Minutes of the First Meeting of RC held on 2.12.2017

The First Meeting of the Research Council of Usha Martin University was held on 2.12.2017 in the conference Hall. The following members were present:

1. Prof. S.C. Garg, Vice Chancellor, Chair
2. Prof. Madhulika Kaushik, Member
3. Prof. D. P. Trivedi, Member
4. Dr Kumar Rajnish, Assoc Professor BIT Mesra, Jharkhand, Member
5. Dr Pooja Mishra, Asst. Professor, UMU
6. Dr Sharmista Roy, Asst. Professor, UMU
7. Dr Anandrup Asst. Professor, UMU, Special Invitee
8. Dr Anupma Verma Asst. Professor, UMU, Special Invitee
9. Dr. Viplaw K. Pandey, Registrar, UMU, Member Secretary

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At the outset, Prof. S. C. Garg, Vice Chancellor, extended a very warm and cordial welcome to all the members on behalf of the University and on his own behalf. He said that he was particularly grateful to the external members for agreeing to associate with research council of UMU and give the benefit of their expertise in the formative period of the University. He then requested members to introduce themselves. He also informed the Council that the academic session of the University began with the offer of nine programmes from 8th August. As advised by the AC and BOM, the University announced offer of research programmes (M.Phil and PhD) in Management, Computer Science, Commerce, Economics, and Physics. Since the University adopted UGC guidelines, it conducted two entrance tests and for those securing 50% and above, interviews were held. The recommendations of the expert committees will be placed before the Council under Item RC 1.2.

Prof. Garg also briefed the members about other academic activities of the University and its resolve to excel for the good of all stakeholders. He also invited suggestions of the members for future development.
RC 1.2 To share BOM approval on research guidelines for PhD and M. Phil Programmes

RC1.2.1 The Chairman requested Dr Pandey, Registrar to present the agenda items for the consideration of the Research Council. Following this, Dr Pandey informed the members that in its second meeting held on 9.9.17, BOM had approved offer of research degree programmes of the University with UGC guidelines.

RC1.2.2 The Research Council appreciated the decision of the BOM and adopted the rules.

RC1.3 To consider and approve recommendations for discipline wise admission in M. Phil and PhD programmes for 2017-18

RC1.3.1 Dr Pandey informed the Council that the University conducted its entrance test for the PhD and M. Phil programmes on 24.9.17 and 19.11.17 2017 in the University Campus as well as the corporate office in NCR. The candidates qualifying the admission test as per UGC guidelines adopted by the University were invited for interview discipline-wise on 23rd and 28th November and 1st and 2nd December 2017. The subject-wise interviews of successful candidates on 1st and 2nd December 2017 were conducted with the help of eminent subject experts. The list of the candidates recommended for admission discipline-wise to the research degree programmes on the basis of their combined performance in written and viva voce examinations was tabled in the meeting.

RC 1.3.2 The item was taken up for discussion. The Research Council observed that the details provided were in order and approved the admission of the following candidates:

RC1.4 Any Other matter with the permission of the Chair

RC 1.4.1 With the permission of Chair, Dr Pandey informed the Council that there is a provision of co-supervisors in UGC research guidelines, provided a university attaches one of its faculty members as supervisor. Though UMU faculty has a few years of teaching experience, yet it would be worthwhile to associate senior researchers from premier institutions. He then presented bio-data of two senior professors and proposed to recognize them as co-guides:

1. Prof. Vandana Bhattacharya, Head, Department of CS, BIT, Mesra
2. Prof. Swarat Chaudhauri, St Xaviers College, Ranchi
The Council appreciated the idea of associating senior researchers with UMU faculty and while approving the proposal suggested that wherever necessary adjunct research professors should be appointed by the University and advised that such appointments be made following standard procedure for recruitment of faculty.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

This is issued with the approval of the Chair.

Dr Viplaw Pandey
Registrar, UMU
Minutes of the Second Meeting of RC held on 27.7.2018

The second Meeting of the Research Council of Usha Martin University was held on 27.7.2018 at the University Campus at 10.30 am. The following members were present:

1. Prof. S.C. Garg, Vice Chancellor, UMU, Chair
2. Prof. Madhulika Kaushik, PVC, UMU, Member
3. Prof. G. P. Trivedi, Professor of Commerce, Ranchi University, Member
4. Dr Kumar Rajnish, Associate Professor, BIT Mesra, Jharkhand, Member
5. Dr. Vinay Singh, Associate Professor, CS and Controller of Examinations
6. Dr Puja Mishra, Assistant Professor, Management, UMU, Member
7. Dr Sharmistha Roy, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, UMU, Member
8. Prof. Viplaw K. Pandey, Registrar, UMU, Member Secretary

