

**THE TAMIL NADU Dr.M.G.R. MEDICAL UNIVERSITY,**  
**No. 69, Anna Salai, Guindy, Chennai-600032.**

<b><u>MINUTES OF THE 40<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE STANDING ACADEMIC BOARD HELD ON 22.12.2010</u></b>
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The Meeting of the 40<sup>th</sup> Standing Academic Board was held at 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> December at the Senate Hall of the University under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor with the presence of the following members:..

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| <p><b>1. Dr. Mayil Vahanan Natarajan, M.S.Ortho.,</b><br/> <b>M.Ch.Orth.(L'pool.), Ph.D, D.Sc.,</b><br/> <b>F.R.C.S.(Eng.), D.Sc.(Hon.)<sup>3</sup>,</b><br/> Vice-Chancellor,<br/> The Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University,<br/> Chennai 600 032.</p> | <p><b>- CHAIRMAN</b></p> |
| <p>2. Dr. N. Raja, M.B.B.S., D.Ch.,<br/> Director of Medical and Rural Health Services<br/> Teynampet<br/> Chennai – 600 010</p>   | <p>- Member</p>          |
| <p>3. Dr. Rajaram, M.S.,<br/> Professor of Anatomy<br/> Madurai Medical College<br/> Madurai 625 020.</p>  | <p>- Member</p>          |
| <p>4. Dr. N. Mohanambal, M.D., D.G.O.,<br/> Director,<br/> Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology,<br/> Madras Medical College,<br/> Egmore, Chennai 600 008.</p>   | <p>- Member</p>          |
| <p>5. Dr. Nedumaran, M.D.,<br/> Professor of Medicine<br/> Coimbatore Medical College<br/> Coimbatore.</p>   | <p>- Member</p>          |

6. Dr. Jerard Maria Selvam, M.D.,  
Professor and Head,  
Dept. of Epidemiology,  
The Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical  
University, Chennai 600 032 - Member
7. Dr. P.T. Chacko, M.D. (Ayur.),  
Principal,  
Ayurveda College,  
Coimbatore 641 402. - Member
8. Prof. Dr.Chand Usmani, M.D.,  
Vice-Principall,  
Govt. Unani Medical College,  
Arignar Anna Hospital,  
Arumbakkam, Chennai 600 106. - Member
9. Dr. Rufus Nathaniel, M.D. (H),  
Principal,  
RVS Homoeopathy Medical College,  
Sulur, Coimbatore 641 402. - Member
- 10.Dr. K.S.G.A.Nasser, MDS.,  
Principal,  
Tamil Nadu Govt. Dental College,  
Chennai 600 003. - Member
- 11.Mrs. N. Jayashree, M.Pharm.,  
Prof. of Pharmacognosy,  
Madras Medical College,  
Chennai 600 003. - Member
12. Dr. A. Sundaram, M.D.,  
Professor of Pathology  
Madras Medical College  
Chennai – 600 003. - Member
- 13.Mrs. Susila Kumari, M.Sc.,  
College of Nursing,  
Madras Medical College,  
Chennai 600 003. - Member

14. Dr. S.T. Venkateswaran, N.D. (OSM), PGDY, Reader,  
Govt. College of Yoga and Naturopathy,  
Arignar Anna Hospital,  
(Indian Medicine Campus),  
Arumbakkam, Chennai 600 106. - Member
15. Dr. A. Sundararaj, M.P.T., Chief Physiotherapist,  
Govt. College of Physiotherapy,  
Trichy 620 001. - Member
16. Dr. P.S. Shanmugam, M.D., Professor and Head,  
Dept. of Anaesthesia,  
Kilpauk Medical College,  
Chennai 600 010. - Member
17. Dr. M. Chandrasekaran, M.S., FRCS.(G), Professor and Head,  
Dept. of Endocrine Surgery,  
Madras Medical College,  
Chennai 600 003. - Member
18. Dr. R.H. Govardhan, M.S. (Ortho.), Director Incharge,  
Institute of Orthopaedics,  
Madras Medical College,  
Chennai 600 003. - Member
19. Dr. Pregna B. Dolia, M.D., Director., Institute of Bio-chemistry,  
Madras Medical College,  
Chennai 600 003. - Member
20. Dr. Sathya Subramani, MBBS, M.D., Dept. of Physiology,  
Christian Medical College,  
Vellore 632 004. - Member

21. Dr. S. Geethalakshmi, M.D.,  
Professor and Head,  
Dept. of Microbiology,  
Madras Medical College,  
Chennai 600 003. - Member
22. Dr. Sivakumar, M.S.,  
Dept. of Surgery,  
Madras Medical College,  
Chennai 600 003. - Member
23. Dr. Thulasingham, M.D.S.,  
Dept. of Prosthodontics,  
Tamil Nadu Govt. Dental College,  
Chennai. - Member
24. Dr. A.M. Abdul Khader, M.D., (Siddha)  
Principal  
Government Siddha Medical College  
Chennai – 600 106. - Member
25. Dr. P. Parthiban, M.D., (S),  
Professor,  
Govt. Siddha Medical College,  
Chennai 600 106. - Member
26. Dr. Shaik Shahul Hameed, M.D.,  
Professor,  
Govt. Unani Medical College,  
Arignar Anna Hospital,  
Chennai 600 106. - Member
27. Dr. Sekar, D.H.M.S,  
Principal (Retd.)  
Flat No. 250/3, Pioneer Colony  
Anna Nagar West Extension  
Chennai – 600 001. - Member
28. Dr. N. Manavalan, ND (OSM), PGDHM,  
PGDY, PGDHH,  
Principal, Govt. Yoga and Naturopathy  
Medical College,  
Arumbakkam, Chennai 600 106. - Member

29. Dr. T.K. Ravi, M.Pharm., Ph.D.,  
Principal, College of Pharmacy,  
Sri Ramakrishna Institute of Paramedical  
Sciences, Coimbatore 641 004. - Member
30. Dr. N. Jaya, M.Sc. (N), Ph.D.,  
Principal,  
College of Nursing,  
Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College,  
Salem. - Member
31. Dr. Thirunavukarasu, MBBS, D.Ortho.,  
D.Phy. Med., D.N.B.,  
Associate Professor of Physical Medicine,  
Kilpauk Medical College,  
Chennai 600 010. - Member
32. Dr. Kurian George, M.D.,  
Professor of Epidemiology,  
Christian Medical College,  
Vellore 632 004.. - Member

The following Members did not attend the meeting

1. Dr. V. Kanagasabai, M.D.,  
Director of Medical Education, (FAC)  
Kilpauk,  
Chennai- 600 010.
2. Dr. R. T. Porkai Pandian,  
Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine,  
Chennai – 600 006.
3. Thiru Rameshkumar Kanna, I.A.S.,  
Commissioner of Indian Medicine  
and Homoeopathy,  
Arumbakkam, Chennai.
4. Dr. Saradha Suresh, M.D., Ph.D., FRCP,  
Director, (Retd.)  
Institute of Child Health,  
Egmore, Chennai 600 008.

5. Dr. C.H. Ramakrishnacharya, M.D., (Ayur.)  
 Special Officer  
 Government Ayurveda College & Hospital  
 Kottar  
 Nagercoil.

### UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS

1. Dr. Sudha Seshayyan, M.S.,  
Registrar (FAC)
2. Dr. S. Jeevanandam, M.B.B.S., D.L.O., M.B.A., Ph.D.,  
Academic Officer (FAC)
3. Dr. K. Maheswari, M.D., D.G.O., D.N.B.,  
Controller of Examination .
4. Dr. Mini Jacob, M.D.,  
Professor and Head,  
Dept of Experimental Medicine  
(Deputy Controller of Exams i/c –MBBS)
5. Dr. Kabilan, M.D. (Siddha),  
Professor and Head,  
Dept of Siddha,
6. Dr. Srilakshmi, D.C.H., Ph.D.,  
(Reader, Dept. of Medical Genetics)  
Head of the Department i/c  
Dept of Curriculum Development
7. Dr. Radhiga, M.D.,  
Reader,  
Dept of Transfusion Medicine,  
(Deputy Controller of Exams i/c – Nursing)
8. Dr. Sivasangeetha, M.D.,  
Reader,  
Dept of Transfusion Medicine,  
(Deputy Controller of Exams i/c – Indian Medicine)

9. Dr. K. Rajalakshmi, M.D.,  
Lecturer, Dept. of Siddha,  
(Deputy Controller of Examinations i/c (MBBS & Dental))
10. Dr. Manikandan, M.D. (Siddha)  
Deputy Controller of Examinations i/c .  
(Pharmacy & Physiotherapy)
11. Mr. K. Suriyakumar,  
Deputy Registrar (Examination)
12. Mr. B. Bhoopalan,  
Deputy Registrar &  
Personal Secretary to Vice-Chancellor.
13. Mr. S. Ayyadurai,  
Deputy Registrar (Dept. of Curriculum Development)
14. Mrs. Ushamalini,  
Assistant Registrar (Academic)
15. Mrs. S. Vasantha  
Assistant Registrar (Examinations)
16. Mrs. G. Vijaya,  
Assistant Registrar (Examinations)
17. Mrs. Uma,  
Assistant Registrar (Examination)
18. Mrs. Krishnakumari,  
Assistant Registrar (Registration)
19. Mr. J. Christ Dass Jayaraj,  
Assistant Registrar (Affiliation)
20. Mrs. P. Jayalakshmi  
Assistant Registrar (Affiliation)
21. Mr. K. Udhayakjumar  
Assistant Registrar (Students Welfare)
22. Mr. B. Srikumar,  
Assistant Registrar (Statutes)
23. Mr. Mohandoss,  
Assistant Registrar (Examination)

**I. ANY MOTION FOR A CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS STATED IN THE AGENDA PAPER**

**-NIL-**

**II. BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR INCLUDING BUSINESS REMITTED BY THE SENATE AND THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

**Agenda No: II (01)**

**TO INFORM ABOUT THE CORE COMMITTEE AND THE RESEARCH GRANT FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES OF THE STUDENTS / FACULTIES IN MEDICAL / DENTAL / INDIAN MEDICINE & HOMOEOPATHY AND ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES IN THE AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS OF THIS UNIVERSITY**

With the permission of the Chair, the Registrar-FAC read the Agenda and opened the subject for floor discussion.

The Chairman further while highlighting the Agenda informed that information had been published in the website, and the Members could go through the website and to offer further comments so as to encourage Research activities among the students of the University

Dr. R.H.Govardhan, Chairman, Board of Studies in Post-graduate Clinical Degree / Diploma Courses asked the Chairman about the ceiling amount offered by the University to Research purpose, to which the Chairman replied that Rs.1 lakh is offered per research programme from an institution.

Dr. T.K. Ravi, Ph.D, Chairman, Board of Studies in Pharmacy Under-graduate and Post-graduate Courses asked whether was it allowed for Post-graduate students to do research, to which the Chairman replied that if the Research is done by the M.Pharmacy students, the research assistance would be considered by the University.

Dr.S. Geethalakshmi, Chairman, Board of Studies in II M.B.B.S. requested for clarification if five proposals are received from one institution, could it be considered for assistance to Research by the University and Dr T.K. Ravi, Ph.D., Chairman, Board of Studies in Pharmacy Under-graduate and Post-graduate



Courses asked whether 10 students from the same institution are eligible to apply for the Research assistance, to which the Registrar in-charge replied the Core Committee constituted for the purpose would review the cases periodically and decide on the grant.

Dr. Sivakumar, Chairman, Board of Studies in Final M.B.B.S. asked whether it could be extended to Non-governmental organizations. The Chairman replied that the University was unable to extend the Research assistance to NGOs, but the assistance for Research was being considered for the students of the Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy, and if they submit the proposals, the University would consider their demand in this regard.

Dr. Nedumaran, President in Faculty of Medicine insisted that the research was not being given significance because of the administrative hassles involving the two Deans of the Medical College and the Director of Medical Education for forwarding the proposals to respective agencies, and therefore insisted that the proposals need to be routed through the Director of Medical Education for effective monitoring and implementation of the proposal, to which Dr. M. Chandrasekaran, Chairman, Board of Studies in Super-speciality strongly objected that the proposals for research assistance need not be routed through the Director of Medical Education, as it would further result in administrative hassle.

Finally, the Chairman intervened and informed that the research proposals could be directly sent to the University through the Head of the Department and Head of Institution for consideration and it need not be routed through the Director of Medical Education

The Registrar- FAC also informed that the Deans of the Medical Colleges could send the proposals directly to the University, and the format uploaded in the Website be changed accordingly.

### **Resolution**

Resolved to note the constitution of the Core Committee to decide on the Grant for Research activities being conducted by the students/faculties in Medical, Dental, Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy and Allied Health Science courses affiliated to the University.

Resolved further that the research proposals being sent by Faculty should be routed through Head of Department and the Deans of the Government Medical Colleges could be directly sent to the University and it need not be routed through the Director of Medical Education.

Resolved further that the format already prepared for Research assistance and uploaded in the University website be changed accordingly.

**Agenda No. II (02)**

**TO DECIDE AND DISPENSE THE CONTINUANCE OF M.Sc.3 YEARS POST GRADUATE (NON MEDICAL) COURSES – M.SC. (ANATOMY), M.Sc.(PHYSIOLOGY) AND M.Sc.(BIOCHEMISTRY) NOW BEING CONDUCTED BY THIS UNIVERSITY BASED ON THE MINUTES OF EXPERT COMMITTEE HELD ON 14.07.2010**

The Registrar-FAC read the Agenda and invited the Members for further discussion.

Dr. Kurian George, Chairman, Board of Studies in Para Professional Courses stated that the Christian Medical College, Vellore has been conducting these non medical courses for the last 40 years and asked the University as to what was the difficulty in conducting these courses by the University, to which the Registrar-FAC replied that University had no difficulty, but the Expert Committee constituted for the purpose looked into the need of conducting these Non medical courses by the University and arrived at a conclusion in view of the following reasons:

1. Enough number of Medical teachers with Post-graduate qualifications in M.S. (Anatomy), M.D. (Physiology) and M.D. (Biochemistry) were now available as Teachers to teach in Medical Colleges.
2. Animal experiments were not being allowed due to Government regulations.
3. The Medical graduates alone will be allowed to do clinical research
4. The basic concept of Medical education is to bring out a Doctor and these persons trained in M.Sc. (Non-medical) did not have clinical exposure.
5. Most of the research in Medical Colleges were clinically oriented, and As such, the M.Sc. (Non-medical) courses in Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry and Microbiology becomes irrelevant.

Dr. Pragna B. Dolia, Chairman, Board of Studies in Post-Graduate Non-Clinical Degree / Diploma Courses further argued that in North Indian States like Bihar, the strength of Medical Post-graduates were inadequate, but in southern States the Medical Post-graduates in non-clinical courses were available in plenty, to which Dr. Kurian George, Chairman, Board of Studies in Para Professional Courses replied in the negative that M.D. Doctors were not coming to hospitals and they confined themselves in the Medical Colleges. He further stated this system had been in sound in the Christian Medical College, Vellore.

Dr. Sathya Subramani, Chairman, Board of Studies in I M.B.B.S. Degree Course further argued that the points arrived at the meeting of the Expert Committee not to conduct Post-graduate non clinical courses in M.Sc. (Microbiology), M.Sc. (Biochemistry), etc. were completely leading to misinterpretation. She further argued why it was not possible for M.Sc, Ph.D. qualified people to teach effectively the non clinical subjects, to which the Chairman replied that the programme was a mixture of Doctors and non medical Doctors.

The Registrar-FAC replied that since ours had been a Medical University, and the Degrees had been awarded under different faculties, and the candidates had been awarded degree under the Faculty of Basic of Medical Sciences, but the other Universities which were conducting these non medical courses in M.Sc. were awarding degrees under Faculty of Science.

### **Resolution**

Resolved to dispense with the continuance of M.Sc. 3 years Post-graduate (Non medical courses – M.Sc. (Anatomy), M.Sc. (Physiology) and M.Sc. (Biochemistry) hitherto being conducted by this University, on line with the recommendations of the Expert Committee held on 14.07.2010 as spelt out above.

