

Minutes of the 12th meeting of the University Research Committee (URC)

Venue: Board room, III floor, 1C, Admin Block, MUJ

Date: March 14, 2016

Time: 4:00 PM

Chairperson:

Prof (Dr) Sandeep Sancheti, President

Members Present:

Prof (Dr) Kumkum Garg, Pro President

Prof (Dr) B. K. Sharma, Dean FoS, R & I

Prof (Dr) N. K. Garg, Dean FoD

Prof (Dr) Nilanjan Chattopadhyay, Dean FoM&C

Prof (Dr) Awdhesh Kumar, Dean Faculty Affairs and Provost

Prof (Dr) Vandana Suhag, Registrar

Prof (Dr) Rajveer Singh Shekhawat, Director SCIT

Prof (Dr) S. N. Sharan, Director SEEC

Prof (Dr) N. N. Sharma, Director SAMM

Prof (Dr) Madhura Yadav, Director (In charge) SA&D

Prof (Dr) G. C. Tikkiwal, Director SBS

Prof (Dr) Sorab Sadri, Director SBC

Prof (Dr) Amit Jain, Director HM

Prof (Dr) Manju Singh, Director SHSS

Prof (Dr) Ravi Chaturvedi, Director SJMC

Prof (Dr) Richa Arora, Director Admissions

Prof (Dr) M L Vadera, CoE

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Dr Kalpna Sharma, Department of Information & Technology

Invitee:

Prof (Dr) Ajay Kumar, In charge Academics

Leave of absence: Prof (Dr) Raj Sharma, Dean FoE; Prof (Dr) Mridul Srivastava, Dean FoA&L;

Prof (Dr) Rajesh Mathur, Director SCCE; Prof (Dr) Raghuvir Singh, Director TSB.

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12URC (A) Approval of the minutes of 11th meeting of URC held on December 4, 2015

The minutes of the 11th meeting of the University Research Committee held on December 04, 2015 were circulated on December 11, 2015. Since no comments were received, the committee is requested to confirm.

The Committee confirmed the same

12URC (B) Review of Action Taken on Minutes of 11th meeting of University Research Committee

The action taken report on the decisions of 11th meeting of URC was noted & confirmed.

12URC (C) Reporting and Ratification Items

12URC (C-1) Report on the submission of Pre-synopsis presentation

Two Pre-synopsis of Ph. D. dissertations were submitted. The details were presented to committee as below:

Research Scholar	Date of Registration	Date of Submission	Department	Supervisor	Co-supervisor
Col. Sanjiv Kumar Tomar	27-02-2012	December 07, 2015	ECE	Dr. Ajay Kumar	NA
Ms. Seema Dhail	09-10-2012	February 20, 2016	Chemistry	Dr. Tanmoy Chakraborty	Prof. Lalita Ledwani

The Committee noted the same

12URC (C-2) Change in the title of Ph.D. thesis of Mr. Jitendra Mittal, Department of Biosciences

Committee was informed that SDC & DRC have recommended for a minor change in the title of Ph.D. thesis of Mr. Jitendra Mittal, Department of Biosciences. The same was approved by Honourable President on October 23rd, 2015.

Research Scholar	Date of Registration	Guide	Co-guide	Previous Title	New Title
Mr. Jitendra Mittal	08-01-2013	Dr. M M Sharma	Dr. Amla Batra	"In Vitro Studies, Biofabrication of Nanoparticles, Biochemical & Molecular Analysis of Medicinally Important Plant: Tinospora Species"	"In Vitro Studies, Biofabrication of Nanoparticles, Biochemical & Molecular Analysis of Medicinally Important Plant: Tinospora cordifolia (Willd.) Miers ex Hook F. & Thoms"

The Committee noted and ratified the same

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12URC (C-3) Status of newly registered scholars in even Semester 2015-16

Total 32 research scholars are registered in even semester. Details are as follows:

