

# INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR POPULATION SCIENCES

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## Minutes of the 'Academic Council' meeting held on July 8, 2015 at 10.30 a.m. in the NFHS Committee Room

The meeting of the Academic Council was held on July 8, 2015 at 10.30 A.M. in the NFHS Committee Room. The meeting was chaired by Prof. F. Ram, Director and Chairman, Academic Council of the Institute and was attended by the following members:

- 1) Prof. Faujdar Ram
- 2) Prof. L. Ladusingh
- 3) Prof. S. Siva Raju
- 4) Dr. Donta Balaiah
- 5) Prof. R.B. Bhagat
- 6) Prof. P. Arokiasamy
- 7) Prof. Balram Paswan
- 8) Prof. Sayeed Unisa
- 9) Prof. S.K. Singh
- 10) Prof. Usha Ram
- 11) Prof. D.A. Nagdeve
- 12) Prof. H. Lhungdim
- 13) Prof. K.M. Ponnappalli
- 14) Prof. K.C. Das
- 15) Prof. Chander Shekhar
- 16) Prof. R. Nagarajan
- 17) Dr. Abhishek Singh
- 18) Dr. Murali Dhar
- 19) Dr. Dipti Govil
- 20) Shri M. Sekar
- 21) Dr. S. Ghosh, FWTRC, Mumbai

Shri C.R.K. Nair, The Director, NIHFV, Prof. Deepak Raut, Prof. Rakesh Srivastava, Dr. Sanjay P. Zodpey, Prof. T.V. Sekher and Prof. S.K. Mohanty the other members of the Council could not attend the meeting.

### **Agenda 1: To welcome all the members of the Academic Council.**

Prof. L. Ladusingh, Member Secretary, extended warm welcome to all the members especially the new members and requested all the members to give a self introduction. Accordingly, all the members introduced themselves.

**Agenda 2: To confirm the Minutes of Academic Council meeting held on September 13, 2013.**

Prof. K.C. Das raised an issue that the MPH programme was proposed to be introduced last year which was advertised but postponed for commencement by the next year i.e. the current academic year but the course has not been started during this year and no advertisement was released for the MPH programme. He also raised as to when this course would start.

Prof. L. Ladusingh and Prof. P. Arokiasamy informed that this is due to lack of infrastructure.

**Agenda 3: To confirm the Minutes of Sub-Committee of Academic Council meeting held on April 29, 2015.**

The results approved and recommended by the Sub-Committee of the Academic Council were presented before the council. The council approved the results.

**Agenda 4: To discuss rules for weightage of research paper/report for Pre-Ph.D Course Work.**

As per the UGC rules, the Pre-Ph.D. course should have a minimum duration of six months to a maximum of nine months. However, as the Institute offers Pre-Ph.D. course with three subjects of four credits each (a total of 12 credits) for a period of about four months. In the last academic session 2014-15 the duration was increase to six months introducing "Writing of Research Paper" for four credits to be completed in two months and evaluated by a committee appointed by the Director. The Chairman requested to approve the action taken for addition of the above new subject on Writing of Research Paper for the Pre-Ph.D. programme.

The AC approved the proposal.

Prof. Bhagat suggested renaming "Advance Research Methodology" to fit with the Pre-Ph.D. Course Work.

Prof. Sayeed Unisa sought to discuss the provision of making provision to complete Pre-Ph.D. Course Work for students awarded Ph.D. before Pre-Ph.D. Course Work was implemented by the Institute.

AC authorised the Institute to work out modality and implement the same to help past students to complete Pre-Ph.D. Course Work in the next two years.

Agenda 5: To discuss and approve revised M.Phil/Ph.D. rules recommended by a committee constituted by the Director.

A Committee duly appointed by the Director consisting of the following members had studied pros and cons of the existing rules and had made a new set of rules with addition/alteration wherever necessary.

Prof. L. Ladusingh, Chairman  
Prof. R.B. Bhagat, Member  
Prof. P. Arokiasamy, Member  
Prof. T.V. Sekher, Member  
Prof. H. Lhungdim, Member  
Shri M. Sekar, Member Secretary

The recommendation was circulated among the members which was deliberated in detail. However, the following minor changes were suggested for incorporation:

1. Leave with fellowship for six months to attend workshops/seminars to be considered in topics and areas related to Ph.D. work and are subject to Supervisor's remark and justification. Maximum of six months shall be permissible during the entire duration of Ph.D.
2. As regards publication there should be at least one paper published and the second one should be either accepted or communicated, both should be related to exclusively the Ph.D. work to become eligible for award of Ph.D. degree.
3. The change of guide of Ph.D. student is allowed for appropriate reasons and stage of Ph.D. progress by mutual consent of the guide and the student with the approval of the Director.

AC approved the revised M.Phil. / Ph.D. rules with the suggested changes.

Agenda 6: To discuss late presentation of synopsis by two Ph.D. students after the deadline.

