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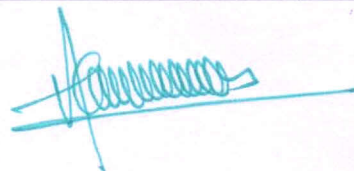
**Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 19.02.2019  
at RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur**

**Members Present:**

1.	<b>Shri Konthang Touthang,</b> Director I/C, RGNIYD Joint Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, New Delhi	Chairperson
2.	<b>Prof. V.R. Muraleedharan</b> Chair, Professor in Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT - Madras	Member
3.	<b>Prof. M.V. Durga Prasad</b> Institute of Rural Management, Anand, Gujarat	Member
4.	<b>Prof. Kaushal Kumar Sharma</b> Centre for the Study Regional Development JNU, New Delhi	Member
5.	<b>Sister B.K. Chandrikaben</b> National Coordinator of Youth Wing of Rajyoga Education & Research Foundation, Ahmedabad	Member
6.	<b>Prof C. Thangamuthu</b> Former Vice Chancellor, Bharathidasan University	Member
7.	<b>Dr Pitabasa Sahoo</b> Associate Professor, RGNIYD	Member
8.	<b>Shri Mohammed Muddasir</b> II Year Student, Dept. of Social Work	Member
9.	<b>Kum. Nidhi Srivastava</b> Ph D Scholar, Dept. of Development Studies	Member
10.	<b>Prof. Dr A. Chandra Mohan</b> Registrar, RGNIYD	Member Secretary

**Leave of absence:**

1.	<b>Shri Asit Singh IRS,</b> Joint Secretary – YA, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports	Member
2.	<b>Shri Shiv Singh Meena,</b> Director (SP & YA) NITI Aayog	Member
3.	<b>Dr.Sanjeev Chopra, IAS</b> Director, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussorie	Member



4.	<b>Prof Anju Seth,</b> Director, IIM – Calcutta	Member
5.	<b>Dr Ashok Ganguly</b> Chairman, ABB Pvt Ltd, Mumbai	Member
6.	<b>Shri Nikhil Dey,</b> New Delhi	Member
7.	<b>Smt Marina Walter</b> Deputy Country Director of UNDP, New Delhi	Member
8.	<b>Shri Ajay Pandey</b> MD & CEO Gujarat International Finance Tec-City Co Ltd, Gujarat	Member
9.	<b>Shri Kishori Mohan Das</b> VP, Assam Gosewa Samiti, Guwahati	Member

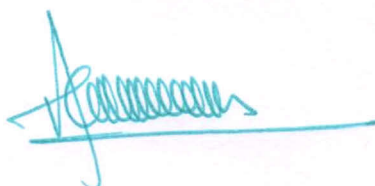
**Special Invitees:**

- 1) Dr Vasanthi Rajendran  
Professor & Dean (Academic)
- 2) Shri P.V. Ravi, IA&AS (Rtd.)  
Consultant (Finance)
- 3) Shri M. Sivakaminathan  
Consultant (Administration)
- 4) Shri N. Aghilan  
Assistant Registrar (Admin)
- 5) Shri M. Chandrasekaran  
Section Officer (Academic)

The Member Secretary invited the Director i/c to chair the meeting. The Director i/ c welcomed the members and requested the officials present to give a self-introduction of themselves. Thereafter, the Director i/c requested the Member Secretary to take up the agenda one by one.

**Item No.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 16.03.2018 at RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur – 602 105**

The Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council were circulated among the members and no comments were received from the members. The Minutes are taken as approved.





**Item No.2: Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council**

While reviewing the ATR, the Council directed as follows:

**i. Translation of Youth Development Index in Hindi**

It was recommended that the work of translation of the above be entrusted to the Hindi Translator of RGNIYD for translation and thereafter the same may be sent to Hindi Prachar Sabha, Chennai 600017 for editing. This task should be completed by April 2019.