### **Agenda No.II (03)**

**TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE FOR THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF AWARD OF GRACE MARKS (UPTO A MAXIMUM OF FIVE MARKS) IN THEORY PAPERS FOR UNDER GRADUATE & POST GRADUATE DEGREE / DIPLOMA AND SUPER SPECIALITY DEGREE COURSES IN MEDICAL, DENTAL, INDIAN MEDICINE & HOMOEOPATHY AND ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES.**

The Registrar-FAC read the Agenda and invited the Members for further discussion.

The Chairman highlighted that earlier we have not given the grace marks, but still students getting failed for one or two marks, and in the last examinations 600 students were failed. He further stated that the Medical Council of India was asking to award grace marks of five altogether, and the same could be now allowed for our students also.

Dr. Sivakumar, Chairman, Board of Studies in Final M.B.B.S. stated that Examiner could squarely fail the candidates rather bring the students under the ambit of grace marks.

Dr. A. Sundaram, President in Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences stated that in order to avoid the award of grace marks, the grading system could be introduced, to which the Registrar replied that it was unwritten law, that examiners should not keep the students in border line.

The Vice-Chancellor replied that the University is introducing OSCE pattern in clinical examinations, and the students must be trained to face the failures.

### **Resolution**

Resolved that the awarding of grace marks upto a maximum of five marks in theory papers to the students of Under-graduate, Post-graduate in Medical / Dental / Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy / Allied Health Sciences and Super-speciality courses be re-introduced from February / April 2011 examination onwards. The grace marks of five (5) shall be awarded in one subject or shall be distributed among the other two or three subjects No Grace marks shall be awarded for Practical Examination for all courses.

Resolved further that in view of the re-introduction of the award of grace marks, the system of second valuation for the students of Under-graduate courses who secured marks between 40% and 49% in theory papers be abolished from February 2011 examination onwards.

### **Agenda No.II (04)**

**TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON PRESCRIBING INDIVIDUAL PASS IN EACH PAPER FOR ALL UNDER GRADUATE & POST GRADUATE DEGREE / DIPLOMA AND DENTAL COURSES IN LIEU OF AGGREGATE MARKS**

The Registrar-FAC read the Agenda and invited the Members for further discussion.

The Chairman highlighted that in order to overcome the confusion, this system of prescribing individual pass in each paper for all under-graduate, post-graduate and post-graduate diploma courses of all branches – Medicine, Dentistry, Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy and Allied Health sciences may be considered.

Dr. S. Geethalakshmi, Chairman, Board of Studies, II M.B.B.S. Degree Course asked whether it complied the guidelines of the Medical Council of India, to which the Chairman replied that the Medical Council of India would not say anything, and only the medical curriculum remain unchanged, though there have been changes in every sphere.

The Chairman further stated that we have to introduce competent based curriculum rather than knowledge based curriculum, and we should also evolve as to what the students should know in the 1<sup>st</sup> year, 2<sup>nd</sup> year and subsequent years, and in the western world, they become experts and Super-specialist in 28 years.

Dr. R.H. Govardhan, Chairman, Board of Studies in Post-Graduate Clinical Degree / Diploma Courses stated that it was harsh to repeat the entire subject, if the students failed in one subject, to which the Registrar in-charge replied that they have to appear for all papers, but failed in one paper, they have given opportunity to write the supplementary examinations.

Dr. A. Sundaram, President in Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences stated that the post-graduate papers are inter-related, and the aggregate could be taken into account, e.g. Pathology and Systemic Pathology, and the post-graduates have to be assessed in aggregate, to which Dr. Sivakumar, Chairman, Board of Studies in Final M.B.B.S. Degree Course stated that there should not be any dividing line between Paper – I and Paper – II.

The Chairman replied that the aggregate had been there for the last 30 years, and for the sake of convenience, the university was introducing the system of prescribing individual pass in each paper in lieu of aggregate marks, and ours had been the only University in India following the system of aggregate marks.

Dr. Nedumaran, President in Faculty of Medicine and Medical specialities has stated that only one attempt is allowed or considered, because the University was student oriented.

Dr.N.Manavalan, Chairman, Board of Studies in Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences stated that it was a good system, but the students should be given 6

months' time and normally the University was giving 6 months time for any new proposal to be followed, to which Dr. R.H. Govardhan, Chairman, Board of Studies in Post-Graduate Clinical Degree / Diploma Courses replied that we were not changing in entirety, to which the Chairman replied that small changes would not affect the students and train the students in strict terms.

Again, Dr.N. Manavalan, Chairman, Board of Studies in Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences stated that for the 2009-2010 batch, it could not be given effect to, and Dr. Pragna B. Dolia, Chairman, Board of Studies in Post-graduate Non-Clinical Degree / Diploma courses replied that we could tell the students to study.

Dr. P.T. Chacko, Chairman, Board of Studies in Ayurveda stated that it was happened in Ayurvedic sytem also to which Dr. Pragna B. Dolia replied that what was applicable for M.B.B.S. students be also extended to other courses also.

The Chairman stated that from February 2011 examinations this system was coming into force including previous regulation students. He further stated that even the University was contemplating to write to the Medical Council of India to extend the period of duration for Anatomy for another six months.

Dr. N. Manavalan, Chairman, Board of Studies in Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences stated that there was no provision for 15 days holidays in the 270 days system being introduced by the University, to which Dr. T.K. Ravi, Ph.D., Chairman, Board of Studies in Pharmacy replied that only the University required 90% of attendance and 10% of attendance be taken as a period of vacation.

### **Resolution**

Resolved that the candidates of Post-graduate Medical / Diploma / Degree and Dental Courses has to secure the minimum pass mark of 50% in each paper in lieu of aggregate marks. The following guidelines for passing the examination of Post-graduate Medical Diploma / Degree and Dental courses has been prescribed and it will come into force from April 2011 examination onwards.

### **Post-graduate and Post-graduate Diploma**

- (a) A candidate who has passed in Clinical/Practical examination, but failed in one theory paper, has to write that particular theory paper alone in the subsequent supplementary examinations and to pass that theory paper. If the candidate fails again in that theory paper or does not appear for the subsequent supplementary examinations, then the candidate has to take

up the entire examinations of all theory papers including Clinical/Practical examinations.

- (b) A candidate who has passed in Clinical/Practical examinations, but has failed in two or more theory papers, the candidate has to take up the entire examinations of all theory papers including Clinical/Practical examinations.
- (c) A candidate who has failed in Clinical/Practical examinations, but has passed in all Theory papers, the candidate has to take up the entire examination including Clinical/Practical examinations.

### **Under-graduate**

Resolved further that for all under-graduate courses in all the four groups viz., Medical/Dental/ I.M. & H and A.H.S., if a subject is divided into two papers, the candidate has to secure the minimum pass marks of 50% in each paper, otherwise he / she has to again appear for the subject with two papers including Clinical / Practical examination.

The above resolution will come into force from February 2011 examination onwards.

### **Agenda No. II (05)**

**TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON PRESCRIBING SEPARATE PASS IN SECTION 'A' & 'B' WHERE TWO SUBJECTS ARE COMBINED IN SINGLE PAPER IN MEDICAL, DENTAL, INDIAN MEDICINE & HOMOEOPATHY AND ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCE COURSES.**

Resolved that the candidate has to secure a minimum separate pass mark of 50% each in Section 'A' and 'B' where two subjects are combined in single paper in Medical, Dental, Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy and Allied Health Science courses.

Resolved further that if the candidate has failed to secure the minimum pass mark of 50% either in section A or B, the candidate has to write again both the sections irrespective of the facts whether the candidate has passed in one section.

This will come into effect from February 2011 examination onwards.

**Agenda No. II (06)****TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON FURNISHING THE FRESH INTERNAL ASSESSMENT MARKS BY THE INSTITUTIONS TO ARREAR STUDENTS OF ALL UNDER GRADUATE COURSES**

The Registrar-FAC read the Agenda and invited the Members for further discussion.

It has been stated that Attendance was compulsory for break batch, and for carry over students, it was depending upon the convenience, classes could be conducted.

