

Office of the Dean Academics

Minutes of the Tenth Meeting of Postgraduate Curriculum Review Committee

February 25, 2015

The tenth meeting of the Postgraduate Curriculum Review Committee (PG-CRC) was held in the Board Room at 1530 hrs on February 17, 2015. The following members were present:

(Italics indicate inability to attend).

Prof. Anurag Sharma, *Prof. Naveen Garg, Prof. B. Bhattacharjee*, Dr. B.P. Patel, Prof. *P.M.V. Subbarao*, Prof. V.K. Jain, *Prof. D.T. Shahani, Prof. M.G. Dastidar*, Prof. Maithili Sharan, *Dr. Shalini Gupta, Dr. Pritha Chandra, Prof. D. Ravi Kumar*, Prof. Joby Joseph, Prof. M.R. Ravi, Prof. T.C. Kandpal.

Dr. K.A. Subramanian attended the meeting on behalf of Prof. M.G. Dastidar and Prof. Sanjiva Prasad attended on behalf of Prof. Naveen Garg. The following attended as invitees for discussions on the M.B.A. and M.Sc. Concept papers: Dr. Shweta Singh, Prof. A. Ramanan, Dr. Sankalpa Ghosh, Dr. Anima Nagar and Prof. K. Sreenadh.

The following items were discussed.

- 1. Confirmation of minutes of ninth meeting dated 19.11.14:** The minutes were confirmed as circulated.
- 2. Discussion on the M.Sc. concept paper:** The feedback received from various Academic Units on the M.Sc. Concept paper was discussed. It was decided that the credit requirement for M.Sc. programmes could be in the range 75-81, including a minimum of 9 credits in Programme Electives. As a matter arising, the issue of benchmarking the programmes was discussed, particularly because it would be important in the context of accreditation. It was clarified by the concerned Departments that such an exercise of benchmarking was done against the programs at other peer institutions. It was decided that the M.Sc. Concept Paper could be accepted with the above modifications, to be submitted to the Senate for final approval. The updated Concept Paper for M.Sc. is placed in Annexure 1.
- 3. Discussion on the M.B.A. concept paper and Curriculum Proposal:** The feedback received from various Academic Units on the draft concept paper for revision of M.B.A. Curriculum was discussed. Dr. Shweta Singh made a presentation of the three M.B.A. Programmes prepared on the basis of the above concept paper. The following changes were suggested in the concept paper and the programme proposals:
 - a) The objectives of all three M.B.A. Programmes should be mentioned explicitly in the concept paper.
 - b) The "Flexible Core" in the concept paper as well as programme proposal allows the students to select a certain number of credits from given baskets, thus facilitating a provision of streamed electives. It was therefore suggested to list the courses of flexible core as electives under separate baskets of specific streams such as Analytical Skills, People Skills etc., and the Focussed Core be explicitly mentioned as M.B.A. Project.With these changes, it was decided to table the M.B.A. Concept Paper for Senate Approval and circulate the programme proposals to Academic Units for their feedback. The updated M.B.A. Concept Paper is placed in Annexure 2.
- 4. Modification of Course Template:** The Senate in its last meeting had advised that the additional one hour of self-learning stipulated by the new curriculum should reflect in all the course templates of 700 and 800 level courses. The modification of the course template to account for this was taken up. In the process, the changes that were discussed in the BPGS in its earlier meeting were also accommodated. Annexure 3 presents the updated format of the course template.
- 5. M.Tech. Curriculum Review:** Proposals for some of the M.Tech. Programmes had been received and placed on the PG-CRC website. Members were requested to review these proposals, and it was decided to have another meeting in about 10 days' time to discuss the M.Tech programme proposals received until such time.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair. Comments on these minutes, if any, may kindly be sent to the undersigned latest by March 5, 2015.

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