



UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

(Re-accredited by NAAC with 'A' Grade)

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

At 10.00 A.M.

on Thursday, the 15th October, 2020

Online Meeting

Members Present

1. Prof.(Dr) V.P. Mahadevan Pillai
Vice-Chancellor (in the chair)
2. Prof.(Dr) P.P. Ajayakumar
Pro-Vice-Chancellor
3. Sri. R. Arunkumar
4. Sri.B.P Murali
5. Adv. K.H Babujan
6. Adv. A. Ajikumar
7. Dr. K.G Gopchandran
8. Dr. S. Nazeeb
9. Dr. B. Unnikrishnan Nair
10. Dr. K.B Manoj
11. Sri. Bijukumar G
12. Sri. Viswan Padanilam
13. Prof. K. Lalitha
14. Sri. Jairaj J
15. Dr. B.S Jamuna
16. Dr. A. Gangaprasad
17. Dr. Balamurali R.S
18. Dr. Anilkumar S
19. Dr. Jaya D.S
20. Dr. Suresh S
21. Dr. Bijukumar K
22. Dr. R. Jayachandran
23. Dr. B. Hariharan
24. Dr. Bindu R.L

25. Dr. S. Rasia Beegam
26. Dr. Usha Sujit Nair
27. Dr. K.S Chandrasekar
28. Adv. Muraleedharan Pillai G
29. Dr. M. Vijayan Pillai
30. Adv. B. Balachandran
31. Dr. S. Venumohan
32. Dr. K.C Sunny
33. Dr. A. Jayakumaran Nair
34. Dr. K Santhosh
35. Dr. V. Sathish
36. Dr. G. Suresh Singh
37. Dr. R.B. Binoj Kumar
38. Dr. Hepsy Rose Mary .A
39. Dr. Pramod Kiran R.B
40. Dr. Shanavas S.A
41. Dr. B. Mini Devi
42. Dr. K. Bindu
43. Dr. K.G Padmakumaran Nair
44. Dr. G. Prasad
45. Dr. Jayaraj David. D
46. Sri. K. Pradeep Kumar
47. Dr. Abin T. Mathews
48. Dr. D. Muhammad Noorul Mubarak
49. Dr. C. Satheesh Kumar
50. Dr. Shifa S
51. Dr. R.S. Krishna Kumar
52. Dr. Sunil V.T
53. Dr. G. Raju
54. Dr. Thajudeen A.S
55. Dr. Anitha V
56. Fr. George Mathew
57. Dr. Binu G. Bheemnath
58. Dr. Antony Palackal
59. Dr. Sreekumar K.N
60. Dr. P. Mohanachandran Nair
61. Dr. Prema S
62. Dr. Lalmohan P
63. Dr. Mini S
64. Sri. Shiju Joseph
65. Dr. Abhayan G.S
66. Dr. V.S Joy
67. Dr. N. Shaji
68. Dr. Swapna T.S
69. Dr. S. Sankararaman
70. Dr. A. Bijukumar
71. Dr. Shaji E

72. Dr. Sindhu Thulaseedharan
73. Sri. M. Somasekharan Pillai
74. Dr. Salom Gnana Thanga
75. Dr. Suresh R
76. Dr. Jino Ninan
77. Dr. Preeta Nayar
78. Dr. Shaila C.A
79. Dr. V. Mathew
80. Dr. Jasseer J
81. Dr. Rejani R.S
82. Dr. Anil Chandran S
83. Dr. Gladston Raj S
84. Dr. Sony George
85. Dr. Ampotti A.K
86. Dr. Vasantha Gopal R
87. Sri. R. Indulal
88. Dr. C. Satheesh Kumar
89. Smt. Maggie J
90. Dr. P.K Sreekumar
91. Smt. Aswathy Sugunan
92. Dr. Sunil John
93. Dr. Biju V
94. Dr. Anitha Balan
95. Dr. Rany S
96. Sri. Shiju Joseph
97. Dr. Lekshmi R
98. Dr. Subhash S.K
99. Dr. Manju S.Nair

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

01. Introduction of new generation UG/PG Programmes-reg.

(Ac AII)

Ref:

1. Letter No.B3/207/2020-HEDN dated 09/09/2020 from the Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education (B) Department.
2. Item No.02.05 of Minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 16-09- 2020.
3. Minutes of the meeting of the members of the subcommittee of the Syndicate and the Deans of Faculties held on 18-09-2020.
4. Minutes of the meeting of the Deans of Faculties and Chairmen, Boards of Studies held on 23-09-2020.
5. Minutes of the meeting of the subcommittee of the Syndicate held on 24-09-2020.
6. Minutes of the meeting of the subcommittee of the Syndicate and the Deans Council held on 25-09-2020.
7. Minutes of the meeting of the subcommittee of the Syndicate held on 02-10-2020.
8. Minutes of the meeting of the subcommittee of the Syndicate held on 07-10-2020.
9. Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub Committee of the Syndicate, Deans of Faculty/ Chairmen, Board of Studies (PASS) for introduction of new programmes held on 08-10-2020.

10. Minutes of the meeting of the subcommittee of the Syndicate held on 12-10-2020.

The Govt of Kerala has put forth a proposal for the introduction of new generation / inter-disciplinary courses vide letter cited (1) above.

The Syndicate held on 16/09/2020 vide Item number 02.05 resolved to seek opinion from the Hon'ble Chancellor and Higher Education Department regarding the commencement of New Gen Programmes during 2020-21. The Syndicate further resolved to convene a meeting of Deans Council, Members Syndicate, Director and Deputy Director, IQAC & Vice- Chairman, CSS for a detailed discussion of selection/preparation of syllabus of New Gen Programmes on 18/09/2020. The Syndicate also resolved to constitute a sub-committee for monitoring the preparation of New Gen Programmes/Syllabus.

