

**Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Academic Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 at 11:30 A.M. under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Atal Medical & Research University, H.P. at Nerchowk, Mandi.**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Academic Council of Atal Medical & Research University, H.P. was held on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 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.
2. Dr. Rajnish Pathania, Dean of Faculty of Medicine, Atal Medical & Research University, H.P.
3. Dr. Ashu Gupta, Dean of Faculty of Dental Sciences, Atal Medical & Research University, H.P. and Principal, Govt. Dental College, Shimla.
4. Dr. S.S. Sodhi, Dean of Faculty of Para-medical Sciences, Atal Medical & Research University, H.P. and Principal, IGMC, Shimla.
5. Prof. Vijay Chaudhary, Principal-cum-Dean of Faculty of Indian system of Medicine, R.G.Govt.P.G.Ayu. College and Hospital Paprola Distt. Kangra (H.P)
6. Dr. Bandana, Dean of Faculty of Nursing Sciences, Atal Medical & Research University, H.P & Principal, Govt. Nursing College, SLBSGMCH, Nerchowk.
7. Dr. Ramesh Bharti, Principal, Govt. Medical College, Chamba.
8. Dr. Bhanu Awasthi, Principal, Govt. Medical College, Tanda.
9. Dr. Suman Yadav, Principal, Govt. Medical College, Hamirpur.
10. Dr. Shyam Lal Kaushik, Principal, Govt. Medical College, Nahan.
11. Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Principal, SLBS Medical College, Nerchowk.
12. Dr. Ranjan Malhotra, Principal, Himachal Dental College, Sunder Nagar.
13. Dr. Tarun Kalra, Principal, Bhojia Dental College, Baddi.
14. Dr. Rajan Gupta, Principal, Himachal Institute of Dental Sciences, Paonta Sahib.
15. Mr. Raghunandan Singh, Vice Principal Murari Lal Memorial College of Nursing, Solan
16. Mr Dalbir Singh, Principal, Netaji subhash college of nursing Palampur
17. Mrs. Akhila, Principal Satyam College of Nursing, Lanjot, Kangra
18. Dr. Krishna Chauhan - Principal of Shimla Nursing College, Shimla
19. Mrs. N. Chandraleka Vice Principal Lord Mahavira Nursing College, Nalagarh
20. Ms. Chhabita Kumari, Principal, Jai Durga Maa College of Nursing- Joginder Nagar
21. Ms. Kanchan on behalf of Principal Ms. Anju Thakur SMBCN, Chamba

22. Dr Shama Lohumi, Principal, Shivalik Institute of Nursing College-Shimla
23. Dr. Neha Sharma, Vice Principal Gautam College of Nursing, Hamirpur
24. Prof. Deepak Kumar Shandilya, Principal, Abhilashi College of Nursing, Tanda, Balh, Mandi (HP)
25. Mrs Monika Sharma, Principal, Shree Balaji Hospital & College of Nursing-Kangra
26. Mrs.Riji Geevarghese,Principal, Mata Padmawati College of Nursing-Sirmour
27. Dr. D. Behera, Emeritus Professor of Pulmonary Medicine and Former Dean Research, PGI, Chandigarh (External Expert).

At the outset the Chairperson welcomed all the members to 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Academic Council.

The Chairperson informed that the Academic council is the principal body of the University which frames Academic Policies for the University & decision taken in the meeting shape the academic atmosphere of the University & it is necessary to work as team. He further briefed members that all the health institutions of the state are affiliated with University. Ayurveda, Homeopathy, Paramedical institutions will also be affiliated with University except Pharmacy colleges. He further informed that this year University successfully conducted counselling & admission process for UG Courses both for Medical & Dental. He emphasized that in spite of the Covid-19 Pandemic, University has been able to conduct final / supplementary examination and results are also declared on time. He further requested the members to actively participate in the meeting and provide their valuable inputs. After that member Secretary discussed the agendas of the meeting with the permission of Chairperson:-

**Item No. 3.2: To place before the Academic Council the action taken report on the decisions of its 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.**

The action taken on the decisions of 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was confirmed.

