

## Minutes of the Academic Committee Meeting

The meeting of the Academic Committee was held on December 27, 2013 at 3.00 P.M. in the Bhandarkar Hall no.15 of the University. Following members were present:

1. Prof. D. D. Agarwal, Chairman
2. Prof. A. P. S. Chauhan, Member
3. Prof. Y. K. Jaiswal, Member
4. Prof. G. B. K. S. Prasad, Member
5. Prof. I. K. Patro, Member
6. Prof. R. J. Rao, Member
7. Prof. Sushil Kumar Gupta, Member
8. Prof. Avinash Tiwari, Member
9. Prof. Sanjay Kulshrestha, member
10. Dr. R. G. Garg, Member
11. Dr. Sameer Bhagyawant, member
12. Dr. I. K. Mansoori, Dy Registrar

The committee deliberated on various issues pertaining to present and future needs of Jiwaji University and relevance of curriculum as per local and national needs including efforts to strengthen teaching and research and opening of some innovative and job oriented programmes. The issues discussed and decisions taken are as follows:

- (i) It was decided to create **Sophisticated Instrumentation Facility (SIF)** along with existing USIC. Construction of **20,000 square feet of building** in first phase and relocation of existing instruments which are either idle or underutilized. The AMC (annual maintenance contract) can be given from self-financing resources. This facility will boost research and training of postgraduate students.
- (ii) Re-strengthening of INFLIBNET facility and networking so Journals are made available to all the research scholars.
- (iii) University-Industry seminar be carried out. Dr. Samir Bhagyawant will coordinate the Seminar. It was also decided that Chairman, Board of Studies be sent a suggestion to include a member from the industry so industries view point can be accommodated in syllabus formation.
- (iv) It was decided that a University Advisory Committee be constituted and top ranking persons from academia/research/industries be kept in it. They will help in the formation of future road map of the university.
- (v) Library of Law Institute need strengthening and funds as per departmental need may be granted from UGC/self- financing grant.
- (vi) Members suggested the development of audio/visual facility and installation of FM Radio station so University can reach to the students in the rural areas. The committee strongly recommended for the same.
- (vii) It was felt by members that various self-financing courses are short of building space hence it was decided that building be constructed for the following courses:
  1. **Pharmacy (building extension) = 20,000 sq. feet**
  2. **Engineering Institute (new block) = 40,000 sq. feet**
  3. **Microbiology = 15,000 sq. feet**

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| 4. Food Technology                              | = 15,000 sq. feet |                   |
| 5. Biomedical technology                        | = 15,000 sq. feet |                   |
| 6. Environmental Chemistry                      | = 15,000 sq. feet |                   |
| 7. Commerce and Management (building extension) |                   | = 20,000 sq. feet |
| 8. Ethnobotany                                  | = 15,000 sq. feet |                   |

The details of the building plan has to be submitted by the concerned department.

- (viii) Members strongly felt that vacant permanent teaching positions need be filled up at the earliest so quality of education can be strengthened.
- (ix) Following self-financing courses where state government has already given approval for teaching posts need to be filled up at the earliest:
  - (a) Pharmacy
  - (b) Engineering
- (x) It was decided that proposal be made and sent to state government for creating and filling up teaching positions in following self-financing courses:
  - (a) Industrial Chemistry and CSM
  - (b) Microbiology
  - (c) Food Technology
  - (d) Biomedical technology
  - (e) Environmental Chemistry and MICA
  - (f) Neuroscience
  - (g) Molecular and Human Genetics
  - (h) Business Economics
  - (i) Physical Education
  - (j) MBA in HR and Finance
  - (k) MBA e-commerce
  - (l) MBA Hospital Management
  - (m) Tourism and Hotel Management
  - (n) Biotechnology.

The financial viability and number of teachers based on fund being generated be decided before submitting proposal so financial burden is not on the university.

- (xi) The members discussed the need of **NAAC accreditation** on priority basis hence following committee was proposed:
  1. Prof. R. J. Rao
  2. Prof. G. B. K. S. Prasad
  3. Prof. I. K. Patro
  4. Prof. Sushil Kumar Gupta
  5. Prof. Sanjay Kulshrestha
 Prof. R. J. Rao will be the Chairman of the Committee.
- (xii) The committee recommended starting of following new courses/programmes in order to increase the job opportunity for students of Jiwaji University jurisdiction:
  - (a) Diploma, Bachelor and Master degree programmes in Cosmetic Science and Beauty Culture
  - (b) Diploma, Bachelor and Master degree programmes in Security management
  - (c) Diploma, Degree courses on Sound Mixing and Graphic Design

- (d) Diploma, Bachelor and Master degree Programmes in Fashion Design and Technology
- (e) Bachelor and Master degree in Interior Design

A circular be sent to all School of Studies to suggest if they want to start any new programme.

- (xiii) It was decided to start Institute of Evening Studies to enrol students desirous of upgrading education but cannot join day courses.
- (xiv) **The Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)** also termed as **Cafeteria System of Education** need to be introduced in Jiwaji University in order to make education more useful for the students. The committee will discuss in future meetings about the system in details and will develop modular syllabus for some existing courses and will organize seminar for teaching staff and officers so implementation can be smoothly ensured.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.