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Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Academic Council of JK LakshmiPat University held at JK LakshmiPat University, Near Mahindra SEZ, Mahapura, Ajmer Road, Jaipur on Friday, 9th January, 2015 at 11.00 A.M.

Present:

Dr. Devi Singh	Vice Chancellor	(In Chair)
Dr. G.S. Gupta	RBI Professor of Management IIM, Ahmedabad	
Dr. Mangesh G. Korgaonker	Director General, National Institute of Construction Management and Research, Mumbai	
Dr. A. Sridharan	Former Professor and Deputy Director, IISc. Currently, Professor at IISc.	
Mr. Sanjay Jain	Company Secretary cum G.M. (Accounts) Mahindra World City, Jaipur	
Dr. Swapan Kumar Majumdar	Director - IM	
Dr. Anupam Kumar Singh	Director - IET	
Dr. Amit Jain	Associate Professor - IM	
Dr. Sandeep Tomar	Associate Professor – IET	

In Attendance:

- Col. S Manohar, Officiating Registrar as non-member Secretary.
1. The Chairman welcomed all the members to the meeting and introduced Dr. G.S. Gupta to the members and welcomed the new member to the Council.
 - He thanked all the members for their support and requested for their continued guidance for taking the University forward. He informed that the University is open to suggestions from Industry and experts for revision and we value your support.

- Being a new University, we have the flexibility to experiment, however, we are also conscious that we comply to UGC and other statutory requirements. The University has taken initiative for implementation of UGC guidelines for Choice Based Curriculum from 2015 session and the same will be discussed in this meeting.
 - In an effort to make JKLU a broad based University we have started B.Com (Hons) + MBA (5 years) – Integrated Dual Degree Programme from the session 2014-15 and going forward we are exploring the possibility of introducing programmes in B.A. (Economics) Honours and B.Com (Honours).
 - The Promoters aim to build this University into an institution known for its quality and excellence.
2. Leave of absence was granted to Prof. I.K. Bhat and Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Gupta.
 3. Minutes of the last Academic Council Meeting held on April 19, 2014 were noted and confirmed.
 4. Action Taken Report based on the Minutes of the last Academic Council Meeting held on April 19, 2014 was also noted and the Council was informed that all the points raised / suggested have been incorporated wherever possible.
 - Dr. Mangesh G. Korgaonker commenting on Point 1 of the ATR with reference to decision taken about CAD-CAM in the last meeting felt it should be revisited and these should be taught separately as the syllabi is too vast.
 - The Vice Chancellor briefing about the progress on the report of the UGC inspection and their observations on the fulfillment of deficiency of Faculty in IET informed that all efforts are being taken for recruiting senior faculty and positions are expected to be filled very soon.
 5. **Presentation on Academic activities for the period July 2014 to December 2014 by Director IM and IET.**
 - **Director IM**
 - The Director IM made a presentation on the Academic activities for the period July 2014 to December 2015. Copy of the presentation is attached as Appendix- 'A' to these minutes.

- Commenting on the presentation, Dr. Mangesh G. Korgaonker observed that B.Com (Hons.) + MBA (5 Years) - Integrated Dual Degree Programme was recommended to be introduced only as a B.Com (Hons.) and MBA should be optional. He felt that offering integrated is too risky in the initial stages of the University. The Chairman observed that a student is given the option to leave after B.Com (Hons) and he continues for MBA only if he so desires.
- Dr. Mangesh G. Korgaonker – suggested a few Major parameters on which the Academic progress report by the Directors should be based. The same are as follows:
 - Facts of how each programme progressed.
 - Admission data for all programmes to include number of students Applied and joined.
 - Placement data of all batches with details of placement.
 - Facts of academics in terms of courses, specialization details, projects and internship details.
 - Data on the conduct of programmes by MDC – with details such as topic, number attended etc. should be provided.
- Commenting on very low strength in a few programmes he felt that if there are less than 5 students in a Programme, the programme should be dropped for the year.
- Dr. G.S. Gupta commenting on the curriculum for all the programmes observed that execution of Curriculum is more important than Curriculum design.
- The Council suggested that the faculty should endeavor to publish their research work in reputed journals and publications with good Impact factor and Citation Index.
- Academic progress of last 6 months should be documented and sent to the members in advance prior to the meeting.
- Dr. G.S. Gupta insisted the importance of attendance of students in the class.

