

AUM/RO/2020-21/138

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE 8TH ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Date : 19.03.2021

Time: 10:00 AM Onwards

1. The 8th meeting of the Academic Council of Amity University Mumbai was held on 19.03.2021 at 10:00 AM through virtual mode on ZOOM. Lt Gen V K Sharma, The Hon'ble Offg Vice Chancellor and Chairman of the Academic Council, AUM presided the meeting.
2. The agenda points proposed to be discussed during the meeting, were earlier circulated to all the members of the Academic Council are attached as **Appendix A**.
3. The list of the members who attended the Academic Council Meeting is attached as **Appendix B**.
4. The Academic Council then proceeded to discuss the agenda points one by one. The detailed discussions and deliberations by members are given in following points.
5. **Agenda No. 1: Welcome address by the Chairman of Academic Council.**
 - a) The Hon'ble Offg Vice Chancellor and Chairman of the Academic Council extended warm welcome to all the members of the Academic Council.

The Chairman stated that the Academic Council Meeting is the Mother of all Statutory Meetings, because the out flow of all Academic Processes starts from Academic Council. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor briefed the members of the Academic Council that Amity University Maharashtra is doing well on the on-line mode of the students. The classes of the students are conducted on on-line without compromising on the quality of education imparted to the students. The examinations were conducted on time and the results were declared on time.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the members of the Academic Council that the University was opened to all staffs and faculty members from the 15th of February 2021. All the staffs and faculty had started coming to campus. However, after the Pandemic started gaining momentum again, hence from 15th of March we again permitted faculty and staffs to

work from home. So as of now only essential duties are being performed from the campus and rest all are permitted to work from home. Departments such as Admission, Administration and Registrar's office are categories under essential functions. The university also wanted to open up the campus for Final Year Students from 22nd March 2021. Arrangements for students wanting to stay in hostel, arrangements were made on single occupancy basis in keeping with UGC and State Administration guidelines. But in view of the escalated situation, we have taken a decision to wait and watch till the situation improves.

The training of UCO Bank officers, which is a consultancy project, we would train around 700 employees of UCO Bank coming to our campus for one week training of F-10 Finacle Program of 10 batches. The UCO Bank employees during training stay in hostel and all arrangement of their stay is made in the hostel on single occupancy basis following all the COVID Protocol and social distancing norms.

The students are also doing well in academic and co-curricular activities. Many of our students have won prizes. Many students have done good in internship and have got placement job offers.

Faculty members have also been publishing papers in quality journals, undertaking research work, getting funded projects, filing patents and publishing books. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor was happy to announce to the members of the Academic Council that Ramalingam Fellows are also joining University and bringing more research work to the University. It is a matter of pride for the university to have scientists who have figured out among 2% of the world's best scientist.

The progress so far has been good of the University. The University will open up in physical mode after the situation normalize and the university receives orders from the State Government to open up the University in physical mode.

With this, he directed the Registrar to take the discussion of Academic Council forward.

The Registrar shared the Agenda of the Academic Council Meeting and Agenda Point Wise the

discussion was taken forward.

6. Agenda point no. 2 is Ratification of Minutes of the previous Academic Council Meeting held on 13th October 2020. Also placed is the Action Taken Report of the same.

7th Academic Council Meeting of AUM was held on 13th Oct 2020 at 10:30 am, through on-line mode. The meeting begun with The Hon'ble Officiating Vice Chancellor of Amity University Maharashtra Lt. Gen V K Sharma welcoming all the members present.

Agenda wise points of discussion was taken forward by the officiating Registrar Dr. Manish Parmar.

Agenda No. 2 was Ratification of Minutes of previous Academic Council Meeting held on 15th October 2019.

Minutes of 6th Academic Council Meeting held on 15th October 2019 was placed before the members of Academic Council and the same was ratified.

Agenda No. 3: Approval of Academic Calendar for the Academic Year 2020-21

The officiating Registrar Dr. Manish Parmar placed before the members of Academic Council The Complete Academic Calendar for the Year 2020 – 21., and the same was approved

Agenda No. 4: Approval of minutes of Board of Examination and Calendar of Examination for the Academic Year 2020-21.

Dr. Santhanakrishnan Raman, COE AUM presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Examination and Calendar of Examination for the Academic Year 2020-21, and the same was approved.

Agenda No. 5: Approval of Academic Calendar of PhD for the batch July 2020.

Dr. Alka Parikh, Dean, Research (Social Sciences) and University Ph.D. Coordinator presented the Academic Calendar of PhD for the batch July 2020 and the same was approved.

Agenda No. 6: Approval of the minutes of the Board of the Studies in respect of various institutions

The minutes of the Board of Studies of various schools at AUM was presented by the Head of Institutions of the respective schools for its ratification by the Academic Council. After due deliberations, the same were approved.

Agenda No. 7: Approval of activity report submitted by Department of Nanotechnology

Dr. Late presented report on the PhD course structure, syllabus with appropriate credits, literature survey, examination & evaluation scheme.

