

**MINUTES OF THE 18<sup>th</sup> ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING OF KVASU  
CONVENED ON APRIL 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 AT THE CONFERENCE HALL, CVAS,  
POOKODE, WAYANAD**

**The following members were present:**

1. Dr. Subrata Biswas, IAS, Vice Chancellor
2. Dr. Joseph Mathew, Registrar
3. Dr. K. Devada, Director of Academics and Research
4. Dr. T.P. Sethumadhavan, Director of Entrepreneurship
5. Dr. Sisilamma George, Dean, CVAS, Mannuthy
6. Dr. K. Vijayakumar, Dean, CVAS Pookode
7. Dr. G. Girish Varma, Dean, CDST, Mannuthy
8. Prof. K V Jayachandran, Director of Research, KUFOS, Kochi.
9. Dr. A.P. Usha, Director of Farms, KVASU
10. Dr. A. K. Beena, Special Officer, CDST, Pookode.
11. Dr. B. Ajith Babu, I/C Special Officer, CASM, Thiruvazhamkunnu
12. Dr. C. T. Sathian, Professor, CVAS, Mannuthy
13. Dr. S. Sujith, Asst. Professor, CVAS, Pookode
14. Dr. P. Shuhaib, Student Representative

**Special invitees:**

1. Dr. K.M. Syam Mohan, Finance Officer
2. Dr. V. Ramnath, Controller of Examinations
3. Dr. G.S.H.L.V. Prasad Rao, Consultant Professor

The Director (Academics & Research) introduced members of the Academic Council to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. The minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Academic Council of the KVASU held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015 was approved. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor directed the Director (Academics & Research) to report the progress of research of Ph.D at every Academic Council Meeting as a fixed agenda.

**Decisions taken in the Academic Council meeting**

**Resolution 18.1:**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the Courses with the number of seats, admission schedule and selection process as proposed.

**Decision:**

Approved with the following suggestions

1. The number of seats allotted in each discipline for Ph.D, M.V.Sc and M.Tech as per the eligibility of faculty to guide will be intimated to the ICAR
2. In the case of MS/MSc programmes, the requirements of the ICAR can be accommodated within the limits but without affecting the interest of the local students.
3. The curriculum of CAADECCS shall be prepared based on the requirements of farmers, and the impact of the course upon farmers to be evaluated.
4. Course Directors of all programmes were advised to keep regular touch with the students who have completed the course and to collect regular feed- back from them on their career prospects, so as to update the course as per the changing scenario. For any course above three months, an impartial evaluation of the course is required to be made by the Course Directors.
5. It was suggested to train entrepreneurs emphasizing on meat and value added products and to explore the industry linkages for better entrepreneurial incubation and marketing. The need for sustaining the new courses and to develop them as market driven was stressed by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

**Resolution 18.2:**

Whether the Academic council would approve the conduct of convocation ceremony 2016 of KVASU (2016) at Pookode as per statutes, upon approval by the Chancellor.

**Decision:**

Decided to conduct the convocation after the appointment of the new Vice Chancellor. Since there will be some time lapse before the convocation is conducted, it was decided to issue provisional certificates to students within a week on publication of result and receipt of application for the same. It was stressed that no student should suffer on account of delay in conducting convocation. It was further suggested that a suitable date for convocation may be got approved from the Hon'ble Chancellor in order to avoid the untimely delay in conducting convocation.

**Resolution 18.3**

Whether the academic council would approve the proposal of utilizing the services of KVASU academic residents for the E-vet connect for providing 24 x 7 Veterinary services and to meet their remuneration from the project.

**Decision:**

Approved in principle. The allowance for the residents shall be met from the funds available with the E-vet connect project. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor highlighted the need to establish advisory call centers linking with Small Farmers Agri business consortium (SFAC), Anayara, Thiruvananthapuram so as to extend the veterinary services to them.

**Resolution 18.4**

~~Whether the Academic Council would approve the amendment to Examinations and evaluation of course work of M.V.Sc programmes from 2016 admission onwards~~

**Decision:** Approved.

**Resolution 18.5:**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the modification in the procedure for registration for Diploma and M.Sc programmes.

