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To

The Chairman / Members of the Pharmacy
Board of Studies.

Sir/Madam,

Sub: DME&CD - The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai -
Resolution on various Academic issues passed on the 55th Meeting of the
Standing Academic Board held on 18.07.2018 - Communicated - Reg..

Ref: 1.Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Studies in Pharmacy held on
02.07.2018.

2.Extract of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 55th Standing Academic
Board held on 18.07.2018.

3.Minutes of the Expert committee Meeting held on 24.07.2018.

4.Copy of the Resolution No.5 passed at the 263rd meeting of the
Governing Council held on 29.08.2018.

I am to inform you that the meeting of the Board of Studies in Pharmacy Degree Courses, in its meeting held on 02.07.2018 had discussed various academic matters. The recommendations of the Board of Studies were placed before the SAB at the 55th meeting held on 18.07.2018. The resolutions passed by the SAB are approved at the 263rd meeting of the Governing Council held on 29.08.2018 which are detailed as below;-.

POINT No.1

**TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON THE PROPOSAL / SUGGESTIONS WITH
REGARD TO CURRICULUM OF PHARMACY DEGREE COURSES.**

It was resolved to have

- Two (2) Journal club presentations and one project proposal presentation for M. Pharm III Semester.
- one project presentation in the Fourth semester and the mark distribution as follows:

Research work and colloquium - 200 Marks

Presentation including communication skills - 100 Marks

Question and answer skills - 100 Marks

Mark distribution for III Semester M. Pharm

Synopsis of the Research work - 200 Marks

Presentation including communication skills - 75 Marks

Question and answer skills - 75 Marks

- To conduct the B. Pharm II semester examination starting from 1st September 2018.
- Regarding M. Pharm 3rd and 4th semester, there is no clarity about internal marks and University marks in the regulations given by PCI and a mismatch in what is stated in Table 26 on Pg. No. 31 and Point No. 21 on Pg. No. 35

It was resolved to obtain Clarification from Pharmacy Council of India.

It was also resolved that,

- As per the regulation, a maximum of 7 out of 9 credit points may be awarded.
- No marks shall be awarded for theory orals. Marks shall be awarded only for the viva/oral conducted during the practical examinations.
- To reduce the answer paper booklet pages to 50 .
- Attendance shall be given for the participation of CPE Programme, Conference or workshop

POINT No.2

TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON THE PROPOSAL / SUGGESTIONS WITH REGARD TO CURRICULUM OF PHARMACY DEGREE COURSES.

It was resolved

1. The D.Pharm candidates who have admitted directly to the second year B. Pharm Lateral Entry, wherein some of the First and second semester subjects of B. Pharm are not included in the D.Pharm syllabus.(2018-19 admission). So the candidates are undergoing without knowing many papers in First B.Pharm as per Semester Pattern.

A Communication may be sent to the Pharmacy Council of India.

2. If a student is not willing to pay Examination fee (Attendance shortage etc.), he/she may be allowed to pay for subsequent session to avoid condonation/ re-joining procedure/fees (Applicable only the student not attending classes six months or more), but he/she may be permitted after completion of one year from the session appeared for subsequent University examinations.

As recommended by SAB, an Expert committee has been convened on 24.7.18 . This was already discussed and resolved in Agenda No. 27

POINT No. 3

TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON THE PROPOSAL / SUGGESTIONS WITH REGARD TO CURRICULUM AND EXAMINATION PATTERN OF PHARMACY DEGREE COURSES.

1. The PCI syllabus and pattern of examination have been implemented at our University. The pattern of examination does not require a minimum mark for passing the examinations. This means if a student is awarded (25 out of 25 in the internal assessment) very high internal marks, there will be marks reduction in standards on the need to score high marks in the University examinations. Therefore it is suggested that the University taken up a study to find out if there is any correlation between the followings:-

1. I.A Marks obtained (25) and Essay Marks (55)
2. Essay Marks (55) and Short Answers (20)
3. I.A Marks (25) and Essay + Short Answers (55+20=75)

It was resolved that the Examination wing can take up the correlation study and decisions will be taken based on the outcome of the study.

2. The short questions should not be of an objective nature requiring one or two word answer. The questions should be in the nature of given reasons for.

It was resolved to approve the agenda

POINT No.4

TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON THE PROPOSAL / SUGGESTIONS WITH REGARD TO CURRICULUM OF PHARMACY DEGREE COURSES.

1. The first semester examination for post graduate (M.Pharmacy) students, who got admitted in the month of May 2018 shall be conducted during the month of November, 2018. Since the committee to Regulate/Monitor the admission of students to Professional courses by self financing professional Arts & science colleges has directed that the M.Pharm., admissions made in the month of May shall be completed by 31st May, 2018.