In obedience to the resolution, a meeting of the Deans Council, Members Syndicate, Director and Deputy Director, IQAC & Vice- Chairman, CSS was arranged. The List of new programmes (Appendix I) received from the Higher Education Department was taken up for discussion and certain courses listed below were selected.

The BA/B Sc/B Com Degree Courses in Appendix II a,b,c

BBA Degree Courses in Appendix II d

M Sc Degree Courses in Appendix III a

MA Degree Courses in Appendix III b

The meeting also recommended the following:

- the Dean(s)/Chairmen of the respective discipline shall prepare the syllabus in adherence to the University Statutes through due process.
- nomenclature of the courses shall be as per UGC stipulations.
- the Dean(s)/Chairmen, Boards of Studies shall select any one/more area/(s) of specialization from the list and prepare syllabus for the programme accordingly.
- the Dean in effective consultation with the Chairmen, Boards of Studies shall conduct meetings/workshop of Board of Studies/Boards of Studies of respective discipline/combined disciplines as in the case may be.
- the Dean and Chairmen of the respective discipline shall ensure participation of eminent faculties outside the University of Kerala in such workshops.
- the Dean/Chairman, Board of Studies shall suggest one or more Programme/Programmes from the list considering the infrastructure facilities available in the University Departments/Colleges.
- the Dean/(s) of Faculty/(s) in effective consultation with the Chairman/Chairmen, Board(s) of Studies of the respective Faculty, if deems fit, may put forth suitable additional UG/PG Programmes in consonance with the deliberation of the meeting.
- to proceed further with the matter the Pro-Vice-Chancellor is entrusted to convene a meeting of the Deans of Faculties/Chairmen, Boards of Studies on 23rd September, 2020 at 10 am in the same venue.
- to introduce the course/(s) from the current academic year onwards, the Dean of respective faculties shall submit a list of selected programmes to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for consideration in the ensuing meeting of the Syndicate.

(Minutes of the Meeting appended.(Appendix II))

In continuation to the above, a meeting of the Deans of Faculties and Chairmen, Boards of Studies was held on 23-09-2020 and the following recommendations were made.

1. considering the complexity and technicality involved in introducing inter disciplinary programmes, the Deans' council may offer guidelines for preparation of syllabi. (Selected Programmes appended- Appendix V).
2. combined Boards of Studies, as required, shall prepare syllabus for the proposed inter disciplinary programmes, as laid down in the Statutes.
3. Workshop(s)/meetings shall be arranged within a time frame for the purpose in which participation of eminent faculties in and outside University of Kerala
 - shall be ensured. Further assistance of IQAC be sought in conducting such workshops.
4. the Deans Council may prepare nomenclature/structure of the programmes to be introduced and may suggest the course name and area of specialization in adherence with the UGC directives,
5. further, it is recommended to place the above matter before the meeting of the Deans Council scheduled on 28-09-2020.

(Minutes of the Meeting appended.(Appendix IV))

The second meeting of the subcommittee of the Syndicate was held on 24-09-2020. It discussed elaborately the feasibility and the cross disciplinary aspects, statutory formalities, seeking assistance of resource persons/experts in the respective disciplines and further generally agreed to place a list of programmes (Appendix VI) before the Deans Council for consideration (Minutes of the meeting is appended (Appendix VII)).

The meeting of the members of the subcommittee of the Syndicate and the Deans Council held on 25-09-2020 arrived at the following conclusions after much deliberation.

- The UG/PG programmes chosen for introduction are listed in Appendix VIII.
- To entrust Dean of respective faculty, Chairman/Chairmen (for inter disciplinary programmes), Board(s) of Studies for the preparation of syllabi based on Learning Outcome Based Curriculum Framework.
- To entrust Deans, Faculty/Chairman/Chairmen, Board(s) of Studies to conduct workshops for the purpose within 7th October 2020 ensuring the participation of experts in & outside University of Kerala.
- Meeting of Board(s) of Studies and the Faculty shall be convened between 8th October 2020 and 12th October 2020 (inclusive of both dates).
- Such meetings shall be convened in adherence to the relevant provisions of the Kerala University First Statutes, 1977.
- Board(s) of Studies, if required, may modify the nomenclature of the programme in consonance with the UGC stipulations.
- Assistance of IQAC be sought as and when necessary for conduct of workshop.
- To entrust the following member(s) of the subcommittee of the Syndicate to assess the progress of above process.

Sl. No.	Programmes	Name
1	B Sc Programmes	Dr.K.B.Manoj, Member, Syndicate
2	BA Programmes	Sri.Arun Kumar.R, Member, Syndicate Dr.Vijayanpillai.M, Member,Syndicate
3	B Com and BBA Programmes	Dr.Jairaj.J, Member, Syndicate
4	M Sc Programmes	Dr.GopchandranK.G Member,Syndicate Dr.B.UnnikrishnanNair, Member,Syndicate
5	M A Programmes	Prof.K.Lalitha, Member, Syndicate
6	MEd/MCom/MPE/MSWProgrammes	Dr.S.Nazeeb, Member, Syndicate

- To place such draft syllabi before the meeting of the Academic Council scheduled on 15th October 2020 for consideration.(Minutes of the Meeting appended.(Appendix IX))

Considering the letter received from the General Secretary, Association of Political Scientists ,Kerala, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor ordered to include 'Political Science and Human Rights' Programme in the list and instruction to this effect was given to the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor also ordered to include MSc Bio Informatics with Specialization in Computer Aided Drug Design Programme on recommendation of the Board of Studies in Bioinformatics and the subcommittee of the Syndicate.

