

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON JANUARY 13-14, 1992 AT THE KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA, BTECHWAL, BIKANER

After calling the meeting to order a two minute silence was observed in the memory of the scientists who departed for their heavenly abode in a scooter accident on 1.2.1991. After condolence the meeting was adjourned for five minutes and resumed thereafter. The list of the participants is appended at annexure 'I'.

Dr. (Mrs.) P. Sundaram, Dr. K. C. Pundrik, Dr. HCK Mathur, Dr. D. K. Handa, Dr. P. R. Jatkar, Mr. K. S. Hiran, Dr. (Mrs.) S. Mathew, Dr. (Mrs.) C. Dave and Head of Dairy Chemistry were found conspicuous by their absence. Dr. J. Venkateswarlu, Director, CAZRI, Jodhpur could not attend meeting on account of pre-occupation.

The Vice-Chancellor while welcoming the members to this meeting requested them to be constructive in their criticism and/or assessment of the decisions taken so that the cause of acquiring excellence in the field of agricultural education is upheld. He further exhorted all the members that it is our bounden responsibility to see that the rules and bye laws governing agricultural education system in this university are in conformity with those prevalent in other SAUs in the country and nomenclature of the departments, course contents are such as would not handicap the students and/or user departments.

While confirming the minutes of the meeting held on 30-31 August, 1990 under-noted decisions were taken:-

With respect to decision contained in item No.5(b) it was decided that four point scale would be adopted wherever internal grading is followed and alphabetical grades will be awarded as per past practice in the individual course and numerical grade will be computed on four point scale as OGPA.

It was also decided that there will be no specialisation at M.Sc. level and the courses for 30 semester credits will be common to each and every student majoring in a particular field. It is not necessary to put a limit on number of courses for being qualified as minor or related.

The load for related and minor credits including seminar and comprehensive be distributed accordingly as per need of the student and the problem assigned to him. It was also resolved that uniform pattern will be adopted and the courses will be designed accordingly. It was further resolved that difference between M.Sc. and Ph.D. is quantitative and not qualitative and accordingly extra courses which cannot be accommodated in 30 credits core programme be shifted to Ph.D. programme.

It was also resolved that no department will offer more than 3 courses of nine credits at Ph.D. level. It was also noted with satisfaction that the exercise has been done at the level of Post-Graduate Council to evaluate and assign grade for seminar as well as comprehensive examination which was hitherto not followed.

While re-considering the issue of confirming the minutes of the Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Science, it was resolved that the duration of the programme be raised to five years in conformity with that prevalent in other SAUs'. Thus courses for one more semester be framed and distributed on the basis of consensus in the faculty. It was further resolved that while in the faculty of Agriculture the nomenclature of the course-Animal Production henceforth will be Animal-Husbandry and core programme will be as spelt out earlier. In the Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Science, LPM will have a comprehensive programme and integrated courses giving weightage to all components. Since specialisation at M.Sc.(Ag.) level is not accepted the Degree will be in Livestock Production and Management with equal course contents under Sheep Husbandry, Poultry Production and Dairy Husbandry,

The question of model paper was discussed and it was decided that model paper may consist of five parts as annexed (Appendix I) in proceedings and that will be common for all faculties. The decision, however, will not have retrospective effect. However, for the programme implemented in the past, it was decided that P.G. degree offered on the basis of course taught to forestall seeking job opportunity in a speciality in which major course work has not been taken.

4(b) While confirming the minutes of the Faculty of Agriculture it was resolved that the question of admitting pure science graduates in the faculty of agriculture is out of tune. The students in the subjects like plant Physiology, Nematology, Bio-chemistry and Statistics should be drawn from agricultural graduates. This shall, however, be applicable with effect from the next academic session. The adoption of this scheme of admitting boys from agricultural stream only will dispense with giving weightage or no weightage to non-credit courses as stipulated earlier.

5(d) It was also resolved ^{that} the Vice-Chancellor will constitute a select committee for each faculty, which will undertake updating undergraduate and post-graduate courses for different departments in each faculty which will submit the report within a period of one month. The course description so prepared will then be placed before the Academic Council for final approval and giving effect.

In case of Ph.D. course work the students will be required to take 9 credits from the major department and rest of the courses from related and minor fields depending upon the research programme. With respect to Engineering Faculty it was resolved that whether it will be Engineering Faculty or for that matter any faculty the residential requirements will be four semesters and the credit load for M.Sc. will also be the same as in the faculty of agriculture. However, if this leaves more time, the quality of the project work be improved and it may be converted into research problem and dissertation be written.

While confirming the minutes of the faculty of Home Science it was resolved that there is a need to up date the course content and bring it par with respect to duration as well as course contents at par with that in other universities and no weightage of marks for rural girls was agreed as academic requirement cannot be lowered.

The rules and regulations with respect to post-graduate instructions were examined and approved.

In the same vein it was also resolved that staff members should be encouraged to obtain M.Sc./Ph.D. degree from university other than that from which first degree was obtained and that teachers so doing shall be allowed to take admission with the benefit of full pay from RAU.