**ii. Conduct of 2<sup>nd</sup> Convocation:**

Academic Council was apprised of the preliminary works done so far in relation to conduct of 2<sup>nd</sup> Convocation. The Council recommended that as soon as the results of current batch (2017-19) are declared, that batch could also be included alongwith the earlier batches for award of degree during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Convocation. Accordingly, the Council suggested that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Convocation may be organised during the month of August 2019 and subsequent convocations may also be held every year in the month of August/September.

**iii. Proposal for Embryonic Social Business Incubation Centre:**

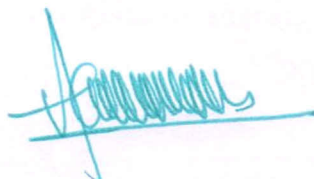
The Council appreciated the initiatives taken on this front and suggested that the remaining facilities be installed at the earliest to operationalize the centre.

**iv. Amendment of Ph.D. Regulations:**

The Council recommended that the existing Ph.D. Regulations be reviewed and updated taking into consideration of the latest regulations of UGC on the subject.

**v. Guidelines for RGNIYD Research Proposals:**

The Council recommended that separate allocation in General Budget may be earmarked by the Institute for research proposals of faculties. Based on availability of funds, the Institute may consider funding of two or three projects of internal Faculty members. The Council also recommended that before doing so, a Board of Research Studies be set up. The Board to consider the feasibility of taking up the Research Projects suggested by the faculty. The external Research Projects already funded by RGNIYD should be reviewed and pending amount has to be disbursed for early completion of the projects in a time bound manner.



vi. **Empanelment of External Experts for evaluation of exam papers and setting up of question papers:**

The Council recommended that the setting of question papers and evaluation of exam papers by external experts shall be dispensed with immediately. The Council noted that a suitable amendment for this is necessary in the Manual of Examinations. The evaluation of exam papers and setting up of question papers should be done only by internal faculty members and no honorarium should be paid to them. The Council also cautioned that if more than 25% of evaluation results are lopsided then proper checking methods like standard deviation technique are required to be applied to ensure that the evaluation done is fair and just. The Council recommended setting up of a Committee comprising Dean (Academic) as Chairperson with all the Heads of Departments as Members for preparing the guidelines for evaluation indicating various steps to be followed.

vii. **Procurement of Plagiarism Software:**

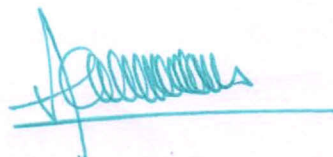
The Council suggested that the renewal may be carried out periodically. The students and research scholars have to be given appropriate training on how to use the software.

**ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

**Item No.3: Review of the existing PG Programmes and Item No.4: Introduction of Flagship Programme MA in Youth Development**

The Council examined both the agenda items in a holistic view with reference to various factors like student strength over a period of years, faculty strength, annual results, availability of infrastructure and attendance of the students. The Council deliberated in depth on the above two agenda items as in Item Nos.3 & 4 and recommended the following:

- The Director I/C is authorised to constitute a Committee headed by Registrar to examine the feasibility of continuance of all the programmes for admission in the next academic year (2019-21 Batch). In that committee there shall be a student nominee also besides faculty members and non-teaching staff.
- Based on the recommendations of that committee and after taking due approvals of the Executive Council, a decision may be taken for release of advertisement calling for applications for the existing six M.A. Programmes.
- The Council noted that in three courses the student intake was around 10. Therefore, it is suggested that for running a course at least a moderate strength of 12 is required. Otherwise





such programme may not be offered. This has to be done after reviewing the results of entrance examination.

- The eligibility criteria for students seeking admission and the minimum requirement in the qualifying exam marks (UG Programmes) be moderated as 50% for General category and 40% for SC/ST
- The Council suggested that if sufficient number of applications for entrance examination for a particular programme is not received then the last date for receipt of applications for entrance examination may be extended by a week.
- After the extended date also, if sufficient number of applications are not received for a particular course, then entrance examination for the said course need not be conducted.
- In the results of entrance examination, if the minimum strength of 12 is not reached for any of the programme, then also the particular programme may be dispensed with.
- Entrance exam results has to be announced within a week's time from the date of the examination
- In addition to reservation of seats for SC/ST/OBC, reservation of 10% for EWS shall be made.

