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The Academic Council

The Academic Council shall be the statutory body of the University on all academic matters.

It shall have the control and general supervision and be responsible for the maintenance of standards of instructions, research, education and examination within the University.

It shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed upon it by the Act, Statutes and Ordinances and shall have the right to advise the Board of Management on all academic matters.

(a) Constitution

The Vice - Chancellor shall be the Chairperson of the Academic Council. The council shall consist of the following members, namely:

- (i) The Vice – Chancellor - Chairperson;
- (ii) Deans of the Faculties;
- (iii) Professors of the University Departments and the Associate Professors, if holding charge of the Head of the Departments and Institutions admitted to the privileges of the University. Provided that where there is no Professor or Associate Professor in the department, the teacher who acts as the Head of the Department shall be a member of the Academic Council; and
- (iv) Two experts, co-opted by the Academic Council who possess special attainments in particular fields of study and are not employees of the University.

(b) Tenure

The members of the Academic Council, other than the ex-officio members, shall hold office for a term of three years from the date of their appointment or co-option, as the case may be or as specified otherwise.

(c) Meetings and Quorum

- (i) As a routine, the Academic Council shall normally meet twice a year on the dates as fixed by the Vice - Chancellor.

However, the Vice - Chancellor may call a special meeting of the Academic Council, if required. The Registrar, shall, under the direction of the Vice - Chancellor, give not less than twenty days clear notice for a routine meeting and seven days for a special meeting.

- (ii) The agenda and proceedings of each meeting of the Academic Council shall be prepared by the Registrar and shall be approved by the Chairman.
 - (iii) The Registrar shall send by electronic media or post, a copy of the proceedings of that meeting so signed by the Chairperson, to each member of the Academic Council, the Governing Body, the Board of Management, the Finance Committee, the Dean of the Faculties and the Board of Studies within six weeks after a meeting.
 - (iv) A copy of the minutes shall be submitted to the Chancellor also.
 - (v) Approval of the resolutions shall be by simple majority of the Members present.
 - (vi) One third members of the Academic Council shall form the quorum for a meeting.
- (d) Powers and Functions of the Academic Council

Subject to the relevant provisions of the Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances, the Academic Council shall, in addition have the following powers:

- (i) To exercise general supervision over the academic policies of the University and to give directions regarding methods of instruction, evaluation, research and improvement in academic standards.
- (ii) To consider matters of general academic interest either on its own initiative or on a reference from the Planning and Development Board or a Faculty of Studies or the Board of Management and to take appropriate action thereon.
- (iii) To frame such regulations as are consistent with the Statutes and the Ordinances regarding the academic functioning of the University, including discipline, admissions, award of fellowships and studentships, fee and other academic requirements.
- (iv) To take measures for Quality Education and Accreditation of the University.
- (v) To make recommendations to the Governing Body for the conferment of degrees, honorary degrees or any such other distinctions or honour of the University.
- (vi) To approve the new courses of studies.
- (vii) To approve the Regulations for the methodology, schemes, and modalities of University Examinations and allotment of marks / credits for individual subjects in all the courses.

- (viii) To take up the matters for periodical review of functioning and co-ordination between all the constituent Institutions and/departments and recommend to the Board of Management, the ways and means of improvement.
 - (ix) To consider other academic or student welfare matters referred to it.
 - (x) Shall ensure that while framing rules, syllabus and curriculum norms of the Regulatory Councils from time to time, are adhered to.
- (e) Academic Council shall, in addition to all other powers vested in Council, have the powers to make recommendations to the Board of Management keeping in view the guidelines of National Regulatory Bodies such as UGC, AICTE etc. with regard to the creation or abolition of teaching post in the University.

In addition to above, the Council shall recommend to the Board of Management the following:

- (i) The classification of the posts according to the requirements and their duties attached thereto;
- (ii) Laying down qualifications and specializations for the recruitment of teachers in any subject and the emoluments to be paid to them;
- (iii) To formulate and modify or revise the schemes for the organization of Faculties and to assign to such Faculties their respective subjects and also to report to the Governing Body as to the expediency of the abolition or sub-division of any Faculty or the combination / merger of one Faculty with another.
- (iv) To recommend the creation of New Departments, Cells and Centers.