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**Ref. No. ACII(4)/55153/2014**

**Dated :20.02.2015**

To

The Principals of Pharmacy Colleges  
affiliated to this University.

Sir/Madam,

Sub: **Academic Wing** - The Tamil Nadu Dr. M G R Medical University, Chennai - Resolutions of various Academic issues passed in the 49<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Academic Board held on 07.01.2015 – Communicated – Reg.

- Ref: 1. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Pharmacy Degree Course held on 15.12.2014.  
2. Minutes of the 49th meeting of the Standing Academic Board held on 07.01.2015.  
3. Resolution no.39 passed at 233rd meeting of the Governing Council held on 22.01.2015.

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I am to inform you that the meeting of the Board of Studies in Pharmacy Courses held on 15.12.2014 had discussed various academic matters. The recommendations of the Board of Studies in Pharmacy has approved by the 49th meeting of the Standing Academic Board held on 07.01.2015 and recorded in the 233rd meeting of the Governing Council held on 22.01.2015 are forwarded for implementation.

**I (i) PATTERN OF SETTING OF QUESTION PAPERS.**

- i. Answer any Two questions out of Three questions under the section of Long Essay (20 Marks).

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- ii. Answer any Eight questions out of Ten questions under the section of Short Notes (5 Marks).
- iii. Short Answer-Answer all the questions (2 Marks-10 questions).  
(Previously Essay type question paper is 2 out of 4, Short notes 8 out of 10).

**The Board has resolved to follow the existing pattern of setting of question papers and not agreed for choice of the question.**

### **(ii) TO APPOINT QUESTION PAPER SETTER**

For appointing question paper setter, the faculty must have minimum 10 years teaching experience in handling particular subject. Each and every question should be exact/specify instead of giving a word. Example:

- i. Posology-2 marks (should not be)
- ii. Define posology-2 marks (should be)

**The Board has resolved to fix minimum of 10 years of teaching experience to be a question paper setter of that particular subject and it was further resolved that all the questions to be framed as per syllabus.**

### **(iii) TO APPOINT OF INTERNAL, EXTERNAL EXAMINERSHIP**

- i. To prepare and approve the expert panel subject wise while appointing Internal/External Examiner/Question paper setter.
- ii. Communication letter for practical/Paper valuation to be sent to the teaching faculty atleast 15 days prior to the commencement of examination.
- iii. Practical scheme & Board of Examiners to reach the institution atleast 5 working days prior to commencement of examination.

**The Board has resolved that an offer letter with regard to appointment of Internal, External Examinership and also for Paper Valuation may be sent to the faculty atleast 15 days prior to the commencement of examination.**

### **(iv) APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION**

Application for examination should be available in the website well in advance for corrections from Institutions and University.

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**The Board has resolved that the application for Examination should be made available in the University website well in advance and the Hall Ticket must be uploaded atleast three working days prior to the examination.**

**(v) TO APPOINT UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE FROM AFFILIATED PHARMACY COLLEGES.**

University must appoint an university representative (over all co-ordinator) from affiliated pharmacy colleges(Theory exam) and he/she should be with minimum of 10 years of teaching experience after Post Graduation.

**The Board has resolved not to approve the suggestion of appointing University representative from affiliated pharmacy colleges.**

**(vi) APPOINTMENT OF INVIGILATOR AND CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT.**

Invigilator may be appointed by the university from the affiliated pharmacy college.

(vii) Chief Superintendent must be from the same centre.

(viii) University must regularly appoint a vigilance squad team from the affiliated pharmacy college for successful conduction of Theory exam and feedback from the vigilance squad/observer, thereby our university can retain the examination centre or may be conducted under common centre.

**The Board has resolved not to accept the suggestions and to follow the existing system with regard to the appointment of Invigilator and Chief Superintendent.**

**II (i) USE OF CALCULATOR FOR I B.PHARM BIOSTATISTICS**

Permission to use calculator during University theory examination for I B.Pharm Biostatistics subject and IV Pharm D. Biopharmaceutics and Pharmacokinetics subject.

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**The Board has resolved to defer the use of non-scientific calculator and to write to the Pharmacy Council of India seeking clarification as to whether the non-scientific calculator is allowed to the students during examination. It was further resolved to address other Health Science Universities whether the students are permitted to use non-scientific Calculator during examination.**

**(ii) ELIGIBILITY TO SECOND B.PHARM PHARMACY PRACTICE & PATHOPHYSIOLOGY SUBJECT.**

Whether a person with M.Pharm (Pharmacy practice) qualification is eligible to teach second B.Pharm Pharmacy practice & pathophysiology subject or not.

