017. As per the Regulations she had to complete the course in 2018. Smt. Rakhimol R had failed in all semesters of the course.

In the light of the above facts, as per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the request of Smt. Rakhimol R, for mercy chance to appear for all semesters of B.Ed Degree in Special Education Course (2015 scheme) was placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations held on 26/02/2020.

The Committee recommended to grant one mercy chance and to place the matter before the ensuing Academic Council.

Hence the whole matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

RESOLVED to approve the proposed one time mercy chance.

141. Amendment of PG Regulations- recommendation of the University Level Monitoring Committee on PG Programmes under semester system held on 28.02.2020 –Consideration of- reg . (Ac.AII)

The University Level Monitoring Committee on PG Programmes under semester system held on 28.02.2020, on the basis of agenda item placed by the Monitoring and Co-ordination section of Examination branch, considered the opinion of the Sub committee constituted to study the complaints regarding internal marks ie, to exclude the marks for attendance in Continuous Evaluation for PG Courses and to modify the marks for continuous assessment as follows:

	As per the regulations for PG programmes	Modifications recommended by the Sub Committee
Attendance	5 marks	-
Assignment	5 marks	5 marks
Test Paper	10 marks	10 marks
Seminar	5 marks	10 marks

The Sub Committee also remarked that the other rules regarding attendance for PG courses remains as such and the modifications shall come into effect from 2020 admissions.

The ULMC recommended to approve the same and also recommended that a detailed proposal for the above matter to be placed by the Academic Section before the ensuing Academic Council to bring the changes effective from 2020 admissions onwards. The above recommendation has been approved by the Vice Chancellor.

On implementation of above decision, provisions under clause 6.3 in the existing regulations, prescribing the marks eligible on the basis of percentage of attendance shall be deleted and modifications in marks prescribed for seminar be modified under clause 6.6.

Accordingly, the matter of modifications excluding the marks for attendance in Continuous Evaluation of theory papers and modification of marks for continuous assessment relating to seminar for PG Courses with effect from 2020 admissions is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

RESOLVED to reallocate marks presently allocated for attendance to assignment. Also authorized the Syndicate to formulate policy on the matter of assigning separate internal marks for attendance component.

(II) Business brought forward by the Faculties

(i) – Faculty of Education.

(Ac.A.III)

Dr.Bindu R.L, Dean, Faculty of Education moved that the recommendation of the Faculty of Education as contained in the minutes of its meeting held on 13/01/2020 be approved”.

The Academic Council RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Faculty of Education as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 13/01/2020 be approved.

(ii) - Faculty of Law.

(Ac.A.III)

Dr.K.C. Sunny, Dean, Faculty of Law moved that the recommendation of the Faculty of Law as contained in the minutes of its meeting held on 16/01/2020 be approved”.

The Academic Council RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Faculty of Law as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 16/01/2020 be approved.

(iii) - Faculty of Engineering & Technology.

(Ac.A.III)

Dr. S. Anil Lal, Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Technology, moved that the recommendation of the Faculty of Engineering & Technology as contained in the minutes of its meeting held on 27/11/2019 be approved”.

The Academic Council RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Faculty of Engineering & Technology as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 27/11/2019 be approved.

(iv) - Faculty of Physical Education

(Ac.A.IV)

Dr.Usha Sujith Nair, Dean, Faculty of Physical Education moved that the recommendation of the Faculty of Physical Education as contained in the minutes of its meeting held on 25/01/2020 be approved”.

The Academic Council RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Faculty of Physical Education as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 25/01/2020 be approved.

(v) - Faculty of Fine Arts.

(Ac.A.IV)

Dr.Sobha B. Nair, Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts moved that the recommendation of the Faculty of Fine Arts as contained in the minutes of its meeting held on 26/02/2020 be approved”.

The Academic Council RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Faculty of Fine Arts as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 26/02/2020 be approved.

(vi) Faculty of Commerce

(Ac.A.IV)

Dr. Resia Beegam.S, Dean, Faculty of Commerce moved that the recommendation of the Faculty of Commerce as contained in the minutes of its meeting held on 13/01/2020 be approved”.

The Academic Council RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Faculty of Commerce as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 13/01/2020 be approved.

(vii) - Faculty of Applied Sciences & Technology

(Ac.A.IV)

Dr.Jaya D.S, Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences & Technology moved that the recommendation of the Faculty of Applied Sciences & Technology as contained in the minutes of its meeting held on 25/02/2020 be approved.

The Academic Council RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Faculty of Applied Sciences & Technology as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 25/02/2020 be approved.

(xiii) - Faculty of Management Studies

(Ac.A.IV)

Dr.K.S.Chandrasekar, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies moved that the recommendation of the Faculty of Management Studies as contained in the minutes of its meeting held on 28/01/2020 be approved”.

The Academic Council RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Faculty of Management Studies as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 28/01/2020 be approved.

(III) Resolutions given notice of by the Members

Resolution No.1 was moved by Dr. N. Shaji

1.	Dr. N. Shaji
	പാർട്ടി ടൈം ഗവേഷണ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ വാർഷിക മിനിമം ഹാജരിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് കൃത്യമായ നിർദ്ദേശം അവരുടെ രജിസ്ട്രേഷൻ ഉത്തരവിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തണമെന്ന് ഈ സഭ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു.

*Dr. S.K Subash seconded the resolution
The Academic Council adopted the resolution.*

Resolution No.2 was moved by Sri. R. Indulal

2.	Sri. R. Indulal
	<i>The meeting of the Academic Council resolves to amend the U.G Regulations to include On-the-Job Training/Internship as a component of Career Related First Degree Programmes.</i>

*Dr. Subash .S seconded the resolution
The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter shall be examined.*

Resolution No.3 was moved by Sri. R. Indulal

3.	Sri. R. Indulal
	<i>The meeting of the Academic Council resolves that Original Degree Certificates will be issued to Students who acquire one or more degrees in addition to their Original Degree.</i>

*Dr. Santhosh .K seconded the resolution
The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter shall be examined.*

Resolution No.4 was moved by Dr. R. Sunilkumar

4.	Dr. R. Sunilkumar
	കേരള സർവകലാശാലയിലെ അംഗീകൃത ഗവേഷണ കേന്ദ്രങ്ങളിലെല്ലാം Ph.D ഓപ്പൺ ഡിഫൻസ് പ്രോഗ്രാം നടത്തണമെന്ന് ഈ സഭ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു.

*Dr. V. Gopakumar seconded the resolution
The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter cannot be considered.*

Resolution No.5 was moved by Dr. R. Sunilkumar

5.	Dr. R. Sunilkumar
	കേരള സർവകലാശാലയിലെ എല്ലാ അംഗീകൃത ഗവേഷണ കേന്ദ്രങ്ങളിൽവെച്ചും Ph.D പ്രീ-സബ്മിഷൻ സെമിനാറുകൾ നടത്തണമെന്ന് ഈ സഭ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു.

*Dr. N. Shaji seconded the resolution
The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter cannot be considered.*

*The Vice-Chancellor thanked all members for their whole-hearted co-operation.
The meeting came to a close at 3.45 p.m.*

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Registrar i/c

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