The third meeting of the subcommittee of the Syndicate was held on 02-10-2020 and recommended the following.

- part I (English) and Part II (Additional Language) for the Double main courses shall be in the pattern of 2(a) Career Related programmes. Deans/Chairman, Board(s) of Studies be informed to follow the said pattern while structuring the syllabi.
- recommended to forward the structure of First Degree Programme for double main courses (Appendix X) to the Chairmen, Board(s) of Studies.

- in the event of expiry of Boards of Studies, the former Boards of Studies be assigned with the task of framing draft syllabus. Such draft syllabus be submitted for perusal and consideration before the Boards of Studies as and when constituted subsequently. Modifications/Changes as decided by such Boards of Studies be incorporated afterwards.
- to allocate Rs. 25000/- to each Board of Studies for conduct of workshop.
- if a new programme is proposed by the Board of Studies, the concerned Administrative/Academic body shall adjudge the admissibility of the programme.

(Minutes of the Meeting is appended. Appendix XI)

The fourth meeting of the subcommittee of the Syndicate held on 07-10-2020 recommended to finalise the nomenclature/ List of Programmes proposed for Affiliated Colleges (Appendix XII),to finalise nomenclature/list of programmes proposed exclusively for University Departments (Appendix XIII),to upload the list of new programmes meant for affiliated colleges in the University website and to forward the list of programmes proposed exclusively for the University Departments to CSS/Ac.D section for its introduction from the current Academic year. (Minutes of the Meeting appended.Appendix XIV)

A meeting of the subcommittee of the Syndicate, Deans of Faculty and Chairmen, Board of Studies (PASS) held on 08-10-2020 recommended:

- 1) to approve the proposed Course Structure of New Innovative UG Programme (Double Main)(Appendix - XV)
- 2) Course Structure shall be made available to all Deans, Faculty/Chairmen, Boards of Studies.
- 3) to complete all essential mandatory requisites.(Convening Board of Studies/Faculties) as per schedule.
- 4) to place the draft syllabus in the Academic Council scheduled on 15.10.2020 without fail.

(Minutes of the Meeting appended.(Appendix XVI))

The fifth meeting of the subcommittee of the Syndicate held on 12-10-2020, considering opinion of Chairmen Board(s) of Studies, recommended to approve 'Revised Course Structure' (Appendix-XVII a), Eligibility conditions and Index mark calculation for admission (Appendix-XVII b) and Details of Programmes and Faculties in Double Main Programmes(Appendix-XVII c). Further recommended to circulate the above Course Structure to Deans and Chairmen, Board of Studies on that day itself. (Minutes of the Meeting appended.(Appendix-XVIII))

Action on the recommendations of the above said meetings were taken and implemented timely.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has ordered to place the matter before the Academic Council scheduled on 15-10-2020. Hence the matter is placed before the Academic Council.

The Academic Council considered the Scheme and Syllabus of the Innovative Programmes placed by the respective Deans of Faculties and ***RESOLVED*** to approve the following courses w.e.f 2020-2021 onwards.

Sl.No.	Name of the Course	Nature of the Programme
B Sc Programmes		
1	B Sc Mathematics and Computer Application	Double Main
2	B Sc Aquatic Biology and Zoology	Double Main
3	B Sc Botany and Ayurvedic Pharmacy	Double Main
4	B Sc Geology and Digital Surveying	Double Main
5	B Sc Physics (Complementary 1- Mathematics Complementary 2- Machine Learning)	
6	BSc Health and Fitness Management	Double Main
BA Programmes		

1	BA Ancient Indian History and Archaeology	Double Main
2	BA Economics and Media Studies	Double Main
3	BA English and Media Studies	Double Main
4	BA Economics and Mathematics	Double Main
5	BA Malayalam and Cultural Studies	Double Main
6	BA English and Malayalam Literatures	Double Main
7	BA Political Science and Human Rights	Double Main
8	BA Political Science and Womens Studies	Double Main
B Com Programmes		
1	B Com Accounts and Data Science	Double Main
2	B Com Blue Economy and Maritime Law	Double Main
BBA Programmes		
1	BBA Logistics	
M Sc Programmes		
1	M Sc Chemistry with Specialization in Drug Design and Development	
2	M Sc Geology with Specialization in Geoinformatics	
3	M Sc Physics with Specialization in Space Physics	
4	M Sc Physics with Specialization in Nanoscience	
5	M Sc Zoology with Specialization in Biosystematics and Biodiversity	
6	M Sc Statistics with Specialization in Data Analytics	
7	M Sc Climate Change and Disaster Management	
8	MSc Botany with Specialization in Ethno Botany and Ethno Pharmacology	
9	M Sc Bioinformatics with Specialization in Computer aided Drug Design	
MA Programmes		
1	MA Economics (Behavioural Economics and Data Science)	
2	MA Political Science (International Relations)	
3	MA History(World History and Historiography)	
4	MA Womens Studies	
M Com Programmes		
1	M Com International Trade	
2	M Com Rural Management	
MSW		
1	MSW(Disaster Management)	

02. Approval of new PG courses (CSS)

The following new courses are proposed to be started in departments under Kerala University for the academic year 2020-21.

1. B1 level (short term course) in German.
2. B2 level (short term course) in German.
3. MA Heritage studies. (Dept of ORI & Manuscripts Library)
4. MSc. Chemistry (Specialization in Renewable Energy)
5. MEd Educational Technology (specialization in Educational Technology)
6. MA Politics (International Relations and Diplomacy).
7. MA Politics, Human Rights & Social Justice.
8. M.Sc Physics (Specialization in Renewable Energy)
9. MA Kerala Padanam

The syllabi and fee structure for the proposed courses is also appended.

