



University of Kashmir, Srinagar

Minutes of the meeting of University Research Council held on 30-04-2019 at 11:00 a.m. in the Committee Room of the Administration Block.

Present

1. **Prof. Talat Ahmad** (Chairman)
Vice Chancellor
2. **Prof. Ved Prakash**
Former Chairman, UGC, New Delhi
3. **Prof. Mohammad Zahid Ashraf**,
Deptt. of Biotechnology, Jamia Millia Islamia New Delhi
4. **Prof. Zafar A. Rishi**
Dean Research
5. **Prof. Akbar Masood**
Dean Academic Affairs
6. **Prof. Lily Want**
Dean School of Arts, Languages and Literatures
7. **Prof. Farooq A. Masoodi**
Dean School of Applied Sciences & Technology
8. **Prof. Irshad Ahmad Nawchoo**
Dean School of Biological Sciences
9. **Prof. S. Mufeed Ahmad**
Dean School of Business Studies
10. **Prof. Mohammad Iqbal Mattoo**
Dean School of Education and Behavioural Sciences
11. **Prof. Mohammad Sultan Bhat**
Dean School of Earth & Environmental Sciences
12. **Prof. S.M.A. Andrabi**
Dean School of Engineering,
13. **Prof. Mohammad Hussain**
Dean School of Law
14. **Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad**
Dean School of Open Learning
15. **Prof. Peerzada Shareef u din**
Dean School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences
16. **Prof. Asifa Jan**
Dean School of Social Sciences
17. **Prof. (Dr.) Samia Rashid**
Dean School of Medicines/Allied Medical Sciences
18. **Prof. Abdul. Gani, Director, Research and Development,**
Central University of Kashmir

19. *Prof. Brij Mohan Singh Bhau,*
Head, Department of Botany,
Central University of Jammu
20. *Dr. J. P. Sharma,*
Director Research, SKUAST-Jammu
21. *Dr. Aabid Hussain Shalla, In-charge Head, Deptt. of Chemistry, IUST, Awantipora*
22. *Dr. Mohammad Aslam Baba, Dean Engineering and Technology, Cluster University, Srinagar*
23. *Prof. M. Maqbool Lone, Controller, SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar*
24. *Syed Altaf Andrabi, Director, Agriculture, Kashmir Division*
25. *Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat, Joint Director, Science & Technology and Innovation Council, J&K*
26. *Prof. G.N. Khaki*
Director, CCAS
27. *Prof. Gh. Jeelani*
Head, Deptt. of Earth Science
28. *Prof. M.A. Khuroo*
Head, Deptt. of Chemistry
29. *Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Darzi*
Head, Deptt. of Management Studies
30. *Prof. Ab. Hamid Wani*
Head, Deptt. of Botany
31. *Prof. Aejaz Mohammad Sheikh*
Head, Deptt. of Linguistics
32. *Prof. Z.A. Bhat,*
Head, Deptt. of Pharmaceutical Sciences
33. *Dr. Touseef Rizvi*
Head, Deptt. of Psychology
34. *Principal, Amar Singh College, Srinagar*
35. *Prof. Shakil A. Romshoo*
Deptt. of Earth Science
36. *Dr. Manzoor Ahmad Shah*
Associate Professor, Deptt. of Botany
37. *Dr. Anzar Ahmad Khuroo*
Assistant Professor, Deptt. of Botany
38. *Dr. Majid Qadri*
Department of Management Studies

At the outset, Dean Research made a power-point presentation detailing the research programmes offered by the University, research projects currently in operation, future research plans etc. The Vice-Chancellor in his introductory remarks impressed upon all the stakeholders to join hands to make this University a premier institution of teaching, learning, research innovation and extension.

Before taking agenda items for discussion Prof. Ved Prakash, former UGC Chairman made following remarks:

1. The University should further improve the research ecosystem and promote research in areas that are socially relevant and are of local/regional importance.
2. The University should formulate benchmarks for evaluation of quality of research, particularly in humanities and social sciences.

3. The University should promote inter-disciplinary / multi-disciplinary research and seek active collaborations and participation of researchers from premier institutions in India and abroad.
4. The University should also incentivize good research by way of award of certificates, cash prizes and other incentives to the students as well as faculty members.
5. The University should create budgetary support (under revenue and CAPEX) for augmentation of state-of-the-art research infrastructure.