- Dr. G.S. Gupta also suggested that exam questions should be framed carefully, covering all the syllabus / content. Open book exams require a very serious preparation and hence should be given only after careful thought.
- Answering the query on the reasons for low admission rate, the Chairman briefed about the improving positivity due to improvement in the facilities, availability of lab facilities, faculty and rationalisation of the fee structure. With the ongoing extensive marketing effort, the Chairman expressed hope that the admissions would pick up well in the ensuing session.

Presentation by Director IET

Briefing the Council the Director-IET highlighted the Academic progress of the Institute. The points covered are as under.

- Seminars and workshops were held for students to prepare them for placement.
- The Council was informed of the equipping and establishment of 22 new labs.
- Establishment of a work station in the workshop for students to experiment and work on projects. The students have been utilizing the same and have constructed a Hovercraft, Robot, and undertaken other projects. They have also participated in competitions/fests organized by reputed Institutions.
- The question paper pattern has been reviewed and the same has been now *adopted* based on Blooms Taxonomy.
- The Director informed the Council that all the eligible final year students have been placed for practice school – II which will last for nearly the complete semester. A few students have also been offered stipend for the internship period.
- Placement of the final year B.Tech students is underway and we are confident all the eligible students will be placed by the time they pass out.
- Dr. Mangesh G. Korgaonker – speaking on the attendance of students, observed that it should be voluntary and students should feel motivated to attend classes. He also felt that use of lab is more important and delivery of the content by the faculty is much more important. Faculty should take necessary care to ensure

- effective delivery. Surprise Checks / Class visits by colleagues and Director to review the faculty's class work and offering them feedback would improve their performance. Dr. G.S. Gupta suggested examining possibilities of team teaching.
- Dr. Mangésh G. Korgaonker was sceptic about the full six months internship with industry, especially when the number of students will grow in the future, it may be difficult for the University to manage internship for all its students.
 - The Chairman brought out that internship in Industry has been a tested method followed by many reputed Institutions and it is an add value. However, he recommended that it can be tried for 3 years and based on its success, continuation may be reviewed thereafter. Also, from next year internship programme will be shifted to Semester-VII .The Council approved the same.
 - Prof. A. Sridharan addressing the issue of attendance suggested appointment of a Counselor to assess the interest of the students in a course and motivate them.
 - Dr. G.S. Gupta suggested organizing a 2 or 3 days workshop, where experts can address the students on the lines of finishing school. The council was informed that workshops and seminars on the same lines were already being organized for the final year students.
6. Tabling the minutes of Third Board of Studies meeting of Institute of Management.
- The Minutes of the Third BoS Meeting of Institute of Management held on January 07, 2015 along with the programme-wise Curricula and Syllabi for 2015 batch MBA Programme, BBA + MBA (5 years) – Integrated Dual Degree and B.Com(Hons) + MBA (5 years) – Integrated Dual Degree were tabled for the Members of the Council to note.
 - The recommendations of the BoS were accepted with few points/suggestions for B.Com(Hons) + MBA (5 years) – Integrated Dual Degree as under:
 - The chapter heading in course code BCH 402 “Introduction to various Methods of Costing” to be replaced as “Introduction to Methods of Costing”.
 - The subject title for course code BCH 505 to be named as “Fundamentals of Insurance”.
 - The Minutes of the Third BoS Meetings of Institute of Engineering held on January 06, 2015 along with the programme-wise Curricula and Syllabi were tabled for the Members of the Council to note.

- The Director Institute of Engineering briefed the salient points of the BoS to the Council and went on to present the Branch wise curriculum frame work.
 - The Council approved the tabled Curricula and the Detailed Syllabi for B.Tech and M.Tech Programmes offered by the University.
7. Tabling of the revised Regulation on Examination and Evaluation for various Programmes offered by JKLU in compliance with UGC guidelines
- The Council was presented the brief on the UGC guidelines on "Adoption of Choice Based Credit System" and its compliance requirement from the session 2015-16.
 - Keeping in view this requirement, the existing Regulations on Examination and Evaluation for various Programmes offered by JKLU has been revised and the same was tabled for the Members of the Council to note.
 - The Council after review and discussion on the various aspects of the Regulation approved the same. The revised Regulation will be effective for the B.Tech programmes from 2014-15 session for the students of 2014 batch and other programmes from 2015-16 session. The revised Regulation is attached to these minutes as Appendix 'B'.

There being no other points, the meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.


Vice Chancellor