



UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Date : 25th February, 2026, Wednesday.
Time : 10.00 a.m.

Members Present

1. Dr. Mohanan Kunnummal
Vice-Chancellor (In the Chair)
2. Dr. Suja Kurup P L
3. CMA (Dr.) T Rajesh
4. Dr. Bindu R L
5. Dr. C N Vijayakumar
6. Prof. Razia K I
7. Dr. G Prasad
8. Dr. Manju S Nair
9. Dr. S. Sankararaman
10. Dr. Suhail E
11. Dr. Arun A Rauf
12. Dr. Swapna T S
13. Dr. Shiburaj S
14. Dr. Ani Deepthi
15. Dr. Biju T
16. Dr. Rajesh Kumar B M
17. Dr. Aji S
18. Smt. Preethi K
19. Dr. Christabell P J
20. Dr. Bindu T V
21. Dr. Sabu Joseph
22. Dr. Thara Prabhakaran
23. Dr. Rajesh Reghunath
24. Dr. Anees A
25. Dr. Shaji A
26. Dr. Lal C A
27. Dr. Sudhi S Vijayan
28. Dr. L Darwin
29. Dr. Sivadas K K
30. Dr. Thalmi B
31. Dr. Sibi K S
32. Dr. Sam Solomon
33. Dr. Naushad S
34. Dr. R Lekshmi
35. Dr. Jayakrishnan R
36. Dr. H Sylaja

37. Dr. R.S Krishnakumar
38. Dr. Manoj Chacko
39. Dr. Hepsy Rose Mary
40. Dr. Sreejith P
41. Dr. A Helen
42. Dr. S Nazeeb
43. Dr. Rahim K
44. Prof. Manoj V
45. Prof. (Dr.) Prakash K C
46. Dr. Pramod N
47. Dr. T R Manoj
48. Sri. VaibhavChacko
49. Dr. M Lenin Lal
50. Adv. R B Rajeev Kumar
51. Sri. Ajay D N
52. Sri. Ahamed Fazil Y
53. Sri. P S Gopakumar
54. Adv. Muralidharan Pillai G
55. Prof.(Dr.) P M Radhamany
56. Dr. S Jayan
57. Sri. R Rajesh
58. Dr. A V Sujith
59. Dr. Sheeba P
60. Dr. P G Ajimol
61. Dr. Lidson Raj J
62. Dr. Lalamani P
63. Dr. Muhammed Arif M
64. Dr. Sheeba S
65. Dr. Abhilash Kumar R G
66. Dr. G Jayasenan
67. Sri. Bineesh B
68. Dr. U Abdul Khalam
69. Dr. Pramod Kiran R B
70. Dr. Lalmohan P
71. Dr. Mumthas S
72. Dr. Deepu G P
73. Smt. Tessie Nazarerh
74. Fr. Biji P
75. Dr. Jyothisree Balakrishnan
76. Dr. Ram Kumar R
77. Dr. Sithara V
78. Dr. Nazneen A
79. Dr. Pushpam M
80. Sri. Muhammed Irshad I
81. Dr. Vinod B S
82. Dr. Mahesh S
83. Dr. Rajesh K
84. Dr. Rajeev Kumar A D
85. Dr. Gladston Raj S
86. Dr. Aparna P
87. Dr. J S Jahangir
88. Dr. Ayona Jayadev
89. Sri. Binoy V M
90. Dr. Shaji E

91. Sri. Pratheep Kumar B
92. Sri. Sreekumar K N
93. Dr. S Selsa
94. Dr. Sajini P
95. Dr. Shajeer S
96. Dr. Viji S
97. Dr. Prakasan P M
98. Dr. Nithyan P Viswam
99. Dr. Angelo Mathew Panathapuram
100. Dr. Madhavan N
101. Dr. Anil Kumar K M
102. Smt. Sandhya S Nair
103. Dr. Bhagyasree J B
104. Smt. Smitha G S
105. Dr. Sreejith V
106. Dr. S P Srinivasan
107. Dr. Regi S R

Online Presence

1. Dr. A Bijukumar
2. Dr. Suja S
3. Dr. Herman P J
4. Dr. Sindhu Thulaseedharan
5. Dr. Biju B
6. Dr. Vinodkumar T G Nair

The meeting was called to order at 10.00 a.m by Dr. Mohanan Kunnummal, Vice-Chancellor in the Chair. He welcomed the members to the meeting.

(I) Business brought forward by the Vice-Chancellor and the Syndicate.

01. Academic Qualifications for Direct Recruitment to the posts of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.A IV)

Ad.H Section had requested to initiate necessary action to fix the qualifications for appointment to the posts of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, and to incorporate the same in the University Regulations. Remarks from the Chairman, Board of Studies in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology regarding the minimum qualifications for the post of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor in the Nanoscience and Nanotechnology Department has been obtained. The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences & Technology endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology . The Academic Council held on 10.05.2024 considered the matter and resolved to defer the item to the next Academic Council. The Academic Council held on 11.11.2024 considered the matter and resolved to constitute a sub committee comprising of the Chairmen Board of Studies in Physics(PG), Chemistry(PG), Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, Optoelectronics and Electronics to hold wider discussion and to fix the academic qualifications for Direct recruitment to the post of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology and submit the same to the Academic Council. As per U.O No. 1838/2025/UOK dtd 24.02.2025, a subcommittee has been constituted and the Vice Chancellor nominated Chairman, Board of Studies in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology as the Convenor of the subcommittee. The Subcommittee discussed the matter and fixed the qualification as follows:

I. Assistant Professor:**Eligibility (A or B):****A**

i) A Master's degree with 55% marks (or an equivalent grade in a point-scale wherever the grading system is followed) in Physics/Material Science/Nanoscience from an Indian University, or an equivalent degree from a recognized University.

ii) Besides fulfilling the above qualifications, the candidate must have cleared the National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by the UGC or the CSIR, or a similar test accredited by the UGC, like SLET/SET in Physics/Material Science/Nanoscience or who are or have been awarded a Ph. D. Degree in Physics/Material Science/Nanoscience, in accordance with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2009 or 2016 and their amendments from time to time as the case may be exempted from NET/SLET/SET:

Provided, the candidates registered for the Ph.D. programme prior to July 11, 2009, shall be governed by the provisions of the then existing Ordinances/Bye laws/Regulations of the Institution awarding the degree and such Ph.D. candidates shall be exempted from the requirement of NET/SLET/SET for recruitment and appointment of Assistant Professor or equivalent positions in Universities/Colleges/Institutions subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:

- a) The Ph.D. degree of the candidate has been awarded in a regular mode;
- b) The Ph.D. thesis has been evaluated by at least two external examiners;
- c) An open Ph.D. viva voce of the candidate has been conducted;
- d) The Candidate has published two research papers from his/her Ph.D. work, out of which at least one is in a referred journal; IQAC
- e) The candidate has presented at least two papers based on his/her Ph.D work in conferences/seminars sponsored/funded/supported by the UGC / ICSSR/ CSIR or any similar agency.

Note: NET/SLET/SET shall also not be required for such Masters Programmes in disciplines for which NET/SLET/SET is not conducted by the UGC, CSIR or similar test accredited by the UGC, like SLET/SET.

OR

B

The Ph.D degree has been obtained from a foreign university/institution with a ranking among top 500 in the World University Ranking (at any time) by any one of the following: (i) Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) (ii) the Times Higher Education (THE) or (iii) the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) of the Shanghai Jiao Tong University (Shanghai).

Together with the eligibility stipulated in A and/or B above, following additional requirements shall be treated as mandatory:

1. Expertise in the synthesis and characterization of nanomaterials.
2. Expertise in at least (but not limited to) one of the following applications of nanomaterials:
 - a. Nanomaterials for energy conversion and storage
 - b. Nanomaterials for clean water, environment and sustainable development
 - c. Nanomaterials for biological applications, sensors, medicine etc.
 - d. Nanomaterials for mechanical and other engineering applications
 - e. Nanomaterials for catalysis and other chemical applications
 - f. Nanomaterials for electronic, magnetic, optical and other physical applications
 - g. Any other relevant areas of interest of applications of nanomaterials, which the expert selection committee may deem fit
3. Proven track record of publications in areas related to synthesis, characterization and applications of nanomaterials or theoretical or computational nanoscience, in peer reviewed SCOPUS -indexed or WEB OF SCIENCE or referred journals, with at least one publication in the area of nanoscience and

nanotechnology.

Note: The Academic score as specified in Appendix II (Table 3A) for Universities, and Appendix II (Table 3B) for Colleges, as published in the UGC Regulations, July 2018 and the subsequent amendments published in the Gazette of India, shall be considered for short-listing of the candidates for interview only, and the selections shall be based only on the performance in the interview.

II. Associate Professor:

Eligibility:

- i) A good academic record, with a Ph.D. Degree in Physics/Material Science/Nanoscience.
- ii) A Master's Degree in Physics/Material Science/Nanoscience , with at least 55% marks (or an equivalent grade in a point-scale, wherever the grading system is followed).
- iii) A minimum of eight years of experience of teaching and/or research in an academic/research position equivalent to that of Assistant Professor in a University, College or Accredited Research Institution/industry with a minimum of seven publications in the in peer reviewed SCOPUS -indexed or WEB OF SCIENCE or refereed journals. and a total research score of Seventy- five (75) as per the criteria given in Appendix II, Table 2 of the UGC Regulations, July 2018 and the subsequent amendments published in the Gazette of India.

The following additional requirements shall be treated as mandatory:

1. Expertise in the synthesis and characterization of nanomaterials
2. Expertise in at least (but not limited to) one of the following applications of nanomaterials:
 - a. Nanomaterials for energy conversion and storage
 - b. Nanomaterials for clean water, environment and sustainable development
 - c. Nanomaterials for biological applications, sensors, medicine etc.
 - d. Nanomaterials for mechanical and other engineering applications IQAC
 - e. Nanomaterials for catalysis and other chemical applications
 - f. Nanomaterials for electronic, magnetic, optical and other physical applications
 - g. Any other relevant areas of interest of applications of nanomaterials, which the expert selection committee may deem fit
3. Proven track record of publications in areas related to synthesis, characterization and applications of nanomaterials or theoretical or computational nanoscience, in peer reviewed SCOPUS -indexed or WEB OF SCIENCE or refereed journals. Out of the minimum of seven publications required under eligibility (iii) above, at least four publications must be in the area of nanoscience and nanotechnology.

III. Professor:

Eligibility (A or B):

A.

- i) An eminent scholar having a Ph.D. degree in in Physics/Material Science/Nanoscience, and published work of high quality, actively engaged in research with evidence of published work with, a minimum of 10 research publications in the peer-reviewed or refereed journals, out of which at least six must be in the area of nanoscience and nanotechnology and a total research score of 120 as per the criteria given in Appendix II, Table 2 of the UGC regulations, July 2018 and the amendments published in the Gazette of India.
- ii) A minimum of ten years of teaching experience in university/college as Assistant Professor/Associate Professor/Professor, and/or research experience at equivalent level at the University/National Level Institutions, out of which at least six years must be in the area of nanoscience and nanotechnology, with evidence of having successfully guided doctoral candidate.

OR

B.

An outstanding professional, having a Ph.D. degree in Physics/Material Science/Nanoscience, from any academic institutions (not included in A above)/industry, who has made significant contribution

to the knowledge in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, supported by documentary evidence provided he/she has ten years' experience.

Together with the eligibility stipulated in A and/or B above, following additional requirements shall be treated as mandatory:

1. Expertise in the synthesis and characterization of nanomaterials
2. Expertise in at least (but not limited to) one of the following applications of nanomaterials:
 - a. Nanomaterials for energy conversion and storage
 - b. Nanomaterials for clean water, environment and sustainable development
 - c. Nanomaterials for biological applications, sensors, medicine etc.
 - d. Nanomaterials for mechanical and other engineering applications
 - e. Nanomaterials for catalysis and other chemical applications
 - f. Nanomaterials for electronic, magnetic, optical and other physical applications
 - g. Any other relevant areas of interest of applications of nanomaterials, which the expert selection committee may deem fit.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding Academic Qualifications for direct recruitment to the posts of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology is placed in the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to IQAC to submit a detailed proposal regarding the Academic Qualifications for direct recruitment to the posts of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology.

02. Additional BA Degree in Hindi- Sahityacharya and BA Degree at a time-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AII)

Sri Shajikumar S.O. passed BA Degree in English Language and Literature from University of Kerala (Period of study 1990-1993, Passed Part I and part II in 1992 and Part III in 1994) and was awarded the Sahityacharya title by the Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha in August 1992. Later he applied for additional BA Degree in Hindi, based on his completion of Part I of English and Part II Additional Language in his BA Degree and the Sahityacharya title.

As per the details furnished from Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha, the candidate has passed Part I and Part II of Sahityacharya course(August 1992) and was awarded the title with a third-class .

The Tabulation Section has requested clarification regarding awarding of the additional BA Degree in Hindi to Shajikumar S.O., as he has pursued both his BA Degree in English and the Sahityacharya course simultaneously and pursued Sahityacharya before completing BA Degree in English. This raises concerns regarding candidates potentially receiving two degrees at the same time.

In addition, several queries have been received from other candidates regarding the possibility of being awarded an Additional Degree in Hindi based on their Sahityacharya title, particularly in cases where they have studied both courses concurrently.

Sahityacharya of Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha has been considered as equal to Part III of BA Degree in Hindi under the Annual Scheme and candidates holding Sahityacharya title are awarded BA Degree in Hindi after passing Part I and Part II of BA/B.Sc Degree Exams as per UO No Ac.AII/1/46755/VII(3)/2011 dated 19.07.2011.

The existing regulation for awarding Additional Degree as per regulations of Annual Scheme degree courses is “ a person who has qualified for the BA degree of this university under this regulation shall be permitted to appear for a different optional group of Part III of the examination at one sitting, provided he has undergone the prescribed course of study for the selected new group of the optional subjects by attending a college maintained by or affiliated to this University or by private registration for a period of not less than two academic years after qualifying the degree.

The Academic Council at its meeting held on 16.09.2022 resolved to award additional B.A Degree in Hindi to a B.A/B.Sc graduate with Sahityacharya Title and UO No.Ac.A.II/2/2021 dtd 27.10.2022 has been issued accordingly.

As per the orders of the Registrar, the matter was reviewed by the Chairperson of the Board of Studies in Hindi (Pass). The Chairperson recommended the following:

“The candidate Shajikumar S.O. who had passed BA Degree in English Language&Literature in 1994. He obtained Sahityacharya from Keral Hindi Prachar Sabha in 1992. On the basis of UO No. Ac.AII.2.2021 dtd 27.10.2022, University can award additional BA Degree in Hindi to a BA/Bsc graduate with Sahityacharya Title. Sahityacharya course is not a full time course and also in the said UO the period of study of the courses are not specified. Hence the candidate who had passed BA Degree in 1994 and Sahityacharya in 1992 may be granted additional BA Degree in Hindi. “ The Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies has endorsed the remarks of the Chairperson.

In accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the matter of awarding an additional BA Degree in Hindi based on the Sahityacharya title to Shajikumar S.O., who studied both courses simultaneously, is hereby presented for the consideration of the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to award additional BA Degree in Hindi to Sri.Shajikumar S.O. based on the Sahityacharya title.

03. Recognition of B.A Degree (Regular- with subjects of study Optional English, Journalism and Psychology) awarded by Jain (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru- Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Ms./Mr. Gayathri B K dt: 21.03.2025

Ms/Mr. Gayathri B K submitted an application for recognition of B.A Degree (Regular- with subjects of study Optional English, Journalism and Psychology) awarded by Jain (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru for the purpose of for higher education and employment in the field of Psychology. She/He has submitted the scheme and syllabus of the course duly attested by the Registrar of the University.

The applicant has undergone 10 + 2 pattern of study recognised by the University of Kerala.

The Chairperson BoS in Psychology (Pass) has noted that the above said Degree is recommended for recognition/eligibility for the purpose of higher education in the field of Psychology. He has remarked that the admission eligibility, duration and pass requirements of the B.A Degree (Regular- with subjects of study - Optional English, Journalism and Psychology) awarded by JAIN (Deemed to be University) are found to be similar to those of the undergraduate degree B.Sc. Psychology awarded by the University of Kerala. It is further noted that courses in Physiology, Statistics and Projects are absent in the scheme and syllabus of Jain University. Hence, the Chairperson has remarked that the above said Degree is recommended for recognition / eligibility for the purpose of higher education in the field of Psychology.

The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the recommendation of the Chairperson towards higher education only.

As per orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the whole matter regarding recognition of B.A Degree (Regular- with subjects of study Optional English, Journalism and Psychology) awarded by Jain (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru as an eligible qualification for higher studies in the field of Psychology, is placed before the meeting of the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to the Combined meeting of the Board of Studies in Psychology (Pass), Journalism (Pass) and English (Pass) for remarks.

04. Recognition of B.A. Degree in Psychology Communicative English HRM and Employee Relations (Regular) awarded by JAIN Deemed to be University, Bengaluru- Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Ms./Mr Keerthana Sajju dated: 22.11.2024

Ms/Mr. Keerthana Sajju submitted an application for recognition of B.A. Degree in Psychology Communicative English HRM and Employee Relations (Regular) awarded by JAIN Deemed to be University for the purpose of for higher education wherever a degree under any discipline is the prescribed qualification or specifically for doing P.G Diploma in Counselling

Psychology. She has submitted the duly attested scheme and syllabus of the course

The applicant has undergone 10 + 2 pattern of study recognised by the University of Kerala. She has undergone the said course at the Kochi campus of the Jain Deemed to be University. The applicant has produced a Course completion certificate dated: 05.02.2025 stating that she was a regular student of JAIN (Deemed to be University, Kochi). Another certificate Ref:HA/22/2025 dt: 21.02.2025 is produced by the candidate to show the UGC approval of the JAIN (Deemed to be University, Kochi). However, the said letter is silent on approval by the Government of Kerala.

The Chairperson BoS in Psychology (Pass) has recommended for recognition/eligibility for the purpose of higher education wherever a degree under any discipline is the prescribed qualification OR specifically for doing P.G Diploma in Counselling Psychology. It is remarked by the Chairperson that the admission eligibility, duration and pass requirements of the B.A Degree in Psychology, Communicative English, HRM and Employee Relations (Regular) awarded by JAIN (Deemed to be University) are found to be similar to those of the undergraduate degrees awarded by the University of Kerala, including B.Sc. Psychology. It is further noted that the scheme and syllabus bear 60% -70% similarity with those of the University of Kerala but practicals are comparatively less and courses in Physiology, Statistics and Research Projects are absent. Hence, the Chairperson has remarked that the above said Degree is recommended for recognition / eligibility for the purpose of higher education wherever a degree under any discipline is the prescribed qualification OR specifically for doing P.G Diploma in Counselling Psychology.

The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the recommendation of the Chairperson towards higher education only.

As per orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the whole matter regarding recognition of the B.A. Degree in Psychology, Communicative English, HRM and Employee Relations (Regular) awarded by JAIN Deemed to be University, Bengaluru as an eligible qualification for higher education wherever a degree under any discipline is the prescribed qualification, is placed before the meeting of the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to the Combined meeting of the Board of Studies in Psychology (Pass) and English (Pass) for remarks.

05. Recognition of LL.M. Degree with Specialization in Constitutional Law (One Year)(Regular) awarded by CMR University (Private University), Bangalore- Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application received from Smt.Teena R Chandran dated 05.02.2025

Smt.Teena R Chandran had submitted the scheme and syllabus of LL.M. Degree with

Specialization in Constitutional Law (Regular) awarded by CMR University (Private University), Bangalore for course recognition for the purpose higher studies and employment. She had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognised by the University of Kerala. She obtained Five Year B.A LL.B from Karnataka state Law University which is also recognised by the University of Kerala.It may be noted that she had also submitted a certificate of Bar Council of India.

The Chairman, BoS in Law (PG) who is also the Dean, Faculty of Law has remarked that the one year LL.M programme at CMR, Bangalore is held as per the UGC guidelines,2013.The programme is valid since UGC is the authority entrusted with mentioning the standards of higher education. BCI hasn't yet mandatorily notified that there is no more the programme of one Year LL.M Degree, as it is no more valid. BCI rules, 2020 as to that is not seen implemented in the strict sense uniformly throughout India, so as to be made applicable to all University/ Law school under which One Year programme is still continuing. As per the above mentioned reasons, the LL.M degree with specialization in Constitutional Law awarded by CMR university (Private) , Bangalore can be recognised for the purpose of higher studies and employment in Law.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor the whole matter regarding the recognition of LL.M. Degree with Specialization in Constitutional Law (One Year) (Regular) awarded by CMR University

(Private University), Bangalore for the purpose of higher studies and employment in Law is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to the Board of Studies in Law (PG) for remarks.

06. Recognition of the Ph.D Degree in Management (through Distance Mode) awarded by Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik-Consideration of- reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: 1. Application submitted by Shri. Manoj P K, Dtd: 15/10/2022

2. Request submitted by Sri.Manoj.P.K dated 03.01.2025 to forward the file with Ph.D thesis to the Office of the Chancellor.

Sri. Manoj. P K had submitted a request to forward the full file (with Ph.D thesis) of recognition of his Ph.D Degree in Management (through Distance Mode) awarded Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik to the office of the Chancellor for suitable decision/hearing.

Background

Application submitted by Shri. Manoj P K, Dtd: 15/10/2022

Sri. Manoj. P K (Faculty Member, Dept. of Applied Economics, CUSAT, Kochi - 682022) was awarded Ph.D degree in Management (through Distance Mode) (awarded in 2008) by Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik and submitted the thesis titled as "A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL POSITION OF THREE MAJOR HOUSING FINANCE COMPANIES IN INDIA (HDFC, LICHL AND CFHL)" for course recognition for the purpose of higher studies (D.Litt.) and employment in the field of Management.

The applicant completed 10+2 pattern of study and pursued B.Tech degree in Mechanical branch from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam which are recognized by University of Kerala. He obtained M.B.A degree from Cochin University of Science and Technology which is recognized by University of Kerala. He also pursued the M.Com. Degree from Annamalai University in 1999. He had completed M.Phil Degree in Commerce from Madurai Kamaraj University. He obtained M.Com from Annamalai University. He obtained SLET in Management of Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli in 1999 and UGC NET in Management and Commerce in 2000 and 2005 respectively. He has been awarded with SET of University of Pune in 2002.

The matter regarding the recognition of Ph.D Degree in Management (through Distance Mode) awarded by Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik was placed before the Academic Council Meeting held on 07.01.2023 after obtaining remarks from the Chairman, BoS in Business Management and the Dean, Faculty of Management Studies. The Chairman, BoS in Business Management has remarked that the above Ph.D. Degree in Management obtained prior to 2009 regulations and the content is adequate enough for approval as equivalent to Ph.D. in Management of the University of Kerala. He has adequate publications in the UGC CARE also. The Dean, Faculty of Management Studies has endorsed the above remarks of the Chairman.

The Academic Council at its meeting held on 07.01.23 (vide item no: 109) considered the matter of recognition of the Ph.D Degree in Management (through Distance Mode) awarded to Sri. Manoj P K by Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik. The Academic Council resolved to refer the above matter to the full Board of Studies in Business Management (P.G.) in the presence of the Dean, Faculty of Management Studies, after obtaining the opinion of the Standing Counsel of the University.

The Legal Section remarked that there has been no case filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala by the applicant (Sri. Manoj P K) either as a Petitioner or as a Respondent and also it is not clear that for which aspect the learned opinion of the Standing Counsel shall be sought regarding this

matter. Hence the Legal Section returned the file for clarity in the light of Section 25 (xii) of the Kerala University Act, 1974 stating the powers and duties of the Academic Council ie "to decide what examinations of other Universities may be accepted as equivalent to those of the University and to negotiate with other Universities for the recognition of the examinations of the University"

As per the first part of the resolution of the Academic Council the file was placed before the meeting of the Board of studies in Business Management held on 10th May 2023 at 3pm in the presence of Dean Faculty of Management Studies.

As per the Minutes of the Meeting of the BoS in Business Management in the presence of the Dean, Faculty of Management Studies, held on 10.05.2023. the Board recommended for considering the application for equivalency of Dr Manoj's Ph.D. from Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik, with the Ph D in Management of University of Kerala considering that it was obtained before 2009 regulations, and with regard to the content of thesis and relevant publications.

The above recommendation of the BoS in Business Management was placed before the Academic Council held on 25.05.2023 [vide item no: (I) 58]. The Academic Council resolved to examine the rules and regulations regarding the recognition of the Ph.D Degrees taken through Distance Mode, prior to 2009 UGC Regulations and report the matter to the next Academic Council.

As per the REGULATIONS RELATING TO RECOGNITION OF EXAMINATIONS AND DEGREES OF OTHER UNIVERSITIES, there was nothing mentioned about the recognition of the Ph.D Degrees taken through Distance Mode, prior to 2009 UGC Regulations. As per CHAPTER – IV of the above Regulation (NORMS FOR GRANTING RECOGNITION/EQUIVALENCE TO EXAMINATIONS, DEGREES ETC. OF UNIVERSITIES OR BODIES OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES), Ph.D. degrees of statutory Universities which are members of the Association of Indian Universities have been recognized as equivalent to the Ph.D. degrees of the Kerala University. Hence a clarification was sought from the Ph.D Registration Section, wherein the following points were given -

As per the records available in the section no registration for doing Ph.D Research in distance mode has been granted to the candidates prior to the implementation of Regulations 2009.

As per clause 2 (xi) of the "Regulations relating to Registration for and the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy" (came into force from 1st July, 1988), 'Research Scholar' means any 'Full-Time' or 'Part-Time' student duly registered for the Ph.D Degree of the University under these Regulations.

Again, the matter was placed before the Academic Council meeting held on 21.11.2023 vide Item No (1)84.

The Academic Council held on 21.11.2023 vide Item No.(1) 84 considered the matter of recognition of his Ph.D degree in Management (Distance) awarded by Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University and after detailed study, resolved not to recognize the Degree and accordingly, a memo Ac.C/073351/2022 dated 08.01.2024 was issued to the candidate. (Minutes attached).

In these circumstances, the candidate requested to forward the full file (with Ph.D thesis) of recognition of his Ph.D Degree in Management (through Distance Mode) awarded Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik to the office of the Chancellor for suitable decision/hearing. As per this request, the file was placed before the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and he has ordered to place it before the Academic Council.

Accordingly, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the whole matter regarding the recognition of Ph.D Degree in Management (through Distance Mode) awarded by Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED NOT to grant recognition to the Ph.D Degree in Management (through Distance Mode) awarded to Sri. Manoj P K by Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik.

**07. Additional Meeting of Board of Studies in Geography held on 11.03.2025
Updating the List of Standard Journals –Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AII)**

The Additional Meeting of the Board of Studies in Geography was held on 11.03.2025 (The Annual Meeting of BoS in Geography was not held due to lack of quorum).

As per the minutes of the Additional meeting of BoS in Geography held on 11.03.2025, which was recommended by the Chairperson, BoS in Geography and endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Science, the BoS has decided the following, with regard to updating the list of Standard Journals.:

- To approve all Journals included in the Scopus Index and Web of Science.
- To update the list of Standard Journals (updated list is enclosed)

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the recommendation of the Additional Meeting of the Board of Studies in Geography held on 11.03.2025 regarding updating the list of Standard Journals along with the updated list of Journals, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration .

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to approve the recommendations of the Additional Meeting of the Board of Studies in Geography held on 11.03.2025.