Subsequently agenda was taken up for discussion.

Item

No.1 Consideration for adoption and implementation of the Research Policy in the University of Kashmir.

Resolved that draft research policy be endorsed for consideration by the competent body after incorporating the suggestions given by the members. It was also felt by the members that the policy should be continuously reviewed in light of suggestions of stakeholders and new situations cropping-up in the University.

Item

No. 2 Consideration for adoption and implementation of guidelines for Consultancy Projects

Resolved that the draft guidelines for Consultancy Projects be endorsed for consideration by the competent body after incorporating the modifications suggested by the members.

Item

No. 3 Consideration for adoption of UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Education Institutions) Regulations-2018 in the University of Kashmir

Endorsed for approval of the competent body. **It was also resolved that the University should procure a good software (e.g Turnitin) for the purpose and Librarian Allama Iqbal Library should constitute a Committee for implementation of the regulations.**

Item

No. 4 Consideration of establishment of Centre for Advanced Instrumentation.

Endorsed for approval of the competent body. **It was also resolved that a proposal for establishment of Advanced Instrumentation Centre with proper justification be also submitted to the Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi under SAIF programme and other agencies for funding.**

Item

No.05 Consideration for Establishment of a *Centre for Interdisciplinary Research & Innovations (CIRI)*.

Endorsed for consideration by competent body with suggested changes in the budgetary provision. It was also resolved that Prof. Lily Want, Dean School of Arts, Languages and Literatures shall prepare a proposal for establishment of Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Arts and Social Sciences for consideration by the Research Council during its next meeting.

Item

- No.06 Consideration of the request of Director, Directorate of Sports & Physical Education for grant of recognition to the Directorate of Sports & Physical Education, as a Research Centre.**

Endorsed for consideration by the competent body.

Item

- No.07 Consideration of increase in the number of research scholarships and rate of scholarship per month in favour of registered Ph.D/Integrated M.Phil & Ph.D scholars of the University.**

Resolved that instead of six scholarships per Deptt./Research Centre, number of research scholarships (without any change in the amount of scholarship presently in vogue) are recommended as under:-

Professor	3 fellowships
Associate Professor	2 fellowships
Assistant Professor	1 fellowship

Item

- No.08 Consideration of the modifications in the guidelines adopted for utilization of overhead/institutional charges sanctioned under research projects.**

Endorsed for consideration by the competent body after incorporating modifications/additions in the guidelines currently in vogue in the University.

Item

- No.09 Consideration of the modifications/addition in the statutes governing admission & award of degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) and Integrated Degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D), 2017.**

Proposed amendments/modifications in the statutes recommended as under:

Statute as it exists now	Statute as it would appear after modification/amendment
Statute 3 (II) Notwithstanding anything contained contrary in clause 1 of Statute 3 of these Statutes, the Syndicate may, on the recommendation of the BORS and Academic Council or any other competent body, recognize any other Institution/ Research Centre/ Laboratory, that may or may not be affiliated to the University of Kashmir for conducting research programmes leading to the award of Ph.D Degree and Integrated M.Phil & Ph.D Degree.	Notwithstanding anything contained contrary in clause 1 of Statute 3 of these Statutes, the Syndicate may, on the recommendation of the BORS and University Research Council or any other competent body, recognize any other Institution/ Research Centre/ Laboratory, that may or may not be affiliated to the University of Kashmir for conducting research programmes leading to the award of Ph.D Degree and Integrated M.Phil & Ph.D Degree.

Statute 4 (III)

There shall be a Departmental Research Committee (DRC) with atleast four members to monitor research in each Department/Institute/Research Centre recognized for conducting course leading to the award of Ph.D Degree and Integrated M. Phil & Ph.D Degree, comprising the following:

- i) Head of the Department/Director/Coordinator of the Research Centre/Institute (Chairman);
- ii) All approved supervisors of the Department/Centre/Institute (Members);
- iii) Any other faculty/expert/s whose participation might be considered essential by the Departmental Research Committee; and
- (iv) Observer/s not below the rank of Professor preferably from the allied subject to be nominated by the Vice-chancellor on the recommendation of Dean Research

Provided that in case of the Department/s/Centre/s/Institute where the required minimum number of members is not available at a given point of time, the HOD/Director of that Department/ Centre/ Institute shall co-opt members from other allied Department/s/Centre/s on the recommendations of the Departmental Research Committee, after seeking approval of the Vice-Chancellor.