The syllabus in OBE format for the following courses were also submitted

1. A1 level (short term course) in German.
2. A2 level (short term course) in German.

The matter was placed before the CSS Academic Committee for necessary recommendations. The CSS Academic Committee in its meeting held on 13.10.2020 vide item no.02 recommended to place the matter before the Academic Council for approval.

As such the matter is placed before the Academic Council.



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OFFICE OF THE CREDIT AND SEMESTER SYSTEM

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CSS ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

Venue : Senate Chamber

Date & Time : 13.10.2020, 2.30 pm

Members Present:

01	Dr V.P Mahadevan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor & Chairman, CSS (in the chair)
02	Prof. A. Biju Kumar, Vice-Chairman (CSS)
03	Prof. R. Jayachandran, Dean, Faculty of Oriental studies

04	Prof. R.B. Binojkumar, Professor and Head, Dept. of Geology.
05	Prof. P.M. Radhamany, Professor, Dept of Botany
06	Prof V. Biju, Professor, Dept of Physics
07	Dr. Samuel G. Kuruvila, Assistant Professor, Dept. Of Political Science
08	Dr. Bindu R.L., Professor and Head, Dept of Education
09	Dr.Sony George, Head, Dept of Chemistry
10	Dr. Rejani, R.S. Asst. Professor and Head, ORI
11	Dr. P. Sreejith, Assistant Professor, Dept of Zoology
12	Dr. Sreekumar, K.N., Assistant Professor, Dept of German

Item No. 2: Approval of new PG courses

The following new courses are proposed to be started in the departments under Kerala University for the academic year 2020-21.

1. B1 level (short term course) in German.
2. B2 level (short term course) in German.
3. MA Heritage studies. (Dept of ORI & Manuscripts Library)
4. Post Graduate Diploma in Clinical Embryology. (Dept of Zoology)
5. MSc. Chemistry (Specialization in Renewable Energy)
6. M.Ed with specialization in Educational Technology (Dept. of Education)
7. MA Politics ,International Relations and Diplomacy.(Dept of Political Science)
8. MA Politics, Human Rights & Social Justice.(Dept of Political Science)
9. M.Sc Physics (Specialization in Renewable Energy)
10. MA Kerala Padanam (Dept. of Kerala Studies)

The syllabi and fee structure for the proposed courses is also appended.

The syllabus in OBE format for the following courses were also submitted

1. A1 level (short term course) in German.
2. A2 level (short term course) in German.

The matter is placed before the CSS academic Committee for necessary recommendations.

Decision Taken:- The CSS Academic Committee recommended to approve the syllabi of the proposed new courses with necessary modifications and to place the matter before the Academic Council. For Post Graduate Diploma in Clinical Embryology, the Department is asked to sign MOAs with the hospitals

Sd/-

Vice Chairman, CSS

Sd/-

Chairman, CSS &
(Vice Chancellor)

The Academic Council considered the matter and NOTED the action of the CSS in having approved the Syllabus of the courses mentioned.

03. Award of academic credits and prizes to the participants of Swachh Bharath Summer Internship Programme- 2018- consideration of- reg. (Ac.AV)

The Principal Secretary to Governor forwarded an e-mail request for ensuring prizes & academic credits at University level for participation in Swachh Bharath Internship programme, dated 08.07.2019 from Sri.Amal Chandra C, Department of Political Science, University College, for appropriate consideration. It is stated that team "MAHATMA" under the leadership of Sri.Nithin.M.M, third year B.A Student of University College, Trivandrum has won the first prize in University and State level and has been selected as one of the best interns at the National level competitions of Swachh Bharath Summer Internship Programme-2018, organised by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt.of India and the cash prize, certificates and two academic credits like an optional paper to all qualified internship teams ensured by the Ministry of Human Resource Development and UGC has not been distributed till date.

The Nodal Officer of Swachh Bharath Summer Internship Programme-2018, Dr.Sajeer Khan.A, Assistant Professor, University College, Trivandrum has forwarded the details of college team and notification of MHRD. But the copy of the UGC letter dated 23.03.2018 mentioned in the letter to the Vice-Chancellor (letter No.D.O.No.11014/02/2018 dated 20.04.2018) was not attached along with the request.

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic and Research held on 16.11.2019 considered the above matter and recommended to entrust the IQAC for specific recommendations on the matter.

The Director, IQAC remarked/recommended that considering the merit of the case and the achievement for a social cause, the winners in Swachh Bharath Summer Internship scheme of University may be awarded two additional academic credits as per the UGC direction vide letter dated 23.03.2018 and also recommended that a copy of this letter is to be obtained and verified prior to the decisions. The evaluation of the internship to be done by a selection committee constituted by the University. The committee to examine academic and statutory provisions regarding grant of credit.

It may be noted that Sri.Amal Chandra.C, team Mahatma, Department of Political Science, University College, Trivandrum has submitted letter No.F.9-10/2018 (CPP II) dated 08.05.2018 wherein UGC letter dated 23.03.2018 is mentioned which categorically request the Vice-Chancellors of all Universities and Directors/Principals of Institutes to consider implementation of this internship from the forthcoming academic session. The letter also states that UGC had qualified this internship as being eligible for 2 academic credits like any other elective under CBCS to the students of Higher Education institutions. Further states that MHRD as per the letter no. 11014/02/2018 dated 20.04.2018 had written the matter to the Directors/ Principals about this National Movement. It may be noted that award of 2 academic credits is mentioned in the same.

