



AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY DELHI

Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Academic Council held at 10.00 AM on 05.12.2017 in Private Dining Hall at the India International Centre, New Delhi

The 14th Meeting of the Academic Council (AC) of the Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD) was held at 10:00 AM on 05.12.2017 in the Private Dining Hall, India International Centre, New Delhi. The following were present:

Professor Shyam B Menon Vice Chancellor	In the Chair
Professor A. K. Sharma Nominee of the University Grants Commission	Member
Professor K. Ramachandran Nominee of the Government of NCT of Delhi	Member
Professor Farida A. Khan Nominee of the Government of NCT of Delhi	Member
Professor Madhavan K. Palat Nominee of the Government of NCT of Delhi	Member
Professor Salil Misra, Pro Vice Chancellor and Nominee of the Vice Chancellor	Member
Professor Honey Oberoi Vahali, SHS Nominee of the Vice Chancellor	Member
Professor Geetha Venkataraman, SLS Nominee of the Vice Chancellor	Member
Professor Radharani Chakravarty, Dean, School of Letters Nominee of the Vice Chancellor	Member
Professor Anita Ghai Dean (In-charge), School of Human Studies	Member
Professor Asmita Kabra Dean, School of Human Ecology and Registrar (Offg.)	Member & Secretary

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Professor Suchitra Balasubrahmanyam Dean, School of Design	Member
Professor Tanuja Kothiyal Dean, School of Undergraduate Studies	Member
Professor Kartik Dave Dean, School of Business, Public Policy and Social Entrepreneurship	Member
Professor Lawrence Liang Dean, School of Law, Governance and Citizenship	Member
Professor Dhirendra Datt Dangwal Dean, School of Liberal Studies	Member
Dr Rajan Krishnan Dean (Offg.), School of Culture and Creative Expressions	Member
Shri Akha Kaihrii Mao Dean (Offg.), School of Vocational Studies	Member
Dr Oinam Hemlata Devi, Assistant Professor, SHE and Nominee of the Vice Chancellor	Member

Special Invitees:

Professor Jatin Bhatt, Pro Vice Chancellor
 Professor Praveen Singh, Dean, Planning
 Professor Sanjay Kumar Sharma, Dean, Student Services
 Shri J. Ernest Samuel Ratnakumar, Controller of Finance
 Dr Debal C. Kar, Librarian
 Professor Satyaketu Sankrit, OSD, Kashmere Gate Campus
 Professor Anup Kumar Dhar, Chairperson, ACRPM
 Dr Arindam Banerjee, Dean (Offg.), Academic Services
 Dr Diamond Oberoi Vahali, Associate Professor, SoL
 Dr Anirban Sengupta, Assistant Professor, SDS
 Dr Manish Jain, OSD, Lodhi Road Campus
 Dr Rohit Negi, Assistant Professor, SHE
 Dr Gunjan Sharma, Assistant Professor, School of Education Studies and Co-
 Coordinator, Academic Council

Regrets:

Dr Mihir Shah, Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya (Government nominees),
 Professor Chandan Mukherjee (Vice Chancellor's nominee) and Professor Sumangala
 Damodaran (Dean, School of Development Studies) could not attend the meeting.

Shri B. Mallesha, Assistant Registrar (VCO & Governance) assisted the meeting.

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At the outset, the Vice Chancellor (VC) extended a warm welcome to the Members of the AC and the Special Invitees. He welcomed Professor Anita Ghai, In-charge Dean, School of Human Studies (SHS) as a new member of the Council. On behalf of the Council, the VC congratulated Professor Lawrence Liang, Dean of School of Law Governance and Citizenship (SLGC), for being awarded the Infosys Prize 2017.

The following **resolutions** were passed:

14.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the 13th meeting of the AC held on 30.10.2017

The Council **resolved** to confirm the minutes of the 13th meeting of the AC held on 30.10.2017, as circulated on 27.11.2017.

14.2 Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes of the 13th meeting of the Academic Council held on 30.10.2017

The Council **resolved** to note the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions taken in its 13th meeting held on 30.10.2017, vide **Appendix-1**.

