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To
The Dean / Principal of all affiliated
U.G. Dental Colleges of this University

Sir/Madam,

Sub:	Academic – The Tamil Nadu Dr MGR Medical University, Chennai – Resolution of Standing Academic Board in U.G. Dental Degree Courses held on 04.11.2025 – Communicated – Reg.
Ref: 1	Minutes of the Board of Studies Meeting for U.G. Dental Degree Courses held on 04.11.2025.
2	Minutes of the 64 th SAB meeting held on 25.11.2025.
3	Resolution No.47 passed by the Governing Council in its 311 th meeting held on 26.02.2026.

I am to inform you that, the minutes of the Board of Studies in U.G. Dental Degree courses held on 04.11.2025 was recommended to the Standing Academic Board, in its 64th meeting held on 25.11.2025. The approval of the Standing Academic Board was informed vide Resolution No. 47 of the 311th meeting of the Governing Council held on 26.02.2026.

The standing Academic Board has discussed and resolved the following points:-

Point NO.1

TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON THE PROPOSALS/ SUGGESTIONS REGARDING CURRICULUM SUBMITTED BY DR. USHA RAO.G, PROFESSOR, TAMIL NADU GOVT.DENTAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, CHENNAI AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES U.G. DENTAL COURSE.

The Standing Academic Board has resolved the following:

- 1) Introduction to Forensic Odontology and Genetics to be included during the Oral Pathology postings.
- 2) Introduction of 10 MCQs (10X1=10 Marks) in theory question papers of BDS examinations.

Modification in Question Paper pattern for B.D.S. Theory examinations as follows:

Existing	Recommended
I. Elaborate on (2x10=20 marks)	I. Elaborate on (2x10=20 marks)
II. Write notes on (10x5=50 marks)	II. Write notes on (8x5=40 marks)
	III. Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) 10x1=10 marks
Total = 70 marks	Total = 70 marks

3) Integrate ergonomics during the Pre-clinical postings for practical assessment.

4) Basic sciences faculty members (for Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry), who fulfill the norms of Dental Council of India and those who have been associated with teaching dental student as part of the BDS program to be appointed as external examiners to conduct practical examination for Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry.

5) Common examination centers for conducting practical examinations shall be assigned on rotation basis (supplementary BDS examinations).

6) In the Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics, alternative exercises/restorations shall be considered instead of amalgam restorations.

- Conservative Dentistry is now focussing on a minimal intervention approach to preserve tooth structure during cavity preparation of teeth requiring restorations. This approach focuses on conserving sound tooth structure and promoting adhesive restorative techniques, which are better achieved with tooth-coloured materials like composites and GICs rather than amalgam, which requires extensive cavity preparation for retention.

- Environmental and occupational concerns regarding mercury in dental amalgam have prompted to phase down its use due to challenges in safe disposal and potential ecological contamination.

- Thereby we can have alternative exercises for both Glass ionomer, Anterior and Posterior Composite Preparations and Restorations which have minimal tooth preparations & not with any hazards like mercury & which also includes technical skills for adhesion to tooth structure.

7) As per the Dental Council of India (DCI) Regulations 2017–18, the quota for dental scaling procedures in the Department of Periodontics is specified as 50 dental scaling procedures, which may be performed using either hand or ultrasonic instruments.

8) Spotters of radiological anatomy shall be included in the Anatomy practical examinations.

9) All III BDS students should be mandated to attend Research Methodology and Biostatistics Workshop conducted by the University.

Any other item :

The Standing Academic Board has resolved that

1. All Dental UG candidates should participate in the International Medical Conference – Future of Medicine with a nominal fee remitted into University CMS2 Portal at the time of University registration of the candidate.

2. Zone wise Periodic Research Methodology & Biostatistics workshop shall be conducted by the University.
3. OSCE/OSPE bank should be provided to the University.

I am to request that the decision of the Standing Academic Board as mentioned above be communicated all the professors and Head of the Department of your institution for informed and a copy of the letter be displayed as the Notice Board of the College / Hostel for their information of the students.

The receipt of this letter may be acknowledged immediately.

Yours faithfully,



for REGISTRAR(FAC)



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