The above agenda was discussed. The Chairman Prof. Ram informed that the two students were allowed to present synopsis as they came few days before the expiry of seven years tenure for presentation of synopsis. The Chairman also insisted that the progress report

must be obtained from each and every part-time student once in three months by the academic section and it should be reviewed by the Ph.D. Review Committee.

Prof. Ram suggested to issue memos to these students to explain the reasons. AC authorized the Chairperson to take decision based the two students' explanation.

**Agenda 7: Fellowship for M.Sc. Biostatistics & Epidemiology in M.Phil & Ph.D.**

It was proposed to reserve 3 fellowships in M.Phil. and 2 fellowships in Ph.D. exclusively for M.Sc. (Biostat) students for the academic session 2015-16 out of existing fellowship for respective degree.

**Agenda 8: To discuss re-organisation of Mathematics syllabus for M.A./M.Sc. and MPS courses.**

Prof. Ladusingh and the coordinators explained that only part of the content of Mathematics syllabus is pertinent for Population Studies and proposed to drop Mathematics from M.A./M.Sc. & MPS courses and include selected relevant mathematics portion in Statistics. The council approved the proposal.

**Agenda 9: To discuss changing name of M.Sc. Biostatistics & Epidemiology to M.Sc. Biostatistics & Demography and revision of syllabus.**

Dr. Abhishek Singh the coordinator presented the proposed revision of syllabus and also proposed the change of nomenclature of this degree programme from M.Sc. (Biostatistics & Epidemiology) to M.Sc. (Biostatistics & Demography) w.e.f. the batch commencing during the academic year 2015-16. However, as the syllabus remains same for the current second year students this passing batch during the current academic year 2015-16 will receive the degree in M.Sc. (Biostatistics & Epidemiology).

Academic Council approved the proposed changes.

**Agenda 10: To approve new project proposals for 2015-16.**

Dr. Archana Roy presented project proposal "Causes and Consequences of Out-Migration from Middle Ganga Plain"

Suggestions were made to address issues related to sampling, household with more than one migrant, clustering and instruments for remittance disclosure. Prof. Ram suggested to take up in phases of 2/3 districts.

Dr. Murli Dhar presented project proposal "Indirect Study of Survival from a Disease: An Empirical Evaluation, Modification and Application of Methodological Developments"

The Academic Council approved the project proposal with suggested changes.

**Agenda 11: To approve progress of continuing projects.**

Institute founded continuing project were presented and approved by the Academic Council subject to internal adjustment of available fund.

**Agenda 12: To approve completed projects.**

Completed projects were presented and approved by the Academic Council.

**Agenda 13: To discuss and any other item with the permission of the Chair.**


Prof. K.M. Ponnappalli brought out that no enrolment of foreign students in the Institute currently and hence the Institute should explore the possibility to admit more foreign students to different programmes.


Prof. Ram suggested for separate admission advertisement for Indian and foreign students. It was suggested that the announcement notification should specify that the admission tests will not be conducted for the foreign students and that the admission will be offered directly, if the candidates fulfill the eligibility criteria of the Institute. Also, it should be mentioned that processing fee will not be charged from the foreign students while submission of completed application form.

The proposal from Dr. P.H. Reddy to donate to the Institute for the award of a medal to best student in one of the courses of the Institute in the name of his late wife was discussed but has not been approved as the contribution of late wife of Dr. Reddy in Demography was not substantial.

Prof. Ladusingh conveyed the interest of late Prof. S. Mukherjee's family to donate an amount of one lakh rupees for the award of a medal to the best student in a course of the Institute in his name. The AC accepted the proposal and approved the award of Professor Mukherjee Gold Medal to the first rank student in M.Sc. (Biostatistics & Epidemiology/Demography).

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
(Prof. L. Ladusingh)  
Member Secretary

  
(Prof. F. Ram)  
Chairman

APPENDIX

**LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL 2015**

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| (1) | <b>Prof. Faujdar Ram</b><br>Chairman, Academic Council &<br>Director & Sr. Professor,<br>I.I.P.S., Deonar,<br><u>MUMBAI - 400088.</u>   | ... | Chairman         |
| (2) | <b>Prof. L. Ladusingh</b><br>Member Secretary, Academic Council &<br>Professor & Head,<br>Dept. of Mathematical Demography and Statistics,<br>I.I.P.S., Deonar,<br><u>MUMBAI - 400088.</u>  | ... | Member-Secretary |
| (3) | <b>Shri. C.R.K. Nair</b><br>Additional Director General (Statistics),<br>Ministry of Health & Family Welfare,<br>Government of India,<br>Room No. 243, A-Wing, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor,<br>Nirman Bhawan,<br><u>NEW DELHI - 110011.</u>   | ... | Member           |
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| (27) | <b>Shri M. Sekar</b><br>Asstt. Registrar, (Academic),<br>I.I.P.S., Deonar,<br><u>MUMBAI - 400088.</u>  | ... | Invitee |

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