

**Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Planning & Monitoring Board,
held on Wednesday, 4th February, 2015**

The following members were present:

1. Dr. N. Sundararajan, Vice Chancellor, JU – **Chairman**
2. Swami Atmapriyananda, Vice Chancellor, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University, Howrah, WB – **UGC Nominee**
3. Dr. A.R. Upadhyaya, Dr. Raja Ramanna DRDO Distinguished Fellow, Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) and Former Director, National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL)
4. Dr. G.S.D. Babu, Director, M.P.Birla Institute of Fundamental Research
5. Dr. N.G.R. Iyengar, Pro Vice Chancellor, JU & Mentor, IIAEM
6. Dr. Jayagopal Uchil, Director (Academics & Planning), JU
7. Dr. R.N. Iyengar, Distinguished Emeritus Professor, JU
8. Dr. Krishna Venkatesh, Director, School of Engg & Technology, JU
9. Dr. Easwaran Iyer, Dean, Commerce & Director of Placements, JU
10. Shri. Dinesh Nilkant, Director, Admissions, JU
11. Shri. M.S. Santhosh, Joint Registrar, JU
12. Prof N.V.H. Krishnan, Registrar, JU – **Member Secretary**

Special Invitees :

13. Prof B T Venkatesh, Controller of Examinations, JU
14. Dr. Vasu B.A., Centre Head, SCMS, JU
15. Prof. V. Achutha, Department of Computer Science, JU

Leave of absence:

1. Dr. Sandeep Shastri, Pro Vice Chancellor, JU

The Chairman welcomed the members. He placed on record the contributions made by the members of Planning and Monitoring Board, faculty and staff for the successful conduct of 4th Annual Convocation of Jain University.

The Agenda items were taken up for discussion.

Agenda item No. 1 - Confirmation of the minutes of the 10th meeting held on 18^h August, 2014.

The Chairman informed that the copy of minutes was circulated to all the members and there were no comments received.

Therefore, the minutes of the 10th meeting of the Planning & Monitoring Board held on 18th August, 2014 were confirmed by the Members.

Agenda item no. 2: Discussion items :

a) New programmes proposed to be introduced for the Academic year 2015-16.

The Chairman mentioned on the proposal to introduce the new programmes recommended by Boards of Studies for the academic year 2015-16, he further added that the background papers on these programmes have been circulated to all the members for perusal.

He requested the respective programme coordinators to present the details of the proposals for introducing new courses before the members of Planning & Monitoring Board.

Dr. Upadhyaya added that the programme coordinators should also highlight on the following details to the Board on the proposal for introducing new programmes :

- Survey on need of the programme
- Sustainability to start new programmes
- Faculty members available & identified
- Infrastructure available

Faculty of Commerce

i. Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) in International Accounting and Finance

Dr. Easwaran briefly explained on the need for introducing this course in order to educate & prepare the students as high quality professionals in Commerce and Accounting field. He also mentioned on the MoU between Association of Chartered Certified Accounts (ACCA), UK and Jain University to integrate 16 specialized papers as per ACCA curriculum to this Course. This enables the student to get exempted from these specialized papers to get a diploma certificate from ACCA provided they score more than 50% in University Examinations in these papers. This diploma certificate is in addition to the University Degree certificate. He presented the proposed curriculum matrix to the members.

ii. Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) in Risk Management

Dr. Easwaran briefly explained on the purpose of introducing this course and need for combining accounting, finance and management with leading cutting edge techniques to drive successful business. He also mentioned on the MoU between Chartered Institute of Management Accounts (CIMA), UK and Jain University to integrate 16 specialized papers as per CIMA curriculum to this Course. This enables the student to

get exempted from these specialized papers to get a diploma certificate from CIMA provided they score more than 50% in University Examinations in these papers. This diploma certificate is in addition to the University Degree certificate. He presented the proposed curriculum matrix to the members.

