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Minutes of the Second Academic Council (AC) Meeting

10 August 2009

Venue : RGNIYD

1. The Second Academic Council Meeting of RGNIYD University was held on 10 August 2009 at 11 a.m in the Mini Conference Hall. The meeting was chaired by Sri. G Rajasekaran, Director/Vice Chancellor, RGNIYD University and Chairperson, Academic Council. The following personnel participated in the meeting.

Sri. G Rajasekaran, IAS	Director/Vice Chancellor, RGNIYD University and Chairperson, Academic Council
Dr. A Sukumaran Nair	Ex-Vice Chancellor, MG University, Kottayam, Kerala.
Prof. PK Abdul Aziz	Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.
Prof. PR Ramanujam	Director, STRIDE, IGNOU, New Delhi.
Dr. R Jayasree	Dean, School of Social Sciences, Sri Padmavati Women's University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.
Prof. (Ms.) Ashum Gupta	Professor, Dept. of Psychology, University of Delhi, Delhi.
Prof. G Palanithurai	Professor, Rajiv Gandhi Chair, Dept. of Political Science and Public Administration, Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram.

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Dr. KV Kaliappan	Professor & Head (Retd.), Dept. of Psychology, University of Madras, Chennai.
Dr. RM Ramathal	Chairperson, TN State Commission for Women, Chennai.
Prof. N Radhakrishnan	Chairman, Indian Council of Gandhian Studies, New Delhi.
Dr. Annette Mathew	Head, School of Gender Studies & Head i/c, School of Counselling
Dr. A Radhakrishnan Nair	Head, School of Life Skills Education and Social Harmony
Dr. V Reghu	Head, School of Youth Studies & Extension, Head i/c, School of Governance and Public Policy, and Academic Co-ordinator

2. The meeting started with an introductory address by Sri. G Rajasekaran, IAS, Director/Vice Chancellor, RGNIYD and Chairperson, Academic Council. He welcomed all the academicians who have come from different parts of the country to the meeting, which was convened to suggest, strengthen and support the academic initiatives of this University. At the outset, the Chairperson gave a brief sketch about the progress of development activities taking place in the University.

3. After the introductory remarks by the Chairperson, Academic Council, agenda points were taken up in the following order for discussions.

4. **Agenda Item 1: Approval of the minutes of the First AC Meeting.**

Minutes of the first AC meeting held on 12 May 2008 at RGNIYD campus was presented before the meeting.

Resolution: **Approved.**

5. **Agenda Item 2: Action taken on the Minutes of the First AC Meeting**

Action taken on the minutes of the First AC meeting was presented by Dr. Reghu, Academic Co-ordinator. Members of the Academic Council suggested diverse strategies for marketing of the M.A. programmes like communicating the programme details to the foreign embassies, Commonwealth of Learning, etc.

Resolution: **Noted and Approved.**

6. **Agenda Item 3: Ph.D. in Youth Development**

Discussions took place towards ensuring the quality of research work proposed to be undertaken by the students registering for Ph.D. The need for developing a 'Data bank for research topics' was suggested. Ensuring 'Quality in research' was the focal point of discussions. After listening to the comments expressed by the members, Academic Co-ordinator mentioned that detailed Ph.D. regulations have been worked out based on the recommendations of the Research Advisory Committee and every possible care has been taken to ensure quality in research. He indicated that introduction of course work, activating 'Research Quality Circle' for presenting the research programme at regular intervals, conduct of pre-submission seminar as a mandatory one, etc. as some of the steps visualized to ensure quality and standards in research.

After detailed deliberations, the Ph.D. programmes (Inter-disciplinary) in the following disciplines have been approved.

- (a) Youth Empowerment.
- (b) Career Counselling.
- (c) Gender Studies.
- (d) Local Governance.
- (e) Life Skills Education.

Resolution: **Approved.**

7. **Agenda Item 4: Launching of M.Phil. (Inter-disciplinary)**

Similar to Ph.D., members expressed their views towards ensuring quality in research towards launching of M.Phil.