Dr.A. Sundaram , President in Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences has stated that all the years of attendance have to be produced to the University in split, i.e. for I year, II year and III year.

Dr. N. Manavalan, Chairman, Board of Studies in Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences stated that attendance should be submitted to University every year including Internal Assessment to which Dr. A. Sundaram, President in Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences stated that this system would not work.

The Chairman stated 90% of attendance be sent online to the University by the institutions (electronic basis)

**Resolution**

Resolved to furnish the fresh Internal Assessment Marks by the institution to arrear students of all undergraduate degree courses (Medical, Dental, Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy and Allied Health Sciences) from February 2011 examination onwards.

Resolved that the candidate has to secure a minimum of 50% separately (Rounded off to the next highest integer) in written (Theory), Practical / Clinical, Oral, Internal Assessment and Record in each subject for all undergraduate courses in Dental, Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy an Allied Health Sciences also. This will come into effect from February 2011 examination onwards.

Further, it was resolved that for Under graduate and Post-graduate students of all the courses, at the end of every year, the attendance particulars of the students should be submitted to this University through online. At the end of final year, all the three years attendance of the students should be submitted to this



University. This will come into effect from February / April 2011 examination onwards.

**Agenda No. II (07)**

**TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON THE ISSUE OF 'NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE' TO THE CANDIDATES WHO ARE SEEKING C.R.R.I. TRANSFER FROM ONE INSTITUTION TO ANOTHER INSTITUTION**

The Registrar-FAC read the Agenda and invited the Members for further discussion.

The Chairman urged the members to give their approval for the collection of following fees for transfer from foreign countries

- (a) Within the University - Rs.15,000/-
- (b) Different Universities - Rs.25,000/-
- © Foreign countries - Rs.40,000/-  
(Russia and China)

**Resolution**

Resolved to issue "No Objection Certificate" to all the students who are seeking transfer of Internship from one institution to another institution as and when the students approach the University for academic and personal reasons. The revision of fees is as follows:

- (a) Within the University - Rs.15,000/-
- (b) Other Universities and  
Outside of the State - Rs.25,000/-
- (d) Foreign Universities - Rs.40,000/-

**Agenda No.II (08)**

**TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON THE REQUEST OF M.S. (ANATOMY) POST GRADUATE STUDENTS FOR CHANGING OF NOMENCLATURE OF M.S. (ANATOMY) TO M.D. (ANATOMY) FROM THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2008-2009 ONWARDS**

Resolved to accept the request of M.S (Anatomy) Post Graduate Degree students for the change of Nomenclature of M.S (Anatomy) into M.D (Anatomy) from the Academic Year 2008 – 09 onwards.

**Agenda No. II (09)**

**TO INFORM ABOUT THE CANDIDATES WHO HAVE COMPLETED DOUBLE THE DURATION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COURSES AND TO TAKE A DECISION TO DISCHARGE THEM FROM THEIR COURSES**

The Registrar-FAC read the Agenda and invited the Members for further discussion.

The Chairman read out the statistics from the Agenda and further stated that grace period could be allowed for final year students alone with specific instruction that this would be the last attempt and no further representation is entertained. He further stated for other students they could be discharged from the course without any notice.

**Resolution**

Resolved to discharge all the Under Graduate, Post Graduate and Super-Speciality candidates who have not completed the course within the double the duration of the respective courses in Medicine/ Dental/Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy and Allied Health Science Courses.

Resolved further that as a measure of amnesty to those who are on the final year of the respective courses as a last chance to appear for the Examination in February / August 2011 Examinations be given and if any of them do not pass the course even in their last chance they may be discharged from the course. After getting necessary undertaking from the students and only then the Examination wing has to permit the students to appear for the Examinations.

This will come into effect from February / April 2011 Examination onwards.

**Agenda No. II (10)**

**TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEE FOR THE STARTING OF M.D. (FAMILY MEDICINE) POST GRADUATE DEGREE COURSE IN THIS UNIVERSITY THROUGH DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

The Registrar-FAC read the Agenda and invited the Members for further discussion.

The Registrar-FAC stated that to train the MBBS Doctors who were practicing Family Medicine and since they could not come for regular course, online and distance education on M.D. Family Medicine was being mooted by the University in order to cater to the needs of their practice. She also stated that IMA was also conducting similar course.

Dr. A. Sundaram, President in Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences further stated that Medical Council of India was also conducting such course, and how could it be run by the Medical University on Distance education, to which Dr.M. Chandrasekar, Chairman, Board of Studies in Super-Speciality Degree Course replied that there was no structured course in M.D. Family Medicine.

Dr. Kurian George, Chairman, Board of Studies in Para Professional Courses extensively argued that M.D. (Family Medicine) on distance education being mooted by the University in the long run would surface with difficulties and the Doctors who would qualify in M.D. Family Medicine by the University on distance education would compete with the regular professors of Medicine who were put in nearly 30 years in the teaching and clinical profession. He further stated that any further insisting by the University on the proposal would amount to opening a "Pandora Box", to which the Registrar FAC read the training components of the course.

Dr. Sivakumar, Chairman, Board of Studies in Final M.B.B.S. Course further asked whether Medical Council of India was approving the course on Distance education and Dr.A. Sundaram, President in Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences further stated that Doctors qualified in M.D. Family Medicine on distance education be a competent person?

Dr. Kurian George, Chairman, Board of Studies in Para Professional Courses further stated that DNB (Family Medicine) was in existence and Professor of Internal Medicine was a faculty of the DNB (Family Medicine), and the Chairman asked Dr. Kurian George Chairman, Board of Studies in Para Professional Courses what the Doctors qualified in DNB (Family Medicine) were doing, and Dr. Kurian George Chairman, Board of Studies in Para Professional Courses replied that DNB (Family Medicine) had been in existence for the last 20 years and Chairman, Board of Studies in Para Professional Courses level of competence could not be equated on distance learning.

The Chairman further stated DNB (Family Medicine) was a full time course and in part time it would be 20 hours per week to which Dr.R.H. Govardan, Chairman, Board of Studies in Post-Graduate Clinical Degree / Diploma Courses replied that why should we compare with DNB and we should not encourage this system rather we could bring a system followed in United Kingdom where the General Practitioners undergo 6 months training in Paediatrics, Emergency, Casualty, Internal Medicine, etc.

Dr. Nedumaran, President in Faculty of Medicine and Medical specialities stated for the post-graduate course, a circular has to be given by the Government of Tamil Nadu, therefore rather, University could start Post-graduate Diploma in Family Medicine.

The Chairman in his summary on the Agenda stated that University would not start M.D. (Family Medicine) on Distance Mode, but the syllabus and guidelines for M.D. (Family Medicine) would be formed and would strive to establish the course in the constituent colleges in the course of time, so that in another 10 years' time, we would have Doctors qualified in M.D. Family Medicine for teaching faculty.

### **Resolution**

Resolved not to accept the proposal for the starting of M.D. Family Medicine Post Graduate Degree Course through Distance Education Programme by the University.

Resolved further that the University would frame necessary guidelines and syllabus for starting of M.D. Family Medicine Post Graduate Degree Course on regular basis and the same may be initiated in the Affiliated Medical Colleges of the University in due course of time.

Resolved to start two years Diploma in Family Medicine under Distance Education Programme and the Expert Committee to frame syllabus for the same.

**Agenda No. II (11)**

**TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEE IN B.PHARMACY REGARDING REVISION OF THE GUIDELINES FOR ISSUE OF ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATES TO FOREIGN CANDIDATES**

The Registrar-FAC read out the Agenda and invited the Members for further discussion.

Dr. T.K. Ravi, Ph.D. Chairman, Board of Studies in Pharmacy stated that the system be extended to all foreign candidates.

Dr. Jerard Maria Selvam, President in Faculty of Community Medicine stated that the Principal was not the competent authority to verify the passport, to which the Registrar-FAC stated that Principal could check the arrival date of the individual in the passport with reference to the cut-off date of the course opted by the students of the University. She further stated that instead of Principal, it could be rephrased as Head of the institution.