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	<p>(II) The majority of the members including the Chairman shall form quorum for the meeting of the DRC.</p> <p>(III) Meetings of the DRC shall be convened frequently, preferably after every three months with prior notice to all the members</p>
<p>Statute 5 (I)</p> <p>(v) Address all complaints/grievances of the scholars and supervisors pertaining to misconduct, misbehaviour, harassment etc. and shall make appropriate recommendations to the Dean of the School and where Chairman DRC or Dean of the School is the supervisor, then matter may be taken up by the Dean of the School or Dean Research, respectively as the case may be.</p>	<p>Address all complaints/grievances of the scholars and supervisors pertaining to misconduct, misbehaviour, harassment etc. and shall make appropriate recommendations to the Dean of the School within two weeks and where Chairman DRC or Dean of the School is the supervisor, then matter may be taken up by the Dean of the School or Dean Research, respectively as the case may be.</p>
<p>Statute 6</p> <p><u>Explanation:</u></p> <p>The Departmental Research Committee shall decide which of the subject/s is/are allied to the subject concerned but the Degree will be awarded to the candidate in the subject/discipline in which he/she has completed his/her Master's Degree.</p>	<p><u>Explanation:</u></p> <p>The Departmental Research Committee shall decide which of the subject/s is/are allied to the subject concerned but the Degree will be awarded to the candidate in the subject/discipline in which he/she has completed his/her Master's Degree. However, if the subject in which the candidate has obtained Masters/PG degree falls in Life Sciences, M.Phil/Ph.D degree will be awarded in Life Science or in the subject/discipline in which the candidate has completed PG degree.</p>
<p>Statute 8</p> <p>II Subject to Statutes 6, and 7 of these Statutes, the eligible candidates shall have to qualify the Entrance Test by securing atleast 50% marks.</p>	<p>Subject to Statutes 6, and 7 of these Statutes, the eligible candidates shall have to qualify the Entrance Test by securing atleast 50% marks before being considered for admission.</p>

<p>Statute</p> <p>(IV) Where the number of candidates exempted from the Entrance Test under Clause (III) above is more than the number of seats available then no Entrance Test will be conducted.</p>	<p>Where the number of candidates exempted from the Entrance Test under Clause (III) above is more than the number of seats available on whole-time basis (80%)/ part-time basis (20%), no Entrance Test will be conducted.</p> <p>Statute 8 (V) Subject to availability of vacancies with the approved research supervisors, candidates having qualified PG programme with 55% marks from UGC recognized University and JRF from UGC/CSIR/DBT/ICMR/ICAR shall be considered for admission to the research programmes in case the candidate applies for admission within six months from the date of qualifying JRF.</p>
<p>Statute 9</p> <p>II. The notification for the Entrance Test for all the faculties shall be issued by the Dean Research twice in a year preferably within three weeks after the declaration of the result of UGC/ CSIR NET/JRF. Notification shall be displayed on the university website and published in two national dailies, sufficiently indicating the number of seats for admission, subject/ discipline-wise distribution of available seats, criteria for admission, procedure for admission and all other information for the benefit of the candidates.</p>	<p>The notification for the Entrance Test for all the faculties shall be issued by the Dean Research twice in a year preferably within three weeks after the declaration of the result of UGC/ CSIR NET/JRF. Notification shall be displayed on the university website and published in one national and two local dailies, sufficiently indicating the number of seats for admission, subject/discipline-wise distribution of available seats, criteria for admission, procedure for admission and all other information for the benefit of the candidates.</p>

