

**Minutes of the 14th Academic Council Meeting held on 10th October 2019 at 04.00 PM in
the Conference Hall, RGNIYD Sriperumbudur**

Members Present:

S. No Name & Designation

1. Shri Gaurav Agarwal
Director, RGNIYD Sriperumbudur & Director (CDN/YH/RGNIYD)
Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Government of India, New Delhi
Chairperson
2. Dr. S. Suresh, Associate Professor & CoE (i/c), RGNIYD Sriperumbudur
(Nominated in place of Dr. P. Sahoo)
Member
3. Dr. Kaushal Kumar, Professor
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
Member
4. Dr. M. V. Durga Prasad, Director
Institute of Rural Management, Anand-388 001
Member
5. Shri Biraja Nandan Mishra
Roll No : MAGS18R302, M.A. Gender Studies (02nd Year)
Member
6. Ms. Kamatchi N. S
Roll No : MSCP18R715, M.Sc. Psychology (02nd Year)
Member
7. Dr. T. R. A. Devakumar
Registrar, RGNIYD Sriperumbudur
Member Secretary

Special Invitee:

1. Dr. S. Lalitha, Assistant Professor
Department of Social Work, RGNIYD Sriperumbudur
2. Dr. Ram Babu Botcha, Assistant Professor
Department of Social Engineering, RGNIYD Sriperumbudur

Leave of Absence Sought:**S. No Name & Designation**

1. Prof. V. R. Muraleedharan, Professor
 Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras, Chennai
2. Dr. V. K. Saraswat
 Member-In-charge of Youth Affairs & Sports, NITI AAYOG
3. Mr. Ajay Pandey, CEO
 IL&FS Education & Technology Services Ltd., Representative from Non-
 Governmental Organization Industrial Sector
4. Shri Rajeev Kapoor, IAS
 Director, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration
 Mussorie-248179, Uttarkhand
5. Shri Asit Singh, IRS
 Joint Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, New Delhi

Welcoming all Academic Council Members, the Director requested the Member Secretary to present the agenda.

Item No.1	Confirmation of Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the Academic Council
14th AC	held on 19th June 2019

Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Academic Council held on 19th June 2019 at RGNIYD Sriperumbudur were circulated to the members of the Council. As no comments were received from any of the members, the minutes is taken as confirmed.

Item No.2	Action taken report on the 13th Meeting of the Academic Council held on
14th AC	19th June 2019

Action taken report on the 13th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 19th June 2019 was scrutinized by the council and followings observations are made.

S. No: 1, II (ii): Award of Degrees for PG and B Voc Courses/Convocation: The matter was discussed in great detail and it was discussed that since likelihood of having Convocation in near future is not clear and many of the students have requested for dispatch of Degree without waiting for Convocation, the Degrees should dispatched immediately and separately get-together may be planned for alumni by taking convenient dates from the alumni.

S. No: 6, III (1): Admission for PG Programmes: The council suggested to introduce the **"Centralized Admission System"** from the Academic Session 2020-2021 onwards. Following was deliberated in detail:

- a) Entrance examination for admissions should be stopped as was a usual practise till 2 years back. Screening/examination is a recent phenomenon introduced just 2 years back and is clearly a hindrance for the growth of RGNIYD. Statistically, in 2019, there were only 24 and 27 admissions in Department of Social Work and Department of Applied Psychology respectively, where a total of 160 and 208 respectively students applied. Unfortunately, over 50% of the capacities of hostel, library and classrooms, computer centre, dining halls etc are lying unused, as of now. Hence, the recently initiated practise of "qualitative screening" to be kept pending till the institute is able to fill the available infrastructural capacities to its fullest.
- b) Online admission process to be followed and human interface for screening, selection etc to be absolutely avoided.
- c) The admission should be in the basis of merit in Class 12th / UG marks while setting a minimum cut-off. The students may opt the departments as per their wish and the online system may allot the department based on their Class 12th / UG marks on merit basis only.

S. No: 9, III (5): Introduction of prize for meritorious students in lieu of scholarship: The council suggested that, the earlier practice for paying merit scholarship shall be continued.

S. No: 10, V: Appointment of Guest Faculties / Faculty (On Contract): Members expressed regret over the unusual delay in recruitment of faculty members by over 45 days after start of academic session. The Council suggested to recruit the Faculty on contract basis whenever is required during the vacation time itself. The students should not suffer for shortage of faculty members after commencement of academic classes.