Sr. No.	Department	Part-Time (External)	Part-Time (Internal)	Full-Time	Total No. of Scholars
1	Computer Science & Engineering	2	NA	1	3
2	Electronics & Communication Engg.	4	1	NA	5
3	Electrical & Electronics Engg.	1	NA	NA	1
4	Civil Engg.	1	2	NA	3
5	Mechanical Engg.	NA	2	1	3
6	Biosciences	1	NA	1	2
7	Chemistry	1	NA	NA	1
8	Mathematics & Statistics	1	NA	1	2
9	Management	2	1	NA	3
10	Architecture & Design	1	NA	NA	1
11	Commerce	1	NA	NA	1
12	English	1	NA	NA	1
13	Physical Education	3	NA	1	4
14	J & MC	NA	2	NA	2
	Total	19	8	5	32

The Committee noted the same

12URC (C-4) Completion of Viva Voce examination of Ms. Alka Choudhary, Department of Computer Science & Engineering.

Committee was informed about the Ph.D. final viva voce examination of Ms. Alka Choudhary, Department of Computer Science & Engineering.

Research Scholar	Date of Viva-voce	Department	Supervisor	Co-supervisor	Thesis Title	Examiner
Ms. Alka Choudhary	February 16, 2016	CSE	Prof. V. N. Tiwari	Prof. Anil Dahiya	“DEVELOPMENT OF NEW INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEM FOR MOBILE AD HOC NETWORKS USING SOFT COMPUTING TECHNIQUES”	Dr. Manik Lal Das, Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology, Gandhinagar

The Committee noted the same

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12URC (C-5) Registration of candidate (Ms. Joyita Sinha) in Ph.D. programme from another University to MUJ

Ms. Joyita Sinha's request for registration in Ph.D. programme in MUJ was approved by Honorable President on February 9th, 2016. Earlier she was registered in Vidyasagar University, West Bengal. There she had completed her Research Methodology course as per UGC regulation 2009. On that basis she has been exempted from Research Methodology course but she needs to complete one seminar and one course in MUJ. Her provisional registration will be done only after she submits her migration certificate from Vidyasagar University.

Research Scholar	Department	Supervisor
Ms. Joyita Sinha	Chemistry	Dr. Harshavardhana B. G. Department of Civil Engg., MUJ

The committee approved the same with the recommendation that one more faculty member be appointed as a Co-supervisor from either Physics department or Chemistry department from the related field.

12URC (C-6) Registration of (Col. P M Meena) in Ph.D. programme

Col. P. M. Meena had requested for registration in Ph.D. programme in MUJ. He has cleared Ph.D entrance examination in March 2012. Since there was no person available of his field, he could not get registered at that time. On that basis SDC & DRC recommended for exemption from Ph.D. entrance examination.

Research Scholar	Department	Supervisor
Col. P M Meena	Civil Engg.	Prof. Rajesh Mathur Department of Civil Engg., MUJ

This request was approved by Honorable President on February 24th, 2016. The committee ratified the same with the observation that he needs to register for Research Methodology course as well as for other courses as per Ph.D. regulations of MUJ.

12URC (C-7) MoU with Ayushraj Enterprise Pvt. Ltd.

MoU with Ayushraj Enterprise Pvt. Ltd. was signed on January 25, 2016

- To foster faculty and student exchange in the field of Biotechnology
- To share research facilities and undertake joint research projects

The Committee noted and confirmed the same

12URC (C-8) Non-submission of seminar report / final research proposal / 6th monthly progress report / Academic Registration form

Noting that a large number of research scholars are not submitting their seminar reports, final research proposal and 6th monthly progress report, it was decided that status of all such defaulters should be informed to Ph.D. coordinator with appropriate action taken by SDCs & DRCs of respective students. Further, those scholars who have not done academic registration, their Ph.D. registration will be cancelled.

