

Minutes of 2nd meeting of Academic Council held on 21st January, 2022 at 11:30 A.M. under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Atal Medical & Research University, H.P. at Nerchowk, Mandi.

The second meeting of the Academic Council of Atal Medical & Research University, H.P. was held on 21st January, 2022 at 11:30 A.M. through video conferencing. The following members were present:-

1. Prof. (Dr.) Surender Kashyap, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Atal Medical & Research University, H.P.- Chairperson
2. Dr. Rajnish Pathania, Director, Medical Education and Research, HP and also Dean of Faculty of Medicine, Atal Medical & Research University, H.P.
3. Dr. D. Behera, Emeritus Professor of Pulmonary Medicine and Former Dean Research, PGI, Chandigarh (**External Expert**).
4. Dr. Himanshu Madaan, Professor & Head, Dept. of Biochemistry, Kalpana Chawla Govt. Medical College Karnal (Haryana) (**External Expert**).
5. Dr. Ashu Gupta, Dean of Faculty of Dental Sciences, Atal Medical & Research University, H.P. and Principal, Govt. Dental College, Shimla.
6. Dr. Vijay Chaudhary, Dean of Faculty of Indian System of Medicine, Atal Medical & Research University, H.P. and Principal RGGPG Ayurveda College & Hospital, Paprola, Kangra.
7. Dr. Bandana, Dean of Faculty of Nursing Sciences, Atal Medical & Research University, H.P. & Principal, Govt. Nursing College, SLBSGMCH, Nerchowk.
8. Dr. Parveen Sharma, Dean of Academic Affairs, AMRU.
9. Registrar, Men-Tsee-Khang Sowa Rigpa, College, Dharamshala (**Special Invitee**).
10. Principal, IGMC, Shimla.
11. Dr. Bhanu Awasthi, Principal, Govt. Medical College, Tanda.
12. Dr. Suman Yadav, Principal, Govt. Medical College, Hamirpur.
13. Dr. R.C. Thakur, Principal, SLBSGMC&H, Nerchowk, Mandi.
14. Dr. Narender Kumar Mohindroo, Principal, Govt. Medical College, Nahan.
15. Dr. Ramesh Bharti, Principal, Govt. Medical College, Chamba.
16. Dr. Ranjan Malhotra, Principal, Himachal Dental College, Sunder Nagar.
17. Dr. Tarun Kalra, Principal, Bhojia Dental College, Baddi.
18. Mrs. Anju Thakur, Principal, Shakuntla Memorial B.Sc. College of Nursing, Chamba.
19. Dr. Shama Lohumi, Principal, Shivalik Institute of Nursing, Shimla.
20. Mrs. Riji Geevarghese, Principal, Mata Padmawati College of Nursing, Nahan.
21. Mr. Dalbir Singh, Principal Netaji Subhash College of Nursing, Palampur.
22. Ms. Sujata Thakur, nominee of Himalayan Group of Professional Institutions College of Nursing, Jogindar Nagar.
23. Dr. Periadurachi Kumar, Principal, Abhilashi College of Nursing, Tanda, Nerchowk, Mandi.
24. Dr. Krishna Chauhan, Principal, Shimla Nursing College, Shurala, Kamlanagar, Shimla



25. Ms. Kokila Rongta, Principal, Indian Institute of Nursing, Haridevi, Ghanahatti, Shimla
26. Ms. Monika Sharma, Principal, Shree Balaji Hospital & College of Nursing, Kangra.
27. Mrs. Akhila, Principal, Satyam College of Nursing, Shahpur, Kangra.
28. Sh. Amar Negi, Registrar, AMRU- Member Secretary.

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed all the members to the second meeting of Academic Council. He briefed the members of the committee that the University has notified its Ordinances and Statutes as approved by the Board of Management. He further apprised the members that the University has affiliated all the Medical/Dental & Nursing Colleges of the state and examination for various courses are being held.

He further informed the members that University has purchased the IUMS (Integrated University Management System) to fully digitize the whole process of the University in a phased manner. University has successfully conducted the Entrance examinations of various Nursing courses and also successfully completed the counseling process for B.Sc., Post Basic B.Sc. and M.Sc. Nursing courses through IUMS. The online counseling and admission of MBBS/BDS courses is also being conducted by the AMRU. The inspection of various post-graduate courses of Medical/Dental Colleges is completed and from this year onwards the counseling and admission of post graduates courses will also be done by AMRU. He further appreciated the role of Affiliated colleges in the celebration of **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav on the occasion of 75th year of Independence**. He also apprised the members of the committee that AMRU has signed MoU IIT Mandi for collaborating Research and using the Technology for betterment of Medical Sciences and also has understanding with PGI, Chandigarh for collaboration in Training and Research.