Dr. T.K. Ravi, Ph.D., Chairman, Board of Studies in Pharmacy further stated that University could check it up during their verification, to which the Registrar replied that during spot registration, the staff and officers in the University could verify and send it back to the institution. Dr. T.K. Ravi Ph.D., Chairman, Board of Studies in Pharmacy further stated even in India, the certificate verification by the authorities concerned take years together, and asking certificate from the foreign authorities would take more time, and therefore he suggested that verification of certificates would be sent to the Embassy concerned in New Delhi.

In respect of a question posed by Dr. T.K. Ravi Ph.D., Chairman, Board of Studies in Pharmacy on Certificate of Equivalence, Dr. Kurian George, Chairman, Board of Studies in Para Professional Courses replied that Association of Indian Universities was giving Certificate of Equivalence.

Dr. Jerard Maria Selvam, President in Faculty of Community Medicine stated that the Academic Wing which had been doing all these works as indicated above, be instructed the above instructions and this could be also communicated to the institutions.

Dr. T.K. Ravi, Ph.D., Chairman, Board of Studies in Pharmacy further stated that in foreign countries institutions concerned were giving provisional admission to Indian students directly, and on the same analogy, institutions could give admission letters directly to the foreign candidates.

### **Resolution**

Resolved to accept the recommendations of the Expert Committee in Pharmacy prescribing the revised Guidelines for the issue of Eligibility Certificate to the foreign candidates of all Under Graduate Courses from the academic year 2011-2012 onwards with the following modification in S.No.1 of the Guideline.

1. The Principal has to verify the passport of the Candidate such as Date of arrival of the Candidate in India and validity of the passport.
2. The Principal has to further verify whether the name of the candidate is one and the same in the passport, statement of marks and NOC. The original passport need not be sent to the University.

### **Agenda No. II (12)**

**TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON RELAXATION OF 5% OF MARKS FROM 45% TO 40% AS ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE B.PHARMACY AND DIRECT II YEAR B.PHARMACY (LATERAL ENTRY) DEGREE COURSE FROM THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2011-2012 ONWARDS**

The Registrar-FAC read out the Agenda and invited the Members for further discussion.

The Registrar-FAC further explained that it had been decided in the previous Standing Academic Board that percentage of marks for B.Pharmacy from

50% of marks to 45% of marks as eligibility criteria for B.Pharmacy course and for Nursing from 45% of marks to 40% of marks.

When it was asked whether the same yardstick could be extended to Indian Medicine also, the Registrar-FAC replied that the provision of the Central Council of Indian Medicine could be looked into.

The Chairman further stated that if the Chairman of the Board of Studies of any branch of Indian Medicine written to the University, the University would look into it, to which Dr. T.K. Ravi, Ph.D., Chairman, Board of Studies in Pharmacy stated that this Standing Academic Board could decide on the issue.

The Registrar-FAC read out the letter written by the Central Council of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy with the contents as indicated below fixing the eligibility criteria into the degree courses of Indian Medicine

(a) Other than SC & ST - 40% of marks

(b) SC & ST - 35% of marks

The Chairman replied that the University would write to the Government with a request to fix uniform eligibility criteria for admission into different courses – Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy, Paramedical courses and Allied Health Sciences.

### **Resolution**

Resolved that 5% of Eligibility Marks be relaxed for the admission of I B. Pharmacy and Direct II year B. Pharmacy (lateral entry) from the Academic Year 2011 – 2012 onwards as follows:

#### **1. I - B. Pharmacy Course**

Other than SC and ST - 40% of Marks \_  
SC and ST - 35% of Marks

#### **2. Direct II Year B. Pharmacy (lateral entry)**

Other than SC and ST - 40% of Marks \_  
SC and ST - 35% of Marks

Resolved to write to the Government with a request to fix uniform eligibility criteria for admission into different courses – Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy and other Allied Health Sciences.

**Agenda No. II (13)**

**TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON WITHDRAWING THE SYSTEM OF ISSUE OF PHOTO COPIES OF ANSWER SHEETS TO THE FAILED CANDIDATES OF ALL UNDER-GRADUATE AND POST-GRADUATE COURSES**

The Chairman explained that number of applications are received from the failed students requesting for issue of photocopies of answer sheets and the students after receiving the photocopies take them to a number of teachers to confirm the award of marks. The students subsequently come up with the request for changing the marks on the plea that the marks awarded are low. The Chairman also explained the difficulties experienced in the issue of photocopies of answer sheets and for attending to the representation thereafter from those students requesting higher marks to get them passed in the failed subjects which ultimately affects the normal regular and routine examination related works.

**Resolution:**

Resolved to withdraw the system of issuing Photocopy answer sheets to the failed candidates of Under-graduate, Post-graduate Diploma / Degree and Super-specialities from February 2011 Examination onwards. Also resolved not to issue the photocopies of answer sheets for R.T.I. related issues treating this as confidential.

**Agenda No. II (14)**

**TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON AWARDING SPLIT UP OF MARKS FOR LONG CASE AND SHORT CASE IN CLINICAL EXAMINATIONS OF MEDICAL, POST-GRADUATE DEGREE / DIPLOMA AND SUPER-SPECIALITY COURSES**

Resolved to award split up of marks for long case and short case in the Clinical Examination for Medical, Post-graduate Degree / Diploma and Super Specialty courses from February 2011 examinations onwards. This is for introducing Objectivity and a Structured Pattern in the examination.



**Agenda No. II (15)****TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON THE REVISION OF SYLLABUS FOR UNDER-GRADUATE AND POST-GRADUATE OF INDIAN MEDICINE AND HOMOEOPATHY COURSES**

The Registrar-FAC read out the Agenda and invited the Members for further discussion.

Dr. N. Manavalan, Chairman, Board of Studies, Naturopathy & Yogic Sciences stated that the revision of syllabus for the under-graduate and post-graduate courses of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy related to the Central Council of Indian Medicine, and moreover there was no formation of an Expert Committee for the revision of above syllabus. He further stated that with one day notice, the meeting had been called. He also stated that the revision of syllabus could not be done unilaterally, it had to come from the Board, to which the Chairman stated that the proposal would come from the University and we have to change it according to the needs of the system.

To a question from the Chairman, Dr.N. Manavalan Chairman, Board of Studies, Naturopathy & Yogic Sciences stated that earlier in 2004 the syllabus was changed, and the Chairman reminded the Member that we would be going to 2011 shortly, and therefore in 7 years of time, lot had been changed, but the curriculum remained the same.

Dr. Shaik Shahul Hameed, Chairman, Board of Studies in Unani asked the Chairman that he wanted to know the Members of the Expert Committee constituted for the purpose, to which the Chairman stated that the Members of the Board could recommend persons for the Expert Committee, but could not dictate to the University as to who has to be in the Board and could not compel the University to include the persons very compulsorily in the Board.

The Principal, Govt. Unani Medical College again requested the Chairman to include the Member of the Central Council of Indian Medicine in the Committee.

The Registrar-FAC stated that Dept. of Siddha of the University would co-ordinate in the formation of the Expert Committee and with other affiliated institutions. When another member of the Unani raised that the Experts co-ordinate in the subject should have teaching experience, and the Registrar-FAC clarified that this was the Dept. of Siddha of the University, and they would

merely co-ordinate with the formation of the Committee and the Chairman reminded the Members to believe in the University system.

Dr. P.T. Chacko, Chairman, Board of Studies in Ayurveda stated that when they have called for reviewing the syllabus, no matter has been given, to which, the Chairman stated till this date nothing had been finalized

Dr. Geethalakshmi, Chairman, Board of Studies in II M.B.B.S. suggested that the University could send suggestions to the Members of the Board, then they would conduct the meeting

### **Resolution**

Resolved to revise the Syllabus of Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate courses of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy as is being done for other courses.

### **Agenda No. II (16)**

**TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON THE NOMENCLATURE OF DEGREE OF UNDER-GRADUATE & POST-GRADUATE COURSES OF SIDDHA, AS PRESCRIBED BY THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF INDIAN MEDICINE, NEW DELHI**

The Registrar-FAC read out the Agenda and invited the Members for further discussion.

