ARKA JAIN University
Jharkhand

Minutes of the 26th Meeting of Academic Council

Date: 25.08.2023 | Time: 11:00 am | Venue: AJU Campus

The following members were present:

1. Prof. (Dr.) S. S. Razi, Vice-Chancellor as Chairman
2. Col. (Hony.) Dr. N. Sundararajan, Pro-Chancellor, JAIN (Deemed-to-be-University), Bengaluru
3. Prof. (Dr.) Easwaran Iyer, Pro Vice-Chancellor, JAIN (Deemed-to-be-University), Bengaluru
4. Prof. (Dr.) Angad Tiwary, Dean, SCOM
5. Prof. (Dr.) Jyotirmaya Sahoo, Dean, School of Health & Allied Science
6. Dr. Ashwini Kumar, HOD, Department of Engineering
7. Prof. Raj Kumari Ghosh, HOD, Department of English
8. Dr. Rahul Amin, HOD, Department of Journalism and Communication
9. Prof. Usha Kiran Barla, HOD, Department of Fashion Design
10. Mr. Jasbir Dhanjal, Joint Registrar
11. Dr. Arvind Kumar Pandey, HOD, Department of Computer Science
12. Mr. Amit Kumar Shrivastav, Registrar, Member Secretary
13. Mr. Rajesh Kumar Shukla, Syndicate Member, Kolhan University, Jharkhand
14. Prof. (Dr.) Danish Ali Khan, External Member, NIT, Jamshedpur
15. Prof. (Dr.) S. B. Tiwary, External Member, Principal, ABM College, Jamshedpur

The Chairman welcomed all the members and special invitees to the 26th Academic Council Meeting. He mentioned that this meeting has been called mainly to discuss upon the various proposals as received from the different Schools and Departments.

The following agenda items were taken up for discussion:

Agenda No. 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the previous Academic Council Meeting

The Chairman informed that copy of the Minutes of the 25th meeting was circulated to all the members and no comments were received.

Therefore, the minutes of the 25th meeting of the Academic Council were confirmed by the members.

Agenda No. 2: Action Taken Report

The Registrar updated the members with the action taken report on the actionable agendas discussed in the previous Academic Council Meeting.

Members noted the action taken report.

Agenda No. 3: Discussion/ Approval Items

Agenda No. 3.1: Discussion and Approval regarding the Program in-Take & Fees Structure for the Academic Year 2023-24

Discussion/Approval - The members of Academic Council discussed and approved the Program in-take & Fees Structure for the below-mentioned programs:

Sl. No	Program	In- Take	Fees Structure Per Semester
1	Bachelor of Business Administration	600	35000
2	Bachelor of Commerce (Honours)	240	25000
3	Master of Business Administration	120	95000
4	Bachelor of Arts- Hons (Journalism and Mass Communication)	60	30000

5	Bachelor of Arts - Hons (Fashion Design)	60	30000
6	Bachelor of Arts- Hons (English)	60	25000
7	Bachelor of Pharmacy	100	60000
8	Diploma in Pharmacy	60	100000 (Yearly)
9	Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology	60	30000
10	Bachelor of Optometry	60	50000
11	Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Legislative Law	60	40000
12	Bachelor of Computer Application	400	35000
13	Bachelor of Technology in Electrical & Electronics Engineering	60	50000
14	Bachelor of Technology in Mechanical Engineering	60	50000
15	Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science & Engineering	180	60000
16	Master of Computer Application	60	50000
17	Diploma in Mechanical Engineering	180	30000
18	Diploma in Computer Science and Engineering	90	30000
19	Diploma in Electrical and Electronics Engineering	90	30000
20	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	60	50000
21	General Nursing and Midwifery	60	80000 (Yearly)
22	Ph.D	62	300000 (for entire duration)

The members of Academic Council approved the proposal presented by the Registrar. Further, it recommended the same for the approval of the Board of Management.