14.3 Recommendations of the Standing Committee Student Affairs (SCSA)

14.3.1 The draft 'Students' Union Constitution' (SUC)

The Academic Council (AC) in its 13th meeting held on 30.10.2017 had directed SCSA to revise the draft SUC presented before it, incorporating the changes that were discussed in the meeting. The AC had also directed that the revised draft be made available on the AUD intranet for students for their comments and suggestions. The Dean Student Services (DSS) apprised the AC of the steps taken and the comments thus received. These comments did not include any specific suggestions and a majority of students did not send their feedback.

The AC appreciated the efforts and commitment of the Student Services Division towards the institution of the Students' Union at AUD. The Council discussed ideas for encouraging greater participation from the student community in the evolution of the draft SUC and **resolved** to give the following directions:

- i) A communication/letter from the office of DSS addressed to AUD students be drafted. The communication/letter should:
 - a) Explain the process through which the draft SUC has been evolved.
 - b) State clearly AUD's commitment to institute without delay a formally recognised Student Union that reflects the proactive initiative taken by the Student Services Division in this direction.
 - c) Inform the students that after the Students' Union is duly formed (as per the SUC that is finally approved by the AC and the Board of Management), the Students' Union may review and propose to amend the SUC, by following the due process laid down in the Constitution, within the framework of rules and regulations that apply to Indian universities. All the changes in the SUC will have to be approved by the AC and the Board of Management as they are





the highest statutory bodies in all matters pertaining to the University.

- ii) A brief ready reckoner be created for students to explain in a reader friendly format the major/substantive changes that SCSA has incorporated in the draft SUC proposed by the students, and the rationale for the same. The ready reckoner be appended with the above communication/letter.

The AC **resolved** to constitute a sub-committee of its members to: a) draft the above communication addressed to the students, b) draft the ready reckoner for the students to be appended with the communication, c) evolve ways in which greater student participation could be elicited (such as holding meetings with students, involving faculty members in encouraging student participation, etc.), d) complete these processes by the end of January 2018. The sub-committee shall present its report to the AC in early February 2018. The constitution of the sub-committee is as follows: Professor Farida A. Khan, Government nominee on the AC (Chair), Professor Sanjay Kumar Sharma, DSS (Convener), Professor Lawrence Liang, Dean, SLGC (Member), Professor Anup Kumar Dhar, Chair, ACRPM (Member) and Dr Rajan Krishnan, Officiating Dean, SCCE (Member).

14.4. Recommendations of the Standing Committee Research (SCR)

The AC took note of the minutes (**Appendix-2**) of the meeting of the SCR held on 31.10.2017 and **resolved** the following:

14.4.1 The proposed PhD programme in Management of the School of Business, Public Policy and Social Entrepreneurship (SBPPSE)

The proposed PhD programme in Management was discussed in the AC. The AC directed that SBPPSE should make attempts to utilise the interdisciplinary nature of AUD and include faculty members from other areas on the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for the scholars of the PhD programme. This is particularly to integrate critical social science perspectives in the programme.

The AC **resolved** to approve the PhD programme in Management of the SBPPSE, vide **Appendix-3**.

14.4.2 The proposal for the grant of 6 months' extension to two MPhil scholars of SLS for completing their respective research programmes

Resolved to approve the grant of 6 months' extension to the following two MPhil scholars of SLS for completing their respective research programmes:

- i) Ms. Ruby Kain (Enrol no. S144DHS03, date of registration 10.10.2014), MPhil scholar in History, SLS. Extension granted from 10.10.2017 to 09.04.2018; and
- ii) Ms Bandana Kumari (Enrol no. S144DH104, date of registration – 18.09.2014), MPhil scholar in Hindi, SLS. Extension granted from 18.09.2017 to 17.03.2018.



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14.4.3 The proposal to recognize temporary faculty members who are on a three-year contract to supervise MPhil dissertations with regular faculty members as co-supervisors

Resolved to approve the proposal to recognize temporary faculty members who are on a three-year contract to supervise MPhil dissertations with regular faculty members as co-supervisors, provided they fulfil all qualifications as stipulated in the MPhil regulations.

