MINUTES OF THE 3rd ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 11.00 A.M on 16.08.2010 AT RGNIYD

The 3rd Academic Council meeting of the University was conducted on 16.08.2010 at 11.00 a.m in the Conference Hall. The meeting was chaired by Shri. Michael Vetha Siromony, IAS, Vice Chancellor and Director, RGNIYD. Dr. V. Reghu, Academic Co-ordinator, welcomed the Hon'ble members. He gave details about the students and indicated that there is a steady growth in the number of students from 2008 to 2010.

The following members attended the Academic Council Meeting:

1. Shri Michael Vetha Siromony, IAS, Director & Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development,
2. Dr. A. Sukumaran Nair, Former VC, MG University, Kottayam, Kerala
3. Prof. R. Jayashree, Professor, Department of Womens' Studies, Sri Padmavathi Women's University, Tirupati – 517 502.
4. Dr. Shankar Choudhury, UNESCO, New Delhi.
5. Dr. Gautham Gawali, Professor, University of Mumbai, Mumbai
6. Prof. (Ms.) Ashum Gupta, Professor, University of Delhi, Delhi
7. Tmt. S.P. Sarkuna Pandian, Chairperson, Tamil Nadu State Commission for Women, Chepauk, Chennai – 600 002.
8. Dr A. Radhakrishnan Nair, Head, SLSESH, RGNIYD University
9. Dr. Annette Mathew, Head, SGS, RGNIYD University
10. Dr. K. Giressan, Head, SGPP, RGNIYD University
11. Dr. J. Henry Rozario, Associate Professor, Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur
12. Dr V Reghu, HoD, SYSE, RGNIYD University

Agenda I : A Brief Report of the Academic Programmes of the Schools from May 2009 to August 2010.

The meeting started with an introductory address by Shri. Michael Vetha Siromony, IAS Vice Chancellor and Director, RGNIYD. The Chairperson presented a brief report of activities of the University from August 2009 to August 2010. Minutes of the 2nd Academic Council meeting held on 12th August 2009 at RGNIYD was presented before the meeting.

- He gave details of the 5 academic programmes run by RGNIYD and also indicated that 2 students of RGNIYD participated in the Ship for World Youth programme organized by Government of Japan.
- He gave a brief of the workshops, seminars, Research, Publications held by different schools of RGNIYD.

~~Resolution approved.~~

Agenda 2 : Academic Programmes for 2010 – 2011

Action taken of the minutes on the second Academic Council meeting was presented by Dr. K. Gireesan, Head, School of Governance and Public Policy.

- The Academic Council was informed that the Syllabus of the 5 academic programmes have been revised as per CBCS pattern based on the UGC guidelines and suggestions by the UGC Review Committee.

- Dr. Gawali congratulated the RGNIYD for starting such efforts in the formative stage of the University itself.

- Dr. Ashum Gupta suggested that renaming the schools should be included in the action taken reports.

The following discussions were held in the meeting

Starting of M.Phil and Ph.D

a. Academic Council insisted that M.Phil and Ph. D could be started. The EC may be appraised and requested to reconsider these courses as early as possible.

b. It is high time to take up Research, Training and Publications, Publications of Journal of Research on youth activities. Ministry may be requested to clear the proposals within a short period of time.

c. UGC guidelines have to be followed for M.Phil and Ph.D Entrance exams have to be conducted followed by interview.

d. In addition to RGNIYD faculty, experts and practitioners from outside can be identified to address the students.

e. The Research methodology can be regionalized as is the pattern in other Universities.

Resolution Noted and Approved.

Agenda 3 : Certificate Programmes

- All the compulsory papers incorporated in the syllabus (CBCS Pattern) have been converted into the following certificate courses
- Community Radio – what is a CR forum best practices networking, reference to be made.
- Street, youth, migrant, female youth emphasis may be given to include on these issues

Agenda 4 : New Syllabus (CBCS) for M.A Programmes

The Academic Co-ordinator presented the details of the papers of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) as recommended by Prof. Madaiah Committee during the UGC Review visit made to the University in February 2010. As per the new syllabus, a students need to acquire 90 credits to successfully complete the programme.