#### **Item No.5: Recognition of Degrees awarded by RGNIYD by UGC**

The Council considered the agenda in detail. The Council also referred to Section 38 of RGNIYD Act, 2012 (No.35/2012) and accordingly suggested that the Institute should take up the matter with the Ministry for notification of nomenclature of RGNIYD degrees by University Grants Commission.

#### **Item No.6: Functioning of Centres and Departments**

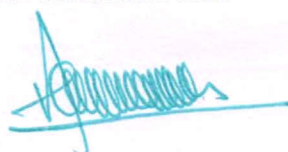
The Council considered the Agenda and recommended to constitute a Committee with Registrar as Chairperson to study and suggest suitable changes wherever needed.

#### **Item No.7: Minutes of the Board of Studies Meetings**

Council resolved that all the Departments should cover the details viz. title of the course, broad objectives and contents, broad syllabus, number of books, reading materials and reference, if any, and place the same before the Academic Council in the next meeting.

#### **Item No.8: Revision of Fees for PG Programmes**

Council suggested for 10% increase of existing fee structure from the Academic Session 2019-21. Such revision should be applicable only for those students who get admitted in 2019 and onwards. It was suggested that this may be reported to the Finance Committee also.



**Item No.9: Scholarship to students of NSS & NYKS Volunteers**

The Scholarship issue was deliberated by the council with reference to NYKS/NSS Sponsored students. It was informed that reimbursement was not given for the NYKS students. In order to resolve the issue, it was suggested to explore the possibility of RGNIYD starting Scholarship of its own for NSS/NYKS sponsored students, limiting to and subject to budgetary grant by Ministry for the Scholarship.

This is, however, subject to approval by Finance Committee and Executive Council of RGNIYD.

It was suggested that till such time the decision of the Ministry for sanction of scholarship to NSS & NYKS volunteers from the Academic Year 2019-21 is received, providing of scholarships to such students admitted in 2019-20 be kept in abeyance by RGNIYD.

**Item No.10: Revision of Life Membership for Alumni**

The Council considered the recommendation. It was also mentioned that any revision of user charges has to be communicated and approved by the Ministry. The Council recommended that the proposal may be placed before the Finance Committee.

**Item No.11: List of External Experts**


The Council has already taken the decision under the agenda Item No. 2 (vi) on “**Empanelment of External Experts for evaluation of exam papers and setting up of question papers**” that no external examiners/evaluators shall be engaged as mentioned in the Action Taken Report of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council. The same has to be followed in this case also.

**Item No.12: Revised Internal Assessment Criteria**

The Academic Council in the Agenda Item No.11 decided that the whole process of evaluation will be done internally. Thus, there is no need for revision in the internal assessment criteria.

**Item No.13: Collaboration with various Institutions / Organisations**

The Council proposed that a Committee under the Chairmanship of Registrar be set up and it shall be ensured that collaborations are with Government institutions only. There shall not be any collaboration with private institutions/NGOs/Private colleges etc.





**Item No.14: Increasing period for internship for Department of Development Studies**

The Council approved the proposal to increase the period of internship upto 45 days. At the same time the Council suggested before implementing the revised period, the institution may check up with other institutions about the practice.

**Item No.15: Research Project "Mainstreaming Youth of Disturbed States: An Action Research Project" carried out by Dr. Pitabasa Sahoo**

The council suggested that the matter may be placed before the next meeting with a specific proposal.