Agenda No. 8: Approval of Calendar of Events to be conducted at University level for the upcoming even semester 2020-21.

The Chairman of the Academic Council Hon'ble Vice Chancellor suggested that all the 36 events listed in agenda point no. 8 will be coordinated at the head office level. The approval process will be done at later stage.

Agenda No. 9: Requirement of Teaching Staff for the upcoming even semester 2020-21

The academic council reviewed the requirement of teaching staff in various schools for the even semester 2020-21. The requirement list was prepared based on academic load in various schools. The Academic Council approved the requirement of teaching staff.

Agenda No. 10: Approval of requirement of Books for upcoming even semester commencing from Jan 2021.

The Chairman of Academic Council suggested to give more emphasis on e-books, e-learning resources, e-library resources, E-initiatives of UGC, MHRD, NAD, Manu Patra, online journals and other available online resources. This was required because of the number of students visiting the library had drastically reduced due to COVID Pandemic and subsequent lock-down. This point is very relevant and valid now also as Pandemic situation is still continuing globally. In India too, many states are experiencing 2nd wave of COVID – 19 infection.

Agenda No. 11: Post facto Approval for promotion of students of all semesters (except final semester) without conducting End Semester examination, as per guidelines of State Govt and UGC.

Offg. Registrar had put up the notification received from the State Government and UGC with respect to promotion of intermediate students and conduct of End Semester Examination for final year students. Accordingly, Ex-Post Facto approval was requested from the members of the academic council with respect of promotion of intermediate students and for the conduct of examination of final year/semester students as per the SoP approved by Hon'ble Chairman and Vice Chancellor, AUM. The Academic Council approved the agenda.

Agenda No. 12: Information and presentation about Research activities including projects, publications and patents submitted by University from 15th Oct 2019 onwards.

Dr. Aparna Khanna presented report on the research activities including projects, publications and patents submitted by University from 15th Oct 2019 onwards.

Agenda No. 13: Any other point with permission to the Chair.

Dr. Santhanakrishnan Raman, COE requested the Chair and the members of Academic Council to include at least one notable alumni in board of studies in each school

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the Chairman Academic Council Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. Sir thanked all the members of the Academic Council for their active participation in all the discussions and for giving immensely valuable and quality inputs.

ACTION TAKEN REPORT

Agenda Pt. #	Description	Remark
1	Welcome Address by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor sir	No Action Taken Required
2	Ratification of Minutes of Academic Council Meeting held on 15th October 2019	No Action Taken Required

3	Approval of Academic Calendar for the Academic Year 2020-21	No Action Taken Required
4	Approval of minutes of Board of Examination and Calendar of Examination for the Academic Year 2020-21.	No Action Taken Required
5	Approval of Academic Calendar of PhD for the batch July 2020	No Action Taken Required
6	Approval of the minutes of the Board of the Studies in respect of various institutions include ABS, AITT, AILA, AIBAS, ASET, ASCO, ASFDT, AIIT, ASAS, ASL, RICS & CII	No Action Taken Required
7	Approval of activity report submitted by Department of Nanotechnology	No Action Taken Required
8	Approval of Calendar of Events to be conducted at University level for the upcoming even semester 2020-21.	Post Academic Council meeting, separate events proposal was put up to HO for on-line approval clearly indicating the financial assistance required and the same were conducted as approved.
9	Requirement of Teaching Staff for the upcoming even semester 2020-21.	No Action Taken Required
10	Approval of requirement of Books for upcoming even semester commencing from Jan 2021.	The books requirement was reviewed keeping in view the suggestions of the Academic Council and a required reduction with necessary reduction was put up to HO for approval.
11	Post facto Approval for promotion of students of all semesters (except final semester) without conducting ESE examination, as per guidelines of State Govt and UGC.	No Action Taken Required
12	Information and presentation about Research activities to include projects, publications and patents submitted by University from 15th Oct 2019 onwards.	No Action Taken Required
13	Dr. Santhanakrishnan Raman, COE requested the Chair and the members of Academic Council to include at least one	Respective Schools have been requested to identify the eligible alumni with good academic

	notable alumni in board of studies in each school.	background / was among toppers / was scholarship holder. The respective schools are working on the same.
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7. Agenda point no. 3 is Approval of Academic Calendar for Even Semester 2020 – 21

The Registrar informed the members of the Academic Council that in the previous Academic Council Meeting held on 13th October 2020, the Academic Calendar for Even Semester was placed and the same was approved.