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12URC (D) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

12URC (D-1) Change of Internal Supervisor / Co-Supervisor

Consequent upon moving out of faculty members or due to some other reasons, some research scholars have requested for change in supervisors. Such applications duly recommended by SDCs and DRCs, for change of supervisor were received as per details furnished below:

Research Scholar	Department	Date of Registration	Candidature	Previous Supervisor	Recommended Supervisor
Ms. Shruti Mishra	Management	19-07-2014	Full-Time	Dr. Sonia Munjal	Prof. Vidu Soni
Ms. Kirti Singh	Management	19-07-2014	Full-Time	Dr. Rachna Gangwar	Prof. Vidu Soni
Mr. Vishal Mathur	Commerce	23-07-2015	Part-Time (External)	Dr. Samar Sarabhai	Prof. Sorab Sadri
Mr. Girisha Nayak	Commerce	12-01-2015	Part-Time (External)	Prof. Sorab Sadri	Dr. Gaurav Lodha

The Committee approved the same

Note: Mr. Pushpendra Singh Sisodia (Supervisor Prof. V. N. Tiwari) has also applied for change in Co-supervisor. His SDC and DRC recommended to appoint Prof. Rajveer Singh Shekhawat as Co-supervisor in place of Prof. Anil Dahiya.

Research Scholar	Department	Date of Registration	Candidature	Previous Co-supervisor	Recommended Co-supervisor
Mr. Pushpendra Singh Sisodia	CSE	04-05-2012	Full-Time	Prof. Anil Dahiya	Prof. Rajveer Singh Shekhawat

In this case, URC chairman has already approved the change and hence this is to be taken as a reporting item.

12URC (D-2) Addition of External Co-Supervisor

A proposal of allotment of co-supervisor received through SDC and DRC, for part-time research scholar Mr. Siddartha Shanker Dikshit was received. The same was placed before the committee as per the details given below:

Research Scholar	Department	Internal Supervisor	Proposed External Co-Supervisor
Mr. Siddartha Shanker Dikshit	Biosciences	Dr. M M Sharma	Dr. Samuel Rai, Director of Cinchona and other Medicinal Plants (DCOMP), Darjeeling

The Committee approved the same

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12URC (D-3) Approval of teaching assistantships for the current semester

All applications received for sanction of Teaching Assistantships for the current semester were placed before the committee in a consolidated manner for consideration.

The committee approved the following:

(i) Renewal of TAships (12000/-)

Registration no.	Department	Issue to	Grant TAship	Approved period of TAship
150402602	ECE	Ms. Ekta Rewar	12000/-	1-1-2016 to 31-12-16
150402603	ECE	Ms. Vaishali	12000/-	1-1-2016 to 31-12-16
150401602	EEE	Mr. Pancham Kumar	12000/-	1-1-2016 to 31-12-16
151005602	Hindi	Ms. Priyanka Yadav	12000/-	1-1-2016 to 31-12-16
140707601	Biosciences	Mr. Ankit Chokriwal	12000/-	1-1-2016 to 31-12-16

(ii) List of Fresh TAship (12000/-)

Registration no.	Department	Issue to	Grant TAship	Approved period of TAship
161011602	Physical Education	Mr. Prabeen Sahu	12000/-	1-1-2016 to 31-12-16
150601607	Management	Mr. Prashant Chauhan	12000/-	1-1-2016 to 31-12-16
150503601	Mechanical Engg.	Mr. Gaurav Kumar Chhaperwal	12000/-	1-1-2016 to 31-12-16

Since no workload was proposed by the respective departments for the following candidates, TAship was not considered. They can apply for support under “**Earn While Learn**” scheme of the University.

150705601	Physics	Mr. Mukesh Saran	12000/-	1-1-2016 to 31-06-16
160707601	Biosciences	Ms. Swati Gupta	12000/-	1-1-2016 to 31-06-16

Special Case

The request for extension of teaching assistantship by Ms. Suman Swami was not approved. She had already availed teaching assistantship for two years (**Maximum Duration**) and hence no further extension can be given to her.

She can approach either external funding agencies or can apply for support under “**Earn While Learn**” facility available at the University. She may approach supervisor for support.

TAship to all the candidates will be given after the verification of their work load by Pro-President.

