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To

The Principal of all Pharmacy Colleges
affiliated to this University.

Sir/Madam,

Sub: Academic Wing - The Tamil Nadu Dr. M G R Medical University,
Chennai - Resolutions on various Academic issues passed in the 54th
Meeting of the Standing Academic Board held on 07.12.2017 –
Communicated – Reg.

Ref: 1. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in
Pharmacy Degree Courses held on 14.11.2017.
2. Minutes of the 54th meeting of the Standing Academic
Board held on 07.12.2017.
3. Resolution no.40 passed at 258th meeting of the
Governing Council held on 18.12.2017.

I am to inform you that the Board of Studies in Pharmacy Courses, at the meeting held on 14.11.2017 had discussed various academic matters. The recommendations of the Board of Studies were placed before the Standing Academic Board at the 54th meeting held on 07.12.2017. The resolutions passed by the Standing Academic Board are approved at the 258th meeting of the Governing Council held on 18.12.2017 are forwarded for implementation.

AGENDA No.17

POINT No.1

TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON THE MINUTES OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEE MEETING ON CONDUCTION OF EXAMINATIONS FOR B.PHARM AND M.PHARM COURSES

It was resolved to implement the new Regulations of Pharmacy Council of India regarding certain clarification on conducting examinations for B.Pharm and M.Pharm Degree Courses.:-

M.Pharm Degree Course

1. Schedule of Examination for 2017-2018 Regulation.

It was decided to conduct the University examinations during 15th November and 15th May of every Academic Year.

2. Tabulated Mark Register

The Board recommended the new Tabulated Mark Register and Credit based Statement of Marks and Generation of New Question Paper created by the Examination Computer Cell of the University as per the norms of PCI from the Academic Year 2017-2018 admission onwards.

3. Question Paper Pattern

Long Answer : 2 x 20 = 40

Short Notes : 7 x 5 = 35

75

It is mandatory that 10 marks be allotted to the Problem Based Questions wherever applicable and not more than 10 marks for the same.

Example: Subjects like Bio Pharmaceutics and Pharmaceutical Analysis.

4. Practical Examination:

As per the PCI norms there is only one Practical examination for each speciality combining all the subjects. Hence, it was decided that one internal from Pharmaceutical Analysis and another from concerned speciality. One External Examiner of the concerned speciality from other Universities, shall be appointed for the University Examinations (Two Internals and One External totally Three).

However, One Internal and One External examiner to be appointed for the Branches of Pharmaceutical Analysis and Pharmacy Practice. (One Internal and One External Examiner Totally Two Examiners)

5.Component System:-

Component system to be followed for both Practical and Theory examinations.

6. Grace Marks

No Grace marks to be awarded for any subjects.

7. Evaluation

The existing evaluation system should be followed by the University and there is NO retotalling /revaluation. The candidates can apply for xerox copies as per the norms of the university.

B.Pharm Degree Course

1. Schedule of Examination.

It was decided to conduct the University exam during 15th February and 16th August of every Academic Year.

2. TMR

The Board recommended the new TMR and Credit based Statement of Marks and New Question Paper Code created by the Examination Computer Cell of the University as per the norms of PCI from the academic year 2017-2018 admission onwards.

3. Question Paper Pattern:-

The Board recommended the Question paper pattern as per PCI norms:-

Long Answers	- 2 x 10 = 20
Short notes	- 7 x 5 = 35
Short answers	- 10 x 2 = 20

Total	= 75

Options on no. of questions only for Long answers and Short notes (I.e) 2 out of 3 Long answers and 7 out 9 short notes be recommended.

4. If the candidate has studied both Mathematics and Biology in +2 Board of Examinations the candidate need not take up the examination of Remedial Biology or Remedial Maths in First semester of B.Pharm Degree course.

5.Component System

Component system to be followed for both Practical and Theory examinations.

6. Grace Marks

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7. Evaluation

The existing evaluation system should be followed by the University and there is NO retotalling / reevaluation . The candidates can apply for xerox copies as per the norms of the university.

Further it was decided that an Academic Calendar shall be framed by the Expert Committee for B.Pharmacy and M.Pharmacy Courses.

The Board also recommended to implement the following after getting clarifications obtained from the PCI :-

1. Awarding class in the Transcript/Degree Certificate, as per the CGPA calculation which has been already addressed to PCI..

Till then the Board suggested to continue as specified by the PCI (i.e) a minimum of 50% marks in theory & practical separately, including internal marks in the final semester examinations.

POINT No.2

TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE TO INCLUDE 20 HOURS AND MORE TOWARDS FIELD PRACTICE IN THE CURRICULUM OF FIRST YEAR TO FINAL YEAR B.PHARMACY DEGREE COURSE.

It was resolved to include a minimum of 150 Hours for field practice as per the curriculum of VI & VII semesters in B.Pharmacy degree course. However as per PCI norms, it is only desirable.

POINT No.3

TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON THE SESSION OF THE EXAMINATION FOR B.PHARM BE POSTPONED AS THE CUT OFF DATE FOR B.PHARM ADMISSION WAS EXTENDED.

It was resolved to conduct the First year I semester University examinations of B.Pharmacy degree course during 1st March 2018, as one time measure due to extended cut off date, for admissions till 31st October for the A.Y 2017-18 admission.

POINT No.4

TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON THE MINUTES OF THE REGISTRATION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 03.11.2017 TO HAVE SINGLE CUT OFF DATE i.e 30TH NOVEMBER FOR ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES IN M.PHARMACY DEGREE COURSE FROM THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-19 ONWARDS.

It was resolved to implement the single cut off date for admission for M.Pharmacy degree courses as 31st October *and not* 30th November from the academic year 2018-19 admission onwards.

POINT No.5

TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON THE TABULATED MARK REGISTER PREPARED AS PER THE SYLLABUS & REGULATIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA AND TO IMPLEMENT THE SAME DURING 2017-2018 EXAMINATION SESSION ONWARDS FOR BOTH M.PHARMACY & B.PHARMACY COURSES.

It was resolved to implement the tabulated mark register and mark statement as per the Pharmacy Council of India, for both UG and PG Pharmacy degree courses from 2017-18 admission onwards.

Any other item:-

It was resolved that the first year Remedial Biology and Mathematics of Pharm.D course be conducted as "Non University Examination" papers, as per the PCI norms.

This will be implemented from the August 2018 examination session onwards.

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. The above decisions are available in the University website - www.tnmgrmu.ac.in → academic decisions.

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