Sr. No.	Activity	IV, VI, VIII & X Semester	II Semester	Remark
		Tentative Date(s)	Tentative Date(s)	
1	Re-registration	4-Jan-21	18-Jan-21	
2	Commencement of the classes	5-Jan-21	19-Jan-21	
3	Mid-Semester Tests	Mar 01, 2021 - Mar 05, 2021	Mar 15, 2021 - Mar 19, 2021	
4	Co-curricular / Extracurricular activities like Seminars/sports etc	Feb / Mar 2021	Feb / Mar 2021	
5	Completion of the Internal Assessments	15-Mar-21	30-Mar-21	
6	Last date of the classes	30-Apr-21	14-May-21	
7	End-Semester Practical / Oral/ Viva Examinations	May 03, 2021 - May 07, 2021	May 17, 2021 - May 21, 2021	
8	End Semester Theory Examinations	May 10, 2021 - May 24, 2021	May 24, 2021 - Jun 05, 2021	
9	Semester Break	Semester break is not given		
10	Declaration of results	15 working days after the last date of the Examination		
11	Summer Internship Project (SIP)/ Summer break	May 25, 2021 to Jul 2, 2021	Jun 07, 2021 to Jul 2, 2021	Summer break for first year student
12	Commencement of the Next Semester	5-Jul-21	5-Jul-21	Those having SIP will join later

Tentative Academic Calendar for Odd Semester starting from Aug 2021 to Jan 2022

Sr. No.	Activity	UG Semester -I, III, V, VII & IX	PG Semester – III
		PG-Semester-I, V	
		Tentative Date(s)	Tentative Date(s)
1	Registration/ Re-registration / Orientation	Aug 02, 2021 - Aug 03, 2021	Aug 09, 2021 - Aug 10, 2021
2	*Commencement of the classes	4-Aug-21	11-Aug-21
3	Mid-Semester Tests	Sep 27, 2021 – Oct 01, 2021	Sep 27, 2021 – Oct 01, 2021
4	Parent Teacher Interaction	Oct 4, 2021 - Oct 9, 2021	Oct 4, 2021 - Oct 9, 2021
5	Last date of the classes	27-Nov-21	27-Nov-21
6	Faculty Feedback	Nov 15, 2021 – Nov 25, 2021	Nov 15, 2021 – Nov 25, 2021
7	End-Semester Practical / Oral/ Viva Examinations	Nov 29, 2021 - Dec 03, 2021	Nov 29, 2021 - Dec 03, 2021
8	End Semester Theory Examinations	Dec 06, 2021 - Dec 17, 2021	Dec 06, 2021 - Dec 17, 2021
9	Semester Break	Dec 20, 2021 - Dec 31,2021	Dec 20, 2021 - Dec 31,2021
10	Declaration of results	15 working days after the last date of the Examination	
11	Commencement of the Next Semester	3-Jan-22	3-Jan-22

Prof. P B Sharma requested intervention in the Academic Council Meeting and submitted that due to his prior commitment, he has to leave the Academic Meeting, but before leaving, he placed wished to place before the members of the Academic Council for the kind consideration of the Chairman of the Academic Council few points which he felt was important:

- a) Academic Council is highest body of academicians, suppose to propel our university to higher alters of academic excellence and bring laurels to our nation. AUM is doing a great job however at Academic Council there is a need to conduct an Academic Audit of all our activities from the point of view to confirm are we driving the agenda as per the national and global aspirations from Higher Education perspective of today and tomorrow. Tremendous level of

re-thinking is required in the way we impart education specially in the classrooms through on-line or hybrid mode and the way we conduct our research and development for thriving the agenda of nation building. At one point, at the Academic Council we need to present the progress that we are doing at the same time we must also try to provide a window as to what we are doing now to take on board the challenges and initiatives that has become absolutely necessary. For example, our teaching learning system is no longer enough to impart education in the classroom. Lot more learning has to take place outside the walls of the classroom. This component is ever increasing now as we enter deep and deep into digital age. Hence in our over all pedagogy of imparting education and design of curriculum, we now have to provide space for the new requirement. Like wise in research and development, we need to focus on out come based research and innovations, in keeping with the agenda drawn by our founder president of Amity Group. There are many missions of the Government of India has launched in order to strengthen our nation's resolve. We in the University system, has to therefore, examine our entire R & D system as well as R & D initiatives from the point of view of how we can be part of these high impact missions initiated by the Governing in recent times. It could be related to Climate Change, Could be a mission related to Green Hydrogen, Driving the mission of 4.0 of industry in India, or could be a mission of data analytics and data science in a big way in order to under the nexus between whole lot of activities which the nation pursue. Franking speaking the whole activity of academic and research today must provide a space of such activities. Prof. P B Sharma gave an example that when Stanford University was asked to chart out the future of academic and research activity, it asked the corporate chiefs who are driving the agenda today of innovations in corporates and industries, what type of higher education they want. One of the message which came back was that there must be greater inter-disciplinary perception as well as inter-disciplinary approach both in education and in research. Therefore, they launched an initiative called Stanford Inter-Disciplinary. Which means, the education that we provide in our different departments and institutions have to be now taken from the point of view of examining if the whether the cause of inter-disciplinary education and research is pursued or not. By flagging these types of issues, you make new

roads for the march on the path of excellence.