14.4.4 Request of a PhD scholar of School of Development Studies (SDS) to consider one semester during his registration time as a null semester

Resolved to approve the SCR recommendation to grant the request of Mr. Karan Sachdeva (PhD scholar, SDS) for treating his one semester, when his de-enrolment was recommended in 2016, as zero semester. This would imply that he gets one additional semester beyond his normal registration period to complete his PhD work.

14.4.5 The proposal to give one last chance to all those pre-2017 PhD scholars who have opted for the new Research Study Regulations (RSR) 2017, and have lower than B only grade in any course of their coursework, to improve their grades

Resolved to approve the grant of one last chance for improving their course grades to all those pre-2017 PhD scholars who opted to be governed by (new) RSR 2017 and have a grade lower than B only in any course.

14.5. Recommendations of the Standing Committee for Professional, Vocational and Continuing Education Programmes (SCPVCE)

The AC took note of the minutes (**Appendix-4**) of the meeting of the SCPVCE held on 21.11.2017 and **resolved** the following:

14.5.1 Four courses to be offered in the Year II of the MBA Programme of SBPPSE

After due deliberation, the AC **resolved** to approve the course outlines (**Appendix-5**) of the following four electives to be offered in the Year II of the MBA programme of School of Business, Public Policy and Social Entrepreneurship (SBPPSE):

- i. Integrated Marketing Communication (2 credits);
- ii. Collective Bargaining and Negotiation Skills (2 credits);
- iii. Enterprise Resource Planning (2 credits);
- iv. Managing E-business Operations (2 credits).

The AC observed that most courses of the SBPPSE were of 2 credits and directed that the School considers developing 4 credit courses that offer more intensive engagement with the subject matter. This would facilitate students from the other programmes in the social sciences to opt for courses in SBPPSE.





14.5.2 Three courses to be offered in the Semester IV of the MDes Social Design Programme (2016-18 cohort) of the School of Design (SDes)

After due deliberations, the AC **resolved** to approve the course outlines (**Appendix-6**) of three courses of the MDes Social Design programme of SDes that are as follows:

- i. Design and Democracy (4 credits, Core, Semester 4)
- ii. Reading the City: A Built Environment Perspective (4 Credits, Elective course, Winter Semester): The AC **directed** that the course outline should be revised to provide more description of the contents of the various modules and that the module wise reading list be expanded.
- iii. Final Project – Domain Formulation (8 Credits, Compulsory, Semesters 4 & 5)

14.5.3 Reduction in the total credits of the MPhil Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy programme of School of Human Studies (SHS) from 110 to 100 with a retrospective effect from 2015

Resolved to approve the reduction in the total credits of the MPhil Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy programme from 110 to 100 with retrospective effect from 2015. However, the completion of a minimum number of 150 sessions for personal therapy is being retained as a compulsory but non-credited component. The same will be reflected in the final transcript issued to the students.

14.5.4 Payment of the internship fee to AUD by the MPhil Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy students of SHS and AUD paying this fee to the agencies hosting the students for clinical internship, with prospective effect

The AC in-principle approved the proposal that MPhil Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy students pay 10 credit clinical internship fee to AUD and AUD pays the fee to the host organization, with prospective effect. The AC **resolved** to recommend the proposal for the consideration of the Board of Management.

14.5.5 The proposal of admitting a fresh cohort of up to 20 students in the MPhil Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy programme of SHS once in 2 years

Resolved to approve the recommendation of SCPVCE on the proposal of SHS that instead of admitting a cohort of 10 students every year, a fresh cohort of up to 20 students be admitted in the MPhil Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy programme once in every 2 years.

14.5.6 Altering the placing of special interest internship and experiential immersions across batches in the MPhil Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy programme of SHS

Resolved to approve the altering of placing of special internship (4 credits) and experiential immersions (4 credits) across semesters in different batches (if required) of the MPhil Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy programme of SHS.

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This would be in accordance with practical concerns related to organizing training, field considerations and approval of partner agencies.

14.6 Assessment, Evaluation and Student Progression related calendars and timelines as developed by the AES Division

Resolved to approve the Assessment, Evaluation and Student Progression related calendars and timelines as developed by the AES Division, vide **Appendix-7**.