**08. Recognition as Research Centre- Dept of Zoology, Christian College, Chengannur –
Consideration of- reg. (Ac.EI)**

Application has been forwarded by the Principal, Christian College, Chengannur for recognising the Department of Zoology of that institution as an approved research centre of University of Kerala in Zoology. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 05.11.2024, resolved to reconstitute an inspection committee with the following members to visit the centre. Accordingly the members visited the Dept of Zoology, Christian College, Chengannur on 17.12.2024

Dr. M. Lenin Lal, Member Syndicate

Dr. Rahim K., Member Syndicate

Dr. Manoj T. R., Member Syndicate

Dr. F. G. Benno Pereira, Assistant Professor, Dept of Zoology, University of Kerala (Subject Expert)

The said inspection team recommended for granting recognition to Dept of Zoology, Christian College, Chengannur as Research Centre as approved Research Centre of this University.

Following are the major findings of the Inspection team:

- a. The proposed Centre have its own building for library and reference section.
- b. The library has 12 Journals and more than 3000 books
- c. The Centre has a spacious hall for the research scholars.
- d. There are two approved research supervisors
- e. A research committee has been constituted.
- f. Undertaking has been submitted
- g. Lab facilities as per Annexure submitted has been verified.

In the above circumstances, the inspection team recommended to approve the Dept of Zoology, Christian College, Chengannur as a recognized Research Centre of University of Kerala.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 17.03.2025 vide Item No:18.79.A12 considered the inspection report along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research and resolved to place the recommendations before the Academic Council for approval as research centre.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter of granting recognition to the Dept of Zoology, Christian College, Chengannur, as approved research centre of the University of Kerala is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate decision.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the Department of Zoology, Christian College, Chengannur, as an approved Research Centre of the University of Kerala.

09. Application for equivalency of M.Sc Environmental Sciences to M.Sc Biological Sciences –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.A IV)

A candidate who completed M.Sc Environmental Sciences from Kerala University has submitted an application to issue Equivalency / Special Certificate stating that M.Sc Environmental Sciences is equivalent to M.Sc Biological Sciences to produce before Kerala PSC for the post of Lecturer in Life Sciences in Kerala General Education (DIET) (category no. 368/2022). In the notification, the qualification prescribed is,

1. Masters Degree with not less than 50% marks in Biological Sciences from any statutory University established in India.
2. M.Ed Degree not less than 50% marks with science education as optional from any statutory University established in India.
3. Teacher Eligibility Test or National or State Eligibility Test or M.Phil or Ph.D in the subject concerned or in Education.

It may be noted that M.Sc Biological Sciences programme is not offered in Kerala University and there is no precedence in the issuance of such an Equivalency Certificate. In this regard, the remarks from the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Environmental Sciences and the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology have been obtained. The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Environmental Sciences has recommended to consider M.Sc Environmental Sciences as an eligible qualification to pursue higher degrees in Biological Sciences/ Life Sciences and apply for any post where Biological Sciences/ Life Sciences is considered as an essential qualification, if the candidate fulfils other eligibility criteria. The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology has endorsed the same.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to the combined meeting of the Board of Studies in Botany and Zoology.

10. Modification in the Eligibility Criteria for admission to the M.Sc Degree Programme in Biochemistry-Consideration of-reg. (Ac. AII)

The Meeting of the Academic Council held on 17.02.2025, vide Item No.II.V resolved to modify the eligibility criteria for admission to M.Sc Degree Programme in Biochemistry as follows:

"B Sc with Biochemistry or Chemistry/ Biotechnology / Microbiology / Zoology/Botany or BSc Biochemistry and Industrial Microbiology (Double main) / Life Science / Biology or graduation in any multimajor course with Biochemistry as Core securing not less than 5.5 CCPA (S) out of 10. Twenty Five percentage (25%) seats will be reserved for candidates with B Sc Biochemistry as Core course," as recommended by the Board of Studies in Biochemistry and endorsed by the Faculty of Science. **University Order No.Ac.AII/1/66877/2025, dtd.28.03.2025** has been issued in this regard.

Later, the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Biochemistry, recommended (dated 25.04.2025) to include **B.Sc with Botany and Biotechnology (double main)** in the present eligibility criteria (as per U.O dated 28.03.2025) for admission to the M.Sc.Degree Programme in Biochemistry which was endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Science, dated 02.05.2025. Accordingly the finalised eligibility criteria for admission to the M.Sc Degree Programme in Biochemistry is as follows:

"B Sc with Biochemistry or Chemistry/Biotechnology/Botany/Microbiology/Zoology/Life Science /Biology or B Sc with Biochemistry and Industrial Microbiology/Botany and Biotechnology (Double main) or Graduation in any multi major course with Biochemistry as core securing not less than 5.5 CCPA(S) out of 10. Twenty Five percentage (25%) seats will be reserved for candidates with B Sc Biochemistry as Core course".

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the recommendation of the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Biochemistry for modifying the eligibility criteria of admission to M.Sc Degree Programme in Biochemistry, as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Science, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration .

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to approve the above modification in the eligibility criteria of admission to M.Sc Degree Programme in Biochemistry, recommended by the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Biochemistry and as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Science.

11. Recognition of B.Sc (Honours) in Forensic Science (Regular) awarded by JAIN (Deemed to be University), Bangalore-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Shri. Sanju S Pillai

Shri. Sanju S Pillai submitted an application for recognition of B.Sc (Honours) Degree in Forensic Science (Regular) awarded by JAIN (Deemed to be University), Bangalore **for the purpose of "higher studies and employment wherever a Degree under any discipline is the prescribed qualification"**. The applicant has passed 10+2 pattern of study and are recognised by this University. **The applicant has completed the programme through off campus Centre at Kochi.**

The applicant was issued with a memo dtd 24.08.2024 for submitting the properly attested scheme and syllabus and the approval for the Kochi Campus. Accordingly, he submitted the copy of scheme and syllabus attested with the facsimile of the Registrar, Jain University bearing office seal in all pages. He has also attached a covering letter from the Joint Registrar, which certifies that the applicant has completed the programme of B.Sc Forensic Science (Honours) (Three year Duration) on regular mode from 2019-2022 **through off campus centre at Kochi.** The duration of the programme is 3 years. Subsequently, he was issued with another memo dtd. 04.11.2024 for submitting the syllabus with proper attestation by the Registrar of Jain University and also for submitting the details regarding the approval given to Jain University to offer regular programme through it's off campus at Kochi centre.

In response to the memo, the applicant has submitted a copy of the document issued by the Govt. of India showing the details of the approval given to Kochi Campus. A copy of the same is enclosed for perusal. Further, the Deputy Dean -Academic Affairs, Kochi campus forwarded a letter through his email dtd 12.02.2025, which certifies that the syllabus provided to Mr. Sanju S Pillai bear only the facsimile of the Registrar signature, as part of the standard procedure followed by their office and confirmed that the syllabus given to the candidate was followed by Jain University during his period of study.

Subsequently, the remarks from the **Chairperson BoS in Chemistry (Pass) and the Dean Faculty of Science were obtained.**

The Chairman BoS in Chemistry (pass) after reviewing the scheme and syllabus of the B.Sc Hons Degree in Forensic Science of JAIN (Deemed to be University), Bangalore through it's Kochi off- Campus centre submitted by the applicant and remarked that the curriculum and course content are not equivalent to the B.Sc Degree in Chemistry of the University of Kerala. However considering the nature of the programme, recommended to recognise the said degree as a valid degree for the purpose of higher studies and employment. The Chairperson specifically noted in the proforma that the Degree may be recognised for higher studies and employment wherever a degree under any discipline is the prescribed qualification.

The Dean Faculty of Science has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Chemistry (Pass).

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the whole matter regarding the recognition of B.Sc (Honours) in Forensic Science (Regular) awarded by JAIN (Deemed to be University), Bangalore is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED NOT to recognize the B.Sc (Honours) in Forensic Science (Regular) awarded by JAIN (Deemed to be University), Bangalore as University of Kerala is not offering B.Sc (Honours) Degree in Forensic Science.

12. Recognition as approved Research Centre in Geology and Physics, Physical Research Laboratory, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.E1)

A letter has been received from the Director, Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Navrangpura, Ahmedabad to recognize the Laboratory as an approved research centre of University of Kerala.

The Physical Research Laboratory(PRL), Navrangpura, Ahmedabad is a premier scientific institution under the Department of Space, Govt.of India. The research activities of PRL, was founded in 1947 by Dr. Vikram. A. Sarabhai. The current research activities of PRL are truly of multi-disciplinary nature. These include several branches of Physics like Astronomy and Astrophysics, Space and Atmospheric Science, Solar Physics, Atomic, Molecular& Optical Physics etc. PRL's research has been recognized by peers at both national and international levels.

The PRL has a very strong human resource development component with doctoral (Ph.D), post-doctoral & visiting scientific programmes, summer internship programme for B.Sc/M.Sc students and college teachers, project training for graduate and post graduate students in Science, Engineering and Computer Applications. PRL has recently extended its support to DST-funded INSPIRE Ph.D and Faculty Fellowship programmes. In the light of the above, it is requested to recognize Physical Research Laboratory, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad as an approved research centre of the University of Kerala.

It may be noted that, as per the Clause (1) of the Norms for granting recognition as research centre, the centre should have its own building space to accommodate library, reference section, laboratory etc., and the centre should be located within the territorial jurisdiction of the University.

It may also be noted that as per Clause (5) of the same Norms, there should be atleast two approved research supervisors working as regular faculty in the centre. But as per Clause 5.2 of the Regulation for Award of Ph.D. degrees, University of Kerala, 2016, **Scientists in the regular service in research laboratories of Central / State Government, located in the geographical jurisdiction of University may be approved as research supervisors/co-supervisors.**

The Syndicate held on 08.12.2022, vide item no. 49.66.A28 considered the matter regarding recognition of Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad as an approved Research Centre and resolved to constitute a subcommittee comprising of Dr. K. G. Gopchandran, Member Syndicate (as Convenor), Director Research, Vice-Chairman CSS, the Head, Department of Physics, University of Kerala, Kariavattom to study the matter and submit a report in this regard.

Subsequently, the sub-committee submitted the report with the following recommendation.

1. *By considering its international reputation as evidenced by its research outcomes, Physical Research Laboratory, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad may be granted recognition as approved research centre of the University, as a special case, in the subjects Geology and Physics, by exempting the formalities prescribed by University of Kerala in the norms for granting recognition as research centre.*

2. *In the National Interest, Scientists working in the Physical Research Laboratory may be granted recognition as approved research supervisors, as special case, by exempting the restriction of geographical jurisdiction of the University as prescribed in Clause 5.2 of the Regulations for Award of Ph.D. Degree, University of Kerala, 2016, subject to fulfilment of all other qualifications and requirements.*

3. *The candidates to whom Ph.D. registrations are to be granted with Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) as their research centre, with a Supervisor from the PRL, shall have a co-supervisor, who is a regular faculty, from the University teaching department, in the subject concerned.*

4. *The research scholars in Geology or Physics from the University teaching Departments may also be granted Co-supervisor from the PRL, if applied.*

5. *An MoU may be signed between the Physical Research Laboratory and the University of Kerala in this regard and the recognition as research centre shall be granted subject to signing of the MoU.*

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 26.04.2023, vide Item No. 56.45.A19, resolved to agree with the report of the sub-committee and also resolved to initiate necessary steps based on the report of the sub-committee.

Dr. Sajin Kumar K. S., Assistant Professor, Department of Geology, University of Kerala, has forwarded a draft MoU, which was submitted by the Dean, Department of Space, Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad and requested to establish a MoU for recognising Physical Research Laboratory(PRL), as an approved Research Centre of University of Kerala.

The details of the MoU is detailed below:

The Physical Research Laboratory(PRL), a Unit of the Departmental of Space, established in 1947 is the cradle of space sciences in India. As a unit of the Department of Space, Government of India, PRL carries out fundamental research in select area of Astronomy, Astrophysics, Solar Physics, Space Physics, Atmospheric Science, Geosciences, Planetary Sciences, Space Exploration, Theoretical Physics, Atomic Physics, Molecular Physics, Optical Physics and Astrochemistry. **Objectives:** To establish a program for research and academic cooperation in areas of mutual interest and in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

This MoU aims to foster collaboration and facilitate the advancement of knowledge based on reciprocity, best effort, mutual benefit and interactions between both parties.

Both parties agree:

1. to exchange information on research and academic programmes.
2. to jointly propose and engage in research and/or training programmes sponsored by funding agencies and to invite each others faculty to participate therein,
3. to jointly organize seminars, conferences, lectures and workshops on topics of mutual interest and to invite each others faculty to participate therein,
4. to encourage exchange of students for limited periods for education, research, training,etc on a reciprocal basis.

Education and Human Resource Development

- a. Both parties agree to encourage collaboration between academic faculty, scientists, and students from the two institutions.
- b. Faculty of KU and PRL agreed to give lectures and take courses in online mode for the benefit of Students education at each others institutions.
- c. PRL will consider offering final semester training to MSc and MTech students from KU.
- d. KU will recognize PRL as a research institution to carry out research work leading to the degree of PhD in Science. The Faculty of PRL eligible to guide doctoral research students at PRL will be accorded the status of PhD supervisor by KU for the purposes of research guidance of PRL students registered at KU. One Faculty from KU will be the Co-Supervisor in this case.
- e. KU will enrol eligible PRL employees and students for PhD and as per the applicable UGC admission guidelines, as may be required, from time to time.

Joint Sponsored Research and Development

- a. Both parties agree to help identify research and development projects of mutual interest and relevance to the research being carried out at both institutions. If appropriate, faculty(scientists and engineers) members from other institutions could also be invited to join such projects. Such joint projects(both intra-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary) could also be submitted to external funding agencies for financial support.
- b. University of Kerala agrees to host scientific instrument(s) from PRL on a best-effort basis for the mutual benefit of both institutions faculties and students. PRL also agrees to host scientific instrument(s) from KU on a best effort basis for the mutual benefit of research being carried out by the faculties and students at both the institutions.

The MoU shall remain valid for five years from the signing of the agreement. Unless terminated, this MoU will be deemed to be effective and valid beyond the first year period. The draft MoU has been perused by the legal Advisor and opined that the same is legally in order.

The Syndicate at it's meeting held on 02.07.2024 vide item No.11.11.D11 **resolved to approve the MoU for recognising the Physical Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad as approved Research centre of the University of Kerala for a period of five (5) years from the date of**

signing of Memorandum of Understanding (03.12.2024) in this regard and U.O. No. Ac.D/4/112/2023 dtd 29.01.2025 has been issued accordingly (U.O. appended).

It may be noted that as per Clause (5) of the same Norms, there should be at least two approved Research Supervisors working as regular faculty in the centre. It may also be noted that, as per Clause 12 (2) of the Regulations for Award of Ph.D. Degrees, University of Kerala, 2022, (Minimum Standards and Procedures) :

Colleges and Research Institutions established by the Central Govt. or a State Government whose degrees are awarded by the University shall offer Ph.D. programmes provided they have:

(i) *At least two faculty members in a college or two Ph.D. qualified scientists in the research institution*

(ii) *Adequate infrastructure, administrative support, research facilities and library resources as specified by the University.*

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 17.03.2025 vide Item No. 18.108.A12 considered the application for recognition as approved Research Centre in Geology and Physics, Physical Laboratory, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research and **resolved to refer the matter to the meeting of the Senate and further resolved to refer the matter to the Academic Council.**

As per the orders of Vice-Chancellor, in the first instance, the matter regarding the recognition of Physical Research Laboratory, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad as an approved Research Centre, is placed before the Academic Council, for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to seek Legal Opinion on the matter of recognizing Physical Research Laboratory, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad, an institution outside the Jurisdiction of University of Kerala, as an approved Research Centre of University of Kerala.

13. Recognition as approved Research Centre – Department of Physics, Christian College, Kattakada – Consideration of-reg. (Ac.E1)

Application has been submitted by the Principal, Christian College, Kattakada to recognize the Department of Physics of the College as an approved research centre of University of Kerala.

The Syndicate held on 15.03.2024 vide Item 09.106.A18 considered the matter along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research and resolved to constitute an Inspection team comprising of Dr. K. G. Gopchandran, Dr. Shiju Khan J.S, Members Syndicate and Dr. V. Biju, Professor & Head, Dept. of Physics, University of Kerala as the subject Expert to conduct an inspection at the institution and submit the report.

The following are the major findings in the inspection report furnished by the Inspection Committee.

1. The proposed Centre is having a separate own building for library and reference section.
2. The library subscribes **15 Journals in Physics**. Library is subscribed to **NLIST 3919 online journals**. Library has more than **5000 book in Physics** related subjects.
3. The Centre has made available space and lab facilities for research scholars.
4. There are **three approved Research Supervisors** working as regular faculty in the Centre.
5. A research Committee has been constituted comprising of research guides.
6. The Head of institution has also submitted an undertaking to the University to the effect that adequate funds will be made available for the Centre, Scholars shall not be admitted beyond the sanctioned strength, academic programmes like seminars, workshops, projects will be undertaken as part of the centres functioning and a report will be forwarded annually, in the month of December, to the University on the functioning of the Centre along with the annual fees.

In the above circumstances, the inspection team recommended to approve the Dept. of Physics, Christian College, Kattakada, as a recognized Research Centre of University of Kerala. The

Syndicate at its meeting held on 13.05.2025, vide item No.19.07.A6 considered the inspection report along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research, resolved to approve the inspection report and to place the matter before the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Vice- Chancellor, the matter of recognition of Dept. of Physics, Christian College, Kattakada, as approved Research Centre, under University of Kerala is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the Dept. of Physics, Christian College, Kattakada, as an approved Research Centre of the University of Kerala

14. M.A Russian Language & Literature(Part Time- Three Year)- Scheme & Syllabus- 2017 onwards-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AII)

The Board of Studies in Russian at its meeting held on 26.05.2025 verified the Scheme & Syllabus of M.A Russian(Part Time- Three Year) which was last modified in the academic year 2008. The Structure of marks were changed and minor changes in the Text Books and Reference were made in the 2017 syllabus compared to the 2008 syllabus of M.A Russian (Part Time - Three Year) programme and these changes were not approved in the 2017 syllabus of M.A Russian(Part Time-Three Year). The Board of Studies in Russian at its meeting held on 26.05.2025 unanimously approved the changes mentioned in the Scheme & Syllabus of M.A Russian (Part Time- Three Year) 2017 onwards.

The Dean, Faculty of Arts has endorsed the Minutes of the Additional Meeting of the Board of Studies in Russian held on 26.05.2025.

The Vice Chancellor has approved the Scheme & Syllabus of M.A Russian Language and Literature(Part Time - Three Year) 2017 onwards as recommended by the Board of Studies in Russian and endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Arts, subject to ratification by the Academic Council.

U.O No.Ac.AII/5789/2025/UOK dated 20.06.2025 has been issued in this regard.

The matter is submitted for the ratification of the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in having approved the Scheme & Syllabus of M.A Russian Language and Literature(Part Time - Three Year) 2017 onwards as recommended by the Board of Studies in Russian and endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Arts.

15. Review of Eligibility Certificate Issuance for ODL Programmes Not Recognized by UGC-DEB –Consideration of- Reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Complaint received in Chief Minister’s Public Grievances Redressal Cell (Docket Number: G2250301578), dated: 07.04.2025

The grievance filed by Mr. Amal B. Babu (Docket No: G2250301578) through the Chief Minister's Public Grievances Redressal Cell, has raised concerns regarding the University of Kerala's practice of issuing Eligibility Certificates for Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Programmes offered by other universities, including Bharathiar University, during the academic years 2015-2022. His primary contention is that these programmes lacked recognition from the Distance Education Bureau (DEB) of the University Grants Commission (UGC) for the respective periods.

He highlights that the University of Calicut has already issued University Order explicitly denying eligibility or equivalency to ODL courses from institutions without the requisite UGC-DEB approval during the relevant periods. (A copy of the U.O. issued by the University of Calicut has been appended for reference -**Appendix 1**). He requests that the University of Kerala should cease granting Eligibility Certificates for such unrecognised ODL courses during the 2015-2022 period. Additionally, he notes that a Special Leave Petition (Civil) Diary No(s). 16604/2023 (The University

Grants Commission vs. Annamalai University and others) concerning this matter is currently under consideration by the Supreme Court.

Current University Policies:

- U.O. No: 2008/2022/UOK, dated: 14.03.2022: The Academic Council resolved not to recognise degrees awarded by other universities through distance mode if the program was not approved by the Distance Education Bureau of the UGC, effective for academic years 2017-18 and onwards. (**Appendix 2**). The relevant Press Release has been appended as **Appendix 2A**.
- U.O. No. 8190/2022/UOK, dated: 19.10.2022: Eligibility Certificates cannot be issued for ODL courses from Annamalai University after the academic year 2014-2015. (**Appendix 3**)

It's important to note that the Academic Council of the University of Kerala holds the apex authority to recognise examinations conducted by other universities, as stipulated in the Kerala University Act 1974, Chapter 4, Clause 25 (xii).

The complainant's concern regarding the issuance of Eligibility Certificates for unrecognised ODL courses has been acknowledged. He has been informed that this matter would be brought to the attention of the Academic Council for further action. Therefore, the matter is placed before Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter of issuance for eligibility certificate of ODL programmes conducted by various Universities which are not recognised by UGC-DEB (Distance Education Bureau from 2015 admission onwards and RESOLVED that Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Programmes offered by other Universities lacking recognition from University Grants Commission (UGC) Distance Education Bureau (DEB) from 2015 admission onwards be discontinued.

16. **Modifying eligibility criteria of M A Music degree programme-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AIV)**

A letter has been received from the Higher Education Department seeking report on the request submitted by Sri. Brahmadutt Jayan regarding the modification in the eligibility criteria for the M A Music Degree programme. Sri Brahmadutt Jayan is a differently abled candidate (100 % visually impaired), who currently pursues B A Political Science degree programme in the University College. He aspires to acquire PG Degree in Music. He also stated his difficulties in pursuing PG from other Universities.

The eligibility criteria for M A Music in University of Kerala are as follows :

- *B.A. with Music as Core Course securing not less than 4.5 CCPA(S)* out of 10 / BPA degree holders (Vocal) Music.***
- *** In the absence of Candidates with the above qualification, candidates who have passed a Bachelors Degree in Arts (BA) or a Bachelors Degree in Performing Arts (BPA) with a minimum of 45% marks and having studied the concerned subject in the subsidiary/ complementary level under the University of Kerala or an equivalent Degree of any other University recognized by the University of Kerala. Such candidates shall also qualify an aptitude test conducted by the respective institution as detailed below.*
 1. *Oral Theory (Graduate level in the subject concerned)*
 2. *Practical (Adathala varnam in two speeds, a kriti with Ragam Niraval and swaram)*

Remarks of the Chairperson, BoS in Music (PG) was sought on the matter and that are as

follows;

- The Chairperson remarked that the candidates who completed degree programme other than Music, may be considered for PG admissions only after the conduct of an aptitude test. The aptitude test should be based on the syllabus of B A Music degree programme.

Also, while considering students for admission to MA Music, University should fix the seats in the ratio of 80:20. 80% of available seats will be allotted for candidates studied Music in their UG programme and remaining 20% seats for the candidates having degree in other discipline. CCPA(S)/ CGPA score/Percentage of Marks, which have been fixed as the basic qualification for admission to PG Music for music students, should also be made mandatory for admission to degree students who have studied other disciplines. In addition to, an Aptitude test should be conducted for non-music students. The Chairperson, also submitted guidelines for the Aptitude Test, as detailed below: The aptitude test should be conducted completely based the syllabus of BA/BPA Music degree programmes, which strictly includes:

- Adathaala varnangal - Any two (Onnam Kalam +andam Kalam)
- One Krithi
- A raga presentation(of his/ her choice)
- Oral theory-Five Questions based on Music- UG syllabus.(Viva)
- If sufficient applications are not received from Non-Music candidates, then that seats will be filled by Music candidates.
- The Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts endorsed the remarks of the Chairperson and recommended that the request may be considered , looking into the following.

1. Other universities, such as Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit and the MG University, may be referred to as precedents in this case, as they provide PG Music seats for candidates from other degree backgrounds and select them through an aptitude test.

2. This is the time for interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary studies, which foster flexible thinking, align with emerging trends, and prepare learners for diverse, future-ready careers.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the modification of eligibility criteria for M A Music Degree programme, is submitted before the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to consider candidates having degree in other disciplines also for admission to MA Music Degree, if otherwise eligible and such candidates shall also qualify an aptitude test conducted by the respective institution. Also **RESOLVED** that admission to such students shall be done by creating additional seats which shall be limited to a maximum of 20 % of sanctioned strength.

17. Qualifying Course Work & conduct of Pre-submission Seminar to the Research Scholars registered for Ph.D prior to the commencement of Ph.D Regulations 2009 - remarks from the Vice-Chairman, CSS –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.E1)

The Academic Council at its special meeting held on 11.11.2024, vide Item No. 78, considered the matter of qualifying the Course Work examination and the conduct of Pre-submission Seminar to the Research Scholars registered for doing Ph.D. Research prior to the commencement of Regulations, 2009 and **resolved that such Research Scholars who are yet to submit their Ph.D. thesis shall qualify the course work examination and to conduct Pre-submission seminar, before submitting their thesis, at par with that of the Research Scholars coming under the purview of Regulations, 2009.**

The following proposals may also be considered on implementing the above resolution of the Academic Council:

1. The Coursework, with duration of six months, having Research Methodology as the common paper and other two papers related to the area of research, as introduced, vide U.O. No. Ac.E1.B3/2009 dated 10.07.2009 applicable to the Research Scholars coming under the purview of 2009 Regulations, may also be made applicable to the Research Scholars writing the Course work examination and registered for the Ph.D. programme prior to 2009 Regulations.

2. The exemption from appearing Paper-I of Course Work examination (Research Methodology), granted vide U.O. No. Ac.E1.C/2014 dated 11.09.2014, for all Full-time / Part-time Research Scholars, having M.Phil Degree, may also be made applicable to the above mentioned Research Scholars.

3. The above mentioned Research Scholars may be directed to submit the Course Work syllabus, duly endorsed by the Research Supervisor and the Chairman Doctoral Committee, along with the request for granting grace time for qualifying the same, as the Syndicate at its meeting held on 29.12.2022, vide Item No.50.38.A1 resolved that the requests received, on or after 01.01.2023, from the Research Scholars whose maximum research period had already been expired, would be considered individually for approval.

4. Permission for the conduct of Course work examination and grace time shall be granted after due consideration and approval of the matter by the Syndicate. Such scholars shall qualify the Course Work examination within the stipulated time from the date of issuance of the University Order issued accordingly.

5. All the norms related with qualifying the Course Work examination, conduct of pre-submission seminar and submission of Ph.D. thesis, applicable to the Research Scholars coming under the purview of the Regulations, 2009, may also be made applicable to such Scholars. Such Scholars shall successfully complete all the above procedures, by remitting the requisite fee/ fine, within the grace period granted for the same by the Syndicate.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 17.03.2025, vide Item no.18.108.A9 considered the above matters along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics & Research, and resolved to obtain remarks from the Vice-Chairman, CSS, Kariavattom.

The Vice-Chairman, CSS, Kariavattom has remarked that the Course Work has to be completed within one year of registration as stipulated in the Ph.D. Regulations. Hence, it is not possible in the case of research scholars registered for Ph.D. before the effective date of commencement of Ph.D. Regulations 2009.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 13.05.2025, vide Item no. 19.07.A34 considered the above matter, along with the remarks from the Vice-Chairman, CSS, Kariavattom and resolved to refer the matter to the Standing Committee of the Academic Council for further consideration. The Standing Committee of the Academic Council at its meeting held on 31.07.2025, vide Item No. 3 recommended to refer the above matter to the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter of qualifying Course Work & conduct of Pre-submission Seminar to the Research Scholars registered for Ph.D. prior to the commencement of Ph.D. Regulations 2009, along with the remarks obtained from the Vice-Chairman, CSS, Kariavattom is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to IQAC for detailed consideration of the matter in view of the GO No. 163/2014 dated 19.04.2014.