With these words Prof. P B Sharma expressed his regret that due to his prior commitments, he has to leave the meeting in between. However, he reiterated his continuous support to Amity University Maharashtra and its team. He stated that he will participate with AUM in its quest for excellence and to take this university to newer heights every year.

The Chairman of Academic Council, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, thanked Prof. P B Sharma for his valuable suggestions and his words of wisdom. He stated that march towards excellence is the only way out and no university can progress unless we keep that vision in mind. Our Hon'ble Founder President vision to make India a knowledge super-power by 2030 is very much in our minds.

Further, he stated that the Board of Studies will go into the methodology and the new ways by which we can go more into inter-disciplinary research. Vice Chancellor stated that he fully endorsed the thoughts of Prof. P B Sharma and assured that AUM is certainly working towards that by having projects which are having multi-disciplinary approach and also trying to change the pedagogy. He added that the COVID 19 has already forced changed the pedagogy. The very fact that we have gone more on digital and virtual mode is biggest confirmation. Even the campus selection has gone on virtual mode. However, he stressed that the change should not be circumstantial changes forced on us, but rather the change should be more based on our choice. He assured Prof. P B Sharma that his advised will be taken seriously by AUM and will implement all that has been advised.

He thanked Prof. P B Sharma for sharing his valuable time and attended the meeting.

He then advised Registrar to continue the proceedings of the Academic Council Meeting.

- 8.** Agenda No. 4 was Approval of minutes of Board of Examination and Calendar of Examination by Controller of Examination

The Registrar invited the Controller of Examination – Dr. Santhanakrishnan Raman to come

forward and present before the Members of the Academic Council the minutes of the Board of Examination and Calendar of Examination

Controller of Examination, Dr. Santhanakrishnan Raman stated that the Minutes of the 5th Board of Examination was already placed and approved in the previous Academic Council Meeting. For Examination Calendar for 2021 – 2022 – ODD Semester has been prepared as per the Academic Calendar of 2021 – 2022. The important dates are as follows:

- GSSC Registration & Payment - AUG 04, 2021
- Last Date for Registration & Payment of GSSC - AUG 31, 2021
- Mid Semester Examination - SEP 07, 2021 to OCT 01, 2021
- End Semester Practical & Theory Exam Schedule Declaration - OCT 22, 2021
- Submission of 3 Sets of ESE Question Papers for All Courses to COE through HOI - NOV 08, 2021
- Application for ESE Registration (Both Reg. & KT) in Amizone by Students - NOV 15, 2021 to NOV 25, 2021
- Finalization of Invigilator Duty & Seating plan for ESE by each School/Institute - NOV 27, 2021
- Last Instruction Date - NOV 27, 2021
- Approval of Admit Cards by HOI (through Amizone) - NOV 28, 2021 to NOV 30, 2021
- Last date to upload Internal marks by faculty on Amizone (for theory courses)- NOV 30, 2021
- Issuing Admit Cards to students by the School/ Institute Office - DEC 01, 2021
- Conduct of ESE Practical, Project & Viva Voce - NOV 29, 2021 to DEC 03, 2021
- Conduct of ESE Theory Examinations - DEC 06, 2021 to DEC 17, 2021

- Last date to upload Internal marks by faculty on Amizone (for theory courses) - DEC 10, 2021
- Last date for ESE Answer Books Evaluation by Faculty members - DEC 24, 2021
- Unfair Means Committee Meeting - DEC 26, 2021
- Result Moderation Committee Meeting - DEC 31, 2021
- Compilation & Approval of ESE Result - JAN 04, 2022
- Tentative Date of Declaration of ESE Result - JAN 05, 2022

Graduation Details Update after ESE of DEC 2020

Pass out students batch	Total	Successful	Unsuccessful
from Batch of 2020	848	817	31
from Batch of 2019	63	48	15
from Batch of 2018	3	2	1
M.Phil. Batch of 2017-2019	8	8	0
M.Phil. Batch of 2018-2020	8	8	0
PhD	1	1*	0
GRAND TOTAL		884*	47

In total, 884* students are eligible to receive the Final Degree in the forthcoming Convocation Day

9. Agenda Point No. 5 Approval of Academic Calendar of PhD for the batch Jan 2021 by AUM PhD Coordinator Dr. Sujeet Kumar.

The Registrar invited AUM PhD Coordinator Dr. Sujeet Kumar to come forward and present before the Members of the Academic Council the Academic Calendar of PhD for the batch Jan 2021

AUM PhD Coordinator Dr. Sujeet Kumar stated that the PhD admission for this semester is delayed due to Pandemic.

The Chairman of Academic Council, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor wanted to know how many students are pursuing PhD program at AUM. Dr. Sujeet Kumar stated that for this current semester we have 33 admission and there are total 191 PhD students pursuing PhD qualification at AUM.