The University Level Monitoring Committee (ULMC) at its meeting held on 15.09.2020 approved the recommendation of IQAC that considering the merit of the case and the achievement for a social cause, the winners in Swachh Bharath Summer Internship scheme of University may be

awarded two additional academic credits as per the UGC direction vide letter N0.F.9-10/2018 (CPP II) dated 23.03.2018 and also recommended that a copy of this letter is to be obtained and verified prior to the decisions and further recommended to place the matter before the Academic Council. The Vice-Chancellor approved the minutes of the ULMC and same has been reported to the Syndicate.

Sri.Amal Chandra.C of team Mahatma, Department of Political Science, University College, Trivandrum has submitted copy of the **U.G.C letter No.F.9-10/2018 (CPP II) dated 23.03.2018** on 16.09.2020. The letter states that the UGC at its meeting held on 20.03.2018 has approved to provide two credits like any other 'Elective' under Choice Based Credit system(CBCS) to students in Higher Educational Institutions undertaking 15 days (100 hours) Summer Internships under Swacha Bharath Abhiyan Activities. For ensuring the veracity of the copy of the letter submitted by Sri.Amal Chandra.C a intimation has been sent to the Secretary, UGC. But nothing had heard from their end till date.

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

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to accept the Swachh Bharath Summer Internship Programme-2018 as an elective of 2 credits for all CBCSS First Degree Programmes, provided confirmation on the matter is received from the UGC, by the Registrar.

04. Career-related First Degree Programme in Environmental Science & Environment and Water Management under CBCS system discrepancies in the credits of Language Course in English for all Career-related 2(a) programmes and erroneous entry of credits of core courses in the 4th semester-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AV)

Smt.Nikhila Babu who have completed Career-related First Degree Programme in Environmental Science & Environment and Water Management under CBCS system 2(a) (2016 admission) has requested to issue a corrected consolidated grade sheet where the credit points of core papers found to be incorrect.

On verification of the consolidated mark list of the candidate the total credit for the 3rd and 4th semester is noted as 20 & 23 and total credit for language course in English is 13. But in the syllabus of Environmental Science & Environment and Water Management, revised w.e.f 2015 admission same is noted as 19 & 22 and total credit for language courses in English is 12. As per the syllabus of First Degree Programme in English revised w.e.f 2015 admission credit allotted to language courses in English for all Career-related 2(a) programmes is 4 each for I, III and IV semesters and 3 for II semester and total credit is 15. Same errors were occurred in the syllabus of language courses in English for all Career-related 2(a) programmes, revised w.e.f 2019 admissions.

“As per the Regulations relating to the First Degree programmes under CBCS system credit allotted for language courses in English is 3 per course and total credit is 12”.

The JR (CBCS) has pointed out erroneous entry of credits of 2 core and 2 foundation courses in the 4th semester Career-related First Degree Programme in Environmental Science & Environment and Water Management under CBCS system in the CBCS software from 2015 admission onwards. It is understood that the above mistake is visibly a technical error and nothing to do with revision/modification of the syllabus.

The Standing Committee of the Academic Council vide Item.No.25 at its meeting held on 28.09.2020 recommended to seek urgent remarks of the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology and the Dean, Faculty of Arts and place the same before the next meeting of the Syndicate.

The Dean, Faculty of Arts remarked that the credits of the language course in English for career-related First Degree Programme 2(a) programme in Environmental Science & Environment and Water Management under CBCS system in the software is not in accordance with the regulations, *status quo* shall be maintained from 2015 to 2018 admissions and the credit scheme of 3 for each semester shall be followed from 2019 admission onwards.

The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology remarked that the discrepancies noticed in the credits of four papers of 4th semester B.Sc Degree Programme in Environmental Science & Environment and Water Management under CBCS system from 2015 admissions may be

corrected as per the approved syllabi. These corrections may be effected from the current batch (2017-20) and their results may be published accordingly. Further remarked that in the case of B.Sc 2015 and 2016 admissions, the candidates who have already passed out, the matter of effecting the above changes, recalling the marklists and certificates already issued may be examined by the authorities considering practical difficulties.

I. The Syndicate vide item no.18.66 at its meeting held on 01.10.2020 resolved to authorise the Vice-Chancellor to implement the remarks of the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology, subject to reporting to the Academic Council. Further resolved to authorise the Vice-Chancellor that the remarks of the Dean, Faculty of Arts be approved for 2017 admission, subject to reporting to the Academic Council. **Also resolved to place the remarks of the Dean, Faculty of Arts regarding 2015 and 2016 admission candidates before the Academic Council.**

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council **to maintain status quo on the credits of language course in English for Career-related First Degree Programme in Environmental Science & Environment and Water Management under CBCS system, 2(a) for 2017 admission. U.O No.Ac.AV/1/Env Sc/2015 dated 05.10.2020 was issued accordingly.**

The credits of Language Courses in English is given as 4 for III semester and 3 each for I, II and IV thus making total credits to 13. This is being followed from 2015 admission onwards for all Career-related 2(a) programmes including Career-related First Degree Programme in Environmental Science & Environment and Water Management.

The Chairman, Board of Studies in English (pass) has already recommended to change the credits of language courses in English for all Career-related 2(a) programmes in the syllabus revised w.e.f 2015 and 2019 admissions as 3 credit per semester. The Dean, Faculty of Arts endorsed the above recommendation of the Chairman.

Decision has been taken to maintain status quo (credit as '4') for the credits of language course in English for Career-related First Degree Programme in Environmental Science & Environment and Water Management under CBCS system, 2(a) for 2017 admission.