Agenda No. 3.2 Discussion and Approval of Academic Calendars for the Academic Year 2023-24.

Discussion/ Approval:

The academic calendars of the University (prepared by IQAC), various Schools and Departments, Examination, Training & Placement, Registrar Office were presented before the members of the Academic Council. They were discussed and subsequently approved by the members of the Academic Council.

Agenda No. 3.3 Discussion and Approval of the Value Added Courses to be conducted during the Academic Year 2023-24.

Discussion/ Approval:

The Chairman informed the members that 20 Value Added Courses (VACs) are in the pipeline for the entire academic year 2023-24 to develop additional skills, in addition to the standard course curricula, for the students across all the disciplines. VACs are developed by the Schools/ Departments to fulfil the need for knowing about the emerging trends and technologies. A few VACs are also introduced based on feedback from the various stakeholders. The list of VACs was discussed and approved by the members of the academic council.

Following is the list of VACs, School/department-wise, presented for approval of Academic Council:

Sl. No	Name of Value Added Course	Department
1	Value Added Course on Effective Communication and Interpersonal Skills	English
2	Value Added Course on Yoga and Meditation as sources of Mental Health	Fashion Design
3	Value Added Course on Photojournalism	Journalism & Mass Communication
4	Value Added Course on Campus to Corporate	Management (BBA)
5	Value Added Course on Financial Accounting using Tally ERP 9.0	Management (BBA)
6	Value Added Course on Master the Art of Investment and Trading	Commerce
7	Value Added Course on Competitive Exam Preparation and Techniques	Commerce
8	Value Added Course on Dynamics of Retail Markets in India	Management (MBA)
9	Value Added Course on Present Yourself	Management (MBA)
10	Value Added Course on Cybercrime against Women	Law
11	Value Added Course on Research & Research Ethics	EEE
12	Value Added Course on Numerical Analysis of Fatigue Failure in Mechanical Components	ME
13	Value Added Course on Applications & Challenges in Natural Language Processing	CS & IT (CSE)
14	Value Added Course on Machine Learning with Semantic Analysis	CS & IT (BCA)

15	Value Added Course on IoT & its Applications	CS & IT (MCA)
16	Value Added Course on Simulated Bioassay	Pharmacy
17	Value Added Course on Theoretical & Practical Aspects of Rheology	Pharmacy
18	Value Added Course on Animal Biotechnology; Recent advancements in Cancer Biology	Biotechnology
19	Value Added Course on Professional Communication for Optometrists in different Work Settings	Optometry
20	Value Added Course on Soft Skills Training	Nursing

The Value Added Courses were discussed and subsequently approved by the members of the Academic Council.

Agenda No. 3.4 Discussion about, and subsequent Approval of, the sanctioned strength of Various Teaching Posts in the different Schools for the academic Year 2023-24:

Discussion/ Approval:

The following approval requests for Teaching Positions across the different Schools were presented in front of the members of Academic Council which they discussed & approved and subsequently recommended for approval of Board of Management.

Sl. No.	School	Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor
1.	School of Commerce & Management	2	7	40
2.	School of Humanities	1	3	11
3.	School of Health & Allied Science	2	4	45
4.	School of Law	1		19
5.	School of Engineering & IT	1	5	55

Agenda No. 3.5 Discussion and Approval on Conducting outbound training programme for the newly admitted students of the 2023 batch

Discussion/ Approval:

It was informed to the members of Academic Council that the university is planning a one-day outbound training program for the newly admitted students of the 2023 batch spread across five days. The venue of the program will be the Kannelite Hotel, Sakchi, Jamshedpur and external domain experts would be invited for the sessions. The proposal was discussed and approved by the members of Academic Council and recommended for the subsequent approval of the Board of Management.

Agenda No. 3.6 Discussion on, and Approval of, the list of Faculty members eligible for Research Allowance for the period January to June 2023.

Discussion/ Approval:

The members of Academic Council discussed and approved the research allowance for the period January to June 2023 as per the list of eligible faculty members. The same was further recommended for the subsequent approval of the Board of Management.