With that Dr. Sujeet shared the PhD Calendar, which was as follows:

- Classes started on 20th Feb 2021
- Internal Assessment will be on 24th May 2021
- Last date for PhD course work will be 26th June 2021
- Declaration of result within 15 days of post examination

With that Dr. Sujeet Kumar Ended his presentation

10. Agenda point no. 6 - Approval of the minutes of the Board of the Studies in respect of various institutions.

Taking the discussion of Academic Council forward, the Registrar invited the Head of respective institutions to present the changes made in their respective courses in-lieu with their Board of Students.

- Dr. A K S Suryavanshi was invited to present Amity Business School - **Appendix C**
 - On start of Executive Education Program, Dr. Kaushik recommended that there has to be complete feasibility student conducted before the program was launched. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stated that for starting any new course, we need to submit a detailed report on financial viability of the course to the head office and only after getting the approval of head office any new course could be started.

De. Ashok Pundir stated that in Mumbai City there was a need to start Executive MBA course, as there is already a great market existing. However, he too agreed that the University should conduct a financial feasibility study before launching it.

Dr. Suryavanshi agreed and said he was seeking approval to start the preliminary work on the same.

- On General Insurance, Dr. Thampi suggested that for General Insurance Students, we

need to teach them Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence driven procedure, this is important in the segment of General Insurance. The thought was seconded by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

- Dr. Shrikant Charhate was invited to present Amity School of Engineering and Technology and Amity Institute of Technology - **Appendix D**
 - Dr. Thampi wanted to know if the B Tech students are though subject of Deep Learning and Block Chain Technology. Dr. Charhate stated that in Semester VII & VIII it is included.
 - Dr. Thampi stressed the need for creating local champions on the advanced subjects such as Deep Learning, Block Chain Technology and Artificial Intelligence. Dr. Charhate stated that there is already a project system in place, where this is taken care.
 - Dr. Ashok Pundir complimented the department for naming the courses as B Tech in Cloud Computing and Cyber Security, because this is the in-thing.
 - Dr. Kaushik shared that one point which they have observed during the placement drives, the companies are suggesting that if Python and Computer Programming is thought to students in 5th & 6th Semester it is too late for the students to pick it up. So the basics of Python and Computer Programming should be thought to the students in the 3rd Semester and little bit of advance should go to the 5th & 6th Semester. We will take on this in our subsequent batched.
 - Chairman of Academic Council, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stated that we should be very particular while selecting the faculty who would be teaching Cyber Security and Cloud Computing, because these are very specialized modules and a normal faculty may not be able to do justice with the subject to the students. For this a person from the industry having proper knowledge and exposure in this area should be explored. Dr. Ashok Pundir seconded the point mentioned by Vice Chancellor.

- Hon'ble Vice Chancellor added that most of the learning should end by the third semester. This is because the placement activities for these students starts when they are in their second year of academics. This is the time when the companies visit the campus and that time, the students should have basic knowledge of the subject else, they may not be able to impress upon the recruiters. Last year should be best left for learning advance level and for doing practical projects and dissertations.
- Dr. Gautam Gawali shared with the members of the Academic Council an information that Government of India has converted the Gujrat State Forensic University into National Forensic University, and they produce Forensic Cyber Security Engineers.
- Dr. Ashok Pundir stated that he has observed recently that AIEEE is conducted various conferences and seminars along with various educational institutions. He suggested that if AUM could tie up with AIEEE and have a joint conference and seminars. It will be added to the recognition and goodwill of AUM by highlighting it across India and even abroad. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor thanked Dr. Ashok Pundir for his suggestion and stated that we will try for the same.
- Dr. Aparna Khanna was invited to present Amity Institute of Bio-Technology
 - Through BoS the changes made to AIB courses is reduction of overall credits, which was very high.
 - Maintain uniformity in the core courses and the electives.
 - In this process care is taken to ensure that the school is well within the norms which are required and is in sync with the similar courses that are offered at other Amity Universities.
 - The same was approved by the Academic Council
- Dr. Khushal Vibhute was invited to present Amity Law School
 - Amity Law School runs 5 programs – BA LLB (H), BBA LLB (H), B Com LLB (H), LLB and

LLM.

- The first four courses are approved by Bar Council of India – BCI
 - No change is done to the credits as BCI does not permit the institutions to change that. However, the school has re-distributed certain subjects offered at different semesters.
 - For LLM, we are governed by UGC regulations and we follow UGC pattern.
 - Next year will be the last year to offer 1 yr LLM course. Because after that BCI & UGC are planning to offer 2 yr LLM course.
 - Hence no major changes were incorporated in BoS of Law School
 - Chairman of Academic Council Hon'ble Vice Chancellor advised Dr. Vibhute to look into the program and syllabus of 2 yr LLM course that would be started by BCI & UGC.
 - Dr. Vibhute informed the members of Academic Council that though BCI has approved B Sc LLB(H) to AUM, but we are not offering the same.
 - Dr. Vibhute further stated that we need to take stock of B Com LLB (H) and LLB as there are not many students in it. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stated that if there are not many takers of B Com LLB (H), we may think of discontinuing the same and add the 60 approved intake of it to BBA LLB (H) which is high in demand. Vice Chancellor sir suggested that this may be taken up separately.
- Prof. Abhijeet Shirodkar was invited to present Amity School of Architecture and Planning
 - Prof. Shirodkar informed the members of the Academic Council about one of the student has won a first prize in a competition of Rs. 1 Lakh. The same student has won first prize in the last year also.
 - Since this course is approved by the Council of Architecture – CoA, the Chairman of Academic Council raised a point about CoA in its orders of Aug 2020, had stated that any student who has not cleared the examination in Design shall not be promoted to

