

MINUTES
of the
FIRST MEETING OF THE
RESEARCH COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEE
held on
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The following were present:

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| 1. Prof. H.P.Dikshit, Vice-Chancellor | - | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor | - | Member |
| 3. Prof. C.L.Anand | - | Member |
| 4. Prof. Madhulika .Kaushik, Professor, SOMS/
Director, NCIDE | - | Member |
| 5. Prof. M. L. Koul, Professor, SOE | - | Member |
| 6. Smt. Poonam Bhushan, Lecturer, SOE | - | Member |

Prof. J.M.Parakh, Director, SOH, Prof. S.K.Panda, Director, STRIDE could not attend the meeting. Prof. B.S.Saraswat, Director, Academic Coordination (Convenor) also could not attend the meeting due to pre-occupation with another important assignment.

Shri K.D.Sharma, Section Officer, Academic Coordination was present to assist the Committee.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the Members to the First Meeting of the Research Council's Standing Committee. He explained the objectives of constituting Standing Committees of the Authorities of the University. He apprised the members that detailed examination of the proposal by the Standing Committee enables formulation of coherent proposals for consideration of the respective authority. It also helps to hastens the decision making process.

The Chairman then requested Prof. S.C.Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor to present the Agenda for the meeting:

The following agenda items were taken up:

- ITEM NO.1 To consider and approve the proposal for launching of Ph.D. Programme in Commerce and Management and approve the panel of Experts as Research Supervisors.**
- RCSC 1.1.1 Prof. S.C.Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor informed the Committee that the School of Management Studies has submitted a proposal to launch Ph.D. programme in Commerce and Management disciplines, as per the provisions of Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes of the University.
- RCSC 1.1.2 The Standing Committee deliberated on the proposal in detail. In respect of granting exemption from course work to those who do not hold an M.Phil. degree but have five years of teaching/industry/administration/professional experience at senior level, it was decided that in the case of Management, ‘senior level’ should conform to decision making position in an organization, provided the requirements of experience and qualifications are met. Moreover, 5 years of experience at the senior level is kept as the minimum eligibility, and the School, while making the selection of research candidates, could always raise the bar in the interest of standards of the Ph.D.Programme. Since all cases shall be processed through respective School Boards, it is expected that it will take care of variation on ‘senior level’ from discipline to discipline.
- In respect of external research supervisors proposed for Commerce discipline, it was decided to (i) prune the list down to 20 and (ii) initially the programme may be offered in only those areas in which the internal faculty specializes.
- RCSC 1.1.3 Subject to above specific suggestions, the Standing Committee approved the proposal for launching Ph.D. Programme in Commerce and Management. However, it advised that list of external supervisors for commerce be pruned and Management be drawn and submitted for approval. Moreover, the regulations may be framed which provide for aptitude for research rather than research experience per say.

ITEM NO. 2 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Committee constituted by the Research Council to consider the matters referred to it by the Research Council vide Resolution No. RC.7.2.3.

RCSC 1.2.1 Prof. S.C.Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor informed that the Research Council at its 7th meeting held on 30.12.2005 vide Resolution No. 7.2.3 constituted a Sub-Committee to examine the research proposals and devise format for submission of progress reports by research scholars. The Committee met on 9.3.2006. A copy of the recommendations made by the Committee is placed at **Appendix-1**.

RCSC 1.2.2 The Sub-Committee also considered the matters relating to submission of proposal forms for Ph.D. programme by the research scholars and their progress reports. The performa for proposal form and progress reports are placed at **Appendix-2** and **Appendix-3**. The Committee discussed in detail the proformas and suggested that (i) the proformas need to enter to specificities of all disciplines (ii) the time frame for approval of the synopsis and submission of progress reports etc. may also be maintained, so that the research scholars are not put to hardship.

RCSC 1.2.3 The Standing Committee directed that (i) the suggestion of the Sub-Committee be sent to School(s) concerned with the advice to resubmit the proposals. Moreover, in future, the research proposals, in original should be made available to the Standing Committee of Research Council along with the views of the School Board.

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ITEM NO. 4	To consider and approve the Research Proposal submitted by Shri R. Meghanathan for PhD Programme in English.
RCSC 1.4.1	Prof. S.C.Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor informed that the School Board of School of Humanities has recommended the proposal of Mr. R.Meghanathan – A Critical Study of Teaching of English as a Second Language at Secondary Stage in Tamil Nadu.
RCSC 1.4.2	The RCSC approved the proposal (Appendix-4) submitted by R. Meghanathan for Ph.D. in English under the supervision of Dr. Anju S.Gupta.
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