<p>VII. The candidates whose result of the final semester of the Master's programme or an equivalent Degree is awaited shall also be allowed to appear provisionally in the Entrance Test, subject to the production of an affidavit duly attested by 1st class Judicial Magistrate to the effect that he/she shall not claim any benefit in case he/she fails to secure the required percentage of marks at Master's level by or before the date of declaration of Entrance Test result.</p> <p>XI The list of qualified candidates will be notified by the Dean of the School and will be made available on the website of the university.</p>	<p>The candidates whose result of the final semester of the Master's programme or an equivalent Degree is awaited shall also be allowed to appear provisionally in the Entrance Test, subject to the production of an affidavit duly attested by 1st class Judicial Magistrate to the effect that he/she shall not claim any benefit in case he/she fails to secure the required percentage of marks at Master's level by or before the date of declaration of Entrance Test result/finalization of the list of candidates (exempted from appearing in the Entrance Test) by the DRC for admission to Integrated M.Phil & Ph.D programme whichever be earlier.</p> <p>The list of candidates who have qualified Entrance Test will be notified by the Dean of the School and will be made available on the website of the university. The list will remain valid for a period of one year or till next Entrance Test is conducted whichever be earlier.</p>
<p>Statute 11 (I) The candidates selected for admission leading to the award of Ph.D or Integrated M.Phil & Ph.D Degree shall join the course within 30 days from the issuance of selection list failing which their admission shall automatically stand cancelled. Provided that the Dean of the School may extend the joining period under special circumstances to be recorded in writing after seeking permission for the same from Dean Research.</p>	<p>The candidates selected for admission leading to the award of Ph.D or Integrated M.Phil & Ph.D Degree shall join the course within 30 days from the issuance of selection list failing which their admission shall automatically stand cancelled. In case, in-service candidates don't get permission/NOC/leave from the parent department within 30 days, they shall produce documentary evidence of having applied for permission/NOC/leave in the parent department within two months from their selection to the programme. Such in-service scholars shall join the course within a maximum period of</p>

	<p>one year from the issuance of list failing which their admission shall automatically stand cancelled.</p> <p>Provided further that the Vice Chancellor on the recommendations of Dean Research may extend the joining period under extra-ordinary circumstances to be recorded in writing by the Head of the Deptt./Director of the Research Centre and endorsed by Dean of the concerned School/Faculty.</p>
<p>Statute 17</p> <p>I Where a candidate is registered for Integrated M.Phil & Ph.D programme and has successfully completed course work but for some reasons, to be recorded in writing, wants to opt out from the course, he/she is eligible for award of M.Phil Degree provided he/she makes a request for the same to the DRC Chairman who shall place it before DRC for its recommendation to BORS.</p>	<p>Where a candidate is registered for Integrated M.Phil & Ph.D programme and has successfully completed and qualified course work examinations, he/she can make a request for award of M.Phil degree to the Head/Director (Chairman DRC) who shall place it before DRC for its recommendation to BORS.</p>
<p>Statute 20</p> <p>(II) The change of supervisor can be considered by the BORS on the representation submitted by the scholar with convincing justification duly recommended by the Head/Director/Coordinator and the Dean of the School concerned.</p>	<p>The change of supervisor can be considered by the BORS on the representation submitted by the scholar with convincing justification duly recommended by the Head/Director/Coordinator and the Dean of the School concerned. Topic of research already allotted can be changed with the change of supervisor/not changed as per merits of the case and justification duly recommended by the DRC.</p>
<p>Statute 23 Clause-II</p> <p>Where a candidate fails to submit his/her Dissertation/Thesis within the re-registration period, he/she shall have to apply afresh only after passing Aptitude Test or Entrance Test as will be applicable.</p>	<p>Where a candidate fails to submit his/her Dissertation/Thesis within the re-registration period, he/she shall be provided a chance for fresh registration to the research programme for a maximum period of one year without any change in the topic of research and supervisor allotted, subject to payment of registration fee afresh.</p>

Statute 24

(I) The residency period for M.Phil programme shall be of one year running from the date of joining the Department/ Centre/Institute.

c. The residency period for Integrated M.Phil & Ph.D Programme shall be of consecutive three years and shall be put in by the scholar at any time during the period of registration, extension or re-registration.

(IV)The residency period for part-time scholars for integrated Ph. D programme shall be 3 years to be completed in 5 spells of 5 months each, to account for 25 months; other 11 months shall have to be resided in the evenings, weekends and holidays with attendance certified by the DRC or 6 months spells over 6 years.

The residency period for M.Phil under Integrated M.Phil & Ph.D programme shall be of one year running from the date of joining the Department/ Centre/Institute.

The residency period for Integrated M.Phil & Ph.D Programme shall be of consecutive three years and shall be put in by the scholar at any time during the period of registration, extension or re-registration.