18. Submission of Ph.D. Thesis in English - Request submitted by Dr. Manu T., Research Supervisor in Islamic History –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.E1)

Request has been received from Dr. Manu T., present supervisor of Mr. Abdullah Yahya Sagheer Mutahar, foreign Research Scholar in Islamic History. He requested to submit him a copy of the Thesis in English language, for his comprehension and evaluation, as the Academic Council held on 17.02.2025 resolved to change the medium of instruction of the research scholar from English to Arabic.

The details of the Research Scholar are as follows;

1. Mr. Abdullah Yahya Sagheer Mutahar, from Yemen has been granted full-time Ph.D.

registration w.e.f. 15.02.2023, in Islamic History, under the supervision of Dr. Manu T. at Department of Islamic and West Asian Studies, University of Kerala, vide U.O. No. Ac.B1/FS/Ph.D./11/2022 dated 10.04.2023.

2. The medium of instruction was changed from English to Arabic, as a special case, vide U.O. No. Ac.E1/FS/ISH/2025 dated 21.03.2025, in accordance with the resolution of the Academic Council held on 17.02.2025.
3. Allocation of Dr. Thajudeen A.S., Assistant Professor, Department of Arabic, University of Kerala as Co-supervisor, vide U.O. No. Ac.E1/FS/ISH/21739/2025 dated 28.05.2025.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 13.05.2025, vide Item No.19.07.A32 resolved to refer the request submitted by the research supervisor, for submitting a copy of the thesis in English language for comprehension and evaluation, to the Standing Committee of the Academic Council. The Standing Committee of the Academic Council at its meeting held on 31.07.2025, vide Item no.4, recommended to refer the matter to the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the request submitted by Dr. Manu T., present supervisor of Mr. Abdullah Yahya Sagheer Mutahar, Research Scholar in Islamic History to submit a copy of the thesis in English language for comprehension and evaluation, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to agree to the request of Dr. Manu T., present supervisor of Mr. Abdullah Yahya Sagheer Mutahar, Research Scholar in Islamic History to provide him with a copy of the thesis in English language for his comprehension and evaluation.

- 19. Generalisation of the UO 6008/2025/UOK dated 27.06.2025 regarding the issuance of Eligibility Certificate of M.A Hindi to B.Com graduates on the basis of Sahithyacharya Title of Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha OR Rashtrabhasha Praveen Title of Dakshina Bharath HindiPrachar Sabha, Madras, irrespective of the Additional Language studied at graduate level-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)**

Ref:1.Application from Sri.Sanjeev Kumar .A dated 29.08.2024

2. Reconsideration request received from Sri.Sanjeev Kumar.A dated 12.11.2024

3.Minutes of the Additional Board Meeting of BoS in Hindi (Pass) held on 02.05.2025

4.Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Studies in Hindi (PG) held on 11.06.2025

Sri.Sanjeev Kumar A had applied for Eligibility Certificate of M.A Degree in Hindi (Regular) awarded by Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha after having passed Sahithyacharya Title examination of the Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha along with a recognised B.Com Degree. He had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognised by the University of Kerala. He had obtained Sahithyacharya from Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha. He had passed B.Com Degree from University of Kerala.

As per the eligibility criteria for admission to M.A Hindi in the University of Kerala, an applicant should have passed B.A Degree in Hindi Language and Literature as main or any other B.A/B.Sc. with Hindi as additional Language.

The Additional Board Meeting of BoS in Hindi (Pass) held on 02.05.2025 considered the matter regarding the issuance of Eligibility Certificate of M.A Degree in Hindi (Regular) awarded by Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha after having passed Sahithyacharya Title Examination of Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha along with a recognised B.Com Degree and the minutes is as follows,

- The Board is requesting the University to re-examine the MA Hindi admission criteria. Although candidates holding a B.Com Degree have typically completed only two Hindi paper under Part II, those who have subsequently pursued Higher Degrees from recognised Institutions may have successfully completed more papers related to Hindi Language and Literature. Accordingly, the Board of Studies recommends that Eligibility Certificates be issued to candidates who, despite possessing a B.Com Degree have acquired higher qualification in Hindi from recognised Institutions such as Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar

Sabha, Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha and similar bodies. In light of this , the Board proposes amending the M.A admission criteria to facilitate the issuance of M.A Eligibility Certificate to Mr.Sanjeev Kumar.

The Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies has given the following remarks,

- Get the remarks of the PG Board Chairman and submit the file to the Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies

Accordingly the remarks was obtained from the Chairman,BoS in Hindi(P.G), he has remarked to place the matter before BoS in Hindi (PG).

The Meeting of the Board of Studies in Hindi (PG) held on 11.06.2025 considered the matter regarding the issuance of Eligibility Certificate of M.A Degree in Hindi (Regular) awarded by Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha after having passed Sahithyacharya Title Examination of Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha along with a recognised B.Com Degree and the minutes is as follows,

- The candidate Sri. Sanjeev Kumar.A has completed two Hindi papers under Part II during his B.Com Programme and he has obtained the Sahithyacharya, with six papers in Hindi Language and Literature. Hence, the Board recommends that six papers studied during Sahithyacharya programme can be treated as equivalent to four language courses at Degree level. Thus, the remaining requirements of two papers under Part II can be fulfilled.
- The Board recommends issuance of Eligibility Certificate to the candidate for his M.A Hindi (Regular) of Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, considering his Sahithyacharya Title along with B.Com Degree.
- **Further, it is resolved that, the generalization of this clause may be placed before the Academic council for its approval.**

The Dean, Faculty of Oriental studies has endorsed the same.

Accordingly, as per the first part of the minutes of the Meeting of the BoS in Hindi (PG) held on 11.06.2025, sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor and Eligibility Certificate was issued to Sri.Sanjeev Kumar.A vide UO 6008/2025/UOK dated 27.06.2025.

It is also to be noted that both Rashtrabhashapraveen of Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha and Sahithyacharya of Kerala Hindi Prachara Sabha are treated similarly in case of private registration to B.A Degree in Hindi.

Hence the matter regarding the generalization of the UO.6008/2025/UOK dated 27.06.2025 mentioning the issuance of Eligibility Certificate of recognised M.A Degree in Hindi (Regular) awarded by Universities other than University of Kerala, after having passed Sahithyacharya Title Examination of Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha or Rashtrabhasha Praveen Title of Dakshina Bharath HindiPrachar Sabha, Madras, irrespective of the Additional Language studied at graduate level along with a recognised B.Com Degree is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize M.A Degree in Hindi (Regular) awarded by Universities other than University of Kerala, after having passed Sahithyacharya Title Examination of Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha or Rashtrabhasha Praveen Title of Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras, irrespective of the Additional Language studied at graduate level along with a recognized B.Com Degree.

20. Recognition of B.A Degree in History, Economics, Political Science (Regular) awarded by Bangalore University through Christ College, Bangalore (Autonomous)- Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application received from Smt.Jomy.P.J dated 07.05.2024

Smt.Jomy.P.J had submitted the scheme and syllabus of B.A Degree in History, Economics, Political Science (Regular) awarded by Bangalore University through Christ College, Bangalore (Autonomous) vide mail dated 21.05.2024 (also forwarded a mail received to the candidate from the office of the Registrar , Christ University) for Course recognition for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of History including B.Ed Degree in Social Science. She had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala.

The Chairman, BoS in History (Pass) has remarked that History component in the

attached syllabus is not at par with that University of Kerala. Hence, eligibility for higher education cannot be recommended. But still University can seek the opinion of other Board of Studies (Economics and Political Science). He has marked not recommended in the proforma.

The Chairman, BoS in Economics (Pass) has remarked that he has examined the factual merit of the application for equivalence to B.A Economics of University of Kerala **in detail and the following remarks are made.**

The candidate had submitted her application with the detailed scheme and syllabus of the B.A Degree in History, Economics, Political science (Regular) awarded by Bangalore University through Christ College, Bangalore (Autonomous).

The applicant has successfully completed B.A Degree in History, Economics, Political Science on regular mode that shall not be treated in case of considering for equivalence as that of a student who pursued and completed single main in B.A Degree programme of the University of Kerala. The efforts and academic interest bestowed by the applicant in pursuing the three main course shall be appreciated and for the sole reason of pursuing three main course in B.A, the career path and opportunities for higher studies of the applicant shall not be curtailed. So, the rule of strict and crude criteria in single main course shall not be applied in this present case. Application of that crude criteria is certainly against the principle of intelligible differentia. This is logically correct even though it relates to a single individual on account of the given special circumstances. So, a broader view is adopted to consider this instant case without compromising academic merits and qualifications and the course pursued.

The applicant has studied almost all courses that a student of B.A Economics under the University of Kerala is supposed to study except Statistics. However, from the scrutiny of the application, it is found that the applicant has studied Economics for her 10+2 course of higher secondary education under the government of Kerala and this pattern of study is recognised by the University of Kerala. The subject of Economics for her 10+2 course includes basic Statistics. This base in Statistics will enable the applicant to pursue a Post Graduate Programme in Economics under the University of Kerala as well as pursuing any other course with BA degree in Economics is the basic Eligibility. This applicant has studied required number of language papers and Add on Courses.

Also, syllabus of the course in Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Development Economics, International Economics, Indian Economy since Independence, Health Economics, Environmental Economics and Financial Economics, match with the B.A Economics programme of the University of Kerala. Considering the courses studied and the given syllabus of the courses, core papers of Economics, he has remarked that the applicant is eligible for higher studies in Economics in the University of Kerala and her B.A Degree in History, Economics and Political Science (Regular) awarded by the Bangalore University through Christ College, Bangalore (Autonomous) may be considered and granted equivalence to B.A Degree Economics of the University of Kerala.

The Chairperson, BoS in Political Science (Pass) has remarked that, by verifying the scheme and syllabus of B.A Degree in History, Economics and Political Science, Smt. Jomy.P.J has eligibility for higher studies in Political Science wherever the B.A Degree in Political Science is the prescribed qualification.

The Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences has remarked that the candidate has completed triple major programme in B.A History, Economics and Political Science. It is recommended that the triple major programme may be recognised as an eligible degree for higher education and employment in the field of Economics, History and Political Science.

The Chairperson, BoS in Education (Pass) has remarked that, as per the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Economics, Political Science and Dean, Faculty of Social Science, the B.A Degree in History, Economics and Political Science (Regular) awarded by the Bangalore University through Christ College, Bangalore (Autonomous) can be considered par with the scheme and syllabus of B.A Degree in Economics and Political Science of this University. Hence, **the applicant is eligible for doing B.Ed in Social Science of University of Kerala.**

The Dean, Faculty of Education has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Education (Pass).

As per the minutes of the Academic Council held on 11.11.2024, the introduction of Triple Majors by the UGC allows students to pursue higher education in any of the three fields studied in

their undergraduate programme.

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of B.A Degree in History, Economics, Political Science (Regular) awarded by Bangalore University through Christ College, Bangalore (Autonomous) is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize B.A Degree in History, Economics, Political Science (Regular) awarded by Bangalore University through Christ College, Bangalore (Autonomous) for the purpose of higher studies including B Ed in Social Science and employment in the field of History, Economics and Political Science. Further **RESOLVED** to allow Triple Main graduates from other Statutory Universities to pursue higher studies in this University in any of their three main subjects, irrespective of the course content.

21. Recognition of Ph.D Degree in Islamic History awarded by University of Kerala for the purpose of Higher Studies and employment in the field of History-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: 1. Application submitted by Ms. Hassan J dtd 16/05/2024.

2. Item no. 06 of the Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 11/11/2024.

3. Minutes of the combined meeting of BoS in History (PG) and Islamic Studies held on 14.03.2025.

4. Minutes of the online meeting of the Chairman, BoS in History (PG), Chairman, BoS in Islamic History and the Dean Faculty of Social Sciences held on 02/06/2025.

Mr. Hassan J submitted an application for recognising his **Ph.D Degree in Islamic History** with thesis titled " Need and Possibilities of a Recognised Madrasa Board under the Government of Kerala" awarded by University of Kerala **for the purpose of Higher Studies and employment in the field of History**. The candidate has passed B.A Degree in Islamic History in 2008, M.A Degree in Islamic History in 2010, B.Ed Degree in Social Science in 2011 from the University of Kerala. Later, he completed M.A Degree in History from this University in June /July 2013. He qualified NET and JRF in Arab Culture and Islamic Studies in June 2012, then He was joined to the Ph.D Programme in Islamic History in this University. **He has also qualified NET in History in June 2024 and is only for admission to Ph.D.**

The applicant has been granted Ph.D. registration in Islamic History based on his P.G. Degree in Islamic History and UGC NET and JRF in Islamic History. Further, the University of Kerala has not recognised the M.A Degree in Islamic History of this University as equivalent to M.A Degree in History of this University.

The Chairman BoS in History (PG) has remarked that the candidate has qualified M.A Degree in History and M.A Degree in Islamic History. At the same time the candidate has qualified UGC JRF in Islamic History and took his Ph.D in Islamic History. The candidate is not eligible for registering Ph.D in History because he has not qualified the University Entrance Examination and NET Examination in History. Hence the application submitted by the candidate for issuing Eligibility Certificate to the effect that his Ph.D in Islamic History be considered for higher studies and employment in History cannot be recommended. However the possibility of treating the matter in interdisciplinary perspective can be explored. Hence, recommended to place the matter before the Academic Council.

The Dean Faculty of Social Science has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in History (Pass).

The Academic Council held on 11/11/2024, considered the above matter and was resolved to refer to the matter to the combined meeting of Board of studies in History (PG) and Board of Studies in Islamic History (PG) and to submit a report on the same to the Academic Council for consideration.

The combined meeting of BoS in History (PG) and Islamic Studies at it's meeting held on 14.03.2025 considered the above matter and reported as follows;

The members of BoS Islamic History presented arguments in favour of recognizing Dr. Hassan J's Ph.D. in Islamic History for higher studies and employment in History, emphasizing the following points:

1. Dr. Hassan J. holds a postgraduate degree (MA) in History in addition to an MA in Islamic History.
2. He qualified for UGC-NET qualified for the admission to the Ph.D. in History. Given his qualifications and academic background, his Ph.D. in Islamic History should be considered relevant for higher studies and employment in History too.

But, the members from the BoS in History expressed concerns and counterarguments, stating:

1. Dr. Hassan J. qualified for UGC-NET in History solely for admission purposes Ph.D. program.
2. A Ph.D. in Islamic History does not equate to a Ph.D. in History,
3. Given this, his Ph.D. cannot be automatically considered equivalent for employment and higher studies in History.

Since the meeting could not reach a consensus on the matter, it was decided to entrust both Chairpersons of the Bos in consultation with the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, to take a final decision on the issue.

The Dean Faculty of Social Science vide email has endorse the minutes of the combined meeting of BoS in History (PG) and Islamic Studies.

The online meeting of the Chairman, BoS in History (PG), Chairman, BoS in Islamic History and the Dean Faculty of Social Sciences held on 02/06/2025 discussed the above matter and recommended as give below.

Dr. Hassan J holds a Master's degree in both History and Islamic History. He qualified for the UGC-JRF in Islamic History and subsequently pursued his Ph.D. in Islamic History. He has also qualified for the UGC-NET or admission to the Ph.D. programme in History.

As per the University of Kerala, the eligibility criteria for admission to the Ph.D. programme in History, a candidate must possess a Master's degree in History and qualify the UGC-NET. Dr. Hassan J satisfies both these criteria. His doctoral research, titled "Needs and Possibilities of a Recognised Madrassa Board under the Government of Kerala," is of interdisciplinary relevance, contributing meaningfully to both Islamic History and the broader field of History.

In light of the above, it was recommended that the Ph.D. degree in Islamic History awarded to Dr. Hassan J be recognised as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in the field of History, considering the interdisciplinary nature of his research and his fulfilment of the eligibility criteria.

Hence, the whole matter regarding the recognition of Ph.D Degree in Islamic History awarded by University of Kerala for the purpose of Higher Studies and employment in the field of History along with the recommendations of the combined meeting of the BoS in History (PG) and Islamic Studies and the minutes of the online meeting of the Chairmen of BoS in History (PG), and BoS in Islamic History and the Dean Faculty of Social Sciences are placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the Ph.D Degree in Islamic History awarded to Dr. Hassan.J by University of Kerala with thesis titled " Need and Possibilities of a Recognised Madrasa Board under the Government of Kerala" for the purpose of Higher Studies and employment in the field of History.

22. Boards of Studies in Music (UG & PG)- Meeting of the Academic Council held on 17.02.2025- resolution for including more teachers to the board-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

The Chairperson, BoS in Music (PG), in the annual meeting of Faculty of Fine Arts held on 30.01.2025, putforth the following resolution :

- To take necessary actions urgently to include two faculties from the Department of Music, Govt College for Women, Tvpm and one faculty from the Vocal Department, SST College of Music, Tvpm for the Board of Studies Music - PG. This inclusion is very crucial. Since these are the only two departments which offer a PG Course in Music.
- To ensure the representation of minimum two faculties (One from BPA Music Vocal and one either from Veena or Violin) from SST College of Music, Tvpm in the Board of Studies

Music UG.

The Academic Council held on 17.02.2025, vide item no. II.iv, approved the recommendations of the minutes of meeting of the Faculty of Fine Arts held on 30.01.2025. Remarks of the Ac D section was sought on the m

Ac.D section, vide Note No. Ac.D/2/149/2025 informed that as per the statute 4(c) (i) and (ii) in chapter 11 of Kerala University first statute 1977, the Board of Studies of undergraduate courses in a subject shall consist of three teachers in the subject from Government Colleges and the Board of Studies for post-graduate courses in a subject shall consist of two teachers in the subject from Government Colleges. Here in this case , already the UG Board has three teachers(including one teacher from Sree Swathi Thirunal Govt.Music College(Sri. Sudheer P L), Thiruvananthapuram and two teachers from Govt. Womens College, Tvpm(Smt. Raji T S and Dr. Vineetha P) and the PG Board has two teachers (including one teacher from Sree Swathi Thirunal Govt. Music College(Sri. Sudheer P L), Thiruvananthapuram and one teacher from Govt. Womens College, Tvpm (Dr. Dhanalekshmi C). So, as per the above Statute there is no provision for including more teachers from Government Colleges to the UG and PG board.

Legal section has furnished the statutory provisions with respect to the constitution, structure and the term of office of BoS which are as follows:

1. Sec 28 of the Kerala University Act 1974 deals with the “Board of Studies”. As per Sec 28(1), there shall be a Board of Studies attached to each department of study in the University; provided however that post- graduate studies in each department may have separate Board of Studies.
2. As per Sec 28(3), Members of Boards of Studies shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of their entering into office.
3. Statutes 4(c) (i) and 4(c)(ii) in Chapter 11 of Kerala University First Statutes, 1977 prescribes the structure of Boards of Studies in UG and PG. The Board of Studies for undergraduate courses in a subject shall consist of one outside expert, three teachers in the subject from Government Colleges and one teacher from University Department, if any, in the subject and five teachers in the subject from Private Colleges in the State. The Board of Studies for post-graduate courses in a subject and the Board of Studies in a subject for which there is only one Board, shall consist of two outside experts, two teachers in the subject from Government Colleges, three teachers from the University Department if any, three teachers in the subject from the Private Colleges in the State and one expert from the area of specialization or specialized Institution outside the University.
4. Statute 5 in Chapter 11 of Kerala University First Statutes, 1977 stipulates that the Boards of Studies shall be reconstituted by the Syndicate once in three years.
5. Sec 28(3) of Kerala University Act 1974 stipulates that Members of Boards of Studies shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of their entering into office.
6. As per Sec 24 and Sec 25 of Kerala University Act 1974, the powers and duties of Academic Council are also subject to the provisions of Act and the Statutes.

As per the notification , the BoS in Music (UG) has three teachers including one teacher from SST College of Music and two teachers from Govt College for Women,Tvpm and BoS in Music (PG) has two teachers including one teacher from SST College of Music,Thiruvananthapuram and one teacher from the Govt College for Women,Tvpm. Hence, it is clear that the existing Boards of Studies (Music) in UG and PG has the prescribed representation of Govt College teachers as prescribed in the above Statutes. Further inclusion will result in violation of Statutes 4(c) (i) and 4(c) (ii) of Chapter 11 of Kerala University First Statutes, 1977. There is no provision to re-constitute the existing Boards of Studies before completing the term.(It may be noted that the Chairman and members of Boards of Studies in Music(Pass) and Music(PG) will hold office for period of 3 years from 25/05/2023-24/05/2026 and 07/03/2024-06/03/2027 respectively.)

Since there is no provision to re-constitute the existing Boards of Studies before completing its term and that further inclusion over and above the prescribed representation will be violative of Statutes 4(c) (i) and 4(c) (ii) of Chapter 11 of Kerala University First Statutes 1977, the representation of teachers in multiple specializations in Boards of Studies in UG and PG in Music as resolved by the Academic Council can be positively implemented while re-constituting the next Boards of Studies in UG and PG in Music in accordance with the procedures stipulated in Act and Statutes. As per the orders of Vice Chancellor, **the representation of teachers in multiple specializations in**

Boards of Studies in UG and PG in Music as resolved by the Academic Council can be positively implemented while re-constituting the next Boards of Studies in UG and PG in Music in accordance with the procedures stipulated in Act and Statutes, is placed before Academic Council for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to the Syndicate.

23. Recognition of Ph.D Degree awarded to Ms. Shanti Krishna A by Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Ms./Mr. Shanti Krishna A dt: 26.05.2025

Ms./Mr. Shanti Krishna A submitted an application for recognition of Ph.D Degree for the thesis titled "Synthesis and evaluation of novel nano probes based on carbon dots for imaging and drug delivery applications" awarded by Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences for the purpose of higher education and employment in the field of Chemistry.

The applicant has undergone 10 + 2 pattern of study recognised by the University of Kerala. He/She passed B.Sc. Chemistry from Kannur University and M.Sc. Chemistry from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam which are recognised by the University of Kerala. Furthermore, She/he has submitted a copy of UGC compliance certificate to the effect that the Ph.D Degree is awarded in accordance with UGC Regulations 2009.

The Chairperson BoS in Chemistry (P.G) has remarked that the programme consists of all standard requirements as per UGC norms including course work. Four papers have been published in reputed journals from the content of the thesis. Considering all these facts and quality of the thesis, it is recommended that the Ph. D Degree awarded to Ms. Shanti Krishna A, by Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology as eligible for employment and higher studies in the field of Chemistry.

The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the recommendation of the Chairperson BoS in Chemistry (P.G) towards eligibility for higher education and employment.

Hence, the whole matter regarding recognition of the Ph.D Degree for the thesis titled "Synthesis and evaluation of novel nano probes based on carbon dots for imaging and drug delivery applications" awarded to Ms. Shanti Krishna A by Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences for the purpose of higher education and employment in the field of Chemistry is placed before the meeting of the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the Ph.D Degree awarded to Ms. Shanti Krishna A by Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences with the thesis titled "Synthesis and evaluation of novel nano probes based on carbon dots for imaging and drug delivery applications" for the purpose of higher education and employment in the field of Chemistry.

24. Issuance of Special Certificate stating Equivalency of B.A. Degree of the University of Kerala awarded to Rashtrabhasha Praveen Title holders with B.A. Degree in Hindi Language and Literature of this University-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Request for a Special Certificate submitted by Ms, Shintumol Abraham

Ms, Shintumol Abraham submitted a request for Special Certificate stating Equivalency of her B.A. Degree of the University of Kerala, obtained after availing exemption on the basis of Rashtrabhasha Praveen Title for Group III under Part III Hindi Language and Literature with B.A. Degree in Hindi Language and Literature of this University.

Rashtrabhasha Praveen Title is recognised by the University of Kerala as per U.O No: Ac.C/2015 dated:29.03.2016. As per this U.O, "Rashtrabhasha Praveen title awarded by Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras with a pass in part I & II of B.A./B.Sc Degree of the University of Kerala may be considered as equivalent to B.A.Degree in Hindi of the University of Kerala as in the case of existing norms and regulations regarding Sahityacharya title holders and norms

regarding granting B.A. Degree in Hindi to Sahityacharya title holders were also applicable for awarding B.A. Degree in Hindi to Rashtrabhasha title holders".

Eligibility Certificate is issued to Rashtrabhasha Praveen Title Holders, as in the case of Sahityacharya Title Holders on the basis of the above U.O.

However, remarks were sought from the Chairperson BoS in Hindi (Pass) and the Dean Faculty of Oriental Studies in order to facilitate issuance of special certificate as requested by the applicant.

The Chairperson BoS in Hindi (Pass) remarked that the applicant has passed part I and Part II. Since the applicant has passed Rashtrabhasha Praveen also, she has been exempted from appearing for part III Hindi. Hence, the chairperson has further noted that it is possible to issue a special certificate for the B.A. Degree in Hindi; as in the case of Sahityacharya Holders.

The Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies has endorsed the remarks of the Chairperson BoS in Hindi (Pass).

Hence, the whole matter regarding issuance of Special Certificate stating Equivalency of B.A. Degree of the University of Kerala awarded to Rashtrabhasha Praveen Title holders with B.A. Degree in Hindi Language and Literature of this University as in the case of Sahityacharya, is placed before the meeting of the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to issue Special Certificate stating Equivalency of B.A. Degree of the University of Kerala awarded to Rashtrabhasha Praveen Title holders with B.A. Degree in Hindi Language and Literature of this University as in the case of Sahityacharya.

25. Issuance of Eligibility Certificate for M.A. Degree in Hindi to B.A./B.Sc. graduates on the basis of Sahityacharya Title of Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha OR Rashtrabhasha Praveen Title of Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras, irrespective of the Additional Language studied at graduate level-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C) Ref: Application for Eligibility Certificate submitted by Ms.Anitha E dt:30.04.2025

Ms. Anitha E submitted an application for Eligibility Certificate for her M. A Degree in Hindi awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi vide online on 30.April 2025.

The applicant has undergone 10+2 pattern of study and passed B.A Degree in Malayalam and Sociology (Regular-Double main) from the University of Calicut **with Malayalam as additional language**. In addition to this, she holds Sahityacharya Title of Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha Thiruvananthapuram.

As per the eligibility criteria for admission to M.A Hindi in the University of Kerala, an applicant should have passed B.A Degree in Hindi Language and Literature as main or any other B.A/B.Sc. with Hindi as additional Language. As this candidate has not studied Hindi as main or additional language, she is not eligible to get Eligibility Certificate for her M.A Degree in Hindi from IGNOU.

However, it is to be noted that in File Ref.No.Ac.C/075879/2023 the Academic Council considered the matter of issuance of Eligibility Certificate for M.A. Hindi (Distance Mode) of Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, with a UG Degree in History of the University of Calicut with Malayalam as Additional Language and Rashtrabhasha Praveen of Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras and resolved to issue Eligibility Certificate for M.A. Hindi (Distance Mode) awarded by Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras after having passed a B.A/B.Sc Degree (annual scheme) from a recognised University and Rashtrabhasha Praveen of Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, irrespective of the Additional Language (Second Language) studied at UG level.

It is also to be noted that both Rashtrabhashapraveen of Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha and Sahityacharya of Kerala Hindi Prachara Sabha are treated similarly in case of private registration to B.A Degree in Hindi.