He further added that required number of faculty members have been identified for these two B.Com. (Honours) courses. Also a faculty training programme for these identified faculties will be undertaken to handle these specialized papers as per the curriculum by the Agency approved by ACCA & CIMA. The MoU with these 2 international organizations will have external members (ACCA & CIMA) in Board of Studies to jointly design the course and also in Board of Examiners so as to maintain the expected standard of delivery and examination as suggested by Swami Atmapriyananda (UGC Nominee), Vice Chancellor, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University, Howrah, WB. Necessary classroom facility & library facility are available in the School of Commerce, Jain University.

Dr. J. Uchil mentioned that with the introduction of these two above courses in B.Com. (Honours), the University will have totally three independent B.Com (Honours) courses. The existing course in B.Com. (Honours) is with Specialization in Corporate Secretaryship / Management Accounting / Corporate Accounting and the proposed new courses are Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) in International Accounting & Finance and Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) in Risk Management to be implemented in 2015-16. The total credits, eligibility criteria and intake capacity shall remain same for all these three courses.

The members suggested the following :

- The papers on Taxation should be more focused under the International Accounting and Finance course rather than Risk management course.

Faculty of Management

iii. 3 Year MBA Programme for Working Professionals

Dr. Easwaran gave brief introduction on this 3-year MBA programme designed for working professional who are not in a position to attend classes during the day time and hence it is scheduled in weekends. According to him, based on the survey made the programme is very much needed in this region. He presented the proposed curriculum matrix to the members.

Dr. J. Uchil gave details on eligibility criteria for this proposed course as follows :

- The minimum qualification required to be eligible for admission is a minimum of 50% aggregate in the Graduate / Degree examination of a recognized University and should be employed or having a business at the time of joining the course.
- The method of selection for the course shall be normally by means of a Group Discussion and Personal Interview. University may decide to conduct additional tests to select candidates. The shortlist of candidates to be called for GD/PI shall be prepared based on the score obtained by them in a State / National Level Entrance Examination like MAT / CAT / Karnataka PG CET / XAT and University Entrance Test.

The members suggested to verify the necessity or otherwise of AICTE approval for this Course.

iv. Master of Management Studies (MMS) in Banking & Financial Services

Dr. Easwaran gave details of the survey conducted with various banks and financial institutions for the need of this kind of specialized course. The programme focuses on preparing the right talents for Retail Banking / Core Banking operations. He presented the proposed curriculum matrix to the members.

v. Master of Management Studies (MMS) in Finance & Accounting

Dr. Easwaran added that this course will be offered to prepare well trained and well equipped Finance and Accounting students. He presented the proposed curriculum matrix to the members.

Dr. J. Uchil mentioned that with the introduction of these two above courses in MMS the University will have totally four unique MMS courses. The existing courses are MMS (Specialization: Business Leadership / Business Analytics) and MMS (Specialization: Financial Management / International Business). The required total credits, eligibility criteria and intake capacity are identical for all four courses.

The members suggested the following :

- Dr. Upadhy pointed out that two same courses should not be offered in different faculties. He suggested to look into the internal conflict that may arise between Faculty of Management and Faculty of Commerce for offering same specialisations (Finance & Accounting) in MMS and M.Com, respectively. It is better to work on the

sustainability factor before introducing nearly identical courses in different faculties.

The Planning & Monitoring Board suggested to refer back the matter pointed by Dr. Upadhya to Board of Studies in Management to see and compare the course matrix of the new MMS in Finance & Accounting and the existing M.Com with specialization in Accounting & Finance and take necessary corrective action before finalizing the course contents for implementation.

- Dr. R.N. Iyengar suggested to provide the Action Taken Report on the suggestions made by the members in the next meeting.
- While welcoming the innovative and new courses, members emphasized on the need to strengthen the ongoing courses.
- To conduct annual audit on the new courses introduced.

The Chairman thanked the members for valuable suggestions and the curriculum matrix and syllabus will be referred to the respective Boards of Studies for incorporating the suggestions.

The Planning & Monitoring Board in principle recommended for the introduction of all these new programmes proposed to be introduced for the academic year 2015-16.

Agenda item no. 2b) Discussion item - Integration of a few existing M.Sc. courses & the existing PGDIT (Data Analytics) programme into M.Sc. in Information Technology (IT) as specializations. These are in addition to the regular M.Sc. in IT under Department of Computer Science.