**Item No. 3.3: To confirm & approve the Minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2022.**

The minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Academic Council were confirmed.

**Item No 3.4: To place before the Academic Council the action taken report on the decisions of its 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2022.**

**The action taken on the decision of 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting point no.2.6:-**

The representation of the Himachal Dental, College Sunder Nagar clarified that a corpus of Rs. 2 Lakh will be instituted with the University & topper of the UG Course will be awarded an amount of Rs. 21000/- along with medal & certificate.

**The action taken on the decision of 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting point no.2.7:-**

The Principal, HPGDC, Shimla and Dean of Faculty of Dental Sciences informed the members that University cannot adopt more than one journal as official journal of the University. He further pointed out that Editorial Board of the journal should have a representation of the University & financial aspects of the journal should also be looked into by the University.

On this Chairperson pointed that any journal having the logo of University will be monitored by the University to ensure the quality of articles as the name of University is involved and the Editorial Board of the journal will be recast to include the suitable representation of the university. The University will also seek information from other State University if more than one Journal on a subject can be adopted by the University.

**Item No. 3.5: To seek approval for mark sheet of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year MBBS/BDS and various Nursing courses examination.**

Member Secretary informed the members that the format of MBBS/BDS and Nursing Courses mark sheet is required to be approved by the Academic Council. Members of the council emphasized that hard copies of Detailed Marks Certificate (DMC) should also be given to the students. COE, AMRU, agreed with the members. Further Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor also emphasized that the DMC issued should be processed to make these Digi-locker compatible.

Principal IGMC pointed out that in case students are allowed to download their DMC directly then it will be difficult to track their movement i.e. they can leave the college any time. On this Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor clarified that Degree Certificate rather than DMC is authentic proof of the completion of the respective course.

It was decided by the members that both soft and hard copies of DMC will be issued and the format specimen of DMC was approved.

**Item No. 3.6: Submission of thesis protocol for MDS course seeking approval and time frame.**

The Member Secretary briefed the members that the time frame given for MDS students to submit thesis protocol is 3 months. As per the discussion held on the issue it was unanimously decided that submission of thesis protocol for MDS Courses should be within 6 months of admission as initial 3 months are used by students to complete the admission related process and understand the course.

In view of above the item was approved by Academic Council and will be placed before Board of management.

**Item No. 3.7: Submission of thesis protocol in respect of PG MD/MS courses seeking approval and time frame.**

The Member Secretary briefed that the members that the time frame given to MD/MS students to submit thesis protocol is also not specified. As per the discussion held on the issue, it was unanimously decided that submission of thesis protocol for MD/MS Courses should be within one year of admission.

In view of above the item was approved by Academic council and will be placed before Board of management.

**Item No. 3.8: To seek approval for conduct of 1<sup>st</sup> semester examinations of B. Sc. Nursing on 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July, 2022.**

The Member Secretary briefed the members that the 1<sup>st</sup> semester examinations of B. Sc. Nursing will be held on 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July, 2022. Controller of examination, Atal Medical & Research University, H.P. further clarified that academic session was started on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2021, but last date for admission was extended by Indian Nursing Council (INC) up to 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 and by adopting the aforesaid examination schedule, almost all candidates will complete minimum time duration required to appear for 1<sup>st</sup> semester exam.

Moreover Dean, Faculty of Nursing informed that after 4 years the late students will be retained for 3 months to complete their clinical classes as 100% clinical is required and these students can be permitted to appear in exam with regular students. A member brought to the notice of the committee that INC had also issued noticed regarding the special batch for the students who were admitted late. Further COE, AMRU clarified that Special Batch is in the sense that their classes will be compensated by allowing the extra classes.

In view of above the item was approved by Academic Council and will be placed before Board of management.

**Item No. 3.9: To seek approval to award Gold Medal for all UG/PG courses on the basis of overall ranking of the course completion.**

The Member Secretary apprised the members that the University has decided to award Gold Medal for topping the UG/PG courses on the basis of overall ranking achieved by the students. Further, Controller of Examination proposed that a Gold Medal will be awarded to a student of UG course based on the entire UG Course performance. Similarly, Gold Medal will be awarded to the PG student based on the performance subject wise. Further a certificate will be issued to a topper of each exam solely on the basis of marks obtained in the particular professional/ semester.