(a) maintaining of status quo be considered to language course in English for all other Career-related First Degree Programmes under CBCS system,2(a) for 2017 admissions.

(b) effecting correction of credits as '3' per semester in the syllabus of language course in English for all Career-related First Degree Programmes under CBCS system 2(a) w.e.f 2019 admissions be considered.

(c) the matter of change of credit of language course in English for all Career-related First Degree Programmes under CBCS system,2(a) for 2015, 2016 and 2018 be considered.

(d) the matter of effecting changes in the credits pertaining to core/vocational courses in the fourth semester of Career-related First Degree Programmes in Environmental science & Environment and Water Management under CBCS system, 2(a) in respect of 2015 and 2016 admissions as noted in the remarks the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology also be considered.

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

*The Academic Council considered the matter and **RESOLVED** that status quo be maintained in credits awarded to English Language for all Career-related FDP CBCS 2(a) for 2015,2016,2017 and 2018 admissions and the credits be corrected as 3 per Semester in the Syllabus of language course in English for all Career-related FDP 2 (a) revised w.e.f 2019 admissions.*

***Further RESOLVED that** credits for Core/Vocational Courses in Fourth Semester of Career-related first Degree Programme in Environmental Science and Environment and Water management be accorded as per the revised Scheme and Syllabus for the corresponding admissions.*

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- 05. Career-related First Degree Programme in Environmental Science & Environment and Water Management under CBCS system discrepancies in the credits of Language Course in English for all Career-related 2(a) programmes and erroneous entry of credits of core courses in the 4th semester-Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AV)**

Smt.Nikhila Babu who have completed Career-related First Degree Programme in Environmental Science & Environment and Water Management under CBCS system 2(a) (2016 admission) has requested to issue a corrected consolidated grade sheet where the credit points of core papers found to be incorrect.

On verification of the consolidated mark list of the candidate the total credit for the 3rd and 4th semester is noted as 20 & 23 and total credit for language course in English is 13. But in the syllabus of Environmental Science & Environment and Water Management, revised w.e.f 2015 admission same is noted as 19 & 22 and total credit for language courses in English is 12. As per the syllabus of First Degree Programme in English revised w.e.f 2015 admission credit allotted to language courses in English for all Career-related 2(a) programmes is 4 each for I, III and IV semesters and 3 for II semester and total credit is 15. Same errors were occurred in the syllabus of language courses in English for all Career-related 2(a) programmes, revised w.e.f 2019 admissions.

“As per the Regulations relating to the First Degree programmes under CBCS system credit allotted for language courses in English is 3 per course and total credit is 12”.

As per the remarks of the IT cell (Exams) credits of Language Courses in English incorporated in the CBCS software is 4 for III semester and 3 each for I, II and IV thus making total credits to 13 instead of 12. This is being followed from 2015 admission onwards for all Career-related 2(a) programmes, which is against the Regulations.

The Chairman, Board of Studies in English (pass) has recommended to change the credits of language courses in English for all Career-related 2(a) programmes in the syllabus revised w.e.f 2015 and 2019 admissions as 3 credit per semester. The Dean, Faculty of Arts endorsed the above recommendation of the Chairman.

In the above circumstances, if the corrections recommended by the Chairman as endorsed by the Dean is made in the syllabus w.e.f 2015 admissions, it may affect the results of all Career-related programmes from 2015 to 2018 admission.

The JR (CBCS) has pointed out erroneous entry of credits of 2 core and 2 foundation courses in the 4th semester Career-related First Degree Programme in Environmental Science & Environment and Water Management under CBCS system in the CBCS software from 2015 admission onwards. It is understood that the above mistake is visibly a technical error and nothing to do with revision/modification of the syllabus.

The Standing Committee of the Academic Council vide Item.No.25 at its meeting held on 28.09.2020 recommended to seek urgent remarks of the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology and the Dean, Faculty of Arts and place the same before the next meeting of the Syndicate.

The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology remarked that **“the discrepancies noticed in the credits of four papers of 4th semester B.Sc Degree Programme in Environmental Science & Environment and Water Management under CBCS system from 2015 admissions may be corrected as per the approved syllabi. These corrections may be effected from the current batch (2017-20) and their results may be published accordingly. Further remarked that in the case of B.Sc 2015 and 2016 admissions, the candidates who have already passed out, the matter of effecting the above changes, recalling the marklists and certificates already issued may be examined by the authorities considering practical difficulties”.**

The Dean, Faculty of Arts remarked that **“the credits of the language course in English for career-related First Degree Programme 2(a) programme in Environmental Science & Environment and Water Management under CBCS system in the software is not in accordance with the regulations, *status quo* shall be maintained from 2015 to 2018 admissions and the credit scheme of 3 for each semester shall be followed from 2019 admission onwards”.**

The Syndicate vide item no.18.66 at its meeting held on 01.10.2020 resolved to authorise the Vice-Chancellor to implement the above remarks of the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology, subject to reporting to the Academic Council. Further resolved to authorise the Vice-Chancellor that the remarks of the Dean, Faculty of Arts be approved for 2017 admission, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic council :

1. to correct the credits of 2 core courses and 2 vocational courses in the fourth semester of Career-related First Degree Programme in Environmental Science & Environment and Water Management under CBCS system, 2(a) as per the syllabus from 2017-2020 batch and publish their results accordingly.
2. to maintain *status quo* on the credits of language course in English for Career-related First Degree Programme in Environmental Science & Environment and Water Management under CBCS system, 2(a) for 2017 admission and U.O No.Ac.AV/1/Env Sc/2015 dated 05.10.2020 was issued accordingly
The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

NOTED.