**The Board has resolved that the faculty member with M.Pharm (Pharmacy practice) qualification is eligible to teach second B.Pharm Pharmacy practice & Pathophysiology subject.**

**(iii) INSTRUCTIONS TO THE QUESTION PAPER SETTERS**

Question setters may be instructed to set the questions with uniform distribution of units/chapters.

**The Board has resolved to instruct the question paper setters to set the question paper with uniform distribution of units/chapters.**

**III (i) PHARM .D EXAMINATIONS**

To enable the shift of university examination for Pharm D course from October to August.

**The Board has resolved that the Pharm D examinations will be conducted along with other PG Examinations in the month of October.**

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**(ii) TO APPROVE SECTION A AND B**

The consideration of Section A & B into one section for the subjects. Currently, I year Biostatistics & Computer Application, II year Pharmaceutical Analysis & Physical Chemistry and Pharmacy Practice & Pathophysiology, IV year Forensic Pharmacy & Business Management has been conducted as section A & B. To have better results, instead of section A & B, the examination for the above subjects except Biostatistics & Computer Application can be considered as one section.

**The Board has resolved not to approve Section A and B as one section. Further it was resolved to keep Section A and Section B as separate sections and the candidate should write both the sections in the same booklet. With regard to Biostatistics and Computer Applications the candidate will write Section A and Section B in a separate Booklet.**

**(iii) DESIGNATION OF THE TEACHING FACULTY**

Uniform designation of the teaching faculty for all affiliated pharmacy courses under the Tamilnadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University.

**The Board has resolved to follow the PCI Regulation of 2012 with regard to faculty designation as Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor.**

**IV (i) THE ISSUE OF COPY OF ANSWER SCRIPTS WITHIN 3 WORKING DAYS AFTER THE RECEIPT OF STUDENTS APPLICATION.**

**The Board has resolved that the university should provide the Xerox copy of the answer scripts within 15 days after receipt of application and payment verification.**

**(ii) THE PAPER VALUATION OF THE FOLLOWING PHARMACY SUBJECTS TO BE DONE BY 2 DIFFERENT EVALUATORS FOR EVALUATION.**

i. Pharmacy Practice and Patho-Physiology – Pharmaceutics/Pharmacy Practice faculty.

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- ii. Biostatistics and Computer applications – MSc – Biostat PGDCA or MCA faculty.
- iii. Forensic/Pharmacy including Business Management Pharmaceutics faculty.
- iv. Pharm analysis and Physical chemistry – Pharm Chemistry faculty.
- v. Hospital and Clinical Pharmacy – Pharmaceutics/Pharmacy Practice faculty.

**The Board has resolved that the evaluators for the subject of Biostatistics and Computer applications, may be called separately. For the remaining papers, one evaluator may be called to correct Section A and B of the respective subjects.**

**(iii) TO APPOINT AN EXPERT COMMITTEE FOR THEORY VALUATION.**

The expert committee subject wise to be appointed for theory valuation like Rajiv Gandhi University, Bangalore. Random sample will be taken from each bundles evaluated by each staff by university authority and will be handed over to expert in each subject. This method will create transparency on evaluation pattern.

**The Board has resolved not to approve the suggestion to appoint an expert committee for theory valuation.**

**(iv) THE EXAM TIMINGS ARE NOT EQUAL FOR B.PHARM AND PHARM .D PROGRAMMES.**

Pattern	B.Pharm	Pharm .D(P.C.I.)	Remarks
Essay Question	2 essay questions and each carries 20 marks which have 2 sub divisions. 2x20=40 marks	4 essay questions each carries 10 marks 4x10=40 marks	Equal for both courses
5 marks questions	8x5=40	6x5=30 marks	2 five marks question extra
2 marks	10x2=20 marks	0	10 two marks question extra

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The time allotted for B.Pharm programme is not sufficient for students in comparison with Pharm D and number of questions for B.Pharm to be reduced. By comparing with Pharm D (PG) / M.Pharm (PG) programmes, B.Pharm students are attending 30 marks question answers additionally to pass the curriculum which is difficult on his time bounded examination schedule. It should be properly defined for B.Pharm course for the betterment of students.

**The Board has resolved to follow the existing pattern with regard to the above as per the PCI norms.**

**(v) TO CONDUCT PRACTICAL EXAMINATION IN TWO BATCHES PER DAY**

As per PCI norms practical Exam to be conducted for 4 hours (minimum) for Pharm .D. At present our University Exam is conducting 2 batches per day means 3 hours per batch 9.00 – 12.00 and 2.00-5.00 only.

**The Board has resolved to conduct Practical Examination in two batches per day (4 hours per batch 8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m and 1.00 -5.00 p.m.)**

**(vi) SUBMIT THE PLAGIARISM CERTIFICATE**

It was resolved that the Plagiarism certificate for each Project to be submitted by every student for B.Pharm / M.Pharm / Pharm.D / Ph.D projects / Thesis even though B.Pharm Project Books are not submitted to University as a compulsory one.