**Decision:** Approved with the following change in both M.Sc and Diploma programmes as per clause 10.9 of the Academic regulations for M.V.Sc.

"If a student on valid grounds could not register in a particular semester on the day notified for registration, the Dean of the institution is authorized to permit him/her late registration within five working days by paying a late registration fee prescribed by the University from time to time. In exceptional and rare cases the Director of Academics and Research is empowered to permit late registration on valid grounds up to 15 working days with additional late registration fee as prescribed from time to time"

**Resolution 18.6:**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the amendments suggested for B.Sc. (Poultry Production and Business Management) under Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University with regard to re-examination.

**Decision:**

Approved

**Resolution 18.7** Whether the Academic Council would approve the applications of the above institutes and allow for proceeding with formalities of affiliation of the above

institutes with the proposed courses to KVASU based on rules and regulations of affiliation.

**Decision:** Deferred as the model code of conduct is in force.

**Resolution 18.8**

1. Whether the Academic Council would approve the sandwich Ph.D programme encouraging the faculty to pursue Ph.D. outside and benefiting the University by way of being able to utilize their services.
2. Whether the Academic Council would approve the draft Memorandum of Understanding proposed

**Decision:** Approved in principle. It was decided to clarify the constitution of advisory committee and the provision of research grant.

**Resolution 18.9**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the Academic Regulations for B.Tech (Food Technology) Degree programme in KVASU.

**Decision:** Approved

**Resolution 18.10**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the modified regulations for M.S/M.Sc./Ph.D programmes (Climate Change in Animal Agriculture)

**Decision:** Approved

**Resolution 18.11.**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the Certificate Course on Dairy Cattle Production and Management

**Decision:** Approved

**Resolution 18.12**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the Diploma programme in Feed Technology.

**Decision:** Approved

**Resolution 18.13**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the Post Graduate Certificate programme in Disaster Management

**Decision:** Approved

**Resolution 18.14**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the actions under the provision 'Removal of difficulties'

**Decision:** Approved.

**Outside Agenda 1:**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the change of name of the Course M.Sc. Quality System in Dairy Processing to M.Sc. Quality Control in Dairy Industry.

**Decision:** Approved.

**Outside Agenda 2:**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the exemption of Dr. Ani S Das, Ph.D scholar (15-DVM-03) Dept. of ARGO, CVAS, Mannuthy from registering STAT 512 Experimental Designs, during his Ph.D programme

**Decision:** Approved.

**Outside Agenda 3:**

Whether the Academic Council would approve the commencement of the certificate course on multi skill development programme in integrated resource management on livestock and poultry.

**Decision:** Approved.

**General discussion:**

1. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor emphasized on the need to develop farmer student oriented programmes and academic curriculum so as to make the students aware of the farmer activities and to explore the entrepreneurial skill of students. It was suggested to make groups of 3 to 4 students of the III and IV year students and make them adopt 3 to 4 families in nearby panchayats. The farmer families were to be surveyed for 3 to 5 years. The idea is to impart or utilize the technology of KVASU so as to develop the Animal Husbandry sector and to evaluate the increase in income due to animal husbandry sector. Students will get firsthand information of field experience and it provides ample opportunity for transferring the technology and facilities from the University to the community. It was to be included as a part of the curriculum from this academic year onwards.
2. Upon reporting the NABL accreditation of five laboratories of KVASU, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor appreciated the tremendous work done by all the officers who contributed to this venture and announced that it was not an easy task to secure NABL accreditation.
3. The Vice Chancellor also appreciated the efforts of Dr. John Abrham , Assistant Professor, Dept. of Livestock Products Management, CVAS, Pookode, who has been awarded the prestigious Millenium Alliance award for his innovation entitled " Low cost Manual milking machine". He promised to grant funds for such innovations which are farmer friendly and reaching out to the rural population.

4. Taking into consideration the query raised by the student representative, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor directed to reconsider imposing fine on students for non-utilization of library books and to place in next Board of Management so as to revoke the decision.

The Director of Academics and Research proposed a vote of thanks and the meeting ended by 4.15 PM.

**Approved**

**21-04-2016**

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**VICE CHANCELLOR**