the next year. Vice Chancellor wanted to know who the ASAP is planning to implement this. Does this mean that any student who has failed in Design should be given a supplementary examination. To this Prof. Shirodkar clarified that the supplementary examination should be conducted not at the end of the semester, but should be conducted at the end of the year for such student who has failed in Design. This is because at AUM, the promotion is to the next year and not next semester. Vice Chancellor advised Prof. Shirodkar to again go through the order of CoA, as it states very clearly about promoting the student to the next semester and not next year.

- Prof. Shirodkar stated that Bachelor for Planning does not have many takers even at other universities, hence, they are planning to go in for a integrated dual degree of 5 years Bachelor and Master of Planning. So at AUM, the ASAP is thinking of going in that direction. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor was of the opinion that it is generally seen that a student does not prefer to take admission in a dual program because it binds them to one institution for a longer time. Student generally wishes to change institution / university after its graduation program to the master. Also as a policy, any course having less than 5 students will be discontinued as it is a strain on the resources and is not financially viable. Hence Vice Chancellor suggested Prof. Shirodkar to do a feasibility study of the Dual program and we will offer only if we are able to get 10 or more students.
- Dr. Bhavana Chanana was invited to present Amity School of Fashion Design and Technology
 - There was certain re-shuffling of subjects that were done with semester for courses.
 - The school proposed to start 2 master programs – One is Masters in Fashion & Retail Management and next is Masters in Fashion Content and Journalism Communication. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor suggested that we may start Masters in Fashion & Retail Management in this Academic Year and shift Masters in Fashion Content and Journalism Communication for the next year.

- Dr. Gautam Gawali was invited to present Amity School of Behavioral and Allied Sciences
 - Dr, Gautam Gawali stated that his school had already presented their syllabus and have got the approval in the last Academic Council Meeting which was held on 13th October 2020. For this Academic Council, the school has not conducted the Board of Studies as there is no changes in the syllabus.
 - Prof. Kaushik wanted to have clarification from Dr. Gawali, though there was no change in the syllabus, Board of Studies meeting has to be conducted at school level and the report of Board of Studies must state that there is no change in the syllabus. Dr. Gawali stated that they have conducted the BoS in Oct for 2020 – 21 batch and the same is still valid.

- Dr. Nima John was invited to present Amity School of Communication
 - In Bachelors of Journalism and Mass Communications, there is a shift of Media Laws and Ethics subject from semester II to semester IV.
 - The reviewed the Masters Program of Multi Medi and Gaming. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor advised Dr. Nima was Journalism and Mass Communication is totally practical oriented program and we should start laying emphases on practical training right from the first semester. The student must be exposed to the industry right from the beginning itself. Maximum integration of technology with regards to various tools of technology should be incorporated and brought in. Identification of fake news must eb thought to the students. For this dynamic changes is required. Vice Chancellor suggested that it is the responsibility of ASCO and the students of ASCO, who should actively participate in the media management with regards to the university. All the good work done at the university is not getting the required media coverage. The students must be made proactive for looking out for news within Amity University and bring the same to the lime light through media coverage. The students from ASCO should get good articles from other school students and help them publish. If this is kept in the last semester,

than the whole charm would be lost as by that time, they would already be in placement mode. So this has to be brought early.

- Dr, Thampi stated that there is more scope for virtual reality and augmented reality techniques in the curriculum and also digital prototyping can be included in the syllabus of ASCO courses.
- Dr. Manjiree Vaidya was invited to present Amity School of Languages
 - Some minor changes of re-shuffling of subjects in semesters of the courses were made and the same was approved in the Academic Council
- Dr. Manjiree Vaidya was invited to present Amity School of Languages
 - Some nomenclature change in the name of the subjects were done at the BoS.
 - The Chairman of Academic Council Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stated that a student joining the Liberal Art School basically he aspires for IAS and other such service. So keeping that in mind, the school should also train the students the exposure on how to crack these levels. However, we understand that the school cannot open an IAS training Academy, but some exposure to the students about modality of these courses can be given. Dr. Havaladar stated that the school does conduct such seminars but certainly there is scope for doing more in this area.
 - In political science, in BoS it was suggested to include one paper on Local Government with emphasis on Panchayat Raj. To this Vice Chancellor suggested not to have an additional paper and increase credit which will be too cumbersome to handle. However, the school can include this as a module in one of the ongoing subjects.
- Prof. Bhuvnesh Gawda was invited to present Amity School of Fine Arts
 - Prof. Gawda shared some of the achievements of fine arts students.
 - Some course codes were changed by BoS. There were 32 course codes earlier, after

merging they have become 13.