12URC (D-4) Cancellation of registration

The recommendation of SDCs and DRCs for the cancellation of registration of the following research scholars in Ph.D. programme was presented before the committee.

Research Scholar	Department	Candidature	Supervisor/ Co-Supervisor
Mr. Rishi Choudhary	Mechanical Engg.	Part-Time (Internal)	Dr. Aparna Pareek/ Prof D. C. Agarwal
Mr. Ajay Kumar Chaturvedi	Management	Part-Time (External)	Prof. Raghuvir Singh
Ms. Kanchan Shukla	Management	Full-Time	Dr. Sonia Munjal

Ms. Seema Singh	Management	Part-Time (External)	Prof. Raghuvir Singh
Ms. Anjana Mehra	Psychology	Full-Time	Dr. Geetika Tankha

The committee approved the recommendation. As per University rules the cancellation of registration will be done.

12URC (D-5) Minor modification in Ph.D. regulation rule no. 7.2

The URC committee members deliberated on the provision of rule no. 7.2.1 and 7.2.2 and recommended minor modifications in Ph.D. regulations. According to the recommendation rule 7.2.1 is to be read as:

“All research scholars must earn credits through Course Work after provisional registration, as part of the Ph.D. programme in the first year. The number of credits to be earned is 8-12, out of which a 4-credits course on Research Methodology will be compulsory. The other 4-8 credits could be earned through one Seminar (2 credits) or Courses (taught/self-study) (Max 4 credits each). However, for candidates with M.Phil. degree, the course on Research Methodology may be exempted.”

12URC (D-6) Amendment in the guidelines for Ph.D. programme to be renamed as Ph.D. programme ordinance instead of regulations

Committee suggested that Ph.D. programme regulations be named as Ph.D. Rules and Regulations.

12URC (D-7) Proposal to maintain the record of attendance for full-time research scholars in respective departments

It was approved that HoDs would keep the daily record of attendance of full time research scholars and at the end of the month, compiled attendance should be sent to Ph. D. office for record. The record will be examined by the concerned Director of the school.

12URC (D-8) To finalize date of next Ph.D. entrance exam date (proposed June 4, 2016)

The following schedule was approved by the committee for conducting the next Ph.D. entrance examination:

Date of entrance examination	June 4, 2016 (Saturday)
Result Announcement	June 6, 2016 (Monday)

12URC (D-9) To increase amount of contingency grant for research scholars and provision of the same for part-time research scholars

The committee approved the proposal to increase amount of contingency grant from Rs. 10,000/- to Rs.12000/- to be effective from July 2016 onwards for full time research scholars but the provision of the same for part-time research scholars was denied.

12URC (D-10) To make allocation of suitable grant for research work such as testing / characterization / samples etc.

The committee did not approve separate allocation of suitable grant for research work such as testing / characterization / samples etc. However, it was recommended that scholars could use the finances available


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with department or PDA grant of the supervisor, if necessary. Guidelines for the same will be issued separately.

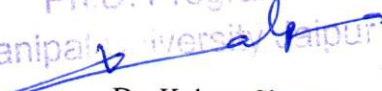
12URC (D-11) To consider enhancement in the amount of Teaching Assistantships

The committee approved increase in the amount of Teaching Assistantships from Rs. 12000/- to 15000/- per month to be effective from July 2016 onwards.

12URC (E) Any other matter with permission of the Chair:

1. It was proposed that at the time of submission of thesis, a separate submission fee should be charged. A committee will be constituted to recommend the same for further approval.
2. It was recommended that the honorarium for evaluating Ph.D. thesis be revised as under: From Rs. 5000/- to Rs. 4000/- for reading thesis and from Rs. 1000/- to Rs. 2000/- for Viva-Voce examination to be effective from July 2016 onwards.
3. From now onwards, concerned Deans and Directors be also invited for DRC meetings of the department.
4. Supervisors should propose names of 6 examiners from India instead of 5 examiners for evaluation of Ph.D. thesis.

There being no other agenda, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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