In view of above the item was approved by Academic Council and will be placed before Board of management.

**Item No. 3.10: To seek approval to nominate the members of various Faculties of AMRU.**

The member Secretary informed members the name of external members proposed by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for different faculties is following :-

1. Dr. Jaswinder Saini, Principal, GMCH, Sec.32, Chandigarh as a member of Faculty of Medical Sciences, AMRU, HP.

2. Dr. Dig Vijay Singh, Principal, Rohikhand Medical College & Hospital, Bareilly, UP as a member of Faculty of Para-Medical Sciences, AMRU, HP.
3. Dr. Naresh Sharma, Retired Professor, Rajiv Gandhi Post Graduate Ayurvedic College Paprola Distt. Kangra H.P. as a member of Faculty of Indian System of Medicine, AMRU, HP.
4. Dr. Sanjay Tewari, Professor & Head, Department of Operative Dentistry, Post graduate Institute of Dental Sciences Rohtak as a member of Faculty of Dental Sciences, AMRU, HP.
5. Dr. Sukhpal Kaur, Associate Professor, Medical & Surgical Nursing, NINE PGI Chandigarh as a member of Faculty of Nursing Sciences, AMRU, HP.

The item was approved by Academic Council and will be placed before Board of management.

**Item No. 3.11: To seek approval to approve the syllabus of Menpa Kachupa (Bachelor of Sowa Rigpa Medicine and Surgery) UG Course.**

The Member Secretary presented the syllabus of Menpa Kachupa (Bachelor of Sowa Rigpa Medicine and Surgery) UG course for the approval by the members. Dean, Indian System of Medicine informed the members that the syllabus presented is out dated and new syllabus was introduced in 2017 should be approved. Controller of Examinations suggested that the matter be referred to the Board of Studies of Indian System of Medicine for further clarification in this regard.

In view of above the item was not approved by the Academic Council will be placed in the next meeting of the Academic Council, after the report of the Board of studies.

**Item No. 3.12: To seek approval for attendance of Nursing Faculty through Bio-metric System.**

The Member Secretary informed the members that University plans to introduce bio-metric attendance for the Faculty of Nursing Colleges of the University. Dean, Nursing appreciated the step.

In view of above, the item was approved by Academic Council and will be placed before Board of management.

**Item No. 3.13: To seek approval for Conferment of Honorary Degrees.**

The Member Secretary informed the members there is a provision for “Conferment of Honorary Degree in the First Statutes clause no. 18, which reproduced as under :-

- i) The University may confer Honorary Degrees on exceptional and outstanding persons for their illustrious contribution in their respective fields;
- ii) All proposals for the conferment of Honorary Degrees shall be made by the Academic Council to the Board and shall require the assent of the Senate before submission to the Chancellor for confirmation;

Provided that, in cases of urgency, the Chancellor may act on the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor only.

Any Honorary Degree conferred by the University without the prior approval of two third members of the Senate and the sanction of the Chancellor, be withdrawn by the Board.” The University intends to confer Honorary Degrees to those who have contributed in Medical Education and / or Research.

Dr. D. Behera appreciated the step & Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor informed that selected candidate will be approved by BOM, Senate & finally by Chancellor of the University before conferring the Honorary Degree.

In view of above, the item was approved by Academic Council and will be placed before Board of management.

**Item No. 3.14: Regarding consideration of MPH degree course curriculum.**

The Member Secretary apprised the members that a proposal to start Master of Public Health (MPH) course under the department of Community Medicine has been received from the Principal Dr. RPGMC, Tanda. The Principal briefed the members about the course content and other details. Dr. D. Behera appreciated the step and insisted that every college should have the course. Further, Principal informed that the course will be available to Medical and Dental students. Examination & financial aspects can be finalized by the University. As per the direction of Hon’ble Chairman the Committee consisting of following officials is constituted to submit report regarding feasibility of MPH Degree Course:-

1. The Principal, Govt. Medical College, Tanda
2. The Principal, Govt. Dental College, Shimla
3. The Principal, Govt. Ayurveda College, Paprola
4. Expert Member, from PGI, Chandigarh to be nominated by Ho’ble Chairman.
5. The HOD, Community Medicine, Tanda.