**Item No.16: Introduction of new course- Diploma in Constituency Management by Department of Local Governance (Dr. Gireesan)**

**Item No.17: Introduction of new course - Certificate Programme in Disaster preparedness, Mitigation and Management by Department of Local Governance (Dr. Gireesan)**

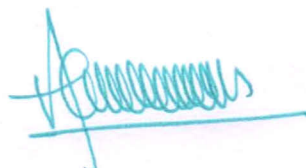
**Item No.18: Introduction of new course: Two year M. Phil in Psychiatric Social Work with clinical support by Department of Social Work in collaboration with NIHMANS, Bangalore**

**Item No.19: Introduction of New Course - Certificate programme in Life Skills Education and Training**

All the above four agenda items i.e Agenda 16, 17, 18 & 19 may be first considered by the Committee mentioned at Agenda item No.3 & 4 and the results reported to Council in the next meeting.

**Item No.20: Continuation of B. Voc. and PGDYD Programmes**

The Council considered the agenda and suggested that the figures of fee and student strength should be properly reconciled with ATDC and reported. As regards continuance of the programme the council suggested that a third party evaluation should be carried out first and report to be placed in the next academic council meeting. At the same time RGNIYD may explore possibility of tying up with Government Institutions like National Institute of Fashion Technology, National Institute of Design etc. as these are national level Government institutions.



**Item No.21: Renewal of MOU with ATDC for conducting of B.Voc Course**

To be reviewed as per Council's decision on Item No 20 above.

**Item No.22: Change in nomenclature from M.A. to M.B.A. in Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship**

The council mentioned that for conducting MBA programme approval of AICTE is a must. If RGNIYD desires to change the nomenclature as MBA then it should fulfill all the formalities stipulated by AICTE. This matter may also be first considered by the Committee mentioned at Agenda item No.3 & 4 and the results of the recommendations may be placed before the Council in the next meeting.

**Item No.23: Items related to Central Library:**

**a) Subscription of Database SocIndex**

**b) Renewal of online Journals (Elsevier)**

The council considered the cost involved. The council desired to know the usage position of the above. Further the council also suggested that online resources available in Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre, Gandhinagar which is an Autonomous Inter-University Centre (IUC) of University Grants Commission (UGC) of India may also be explored for use.

In the case of journals and database mentioned in the agenda the Council suggested that the details of the same be circulated among the Faculty members and based on their comments / recommendations, the renewal may be decided.

**Item No.24: REPORTING ITEMS**

**a) Admission 2018 for P.G. Programmes**

The Council noted.

**b) Admission 2018 for B.Voc Programmes**

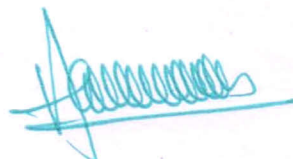
The Council noted.

**c) Declaration of II & IV Semester Exams and Arrear Results – overview**

The Council noted.

**d) Admission for Ph.D. 2018**

The Council noted.





<b>Item No.25: Any other item</b>
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**(a) Ph. D. Guideship Application of Faculty Members**

The item on the Ph.D. Guideship application in respect of the following Faculty Members was discussed:

Sl. No.	Name of the Faculty	Designation	Department
1)	Dr S. Kumaravel	Assistant Professor	Social Work
2)	Dr Rambabu Botcha	Assistant Professor	Social Engineering
3)	Dr Niyathi R Krishna	Assistant Professor	Gender Studies

As recommended by the Members of the Internal Research Committee met on 14.02.2019, the Academic Council considered the item. The Council suggested that for approval of Guide ship the extant guidelines of UGC on the subject have to be followed.

**(b) Modification in the Degree certificate, mark certificate, etc.**

The agenda item along with the existing format as well as modified format of Degree certificate, mark statement etc. were circulated to the members of the Academic Council through email on 05.02.2019 by Registrar. The Council examined the modified formats of Degree Certificate, Mark statement etc. and approved the formats.

Since there is no other item, the meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Place: Sriperumbudur  
Dated: 25.02.2019

  
Prof. Dr. A. Chandra Mohan  
Registrar & Member Secretary