In the present case, the Chairperson BoS in Hindi (Pass) opined that, even though Malayalam was the second language under part II of the B.A. Degree of the applicant, she has passed

Sahityacharya Course of Kerala Hindi Prachara Sabha which can be considered as the second language Hindi course and hence it is recommended that Eligibility Certificate for M.A. Hindi of IGNOU can be issued accordingly.

The Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies endorsed the remarks of the Chairperson BoS in Oriental Studies.

In this circumstances, the following points may be noted:

1. In File Ref.No.Ac.C/075879/2023, it was resolved to issue Eligibility Certificate for M.A. Hindi (Distance Mode) awarded by Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras to B.A/B.Sc. graduates (annual scheme) with Rashtrabhasha Praveen Title, irrespective of the Additional Language (Second Language) studied at UG level. (5109/2024/UOK Dated: 25.06.2024).
2. In File Ref.No.Ac.C/085269/2024 to issue Eligibility Certificate of M.A Degree in Hindi (Regular) awarded to Sri.Sanjeev Kumar.A by Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras, as he passed Sahityacharya Title Examination of Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha along with a recognised B.Com. Degree. Further steps for generalising the decision is under processing in the same File.
3. In the present case, it is recommended to issue Eligibility Certificate for M.A. Hindi of IGNOU, treating the Sahityacharya Title of the applicant in lieu of additional language Hindi at the graduate level.

Hence, for generalising the above recommendations, the matter regarding issuance of Eligibility Certificate for M.A. Hindi to B.A/B.Sc. Graduates holding Rashtrabhasha Praveen or Sahityacharya Title, irrespective of the second language studied at graduate level, is placed in the meeting of the Academic Council for consideration and recommendation.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to issue Eligibility Certificate for M.A. Hindi to B.A/B.Sc. Graduates holding Rashtrabhasha Praveen or Sahityacharya Title, irrespective of the second language studied at graduate level.

26. Recognition of B.A Degree in Hindi (Two - Year, Distance) awarded to holders of Rashtrabhasha Praveen Title by exempting First Year by Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Ms./Mr.Shinoj M dated: 04.09.2024

Ms/Mr Shinoj M submitted an application for recognition of B.A Degree in Hindi (Two - Year, Distance) awarded to holders of Rashtrabhasha Praveen Title by exempting First Year by Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras.

The applicant has undergone 10 + 2 pattern of study recognised by the University of Kerala. He/She passed Rashtrbhasha Praveen also, from the Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras.

The applicant has informed that he availed exemption for 1st year of the B. A programme on the basis of his Rashrbhasha Praveen qualification and attended only 2nd and 3rd year of the B. A Degree programme.

It is to be noted that the copy of the syllabus submitted by the applicant and the syllabus sent by Registrar are slightly different, probably due the change in the period in which it was in force. The change is particularly noted in page No: 12, where, in the copy of the syllabus submitted by the applicant, the facility for direct admission to 2nd year to those who have Rashtrbhasha Praveen, is clearly mentioned; but this fact is not mentioned in the syllabus forwarded from DBHPS implying that the exemption facility availed by the applicant is currently not imparted to similarly placed students.

In this context, the following points may be noted:

1. In the University of Kerala, Rashtrabhasha Praveen Title holders of DBHPS are exempted from appearing Part III Hindi; but a pass in Part I and part II are compulsory for the award of the B.A Degree in Hindi.
2. This applicant, by availing exemption for First Year, has not comprehensively covered the English component of his B.A programme which corresponds to the Part I of the B.A

programme of this University.

3. The syllabus forwarded from DBHPS Madras does not indicate any such exemption facility; hence it appears that the same has now been withdrawn.

The Chairperson BoS in Hindi (Pass) has remarked that holders of Rashtrabhasha Praveen Title are exempted from part III Hindi but a pass in Part I and Part II are compulsory for the award of B.A. Degree in Hindi. The applicant has passed only a single course - Functional Grammar of English Language. Hence, the B.A. Degree of DBHPS, Madras cannot be granted recognition by Kerala University.

The Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies endorsed the recommendations of the Chairperson BoS in Hindi (Pass).

Hence, the whole matter regarding Issuance of Eligibility Certificate for B.A Degree in Hindi (Two - Year, Distance) awarded by Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras is placed before the meeting of the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED NOT to issue Eligibility Certificate for B.A Degree in Hindi (Two - Year, Distance) to holders of Rashtrabhasha Praveen Title awarded by Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras by exempting First Year of BA programme on the basis of Rashtrabhasha Praveen Title qualification.

27. Issuance of Eligibility Certificate to AMICE (I) (Associate Membership of the Institution of Civil Engineers (India) Examination after availing lateral entry to its Diploma equivalent Technician Membership-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Sri.Navas K B dtd: 17.11.2023

Sri.Navas K B submitted application for Eligibility Certificate of his Associate membership in Civil Engineering of the Institution of Civil Engineers (India). The applicant has undergone 10+2 pattern of study recognised by the University of Kerala; but has not studied Mathematics as one the papers at the Higher Secondary level. He has also acquired National Trade Certificate from Industrial Training Institute (ITI).

He passed Technician Engineer's Membership Examination (T.Engg.) of the Institution of Civil Engineers which is equivalent to Diploma in Civil Engineering by MHRD, Govt. of India vide Gazette Notification No.F.24-1/2007-TS.III dated:06.11.2007. He passed this Diploma by availing exemption for Part I of the T.Engg. Membership on the basis of his National Trade Certificate of ITI. Hence, his application for Eligibility Certificate was **not considered favourably due to the following reasons:**

1. It is learnt from the Exemption Certificate produced by him that the exemption for Part I of the Technician Engineering Membership is availed on the basis of his National Trade Certificate of ITI. But the said qualification is not considered as an eligible qualification for availing exemption for any paper/part of Diploma programmes conducted by the State Governments. Hence the exemption availed by the applicant on the basis of National Trade Certificate of ITI CANNOT BE CONSIDERED VALID.
2. He has not studied Mathematics as one the papers at the Higher Secondary level.

However, he requested to re-consider his application on account of the following reasons:

- He has obtained recognition from Technical Education Department.
- ITI certificate holders are now being granted lateral entry admission to Diploma Programmes of Govt. Polytechnics in Kerala (latest prospectus submitted by him. This facility was not in force during the period of study of the applicant).
- Kerala PSC has recognised his Technician Membership and issued One Time Verification Certificate.

It is noteworthy that the applicant has been issued One Time Verification certificate by the Kerala PSC without an Eligibility Certificate from the University of Kerala.

However, considering the request of the applicant, remarks was sought from Chairperson BoS

in Engineering (Pass) and Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology.

The Chairperson BoS in Engineering (Pass I) in her remarks dated:10.10.2024, remarked that it is discernable that the Government Order dated: 23.07.2021, which treats ITI Holders as eligible for lateral entry admission to Poly Technic Course was not applicable to Diploma Courses prior to this Order. Hence, she has noted that she agrees with the opinion offered in the File Notes.

The Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology endorsed the remarks of the Chairperson BoS in Engineering (Pass I) on 10.10.2024. He has further noted that the applicant did not have sufficient basic qualification to obtain Eligibility Certificate for his AMICE (I) Examination from the University of Kerala at the time of admission to the course. Hence, for valid reasons, Eligibility Certificate cannot be issued.

The whole matter was placed before the meeting of the Academic Council held on 17.Nov.2025 vide item no. (I) 33 and it resolved to refer the matter to the Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology since it was mistakenly noted that the remarks was sought from the Dean of the Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology. Accordingly, the file was forwarded to the then Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, who commented that the file can be proceeded for further actions on the basis of his previous remarks dated: 10.10.2024.

Hence the whole matter regarding issuance of Eligibility Certificate to AMICE (I) (Associate Membership of the Institution of Civil Engineers (India) Examination after availing lateral entry to its Diploma equivalent Technician Membership is placed before the meeting of the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to the Board of Studies in Engineering(Pass I).

28. Recognition of M.A. Degree in International Studies (Regular) awarded by University of Madras through Stella Maris College (Autonomous) Chennai-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Ms./Mr Manisha Devi A dated: 19.06.2025

Ms/Mr. Manisha Devi A submitted an application for recognition of M.A. Degree in International Studies (Regular) awarded by University of Madras through Stella Maris College (Autonomous) Chennai for the purpose of getting it equivalent to M.A Degree in Political Science of this University, for higher education and employment in the field of Political Science.

The applicant has undergone 10 + 2 pattern of study recognised by the University of Kerala. He/She passed B.A. Degree in English Language and Literature from this University. She/He has submitted the duly attested scheme and syllabus of the course. The college is accredited by NAAC in different cycles.

The Chairperson BoS in Political Science (P.G) has remarked that the applicant has undergone 10+2 pattern of study recognised by the University of Kerala and graduated in English from this University and obtained M.A. in International Studies from the University of Madras through Stella Maris College. After verification of the syllabus of the said course and the papers done by the applicant for the P.G. Course the Chairperson has recommended to give equivalency with M.A. Political Science and to recognise the M.A Degree in International Studies (Regular)awarded by University of Madras through Stella Maris College (Autonomous) for higher studies and employment in the field of Political Science.

The Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences has endorsed the remarks of the Chairperson BoS in Political Science (P.G).

Hence, the whole matter regarding recognition of M.A. Degree in International Studies (Regular) awarded by University of Madras through Stella Maris College (Autonomous), Chennai as equivalent to the M.A. Degree in Political Science is placed before the meeting of the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and **RESOLVED** to recognize the M.A. Degree in International Studies (Regular) awarded by University of Madras through Stella Maris College (Autonomous), Chennai as equivalent to the M.A. Degree in Political Science of this University.

29. Recognition of 5-Year integrated M.A Degree in Political Science (Regular) awarded by University of Hyderabad-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application received from Smt. Ambili Thomas dated 22.11.2024

Smt. Ambili Thomas had submitted the scheme and syllabus of 5-Year integrated M.A Degree in Political Science (Regular) awarded by University of Hyderabad for course recognition for the purpose of higher studies and employment. She had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognised by the University of Kerala. She obtained NET in Political Science.

The Chairperson, BoS in Political Science (Pass) has remarked that, after verifying the scheme, syllabus and certificate of Smt. Ambili Thomas, she is eligible to obtain higher studies and employment.

The Chairperson, BoS in Political Science (PG) has remarked that the application received from Smt. Ambili Thomas along with the scheme and syllabus of Five Year integrated M.A Degree in Political Science (Regular) awarded by University of Hyderabad were verified and recommended to recognise the Five Year integrated M.A Degree in Political Science (Regular) awarded by University of Hyderabad for higher studies and employment in Political Science.

The Dean, Faculty of Social Science has endorsed the remarks of the Chairpersons, BoS in Political Science (Pass) and (PG).

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of 5-Year Integrated M.A Degree in Political Science (Regular) awarded by University of Hyderabad as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in Political Science is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize 5-Year Integrated M.A Degree in Political Science (Regular) awarded by University of Hyderabad as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in Political Science.

30. Recognition of Certificate course in Food and Nutrition awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University along with a recognised B.Sc Degree in Zoology, for the purpose of higher studies in Home Science-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application from smt.Asifa Ali.V dated 03.06.2025

Ms.Asifa Ali.V had submitted the scheme and syllabus for **recognition of Certificate course in Food and Nutrition awarded by Indira Gandhi national Open University for the purpose of higher studies in Home Science**. She had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognised by the University of Kerala. She obtained B.Sc Degree in Zoology from University of Kerala. She obtained M.Sc Degree in Dietetics and Food Service Management awarded by IGNOU which is already recognised by the University of Kerala as equivalent to the M.Sc. Degree in Home Science Food and Nutrition of this University.

It may be noted that the PG admission criteria of M.Sc Home Science is as follows,

- B.Sc. with Home Science/Honours Degree as Core Course with not less than 5.5 CCPA(S)* out of 10 / B.Sc. Vocational Degree in (a) Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics and (b) Food Science and Quality Control (c) B.Sc. Family and Community Science (d) Food Science and Nutrition (e) Food Science Management and Dietitian (f) Nutrition and Dietitian with minimum of 5.5 CCPA(S)/ 55% for Core and Complementaries

The PG admission criteria of Home Science (Food and Nutrition) is as follows,

- Home Science (Food and Nutrition): B.Sc. with Home Science/Honours Degree as Core Course with Chemistry as complementary subject with not less than 5.5 CCPA(S)* out of 10 / B.Sc. Vocational Degree in

(a) Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics and

(b) Food Science and Quality Control

(c) B.Sc. Family and Community Science

(d) B.Sc. Nutrition and Dietitian with minimum of 5.5 CCPA(S)*out of 10

The candidate acquired B.Sc Degree in Zoology from University of Kerala which is not included in the admission criteria prescribed by University of Kerala for M.Sc Home Science. But she had acquired Certificate course in Food and Nutrition from Indira Gandhi National Open University.

The Chairman, BoS in Home Science (Pass) has remarked that the application of Ms.Asifa Ali.V was discussed in the Board of Studies (Pass) Home Science and the decision is as follows,

- B.Sc Zoology with the Certificate course in Food and Nutrition cannot be considered as equivalent to B.Sc Home Science. B.Sc Home Science involves subjects in Child Development, Textile Science, Extension Education, Interior Design and Nutrition and since student has not studied any of these subjects (except Nutrition) equivalency cannot be awarded. However, since the student has completed a Certificate course in Food and Nutrition and a PG in Dietetics and Food Service Management. She can apply for Ph.D in Nutrition in other recognised Universities.

The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the remarks of the Chairperson, BoS in Home Science (Pass).

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of Certificate course in Food and Nutrition awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University along with a recognised B.Sc Degree in Zoology is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED NOT to recognize Certificate course in Food and Nutrition awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University along with a recognised B.Sc Degree in Zoology.

31. Granting of Equivalence to Degrees of Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi with immediate effect-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Circular No.KRB/893/2025-GSO6 DT:20-05-2025 from Governor's Secretariat.

The above-referenced Circular from Governor's Secretariat, based on petitions from the student community and the information brought to the notice of the Honourable Chancellor by the Senior Regional Director, Indira Gandhi National Open University, directs to address the hardships faced by Graduates/Post Graduates of Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi due to reluctance by certain Universities in the State, for granting Recognition/Equivalence to the programmes offered by IGNOU. (The Circular appended)

Accordingly, it is directed by the Governor's Secretariat that the programmes offered by IGNOU be treated as recognised and equivalent to the programmes offered by the State Universities in Kerala, automatically. It is also directed to treat the requests for recognition which are already under consideration by the Universities in Kerala, as recognised and equivalent to the programmes offered by the State Universities with immediate effect without further processing or procedure.

As per the Circular, the programmes of IGNOU shall attain equivalency automatically as and when such requests are submitted to respective Universities or constituent/affiliated colleges. It is also directed that the instructions shall be adhered to, without fail, ensuring that students do not face any hardships with unnecessary procedures.

The following points may be noted in this regard:

1. All B.A. programme of IGNOU are recognised as equivalent to the corresponding B.A Degree of this University. Eligibility Certificate stating equivalency are issued on the

- same day on receipt of duly filled in applications along with all mandatory documents.
2. As far as the programmes which bear different nomenclature and the courses which are not offered by the University of Kerala are concerned, the Course Recognition procedure i.e., verification of the scheme and syllabus of the programmes by the Academic Bodies of this University is a mandatory procedure to be undertaken for issuing Eligibility Certificates. This is to comply with the Regulations of the University of Kerala and Special Rules and Regulations, mandated by the Government of Kerala, for specific employment such as under the Faculty of Teaching, Medicine, Science and other fields which require sufficient hands-on/ practical training.
 3. Programmes of IGNOU differ in mode of study, contents, practicals, nomenclature, basic qualifications etc. Hence Recognition/Equivalence cannot be granted without verifying these aspects.
 4. Some of the certificates issued by IGNOU do not even bear the major subject of the programme. It is to be noted the major subject/subjects of the B.A/B.Sc. programme is not mentioned in Degree certificate issued by IGNOU of late. Hence, in order to verify the eligibility of the applicants for admission to specific Academic programmes under this University, it becomes essential to verify the subjects undergone by them at their Graduate level programmes. In such cases, graduates from IGNOU need to submit the detailed scheme and syllabus of their graduate programme in order to verify their academic eligibility for admission to the specific programmes.
 5. The difference between subject specific Bachelor's degree programmes and Bachelor's Degrees sans major subject, offered by Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi has not yet been clarified by authorities at IGNOU.
 6. Moreover, 10+2+3 pattern of study is mandatory for the purposes of employments under various Departments including both the State and Central Governments. The Regulations of the University of Kerala also insists on a recognised 10+2 pattern. The Basic Preparatory Programme (BPP) of IGNOU, intended for those who have not undergone 10+2 pattern of study is not recognised as an equivalent qualification to the Higher Secondary Examination of the State Board. No student have produced Equivalency Certificate from the Higher Secondary Board of Govt. of Kerala for the BPP programme of IGNOU, so as to facilitate issuance of Eligibility Certificate.
 7. It is learnt from prospective students that they are facing undue hardships while approaching IGNOU for securing Scheme and syllabus to be submitted before the University of Kerala.
 8. Many students have informed that they were unaware that the Degree Certificate awarded by IGNOU would be issued without specifying the major subject, undergone by them.
 9. University of Kerala, has previously considered the matter regarding the recognition of the Distance Education Programmes of the Open Universities, based on UGC Directives, at the meeting of the Deans of all Faculties and the Chairman, Board of Studies (PG & UG Courses) chaired by the Hon. Vice-Chancellor on 13/12/2013 and it was unanimously decided that the directives of UGC to grant recognition to the Degrees through Distance mode of other Universities including Open Universities may be accepted in principle but subject to the rules and regulations of the University of Kerala for the grant of recognition of the Degrees of other Universities. The decision was intimated to the UGC vide letter No:Ac.C/051058/2013 dated: 20.01.2014.

It is also to be noted that the qualifying Examination, duration of the Course and mode of study are to be similar in order to grant automatic equivalence to Degrees/ Courses of other Universities. Equivalence to programmes other than those under regular mode of study and with different nomenclature can be granted after the procedure of Course Recognition.

Furthermore, as per III of V of the Amendment No.4. of the Norms recognition of Degrees and Examinations of other Universities, recognition is granted only on recommendation of the Dean and Chairman of the Boards of Studies concerned in the case of correspondence courses.

In this context, it is worthy to be noted that the programmes offered under Regular mode of

study and Distance mode of study offered by the University of Kerala itself are not treated as equivalent to each other due to difference in the mode of offer of the programmes.

The meeting of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council at its meeting held on 31.07.2025 vide item no. 2 considered the matter and refer to the Academic Council.

Hence the Circular No.KRB/893/2025-GSO6 DT:20-05-2025 from Governor's Secretariat, as per orders of the Vice-Chancellor, is placed before the meeting of the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to IQAC for a detailed report after having discussion with all Boards of Studies along with Heads of all University Departments and Deans of Faculties.

32. FYUGP - Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Accelerated Degree Programme (ADP) under FYUGP (N-1 Semesters) - consideration- reg. (Ac.A V(A))

Four Year Under Graduate Programmes UOK-FYUGP Curriculum Framework and Regulations 2024, as approved by the Academic Council was implemented in the Affiliated Colleges w.e.f the Academic Year 2024-25 vide UO No. 4271/2024/UOK dated: 22.05.2024.

As per Clause 2.5.3 of the UoK-FYUGP CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK AND REGULATIONS, 2024 "Each Board of Studies shall prepare and publish a list of online courses at different levels before the commencement of classes in each semester offered in various online educational platforms recognised by the Academic council of the University, which can be opted by the students for acquiring additional credits".

The Online Platforms which offer Online Courses accredited to the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) as recommended by the Board(s) of Studies have been approved by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council vide UO No. 2758/2025/UOK dated 27.03.2025.

The Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Kerala, forwarded the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Accelerated Degree Programme (ADP) under FYUGP (N-1 Semesters) recommended in the Meeting held on 22.04.2025 for FYUGP by the Department of Higher Education.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 27.05.2025, considered the Minutes of the Review Meeting for the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) held on 22.04.2025 and resolved to approve and implement the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Accelerated Degree Programme (ADP) under FYUGP (N-1 Semesters). Further resolved that the eligibility criteria of academic performance of the candidate under FYUGP (N-1 Semesters) be 75% marks in each Semester. Also resolved to place the same before the Academic Council.

The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Accelerated Degree Programme (ADP) under FYUGP (N-1 Semesters) and fixing of eligibility criteria of the students, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Accelerated Degree Programme (ADP) under FYUGP (N-1 semesters)

1. Purpose

To enable meritorious and high-performing students to complete their undergraduate degree programme in less than the standard duration (N semesters) through an Accelerated Degree Programme (ADP), as per FYUGP guidelines.

2. Definitions

- **Standard Duration (N):** Normal period for completion of a degree.
- **Accelerated Degree Programme (ADP):** Programme completed in (N-1) semesters.
- **Extended Degree Programme (EDP):** Programme completed in up to (N+2) semesters.
- **ADP Committee:** A panel formed by the HEI to evaluate and approve ADP applications.

3. Eligibility

- Students must apply **at the end of 2nd semester** only.
- Must demonstrate **strong academic performance**, typically with:

- The academic performance of the candidate under FYUGP (N-1 Semesters) be **75% marks** in each semester.
- Completion of minimum required credits as per FYUGP progression norms.
- Proven ability to handle additional academic load.

4. Application Procedure

• **Notification:** The college/university shall notify students about ADP application window at the end of the 2nd semesters.

• **Application Submission:** Interested students shall submit:

- Application form.
- Academic transcript (1st & 2nd semester).
- Statement of Purpose.

• **Scrutiny by ADP Committee:**

- Evaluation of credit completion potential.
- Assessment of learning capabilities.

• **Result Notification:** Selected candidates will be informed and must provide written consent.

• **ADP Committee Composition**

- Principal Chairperson
- Head of the Department (Convenor)
- Faculty Advisors
- FYUGP Co Ordinator
- IQAC Co ordinator

• **Exit Clause**

- Students under ADP may be shifted back to standard duration on:
- Failing to meet academic expectations.
- Voluntary withdrawal (with valid reasons).

• **Curriculum Design**

• Students opting for the Accelerated Degree Program must have completed **42 credits in the first two semesters.**

• They must complete **91 credits in the next three semesters**, averaging **30 credits per semester** from Semester 3 onward.

• **Fast track students will need to earn 8 additional credits** beyond the normal load.

• **Modes of Earning Extra Credits**

Fast track students can earn the additional **8 credits** through the following **two options:**

Option 1: Online University Classes (University Facilitated)

- If adequate faculty is not available at the college:
- The **University**, with the help of BOS, will organize **online classes** for the fast track courses.
- Interested faculty members from across colleges may **volunteer** to teach these papers.

• **College Responsibilities:**

- Assign a **course mentor** for each enrolled student.
 - Conduct **continuous internal evaluation (CIE)** including assignments, tests, and project work.
- Submit internal marks to the university.

Credit-linked vocational or professional courses offered by empanelled skilling agencies through CSDCCP centres in colleges with the approval of the universities can also be utilized by students to earn additional credits. These courses, aligned with the accelerated degree programmes, enable learners to enhance employability and academic progress simultaneously, fostering a blend of skills and formal education.

Option 2: SWAYAM Courses (MOOC Based)

- The University will **identify and approve SWAYAM courses** (UGC offered) that align with the program outcomes.
- Students may **enroll in these SWAYAM courses** to fulfill part or all of the 8 extra credits.
- University will:
- **Monitor student registration and participation.**

- **Conduct the end-semester examination** for SWAYAM courses as per UGC's **SOP for Credit Transfer**.
- Award credit based on performance and verification of SWAYAM-provided certificates.

9 . Approval and Notification Process

- BOS must submit the list of:
- Advanced papers
- Online courses to be conducted (Option 2).
- Recommended SWAYAM courses (Option 3).
- University shall **approve and notify** these courses before the start of each semester.

SOP for offering online courses

Annexure 1

1.1 Regulatory Amendments

- University must amend relevant academic regulations via statutory bodies to allow **credit transfer** in each semester through SWAYAM courses.
- Adoption must align with **UGC Credit Framework for Online Learning (SWAYAM), 2021**.

1.2 Affiliating College Notification

- University shall officially inform all affiliated colleges regarding the implementation of SWAYAM for credit transfer and accelerated learning pathways.

1.3 SWAYAM Advisory Committee

- A **SWAYAM Advisory Committee (SAC)** shall be constituted, chaired by the **Vice-Chancellor** or nominee.
- Responsible for identifying courses, monitoring implementation, and resolving related issues.

1.4 Nodal Officer Appointment

- A senior faculty member shall be designated as the **SWAYAM Nodal Officer**, who also acts as **Coordinator of the SAC** and main liaison with the SWAYAM platform.

2. Course Identification and Announcement

2.1 Semester Planning

- By **1st June** (for July semester) and **1st November** (for January semester), the Nodal Officer shall share course options with the SAC.

2.2 Course Selection

- SAC to identify suitable SWAYAM courses for ADP students based on curriculum requirements.
- List to be published on **University Website, Notice Boards, and Social Media**.

2.3 Departmental Integration

- Each **Board of Studies (BoS)** shall incorporate a SWAYAM course basket in their syllabus every semester.
- Students opting for fast-track mode may be advised to choose additional courses from this basket.

3. Faculty Roles and Student Support

3.1 SWAYAM Mentors

- Chairperson, SAC shall nominate faculty as **SWAYAM Mentors** at department/college level.
- Mentors must review course content and requirements in advance.

3.2 Orientation and Sensitization

- Nodal Officer to organize orientation programs every **January and July** to raise awareness among students and faculty about SWAYAM offerings and procedures.

3.3 Mentor Responsibilities

- Facilitate student registration.
- Ensure student participation in assignments, quizzes, and discussion forums.

- Provide academic support and monitor engagement.

4. Registration and Technical Process

4.1 University Approval Upload

- During registration on SWAYAM portal, Nodal Officer uploads University's official course adoption approval document.

4.2 Credential Issuance

- UGC verifies the document and issues **login credentials** to the Nodal Officer to access student progress.

5. Evaluation and Examination

5.1 Assessment Criteria

- Minimum **40% marks** required to pass a SWAYAM course:
- **12/30** in internal assessments/quizzes
- **28/70** in end-term examination

5.2 Internal Monitoring

- Nodal Officer monitors student performance and eligibility for the end-term exam via the SWAYAM portal.

5.3 University Examination

- University's Controller of Examination conducts **end-term exam** for SWAYAM courses using approved question papers.

5.4 Result Upload and Submission

- Nodal Officer uploads marks (out of 70) for end-term exams to SWAYAM portal.
- Total marks (out of 100) are submitted to CoE for inclusion in student transcripts.

5.5 Failed/Absent Students

- Nodal Officer prepares a list of students who failed or missed the exam and coordinates supplementary exams in subsequent semesters.

6. Credit Mapping and Award

6.1 APAAR and ABC Integration

- Marks must be mapped to each student's **APAAR ID** and reflected in their **Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)** account.

6.2 University Transcript

- Final marks from SWAYAM (out of 100) shall be printed in the **University's Mark-sheet/Transcript**.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and **RESOLVED** to refer the matter to FYUGP Monitoring Committee.

33. **Scheme & Syllabus for B.Com Logistics & Supply Chain Management, B.Com Fin Tech & Artificial Intelligence and B.Com Finance and Accounts in FYUGP submitted by Loyola College of Social Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram (Autonomous)- consideration of-reg. (Ac.A V (A))**

The Scheme & Syllabus for B.Com Logistics & Supply Chain Management, B.Com Fin Tech & Artificial Intelligence and B.Com Finance and Accounts under FYUGP submitted by Loyola College of Social Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram (Autonomous), to be implemented from the academic year 2025- 26, was placed before the Board of Studies in Commerce (UG) held on 19.04.2025, for consideration.