- English Language – Called as Communication Skills, runs through all the 8 semesters of BAF courses. BoS has approved the removal of this course from 7 & 8 semesters and added the credit to the core subjects. To this Hon'ble Vice Chancellor suggested that maximum training, major learning should be completed by the third year and only practical training should be left to the students in the fourth / final year.
- Dr. Divya Pandey was invited to present Amity School of Travel & Tourism
 - No major changes were suggested in the BoS of the school.
- Dr. Aradhana Khare was invited to present Amity Institute of Applied Sciences
 - In department of physics 2 major changes were proposed. One was change in the nomenclature of M Sc Applied Physics Solid State to M Sc Applied Physics Material Science this will not result in any change in the curriculum and syllabus because the present course structure satisfies the requirement for Solid State as well as Material Science. To this Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stated that he did not agree that just a nomenclature of M Sc Applied Physics Solid State to M Sc Applied Physics Material Science will do justice to the course. This is because Material Science is a much more wider concept and scope and Solid State is only with regards to conduction and non-conduction and electronic things. Hence to state that the same curriculum will suffice is not correct. Vice Chancellor invited Prof. Kaushik to add to this point. Prof. Kaushik also stated that the Solid State and Material Sciences are very different. Hence study of Material and its properties is very different than the study of solid state. Hence, Vice Chancellor suggest that if the name is changed of a course, then the whole syllabus and curriculum has to undergo a change. So, the Dr. Aradhana Khare was advised to go through the various aspects in more detail, take expert opinions and then make the necessary changes in the syllabus accordingly.
 - Regarding laboratory requirements, Dr. Khare was suggested give complete details

with the required justification. Since it implied financial implication, it needs approval from head office.

- Prof. Vighnesh Vaidyanathan was invited to present CII – School of Logistic
 - No major changes were suggested in the BoS of the school.
- Prof. Amol Simpi was invited to present RICS – School of Build Environment
 - No major changes were suggested in the BoS of the school.
 - Hon’ble Vice Chancellor stated that in Construction Technology that are many changes that are happening today. The emphasis on green construction and sustainable goal development approved by United Nations – UN. Keeping mind of that major changes in the construction technology should be brought in terms of material, cost reduction, space constraints and other elements.
 - Prof. Simpi said that all this is being taken care in their present curriculum, However, new advancements need to be added to the course.
- Dr. Manoj Devare was invited to present Amity Institute of Information Technology
 - No major changes were suggested in the BoS of the school.

11. Agenda Point No. 7 – Approval of calendar of Events to be conducted at University Level

Summary of events planned by various schools at AUM was placed before the Members of the Academic Council and the same was approved.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS TO BE CONDUCTED MONTH-WISE

Sr. #	Name of Event	Months					Total Events
		Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	
1	Competitions	2	7	2	1		12
2	Guest Lectures	4	5	1	1	1	12
3	Webinars	1	2	1	2	1	7
4	Workshops	2	4		2		8
5	Confab	1					1
6	International Conference	1		1			2
7	Quiz		1		1		2
8	National Conference		1				1
9	FDP			1	2		3
10	Competitions	2	7	2	1		12
TOTAL EVENTS		11	20	6	9	2	48

12. Agenda Point No. 8 - Requirement of School-wise Teaching Staff for Even Semester 2020 – 21

School wise requirement of teaching staffs based on the teaching load was compiled and the same was approved by the Academic Council:

Sr. No.	Institute Name	Faculty Required
1	Amity Business Schools (ABS)	13
2	Amity School of Engineering & Technology (ASET)	4
3	Amity Institute of Biotechnology (AIB)	4
4	Amity School of Communication (ASCO)	Nil
5	Amity Law School (ALS)	10
6	Amity School of Architecture & Planning (ASAP)	2
7	Amity of Fashion Design & Technology (ASFT)	11
8	Amity Institute of Behavioral and Allied Science (AIBAS)	13
9	Amity School of Languages (ASL)	3

10	Amity Institute of Liberal Arts (AILA)	6
11	Amity School of Fine Arts (ASFA)	5
12	Amity Institute of Information Technology (AIIT)	2
13	Amity Institute of Travel & Tourism (AITT)	Nil
14	Amity Institute of Applied Sciences (AIAS)	Nil
15	CII – School of Logistic	Nil
16	RICS – School of Build Environment	Nil
TOTAL FACULTY REQUIRED		73

13. Agenda Point No. 9 - Approval of requirement of Books & Learning Resources for upcoming Even Semester

Requirement of books for Even Semester 2020 – 21 and Odd Semester 2021 – 22 was placed before the members of the Academic Council and the same was approved.