Item on B. Voc Course 3rd part evaluation: The Council members felt that third party evaluation is not required and may lead to avoidable expenditure. The suggestions/instructions if any, may directly be given by RGNIYD to ATDC centre, if needed so.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Item No.3	Award of Degree
14 th AC	

Award of Degree for PG Course (246 Nos), B Voc Course (158 Nos) and PGDYP Course (45 Nos) approved. Award of degree to Ph.D scholars not approved. Certain issues

were pointed out by the Controller of Examination (i/c) in the matter of award of degree to the Ph.D Scholars. The detailed issues / note may be placed before the forthcoming Executive Council.

Also, the Council expressed their disappointment for non-readiness of the Degree, Mark Sheets, Transfer Certificate, etc and their printing for any of the batches by Former Controller of Examination (i/c), who was heading the department till 19th August 2018.

The Council appreciated the efforts of Dr. S. Suresh, Controller of Examination (i/c) and his entire team for tireless efforts to complete this task on priority in student's interest.

Item No.4	Revision in the system of collection of examination fees
14th AC	

The council recommended restoration of earlier practice of collection of the examination fees along with the semester fees as it is difficult to chase the students after they leave the institute. This revised system of collection of fees may be implemented from the even semester of the Academic Year 2019-20.

Item No.5	Plagiarism Check to be put in practice
14th AC	

Approved.

In reference to UGC Guidelines No: F.1-18/2010 (CPP-II), dated 23rd July 2018, plagiarism check is absolute mandatory in all national institutes and universities. The same must be put in place for PG dissertation, PG assignments and Ph. D. Thesis, from current semester itself without affecting any other procedures. No hardcopy submission to be considered for the evaluation. Shri. S. Balakrishnan, Programmer to provide the link for submission of online assignments latest by 30th October in all subjects and thereafter shall demonstrate the same to all faculty members/students latest by 5th November 2019.

The Council suggested to purchase only 'Turnitin' in future as it is considered the best plagiarism software so far in various national/international academic institutions. However, the current software can be continued till the expiry of the license on 30.06.2020.

Item No.6	Any other items
14th AC	

a) **Nomination of members to the Students' Council :**

The council approved all 11 names as proposed by the Dean (Students Welfare). The students details as follows:

S. No	Registration No.	Name of the Student	Programme	Batch
1	MASII18R109	Mr. Sunil Kumar	M.A. Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship	2018-2020
2	MASII19R112	Ms. Prathiba KP	M.A. Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship	2019-2021
3	MAGS18R303	Ms. Chaitanya K	M.A. Gender Studies	2018-2020
4	MALG18R415	Ms. Subhasmitha Sutradhar	M.A. Local Governance and Development	2018-2020
5	MALG19R408	Ms. Kajol Tholia	M.A. Local Governance and Development	2019-2021
6	MADP18R04	Mr. Jerin Joshy	M.A. Development Policy and Practice	2018-2020
7	MSCP18R716	Ms. Thakkar Krupa Bipin	M.Sc. Counselling Psychology	2018-2020
8	MSCP19R710	Ms. Jayashree SK	M.Sc. Counselling Psychology	2019-2021
9	MSCP19R725	Ms. VARsha Madhulika	M.Sc. Counselling Psychology	2019-2021
10	MASW18R825	Ms. Yohi Kyndait	M.A. Social Work	2018-2020
11	MASW19R817	Ms. Karpagam N	M.A. Social Work	2019-2021

b) **Ph.D Evaluation of Mr. Sree Hari :**

The evaluation status of the Ph. D thesis of Mr. Sree Hari was brought into notice by the Controller of Examinations. Since the evaluation process is final stage, the council has recommended to continue the evaluation process and conduct the viva voce.

c) **Ph.D. Examinership:**

The following decisions are made with regard to the panel of examiners submitted by the research supervisors. Further it is recommended to include the same in the Ph.D. regulations.

Foreign Examiner:

A full-time serving Professor from the Universities of abroad should only be recommended in the panel. The Professor should be affiliated with Universities of Top 200 Q S World ranking. The full CV of the Professor should be submitted along with panel.

Indian Examiners:

A full-time serving Professor from the Universities/Institutes of India should be the panel. The Professor should be affiliated with Universities/Institutes of Top 100 NIRF ranking. The full CV of the Professor should be submitted along with panel.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



(Dr. T. R. A. Devakumar)
Member Secretary