The Board of Studies in Commerce (UG) remarked that based on the structural and content – related issues, it is unable to recommend the approval of the syllabus for the three B.Com programs in its present form. The board suggested that the B.Com Program can be restructured as three B.Com

programmes with 'Finance and Accounts', 'Fin tech and Artificial Intelligence' and 'Logistics and Supply Chain Management' as Electives.

The Dean, Faculty of Commerce has remarked that the three B.Com programmes of Loyola College may be recommended with the minor changes suggested in terms of rearrangement of facts such as

- Session breakdown
- Showing the details in the concerned tables
- Proportionately distributing Lecture hours
- Module break down
- Making Course Outcomes more precise

The Board of Studies held on 10.06.2025 re-considered the Syllabus of the three proposed B.Com programmes submitted by Loyola College, taking into account the Dean's remarks and recommended resubmitting the Syllabus after addressing the issues mentioned and restructuring the programs such that the specialisations Finance and Accounts, Fin tech and AI, and Logistics and Supply Chain Management are offered as electives within the B.Com programme, in compliance with the University's Regulations.

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor to place the matter before the Academic Council, as there is a disagreement between the recommendations of the Board of Studies in Commerce and the Dean, Faculty of Commerce.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter of approval of Scheme & Syllabus for B.Com Logistics & Supply Chain Management ,B.Com Fin Tech& Artificial Intelligence and B.Com Finance and Accounts under FYUGP submitted by Loyola College of Social Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram(Autonomous),to be implemented from the academic year2025-26,is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and recommendation.

**Minutes of the Additional Meeting (Online)-BoS in
Commerce (Pass) Date: 19.04.2025 (Saturday)**

Agenda: Approval of Syllabus for three UG Programs (B. Com (Finance and Accounts), B. Com (Fintech and AI), B. Com (Logistics and Supply Chain Management) under the FYUGP submitted by Loyola College (Autonomous), Thiruvananthapuram

Decisions:

- The board examined the scheme and syllabus submitted by Loyola College (Autonomous), Thiruvananthapuram with respect to their contents and compliance with the UOK FYUGP Regulations 2024, and made the following remarks:
- The types of courses listed in the syllabus, such as DSC, DSE, MDC, AEC, SEC, and VAC, align with the Regulations, including their number and credit allocation for awarding the degree.
- However, the design of the programs, as presented in the schemes and syllabi, deviates structurally from several provisions of the Regulation in force.
- The DSCs are pre-designated as major and minor courses, which contradicts the Regulations that allow students to choose DSCs as their major or minor at their discretion from the course baskets.
- The listing of minor courses for each program lacks clarity regarding whether they are self-minor courses. If they are self-minor (from the same discipline), they are not admissible under the Regulation, which considers Commerce as a single discipline.
- Elective courses are not framed in a way that offers specialisation in an area, i.e a basket of related courses (at least 4 courses).
- As per the Regulation, credits for courses range from 2-4. However, 8 credits are allotted for the internship in the 4th semester, which will exceed the maximum credit for each semester, which is 28.
- The question paper and marks for exams are different from the university format, and a credit- to-mark ratio of 1:20 is not followed. The credit-to-exam duration ratio 1:30 minute is

- not followed for courses with less than 4 credit, as it is fixed as 2 hours for all courses.
- Continuous assessment is divided into formative and summative components, but the relative weight is not specified. The division of CCA and ESE of practicum-based courses is not given.
 - Some courses (Business Communication, Sustainable Development, VAC 3, MDC 3) show practicum in the syllabus, but this is not included in the corresponding tables. Mandatory lab-based courses (Computer Applications, Data Analysis & Visualization) lack practicum listing.
 - The syllabus for Prompting Skills lacks session breakdowns and hours allocation.
 - Tutorial 4/ Lecture 4 appears for some courses unexpectedly, and for some courses, it is shown zero lecture hours.
 - Courses like Financial Management have disproportionate lecture hours across modules, causing some topics to be under or overemphasized.
 - In Business & Technology, lecture (4h)+tutorial (4h) sums to 8 hours, but total credit hours are listed as 4.
 - The COs for Financial Statement Analysis, International Financial Reporting Standards, and CO2 of Yoga & Wellness are either too broad or set at inappropriate cognitive levels.
 - Syllabi for Life Skills and Stock Market Operations lack module breakdowns with hours. Under the Fintech program, the course titled; Introduction to AI and Machine Learning; is offered VII th semester (capstone course), as an elective. Board is of the view that, this program does not include some essential courses on programming to consider Fintech and AI; as a stand-alone programme
 - Based on the above structural and content-related issues, the board is unable to recommend the approval of the submitted syllabus for the three B. Com programs in its present form. The board suggests that the B Com program can be restructured as three B. Com programs, with Finance and Accounts, Fintech and AI, and Logistics and Supply Chain Management as electives. Granting of approval can be considered upon the revision of the syllabus in light of the issues mentioned above.

The meeting concluded at 4.30 p.m

Remarks of the Dean Faculty of Commerce, University of Kerala on three FYUG B Com Programmes of Loyola College

With reference to the new B Com programmes proposed by Loyola College of Social Sciences, The Minutes of the additional Board of Studies in Commerce held on 19th April 2025 reveals that the Board has not considered the proposal in the right form. Kindly consider my remarks:

1. The College is an autonomous College and has designed the programmes in the most innovative form. Keeping the UGC as well as Higher Education Council and University guidelines in place, Interdisciplinary futuristic approach in Commerce is well considered. University need to examine whether the Curriculum was approved in the College BOS as well as its Academic Council.
2. Referring to the Minutes, which states that the Curriculum of the programmes clearly confirms with the University Regulations in terms of structure, courses and credits. I fully endorse the same.
3. The DSCs Major and minor are not pre-designated as mentioned in the Minutes, what is offered under each discipline is mentioned and students have a total freedom to choose their Minors from the any of the New FYUGP, not just FinTech, Supply Chain or Finance, but also from the other disciplines like Data Science, Social Work and Psychology.
4. There is no issue of Self Minor as the Minors here come under three different Programmes which are under three different Disciplines of Finance and Accounts, Supply Chain Management and Fin Tech and AI , Hence the BOS contention is not valid. Three Programmes are from three Disciplines with separate BOS constituted.
5. Electives Clearly offer 4 courses in the area of Specialization. Internship credits offered are more than what the university has said, but this does not dilute standards.
6. Most of the other point are simple which can be brought with greater clarity just with a rearrangement of facts mentioned above which can be done by the College BOS.

- Session breakdown
- Showing the details in the concerned tables
- Proportionately distributing Lecture hours
- Module break down
- Making COs more precise

The final suggestion of the BOS is to have three B Com for the 3 streams, which is exactly what the college has done, not as electives, but as three specialized degrees with separate BOS, enabling innovative pathways with specific mobility for learners.

Kindly note that Commerce is not a Single Discipline, modern innovative pathways in an interdisciplinary form has emerged across India which calls for Inter Disciplinary pathways. The same is done across India. Also note that the Faculty of Commerce in its last meeting had discussed the issue of students left with no options to choose interdisciplinary allied courses for Commerce in detail and recommendations on the same was placed and approved in the Academic Council meeting as well. Non availability of adequate options in Commerce as minors is seriously affecting the Discipline and there was an urgent need to redefine Disciplines under Commerce which makes learning more meaningful and purposive. The Three B Com programmes of Loyola College may be recommended with the minor changes suggested in terms of rearrangement of facts mentioned under 'point 6'. The decisions of college BoS, Academic Council recommendations and University regulations need to be examined.

Minutes of the Additional Meeting (Online)—BoS in Commerce (Pass)

Date: 10.06.2025 (Tuesday) Time: 7.30 p.m.

Agenda: Re-examination of the Syllabus for three UG Programs B. Com (Finance and Accounts), B.Com (Fintech and AI), B. Com (Logistics and Supply Chain Management) under the FYUGP submitted by Loyola College (Autonomous), Thiruvananthapuram, for approval

Decisions:

As directed by the Registrar, the BoS re-examined the syllabus of the three proposed B.Com programs submitted by Loyola College, taking into account the Deans remarks that favoured its approval, subject to some minor changes under the heading 'other points' ; despite the concerns raised by the BoS regarding self-minors and electives. The BoS does not oppose innovative programs promoting interdisciplinarity or question the autonomy of the college in designing its programs. However, from a legal perspective, since there are no provisions in the present University regulations or no specific orders that permit either self-minors or dividing the Commerce discipline into different specialised programs, other than through various electives, the BoS has decided to stick to its earlier remarks, seeking clarity regarding the offering of minor courses, and favouring the non-admissibility of self- minors.

The board welcomes the Deans remarks on corrections sought for under other point that can be recommended for inclusion in the syllabus.

The board recommends resubmitting the syllabus after addressing the above issues and restructuring the programs such that the specialisations Finance and Accounts, Fintech and AI, and Logistics and Supply Chain Management are offered as electives within the B.Com program, in compliance with the University regulations.

The meeting concluded at 8.30p.m

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter back to Board of Studies in Commerce (Pass) for re-examining the matter, taking into account that the interest of students pursuing the programmes are suitably met.

34. Granting permission for adopting syllabi of CSS of the University for offering online programmes in B. Com, BBA, M. Com and MBA through CDOE-Consideration of- reg. (Ac.AIV)

A letter has been received from the Director, School of Distance Education requesting to grant permission for adopting the syllabus of CSS of the University for offering online programmes in B. Com, BBA, M. Com and MBA. Syllabi of these courses had been obtained from the CSS section and forwarded to the Chairpersons, and then to the Deans for obtaining remarks.

- The Chairmen, BOS in Commerce(PG) and Management(PG) Boards recommended to adopt the syllabi of M. Com and MBA programmes respectively offered in CSS for online courses to be started.
- The Chairpersons, BOS in Commerce(UG) and Management(PG) recommended to adopt the syllabus of B. Com and BBA FYUGP programmes offered in CSS with appropriate customizations to suit the targeted learning audience and mode of delivery, for online B. Com and BBA programmes to be offered through CDOE.
- The Dean, Faculty of Commerce remarked that :

The Curriculum of B Com and M Com of CSS can be used for the online delivery of the same programmes through CDOE of University of Kerala provided :

The same is prepared in the 4 quadrant approach prescribed for MOOCs in terms of Online content , videos and online materials , assessment mode , and discussion platforms. After getting the same ready delivery can be launched. Systems for Internships and experiential learning need to be customized for online learning.

- **The Dean, Faculty of Management Studies endorsed the remarks of the Chairmen, Pass and PG Boards of Boards of Studies in Business Management.**

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter was placed before meeting of the CDOE Monitoring Committee held on 25/04/2025. The CDOE Monitoring Committee, considered the matter vide item no. 2 and recommended to adopt the Scheme and Syllabus of CSS of the University for offering Online Programmes at CDOE. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 27/05/2025 considered the minutes vide item no. 20.04 and resolved to approve the above recommendation of the CDOE Monitoring Committee.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding adopting syllabi of CSS of the University for offering online programmes in B. Com, BBA, M. Com and MBA through CDOE is placed before Academic Council for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to adopt syllabi of CSS of the University for offering online programmes in B. Com, BBA, M. Com and MBA through CDOE.

35. Issuance of One-Time Certificate to the candidates pursuing two academic programmes and draft format of the One-Time Certificate for approval-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

The matter regarding pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously, in accordance with the UGC guidelines, has been implemented vide U.O.No. 2774/2025/UOK dtd 28/03/2025. As per U.O., it was resolved that the Registrar shall approve the applications of students pursuing the primary programme from University of Kerala, by issuing One-Time Certificate to pursue another programme in this University/Other University/College. But, as per the report of the Sub-Committee, approved by the Syndicate as well as Academic Council, by considering the extra workload for collecting and processing of such applications, the Committee further recommended to form a separate section in the University under the Controller of Examinations and also to collect specific fees from the candidates who intends to pursue 2 courses at same time.

In this regard, Note No. Ac.AIV/02/30552/2025 dtd 28/05/2025 had been issued to P A to the Controller of Examinations. As per discussion with the Controller of Examinations, it has been pointed out that the certificates issued from a section under Controller of Examinations should be signed by Controller of Examinations only. Also, suggested that it will be suitable to start a section

under Registrar for this purpose, if required, so that they can collect details of the students by seeking remarks from Tabulation section.

Now, candidates submitted applications for the issuance of One-Time Certificate after remitting fees of Rs. 1000/-. It may be noted that format for One-Time Certificate was not proposed at that time and no section has been created for the purpose, yet. Confusion is arising that which section should accept such applications. The candidates need the certificates in urgency as the admission procedures in other Universities may close soon.

The Vice Chancellor has ordered to place the matter before the Academic Council for appropriate consideration and recommendation on;

1. To approve the draft format for One-Time Certificate prepared.
2. No separate section has been created to process such applications yet. Hence issuance of One-Time Certificate may be done by the academic section concerned of the Primary programme.
3. Necessary action may be initiated by the tabulation section concerned to record the same in the student's profile.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council observed that in view of the exigency, the matter has been approved by the Vice Chancellor subject to reporting to the Academic Council **and hence NOTED the same.**

36. Equivalency of PG programme in Tourism Management with the PG programme in Hotel Management for the purpose of eligibility to apply for the post of Assistant Professor in Hotel Management-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

The Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department vide letter No. HEDN-B4/274/2025- HEDN dated 28.08.2025, seeks a report regarding the equivalency of PG programme in Tourism Management with the PG programme in Hotel Management for the purpose of eligibility to apply for the post of Assistant Professor in Hotel Management. It may be noted that Master of Travel and Tourism Management programme (MTTM) is currently offered by this University, whereas a PG programme in Hotel Management is not offered.

The remarks of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Business Management (PG) and the Dean, Faculty of Management Studies, were obtained on the matter. The Chairman, Board of Studies in Business Management (PG) has opined that MBA (Travel and Tourism), MBA (Tourism), or MTTM degree holders may be considered eligible for the post of Assistant Professor in Hotel Management, since Hospitality and Hotel Management courses are included in their PG curriculum.

The Dean, Faculty of Management Studies, has observed that Tourism Management and Hotel Management are related fields, but they are not the same.

As per the orders of Vice Chancellor the matter regarding equivalency of PG programme in Tourism Management with the PG programme in Hotel Management for the purpose of eligibility to apply for the post of Assistant Professor in Hotel Management is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate recommendation as the opinion of the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Business Management (PG) and the Dean, Faculty of Management Studies differ.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED NOT to grant equivalency for PG programme in Tourism Management with the PG programme in Hotel Management since PG programme in Hotel Management is not being offered in this University.

37. Recognition - 12-Year High School Diploma of Marlboro High School (Board of Education of the Freehold Regional High School District, New Jersey) - consideration of Consideration of- Reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Ms. Anamika Nath, dated: 08.09.2025

This note pertains to the application submitted by Ms. Anamika Nath seeking formal recognition of her 12-Year High School Diploma awarded by Marlboro High School (Board of Education of the Freehold Regional High School District, New Jersey, USA) in the year 2025.

The purpose of seeking this recognition is to establish the qualification as an eligible credential for the applicant to seek admission to higher studies in this University.

Supporting Documentations:

- The applicant has submitted an Equivalence Certificate from the UGC which states that "the qualification of High School Diploma, awarded by Freehold Regional High School District, of United States of America, in the year 2025 is comparable/equivalent to the Class 12 (National Credit Framework (NCrF)-Level 4.0) in India." (Copy of the Equivalence Certificate from the UGC - **appended**)
- The applicant has also submitted an Equivalency Certificate from the General Education Department which certifies that the "12th grade Examination conducted by the Marlboro High School, USA is equivalent to the Higher Secondary Humanities Course (Board of Higher Secondary Examinations) conducted by the Directorate of General Education, Kerala." (Copy of the Equivalency Certificate from the General Education Department - **appended**)

Vice-Chancellor's Order:

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has reviewed the matter and has ordered that the matter be placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Matter for consideration by the Academic Council:

The entire matter concerning the recognition of the 12-Year High School Diploma of Marlboro High School (Board of Education of the Freehold Regional High School District, New Jersey), as an eligible qualification to seek admission to higher studies in this University subject to the conditions stipulated by the respective Regulations for admission to the course, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the 12-Year High School Diploma of Marlboro High School (Board of Education of the Freehold Regional High School District, New Jersey), as an eligible qualification to seek admission to higher studies in this University subject to the conditions stipulated by the respective Regulations for admission to the course.

38. Recognition of B.Sc. Degree in Information Technology (Distance) awarded by Bharathiar University, Coimbatore-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Ms./Mr. Sarath P dated: 08.04.2025

Ms/Mr. Sarath P submitted an application for recognition of B.Sc. Degree in Information Technology (Distance) awarded by Bharathiar University, Coimbatore for the purpose higher education and employment.

The applicant has undergone recognised 10 + 2 pattern of study, with Mathematics as one of the papers at Higher Secondary Level. She/He has submitted the scheme and syllabus of the course duly attested by the Registrar of Bharathiar University, Coimbatore.

The Chairperson BoS in Computer Science (Pass) has remarked that the website details and the letter from the Registrar of Bharathiar University, submitted by the student indicates that the Bachelor of Science in Information Technology offered under the school of Education during Academic Year 2013-14 to 2015-16 by Bharathiar University, Coimbatore is recognised by UGC and DEB. Hence, recognition can be given to 2013-14 admissions. According to the Chairperson there is 60-70% similarity in the syllabus with that of the University of Kerala.

The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology has endorsed the recommendation of the Chairperson BoS in Computer Science (Pass).

Hence, the whole matter regarding recognition of the B.Sc. Degree in Information Technology awarded under distance mode during 2013-14 admissions, by Bharathiar University, Coimbatore as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the B.Sc. Degree in Information Technology awarded under distance mode during 2013-14 admissions, by Bharathiar University, Coimbatore as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment.

**39. Recognition of Certificates offered by Goethe Institute, Telc, OSD and ECL-
Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)**

Ref:

Letter No: GER/28/2024 Dated:06.03.2024 from Head of the Department of German, University of Kerala.

Letter No: GER/46/2025 dated: 04.08.2025 from the Head of the Department of German, University of Kerala.

The Head of the Department of German, requested to recognise the certificates offered by Goethe, Telc, OSD and ECL as equivalent to the short-term programmes (German AI, A2, B1, B2, C1 and C2) offered by the Dept. of German, University of Kerala vide letter referred (1) above.

It is informed vide letter referred (2) above that the said certificates, issued by Goethe Institute, Telc, OSD and ECL are internationally approved certificates for applying for job and higher education in Germany and other European and other countries globally. Moreover, the certificates are issued by the aforementioned authorities based in Germany and Austria.

It is further informed that the courses offered by the said institutes and the University of Kerala are in tune with CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). So the content of the course and examination pattern are the same and the said courses meet the eligibility to apply for our courses accordingly and hence there is no need of duly certified copies of their scheme and syllabus from their authorities.

Remarks were obtained from the Chairperson BoS in German and the Dean, Faculty of Arts regarding recognition of the following certificate courses as equivalent to the corresponding certificate courses of the University of Kerala as listed in the table below.

Certificate programmes of Goethe Institute, Telc, OSD and ECL	Certificate programmes of the University of Kerala with which equivalence is sought.
German A1	German A1
German A2	German A2
German B1	German B1
German B2	German B2
German C1	German C1
German C2	German C2

The Chairperson BoS in German has verified and approved the request. He has further clarified that the certificates of Goethe Institute (Cultural wing of the Federal Ministry of Germany), telc (the European Language Certificate), a subsidiary of German Adult Education Association (DVV), OeSD (ÖSD) is an internationally recognised organisation from Vienna, Austria to issue A1 to C2 German certificates, ECL (European Consortium for the certificate of Attainment in Modern Language). These agencies are from Germany and Austria and are conducting the A1 to C2 levels of courses under CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) mode and internationally recognised certificates are issued. The A1 to C2 certificates from these agencies are highly recommended by German Mission and other institutions in Germany in order to prove the German Language efficiency. Therefore, the Department of German has followed the telc pattern of A1 to C2 courses and the same pattern of marking system has been adopted. Therefore, the certificates of A1 to C2 levels of Goethe, telc, ÖSD and ECL shall be considered equivalent to A1 to C2 certificates in German issued by the University of Kerala. Hence, the Chairperson has recommended to approve the request of the Head of the Department of German.

The Dean, Faculty of Arts remarked that the observations and recommendations made by

the Chairperson BoS in German regarding recognition of certificates offered by Goethe Institute, telc, ÖSD and ECL are noted and approved. These certificates may be considered equivalent to the respective levels (A1 to C2) of proficiency in German as issued by the University of Kerala.

Hence, the whole matter regarding recognition of the afore-mentioned certificate courses as equivalent to the corresponding certificate courses of the University of Kerala, as listed in the table above, is placed before the meeting of the Academic Council for consideration.

<i>Resolution of the Academic Council</i>	
The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the following certificate courses offered by Goethe, Telc, OSD and ECL as equivalent to the corresponding certificate courses of the University of Kerala, as listed below.	
Certificate programmes of Goethe Institute, Telc, OSD and ECL	Equivalent Certificate programmes of the University of Kerala
German A1	German A1
German A2	German A2
German B1	German B1
German B2	German B2
German C1	German C1
German C2	German C2

**40. Recognition of B.Ed Degree (English and Bio-Science) (Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.C)
Ref: Application submitted by Smt. Mini S G dtd 20/05/2025**

Smt. Mini S G submitted an application for recognition of B.Ed Degree (English and Bio-Science) (Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli for the purpose of either equating it with B.Ed Degree in Natural Science of this University or for higher studies and employment wherever B.Ed Degree in Natural Science of this University is the prescribed qualification.

The applicant has passed 10+2 pattern of study. Then she passed B.Sc Degree in Zoology from Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, which is recognised as equivalent to B.Sc Degree in Zoology of this University.

The Chairman BoS in Education (Pass) has remarked that the pedagogical science of Teaching Natural Science was not found anywhere in the scheme and syllabus and mark list (1996-1997 Academic Year) of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli. As the B.Ed programme of University of Kerala (One year programme), both methodology of Teaching and Pedagogy of concerned optional subject was compulsory academic subjects. Hence, the B.Ed Degree (English and Bio-Science) (Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli cannot be considered as an eligible qualification for the purpose of higher studies and employment wherever B.Ed Degree in Natural Science is the prescribed qualification. The Dean Faculty of Education has endorsed the remarks of Chairman BoS in Education (pass). Accordingly, as per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, a rejection memo was issued to the applicant on 03.09.2025.

Later, the applicant submitted a reconsideration request for granting recognition to her B.Ed Degree. Hence, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has ordered to place the matter before the Academic Council after obtaining remarks from Chairman BoS in Education (Pass) and the Dean Faculty of Education.

As the tenure of the Chairman has been expired on 08.12.2025, the remarks were obtained from the former Chairman BoS in Education (Pass) and the Dean Faculty of Education.

The Chairman BoS in Education (Pass) has verified the scheme and syllabus of B.Ed Degree (English and Bio-Science)(Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli with the B.Ed course of University of Kerala (1985-86 onwards) and it was remarked that the B.Ed course of M.S University cannot be considered as equivalent to B.Ed Degree in Natural Science of the University of Kerala. However, the said degree can be considered only for the purpose of

employment wherever B.Ed Degree in Natural Science is the prescribed qualification.

The Dean Faculty of Education has endorsed the above specific remarks of the Chairman BoS in Education (Pass).

Hence, the whole matter regarding the recognition of B.Ed Degree (English and Bio-Science)(Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli as an eligible qualification only for the purpose of employment wherever B.Ed Degree in Natural Science is the prescribed qualification is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the B.Ed Degree (English and Bio-Science)(Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, as an eligible qualification for the purpose of Employment wherever a B.Ed. Degree in Natural Science is the prescribed qualification.

**41. Triple Main PG Programmes - Modifications of PG Admission Regulations-
Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AII)**

Ref: 1. Item No. 04 of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council held on 11.11.2024

The Academic Council, at its meeting held on **11.11.2024** (vide Item No. 04), considered the matter of recognizing the **B.Sc. (Chemistry, Zoology, Bio-Technology) – Triple Main (Regular)** degree awarded by Bangalore University for the purpose of higher studies and employment, particularly in the field of Chemistry.

The Council resolved to:

1. **Recognize** the said degree for the purpose of higher studies in **Chemistry, Zoology, and Bio-Technology**.

2. **Modify the existing PG admission regulations** to include provisions enabling **Triple Main graduates** from other statutory Universities to pursue higher studies in this University in **any of the three main subjects**, irrespective of course content.

For resolution (2), in the first instance, **opinions were sought from the Chairpersons** of various (PG) Boards of Studies under the Faculties of **Arts, Oriental Studies, Science, and Social Sciences**.

Among the responses received, **most Chairpersons provided favorable recommendations**, except the Chairpersons of the **Boards of Studies in Demography, Chemistry, and Statistics**, who raised concerns that warrant further evaluation. The remarks of the Chairpersons of Demography, Statistics and Chemistry are as follows:

Demography: This is regarding the triple main UG programmes. Since the number of credits is the same for single main and triple main, the content covered in each subject will be less than 50 per cent. So the student may not have sufficient knowledge of the subjects covered in the programme. So it may not be advisable to allow higher studies in any one of the subjects. But it can be allowed for inter-disciplinary programmes such as Biochemistry, Biotechnology, etc

Statistics : Recommended that this provision be approved with an academic safeguard: eligibility should be restricted to candidates who have studied at least any two of the following subjects as core components in their Triple Main undergraduate programme: Statistics, Mathematics, Applied Statistics, Data Analytics or Data Science.

This condition will ensure that incoming students possess the necessary foundational knowledge and quantitative aptitude to engage meaningfully with the academic rigour of the PG Programme in Statistics of our university. At the same time, it allows for flexibility and inclusiveness in tune with the interdisciplinary spirit envisioned in the National Education Policy (NEP).

Chemistry : The course under discussion [i.e. Triple Main B.Sc. Degree (Chemistry, Zoology and Biotechnology) from Bangalore university] has more of a bioscience content and is devoid of a mathematics content. Chemistry may have been better dealt compared to one at the complementary level (but fall far behind when compared to a B.Sc. Chemistry programme). This may be looked upon as an attempt to provide a better understanding of the Biotechnology component of the programme. This might make them eligible for a P.G. in Biochemistry but NOT in chemistry. Hence the Triple

Main B.Sc. Degree (Chemistry, Zoology and Biotechnology) from Bangalore university cannot be considered for the purpose of admission to M.Sc. Chemistry.

However, a new course design with entirely new pattern and syllabus may be proposed with limited physical chemistry content so that these qualifications may be considered as eligible. In such matter a new Board meeting and other arrangement may be made to facilitate admission to the new gen course from the next academic year."

In light of the above, the **Vice Chancellor has ordered** that the matter be **placed before the Academic Council for reconsideration**, specifically taking into account the remarks submitted by the Chairpersons of the Boards of Studies in **Demography, Chemistry, and Statistics**.

The matter of modifying the existing PG admission regulations to allow Triple Main graduates from other statutory universities to pursue PG studies in any of their three main subjects—regardless of course content—is placed before the Academic Council for consideration, despite objections from the Chairpersons of the Boards of Studies in Chemistry, Demography, and Statistics.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to uphold the earlier resolution of the Academic Council to modify the existing PG admission regulations to allow Triple Main graduates from other statutory universities to pursue higher studies in this University in any of their three main subjects, irrespective of course content.

42. Recognition as approved Research Centre – Department of Physics, St. Xavier's College, Thumba, Thiruvananthapuram –Consideration of-reg. (Ac.EI)

The Principal, St. Xavier's College, Thumba, Thiruvananthapuram, has forwarded an application to recognize the Department of Physics of the institution as an approved research centre of University of Kerala.