06. Ist and IVth year BFA and Ist Sem MFA - exam cancellation – change in mode of assessment – Consideration of-regarding. (Ac.AIV)

As per the letter No. C/1769/2019/CFATvm dated 24.07.2020, the Principal, College of Fine Arts, Tvpm has reported that the Academic Council of the college had opined that Ist and IV th year BFA Degree Exams and Ist semester MFA Degree exams may be cancelled considering the outbreak of Covid – 19 pandemic.

Some of the reasons pointed out for the cancellation of exams were

- Difficulty in conducting practicals of BFA having duration of 4 – 5 hrs a day, adhering social distancing /covid – 19 protocols.
- Rapid spread of covid – 19 pandemic in Tvpm district.
- Restrictions imposed on candidates who belong to containment zone/ Union Territory (Lekshadweep)/ other states for to and fro journeys.
- Closure of college hostels /mess / College canteen etc.

As an alternative , it is suggested to consider the internal mark in each subject be taken to prepare the results as adopted by some other Universities viz M.S University, Baroda, Viswa Bharati central University of West Bengal and Central University of Hyderabad..

The former Chairman, Board of Studies in Applied Arts is of the opinion that change in mode of assessment /examination requires amendment in regulation, by waiving of the same clause in view of the prevailing situation caused by the outbreak of Covid -19 pandemic. The chairman also remarked to adopt the system of assessment followed in M.S University, Baroda, ViswaBharati central University of West Bengal and Central University of Hyderabad for the academic year 2019 – 2020.The Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts endorsed the remarks of the Chairman.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, Proposal putforth by the Principal, College of Fine Arts,Tvpm regarding (1) cancellation of Ist and IV th year BFA Degree Exams and Ist semester MFA Degree exams (2) changing the mode of assessment by considering the internal marks by waving related provisions of the Regulations in the wake of COVID – 19 pandemic, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED not to agree with the proposal to conduct Online examination in the context of absence of regulations in this regard. The assessment shall be done in accordance to the existing regulations.

07. Conduct of PG Entrance Examination 2020-Reporting of- reg. (CSS)

The Syndicate in its meeting held on 16.09.2020 vide item no.D3 resolved to authorize the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to take appropriate action regarding the conduct of Entrance Examination for the admission to PG Programmes (2020) for various courses in the University Departments. The Vice Chancellor has approved the above recommendation of the Syndicate subject to reporting to the Academic Council. As per the resolution of the Syndicate the CSS Academic Committee in its meeting held on 24.09.2020 recommended to conduct PG CSS Entrance Examination immediately and to commence First Semester PG classes on 02.11.2020. As such the PG Entrance Examination was conducted from 08.10.2020 to 12.10.2020 at nine districts viz.

Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Ernakulam, Palakkad, Kozhikode and Kannur.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

NOTED.

08. Award of grace marks to NCC cadets of First Degree programmes under CBCS system- complaints – consideration of – reg. (Ac.AV)

- Ref: 1.U.O.No.Ac.AV/1/grace marks/2015 dated 25.02.2015
 2..U.O.No.Ac.AV/4157/1/NCC/2019 dated 13.06.2019
 3. U.O.NoAc.AV/4157/1/NCC/2019 dated 01.07.2019
 4.U.O.No.Ac.AV/4157/1/NCC/2019 dated 03.07.2020
 5.Letter from NCC cadets of Kerala and Lakshadeep Directorate dated 07.09.2020
 6.Letter from the Associate NCC Officers' Welfare Association, Kerala and Lakshadeep Directorate dated 23.09.2020
 7.Letter No.GS6-2320/2020 from the Principal Secretary to Governor dated 05.09.2020
 8.Letter No.A2/157/2020/HED from the Government Principal Secretary dated 08.09.2020.
 9. Minutes of the online meeting of the subcommittee held on 13.10.2020

The guidelines for the award of grace marks to the candidates of First Degree Programmes under CBCS system for their achievements in sports/Arts/NSS/NCC from 2013 admission onwards was fixed vide U.O read as (1) above and modified (for NCC only) as per U.O read as (2) and (3)above.

The Syndicate held on 31.08.2019 considered the matter regarding the discrepancy noticed in the U.O read as (2) above in awarding grace marks to NCC cadets of First Degree Programmes under CBCS system and resolved to constitute subcommittee to study the anomalies for awarding grace marks to NCC cadets.

The meeting of the subcommittee held on 18.01.2020 recommended certain modifications in the U.O read as (2) above. The Syndicate held on 04.06.2020 vide item.No.12.23 resolved to approve the modifications made and implement the same from the Academic Year 2019-2020 and U.O read as (4) above was issued accordingly.

The NCC cadets of Kerala and Lakshadeep Directorate submitted their complaints against the lowering of percentage of grace marks and requested to reconsider the University Order issued in this regard. It is further stated in the request that the lowering of grace marks will keep away students from participating the biggest youth organisation of the Country in future and demoralize NCC cadets. Also the President and General Secretary, Associate NCC Officers' Welfare Association and others have stated that though cadets of Kerala/MG/Kannur/Calicut University put equal efforts in NCC activities, all except Kerala University get more grace marks.

The subcommittee at its meeting held on 13.10.2020 considered the complaints received from NCC Cadets/officers against the lowering of percentage of grace marks to the NCC cadets of Kerala University as per U.O.No.Ac.AV/4157/1/NCC/2019 dated 03.07.2020. The committee made a comparative study on grace marks awarded to NCC cadets by other Universities in Kerala with our University and recommended the following additions/modifications in the above said University Order. Grace marks awarded to the events in the University Order except below shall remain same.