School of Gender Studies

Dr. Annette Mathews presented the syllabus of M.A Gender Studies on Choice Based Credit Systems. During the deliberations, the Council resolved that:

a. The concept on Word Globalization to be included in the Gender Studies syllabus.
b. Gender and Health, Reproductive health and HIV AIDS to be included according to the Government of India Health Policy.
c. Women and literature – modern literature to be included in NRHM as optional subject in the syllabus.
d. Homo sexuality and Hetro sexuality is to be emphasized.
e. All the students be imparted on gender studies relating to feminism like Origin of the feminism.
f. Uniformity in the units should be maintained.
g. Important references to be included.
h. In the 'Black Feminism Course', the emphasis shall be on gender and inclusion.
i. Gender based violence, LGBT, women and peace are to be included in the syllabus.

j.   Gender paper has to be revised by including areas like interpersonal relationship, Gender auditing and masculine movements.

Normally 3 years to be taken to revise the syllabus, feedback to be taken before revising the syllabus.

School of Counselling

The Committee observed that the syllabus of M.A Career Counselling requires more practicum than theory.

a.   With minimum training to the faculty and students (especially on the orientation programme).
b.   NCERT conducts course on counseling as Open Distance education. RGNIYD students can also tie up with them to enhance their employability.
c.   Career Guidance course has to be developed further.
d.   Career guidance possibilities available under CBCS are to be developed.
e.   Few courses can be reviewed, for improvement.
f.   Assessment career development for women may be renamed as career counseling for women.

School of Governance and Public Policy

The following comments and suggestions were made on the syllabus of M.A. Local governance.

a.   SCP and TSP are to be removed from MALG402 and included in MALG408.
b.   In Unit 4 of MALG410 atrocities against tribal to be included.

School of Youth Studies and Extension

Dr. V. Reghu briefed the Academic Council about the syllabus of M.A Youth Empowerment.

a.   Conflict management – peace building and conflict resolution may be reflected
b.   The courses viz. Health aspect, Use of ICT – Computing, Community Radio could be added in the CBCS
c.   Multicultural perspective in youth work can be added in the first paper
d.   Disaster management common to all

e.   Guidance and counseling – has to be restructured

f.   Guidance and counseling – reference can be changed and new books may be put for reference

School of Life Skills Education and Social Harmony

The following suggestions were made on the syllabus of M.A Life Skills Education.

a.   Life planning workshop may be incorporated in life coaching skills

b.   A workshop to prepare manual for life planning shall be organized

c.   Family education/ Adult Education Programme can be included

d.   As Training is emerging as a specialized field, all students must be given this as an elective paper

e.   Disaster preparedness, NDMA tie up can be thought about.

Agenda 5 : Any other item

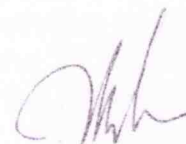### Degree Certificate and Classification of Results

Academic Council approved the model of Degree Certificate to be issued for students successfully completing the M.A.
The classification of results (MA) was also approved. (Total Marks : 2400, Minimum for a Pass (Second Class) : 50% (1200 marks), First Class :60% (1440 marks) Distinction : 75% (1800 marks)
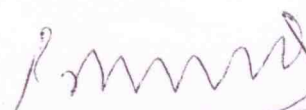
Grace marks

Maximum of 3 marks may be given as grace marks which may be added with the semester marks or average marks scored in the course.

Dr. A. Radhakrishnan Nair, Head, School of Life Skills Education and Social Harmony proposed Vote of Thanks to the Chair and the other members of the meeting. The meeting came to an end by 02.00 p.m.

Academic Co-ordinator

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