As per the Syndicate resolution of 02.07.2024, vide Item No.11.11.A12, the Inspection team comprising the following members have visited Department of Physics, St. Xavier's College, Thumba, Thiruvananthapuram on 24.03.2025.

1. Dr. K.G. Gopchandran, Convenor, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics & Research
2. Dr. P. M. Radhamany, Member, Syndicate
3. Dr. V. Biju, Professor & Head, Department of Physics, University of Kerala, Kariavattom (Subject expert)

Following are the major findings of the Inspection team:

- The proposed Centre is having a separate own building for library and reference section.
- 108 journals accessible through library in the area of Physics. 4921 books in Physics and related areas.
- The Centre has provided separate working facilities to individual scholars.
- There are two approved research guides working as Regular Faculty in the Centre.
- A Research Committee has been constituted comprising of research guides .
- The Head of Institution has also submitted an undertaking to the University to the effect that adequate funds will be made available for the centre; scholars shall not be admitted beyond the sanctioned strength; academic programmes like seminars, workshops, projects will be undertaken as part of the centre's functioning and a report will be forwarded annually, in the month of December to the University on the functioning of the centre along with the annual fees.
- Lab facilities are adequate for recognising as a research centre.

The said inspection team recommended for granting recognition to Department of Physics, St. Xavier's College, Thumba, Thiruvananthapuram as approved Research Centre in the subject Physics.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 02.09.2025, vide item No.21.07.A16 considered the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 05.06.2025, on the matter regarding the recognition of Department of Physics, St. Xavier's College, Thumba, Thiruvananthapuram, as approved Research Centre in the subject Physics, along with the

Inspection report submitted by the Inspection team and resolved to approve the Inspection report and to place the matter before the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter of granting recognition to the Department of Physics, St. Xavier's College, Thumba, Thiruvananthapuram, as approved Research Centre of the University of Kerala, in the subject Physics is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and opinion.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the Department of Physics, St. Xavier's College, Thumba, as an approved Research Centre of the University of Kerala.

43. Eligibility for Ph .D. Registration in Biotechnology with P.G. Degree in Food and Dairy Biotechnology - Request submitted by Shahnaz Mol. A –Consideration of-reg. (Ac.E1)

Ms. Shahnaz Mol A has submitted an application to issue her a special certificate confirming M.Sc Food and Dairy Biotechnology is eligible to register for Ph.D in Biotechnology. She was completed **M.Sc Food and Dairy Biotechnology from University of Kerala and qualified CSIR-UGC-NET -JRF in the subject Life Sciences.**

Earlier, the Academic Council at its special meeting held on 02.03.2022 resolved to approve the list of qualifying Degrees for the registration for doing Ph.D. Research in various interdisciplinary subjects coming under the Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology and the University order dated 24.03.2022 had been issued accordingly .

As per the above U.O., the candidates who qualify U.G.C.-C.S.I.R-JRF /NET/GATE/INSPIRE Fellowship /KSCSTE Fellowship or any other National or State Fellowship recognized by the University of Kerala with the following P.G. Degrees are considered for the admission to Ph.D. research in the subject Biotechnology:

Biotechnology, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Microbial Gene Technology, Plant Molecular Biology & Biotechnology, Botany, Agriculture/ Plant Biotechnology, Industrial Biotechnology, Genetics & Plant Breeding, Zoology, Environmental Biotechnology, Biomedical Genetics, Applied Microbiology, Medical Microbiology, Applied Zoology, Animal Biotechnology, Pharmaceuticals, Agriculture Biotechnology.

The P.G. programme in Food and Dairy Biotechnology is not included in the list of qualifying Degrees for registration in Ph.D. research under Biotechnology Programme. The remarks from the Chairperson, BoS in Biotechnology(PG) and the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology have been obtained on the above matter. In the above mentioned U.O.,

1. Remarks from the Chairperson, BoS in Biotechnology(PG):

While comparing the syllabus, 30% similarity was found with the syllabus of M.Sc Biotechnology. Hence, the M.Sc Food and Dairy Biotechnology from Kerala University cannot be considered equivalent to M.Sc Biotechnology, but she can be permitted to register for PhD in Biotechnology, considering the multidisciplinary approach of the subject. The Chairperson also recommended to include the M.Sc. Food and Dairy Biotechnology from Kerala University in the list of qualifying degrees for registration for research under Biotechnology.

2. Remarks from the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology :

M.Sc. Food and Dairy Biotechnology from Kerala University cannot be considered equivalent to M.Sc Biotechnology, but she can be permitted to register for PhD in Biotechnology, considering the multidisciplinary approach of the subject. The Dean also recommended to include the M.Sc. Food and Dairy Biotechnology from Kerala University in the list of qualifying degrees for registration for research under Biotechnology.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter of including "**M.Sc. Food and Dairy Biotechnology**" in the list of qualifying P.G. Degrees for registration to Ph.D. Research in the subject **Biotechnology**, based on the recommendation of Chairperson, BoS in Biotechnology (PG) and the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to include "M.Sc. Food and Dairy Biotechnology" in the list of qualifying P.G. Degrees for registration to Ph.D. Research in the subject **Biotechnology**.

**44. Consideration of Rank in subsequent PG programmes-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AII)
Ref:- Request submitted by Sri.Prabhulla Khosh V(M.A Sociology- SDE-
2021 Admission).**

The Tabulation Section has forwarded a request from the candidate Sri.Prabhulla Khosh V (M.A. Sociology – SDE-2021 admission), for reconsideration of norms regarding Rank in second PG programmes(SDE).

The candidate Sri.Prabhulla Khosh V has passed the M.A. Sociology Degree course in First Class from the School of Distance Education, University of Kerala. He has submitted a request for consideration of rank in Second PG Programme Since he already holds other PG Degrees the tabulation section has forwarded a memo to the candidate intimating the rejection of his request that as per the Examination Manual "Master Degree holders in one subject who appear for Master Degree Examinations in other subjects in other Faculties or other subjects in the same Faculty shall not be considered for ranking".

Revised Norms for the award of Ranks has been issued as per the U.O. No.Acad.A.II/3/922/86 dated 14.01.1986, as per the norms "A candidate who, after having qualified for the Masters Degree in any faculties of this University, appears for the Masters Degree Examination in another subjects as per the rules prescribed therefore, shall not be eligible for the award of Rank"

Subsequently, the candidate Sri.Prabhulla Khosh V, submitted a representation to the Vice Chancellor, requesting for reconsideration of the existing ranking norms , so that meritorious students pursuing an Additional PG (second or third PG) may also be considered for ranking purely on the basis of their academic performance.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor the matter regarding the consideration of subsequent Post Graduate candidates for the award of Rank ie. considering Master Degree holders in one subject who appear for Master Degree Examinations in other subjects in other Faculties or other subjects in the same Faculty, for award of rank is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate decision.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to consider Master Degree holders in one subject who appear for Master Degree Examinations in other subjects in other Faculties or other subjects in the same Faculty for the award of Rank and to modify the existing norms, accordingly.

**45. Recognition of Diploma in Textile Technology (Three Year Course) awarded by State Board of Technical Education, Government of Kerala,Thiruvananthapuram-
Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)
Ref: Application submitted by Sri.Vijaya Prakash.S.V dated 27.09.2025**

Sri.Vijaya Prakash.S.V had submitted an application for recognition of Diploma in Textile Technology (Three Year Course) awarded by State Board of Technical Education, Thiruvananthapuram for the purpose of admission to BA LL.B (Five Year) course . He had completed Technical High school Leaving Certificate Examination.

Ac A III section has remarked that, the representation the applicant Sri. Vijaya Prakash S V, has stated that he is currently undergoing Integrated Five Year BA LL.B Degree Course at Govt. Law College, TVPM and as per letter no/124/2024-TA3 from the Commissioner of Entrance Examinations, it was informed that Three Year Diploma is also an eligible qualification for Integrated Five Year LL.B Course.

The following points in this regard may be noted:

1. Entrance Examination, Admission and Allotment to LL.B Course are carried out from the Office of the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, Govt of Kerala and as per the Prospectus of Integrated LL.B Courses approved by Govt of Kerala, **3-year Diploma/Polytechnic Course, after 10th Standard, issued by an Institution recognized by the Government shall be considered at par with +2 Certificate for the purpose of admission to the 5 year Integrated LLB Degree Course.**

2. As per the Regulations of Integrated LL.B Courses (2020 Scheme) of University of Kerala, Para 4, **No candidate shall be admitted to the course unless he has passed the Higher Secondary Examination of the Government of Kerala or any other examination recognized as equivalent thereto by this University with not less than 45% marks for general category, 42% for OBC and 40% marks for SC and ST.**

The Chairman, BoS in Law (Pass) has remarked (Vide mail dated 15.10.2025) that the candidate Sri.Vijayaprakash.S.V had sought recognition of Diploma in Textile Technology (Three Year course) awarded by State Board of Technical Education, Thiruvananthapuram for the purpose of admission to B.A LL.B (Five Year) course.

Regulations Relating to Integrated Five Year B.A, LL.B Degree course (Kerala University) Page No.2, Item 4 states the Eligibility for admission as follows:

a) No candidate shall be admitted to the course unless he has passed the Higher Secondary examination of the Government of Kerala or any other examination recognised as equivalent thereto by this university with not less than 45% marks for general category, 42% for OBC and 40% marks for SC and ST.

Prospectus for admission to Integrated Five Year LL.B programme, Kerala,2025-26,Item 9 states the Eligibility for admission. As per the **Item 9(ii) (a)**, the

(a) Candidate should have passed the Higher Secondary Examination of the Board of Higher Secondary Education, Kerala **or any other examination recognised by the Universities in Kerala as equivalent thereto.**

Page 12, first paragraph of the above clause states that:

A **3-year Diploma/Polytechnic Course**, after 10th standard, issued by an Institution recognised by the Government **shall be considered at par with +2 Certificate** for the purpose of admission to the 5 Year Integrated LL.B degree course.

The applicant Sri. Vijayaprakash.S.V had produced the copy of the Certificate from the State Board of Technical Education which states that the applicant is awarded the **Diploma in Textile Technology (Three Year course) with second class.**

Hence, it is remarked by the Chairman, BoS in Law (Pass) that:

The application of Sri. Vijayaprakash.S.V can be allowed and Diploma in Textile Technology (Three Year Course) awarded by State Board of Technical Education can be considered as eligible criteria for admission to Five Year LL.B Programme.

The Dean, Faculty of Law has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Law (Pass) vide mail dated 21.10.2025.

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of Diploma in Textile Technology (Three Year Course) awarded by State Board of Technical Education,(Department of Technical Education), Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram as eligible criteria for admission to Five Year LL.B Programme is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize Diploma in Textile Technology (Three Year Course) awarded by State Board of Technical Education,(Department of Technical Education), Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram as eligible criteria for admission to Five Year LL.B Programme.

46. **Issuance of Eligibility Certificate to M.A Degree in History awarded by IGNOU after having passed B.A Degree in Philosophy awarded by the University of Kerala- Consideration of-reg.** (Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Shri. Jubin Ushan dtd. 25.09.2025

Shri. Jubin Ushan submitted an application for the issuance of Eligibility Certificate to his M.A Degree in History awarded by IGNOU. The applicant has passed recognised 10+2 pattern of study. Then he passed B.A Degree in Philosophy awarded by the University of Kerala.

Though the M.A Degree in History of IGNOU has already been recognised by this University as equivalent to the M.A Degree in History of this University, the Eligibility Certificates are being issued to applicant those who have satisfied the admission criteria prescribed for M.A Degree in History of this University.

The matter regarding the amendment to the admission criteria of M.A. History of this University enabling students having a degree under any discipline for admission was placed before the Academic Council held on 16.09.2022. However, the Academic Council RESOLVED to follow the existing admission criteria for the M.A.Degree programme in History in the Affiliated Colleges coming under the University of Kerala.

Further, the qualifying degree for admission to M.A Degree in History followed by the Department of History is a Degree. But as per the admission prospectus followed in affiliated colleges of this University, the qualifying degree for admission to M.A Degree in History of this University are Graduates in any subject under the faculty of Social Sciences or Graduation in English Language and Literature of this University.

As there is a discrepancy in the eligibility criteria followed for admission to M.A Degree in History in the affiliated colleges and teaching department, the remarks from the HoD, Department of History, who is also the Chairman BoS in History were obtained in this regard.

The HoD, Department of History, who is also the Chairman BoS in History (PG) has remarked that the candidate has qualified MA Degree in History from IGNOU after qualifying BA degree in Philosophy awarded by University of Kerala. Further, for applying for MA Degree in History in the Department of History, it was stipulated that any degree holder was made eligible. The entrance examination for MA Degree in History in the teaching and research department of History was conducted in 2025 based on this stipulation. Hence the candidate is eligible to get eligibility certificate. **The Dean Faculty of Social Science** has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in History (PG).

Hence, the whole matter regarding the issuance of Eligibility Certificate to M.A Degree in History awarded by IGNOU after having passed a B.A Degree in Philosophy under the Faculty of Arts awarded by the University of Kerala is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to issue Eligibility Certificate to M.A Degree in History awarded by IGNOU after having passed a B.A Degree in Philosophy under the Faculty of Arts, awarded by the University of Kerala.

47. FYUGP -Provision for the students under FYUGP in Commerce to register for an additional Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) at their choice during the third and fourth semesters- Consideration of –reg. (Ac.AV (A)

Dr.Ajesh S.R, Member, Senate requested to initiate steps to enable the students under FYUGP in Commerce to register for an additional Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) in Semesters 3 and 4, so that they can simultaneously work towards a second specialisation without requiring an extension of their study duration.

The following facts/concerns were also pointed out:

1)Many colleges have indicated that the work is manageable, due to the support of part-time Law Lectures and faculty availability.

2) The flexibility would enhance the academic opportunities and career prospects for students and contribute positively to the University's revenue generation through additional course registration.

3)In the event of an additional DSE being registered, a provision for conducting one more examination (as an additional paper) may need to be instituted.

As per the clause 2.5.1 of the Uok FYUGP Curriculum Framework and Regulations 2024, " A student shall register for at least 21 to 24 credits as per the respective semester from the

home HEI, where the student is officially admitted for a particular programme. However, students enrolled for a specific programme in one HEI can simultaneously enroll for extra credits from other HEIs within the University or outside the University, subject to a maximum of 28 credits per semester, including the credits registered from home HEI".

The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Commerce has recommended that the students under FYUGP in Commerce may be permitted to register for an additional Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) at their choice during the third and fourth semesters, thereby enabling them to pursue a second specialisation.

The Dean, Faculty of Commerce, has endorsed the remarks of the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Commerce.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter of permitting the students under FYUGP in Commerce to register for an additional Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) at their choice during the third and fourth semesters, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and recommendation.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to permit the students under FYUGP in Commerce to register for an additional Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) at their choice during the third and fourth semesters, subject to a maximum of 28 credits per semester.

**48. Equivalency of the Course M.A. English Language and Literature to M.A. Communicative English—Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AII)
Ref: Letter No.HEDN-B4/329/2025-HEDN dated 14-10-2025 from the Principal Secretary, Higher Education(B) Department.**

The candidate, A.U. Sree Lakshmi, who has completed M.A. English Language and Literature from the University of Kerala, has submitted a request to the Higher Education Department seeking equivalency of M.A. English Language and Literature to M.A. Communicative English for submitting before the Kerala Public Service Commission (KPSC) in connection with the post of Higher Secondary School Teacher (Communicative English). The Higher Education Department, vide reference cited above, has sought a report on the equivalency of the said courses.

The course M.A. Communicative English is not offered by the University of Kerala.

The Chairperson, Board of Studies in English (PG), has examined the request of the candidate and remarked that "Communicative English is implicit in the idea of a major in English Language and Literature, for a candidate cannot graduate in English Language and Literature without communicative skills in English. Hence the candidate can be recommended for Higher Studies and Employment in the area".

While forwarding the above remarks to the Dean, Faculty of Arts for endorsement, the Dean, Faculty of Arts has submitted a dissent note stating that "The post under consideration is HSST (Communicative English), for which the prescribed qualification, as per the Government and Kerala Public Service Commission norms, is a Master's Degree in Communicative English or an equivalent qualification in the concerned subject. The applicant holds an M.A. in English Language and Literature, which cannot be considered the same as M.A. in Communicative English. The two programmes differ significantly in structure, thrust areas and academic orientation: M.A. English language and Literature (CSS) Syllabus of the M.A. Programme at the University Department of Institute of English, University of Kerala, which the candidate had attended, is designed with a literary, cultural, and critical focus, emphasising canonical texts, literary theory, and criticism, whereas M.A. Communicative English - wherever offered - is structured around practical and applied domains such as communication skills, media studies, linguistics, language pedagogy, and soft skills training focuses on applied communication, media and language pedagogy. At present, no University in Kerala offers an M.A. programme specifically titled "Communicative English." Therefore determining academic equivalence requires careful academic scrutiny, including syllabus comparison and expert consultation (by each and every member of the respective PG Board of Studies), before any recommendation by the Chairman, PG (English) Board of Studies is made. Accordingly, the Dean recorded dissent from any proposal to treat M.A. English Language and Literature as equivalent to

M.A. Communicative English in this context.

Similar requests from other candidates who have completed M.A. English Language and Literature from the University of Kerala have also been forwarded by the Higher Education Department seeking a report on the equivalency of M.A. English Language and Literature to M.A. Communicative English.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the matter regarding the equivalency of M.A. English Language and Literature offered by the University of Kerala to M.A. Communicative English, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate decision.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to treat M.A. English Language and Literature offered by the University of Kerala as equivalent to M.A. Communicative English for the purpose of employment to the post of Higher Secondary School Teacher (Communicative English).

49. Recognition - B.A. Degree in Criminology (Regular) - Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, Coimbatore (Deemed to be University) - Consideration of – Reg.(Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Ms. Ashlin A, dated: 08.07.2025 and a Request from the Applicant, dated: 19.08.2025

Ms. Ashlin A has applied for recognition of the B.A. Degree in Criminology (Regular) awarded by Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, Coimbatore (Deemed to be University). **Her primary objective for seeking this recognition is for the purposes of higher studies or employment for which the prescribed qualification is a degree only without insisting on any particular discipline.** She is currently pursuing M.A. Degree in Public Administration at this University Department. The applicant has submitted the scheme and syllabus of the above course, attested by the Registrar of the Deemed University.

Academic Credentials of the Applicant:

Completed recognised conventional 10+2 pattern of study.

Expert Opinions and Recommendations:

Expert opinions on this matter have been solicited from the relevant subject expert and dean, and their remarks are as follows:

1. Remarks of the Chairperson, BoS in Public Administration:

"Application submitted by Ms. Ashlin A, dated: 08.07.2025 and a request from the applicant dated: 19.8.2025 verified thoroughly. The person has completed B.A. Degree in Criminology (Regular) from Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, Coimbatore. Syllabus of the course has also been verified.

- The BA degree obtained from Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, Coimbatore (Deemed to be University) is eligible for post graduation/higher studies in Public Administration.
- The Degree obtained in Criminology cannot be considered as eligible for employment in public administration."

2. Remarks of the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences

"The B.A. Degree in Criminology obtained by the candidate **can be recognised for the purposes of higher studies or employment for which the prescribed qualification is a degree only without insisting on any particular discipline.** Hence, the degree can be recognised as eligible for higher studies in Public Administration."

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has ordered to place the matter regarding the above recognition before the Academic Council.

Accordingly, the entire matter concerning the recognition of the B.A. Degree in Criminology (Regular) awarded by Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, Coimbatore (Deemed to be University) for the purposes of higher studies or employment for which the prescribed qualification is a degree only without insisting on any particular discipline, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize B.A. Degree in Criminology (Regular) awarded by Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, Coimbatore (Deemed to be University) for the purposes of higher studies or employment for which the prescribed qualification is a degree only without insisting on any particular discipline.

**50. Modification of Course Structure of M.Sc Degree Programme in Zoology (2023Scheme)-
Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AII)**

The tabulation section (EG XI C) has remarked to revise the course structure of M.Sc Zoology (2023 scheme) to the effect that the Practical Papers of I and III semesters and the corresponding CA and ESA marks are to be included in the subsequent even semesters. Accordingly, the Chairperson, BoS in Zoology (PG) has submitted the modified Course Structure of M.Sc Degree Programme in Zoology (2023 Scheme).

Meanwhile a meeting of the Chairmen of PG Board of Studies was held on 24.09.2024 to discuss the matter regarding allocation of Uniform Course Code for all the PG Programmes and an additional meeting of Board of Studies in Zoology (PG) on 09.10.2024 towards framing guidelines for allocation of Course Code. Accordingly, as per the orders of the Registrar, the file regarding the revision of Course Structure of M.Sc Zoology (2023 Scheme) was kept in abeyance till receipt of the minutes of the aforesaid meeting.

Considering the urgency of the situation, as per the orders of the Controller of Examination the result of First Semester M.Sc Zoology (2023 Scheme) was published on 13.12.2024, shifting Practical I (ZO 514) exam to Second Semester with necessary updates in the SLCM software, prior to issuance of modification orders.

The Academic Council, held on 11.11.2024, Item No.I(73) considered the matter of allocation of Uniform Course Code for all PG Programmes and resolved to include the last two digits of the year of revision for the Scheme and Syllabus in the existing course code of all PG Programmes, which came into effect from 2025 admission onwards. University Order No.2328/2025/UOK dtd 17.03.2025 and a revised UO No.5806/2025/UOK dtd.21/06/2025 has been issued in this regard.

As per the orders of Vice-Chancellor, the approval of the modified Course Structure of M.Sc Degree Programme in Zoology (2023 Scheme) submitted by the Chairperson Board of Studies in Zoology (PG), to the effect that **the Practical Papers of First and Third Semesters and the Corresponding CA and ESA marks of the Practical Examinations are included in the subsequent even semesters**, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to approve the modified Course Structure of M.Sc Degree Programme in Zoology (2023 Scheme), submitted by the Chairperson Board of Studies in Zoology (PG), to the effect that *“the Practical Papers of First and Third Semesters and the Corresponding CA and ESA marks of the Practical Examinations are included in the subsequent even semesters”*.

51. Recognition as approved Research Centre – Department of Geology, University College, Thiruvananthapuram – Consideration of-reg. (Ac.EI)

Application has been submitted by the Principal, University College, Thiruvananthapuram to recognize the Department of Geology of the College as an approved research centre of University of Kerala.

The Syndicate held on 05.11.2024 vide Item 15.06.A8 considered the matter along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research and resolved to constitute an Inspection team comprising of Dr.K.G.Gopchandran, Dr. Pramod N, Dr. Rahim K, Members Syndicate and Dr.E.Shaji, Professor Department of Geology, University of Kerala as the subject Expert to conduct an inspection at the institution and submit the report.

The following are the major findings in the inspection report furnished by the Inspection Committee.

- The proposed Centre is having a separate own building and infrastructure for laboratory, library and all other facilities.
- The library subscribes **12 Journals including E-journals more than 3000 books**
- The Centre has made available space and lab facilities for research scholars.
- There are **three faculty members in the Subject, eligible for granting guideship.**
- A research Committee has been constituted comprising of research guides.
- The Head of institution has also submitted an undertaking to the University to the effect that adequate funds will be made available for the Centre, Scholars shall not be admitted beyond the sanctioned strength, academic programmes like seminars, workshops, projects will be undertaken as part of the centres functioning and a report will be forwarded annually, in the month of December, to the University on the functioning of the Centre along with the annual fees.

In the above circumstances, the inspection team recommended to approve the Department of Geology, University College, Thiruvananthapuram as a recognized Research Centre of University of Kerala. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 02.09.2025, vide item No.21.07.A3 considered the inspection report along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research, resolved to approve the inspection report and to place the matter before the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Vice- Chancellor, the matter of recognition of Department of Geology, University College, Thiruvananthapuram as approved Research Centre, under University of Kerala is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the Department of Geology, University College, Thiruvananthapuram, as an approved Research Centre of the University of Kerala.

- 52. Recognition of B.Ed Degree with Optional I English and Optional II Physical Science (1995-1996) (Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli- Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)
Ref: Application submitted by Smt. Caro Jose Lazar J dtd. 16/11/2024 (Detailed scheme and syllabus submitted on 25/02/2025)**

Smt. Caro Jose Lazar J submitted an application for recognition of B.Ed Degree with Optional I English and Optional II Physical Science (Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli for the purpose of either equating it with B.Ed Degree in Physical Science of this University or for higher studies and employment wherever B.Ed Degree in Physical Science of this University is the prescribed qualification.

The applicant has passed 10+2 pattern of study. Later she passed B.Sc Degree in Physics and M.Sc Degree in Physics from Manonmaniam Sundaranar University and recognised by this University as equivalent to B.Sc Degree in Physics and M.Sc Degree in Physics of this University respectively.

The Chairman BoS in Education (Pass) has remarked that the B.Ed Degree with optional I English and Optional II Physical Science (Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University cannot be considered as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in Physical Science because of the inadequacy in the coverage of both methodology and pedagogical aspects of Physical science syllabus at par with the scheme and syllabus of University of Kerala. **The Dean Faculty of Education** has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Education (Pass). Accordingly, as per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, a rejection memo was issued to the applicant on 19.09.2025.

Later, Smt. Kumari Manju, another applicant submitted a reconsideration request for granting recognition to her B.Ed Degree in (Optional I-Early Childhood Education and Optional II-Bioscience) (Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University. Accordingly, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has ordered to place similar files before the Academic Council after preparing notes as per the rules existing at the period of Study of the applicants.

Since, Smt. **Caro Jose Lazar J had studied B.Ed programme during the Academic Year 1995-1996 academic year**, Accordingly, the detailed scheme and syllabus followed by the University of Kerala during 1985-86 onwards were received from AcAIII section and remarks based on the

above were obtained from the Chairman BoS in Education (Pass) and the Dean Faculty of Education.

The Chairman BoS in Education (Pass) after verifying the scheme and syllabus of B.Ed course of University of Kerala (1985-86 onwards) with the B.Ed course (Optional I English and Optional II Physical Science) (Regular) by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, it was remarked that the B.Ed of M.S University cannot be considered as equivalent to B.Ed Degree in Physical Science of the University of Kerala. However, the said degree can be considered only for the purpose of employment wherever B.Ed Degree in Physical Science is the prescribed qualification.

The Dean Faculty of Education has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Education (Pass).

Hence, the whole matter regarding the recognition of B.Ed Degree with Optional I English and Optional II Physical Science (Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli **as an eligible qualification only for the purpose of employment wherever B.Ed Degree in Physical Science is the prescribed qualification** is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize B.Ed Degree with Optional I English and Optional II Physical Science (Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli as an eligible qualification for the purpose of employment wherever B.Ed Degree in Physical Science is the prescribed qualification.

53. Recognition - B.Ed. Degree in (Optional I - Early Childhood Education & Optional II - Bio-Science) (Regular) - Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli - consideration of- Reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Ms. V Kumari Manju, dated: 22.05.2025

History of the Matter and Initial Rejection:

Ms. V. Kumari Manju submitted an application for the recognition of her B.Ed. Degree awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli. The degree's optional subjects are Early Childhood Education (Optional I) and Bio-Science (Optional II). **She sought equivalency with this University's B.Ed. Degree in Natural Science.**

The application was rejected based on the initial remarks from the Chairperson, BoS in Education (U.G.) and the Dean, Faculty of Education. The key reason for rejection was the inadequate coverage of both methodology and pedagogical aspects of the Bio-Science syllabus in comparison to the syllabus and scheme of Kerala University, thus disqualifying it as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in Natural Science. Subsequently, the applicant was issued a memo.