Agenda No. 3.7 Discussion and Approval of Access to e-library through Remote Access facility for students and faculty & staff members of the University

Discussion/ Approval:

It was discussed and approved by the members of Academic Council with regard to providing access to e-Library through remote access facility for students and faculty & staff members of the University so as to ease the facilitation of knowledge and information.

Agenda No. 3.8 Approval and Approval of New Programmes to be introduced from the Academic Year 2023-24

Discussion/ Approval:

The Registrar presented the proposal for introducing new programmes from the academic year 2023-24. The proposal was discussed and approved by the Academic Council. It was further recommended for approval of the Board of Management.

Introduction of new Programmes from academic year 2023-24

Sl. No.	Proposed Program	Proposed In-Take	Fees Per Semester
1	M. Tech in Thermal Engineering	12	45000/-
2	M. Tech in Manufacturing Engineering	12	45000/-
3	M. Tech in Computer Science Engineering	12	45000/-
4	M. Tech in Computer Science & IT	12	45000/-
5	Ph.D in Mechanical Engineering	30	300000/- (for entire duration)

Agenda No. 3.9 Discussion on Syllabi & Schemes of study for the programmes to be introduced from the Academic Year 2023-24

Discussion/ Approval:

The Concerned Departments presented the Schemes of study & syllabi for the newly introduced programmes which were discussed by the members of Academic Council who suggested few changes and asked the concerned Departments to present the same in the next academic council meeting.

Agenda No. 3.10 Discussion on submission of Induction & Orientation write-up after the completion of the induction program.

Discussion/ Approval:

It was discussed by the members of Academic Council that all the newly admitted students need to submit write-up on the induction & orientation program conducted by their departments. The Department would identify the best write-up and that student will be felicitated by the university.

Agenda No. 3.11 Discussion and Approval on Discontinuance of the General Nursing Midwifery (GNM) Programme offered by the School of Nursing.

Discussion/ Approval:

The members of Academic Council discussed and approved the discontinuance of the General Nursing Midwifery (GNM) programme offered by the School of Nursing. This was done considering the local demand at entry level, accreditation and compliance constraints. The members were of the opinion that closing the programme will allow the University to realign and strengthen the other Nursing and Healthcare programme, B Sc in Nursing.

Agenda No. 4: Reporting Items

Agenda No. 4.1: Update on publication of Admission Notification in Local Newspapers and other Media Channels

Update/ Information:

The members of the Academic Council were updated that the admission notification has been prepared and routinely published in the local newspapers and other media channels for admission announcements to various programmes at Diploma/ UG / PG & PhD levels for the Academic Year 2023-24. They were informed that this exercise was carried out in an extensive manner and would be continued till the admission are going on for the present academic session.

Agenda No. 4.2: Update regarding the MoUs Signed by the University

Update/ Information:

The members of the Academic Council were updated about the MOUs signed by the ARKA JAIN University in the intervening period between the present and preceding academic council meetings. They were also briefed about the objectives of signing these MoUs.

a. IBM India Pvt. Ltd. Bengaluru: -

i. To establish IBM Software Lab for Emerging Technologies at the university premises thus providing the necessary infrastructure to take the teaching-learning experience to the next level.

ii. Offer specialized programme, B Tech CSE in Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

iii. Experts from IBM would be visiting the University to take sessions thus providing the much-needed inputs to the students who have opted for the specialized programme.

iv. Further, as part of the MoU, IBM would be organizing many activities in the university thus providing opportunities to the students as well as faculty members to grow exponentially.

b. OP Jindal University, Raigarh: -

The objective of the MoU is to conceptualize research projects to be collaboratively executed on an as-per-needs basis. Further, the MoU would support the University with regard to the following activities:

i. Research Project work leading to M. Tech/ PhD Degree.