RC 2.1 Welcome and Opening Remarks by the Chair

The Vice Chancellor began the proceedings by extending a very warm and cordial welcome to all the members present on behalf of the University and on his own behalf. He said that he was highly grateful to all members for participating in the meeting and giving the benefit of their expertise. He then shared the following information with the members:

1. The University faculty published 14 research papers; communicated three and 13 were published in conferences. In addition, four members of academic staff have earned PhD degrees (two from BIT Mesra, one from Ranchi University and one from Bundelkhand University in the academic session 2017-18. He proposed that they all need to be congratulated. The University is making sincere efforts to encourage research by allowing faculty to participate in conferences as also by associating as academic partner.

2. Dr Pandey, Registrar, has now been appointed as Professor of Commerce/Management and Dr Vinay Singh COE (I/C) as Associate Professor, CS. (They will however continue to handle the responsibilities of the offices held by them before upgradation.) He congratulated them for their achievements and hoped that they would rededicate themselves for the growth of the University with greater zeal.

3. A meeting of VC’s was convened by the Minister, Higher Education, Govt. of Jharkhand on 9.5.2018 and a report on the status of the University was presented. To the pointed query about research, the Hon’ble Minister was informed that UMU was following UGC
guidelines 2016 in letter and spirit. Though University has been using the provision of eminent external experts as co supervisors with the approval of RC, every scholar has been associated with an internal faculty member as the main supervisor. So far, the University had offered admission to only eight scholars in the first cohort. The Registrar also informed that entrance test for the second cohort was scheduled on 24.6.18 for management, computer science, commerce, physics, English and mathematics.

4. To create a niche for itself in research, the University has made a beginning by appointing Assistant Professor (Research).

5. The entrance test for the second cohort for M. Phil/PhD admissions for 2018 was held on 24.6.18 and the successful candidates were invited for interviews subsequently. While internal faculty was associated in setting test items, external experts were associated in moderating these.

6. Dr Anandrup Roy resigned from the University for personal/familial reasons and the same was accepted by the VC subject to ratification by BOM. One research scholar was associated with him jointly with Dr Sharmistha Roy, AP, UMU, Now it is proposed that Dr Anandrup Roy may be continued as external co-supervisor, subject to acceptance by the scholar and approval by Dr Roy’s employer, IIS, Kolkata. In case IIS, Kolkata does not have policy of allowing its employees to be associated as co-supervisor of a student in another university, then the scholar may be associated with Dr Sharmistha alone.

7. The scholars of the first cohort have been pursuing their Research Methodology course. The examination for this will be scheduled shortly. Moreover, most of them have submitted their research proposals and COE is pursuing the matter with those who have yet to submit the same.

Prof. Garg also briefed the members about other academic initiatives taken by the University since the last meeting of RC and resolve of the University to offer high quality education to its learners for inclusive development of the state. He also invited suggestions of the members for future development.

**RC 2.1.1**

The members appreciated the initiatives taken by the University in general as also the transparency exercised in the PhD programme and advised that to regulate progress of research scholars, everyone should be advised to submit six monthly progress reports as mandatory requirement. These reports should initially be discussed in the Departmental Board of Studies and then reported to RC. This periodicity will also help candidates in the
progress of their work. One member pointed out that the format of the progress report be
developed by COE of the University.

RC 2.1.2 As far as the issue of research proposals is concerned, a letter be sent to all those who
have yet to submit the same giving a time of one month and if they still fail to respond,
their case be reported to RC for further necessary action.

RC 2.1.3 Members also suggested that remunerations for activities like setting test items and
moderation, wherever external experts were involved, be proposed to the Finance
Committee for consideration.

Prof. Pandey, Registrar, then presented the agenda items for the deliberations by the
Research Council.

RC 2.2 To consider and approve minutes of the First meeting of
Research Council

RC 2.2.1 Prof. Pandey informed the members that the first meeting of the Research Council was
held on 2.12.17 and it had
1. noted the research ordinance of the University based on UGC guidelines as approved
   by the Board of Management;
2. approved the names of ten candidates for enrollment in the PhD programme of the
   University; and
3. approved Prof. Vandana Bhattacharya, Head, Department of CS, BIT, Mesra and
   Prof. Swarat Chaudhari, St Xavier’s College, Ranchi as external research
   supervisors.