After the introductory remarks of the Vice-Chancellor, Member Secretary apprised the members about the action taken on the agenda items of the first meeting. He further apprised that Ordinance(s) Vol-I & Vol-II as approved by the Board of Management are notified by the University and these are also available on the University Website. He further informed that the as duly approved by the Academic Council and Board of Management the power of affiliation and inspection of colleges has been delegated to Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

Item No. 2.2: To start Yoga classes in all the affiliated colleges of AMRU.

The Member Secretary informed the members of the Council that Colleges have to start Yoga classes for the students as it will benefit the student to reduce the stress and anxiety, improve memory, strength, balance, improves self-control and boosts immunity. He further added that Atal Medical & Research University, is not designing any curriculum for this, and no trainer will be provided by the University. This has to be introduced as an extra curriculum activity or as a hobby.

Dr. Behera suggested that this is a welcome step by the University but without an experienced person/teacher how will students benefit from this yoga session. Principal Govt. Medical College, Hamirpur & Principal Govt. Medical College, Tanda further apprised that this is already a part of the foundation course. Principal Govt. Dental College, Shimla suggested that every college has a student fund which can be used to pay the honorarium to

teacher/instructor invited for the Yoga session for students. The Principal Govt. Ayurveda College, Paprola further apprised the members that the yoga department of their college is conducting yoga sessions not only for students of UG/PG and faculty but also for the patients. On the query of Principal SLBSGMC&H, Nerchowk, Member Secretary clarified that Yoga sessions shall be open to all. Dr. Himanshu Madaan, informed that there is an Yoga Association in Delhi which will provide the necessary funds and infrastructure along with trainer for the Yoga sessions. The only requirement is availability of 3000 Sq. feet area in campus. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor further added that this activity should not only be restricted to students and faculty of the colleges but may also include all the other staff also. He further added that colleges have to appoint the coordinator for these yoga classes who shall coordinate and as far as the funds are concerned colleges can use the student funds to pay the trainer's fee/honorarium. All the members approved this agenda item and agreed to start the yoga classes in the colleges and colleges will decide the other aspects with the help of the coordinator at the college level.

Item No. 2.3: To discuss & approve draft Ordinance(s) of Bachelor of Sowa-Rigpa Medicine and Surgery (BSRMS), BHMS (Bachelor of Homeopathic Medicine & Surgery), & B. Pharmacy (Ayurveda) under the Faculty of Indian System of Medicine.

The ordinances of Bachelor of Sowa-Rigpa Medicine and Surgery (BSRMS), BHMS (Bachelor of Homeopathic Medicine & Surgery), & B. Pharmacy (Ayurveda) under the Faculty of Indian System of Medicine (were presented before the Council members) as received from Registrar Men-Tsee-Khang (Sowa-Rigpa) College, Dharamshala and Dean of Indian System of Medicine AMRU respectively. Member Secretary further requested the Registrar, Men-Tsee-Khang (Sowa-Rigpa) College, Dharamshala to explain the course, contents and examination patterns of the Bachelor of Sowa-Rigpa Medicine and Surgery (BSRMS) course.

Registrar, Men-Tsee-Khang College, Dharamshala briefly explained the details of the college & course. She further added that Sowa-Rigpa institutions are recognized by the Ministry of Ayush, Govt. of India, and the University Grants Commissions (UGC). GOI has issued gazette notification (No. F.5-1/2017(CPP-II) on 14th October, 2021 recognizing Bachelor of Sowa Rigpa Medicine and Surgery (BSRMS) under the specified Degrees under Medicine and Surgery, Ayurveda, Unani, Homeopathy and Health and Allied Sciences, Pharmacy, Paramedical, and Nursing. She further added that the aim of this course is to produce graduates having profound and comprehensive knowledge of Sowa-Rigpa, who shall become Sowa-Rigpa practitioners, teachers, researchers, and surgeons, thereby preserving and reviving this unique system of healing to contribute towards the healthcare of the whole humanity. Further,

Dean of Faculty of Indian System of Medicine, AMRU, also added that this course is already approved by the Central Council of Indian Medicine (CCIM) and has been notified as Gazette notification by Centre Govt. On this Vice-

Chancellor added that this is already approved by the Central Council of Indian Medicine (CCIM) and the same curriculum, examination pattern can be adopted by the University. Dean of Faculty of Indian System of Medicine also discussed about Bachelor of Homeopathic Medicine & Surgery (BHMS) and B. Pharmacy (Ayurveda) courses. After the detailed deliberation the members unanimously decided to approve the Ordinances.