Additions

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| 1. Basic Leadership Camp (BLC) | - 3% |
| 2. Thal Sainik Camp (TSC) | - 5% |
| 3. Nau Sainik Camp (NSC) | - 3% |
| 4. Vayu Sainik Camp (VSC) | - 3% |
| 5. Advanced Leadership Camp(ALC) | - 2% |
| 6. National Integration Camp (NIC renamed as EBSB) | - 2% |
| 7. Trekking | - 2% |
| 8. Adventure Mountaineering Camp | - 3% |

9. Sports & Games (Delhi)

- 4%

Modification

To award grace marks of 7% to the participants in the Republic Day Camp (RDC).

The meeting further recommended to place the matter before the Academic Council for consideration. Also recommended that the year of implementation be decided by the Academic Council.

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the Minutes of the online meeting of the subcommittee held on 13.10.2020.

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

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to approve the above Additions and Modification regarding the award of Grace Marks to NCC Cadets of First Degree Programmes under CBCS system with the following changes under the head 'Additions'.

Basic Leadership Camp (BLC)	:	2%
Advanced Leadership Camp (ALC)	:	3%
Attendance – Over and above 75%	:	1%

09. Regulations, Scheme and Syllabus of FDP in BA (Analytical Economics) Programme -Mar Ivanios College(Autonomous)- Approval – reg. (Ac.AII)

- Ref: (1)- Letter no.351/MIC/2020 dated 21.07.2020 from the Principal, Mar Ivanios College(Autonomous) and 13.08.2020.
- (2)- Item no.07 of the minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 28.09.2020
- (3)- Letter no.351/MIC/2020 dated 08.10.2020 from the Principal, Mar Ivanios College(Autonomous).

The Principal Mar Ivanios College(Autonomous) has forwarded the scheme and syllabus of FDP in BA(Analytical Economics) under CBCS scheme proposed to be implemented from 2020 admission onwards vide ref(1) above. As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the syllabus was placed before the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 28.09.2020 after obtaining the remarks of the Board of Studies concerned. The standing committee of the Academic Council vide ref(2) above, resolved that the corrections recommended by the Board of Studies shall be effected by the autonomous college concerned and submitted to the University urgently.

Accordingly the matter was intimated to the Principal, Mar Ivanios College and in return the Principal forwarded the corrected syllabus vide ref(3) above. The Chairmen concerned [Economics(pass),History(pass),Political Science(pass)] had verified and approved the corrected Syllabus and the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences endorsed the remarks of the Chairmen. The meeting of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 14.10.2020 considered the corrected Syllabus forwarded by the Principal Mar Ivanios College and referred the same to the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter of approving the Syllabus for the FDP in BA(Analytical Economics) forwarded by the Principal, Mar Ivanios College(Autonomous) is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOVED to approve the Syllabus for the FDP in BA (Analytical Economics) forwarded by the Principal, Mar Ivanios College (Autonomous), Thiruvananthapuram.

(II) Business brought forward by the Faculties

The concerned Deans moved that the recommendations of the respective faculties as contained in the minutes of the following meetings be approved.

1. Minutes of the Online Meeting of the Faculty of Arts held on 12th October, 2020 at 11.00 am. **(Ac.A.II)**
2. Minutes of the Additional Meeting of the Faculty of Education held at 12th October 2020 at the Department of Education, University of Kerala, Thycaud. **(Ac.A.III)**
3. Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty of Social Sciences held Online at 2.30 p.m on 13th October 2020. **(Ac.A.II)**
4. Minutes of the Online Meeting of the Faculty of Oriental Studies held on 13th October, 2020 at 3.00 pm. **(Ac.A.II)**
5. Minutes of the Combined Online Meeting of the Faculty of Science, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology, Faculty of Commerce for finalizing the scheme and structure and syllabus of UG and PG Programmes. **(Ac.A.II)**
6. Minutes of the Combined meeting of the Board of Studies in Physical Education and the Faculty of Physical Education held at 11.00 a.m on 13th October, 2020. **(Ac.A.IV)**
7. Minutes of the Combined meeting of the Faculty of Science and Social Sciences held Online at 6.30 p.m on 13th October, 2020. **(Ac.A.II)**
8. Minutes of the Online Meeting of Combined Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Oriental Studies held on 13th October 2020 at 4.30 pm. **(Ac.A.II)**
9. Minutes of the Combined Meeting of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Faculty of Arts held Online at 7 pm on 13th October, 2020. **(Ac.A.II)**
10. Minutes of the Combined Meeting of the Faculty of Commerce and Faculty of Social Sciences held Online at 1.00 pm on 13th October, 2020. **(Ac.A.IV)**
11. Minutes of the Additional Meeting of the Faculty of Commerce held Online at 2.00 pm on 12th October, 2020. **(Ac.A.IV)**
12. Minutes of the Additional Meeting of the Faculty of Management Studies held Online at 3.00 pm on 12th October, 2020. **(Ac.A.IV)**

The Academic Council RESOLVED that the recommendations of the above Faculties with regard to the new and innovative courses approved by Standing Committee of the Academic Council only as contained in the Minutes of its Meetings be approved.

Further RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty of Education along with the Revised Syllabus of BA English- Main (2020 Admission onwards) recommended by BoS in English (Pass) as contained in the Minutes of the Meeting of Faculty of Arts held on 12.10.2020.

***The Vice-Chancellor thanked all the members for their whole-hearted co-operation.
The meeting came to close at 11.30 am.***

Sd/-
Registrar i/c

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Pro-Vice-Chancellor

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Vice-Chancellor

***University Buildings,
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15/10/2020***