The Chairman while highlighting the Agenda had stated that the University would write to the Central Council of Indian Medicine to drop the words "Surgery" from the degrees of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy, to which Dr. P. Parthiban, Chairman, Board of Studies in Siddha Degree Course replied that they were also conducting surgery, and therefore asking to delete the words surgery from the degree did not arise.

Again the Chairman replied that in case you were doing surgery, give a list to the University for the surgeries carried out in the last one year.

Dr. K.S.G.A., Nasser, Chairman, Board of Studies in M.D.S. Degree Course suggested that University could send an inspection team to find out the surgeries conducted and the infrastructure related for surgery.

**Resolution**

Resolved that the nomenclature of Under-graduate and Post-graduate Degrees for Siddha be changed as prescribed by the Central Council of Indian Medicine.

Resolved to address the Central Council of Indian Medicine to remove the word 'Surgery' from the degrees being awarded by the University.

Resolved further to send an inspection team to find out the list of surgeries done by the Colleges of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy in the last one year and the related infrastructure required for it.

**Agenda No. II (17)****TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE TO REDUCE THE PERIOD OF PUNISHMENT FOR THE ERRING EXAMINERS.**

The Registrar-FAC read out the Agenda and invited the Members for further discussion.

Dr. Sivakumar, Chairman, Board of Studies in Final M.B.B.S. enquired whether the error was an intentional or sheer negligence, to which the Chairman replied that the University could not go into the issue of presumption of all these issues. The Chairman further asked the members to frame the guidelines for examinership

Dr. Sivakumar, Chairman, Board of Studies in Final M.B.B.S Professor of Surgery further asked the University to conduct surprise inspections to pin down the erring examiners.

Dr. Nedumaran, President in Faculty of Medicine and Medical specialities stated that the guidelines being now issued by the University of Kerala for examiners, to which the Chairman asked his personal staff to ascertain the facts from the University of Kerala by Fax early.

Dr. T.K.Ravi, Ph.D., Chairman, Board of Studies in Pharmacy further stated that the Rajiv Gandhi University had been issuing guidelines for examiners.

The Registrar-FAC replied that during the last Senate Meeting held sometime recently before, a Member of the Senate came to the meeting with a representation obtained from one of the above examiners saying that he was totally ignorant, but because of the compulsion of the Convener he signed the papers.

The Chair asked the Members whether punishment given to the examiners were sufficient or want to increase, the Standing Academic Board agreed for the punishment given by the University in respect of debarring from the examiner for two years, and on voice vote, majority concurred with the present punishment.

### **Resolution**

Resolved to reduce the period of punishment awarded by the University to the erring examiners to two years (from permanent debarring).

### **Agenda No. II (18)**

**TO CONSIDER AND RATIFY THE EXAMINATION FOR THE FIRST YEAR 2009-2010 BATCH POST-GRADUATE DEGREE COURSE IN M.Sc. MOLECULAR AND DIAGNOSTIC VIROLOGY CONDUCTED IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2010.**

The Registrar-FAC read out the Agenda and invited the Members for further discussion.

Dr. Srilakshmi, Reader, Dept. of Medical Genetics and Head of the Department incharge, Dept. of Curriculum Development apprised the Agenda on the instructions of the Registrar.

### **Resolution**

Resolved to ratify the action in having conducted the examination in November 2010 to the candidates of the Post-graduate Diploma in Molecular Virology of 2009-2010 batch by the King Institute of Preventive Medicine, Chennai.

**Agenda No. II (19)****TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON INCLUSION OF PRESCRIBED ELECTIVE POSTING FOR THE MONTH IN POST-GRADUATE DEGREE COURSES, FOR ADVANCED TRAINING IN PATIENT MANAGEMENT**

Resolved to include Elective Posting of one month duration in the Post-graduate Degree courses for Advanced Training in Patient Management in Corporate Hospitals in Tamil Nadu or in other states. The departments must be willing to train the post-graduates from speciality hospitals. They will also not charge any fees from the post-graduate students.

**Agenda No. II (20)****TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON PRESCRIBING THREE YEARS COURSE OF STUDY FOR THE POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA HOLDERS EVEN IN THE SAME SPECIALITY.**

The Registrar-FAC read out the Agenda and invited the Members for further discussion.

The Chairman stated that the University had decided to prescribe three years course of study to the candidates holding Post-graduate Diploma in the same speciality, since the period was totally inadequate for the programme.

Dr.S.Geethalakshmi, Chairman, Board of Studies in II M.B.B.S. enquired about the procedure of Registration being followed in the instant case and Dr. Pragna B. Dolia, Chairman, Board of Studies in Post-Graduate Non-Clinical Degree / Diploma Courses suggested that Senior Residency for Post-graduates be also included.

Dr. Nedumaran, President in Faculty of Medicine and Medical specialities suggested that their postings be classified as Senior Registrar and Junior Registrar, to which the Chairman replied that in interest of the Medical Education, the University would write to the Government for implementation.

**Resolution**

Resolved to prescribe three years duration uniformly for all those candidates who have completed Post Graduate Diploma and undergo Post Graduate Degree in the same speciality. Exemption of one year will not be granted from 2011 onwards.

**I. ANY MOTION FOR A CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS STATED IN THE AGENDA PAPER**

**-NIL-**

**II. BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR INCLUDING BUSINESS REMITTED BY THE SENATE AND THE GOVERNING COUNCIL****III. BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE FACULTIES**

**-NIL-**

**IV. BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE BOARD OF STUDIES****Agenda No: IV (01)**

**TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN RESEARCH PASSED IN THE MEETING HELD ON 25.10.2010.**

Dr. Sathya Subramani, Chairman, Board of Studies in I M.B.B.S. Degree Course has stated that the University should get guidelines for M.Sc. (Non-clinical) courses , and the Chairman replied that the proposal on the subject be again referred to the Board of Studies.

Dr. S. Geethalakshmi, Chairman, Board of Studies in II M.B.B.S. Degree Course has stated that she wanted her Research Degree Certificate be changed, as it had been awarded under the Faculty of Basic Medical Science.

Dr. T.K. Ravi, Ph.D., Chairman, Board of Studies in Pharmacy, has stated that in Pharmacy, the eligibility to become a Guide should have Ph.D. and to possess 12 years experience, to which Dr. M Chandrasekaran, Professor of Endocrine Surgery stated that when he was having 23 years experience, why should he not be appointed as Guide for his faculty, as no Ph.D. was required to guide the research candidates.

Dr. T.K. Ravi, Principal, College of Pharmacy further stated that according to the Pharmacy Council of India, a person to be appointed as Principal should have Ph.D. or to be appointed as Guide and further stated that there had been a vast difference between the Pharmacy and Medicine.

Dr. Rajaram, President of Faculty in Basic Medical Sciences has stated that the University was not encouraging Research in Medicine, and the University should not think of quality, when there was no quantity at all and therefore the University should strive to find path for research activities.

Mrs. N. Jayashree, President of Faculty in Pharmacy has stated that her juniors in the Department had been appointed as Guide by the University, but even after long stint in the Department, she was not given appointment as Guide on the ground of not having Ph.D. Research degree.

Dr. Kurian George, Chairman, Board of Studies in Para Professional Courses has stated that since the research holders were available in plenty in Nursing and Pharmacy, but they do not restrict the people having more than 20 years of experience to be appointed as Guide.

### **Resolution**

Resolved to approve all the recommendations of the Board of Studies in Research passed in the Meeting held on 25.10.2010 except with certain modifications as indicated below:

(1) The Institution has to submit the proposal to the University for considering the M.Sc., - Non Medical Students to do their Ph.D. Research Programme in this University. The proposal will be placed before the Board of Studies in Research to take a decision on the above matter.

(2) Persons having completed 10 years of teaching experience be appointed as Guide in Medicine, Dentistry and Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy and 12 years of teaching experience in the faculty of Allied Health Science. (The other parameters suggested in the Board remain the same)

**Agenda No. IV (02)****TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN MEDICINE – SUPER SPECIALITY DEGREE COURSE PASSED IN THE MEETING HELD ON 15.11.2010\_**

Dr.S.Geethalakshmi, Chairman, Board of Studies in II M.B.B.S. as suggested that the theory papers be sent to the Clinical Centre for valuation by the External Examiners with an undertaking to be obtained from the Convener that “I undertake the responsibility of correcting the answer papers by bringing my team with qualified Examiners”.