Hence, the Ordinance(s) of Bachelor of Sowa-Rigpa Medicine and Surgery (BSRMS), BHMS (Bachelor of Homeopathic Medicine & Surgery), & B. Pharmacy (Ayurveda) under the Faculty of Indian System of Medicine stand approved and adopted for its implementation in Atal Medical & Research University, H.P. and further placing, these in the Board of Management meeting for final approval.

Item No. 2.4: To discuss & approve revised Regulations and Curriculum for B.Sc. Nursing program, Regulation, 2020.

The Member Secretary apprised the members of the Council that Atal Medical & Research University, H.P. has affiliated the Nursing Colleges of the State. He further added that Under Graduate Board of Studies of Nursing Sciences of the University has approved the revised Regulations & Curriculum for B.Sc. Nursing Program. These revised Regulations and Curriculum for B.Sc. Nursing program, Regulation, 2020 were presented before the Council members. After discussion all the members unanimously approved this item for its implementation by this University.

Hence, the revised Regulations and Curriculum for B.Sc. Nursing program, Regulation, 2020 stand approved and adopted and further placed, before the next meeting of Board of Management meeting for final approval.

Item No. 2.5: To approve the schedule of affiliation of various courses/colleges.

The Member Secretary apprised the members of the Council that Atal Medical & Research University, H.P. has started functioning and all the Medical/Dental/Nursing Colleges are now affiliated by this University. He further placed the schedule time lines for affiliation of various courses by the University for Academic Year 2022-23 before the Hon'ble members for approval. The Academic Council approved the same.

Item No. 2.6: To Discuss about institution of Dr. V.K. Gupta Memorial Award.


The Member Secretary apprised the members of the Council that Atal Medical & Research University, H.P. has received a request letter from the Director, Himachal Dental College, Sundernagar, Mandi, H.P. regarding institution of Dr. V.K. Gupta Memorial Award in memory of Late Dr. V.K. Gupta founder of Himachal Dental College, Sundernagar and Himachal Institution of Dental Sciences, Paonta Sahib. The management of Himachal Pradesh Dental College, Sundernagar has proposed award Gold Medal along with a cash prize and has requested to use the logo of AMRU in the Medal & Certificate. The management has also desired that the award must find a

mention in the prospectus of University. Moreover, the Management will sponsor these awards annually by creating a corpus with the University, and details of proposal on said matter will be submitted as per the guidelines set by the University. The member secretary placed the item before the Hon'ble members for kind consideration and approval. On this Dr. Ranjan Malhotra, Principal Dental College Sundernagar briefed about the agenda item. He added that this award will be given to the topper of the University in the faculty of Dental Sciences only. This award will be given in Academics and only to Under Graduate students. Dr. D. Behera added that this should be given to the best graduate in the field of Dental Sciences and this award may be named as Best Dental Graduates (Academics). On this Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor added that topper of the University in BDS should be awarded this gold medal along with cash prize and award. He further added that the details about the corpus amount and other things will be discussed with the college management.

Hence, the item approved subject to fulfillment of all the issues raised by Hon'ble members as well as Chairperson regarding corpus fund, cash prize, and related issues.

Item No. 2.7: To discuss & approval for adoption of Indian Journal of Dental Sciences as Official Journal of the Atal Medical & Research University, H.P.

The Member Secretary apprised the members of the Council that Atal Medical & Research University, H.P. has received a request letter from the Director, Himachal Dental College, Sundernagar, Mandi, H.P. regarding adoption of "**Indian Journal of Dental Sciences**" as official Journal of the Atal Medical & Research University, H.P. However this journal was adopted by the Himachal Pradesh University as its official Journal earlier. Since, AMRU has become the first Medical University in the state and all the health institutes are affiliated with this University, the Management of Himachal Dental College, Sundernagar has desired to make this Journal as University's official Journal. The member secretary placed the item before the Hon'ble members for kind consideration and approval. On this Principal, Bhojia Dental College & Hospital, Baddi, Distt. Solan apprised the members that there is another journal published as "**Dental Journal of Advance Studies**" which is maintained and published by Bhojia Dental College, Baddi. This journal is also the official publication of Himachal Pradesh University. He further requested the council that both the journals be adopted as official publication of Atal Medical & Research University. On this Principal, Govt. Dental College, Shimla stressed on the merger of the Journal & the control of the Journal has to be with the University. Similarly, he also added that a committee should be constituted under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and all the Principals of Dental Colleges of H.P. to be its member. He further added that the regular accounting of the earning & expenditure of the Journal should be done either through a CA or through any Govt. Finance Officer.