Applicant's Representation and Vice Chancellor's Directive: The applicant submitted a representation highlighting that the rejection **was jeopardizing her promotion** to the **HST Natural Science Scale**, as the District Educational Officer, Neyyattinkara, **mandated an Equivalency Certificate for the B.Ed. Course.**

Considering that the degree was acquired approximately 25 years ago, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor directed that this matter, along with all similar files, be placed before the Academic Council. The directive explicitly specified that a comprehensive note must be prepared based on the rules and regulations in existence during the 1997-1998 academic year.

Syllabi Comparison and Latest Expert Remarks:

To comply with the Vice Chancellor's order, file was forwarded back to the Subject Experts for a comparison and fresh assessment of syllabi using the B.Ed. Course schemes/syllabi of the University of Kerala, including the B.Ed. Degree in Natural Science for the 1997-1998 academic years. Their latest remarks are as follows:

The Chairperson, BoS in Education (U.G.): Found that the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University B.Ed. Degree cannot be considered as equivalent to the University of Kerala's B.Ed. Degree in Natural Science. Crucially, remarked that "the said degree **can be considered only for the purpose of Employment wherever a B.Ed. Degree in Natural Science is the prescribed qualification.**"

The Dean, Faculty of Education: "Endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Education

(Pass)."

Hence as per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the recognition of the B.Ed. Degree in [Optional I (E1D) - Early Childhood Education & Optional II (E2K) - Bio-Science] (Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University **for the purpose of Employment wherever a B.Ed. Degree in Natural Science is the prescribed qualification**, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the B.Ed. Degree [Optional I (E1D) - Early Childhood Education & Optional II (E2K) - Bio-Science] (Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University for the purpose of Employment wherever a B.Ed. Degree in Natural Science is the prescribed qualification.

54. Recognition of Ph.D Degree in English (Part-time) awarded by Srinivas University (Private University), Mangaluru-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application received from Smt.Haripriya.R.J.Nair dated 29.05.2025

Smt.Haripriya.R.J.Nair had submitted the thesis of Ph.D Degree in English entitled "Unveiling Subaltern Lives: An Analysis of Select Transgender Autobiographies from India" awarded by Srinivas University (Private University), Mangaluru for Course recognition for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of English. She had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala. She obtained B.A. and M.A Degrees in English Language and Literature from University of Kerala.

The candidate had submitted a document from Srinivas University(Private University) stating that Smt.Haripriya.R.J. Nair was admitted to Ph.D in English at Srinivas University under part-time mode, as per the UGC Regulations 2016 for the award of Ph.D degree applicable at the time of registration and award.

The Chairman, BoS in English (PG) who is also the Dean, Faculty of Arts has remarked that the Ph.D Degree in English (Part-time) awarded by Srinivas University (Private University), Mangaluru is recognised for higher education and employment.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor the matter regarding the recognition of Ph.D Degree in English for the thesis titled "Unveiling Subaltern Lives: An Analysis of Select Transgender Autobiographies from India" awarded to Smt.Haripriya.R.J Nair by Srinivas University (Private University), Mangaluru is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the Ph.D Degree in English awarded to Smt.Haripriya.R.J Nair by Srinivas University (Private University), Mangaluru for the thesis titled "Unveiling Subaltern Lives: An Analysis of Select Transgender Autobiographies from India" for higher studies and employment.

Further RESOLVED to obtain opinion of the Board of Studies wherever Chairperson, Board of Studies and Dean are the same individual.

55. Recognition of M.Sc Degree in Information Technology through Lateral Entry (Distance) awarded by Annamalai University-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application received from Sri.Sam George dated 03.06.2024

Sri.Sam George had submitted the scheme and syllabus of M.Sc Degree in Information Technology through Lateral Entry (Distance) awarded by Annamalai University for course recognition for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of Computer Science. He had completed SSLC, Diploma in Mechanical Engineering from Department of Technical Education, Govt. of Tamil Nadu. He had acquired pre-degree from University of Kerala. He had obtained B.E Degree in Mechanical Engineering (Lateral entry) from University of Madras. He had also qualified all the papers of the DOEACC "A" LEVEL Examination.

It has been seen in the official website of UGC-DEB that the DEC(erstwhile) had given Institutional Recognition to Annamalai University to offer programmes through distance mode, which are approved by its statutory bodies during the period. (from 1995-96 to 2006-2007). Sri.Sam George had passed M.Sc Degree in Information Technology through Lateral Entry (Distance) from Annamalai University in 2006.

It may be noted that the the same candidate was applied for course recognition earlier and was recognised for employment purposes vide UO.6699/2022/UOK dated 25.08.2022.

The Chairman, BoS in Computer Science (PG) has remarked that the candidate has applied for recognition of the M.Sc Degree in Information Technology through Lateral Entry (Distance) awarded by Annamalai University, for eligibility in both higher studies and employment. The candidate has already obtained recognition for employment vide UO.6699/2022/UOK dated 25.08.2022. Hence, it is recommended that he may be considered eligible for both higher studies and employment.

The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology has endorsed the remarks of the Chairperson, BoS in Computer science (PG) that Sri.Sam George is eligible for higher studies and employment in Computer Science.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor the whole matter regarding the recognition of M.Sc Degree in Information Technology through Lateral Entry (Distance) awarded by Annamalai University as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in Computer Science is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the M.Sc Degree in Information Technology through Lateral Entry (Distance) awarded by Annamalai University as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in Computer Science.

56. Recognition of the Senior Secondary Course of the Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education (BOSSE), Sikkim – Judgment in W.P. (C) No. 37813 of 2025 - consideration of – Reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Judgment dated 13th October 2025 in W.P. (C) No. 37813 of 2025, filed by the a BOSSE SSE certificate holder, Risha Krishna.

Background of the Matter:

The University has been examining the recognition of the Senior Secondary Course of the Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education (BOSSE), Sikkim, for the purpose of higher studies. Currently, this examination is not recognised by the University of Kerala. Lately, the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala delivered a Judgment on 13th October 2025 in W.P. (C) No. 37813 of 2025, filed by the a BOSSE SSE certificate holder, Risha Krishna. (**Judgment Appended**)

Details and Judicial Directive:

- The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala delivered a Judgment on 13th October 2025 in W.P. (C) No. 37813 of 2025, filed by the petitioner, Risha Krishna.
- In its Judgment, the Court noted that the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) has recommended equivalency for BOSSE's Senior Secondary Examination.
- The Court has specifically directed the Registrar or any Competent Authority of the University of Kerala to consider the petitioner's representation for an Eligibility Certificate, taking note of the AIU's recommendation, and to pass orders within a period of two months from the date of the Judgment (i.e., by 13th December 2025).
- **The petitioner has to be permitted provisionally attend classes in the interim and the permission, however, will be subject to the final decision on recognition of her qualification by this University.**

Steps Taken and Current Status:

- The University sought remarks from the Directors of SCERT and the Higher Secondary Education (HSE) Wing in this regard. Subsequently, the Director, HSE, has reported that the SCERT Equivalency Standing Committee, in its meeting held on 08.08.2024, decided **not to**

grant the equivalency certificate for the Senior Secondary Examination conducted by BOSSE. **(Letter Appended)**

- The Senior Secondary Examination of BOSSE **is currently not** recognised by the University of Kerala for the purpose of admission to higher studies.
- A formal decision on the recognition of degrees/examinations must be taken by the Academic Bodies of the University.

Vice Chancellor's Orders:

- The matter, including the Court's directive, the AIU recommendation, and the SCERT/HSE report, has been brought before the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has since ordered that the **matter be placed before the Academic Council** for its formal consideration and decision.
- In light of the impending deadline (13th December 2025), the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has **also ordered that the Legal Section to take urgent steps for filing time enlargement for three months.**

Matter for Consideration by the Academic Council:

Given the above facts and the need for a final decision by the Academic Council, the recognition of the Senior Secondary Course of the Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education (BOSSE), Sikkim, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to seek remarks once again from Higher Secondary Education (HSE) Wing, in view of the High Court directive and the AIU's recommendation.

57. Recognition as approved Research Centre – Department of English, M.S.M College, Kayamkulam – Consideration of-reg. (Ac.E1)

Application has been submitted by the Principal, M.S.M College, Kayamkulam to recognise the Department of English, M.S.M College, Kayamkulam, as an approved research centre of University of Kerala. The Syndicate held on 05.11.2024 vide Item No. 15.06.A8 considered the matter along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research and resolved to constitute an Inspection team comprising of Adv. Muraleedharan Pillai G., Dr. Nazeeb S., Sri. Ahamed Fazil Y. (Members Syndicate) and Dr. Lakshmi Priya N., Assistant Professor, Institute of English, Senate House Campus, University of Kerala, as the subject expert and the said inspection was conducted at Department of English, M.S.M College, Kayamkulam on 20.06.2025.

The following are the major findings in the inspection report furnished by the Inspection Committee.

1. The proposed Centre has its own building for library, reference section etc.
2. The library of the Centre has a minimum of 12 journals in the subject and a collection of at least 3000 books.
3. The Centre has provided separate working facilities to individual scholars.
4. The Centre has the minimum requirements of approved research guides.
5. A research committee has been constituted comprising of research guides.
6. The Head of Institution has also submitted an undertaking to the University to the effect that adequate funds will be made available for the centre; scholars shall not be admitted beyond the sanctioned strength; academic programmes like seminars, workshops, projects will be undertaken as part of the centre's functioning and a report will be forwarded annually, in the month of December to the University on the functioning of the centre along with the annual fees.

In the above circumstances, the inspection team recommended to approve the Department of English, M.S.M College, Kayamkulam as a recognized Research Centre of University of Kerala. The Syndicate held on 24.12.2025 vide Item No.23.322.A50, resolved to approve the inspection report and place the matter before the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Vice- Chancellor, the matter of granting recognition of Department of English, M.S.M College, Kayamkulam as approved Research Centre under University of Kerala is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the Department of English, M.S.M College, Kayamkulam, as an approved Research Centre of the University of Kerala.

58. Approval as Research Supervisor in Chemistry - Dr. Indulekha K. - Chemistry - Consideration of- reg. (Ac EVI)

Dr. Indulekha K., Scientist/Engineer- SF, Polymers & Special Chemicals Division, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, ISRO, Thiruvananthapuram has submitted application duly recommended by the Head of the Institution and the Chairman BoS Chemistry (PG) for granting approval as Research Supervisor in Chemistry under the Faculty of Science. The applicant holds Ph. D. Degree in Chemistry from University of Kerala. She has submitted the copies of the publications in approved journals published after the award of the PhD degree, facility certificate, required fees, experience certificate along with the application.

Details of the applicant is given below:

Name of the applicant and Date of Superannuation	Dr. Indulekha K Scientist/Engineer-SF Polymers & Special Chemicals Division Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre ,ISRO, Thiruvananthapuram Date of Superannuation - 31/12/2044
Educational Qualification	Ph. D. Degree in Chemistry from University of Kerala (Date of Award: 06/02/2018)
Experience	She has submitted <u>certificate</u> from the Administrative Officer, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, ISRO, Thiruvananthapuram which certified that she is employed in the organisation w.e.f 13.01.2010 F N. She is a permanent Government servant and presently holding the post of Scientist/Engineer - SF. Also certified that, the centre has no objection in enrolling her as an approved Research Supervisor in University of Kerala.
Details of Publications with year and month	1)High Temperature Resistant Flexible Silicone Laminate for Thermal and Structural Applications in the Composite Structures of Launch Vehicles Journal: Transactions of the Indian National Academy of Engineering Date of Publication: 11.09.2020 2) Fluorosilicone polymers with tailored mechanical, acid resistant and adhesive properties: role of ultrasonication and functionally active single walled carbon nanotubes Journal: Materials Chemistry and Physics Date of Publication: 17.11.2018 3) A thermal control coating composition for passive temperature control control and method for preparing the same Indian Patent No. 434151 Date of filing: 20.01.2022 date of grant: 08/06/2023 4)An optimum quality composite facilitating thermal protection and method of manufacturing thereof Indian Patent no.403022 Date of filing: 17/09/2021 date of grant: 04/08/2022 5)Ultra-low solar absorptive and high IR emissive thermal control coating through a non- aqueous route Indian Patent no.398827 Date of filing: 11/11/2021 date of grant: 09/06/2022

	<p>As per the modified norms for granting guideship, vide UO dated 25.03.2024, All the five research papers published by the Professors should be after the date of award of Ph D degree.</p> <p>The Chairman BOS in Chemistry (PG), has certified that, the above papers/patents submitted by Dr. K Indulekha working as Scientist/Engineer-SF, Polymers & Special Chemicals Division, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre are in tune with the conditions stipulated in the clauses related with the journals specified in UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of M.Phil/Ph.D degree) regulations, 2022 and UGC (Minimum qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic staff in Universities and Colleges and measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2018.</p> <p><i>He has also certified that , the patents may also be considered as equivalent to that of recognised publication in standard journals</i></p>
Institution where facility is requested	Polymers and Special Chemical Division V S S C, TVPM (Submitted <u>Facility certificate</u> from the Director, Polymers and Special Chemical Division, VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram.)
Subject and Faculty for guideship	Chemistry, Faculty of Science

As per the regulations, the following are the requisites for considering the application for recognition as Research Supervisor.

1. The University shall allocate only regular faculty members in the teaching departments or the affiliated Colleges/institutions as Research Supervisors.
2. Ph.D degree (as per regulations, Ph.D in concerned subject) is mandatory. However, in certain emerging areas of studies, where Ph.D holders are very few in number, those persons who have exceptionally brilliant academic achievements and proven ability in research work may be recognized as guides by the Syndicate, after obtaining the opinion of the concerned Dean and Chairman of the PG Boards of Studies.
3. Two publications in approved journals after the award of Ph.D degree.
4. Facility certificate from the institution where they intend to work as guide.
5. The applications are to be forwarded by the respective Head of institution, duly recommended by Chairman, Board of Studies (PG).
6. Guideship fee of Rs.3000/- (Rupees Three thousand only).
7. Experience certificate (not needed for teaching faculty working at departments of University of Kerala).
8. Two years teaching experience mandatory for granting guideship. This is not mandatory for teachers working in the teaching departments of University of Kerala.
9. Two or more years of post doctoral experience in reputed institutions will be reckoned as one year teaching/research experience only for the purpose of granting guideship.
10. Applicant will be eligible for guideship only one year after award of Ph.D degree.

As per regulations of Award of Ph. D Degree, University of Kerala 2016, Scientists in the regular service in research laboratories of Central/ State Government, located in the geographical jurisdiction of University, may also be approved as research Supervisor/Co-supervisor and the Scientist in, Grade-C&D, Scientist Grade-E, and **Scientist Grade F & G** are equated with Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and **Professor** respectively, exclusively for the purpose of research supervision, subject to fulfillment of other requirements.

The Administrative Officer, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (ISRO), Thiruvananthapuram has certified that, Dr. Indulekha K. is a permanent Government servant and presently holding the post of Scientist/Engineer - SF with a Basic Pay in Level-13.

Dr. A Biju Kumar, Dean, Faculty of Science, vide Email dated 06.05.2025 certified that, the publications and patents submitted by Dr. Indulekha K., Scientist/Engineer- SF, Polymers & Special Chemicals Division, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, ISRO, Thiruvananthapuram,

conform to the stipulations laid out in the relevant clauses of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of M.Phil/Ph.D degrees) regulations, 2022 and UGC (Minimum qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic staff in Universities and Colleges and measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2018. Hence, he endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, Board of Studies (Chemistry), that the granted patents may be considered equivalent to research publications. Considering these facts, he recommended that Ph D guideship may be granted to Dr.Indulekha K.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 24.12.2025, vide item no. 23.323.B20 considered the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 28.10.2025, on the matter of granting approval as research supervisor in Chemistry in respect of Dr. Indulekha K., Scientist/Engineer- SF, Polymers & Special Chemicals Division, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (ISRO), Thiruvananthapuram and resolved to place the matter before the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, **the matter of granting recognition as Research Supervisor in Chemistry in respect of Dr. Indulekha K., Scientist/Engineer- SF, Polymers & Special Chemicals Division, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, ISRO, Thiruvananthapuram, considering the patents instead of research publications, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and opinion.**

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to grant recognition to Dr. Indulekha K., Scientist/Engineer- SF, Polymers & Special Chemicals Division, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, ISRO, Thiruvananthapuram, as Research Supervisor in Chemistry, considering the patents instead of Research Publications.

59. Eligibility criteria and ranking norms of various Post Graduate Programmes - under the Faculty of Oriental Studies-revision –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.AII)

Ref :1. Item no IV(E).V of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Faculty of Oriental Studies held on 28.1.2025

2. Item no.II.(iii) of the Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 17.2.2025.

The eligibility criteria and ranking norms for admission to various PG programs are determined by the respective Boards of Studies. Several new programs were introduced w.e.f 2020 admissions onwards, but some of these programs, like double main programs, are not currently included in the eligibility criteria.

In this context the PG Boards of Studies have been entrusted to review the eligibility criteria and ranking norms of the PG programme concerned, and to recommend any necessary additions or deletions.

The Board of Studies in Tamil(PG) recommended the following modifications in the ranking norms/eligibility criteria of **MA Degree Programme in Tamil Language & Literature :**

Existing Eligibility criteria			
Graduates who have passed qualifying examination in CBCS Pattern -2013admissions onwards	Graduates who have passed qualifying examination in CBCS Pattern- Prior to 2013 admissions	Graduates who have passed qualifying examination in Annual scheme/ Other	“

Tamil: B.A. with Tamil as Core Course securing not less than 4.5 CCPA(S)* out of 10 or B.A./B.Sc. with Tamil as Additional Language Course securing not less than 5 CCPA out of 10 for additional languagecourse.	B.A. with Tamil as Core Course securing not less than 1.8 CGPA(S)* out of 4or B.A./B.Sc. with Tamil as Additional Language Course securing not less than 2 CGPA out of 4 for additional language course.	pattern B.A. with Tamil Language as optional Main subject under Part III securing not less than 45% marks for that Part or B.A./B.Sc. with Tamil as additional language under Part II securing not less than 50% marks for that part	
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The existing ranking norms :The percentage of marks for Additional language Course **in the case of other languages** and percentage of marks for Part III or Part IV, as the case may be with regard to those who have taken the languages concerned under Part III or Part IV to be taken into account. To the higher of the two figures, a weightage of 10 marks may be added to those who have studied the languages under Part III or Part IV and the higher of the two resulting figures should be taken as the final ranking marks. A weightage of 10% marks may be added to those who have studied the language subjects under the Faculty of Oriental Studies under Part III or Part IV.

Proposed addition to the eligibility criteria/ranking norms :

"Graduates who have passed qualifying examinations in CBCS pattern or Annual pattern -2022 Admission-onwards."

"B.Com with Tamil as Additional Language course not less than one CGPA out of 2 for Additional language or with Tamil as additional language under Part II securing not less than 50% marks for that part."

All the other PG Boards of Studies under the Faculty of Oriental Studies recommended that the existing eligibility criteria and ranking norms shall continue without modification .

The Faculty of Oriental Studies, vide reference (1) above recommended to refer the aforesaid modifications to the Academic Council. The Academic Council, vide reference (2) above, approved this recommendations of the Faculty of Oriental Studies.

Accordingly, the matter regarding **additions in the Eligibility criteria / ranking norms** of MA Tamil in Language & Literature is submitted before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to approve the above additions in the Eligibility criteria / ranking norms of MA Tamil in Language & Literature.

60. Recognition as approved Research Centre – Department of Chemistry, St. Gregorios College, Kottarakara – Consideration of-reg. (Ac.E1)

The Principal, St. Gregorios College, Kottarakara, has forwarded an application to recognize the Department of Chemistry of the institution as an approved Research Centre of University of Kerala. As per the Syndicate resolution of 05.11.2024, vide Item No.15.06.A8, the Inspection team comprising the following members have visited Department of Chemistry, St. Gregorios College, Kottarakara on 22.04.2025.

- Dr. Nazeeb S., Member, Syndicate
- Dr. Shijukhan J.S., Member, Syndicate
- Dr. S. Jayan, Member, Syndicate
- Dr. Sony George, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Kerala

(Subject expert)

Following are the major findings of the Inspection team:

- The proposed Centre have a separate own building for library and reference section.
- The library of the Centre have 12 journals in the subject and a collection of at least 3000 books.
- Office space for Research Scholars available.
- There are five Research Guides in Chemistry. 7/10 members of the faculty have Ph.D.
- A research committee has been constituted comprising of research guides.
- The Head of Institution has also submitted an undertaking to the University to ensure that adequate funds will be made available for the centre, the scholars shall not be admitted beyond the sanctioned strength, academic programmes like seminars, workshops, projects etc. will be undertaken as part of the Centre's functioning and a report will be forwarded annually, in the month of December, to the University on the functioning of the Centre along with the annual fees.
- Lab facilities available .

The said inspection team recommended for granting recognition to Department of Chemistry, St. Gregorios College, Kottarakara as approved Research Centre of this University.

The Syndicate, at its meeting held on 24.12.2025, vide Item No.23.322.A44 considered the Inspection report submitted by the Inspection team regarding the recognition of Department of Chemistry, St. Gregorios College, Kottarakara as approved Research Centre along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 22.09.2025 and recommended to approve the Inspection report and place the matter before the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter regarding the recognition of **Department of Chemistry, St. Gregorios College, Kottarakara**, as an approved Research Centre of the University of Kerala, in the subject Chemistry, is placed before the Academic Council, for consideration and opinion.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the Department of Chemistry, St. Gregorios College, Kottarakara, as an approved Research Centre of the University of Kerala.

61. Recognition as approved Research Centre – Department of Commerce, T.K.M. College of Arts & Science, Kollam –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.E1)

The Principal, T.K.M. College of Arts & Science, Kollam, has forwarded an application to recognize the Department of Commerce of the institution as an approved research centre of University of Kerala. As per the Syndicate resolution of 05.11.2024, vide Item No.15.06.A3, the Inspection team comprising the following members have visited Department of Commerce, T.K.M. College of Arts & Science, Kollam on **19.05.2025**.

- Adv. Muraleedharan Pillai G., Member, Syndicate
- Dr. Nazeeb S., Member, Syndicate
- Dr. Pramod N., Member, Syndicate
- Dr. Biju A. V., Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, University of Kerala (Subject expert)

Following are the major findings of the Inspection team:

- The Centre has its own building for library and reference section.
- The library of the Centre have 12 journals in the subject and a collection of at least 3000 books.
- The Centre has provided separate working facilities to individual scholars.
- There are two approved research guides working as Regular Faculty in the Centre.
- A research committee has been constituted comprising of research guides.
- The Head of Institution has also submitted an undertaking to the University to the effect that adequate funds are allocated and utilized for the smooth functioning of Commerce research

centre. Scholar admissions are processed and managed as per university norms. Seminars and other academic events are organized regularly. Projects are implemented and monitored effectively. Annual reports are submitted to the university in a timely manner.

The said inspection team recommended for granting recognition to Department of Commerce, T.K.M. College of Arts & Science, Kollam as approved Research Centre of this University in the subject Commerce.

The Syndicate, at its meeting held on 24.12.2025, Item No. No.23.322.A19 considered the inspection report submitted by the Inspection team regarding the recognition of Department of Commerce, T.K.M. College of Arts and Science, Kollam as approved Research Centre along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 22.09.2025 and **recommended to approve the Inspection report and place the matter before the Academic Council.**

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter regarding the recognition of **Department of Commerce, T.K.M. College of Arts & Science, Kollam**, as an approved Research Centre of the University of Kerala, in the subject Commerce, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and opinion.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the Department of Commerce, T.K.M. College of Arts & Science, Kollam, as an approved Research Centre of the University of Kerala.

62. Recognition as approved Research Centre – Department of History, Govt. College, Nedumangad –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.E1)

The Principal, Govt. College, Nedumangad, has forwarded an application to recognize the Department of History of the institution as an approved Research Centre of University of Kerala. As per the Syndicate resolution of 23.12.2024, vide Item No.16.62.A31, the Inspection team comprising the following members have visited Department of History, Govt. College, Nedumangad, on **24.04.2025**.

- Dr. T. R. Manoj, Member, Syndicate
- Sri. R. Rajesh, Member, Syndicate
- Dr. Shijukhan J. S., Member, Syndicate
- Dr. Vinod Kumar T. G. Nair, Member, Syndicate
- Dr. Shaji A., Professor and Head, Department of History, University of Kerala (Subject expert)

Following are the major findings of the Inspection team:

- The Centre have its own building for library and reference section.
- The library of the Centre has more than 12 journal subscriptions and above 3000 books.
- Separate working facilities were provided to individual scholars.
- There were two approved research guides working as Regular Faculty .
- Research Committee was constituted comprising of research guides .
- The Head of Institution has also submitted an undertaking to the University to the effect that adequate funds will be made available for the centre. Scholars shall not be admitted beyond the sanctioned strength. Academic programmes like seminars, workshops, projects etc. will be undertaken as part of the centre's functioning; and a report will be forwarded annually, in the month of December, to the University on the functioning of the centre along with the annual fees.

The said Inspection team recommended to elevate the Department of History, Govt. College, Nedumangad, as a Research Centre, of this University in the subject History.

The Syndicate, at its meeting held on 24.12.2025, vide Item No.23.322.A20 considered the Inspection report submitted by the Inspection team regarding the recognition of Department of History, Govt. College, Nedumangad as approved Research Centre along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 22.09.2025 and **recommended to approve the Inspection report and to place the matter before**

the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter regarding the recognition of **Department of History, Govt. College, Nedumangad**, as an approved Research Centre of the University of Kerala, in the subject History, is placed before the Academic Council, for consideration and opinion.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the Department of History, Govt. College, Nedumangad, as an approved Research Centre of the University of Kerala.

63. Change of nomenclature of BPA Programmes in Music (Vocal, Veena, Violin & Mridangam) and Issuance of equivalency certificates for students admitted prior to 2024-Consideration of-reg. (Ac A V (A))

The special meeting of the Academic Council held on 11.11.2024 considered the request of the Students Union of Sree Swathi Thirunal Govt. College of Music, Thiruvananthapuram, regarding the change of nomenclature of BPA Programmes and resolved to change the nomenclature of BPA programmes (Music, Veena, Violin, Mridangam and Dance) to BA Programmes (Music, Veena, Violin, Mridangam and Dance) w.e.f 2024 admissions.

Since, a BA Music programme was already existing under FYUG Programmes introduced from 2024 admissions and changing the nomenclature of BPA Music programme to BA Music result in two programmes with identical titles, the resolution could not be implemented. On approval of the Vice Chancellor, the matter was again placed before the Board of Studies in Music for further recommendations.

Meanwhile, the Principal, SST, Government College of Music vide letter dated 14.08.2025, also submitted a request to change the nomenclature of BPA Programmes (Music –Vocal, Veena, Violin, Mridangam and Dance) to BA Programmes from 2024 admission onwards and to issue Equivalency Certificates for students who are pursuing or have completed the BPA Programme prior to the 2024 admission.

Subsequently, the Chairperson, BoS, recommended that the nomenclature of FYUG Programmes in **BPA Music, BPA Music Veena, BPA Music Violin, and BPA Music Mridangam** be changed to **BA Music Vocal, BA Veena, BA Violin, and BA Mridangam**, respectively, from 2024 admission onwards, **without unifying the syllabi at present**. The Board also recommended that students awarded with BPA Music and BPA Vocal degrees prior to 2024 be issued an **Equivalency Certificate** stating that these degrees are equivalent to the **BA Music Vocal** Programme. The Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts endorsed the above recommendations.