**Resolution**

Resolved to approve all the recommendations of the Board of Studies in Medicine – Super-Specialities Degree Courses passed in the Meeting held on 15.11.2010, except with certain modifications as indicated below:

**Branch II - M.Ch. Neurosurgery Syllabus –**

Under Column Mark Scheme in Subsection of Part I (6 Years Course) in the clinical and oral examination of General Surgery the maximum marks has to be read as 100 instead of 50 and for minimum pass mark for the above paper is 50 instead of 25.

The total marks mentioned in the mark scheme should be deleted.

**Agenda No. IV (03) & Agenda No. IV (04)****TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN POST-GRADUATE CLINICAL DEGREE / DIPLOMA COURSES PASSED IN THE MEETING HELD ON 27.10.2010 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 25.11.2010**

The Chairman suggested that the following pattern of examination be introduced for theory examinations

10 questions	x 7 marks	70 marks
2 questions	x 15 marks	30 marks
Total		100 marks



The Chairman further suggested that the students should restrict their answers in the answer sheets in the following order, and the order of answers to the questions by the student should also not be changed :

10 questions x 7 marks	70 marks	3 Pages
2 questions x 15 marks	30 marks	12 Pages

Dr. R.H. Govardhan, Chairman, Board of Studies in P.G. Clinical Courses has further stated to instruct the question paper setters to set the questions with reference to quantum of marks allotted for the answers.

Dr. Sathya Subramani, Chairman, Board of Studies in II M.B.B.S. Course has suggested for Repositing of Problem Based Learning System for examination, and she assured for the First MBBS, she could be put in charge of the same.

Dr.R.H. Govardhan, then presented the syllabus to the Chairman on M.D. (Sports Medicine)

### **Resolution**

Resolved to approve all the recommendations of the Board of Studies in Post Graduate Clinical Degree/Diploma Courses passed in the meeting held on 27.10.2010 and in the Special Meeting held on 25.11.2010, except with certain modifications as indicated below:

(1) To introduce the following pattern of examination in theory examinations.

10 questions x 7 marks	70 marks
2 questions x 15 marks	30 marks
Total	100 marks

(2) The students should restrict their answers in the answer sheets in the following order:

10 questions x 7 marks	70 marks	3 Pages
2 questions x 15 marks	30 marks	12 Pages

(3) The candidate has to write the answers in seriatim of questions in the question paper and should not be changed by the students.

(4) To instruct the question paper setters to set the questions with reference to quantum of marks allotted for the answers.

(5) To delete Serial No. 3 in Any Other Item of the resolution passed in the Special Meeting of the Board of Studies in P.G. Clinical Courses held on 25.11.2010.

**Agenda No. IV (05)**

**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN POST-GRADUATE NON-CLINICAL COURSES PASSED IN THE MEETING HELD ON 28.10.2010**

The Chairman informed that OSPE pattern for Practical Examinations for the Post-graduate Non clinical courses for Part I examinations will come into force with effect from February 2011 examinations

**Resolution**

Resolved to approve all the recommendations of the Board of Studies in Post-graduate Non-clinical Courses passed in the meeting held on 28.10.2010 with certain modifications as indicated below :

(1) To prescribe maximum marks of 100 for each paper in theory examination instead of prescribing maximum marks 400 altogether.

(2) To introduce the OSPE pattern for Practical Examinations of the post-graduate Non clinical courses for Part I examinations with effect from February 2011 examinations

**Agenda No. IV (06)**

**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN I M.B.B.S. PASSED IN THE MEETING HELD ON 29.10.2010**

The Chairman asked the OSPE term to be incorporated and the Examination Pattern has to be followed as stated below:

Subjects	Maximum Marks	Minimum Marks
Anatomy	100	50
Physiology	100	50
Biochemistry	100	50

Dr. Sathya Subramani, Chairman, Board of Studies in I M.B.B.S. Degree Course will give a new format to the University within a week on the above proposal including Bio-chemistry component

### **Resolution**

Resolved to approve all the recommendations of the Board of Studies in I MBBS Degree Course passed in the meeting held on 29.10.2010, with certain modifications as indicated below:

(1) The total marks for the scheme of Practical Examination in Anatomy, Physiology & Bio-Chemistry is 200 instead of 150 marks. The OSPE Pattern has been included in the above three subjects with 50 marks each. The Chairman, Board of Studies has to submit a new scheme of practical examination to the University within a week on the above proposal including Physiology and Bio-Chemistry Viva Components.

(2) The Chairman has to submit the modified syllabus in I M.B.B.S. Degree Course in consultation with other members of the Board of Studies to this University within a weeks time.

### **Agenda No. IV (07)**

#### **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN II M.B.B.S. PASSED IN THE MEETING HELD ON 01.11.2010**

The Chairman informed that hours allotted to Microbiology be reduced from 300 hours to 250 hours to II MBBS students .

The Chairman further informed the appointment of external and internal examiners was the matter related to the internal administration of the University, and therefore the point suggested (No.7) under Agenda No.2 of the Board of Studies of - II MBBS need not be given effect to.

The Chairman suggested the following pattern of examination for Surgery paper in Section A and Section B.

### **Resolution**

Resolved to approve all the recommendations of the Board of Studies in II MBBS Degree Course passed in the Meeting held on 01.11.2010, with certain modifications as indicated below :

- (i) To reduce the teaching hours allotted to Microbiology from 300 hours to 250 hours to II MBBS students .
- (ii) To not to give effect to the resolution related to the appointment of external and internal examiners, as the matter was purely the internal affairs of the University.
- (iii) The Forensic Medicine shall have only one Theory Paper as per the norms prescribed by the Medical Council of India, New Delhi and not Two Theory Papers in the above subject as suggested by the Members of the Board of Studies in II M.B.B.S. Degree Course.

#### **Agenda No. IV (08)**

#### **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN FINAL M.B.B.S. DEGREE COURSE PASSED IN THE MEETING HELD ON 02.11.2010**

The Chairman suggested the following pattern of examination for papers having Section A and Section B as indicated below

#### **Section A – Surgery**

Structured Essay	10 x 1	10 marks
Short Notes	5 x 5	25 marks
Short Answers	3 x 5	15 marks
	Total	50 marks

#### **Section B - Surgery**

Structured Essay	10 x 1	10 marks
Short Notes	5 x 5	25 marks
Short Answers	3 x 5	15 marks
	Total	50 marks

#### **Resolution**

Resolved to approve all the recommendations of the Board of Studies in Final MBBS Degree Course in the meeting held on 02.11.2010, except with certain modifications as indicated below :

In surgery paper I the subject has been divided into two sections (viz.,) Section A and B. In Section A of General Surgery 50 marks has been allotted and for Section B of Orthopedics another 50 marks has been allotted. The distribution of marks in Surgery Paper I is as given below :

Section A – Surgery

Structured Essay	10 x 1	10 marks
Short Notes	5 x 5	25 marks
Short Answers	3 x 5	15 marks
	Total	50 marks

Section B - Orthopedics

Structured Essay	10 x 1	10 marks
Short Notes	5 x 5	25 marks
Short Answers	3 x 5	15 marks
	Total	50 marks

**Agenda No. IV (09)**

**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN M.D.S. DEGREE COURSE PASSED IN THE MEETING HELD ON 09.11.2010**

Resolved to approve all the recommendations of the Board of Studies in MDS Post-graduate Degree Course passed in the Meeting held on 09.11.2010.

**Agenda No. IV (10)**

**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN B.D.S. PASSED IN ITS MEETING ON 11.11.2010**

Resolved to approve all the recommendations of the Board of Studies in B.D.S. Degree Course passed in the Meeting held on 11.11.2010, except with the following addition as indicated below :

The list of Internal and External Examiners would be sent by Dr.K.S.G.A. Nasser, Chairman, Board of Studies, in M.D.S. Degree Course to this University within a weeks time.