The Chairman requested Prof. Achutha to explain on this agenda.

Prof. Achutha explained that the following programmes were approved in the Academic Year 2013.

1. M.Sc. in Animation
2. M.Sc. in Mobile Applications
3. M.Sc. in Infrastructure Management Service in Information Technology
4. M.Sc. in Information Security Management Services
5. M.Sc. in Storage and Cloud Technology
6. PG Diploma in IT (Data Analytics) [AC 2014]

Out of these programmes 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be integrated into M.Sc. in (IT) with respective specialization which are given as follows :

- M.Sc. in Information Technology (Specialization : Infrastructure Management Service in Information Technology / Information Security Management Services / Storage and Cloud Technology / Data Analytics)

Prof. Achutha added that the integration of these courses are mainly in the interest of the students & sustaining for the conduct of these specialized courses. He presented the modified curriculum matrix of M.Sc. in IT with specializations to the members. Whereas, the Semester I and a part of Semester II are common to all these specialization M.Sc IT Courses.

The members suggested the following :

- Dr. K. Venkatesh pointed out the need for having specialisations that should have flexibility to adopt latest cutting edge technologies into new specialized subject.

After discussion, the Planning & Monitoring Board recommended for implementing the above M.Sc. in IT courses with specialisations for the academic year 2015-16.

Agenda item no. 3: Reporting Item :

a) Change of Title from MBA in Entrepreneurship and Family Business Management to MBA in Entrepreneurship under Faculty of Management

Prof. Krishnan explained on the need for change in title of the existing MBA programme in Entrepreneurship and Family Business Management. After a thorough study on the existing syllabus it is found that the course is more focused on Entrepreneurship than Family Business Management. Hence the change of title is proposed by the Department of Management. He also added that the students completing this course shall continue to get the additional PG Diploma Certificate in Entrepreneurship by the Chenraj Roychand Centre for Entrepreneurship (CRCE) of Jain University.

After discussion, the Planning & Monitoring Board recommended for change in title to MBA in Entrepreneurship from the academic year 2015-16.

Agenda item no. 6: Any other matter:

The Chairman mentioned that the following courses are placed before the Planning & Monitoring Board to explore the possibilities of introducing these courses. He requested the Course Coordinators to explain the details of each course.

i. M.Tech in Cosmetic Technology

Dr. K. Venkatesh explained on this proposed course which is a blend of science and technology and designed for students who want a career within the cosmetic industry. The course is going to be offered by Center for Emerging Technologies (CET) of Jain University. He also added that the need for such courses has been surveyed and an MoU has been proposed with RSC, UK to support for global linkages. Faculty members and required infrastructure have been identified.

The members suggested the following :

- Members felt that since the course is of multidisciplinary nature involving science and technology, it needs to be further explored whether the title should be M.Tech. or M.Sc.

ii. B.Sc. in Hospitality

Dr. Easwaran explained on this proposed course which has career opportunities for graduates in hospitality industry. The course has specializations in Food & Nutrition and Hotel Management.

The members suggested the following :

- Members felt that since the course is on management of health care facilities and hotels, it cannot be offered under Faculty of Science and suggested to explore on renaming the Degree course while bringing it under Faculty of Management.

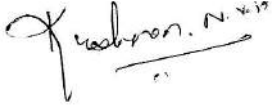
iii. BA (Optional Subject - HRM)

Prof. Krishnan mentioned on this proposed course on Human Resource Management (HRM) which is going to be offered as one of the 3 optional subjects under Bachelor of Arts in addition to the existing optional subjects like Optional English, Psychology,

Journalism, Sociology, Economics, Political Science. He added that the choice of HRM subject will increase the chances of employability of Graduates in addition to pursue higher studies in Management.

After discussion, the Planning & Monitoring Board recommended to refer the matter to the respective Boards of Studies for doing the needful.

The Registrar gave vote of thanks. He thanked all the members for the active participation and valuable contribution in discussions.



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