

RAJASTHAN AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY : BIKANER

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 10th MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 9th & 10th JULY, 1997 AT THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, RAU, BIKANER.

The following were present:

1	Prof.R.K.Patel	In Chair
2.	Dr. Balram Sharma	Member
3.	Dr. R.A.Singh	"
4.	Dr. M.S.Manohar	"
5.	Dr. S.L.Intodia	"
6.	Shri S.P.Purohit	"
7.	Dr. V.B.Singh	"
8.	Dr. Pratap Singh	"
9.	Dr. V.S.Kavadia	"
10.	Dr. S.S.Sharma	"
11.	Dr. G.S.Sharma	"
12.	Dr.(Mrs) C.Dave	"
13.	Dr. Anil Kumar	"
14.	Dr. N.L.Meena	"
15.	Dr. B.M.Sharma	"
16.	Dr. J.P.Goyal	"
17.	Dr. H.C.L.Gupta	"
18.	Dr. P.M.Sharma	"
19.	Dr. L.S.Jain	"
20.	Dr. Karan Singh	"
21.	Dr. B.L.Agarwal	"
22.	Dr. P.N.Mathur	"
23.	Dr. V.K.Rajvanshi	"
24.	Dr. G.R.Purohit	"
25.	Dr. K.S.Deora	"
26.	Dr. K.N.Sharma	"
27.	Dr. K.M.L.Pathak	"
28.	Dr. R.S.Gahlot	"
29.	Dr. U.K.Vyas	"
30.	Dr. A.K.Gahlot	"
31.	Dr. B.R.Choudhary	"
32.	Dr. M.S.Vashistha	"
33.	Dr. S.K.Purohit	"

34.	Dr. R.V.Singh	"
35.	Shri R.N.Verma	"
36.	Shri G.L.Bhatia	"
37.	Shri F.S.Bhattmewara	"
38.	Dr. A.K.Sankhla	"
39.	Dr. L.K.Murdia	"
40.	Dr. K.C.Pundrik	"
41.	Shri S.C.Paliwal	"
42.	Dr. P.N.Kalla	"
43.	Dr. K.K.Bora	"
44.	Dr.(Mrs) Vijay Laxmi Majumdar	"
45.	Dr. Chandra Deo	"
46.	Shri Bhagirath Singh	"
47.	Shri Bagh Singh Rathore	"
48.	Shri Lal Chand Ojha	Member Secretary

INVITEE:

1. Dr.V.N.Pathak
2. Dr.J.R.Mathur
3. Dr.R.L.Lakhotia

Dr.(Mrs) P.Gupta, Dr.(Mrs) Prabha Jain, Shri S.K.Kanungo expressed their inability to attend the meeting. Dr. B.L.Baser, Dr.M.K.Verma, Dr.D.S.Chouhan,Dr.(Mrs) Maya Choudhary, Dr.P.Subramanium , and Dr. Nihal Singh did not attend the meeting. Dr.S.K.Purohit attended the meeting on 10th July,1997 and Dr.R.L.Lakhotia on 9th July,1997 .

The Vice Chancellor extended a very cordial welcome to the members of the of Academic Council. He extended special welcome to the new members viz. Dr.Balram Sharma , Dr.R.A.Singh ,Dr.G.R.Purohit, Shri S.P.Purohit, Dr.J.P.Goyal, Dr.H.C.L.Gupta, Dr.S.K.Purohit, Dr.K.K.Bora, Dr.(Mrs) Vijay Laxmi Majumdar, Dr.Chandra Deo, Shri Bhagirath Singh, Shri Bagh Singh Rathore, Dr. Nihal Singh and Shri L.C.Ojha. The Vice-Chancellor expressed his appreciation to the out-going members viz.Dr.S.L.Mehta, Dr.A.K.Ghosal, Dr.S.S.Rathore, Dr.A.L.Taparia, Dr.B.C.Lodha, Dr.L.S.Sharma,Dr.G.D.Sharma,Dr.H.C.Sharma, Dr.R.C.Srivastava, Dr.I.J.Gupta, Dr.M.C.Bhargava, Shri S.P.S.Chopudhary, Dr(Mrs) Geeta Bali and Shri B.L.Naval for their valuable contributions to the council.

Before taking up the agenda , the Vice Chancellor expressed deep sorrow on the sad demise of Prof. Jabbar Singh , Head, Deptt. of Processing and Food Engineering, College of Technology and Agricultural Engineering, Udaipur on June 28 , 1997. The meeting observed 2 minutes silence in honour of the departed soul.

The Vice Chancellor remarked that RAU has taken a great leap forward since the last academic council meeting held in June, 1996. A number of strategic initiatives undertaken enhanced capabilities of RAU to take on even more ambitious programmes in the unfolding future. The Vice Chancellor mentioned that basically our approach has been to enhance and sharpen protocols for improving the rural life, the quality of life of man behind the plough and the animal. We have framed agenda related to education, research, extension and development of infrastructure to harvest the necessary gains. He briefly reviewed the all round progress that RAU made during the past one year. A gist of his review is mentioned below.

Educational Programmes

Academic year 1996-97 had been highly eventful in the sense that peace and tranquility was maintained throughout the year. In order to apply the same admission criteria in all agriculture colleges of the State, the scope of Joint Entrance Test (JET) for admission to B.Sc. Ag. Hons. programme was enhanced to cover even the private and Government Colleges of the State. RAU now conducts Joint Entrance Test for admission to B.Sc. Ag. Hons. programme not only for the agricultural colleges of RAU but also for non-RAU colleges in the State. The next step, he said, would be to streamline and bring uniformity in course programmes offered in all agricultural colleges of the State. This would entail improvement in faculty and infrastructure of private and even in Govt. colleges so that degrees offered in the State are uniform in standard as far as possible.

He pointed out that there will be 15% reservation of seats at UG level and 25% at PG level in all SAUs for candidates passing the entrance examination conducted by the ICAR. These students would be offered financial assistance through scholarships/fellowships by the ICAR. This is indeed a step in right direction to curb the inbreeding. Our graduates must be exposed to new faculty and new agroclimatic regions.

The Vice Chancellor expressed his satisfaction over the expanding academic horizons of the College of Technology and Agricultural Engineering. The college now has degree programmes in Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Mining Engineering. These subjects earlier had diploma programmes that would be discontinued from ensuing academic session.

At College of Home Science, Udaipur, two new programmes have come up. One is the Ph.D. programme with course-work in Foods and Nutrition, and the other Master's programme in Clothing and Textile. Likewise, at College of Home Science, Bikaner, Master's programme in Foods and Nutrition has been started from 1996-97.

At College of Veterinary and Animal Science, Ph.D. programmes have been started in Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Parasitology, Veterinary Surgery and Radiology, Veterinary Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Veterinary Pathology from the current session.