ii. Laboratory/Infrastructure development

iii. Sponsored Projects

iv. Internships to the students

c. Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (Deemed-to-be-University), Bhubaneswar, Odisha

i. To jointly organize Workshops/ Seminars and Conferences as well as e/Virtual exchange of Classes/ Faculty Exchange Programmes

ii. To offer Continuing Education and Training programmes conducted by both parties for faculty members, research scholars and students.

iii. Both parties agreed to undertake students and conduct joint research projects which are mutually beneficial.

iv. Extend cooperation with regard to developing the curricula of Continuing Education Programmes

v. Both parties would take selected students for training every year.

d. College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Odisha: -

i. To jointly organize Workshops/ Seminars and Conferences as well as e/Virtual exchange of Classes/ Faculty Exchange Programmes

ii. To offer Continuing Education and Training programmes conducted by both parties for faculty members, research scholars and students.

iii. Both parties agreed to undertake students and conduct joint research projects which are mutually beneficial.

iv. Extend help in and cooperation in developing the curriculum of Continuing Education Programmes

v. Both parties would take selected students for training every year.

Agenda No. 4.3: Update on the University Rankings in the latest Outlook I-Care India's Best University Rankings 2023 and Outlook I-Care India's Best Colleges Rankings 2023

Update/ Information:

The members of Academic Council were informed about attainment of the 3rd Ranking of the University in the category "Top-15 Emerging Private Universities in India" in the latest Outlook I-Care India's Best University Rankings 2023.

Also, they were informed about the 5th rank of the Engineering programme (in the category, "Institutions for Potential for Excellence"), 98th rank of BCA programme, 100th rank of BBA & B Com Hons. programmes in the latest Outlook I-Care India's Best Colleges Rankings 2023

Agenda No. 4.4: Update on Completion of Two-day workshop on Outcome Based Education by External Expert.

Update/ Information:

The members of Academic Council were informed about the Two-day workshop on Outcome Based Education organized during 21st & 22nd July 2023, conducted in the interactive mode.

Around 150 faculty and staff members from the entire university participated in this workshop. The objective behind conducting this workshop was to make the faculty members familiar as to how outcome based education is the way forward in higher education. Also, the participants learnt about the various qualitative measures as applicable on NAAC. They also learnt about how to carry out the CO/ PO attainment exercise which is quite crucial with regard to the overall NAAC procedure. Prof. (Dr.) Amiya Kumar Rath, Vice-Chancellor, Biju Patnaik University of Technology, Rourkela, Odisha was the resource person for the same. The members were pleased to note that the workshop was a successful endeavor thus fulfilling its purpose.

Agenda No. 4.5: Update on 5-Day International Conference organized by the Department of Pharmacy from 2nd to 6th May 2023.

Update/ Information:

The members of Academic Council were informed about the international conference titled, "**Global Health Challenges & Translating Research into Practice (GHCTRP)**" organized by the Department of Pharmacy from 2nd to 6th May 2023. They were informed that the conference was organized in association with School of Allied Health Sciences, Pharmacy Department, San Pedro College, Philippines as well as various MoU Partners; IQAC, IIC and RDC of AJU. The international conference saw coming together of dignitaries and participants from various prestigious international and national HEIs and other entities. On an average, 135 participants were part of the conference on a daily basis thus making it an immensely successful congregation for the department.

Agenda No. 4.6: Update on Syllabus Review and upgradation of Courses

Update/ Information:

The members of Academic Council were informed about the Syllabi Review and upgradation of courses as carried out by the School of Commerce & Management for the various courses as offered by its departments.

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Agenda No. 5: Any other Agenda

Agenda No. 5.1: Discussion on external Faculty Development Programmes to be attended by the faculty members of the University

Decision:

It was instructed to all the Deans & HoDs of the various Schools and Departments that it would be mandatory for all the faculty members to attend one Faculty Development Program in a year. It will be the responsibility of the Deans & HODs to ensure compliance towards the same.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

A.K. Srivastav

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Member Secretary