**The Board has resolved that the students of M.Pharm and Pharm D have to submit the Plagiarism Certificate for their project work from the academic year 2014-15.**

**V LETTERS NO. 14-126/ 2009-PCI/ 5674-728; DATED : 05.06.2010 AND Lr.No.14-194/2011-PCI; dated:18/04/2012 ISSUED BY THE PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA,NEW DELHI IN CONNECTION WITH CARRY OVER OF FAILED SUBJECTS FOR PHARM.D AND PHARM.D POST BACCALAUREATE COURSE.**

The Board has resolved to follow the Pharm D Regulation of 2008 as “ The failed students of annual examination are eligible to appear for supplementary examination under regulation 10 of the Pharm D Regulation, 2008 and if the failed students of annual examination pass in the supplementary examination they are eligible for promotion to next higher class without loosing additional six months. However, failure in more than 2 subjects in the supplementary examination shall debar the students from promotion to the next year classes”. This will be implemented from the Examination Session October 2015 onwards.

**The Board has resolved to write to PCI for clarification of eligibility of students with more than two failed subjects for promotion to next higher class.**

#### **VI AFFILIATION MATTER:**

1. Based on the PCI Executive Committee approval for B.Pharm/Pharm D/Pharm D (PB) courses, the issue of PA/CPA /increase in intake of seats can be considered by the Tamilnadu Dr.MGR Medical University as the Central Council will be conducted twice in a year. Further, the approval letter of PCI should be submitted after ratification in Central Council to the Tamil Nadu Dr.MGR Medical University. This may be implemented from the academic year 2014-2015.
2. The Board Members have agreed to go through the COR, CPA Inspection form for B.Pharm, M.Pharm and Pharm D and make corrections/modify the same within a week.
3. The Board of studies have agreed to submit the list of updated External Examiners for M.Pharmacy in a week's time.

**The Board has resolved to approve the above recommendations.**

#### **VII ABOUT THE FEE STRUCTURE AND THE MAXIMUM DURATION TO BE ALLOWED BEYOND THE DOUBLE THE DURATION OF STUDY IN UNDER GRADUATE / POST GRADUATE COURSES.**

It was resolved to refer the issue to the Examination Reforms Committee to fix the fee on a year basis for candidates who have not completed the course of study within double the duration and applying beyond the period of double the duration.

It was further resolved to permit the candidates who have crossed Double the duration in their course of study to appear for the examinations after collecting the prescribed fees. The students should follow the existing scheme while appearing for examination.

Further, it was resolved to write a letter to the respective Central Councils of the concerned courses for clarification about the implementation of double the duration scheme.

**VIII REGARDING COMPULSORY IMPLEMENTATION OF SIX MONTH CORE MODULE SYLLABUS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES FOR ALL UNDERGRADUATE COURSES AS REQUESTED BY THE SECRETARY OF UNIVERSITY GRANT COMMISSION.**

Resolved to address the respective regulatory authorities regarding the compulsory implementation of six months core module syllabus on Environmental Studies for all under graduate courses.

**IX THE ERRORS OCCURED IN EVALUATION OF THEORY PAPERS AT THE UNIVERSITY**

Resolved to implement the following corrective/punitive measures on the evaluators of theory papers for effective evaluation of answer sheets of the candidates. It is further resolved to circulate this to all the affiliated institutions and to place in the University website under “Corrective Measures for Paper Evaluators”.

S.No	Evaluation error Committed	Penalty suggested
1	Error in evaluation for the first time	The evaluation remuneration for that particular session shall be forfeited
2	Error in evaluation for the second time	Evaluation remuneration for the session shall be forfeited and the evaluator is debarred for three subsequent examination sessions including UG and PG
3	Error in evaluation for the third time	The evaluator will forfeit the remuneration for that particular examination session and will be permanently debarred from the evaluation process of this university

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This will be implemented from February 2015 examination onwards.

**X ENTRY OF INTERNAL ASSESSMENT MARKS AND THE ATTENDANCE BY THE INSTITUTIONS.**

It was resolved that the on-line entry of the IA & Practical marks once entered and submitted will not be corrected from August 2015 exam session. However, the Principals / Head of the Institutions can be called for a session for updating the same.

The above decisions are communicated for information and to take necessary action. The Principals are also requested to circulate the above matters among the Professors / Heads of the Department / Students of their college and also to display it in the College Notice Board and the Department Notice Board for information to the Students and to incorporate the above changes in the existing Regulation. The above decisions are available in the University website - [www.tnmgrmu.ac.in](http://www.tnmgrmu.ac.in) → academic decisions.

The receipt of the letter may be acknowledged.

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