**Item No. 3.15: To seek approval to establish e-Library.**

The Member Secretary informed the members that AMRU is planning to establish e-Library for the benefit of students & faculty of all the affiliating institutions. Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor briefed that the concept of e-library is important for the University as it will contain books journals and other articles in online form with the login facility. He further informed that once the initiative is finalized, gradually the nominal fee to be charged from users can be finalized.

The members appreciated the proposal of e-library and Academic Council approved the agenda point.

**Item No.3.16: To discuss about institution of Shri R.K. Gupta Memorial Awards.**

The Member Secretary apprised the members of the council that a proposal was received from the Bhojia Dental College, Nalagarh to institute a medal & cash prize for the topper student of PG Course. The Principal of the college informed the members that a corpus of Rs. 2 Lakh will be established with the University and an amount of Rs. 21000/- will be given to the topper of the PG Course along with the medal. The Members

discussed whether the amount will be given to the topper of all the PG Courses or not. On this Principal clarified that as per his proposal the award can be granted to only one PG Course or else the amount involved would be huge. He further proposed that award may be instituted for the PG Course of Prosthodontics. The Principal ,HPGDC, Shimla suggested that rather than giving cash prize to the overall topper we can give medal & certificate to the topper each PG(MDS) Course. Dr. D. Behera inquired about the numbers of candidates undergoing training in the course of Prosthodontics. Principal, Bhojia Dental College Nalagarh informed that approximately 18-20 students are undergoing training in the course of Prosthodontics across the state in different colleges. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor directed that a MOU will be signed with colleges instituting cash prize & medals to ensure the continuity of the same. The proposal was approved after discussion by Academic Council.

**Item No.3.17: To discuss the adoption of Dental Journal of Advance Studies as official publication of the Atal Medical and Research University, H.P.**

Member Secretary informed the members that a proposal was received from the Bhojia Dental College, Nalagarh regarding the adoption of their Journal as official journal of the University. COE, AMRU, suggested that a committee should be framed to suggest the modalities to adopt the journals. Dr. D. Behera emphasized that the standard & sustainability of the journal should be maintained as the name of the University is involved. Chairman, directed that a committee should be constituted to recommend suggestions if both the journals can be adopted. Moreover, focus should be on quality, standard sustainability and indexing aspects of the journal. As directed by Hon'ble Chairman the committee consisting of following officials is constituted to look into the issue for adoption of Journal by the University:-

1. The Principal, HPGDC, Shimla
2. The Principal, Himachal Dental College Sunder Nagar
3. The Principal, Bhojia Dental College, Nalagarh
4. The Expert Member to be nominated Hon'ble Chairman
5. The Controller of Examination, AMRU, H.P.

The Committee will submit its report to the Hon'ble Chairman within 15 days of its notification.

**Item No.3.18: Conduct of Research Methodology workshop.**

Member Secretary introduced the spot agenda to conduct a Research Methodology Workshop for the benefit of students and faculty. The idea was appreciated by the members. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor informed that it will benefit faculty and PG residents in research-methodology, and project writing etc. Experts from outside the state may be invited to conduct 2-3 days workshop. It can be held once in six months depending on the response by the colleges and will be conducted in the premises of University as it will be Academic Activity of the University. Principal, Medical College, Hamirpur requested to have the meeting online. It was finally decided that 3 day workshop will be fixed on weekends or on holidays to begin with.

In view of above, the item was approved by Academic Council and will be placed before Board of management.

In the end, Member Secretary once again thanked the members for participating in the meeting and engaging in fruitful discussion.

**Member Secretary-cum-Registrar**  
Atal Medical & Research University, H.P.

**Confirmed**

**Chairperson**  
**Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor,**  
Atal Medical & Research University, H.P.