Books Requirement for Even Semesters Jan - June 2021

S. No.	Institution	No. of						Total Cost (Rs.)		
		Titles			Volumes			Txt.	Ref.	Total
		Txt.	Ref.	Total	Txt.	Ref.	Total			
1	ABS	46	41	87	157	52	209	1,78,323	1,53,771	3,32,094
2	AIB	27	10	37	49	12	61	3,44,954	1,34,794	4,79,748
3	AIBAS	96	122	218	134	142	276	6,97,315	7,79,622	14,76,937
4	AIIT	11	34	45	45	159	204	34,791	1,05,670	1,40,461
5	AILA	0	7	7	0	7	7	0	11,324	11,324
6	AITT	0	5	5	0	12	12	0	54,208	54,208
7	ASAS	4	0	4	4	0	4	11,283	0	11,283
8	ASET	19	6	25	122	17	139	1,24,613	26,242	1,50,855
9	ASFA	0	19	19	0	46	46	0	1,23,325	1,23,325
10	ASFDT	4	35	39	4	35	39	16,440	1,17,543	1,33,983
11	ASL	0	71	71	0	77	77	0	1,80,365	1,80,365
12	ALS	23	53	76	70	60	130	1,20,107	1,38,444	2,58,551
13	ASAP	0	81	81	0	86	86	0	2,84,396	2,84,396
GRAND TOTAL		230	484	714	585	705	1,290	15,27,826	21,09,704	36,37,530

Books Requirement for Odd Semesters – 2021

S. No.	Institution	No. of						Total Cost (Rs.)		
		Titles			Volumes			Txt.	Ref.	Total
		Txt.	Ref.	Total	Txt.	Ref.	Total			
1	ABS	15	16	31	48	31	79	34,342	52,507	86,849
2	AIB		1	1		2	2		1,790	1,790
3	AIBAS	23	12	35	23	12	35	34,614	4,062	38,676
4	AIIT	-	31	31		134	134	-	58513	58,513
5	AILA	7	4	11	7	8	15	6,500	3,898	10,398
6	AITT	-	5	5	-	12	12	-	40,906	40,906
7	ASAS	110	16	126	137	16	153	1,34,722	52,434	1,87,157
8	ASCO		13	13		29	29		60,818	60,818
9	ASET	14	1	15	48	4	52	41,529	1,348	42,877
10	ASFA		20	20		49	49		97,598	97,598
11	ASFDT	12	12	24	12	12	24	18,706	58,678	77,384
12	ASL	6	5	11	35	5	40	13,095	15,314	28,409
13	ALS	-	21	21	-	21	21	-	9825	9825
14	ASAP	28	45	73	28	45	73	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL		215	202	417	338	380	718	2,83,508	4,57,691	7,41,200

14. Agenda Point no. 10 - Information and presentation about Research activities to include projects, publications and patents submitted by University – By Dean Research Dr. Aparna Khanna –

Appendix E

Dr. Aparna Khanna presented to the members of the Academic Council various Research initiative undertaken at Amity University Maharashtra.

15. The Chairman of the Academic Council requested the external members to give their valuable suggestions:

- Dr. Ashok Pundir suggested:
 - On engineering front, new technology is continuously evolving. Hence, he suggested that few students may be offered short term courses in some of these new emerging

technology with an intention to keep students updated in their knowledge.

- Since AUM is located in Mumbai, few of the schools like Fashion Design may tie-up with other school in the similar domain and students may participate in mega campaigns collectively.
 - He stressed that schools may have inter disciplinary programs.
 - He suggested that AUM should move forward towards applying the provisions of the National Education Policy – NEP.
- Dr. G T Thampi suggested to have some competency building initiatives in quantum computing and quantum mechanics either through engineering discipline or science may be planned by the University.
 - Dr. Sundar Rajdeep admired the progress made by AUM and stated that many students look forward to take admission in Amity University for pursuing various courses. He requested to reserve few seats for the socially backward students of the state in various UG, PG & PhD programs and give some fee concession to them.

Chairman of Academic Council, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor briefed the members about various scholarships offered at Amity University to its students. These scholarships are merit and mean based. Many such scholarship schemes are offered to the deserving students with scholarship ranging from 25%, 50% and even 100% fee waiver.

16. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor summed up the matters discussed at the Academic Council Meeting and stated that all the changes suggested / made at the Board of Studies of various schools and now approved by the Academic Council shall be made applicable in the fresh batch starting from July 2021 onwards. No changes in the syllabus would be made to the existing batches with retrospective effect.

17. The Academic Council Meeting ended with the Chairman of Academic Council Hon'ble Vice Chancellor thanking all the members for their active participation and for giving valuable and

practical suggestions.



Date: 6th April 2021
Place: Mumbai

Dr. H S Vyas
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To,

- 1. The Hon'ble Offg. Vice Chancellor and the Chairman of the Academic Council**
- 2. All members of the Academic Council**
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