14.7 Recommendations of the Standing Committee on Academic Programmes (SCAP)

The AC took note of the minutes (**Appendix-8**) of the meeting of the SCAP held on 21.11.2017 and **resolved** the following:

14.7.1 The concept note of the proposed MA programme in Global Studies

The AC discussed the concept note of the proposed MA programme in Global Studies (**Appendix-9**) and **resolved** to approve it with the following suggestions:

- i. The central focus of the programme should be formulated more clearly.
- ii. Dimensions such as mental health and ageing in the global context may be also brought in through electives.
- iii. A seminar course cross-cutting across semesters that is focused on seminal social science concepts (such as power, justice, equity, etc.) may be conceptualised.
- iv. The foundation courses may be spread across semesters instead of being concentrated in a single semester.

The AC **resolved** that the programme team shall review and revise the programme based on the experience of running it and in the light of the above directions, and report to the AC in due course.

14.7.2 The outlines of the courses to be offered as part of the MA programme in Global Studies

Resolved to approve the outlines (**Appendix-10**) of the following three core courses to be offered as a part of the MA programme in Global Studies:

- i) Knowledges in Global Perspectives (4 Credit, Core, Semester 1)
- ii) Global Environment and Society (4 Credit, Core, Semester 1)
- iii) Cultures and Identities (4 Credit, Core, Semester 1)

Also, **resolved** that the programme will use the already approved course titled 'Introduction to Research Methodology and Basic Research Skills' of the MA Environment and Development programme of the School of Human Ecology as the fourth core course in the first semester.

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14.7.3 Four new elective courses to be offered as part of the MA programme in English of the School of Letters (SoL)

Resolved to approve the outlines (**Appendix-11**) of the following new elective courses as part of the MA programme in English of SoL:

- (i) Literatures of Contact
- (ii) Philology for Our Times
- (iii) Perspectives in Translation
- (iv) Twentieth Century Russian Literature: It was directed that Socialist Realism that has rich literature available be included in the course. Literature on Cold War modernism may also be considered for incorporation in the course.

14.7.4 Proposal of a new compulsory course as a part of MA programme in Sociology offered by the School of Liberal studies (SLS)

Resolved to approve the outline of a new compulsory course (**Appendix-12**), titled Relationships and Affinities, to be offered in the MA programme in Sociology of SLS.

14.7.5 Proposal for changes in the structure of the MA programme in Economics offered by the SLS

Resolved to approve the changes in the structure (in the compulsory and elective baskets) of the MA programme in Economics of SLS, vide **Appendix-13**.

14.8 Ratification of the following decisions taken by the Vice Chancellor (VC)

14.8.1 Resolved to ratify the action taken by the VC in approving the following Research Projects in AUD Centres/Schools (AUD Sponsored Research Project from Grant-In-Aid) as mentioned below:

SI	Project Titled	Project In charge	Amount (Rs.)
1	The River and the City - Multiple Narratives of the Jamuna in Delhi	Shri Surajit Sarkar, Principal Investigator (PI); Professor Anup Dhar (Co-PI) (CCK & CDP)	9,73,000/-
2	Poetry in the Indo-Islamic Millennium: From Manuscript to Teaching Tools	Dr Shad Naved, Principal Investigator (PI); Dr Mrityunjay Tripathi (Co-PI-1); Dr Awadhesh Tripathi (Co-PI-2) (SoL)	6,45,000/-
3	Research Delhi – Mapping Industrial Production, Work, Livelihoods and Capabilities in Delhi	Professor Sumangala Damodaran (PI-1); Dr Anirban Sengupta (PI-2) (SDS)	10,00,000/-

14.8.2 Resolved to ratify the action taken by the VC in approving the MoU signed between AUD and Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Hyderabad (**Appendix-14**).