**Agenda No. IV (11)**

**TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN AYURVEDA PASSED IN ITS MEETING HELD ON 12.11.2010**

Resolved to approve all the recommendations of the Board of Studies in Ayurveda course in the Meeting held on 12.11.2010, except with certain modifications as indicated below :

In respect of Agenda No. (2) of the Board of Studies in Ayurveda, it has been informed that Ayurveda Colleges in Tamil Nadu were not conducting Post-graduate Diploma course in Ayurveda, and the Central Council of Indian Medicine has to initiate further measures on the proposal.

In respect of No.2 under Any other item, the Registrar (FAC) read out the letter written by the Central Council of Indian Medicine stating not to translate the Medical Terminology of the subjects in Siddha, Ayurveda & Unani in English in the Mark sheets or in the Degree certificate.

**Agenda No. IV (12)**

**TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN HOMOEOPATHY PASSED IN THE MEETING HELD AT 11.00 A.M. ON 15.11.2010**

Resolved to approve the recommendations passed by the Board of Studies in Homoeopathy in the meeting held on 15.11.2010 as annexed to the Agenda.

Panel of Guides, Panel of Examiners and Log Book :

(1) Resolved to approve the Panel of Guides/Examiners for M.D. (Homoeopathy) Course and need not be sent to Central Council of Homoeopathy for its approval.

(2) Resolved to approve the maintenance of Log Book for M.D. (Homoeopathy) Course.

Under Any Other Item - Attendance :

Resolved to approve the total number of working days to be 270 days and attendance should be 90 % for appearing the B.H.M.S. Degree Course.

**Agenda No. IV (13)**

**TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN SIDDHA PASSED IN THE MEETING HELD ON 16.11.2010**

Resolved to approve the recommendations passed by the Board of Studies in Siddha in the meeting held on 16.11.2010 as annexed to the Agenda.

Resolved not to approve the mandatory Credit Points for Siddha Intern and Post Graduate candidates.

- (a) The words “CRRI candidate” be substituted with “Siddha Interns”
- (b) Resolved not to approve Reciprocal Recognition of C.M.E. Credit Points.
- (c) Dissertation Topic : The candidate has to inform topic of the dissertation to this University within six months from the date of joining of the course. The dissertation topics & protocol must be screened by the institutional screening committee before the end of the first year of the course.

The candidate cannot change the topic of the dissertation at any stage once submitted to the University.

- (d) Under Any Other Item - Attendance :

Resolved to approve the total number of working days to be 270 days and attendance should be 90 % for appearing the B.S.M.S. Degree Course and not 240 days.

**Agenda No. IV (14)**

**TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN NATUROPATHY PASSED IN ITS MEETING ON 19.11.2010**

Resolved to approve the recommendations passed by the Board of Studies in Naturopathy in the meeting held on 19.11.2010 as annexed to the Agenda.

**Agenda No. IV (15)**

**TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN UNANI COURSE PASSED AT ITS MEETING HELD ON 18.11.2010**

Resolved to approve the recommendations passed by the Board of Studies in Unani in the meeting held on 18.11.2010 as annexed to the Agenda.

Resolved not to approve to conduct the examination on alternative dates.\_

**Agenda No. IV (16)**

**TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN PHARMACY UNDER-GRADUATE & POST-GRADUATE COURSES PASSED AT ITS MEETING HELD ON 22.11.2010**

Dr.T.K. Ravi, Principal, College of Pharmacy, Sri Ramakrishna Institute of Paramedical Sciences, Coimbatore stated that the Committee constituted to find out the modalities to reduce the animal experiments without compromising the learning objective in B.Pharmacy course would submit the report to the University on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

Dr. T.K. Ravi further stated that if the Clinical Pharmacist was not there in a particular Department, then that postings would not be included, to which Dr .M. Chandrasekar, Prof. of Endocrine Surgery, Madras Medical College asked as to how a Pharmacist could be allowed in the Department relating to Pharm D course.

**Practical Training under Hospital posting – Pharm D.**

The Chairman asked Dr. T.K. Ravi that Pharm D and Post Baccalaureate students would do their internship under the Medical Doctor and not as suggested “under a Perceptor who is qualified in Pharmacy” by the Board of Studies in Pharmacy



### **Chairman's views on admission of candidates simultaneously for all courses**

The Chairman stated that he wanted to have selection of candidates to Pharm D and for other courses simultaneously with MBBS and BDS by the Selection Committee by using the place at University or King Institute.

The Chairman also asked the Members to find the ways and means to keep the clinical examinations ahead of the final year theory examinations as asked by the Board of Studies in Pharmacy (Agenda No.3 under any other item), to which Dr. Pragna B Dolia, Director, Institute of Bio-chemistry, Madras Medical College replied that this method would ways to get the examiners early.

Then the Chairman stated for the final year examinations of Under-graduates, Post-graduates and Super-specialities from the February 2011 examinations, the clinical examinations would be held ahead of their theory examinations on trial basis. However, Dr. M. Chandrasekar, Chairman, Board of Studies – Medicine – Super-specialities recorded his objection in having included the Super-specialities also to conduct clinical examinations during the final year ahead of the theory examinations.

### **Resolution**

Resolved to approve the recommendations passed by the Board of Studies in Pharmacy for Under-graduate and Post-graduate courses in the meeting held on 22.11.2010 as annexed to the Agenda.

Resolved further that Pharm D and Post Baccalaureate students would do their internship under the Medical Doctor and not as suggested “under a Perceptor who is qualified in Pharmacy” by the Board of Studies in Pharmacy. The Medical Doctor (HOD) of the Department in which posted must be informed about the postings.

Resolved further to keep the schedule of the clinical examinations in final year examinations of Under-graduates, Post-graduates and Super-specialities ahead of their theory examinations.

### **Agenda No. IV (17)**

**TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN NURSING UNDER-GRADUATE & POST-GRADUATE COURSES PASSED AT ITS MEETING HELD ON 23.11.2010**

Resolved to approve the recommendations passed by the Board of Studies in Nursing for Under-graduate and Post-graduate courses in the meeting held on 23.11.2010 with modifications as stated below:

The words Internship provided for B.Sc.(Nursing) students needs to be substituted with the words “Integrated Nursing Training”

**Agenda No. IV (18)**

**TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN PHYSIOTHERAPY UNDERGRADUATE & POST-GRADUATE COURSES PASSED AT ITS MEETING HELD ON 24.11.2010**

Resolved to approve the recommendations passed by the Board of Studies in Physiotherapy for Under-graduate and Post-graduate courses in the meeting held on 24.11.2010

**Agenda No. IV (19)**

**TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN PARA-PROFESSIONAL COURSES PASSED AT ITS MEETING HELD ON 25.11.2010**

Resolved to approve the recommendations passed by the Board of Studies in Para Professional courses in the meeting held on 25.11.2010 with modification as stated below:

- (i) The Compulsory Training suggested for some para professional courses needs to be substituted with the words “Residency Training”
- (ii) The Continuing Medical Education programme suggested for MOT course was removed.

**Agenda No. 20 - Any other item**

On the instructions from the Chairman, Dr. Srilakshmi, Reader, Department of Medical Genetics & Head i/c, Dept. of Curriculum Development informed that the Expert Committee constituted for prescribing Special Training Programme to be included in the C.R.R.I. for M.B.B.S. students have submitted its report.

**Resolution:**

Resolved to accept the recommendations of the Expert Committee and to include the Special Training Programme in the C.R.R.I. for M.B.B.S. Course from February 2011 Examination onwards.

**Discussion on M.D. (Community Medicine)**

The Chairman stated that in order to overcome the scarcity of doctors in the teaching department in M.D. Community Medicine, we could conduct some bridge course with the assistance of the Department of Public Health for the doctors interested to pursue Community Medicine and to conduct the examinations in Community Medicine. Dr. Thirunavukarasu, Chairman, Board of Studies in Physiotherapy has stated that they have to work in Medical colleges as faculties. The Chairman further stated that if this measure is initiated now, in another five years good number of doctors qualified in M.D. Community Medicine would be available.

Dr. Jerard Maria Selvam stated that earlier the 50% of M.D. Community Medicine Doctors were working under the control of the Directorate of Medical Education and Directorate of Pubic Health.

**Resolution:**

Resolved