The minutes of the meeting were circulated soon after for approval of the members.
These are placed at Annexure 1. So far no comments on the minutes by any member
have been received

Dr Pandey further informed that eight candidates (Management 1, CS 4 and commerce
3) finally registered with the University and 7 seats in Management, five seats in CS, five
seats in Commerce, and four each in English Physics and Mathematics were available for
second cohort.

Prof. Pandey then requested the members to approve the minutes.
While approving the minutes, the Research Council resolved that if no comments were received within a fortnight of circulation of minutes, the same may be deemed to have been approved.

Matters arising out of the Minutes

Prof. Pandey invited members to indicate any decision that may have been left out of the minutes of the first meeting of RC or not presented as decided for discussion under matters arising out of minutes.

No issue was taken up under this item.

The item was taken up for discussion. Prof Pandey informed the members that the Action Taken on the decisions of the First meeting of the Research Council is placed in Annexure 2.

The members perused the Action Taken and were satisfied by the compliance. However, one of the members reiterated that every scholar should be informed that s/he has to submit progress report through the supervisor(s) every six month and on non-submission of two reports consecutively her/his registration could be cancelled. The Council unanimously adopted the suggestion.

Prof Pandey informed the Council that In accordance with its approved research guidelines for M.Phil and PhD, the entrance test for second cohort was conducted on 24.6.18. In all, 53 candidates appeared in the examination (Management 25, Computer Science 14, Commerce 6, Physics 2, Mathematics 3 and English 3). In addition, six candidates with M.Phil/NET qualifications also applied and were accorded exemption as per UGC guidelines. The candidates qualifying in the admission test were invited for F2F interview discipline-wise, from 23rd July to 26th
July, 2018. The interviews of successful candidates were conducted with the help of eminent professors as experts (Prof. S. Chaudhari of St Xavier’s for Physics, Dr Ghoroi of BIT for Mathematics, Prof. Bhattacharya of BIT for CS, Prof. Tripathi, Formerly of DDUU, for English and Prof. Das of RU for Commerce. Prof. L. N. Bhagat, Former VC, RU and member, BOM, UMU was requested to participate as research methodology expert.)

The list of the candidates recommended for admission to the research degree programmes on the basis of their performances in written and viva voce examinations was tabled in the meeting so as to maintain confidentiality of the process.

We now have 12 seats in Management, 6 seats in CS, 4 in English, 4 in physics and 5 in Commerce as far as regular full time faculty research load is concerned. In addition, the PVC, who has been a management professor had also desired to take a few students, if suitable candidates were available.

Prof. Pandey then placed the recommendations made on the combined performance in written examination and interview for consideration and approval of the Research Council

**RC 2.5.2** The Council examined the recommendations and decided that all candidates securing more that 50% marks be offered admission. As a result, the names of Dhiman Kanti Mirdha and Sayantani Moitra, who had been wait listed, were approved along with those of Vivekanand Sharma and Khyati Munjal as successful in Management. Consequently, the names of following candidates were approved:

**Management**

1. Amitabh Chandan
2. Anand Kumar Sinha
3. Arun Shailesh Kandulna
4. Dhiraj Kamta
5. Pranav Mishra
6. Prem Bhaskar
7. Rashmi
8. Santosh Kumar Gupta
9. Shomik Chaudhari
10. Dhiman Kanti Mirdha
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12. Vivekanand Sharma
13. Khyati Munjal

**Commerce**

1. Neha Prakash
2. Writika Tekriwal
3. Binod Kumar Bakshmi
4. Kumar Gaurav

**Computer Science**

1. Anshuman Mishra
2. Visha Chandra
3. Puja Gupta
4. Kumar Sanjeev
5. Ved Prakash

**Physics**

Arunava Mukherjee

**Mathematics**

Suman Kumari Sinha

**English**

Grace Khalkho

**RC 2.5.3** While approving the recommendations of selection committees, Research Council advised that names of successful candidates should be uploaded on the University Website as well as informed individually through post/email/phone. Moreover, all successful candidates be advised to deposit their fee by 14.8.18 and their classes for course work should start soon thereafter.
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RC2.6.1 No matter was discussed under this item.

(Prof. Viplaw Kishore Pandey)

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Annexure 2

**Action Taken on the Minutes of 1st Meeting of Research Council**

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Lists of Candidates Recommended for Admission in M. Phil and PhD programmes for the second cohort

The following Candidates, who were recommended by the selection committee

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Mathematics
   i) Suman Kumari Sinha

Computers
   i) Anshuman Mishra
   ii) Visha Chandra
   iii) Puja Gupta
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Wait List

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i) Grace Khalkho

Commerce

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ii) Writika Tekriwal

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