However, whole-time scholars if employed during residency period and having put in required service, can seek change of mode of registration from whole-time to part-time or vice-versa and resume research programme after getting permission and required leave from parent Deptt. within six years.

The residency period for part-time scholars for Integrated Ph. D programme shall be 3 years to be completed in 4 spells of 6 months each, to account for 24 months and other 12 months shall have to be resided in the evenings, weekends and holidays with attendance certified by the DRC or 6 months spells over 6 years. Likewise residency period for part-time M.Phil under Integrated M.Phil & Ph.D programme shall be 1 year to be completed in 2 spells of 6 months each.

<p>Statute 27</p> <p>IV. 80% of the intake capacity in a Department/ Centre/Institute for Ph.D/ Integrated M.Phil & Ph.D programme shall be offered to candidates who will join on whole-time basis and the remaining 20% for part-timers.</p> <p>Provided that in case the seats fall vacant in part-time category due to non-availability of candidates, the seats shall be offered to the candidates eligible under whole-time category.</p>	<p>80% of the intake capacity in a Department/ Centre/Institute for Ph.D/Integrated M.Phil & Ph.D programme shall be offered to candidates who will join on whole-time basis and the remaining 20% for part-timers if available subject to fulfilment of eligibility conditions.</p> <p>Provided that in case the seats fall vacant in part-time category due to non-availability of candidates, the seats shall be offered to the candidates eligible under whole-time category.</p>
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Endorsed for consideration by the competent body.

Item

- No.10 Consideration of the question of issuance of MSP (Minimum Standards Procedure for award of Ph.D Degree) certificate in favour of the Ph.D awardees of the University who were admitted to M.Phil/Ph.D programme without appearing in the Entrance Test after implementation of UGC-2009 guidelines.**

Resolved that each case be examined by a Committee comprising the following and recommendations made with regard to issuance of MSP to the Ph.D degree holder keeping in view UGC 2009 and 2016 guidelines on the subject:-

1. *Dean of the School*
2. *Nominee of the Vice-Chancellor*
3. *Head of the Department/Director of the Research Centre/Co-ordinator of the Department*
4. *Concerned Supervisor*

Item

- No.11 Consideration of the request of the scholars (pursuing Integrated M.Phil & Ph.D programme) for award of two separate degrees i.e. M.Phil degree and Ph.D degree.**

Endorsed for consideration by the competent body.

Item

- No.12 Consideration of the request of Mr. Riyaz ul Rehman Hajam, Assistant Professor, Govt. Degree College, Bemina for renewal of his registration to Ph.D programme in Botany on whole-time basis.**

Case be put up on file to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration in light of relevant statutes.

Item

- No.13 Consideration of the recommendations of Departmental Research Committee, Department of Biochemistry, University of Kashmir for consideration of the request made by Mr. Waheed Hamid, M.Phil scholar for keeping his registration to M.Phil programme in abeyance on humanitarian grounds.**

Case be put up on file to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration in light of relevant statutes.

Item

- No.14 Consideration of the request of Head, Department of Food Science and Technology recommended by the Departmental Research Committee for keeping registration of Mr. Waqas Baba, (Lab Assistant) Department of Food Science and Technology to Ph.D programme in abeyance after granting four (04) months condonation.**

Case be put up on file to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration in light of relevant statutes.

Item

- No.15 Consideration of the fresh registration of Mr. Showkat Rasheed Wani, Assistant Professor DDE to Ph.D programme on part-time basis, without any change in the topic of research and supervisor already allotted.**

Case be put up on file to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration in light of relevant statutes.

Item

- No.16 Ratification of the action taken by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor in having extended the statute, (exempting, permanently disabled candidates from payment of admission and other fees for admission to various courses on the merits of each case) to the permanently disabled candidates admitted to/being admitted to various research degree programmes.**

Resolved that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor be ratified.

Item

- No.17 To ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in having approved the recommendations of the Committee constituted to frame specific recommendations viz-a-viz equivalence of ICAR-NET with UGC-NET and other related matters in respect of subjects where UGC does not conduct NET.**

Resolved that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor be ratified.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.

Approved.

Sd/-
Dean Research

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Vice-Chancellor



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