It was resolved that, the admission to the M. Pharm course was completed by the Private Management Association by 31st May 2018 hence the I semester examinations shall be conducted in November 2018.

2.Exempting Pharm D., candidates from appearing for either Remedial Mathematics or Remedial Biology in their first year Pharm. D., university examinations if they had studied both Mathematics & Biology in their Higher Secondary.

It was resolved that the Candidates who have already completed both Biology and Mathematics at the higher secondary level can be exempted from undergoing both Remedial Mathematics and Remedial Biology.

3.It is essential to have a university calendar of events for the pharmacy courses conducted.

It was resolved to approve the agenda.

1. ANY OTHER ITEM

1.The University can give more time for uploading the IA marks for the semester Pharmacy programmes (both B.Pharm & M.Pharm) since there is no minimum IA marks required to be eligible to appear for the University examination. The IA marks are required only for declaring the final results.

This will give us more time to finish the course content rather than be in a hurry to conduct examination and correct the papers.

It was resolved that the Internal Assessment and Attendance details shall be uploaded in the University website 10 days before the examination.

1. Allocation of Practical Marks for Internal examiner (Analysis component of practical examination) for M.Pharm during First year First Semester.

Resolved that 25% marks will be allotted for the Analysis part of the practical Examination.

2. Only two Examiners be appointed from II semester onwards for M.Pharm practical examinations

It was resolved to approve the agenda.

3. single cut off date for M.Pharm admission to be intimated to Judge committee.

It was resolved that the single cut off date for M.Pharm admission will be intimated to the committee to equate/monitor the admission of students to professional courses from the academic year 2019-2020

4. Guidelines to be obtained from PCI New Delhi for lateral entry admission

Clarification to be sought from Pharmacy Council of India.

5. Minimum amount of remuneration to be fixed for the practical examiners for the B.Pharm, M.Pharm and Pharm D courses.

It was resolved that this agenda may be discussed in Examination Reforms committee.

6. Restoration of remuneration for B.Pharm Semester Practical examiners.

It was resolved, since the viva voce being conducted during practical examination in the semester system, the remuneration of the viva component may be included in the remuneration practical examination.

7. Possibility of fixing Minimum pass marks for all theory examinations of Pharmacy courses.

It was resolved that the Examination wing can take up the correlation study and decisions will be taken based on the outcome of the study.

8. Fixing of uniform TA/DA/HA/ CA for all examiners of the University

It was resolved that this agenda may be discussed in Examination Reforms committee.

AGENDA No.27

TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON THE CANDIDATES WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE COURSE OF STUDY (FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD) SUCCESSFULLY WITH REQUIRED ATTENDANCE BUT NOT APPEARED FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE EXAMS DUE TO FAMILY AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.

The Board has resolved to conduct an Expert Committee Meeting with regard to the above agenda.

As recommended by SAB an Expert Committee has been convened on 24.07.2018. The committee opined as follows:-

1. All the Institutions shall be instructed to send Internal Assessment and Attendance particulars of all the registered candidates for the particular year of study.
2. The Institutions after scrutiny of I.A. & Attendance, shall permit only eligible candidates to pay the Examination fees.
3. The following time schedule shall be followed to streamline the candidate application for Examination.

S.No	Process	To be completed by
1	Galley opening to Section	60 days before Examination
2	Galley/Exam Application to Institution	45 days before Examination
3	Last date of submission of Application with regular fee	28 days before Examination

4	Last date of submission of Application with Penal fee of Rs. 1,500/-	21 days before Examination
5	Opening of I.A. and Attendance	15 days before Examination
6	Last date for submission of I.A. and Attendance	3 working days after opening of IA and Attendance
7	Last date of submission of Application with Penal fee of Rs. 3,000/-	2 working days after closure of the last date of IA and Attendance
8	Issue of Hall Ticket	One week before Examination
9	Commencement of Examination	1st August

4. All the candidates appearing for the August 2018 Examinations shall follow existing norms for Condonation/Break of study. For those candidates not coming under the condonation/break of study criteria, i.e. those who have not applied for the Examinations for one or more number of sessions and having the requisite Attendance & I.A. shall be permitted to attend the Examinations.
5. In future, to avoid such ambiguity, a separate agenda may be placed before the concerned Board of Studies to clarify, if non appearance in a Examination may be construed as equivalent to ONE ATTEMPT.

I am to request that the above decision of the Standing Academic Board for communicated to the Chairman and all the Board members for information and further follow up action in this regard. I also request that a copy of this letter shall be displayed on the Notice Board of the College / Hostel for information of the students.

The receipt of the letter be acknowledged.

Sd/-
REGISTRAR (FAC).