Dean of Academic Affairs, AMRU accepted the point raised by Principal, Govt. Dental College, Shimla & enquired whether the HP University has de-recognized the Journal proposed by the Dental College, Sundernagar. Principal Dental College, Sundernagar responded that the matter has been taken with HP University as the Medical University has been established in the state recently. Dean of Academic Affairs, AMRU agreed with the proposal and said that publication of scientific journals should be encouraged and it should be adopted by the University. The expert member of the committee, Dr. D. Behera also stressed on the quality control of the Journal & suggested about the broad based editorial board may be constituted for the Journal.

Finally, it was decided that a committee consisting of representatives from Atal Medical & Research University, Govt. and Private Dental Colleges would be formed by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to look into the issues/queries raised by the members. Further, it was also decided that Journal is conditionally adopted subject to the de-recognition of the same Journal from HP University & fulfillment of all the issues raised by the members of committee. It was also decided that the issue of adoption of Journal of Bhojia Dental College, Baddi, Distt. Solan would be taken up in the next meeting of Academic Council.

Any other items: -

Item No. 2.8: To amend the First Ordinance Volume-I, Chapter-IV Examinations.

The Member Secretary briefed about the amendments in first Ordinance Volume-I under Chapter-IV under Examination section.

The following amendments are proposed to be made in the First Ordinance Volume 1, Chapter -IV Examinations:

Clause No.	Existing Provision	Approved Provision
4.10 (b)	Three question papers shall be got prepared for each subject from different examiners or same examiner if emergency.	Two or more question papers shall be got prepared for each subject from different examiners or same examiner in emergent situation.
4.12	EVALUATION OF SCRIPTS/ CONDUCTING PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS	CONDUCTING PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS
4.12 (a)	The senior most internal examiner shall Co-ordinator. The senior most examines shall be Head Examiner.	The head Examiner/Co-ordinator shall set the paper for practical examinations in consultation with other examiners.
4.12(b)	In case of the non-availability of a Paper-Setter to act as Head	The COE shall appoint Head Examiner/Co-ordinator &

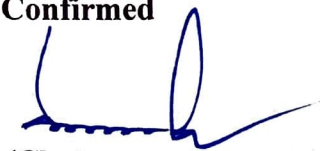
	Examiner/ Co-ordinator, or in case there are a large number of scripts to be examined the COE may appoint Head Examiners, Deputy Head Examiners and Examiners out of the panel of names submitted to him/her.	examiners on his own or from the panel of names submitted to him/her.
4.12(c)	The Head Examiner/Co-ordinator shall issue instructions for the marking of scripts and shall co-ordinate the work of the Deputy Head Examiner (s), Examiner (s) working with or under him/her to ensure uniformity of standard in the matter of evaluation.	The Head Examiner/Co-ordinator shall issue instructions for the marking of scripts of practical examinations and shall co-ordinate the work of the Deputy Head Examiner (s), Examiner (s) working with or under him/her to ensure uniformity of standard in the matter of evaluation.
4.12 (e)	The head Examiner/Co-ordinator shall set the paper for practical examinations in consultation with other examiners.	Deleted
4.13	EVALUATION CENTRES	Evaluation of Answer Books
New addition as 4.13(a)	In the case of examinations other than those in which there are both External and Internal Examiners, the Vice-Chancellor may set up Evaluation Centres.	4.13(a) The process of evaluation of answer books shall be in a blind manner through Fictitious Roll No.(s) issued by the COE. The COE shall appoint evaluators for answer books of his own or from the list of names provided.
		4.13(b) The COE may setup evaluation centers.
4.13 (a)	Each Evaluation Centre shall be in a Govt. institution and shall be under the charge of a Controller appointed by the Vice-Chancellor. Where, however, an Evaluation Centre is located in an affiliated College or institution, the Principal of the College or the head of the institution concerned shall ordinarily be the Controller of evaluation centre.	Revised Sr. No. 4.13 (a) as 4.13(c)
	It shall be the duty of the Controller to ensure integrity of evaluation and its completion within the prescribed	

4.13 (b)	time. The Controller of evaluation centre shall be personally responsible for the safe custody of the scripts and shall make them available to the Head/Deputy Head Examiners every day in accordance with the instructions, if any, issued by the Controller of Examinations and shall collect them every evening along with the award lists for onward transmission to the Controller of Examinations.	Revised Sr. No. 4.13 (b) as 4.13(d)
4.13 (c)	The functions, duties and remuneration of the Controller, Deputy Controller and other members of the staff appointed to assist them shall be as prescribed by the Board of Management from time to time.	Revised Sr. No. 4.13 (c) as 4.13(e)
New addition as 4.13 (f)		4.13(f) In case evaluation of answer books is done online, evaluators shall be appointed by the COE, of his own or from the panel names submitted to him/her.
4.19	Question in Paper shall be evaluated by two examiners and mean of marks entered against each subject.	Deleted

The item was approved.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

Confirmed



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