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14.9 The AC noted the following items reported in the meeting:

14.9.1 The AC **noted** the composition of Research Studies Committees (RSC) of the School of Development Studies (SDS) and School of Liberal Studies (SLS) (approved by the SCR in its meeting held on 31.10.2017) as detailed below:

- i) School of Development Studies (SDS)
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| Professor Sumangala Damodaran, Dean, SDS | - | Chairperson |
| Professor Babu P Remesh, SDS | - | Convenor |
| Dr Deepita Chakravarty, SDS | - | Member |
| Dr Nandini Nayak, SDS | - | Member |
| Dr Ivy Dhar, SDS | - | Member |
| Dr Rinju Rasaily, SLS | - | Member |
| Dr Anirban Sengupta, SDS | - | Member |
| Dr Partha Saha, SDS | - | Member |
- ii) School of Liberal Studies (SLS)
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| Professor Dharendra Datt Dangwal, Dean SLS | - | Chairperson |
| Dr Rukmini Sen, SLS | - | Convenor |
| Professor Geetha Venkararaman, SLS | - | Member |
| Professor Krishna Menon, SHS | - | Member |
| Professor Gopalji Pradhan, SOL | - | Member |
| Professor Denys Leighton, SLS | - | Member |
| Dr Balchand Prajapati, SLS | - | Member |
| Dr Arindam Banerjee, SLS | - | Member |

14.9.2 The AC **noted** the report on the admission process completed in the MPhil and PhD programmes of 2017 batch (Monsoon Semester) for various Schools, as approved by the SCR in its meeting held on 31.10.2017:

MPhil Programmes

- i. Eighteen students were admitted in MPhil programme in Development Practice for 2017 batch (Monsoon Semester), SHS
- ii. Four students were admitted in MPhil programme in CLTS for 2017 batch (Monsoon Semester), SoL
- iii. Seven students were admitted in MPhil programme in History for 2017 batch (Monsoon Semester), SLS

PhD Programmes

- i. Eight students were admitted in PhD programme in English for 2017 batch (Monsoon Semester), SoL
- ii. Two students were admitted in PhD programme in History for 2017 batch (Monsoon Semester), SLS

14.9.3 The AC **noted** the formation of Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for the PhD students in Hindi and in CLTS (approved by the SCR in its meeting held on 31.10.2017) as given below:

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PhD Programme in Hindi

- i. Dinesh Kumar Verma: Enrolment No. S175DHI02 (Date of registration 17-08-2017) – Gopalji Pradhan (Supervisor), Satyaketu Sankrit (RAC member), Bajrang Bihari Tiwari (DU) (RAC member)
- ii. Ankita Chauhan: Enrolment No. S175DHI01 (Date of Enrolment 21-08-2017) – Satyaketu Sankrit (Supervisor), Gopalji Pradhan (RAC member), Ajay Nauria (JMI) (RAC member)
- iii. Sukant Suman: Enrolment No. S175DHI04 (Date of registration 16-08-2017) – Satyaketu Sankrit (Supervisor), Gopalji Pradhan (RAC member), Vaibhav (SUS) (RAC member)
- iv. Shipra Shukla Enrolment No. S175DHI03 (Date of registration 17-08-2017) – Gopalji Pradhan (Supervisor), Satyaketu Sankrit (RAC member), Rekha Sethi (DU) (RAC member)

PhD Programme in CLTS

- i. Imchanola Tzudir: Enrolment No. S175LCL01 (Date of registration 10-08-2017) – Shad Naved (Supervisor); Radha Chakravarty (RAC member); Mrityunjay Tripathi (SUS) (RAC member).
- ii. Nilza Angmo: Enrolment No. S175LCL02 (Date of registration 10-08-2017) – Radha Chakravarty (Supervisor); Shad Naved (RAC member); Honey Oberoi Vahali (SHS) (RAC member).
- iii. Pooja Mann: Enrolment No. S175LCL03 (Date of registration 10-08-2017) – Radha Chakravarty (Supervisor); Diamond Oberoi Vahali (RAC member); Smita Tewari Jassal (SLS) (RAC member).
- iv. Prakash Chand Bairwa: Enrolment No. S175LCL04 (Date of registration 09-08-2017) – Shad Naved (Supervisor); Radha Chakravarty (RAC member); Monal Dewle (Centre for English Language Education) (RAC member).

14.10 Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

14.10.1 The AC considered the list of external experts from which the members of the Selection Committees – the committees for selection of faculty members– for the various Schools of the University will be shortlisted. The AC **resolved** to approve the confidential list. The members were requested to send more names of experts, if any, to the University.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.



(Professor Asmita Kabra)
Registrar (Offg.)



(Professor Shyam B Menon)
Vice Chancellor