Hence, as per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the following is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and recommendation:

- Approval for change of nomenclature of **BPA Music, BPA Music Veena, BPA Music Violin, and BPA Music Mridangam** to **BA Music Vocal, BA Veena, BA Violin, and BA Mridangam**, respectively, from 2024 admission onwards.
- Approval for issuance of **Equivalency Certificates** stating that **BPA Music** and **BPA Vocal** degrees awarded prior to 2024 are equivalent to the **BA Music Vocal** Programme.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to approve the following:

1. To change the nomenclature of **BPA Music, BPA Music Veena, BPA Music Violin, and BPA Music Mridangam** to **BA Music Vocal, BA Veena, BA Violin, and BA Mridangam**, respectively, from 2024 admission onwards.
2. To issue **Equivalency Certificates** stating that **BPA Music** and **BPA Vocal** degrees awarded prior to 2024 are equivalent to the **BA Music Vocal** Programme.

64. Application from a candidate studying at Mar Ivanios College (Autonomous) for One time certificate to join secondary course under the scheme, "pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously"-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

A first year student of M.Sc Mathematics, Mar Ivanios College, requested for One time Certificate to pursue B.Lib.I.Sc programme simultaneously. As per U.O No.2774/2025/UOK dtd.28.03.2025, students pursuing the primary programme from University of Kerala may be issued a One-Time Certificate to pursue another programme in this University/Other University/College. The U.O dated 28.03.2025 is silent regarding the issuance of one time certificate to the candidate who is doing a programme in an Autonomous College.

In this regard the section had sought remarks from the Ac.D section and as per the remarks from the section, 'Mar Ivanios College, Nalanchira is government aided college under Govt of Kerala affiliated under University of Kerala. Even though the institution has autonomy over the academic & examination matters conducted in the college, the original certificate for all UG/PG/FYUGP programmes conducted by them are issued from the University of Kerala. Also the University order no.2774/2025/UOK dated 28.03.2025 does not exclude any college under autonomous status for issuance of One Time Certificate'.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the issuance of one time certificate to the candidate who is doing a programme in an Autonomous College is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to issue One time Certificate to candidates undergoing studies in an Autonomous College.

65. Recognition as approved Research Centre –Department of Commerce, Mannaniya College of Arts and Science, Pangode, Kallara, Thiruvananthapuram – Consideration of-reg. (Ac.E1)

Application has been submitted by the Principal, Mannaniya College of Arts and Science, Pangode, Kallara to recognize the Dept.of Commerce of the College as an approved research centre of University of Kerala in the subject Commerce.

The Syndicate held on 02.07.2024 vide Item: 11.11.A11 considered the matter along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research and resolved to constitute an Inspection team comprising of Dr. K.G. Gopchandran , Convenor, SC on A&R, Dr. J. S. Shijukhan (Member Syndicate) and Dr. Biju T, Professor & Head, Dept. of Commerce University of Kerala, Kariavattom as subject Expert, to the approval of Department of Commerce, Mannaniya College of Arts and Science, Pangode, Kallara as a recognized research centre. The said inspection was conducted at Dept. of Commerce, Mannaniya College of Arts and Science, Pangode, Kallara on 15.04.2025.

The following are the major findings in the inspection report furnished by the Inspection Committee.

1. The proposed Centre is having a separate own building for library and reference section. 2. The library of the Centre has a minimum of 12 Journals in the subject and a collection of atleast 3000 books.
3. The Centre has provided separate working facilities to individual scholars.
4. There are two approved research supervisors working as regular faculty in the Centre. 5. A research Committee has been constituted comprising of research guides.
6. The Head of institution has also submitted an undertaking to the University to the effect that adequate funds will be made available for the Centre ,Scholars shall not be admitted beyond the sanctioned strength ,academic programmes like seminars, workshops, projects will be undertaken as part of the centres functioning and a report will be forwarded annually ,in the month of December, to the University on the functioning of the Centre along with the annual fees.

In the above circumstances, the inspection team recommended to approve the Department of Commerce, Mannaniya College of Arts & Science, Pangode, Kallara, Thiruvananthapuram as a recognized Research Centre of University of Kerala in the subject Commerce.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 24.12.2025, vide item No.23.322.A28 considered the inspection report along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate and resolved to recommend to approve the inspection report and to place the matter before the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Vice- Chancellor, the matter of recognition of Department of Commerce, Mannaniya College of Arts & Science, Pangode, Kallara, Thiruvananthapuram as approved Research Centre under University of Kerala, in the subject Commerce, is placed before the Academic Council, for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the Department of Commerce, Mannaniya College of Arts & Science, Pangode, Kallara, Thiruvananthapuram, as an approved Research Centre of the University of Kerala.

66. Minutes of the Combined Meeting of the Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass III) and the Faculty of Engineering and Technology held on 16.04.2025 - Reporting of - reg. (Ac.AIII)

A Combined meeting of the Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass III) and the Faculty of Engineering and Technology was held on 16.04.2025 through Online mode for discussing various issues related to Engineering courses. Considering the urgency of the matters involved, the Vice Chancellor has approved the Minutes subject to reporting to the Academic Council. The Minutes of the meeting is appended herewith.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter is reporting to the Academic Council.

Minutes of the Combined Online Meeting of the Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass III) and Faculty of Engineering and Technology 2025

Date and Time : 16 -04-2025 (Wednesday), 02.00 pm

Members Present:

1. Prof. (Dr.) Sumesh Divakaran, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology
2. Dr. Liji P I , Chairperson , Board of Studies (Pass III)
3. Dr. Shereef R M, Chairman Board of Studies (Pass II)
4. Dr. Philomina Simon Chairman Board of Studies (PG)
5. Dr. Pradeep R, Member, BoS(Pass III)
6. Dr. Muhammed Zakkeer M, Member, Faculty of Engineering
7. Dr. Aneesh G Nath, Member, BoS(Pass III) and Faculty of Engineering.
8. Smt. Poornima Kurup , Member, Faculty of Engineering
9. Dr. Muhammed Siddik A, Member, Faculty of Engineering.

AGENDA

I. Syllabi and Text Books

Changes if any

Recommendation

The University had adopted the 2020 scheme from 2019 scheme APJAKTU. The members of the Faculty of Engineering & Technology and Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass III) opined that adopting the revised B.Tech curriculum and syllabus of APJAKTU is advisable now also as the APJAKTU curriculum and syllabus is decided through various brainstorming sessions with involvement of senior faculty members. Nonetheless, if the University College of Engineering is having any proposal /suggestions on this, they may be directed to submit their suggestions not later than 15th May 2025. Suggestions if any are submitted by them maybe forwarded to the Board of Studies for consideration. Accordingly, the new curriculum and syllabus maybe insisted from 2026 admission onwards.

II. Comments on Question Papers Set for Previous Examinations

The Faculty of Engineering and Technology at its annual meeting held on 06.05.2024 recommended to take urgent necessary actions to constitute Board of Studies in Engineering(Pass III) and to take remarks from Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass III) regarding comments/ suggestions on question papers set for previous examinations. Since the decision is to follow the curriculum and syllabus from the APJAKTU, previous questions papers of that University need to be discussed to analyse the curriculum and Syllabus. The academic council at its meeting held on 10.05.2024 resolved that the recommendation of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology be approved. Hence the whole matter regarding the same is placed before the Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass III) for consideration and recommendation.

Recommendation

The meeting decided to examine and review question papers of last University Examination conducted. Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass III) shall examine this by inviting senior teachers of each discipline from the University College of Engineering to the meetings to examine the question papers.

III. Preparation of panel of Question Paper Setters and Examiners

The Faculty of Engineering and Technology at its annual meeting held on 06.05.2024 recommended to take urgent necessary actions to constitute Board of Studies in Engineering(Pass III) and to hand over the panel prepared by the Chairman, Board of Studies to the Controller of Examinations.

The academic council at its meeting held on 10.05.2024 resolved that the recommendation of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology be approved. Hence the whole matter regarding the same is placed before the Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass III) for consideration and recommendation.

Recommendation

Entrusted Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass III) to prepare the panel of Question paper Setters and Examiners.

IV. Request received from the Principal, University College of Engineering, Kariavattom, regarding the appearance of two B.Sc Lateral Entry candidates (2023 admission) in the Papers Engineering Graphics and Engineering Mechanics along with 2024 admission First Year B.Tech students.

The Principal, University College of Engineering, Kariavattom, vide Letter No.UCE/408/ADMN/2024 Dated: 06.11.2024 has informed that two students who have completed the B.Sc Degree Course of University College of Engineering, Kariavattom (Binu Prasad E.T., Department of Information Technology and Vijaya V., Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering) have joined the Institution, under the Lateral Entry Category, based on the allotment memo issued to the candidates from LBS.

As per clause 4.1.2 of the Prospectus for Admission to B.Tech (Lateral Entry) issued by the Directorate of Technical Education enclosed with the letter, candidates who have passed B.Sc Degree from a recognised University with at least 45% marks (40% in case of candidates belonging to SC/ST/SEBC categories) and passed 10+2 examination with Mathematics as a subject are eligible for admission to B.Tech (Lateral Entry) Course, provided that the students belonging to B.Sc stream shall clear the subject 1) Engineering Graphics/ Engineering Drawing and 2) Engineering Mechanics of the First year Engineering programme along with the second year subjects.

In this matter, the Dean Faculty of Engineering and Technology has recommended the following:

1. Recommendations may be obtained from the concerned Board of Studies in Engineering, regarding the eligibility conditions to be satisfied by a candidate seeking admission to the second year of an Engineering Programme, based on the status of covering the First Year Engineering Course by the Syllabus for the Diploma / Degree Course studied by the applicant.
2. Taking into consideration of the urgency of the matter, the Faculty of Engineering may be requested to provide their recommendations regarding the eligibility of the said candidates for joining the Second Year B.Tech Programme concerned. The Faculty may consider the course studied by the candidates.

The Registrar has given orders to place the matter before the Faculty of Engineering and Technology. The Faculty of Engineering and Technology at its additional meeting held on 13.12.2024 considered the matter and recommended the following;

Recommendation Of the Faculty:

The matter regarding the admission criteria for Lateral Entry admission to the Third Semester B.Tech is discussed in detail. Lateral Entry Scheme was for enabling those Diploma graduates who hold a Diploma in the same Engineering Discipline to take admission to the Second Year B.Tech. Programme. For example, it demanded a Diploma in Civil Engineering to give admission to the Second Year B.Tech. Civil Engineering. But, according to the Prospectus issued by the Directorate of Technical Education for Lateral Entry Admission, a candidate who holds a Diploma in Computer Science and Engineering can take admission to the Second Year B.Tech Programme in Civil Engineering. This, if permitted, will attract various consequential problems. Students admitted to the B.Tech Programme in Civil Engineering is stipulated to study basic Engineering Courses in that discipline like Basics of Civil Engineering, which may not be studied in the Diploma Course studied by a candidate who holds a Diploma in Computer Science and Engineering. Therefore, such students if admitted directly to the Second Year B.Tech Programme in Civil Engineering may not have required prerequisite knowledge in the discipline-specific basic Engineering Courses. This shall badly affect the performance of such students in the remaining part of the B.Tech Course. Also, it is not advisable to give a B.Tech Degree in an Engineering discipline without the graduate getting minimum pass marks in the basic Engineering Courses included in the First Year B.Tech Syllabus for the concerned Engineering discipline. The prospectus also enables those who hold a B.Sc. Degree to take admission to the Second Year B.Tech. In this case, the Prospectus only demands such candidates to study Engineering Graphics and Engineering Mathematics Courses in the First Year. This shall worsen the case where such candidates might not have studied the basic Engineering Courses like Engineering Mechanics and also the discipline-specific basic Engineering Courses like: Basics of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Basic of Mechanical Engineering, Basics of Civil Engineering, Basic Course in Programming etc as the case may be.

The Faculty Meeting has decided to recommend the following in this regard:

(a) Candidates who are not possessing a diploma in the same discipline where she/he is seeking admission to the third semester B.Tech. under the Lateral Entry Scheme, should have studied the first year engineering courses as to be decided by the concerned BoS based on the discipline to which admission is to be given. This condition has to be satisfied at the time of seeking admission.

(b) If any students are already given admission, then as a special case, those students maybe given a time limit till the Sixth Semester to earn credits in such subjects. Also, earning credits in such subjects maybe made mandatory to get a B.Tech Degree.

(c) Earning credits through NPTEL/SWAYAM MOOC Courses approved by the Kerala University maybe permitted to satisfy the conditions listed as (a) or (b) above.

The Academic Council at its Meeting held on 17.02.2025 resolved that the recommendation of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology as contained in the minutes of the meeting held on 13.12.2024 be approved. Hence the whole matter regarding the same is placed before the Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass III) for consideration and recommendation.

Recommendation

The Combined Meeting endorsed the recommendation of the Faculty meeting held on 13.12.2024 and the minutes of the Academic Council held on 17.02.2025. After getting finality on this, the University shall inform the Directorate of Technical Education and the agency conducting the Entrance Examination about the requirements to be satisfied by the candidates to get admission under lateral entry scheme. For the students already admitted, the meeting entrusted the Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass III) to propose the courses to be studied by such students.

V. Request received from the Principal, University College of Engineering, Kariavattom, for extending the amendments already made to Regulations of B.Tech Degree Course (2020 Scheme) to the candidates of 2023 admission onwards.

The B. Tech 2020 Scheme was implemented in the University College of Engineering, Kariavattom, from 2020 onwards and the Rules 6.17 and 6.23 were set aside for 2020, 2021 and 2022 admission students vide UO No. 3858/2023/UOK dated: 04/05/23 . The Principal vide letter No. UCK/ADMN/2023/207 dated: 15.09.23 requested for extending the amendment already made to the Regulation of B.Tech Degree Course 2020 Scheme to the candidates of 2023 admission onwards as variations in rules on the same scheme will affect the admission and may bring complaint from students.

Rule 6.17

Minimum Cumulative Credit Requirements for Registering to Higher Semesters

Semester	Allotted Credits	Cumulative Credits	Minimum Cumulative Credits required for B. Tech	Minimum Cumulative Credits required for B.Tech Lateral Entry
First	17	17	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Second	21	38	Not Insisted	Not Insisted
Third	22	60	Not Insisted	Not Insisted
Fourth	22	82	Not Insisted	Not Insisted
Fifth	23	105	21 Credits from S1 and S2	Not Insisted
Sixth	24	129	Not Insisted	Not Insisted
Seventh	15	144	47Credits from S1 to S4	09 Credits from S3 to S4
Eighth	16	160	Not Insisted	Not Insisted

Rule 6.23 - A student shall earn 2 credits by actively involving co-curricular and extra curricular activities as per the guidelines issued by the University from time to time. On getting minimum 100 activity points the student passes the course and earn the 2 credits which shall not counted for the calculation of CGPA but mandatory for the award of the Degree. For the students admitted under Lateral entry scheme, the two credits shall be considered to be earned on getting 75 activity points. The students are required to keep a file containing documentary proofs of activities done by him/her attested by the Senior Faculty advisor/ Faculty Advisor.

The Principal has also requested to consider the award of Grace Marks for the extracurricular activities like NSS to candidates of 2020 scheme(2020 admission onwards) similar to previous schemes of B.Tech courses.

At the time the request was received, there was no Board of Studies(Pass III). Further the students of 2023 admission were approaching semester V where the decision if needed be implemented. Hence the matter was referred to the Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology. The remarks of Dean is stated below.

1. The rules R6.17 and R6.23 in the 2020 B Tech Regulations can be enforced from 2023 admission onwards. As we have one more year before the 2023 admission students reach the 5th semester, there is no practical issues in implementing these rules.
2. Students admitted in the years 2020, 2021 and 2022 may be given special relaxation in obtaining the two credits mandated in the 2020 Regulations to be earned through activity points. Since the regulations insisted to not to count these grades for the calculation of CGPA, this can be considered by the Academic Council as a special case.
3. The University Regulations clearly states that two credits which are to be earned through activity points shall not be counted for the calculation of the CGPA. Hence, giving grace marks for students to have participated in NSS and such other activity will be in contrary with the Regulations. Therefore, it is advisable to give a give a special Certificate of appreciation for such students rather than giving

Grace marks. The remarks was submitted to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. The Vice Chancellor ordered to place the matter before the Board of Studies Engineering (Pass III). Hence, the whole matter regarding the same is placed before the Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass III) for consideration and recommendation. The Principal vide mail dated 03.04.2025 stated that the 2023 admission students are already in their Fourth Semester and their Fifth Semester classes are scheduled to be commenced in May 2025.

Recommendation

The Combined Meeting recommended to continue exemption of Rule 6.17 till new Scheme/Regulation come into existence. Further recommended to enforce Rule 6.23 from 2023 admission onwards. The concerned University Regulation clearly states that two credits which are to be earned through activity points shall not be counted for the calculation of the CGPA. Hence, giving grace marks for students to have participated in NSS is not recommended.

VI. Review of Rule 6.14 - Normalisation of CIE marks

A meeting at CE's Chamber on 14.02.2023 discussed the implementation of Rule 6.14 - Continuous Internal Evaluation mark percentage shall not exceed 30% over the End Semester Examination mark %. CIE marks awarded to a student shall be normalized accordingly. For example if the end semester mark % is 40, then the maximum eligible CIE mark % is $40+30 = 70$ %.) of the 2020 Regulation.

The Meeting suggested to implement the rule in the SLCM software and reflecting the same in the candidate profile and Green Sheet before issuing the Grade card and to implement the above rule to the examinations, including the examinations in which the result were already published. The Meeting also suggested that the Subject moderation, if any, granted by the Pass Board of the particular Examination to be added to the ESA marks before normalization of CIE marks. The combined Online meeting of the Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass III) and Faculty of Engineering and Technology held on 25.03.2023 endorsed the above recommendation.

The Tabulation Section later on has reported that in the Meeting of the Monitoring Committee in connection with the implementation of Student Life Cycle Management System held on 16.06.2023, it was recommended to initiate action to review the clause in the BTech Regulation 2020 regarding the normalization of the Internal Marks at the earliest by the Exam Wing in consultation with the Academic Wing. The matter is hence placed before the Combined Committee for review and necessary recommendation.

Recommendation

The meeting found it surprising that tabulation of marks for the students graduated in the year 2024 is done in contrary with the Rule 6.14 in the University Regulations that CIE marks should be normalised. The joint meeting of the faculty of Engineering & Technology and Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass III) expressed its dissent in the action where tabulation of marks is done in violation of the Rule 6.14 in the University Regulations. The following recommendations are made in this regard.

1. Appropriate administrative body may examine the case where mark tabulation is done in contrary with the Rule 6.14 in the University Regulations that CIE marks should be normalised.
2. Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass III) may discuss about the need for normalisation in the new curriculum and syllabus to be proposed.
3. Tabulation should be done by respecting the Rule 6.14 for the students who are graduating from 2025 on wards and who are admitted based on the 2020 scheme.
4. As a special case, appropriate decisions may be taken by the Academic Council and Senate on the tabulations already done in contrary to the Rule 6.14.

Considering the urgency of the matter, the Vice Chancellor may approve the minutes subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

The Examination Wing has sought some clarifications in the CA Mark for Theory Courses in the Syllabus of M.Sc Computer Science Degree Programme revised with effect from 2024 admission onwards. The Chairman, Board of Studies in Computer Science (PG), has corrected the Continuous Assessment Mark for Theory Courses as detailed below:

Continuous Assessment (CA)

Theory Courses: In addition to classroom lectures, students shall be assigned to application problems, classroom presentations, group activities, etc. Case studies/industry visits may also be organized. At least two tests shall be conducted for each course. Short viva may be carried out to assess assignments.

CA Mark for Theory Courses (Total: 25)

Seminar (Content-2 marks, Presentation-2 marks and Q&A-1 mark)	5
Test	10
Assignment & Activities	10

The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology, has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BOS in Computer Science(PG).

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, to effect correction in the Continuous Assessment Mark for Theory Courses, in the Syllabus of M.Sc Computer Science Degree Programme, revised with effect from 2024 Admissions.

U.O No.2354/2025/UOK dated: 18.03.2025 has been issued in this regard.

This matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

68. M.Sc Degree Course in Counselling Psychology of University of Kerala, equivalent to M.Sc Degree Course in Psychology of University of Kerala-approved-orders issued-reporting of-reg. (Ac.AII)

Request has been received from a candidate of M.Sc. Degree Programme in Counselling Psychology (2022 admission) towards the issuance of a Special Certificate for equivalency of the M.Sc.Degree Programme in Counselling Psychology with the M.Sc. Degree Programme in Psychology, for the purpose of obtaining SET qualifying certificate.

As per UO No.1390/2021/UOK dtd.12.03.2021, equivalency has been granted for the course M.Sc Counselling Psychology to the M.Sc Psychology only for those students who have passed M.Sc Counselling Psychology Examination till 2021 admission.

The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Psychology (PG), has recommended to issue a Special Certificate for equivalency to the candidate of 2022 admission for the purpose of obtaining SET Qualifying Certificate, notwithstanding the fact that the Scheme and Syllabus of the M.Sc. Degree Programme in Counselling Psychology was revised in the year 2022, as the applicant had studied all the major Core Papers of the discipline through regular mode in a comprehensive manner. The Dean, Faculty of Science, has endorsed the recommendation of the Chairperson, Board of Studies.

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, to the M.Sc. Degree Programme in Counselling Psychology, University of Kerala, being considered as equivalent to the M.Sc. Degree Programme in Psychology, University of Kerala, for the purpose of obtaining SET Certificate to the candidates of 2022 admission who have passed the M.Sc Counselling Psychology, as recommended by the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Psychology (PG) and endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Science.

U.O No:2296/2025/UOK dated: 15.03.2025 has been issued in this regard.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

69. First Degree Programme in Microbiology under CBCS System- Scheme and Syllabus revised with effect from 2022 admissions - Modified-U.O. issued- Reporting of - reg. (Ac.AV)

The Scheme and Syllabus for First Degree Programme in Microbiology under the CBCS System was revised w.e.f 2022 admissions vide UO No. 3899/2022/UOK dated: 20.05.2022.

The Chairperson, Board of Studies, Microbiology, vide e-mail dated: 05.03.2025, has submitted the modified Scheme and Syllabus, by rectifying a number of discrepancies noted in the Syllabus. The Dean, Faculty of Science, vide email dated: 15.03.2025, has endorsed the modified Scheme and Syllabus submitted by the Chairperson.

The Vice Chancellor has approved the modified Scheme and Syllabus of the First Degree Programme in Microbiology under the CBCS System revised w.e.f. 2022 admissions and U.O. No. 2605/2025/UOK dated: 24.03.2025 was issued for the same. The modified syllabus has also been uploaded in the University Website.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

70. Correction in the mark distribution and course codes in the Syllabus of M.Sc Biotechnology revised w.e.f 2024 Admission onwards-Reporting of-reg. (Ac.A IV)

The Examination Wing has sought some clarification in the mark distribution and course codes in the Syllabus of M.Sc Biotechnology Degree Programme revised with effect from 2024 Admission onwards. The Chairman, Board of Studies in Biotechnology (PG) has effected correction in the mark distribution and course codes as detailed below:

MARK DISTRIBUTION - PAPER/SEMESTER

Semester	Papers	CA	ESA	Total Marks
I	BT-101-103	25x3	75x3	300
II	BT-201-205	25x5	75x5	500
III	BT-301-303	25x3	75x3	300
IV	BT-401-403 BT-404-405 BT-406-407	50 dissertation)	25x3 25x2 (for 75x3 75x2 150	300 200 200
Grand Total (From S-I to S-IV)				1800

CA- Continuous Assessment ESA- End Semester Assessment

Total Marks for I,II,III,IV Semester 300+500+300+700

Total Maximum marks at the end of Semester IV: 300+500+300+700=1800

Correct codes for the practical papers:

BT 204	Practical I
BT 205	Practical II
BT 404	Practical III
BT 405	Practical IV
BT 406	Dissertation
BT 407	Viva - Voce

After addition of years, codes will be;

BT 204 24	Practical I
BT 205 24	Practical II
BT 404 24	Practical III
BT 405 24	Practical IV
BT 406 24	Dissertation
BT 407 24	Viva - Voce

EXAMINATION AND EVALUATION should be changed as;

Examination	CA	ESA	Total	Components of CA	
Theory	25	75	100	Seminar	5
				Assignments	10
				Test	10
Lab/Practical	25	75	100	Record	10
				Test	10
				Attendance	5
No. of Seminars				One Seminar/Paper/Student/Semester	
No. of Assignments				One Assignment/Paper/Student/Semester	
Tutorial Hour				May be utilized for Seminar and discussion	

The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology, has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BOS in Biotechnology(PG).

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, to effect corrections in the mark distribution and course codes in the Syllabus of M.Sc Biotechnology Degree Programme revised with effect from 2024 admissions.

U.O. No.2560/2025/UOK dated: 20.03.2025 has been issued in this regard.

This matter is reported to the Academic Council.

<i>Resolution of the Academic Council</i>
The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

71. Correction effected in the Credit of the foundation course and title of the practical course in the scheme & syllabus of Industrial Microbiology for FDP (CR) in Biochemistry & Industrial Microbiology (2022 Admission onwards)-Reported – reg. (Ac.A V)

The scheme and syllabus of Industrial Microbiology for the Career Related First Degree Programme in Biochemistry and Industrial Microbiology 2(a) under CBCS system was revised w.e.f. 2022 admission vide U.O. NO. 4282/2022/UOK dated 26.05.2022.

The credit of the "Foundation Course II - IM 1222 - Microbial Taxonomy and Physiology" offered in the Second Semester mentioned in the index part is "2" whereas in the detailed syllabus as "3" and the Course title of the course "IM 1672: Practical" is entered in the index part as "IM 1672:

Medical Microbiology & Immunology (Vocational Course XI-P6)" whereas in the detailed syllabus is "Vocational Course IX - Practical: 1672: Medical Microbiology & Immunology".

The Chairman, Board of Studies in Microbiology, vide e-mail dated 18.12.2023, remarked that the credit of the "Foundation Course II - IM 1222 - Microbial Taxonomy and Physiology" offered in the Second semester has to be corrected as "2" and the title of the course "IM 1672: Practical" be corrected to "Vocational Course XI- Practical: Medical Microbiology & Immunology" in the detailed syllabus. The Dean, Faculty of Science, vide e-mail dated 05.01.2024, endorsed the same.

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor to effect the above mentioned corrections in the syllabus of Industrial Microbiology for the Career Related First Degree Programme in Biochemistry and Industrial Microbiology 2(a) under CBCS system revised w.e.f. 2022 admission onwards and UO No. 9672/2024/UOK dated 14.11.2024 was issued for the same.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

72. CSS-FYUG -Department of History-Modification of Syllabi of Second Semester of FYUGP in History- Approval –reg. (Ac.D)

Ref: Minutes of the meeting of the CSS Academic Committee held on 04.12.2024

The Head, Department of History has submitted a proposal for the inclusion of the following minor and foundation courses for the second semester of the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) in History.

The details are as follows:

Semester II

1. Minor Programme

Course Title: Reproduction of the Past

Course Code: UK2MNRDHY105

2. Minor Programme

Course Title: Maritime History of India

Course Code: UK2MNDHY106

3. Skill Enhancement Course (Foundation Course)

Course Title: The Art of Oral History Practice

Course Code: UK2SECDHY107

4. Multi-Disciplinary Course (Foundation Course)

Course Title: HISTEM (History of Science, Technology, Environment, and Medicine) in Modern India

Course Code: UK2MDCDHY108

5. Value Added Course (Foundation Course)

Course Title: Archival Studies

Course Code: UK2VACDHY110

The meeting of the CSS Academic Committee held on 04.12.2024, vide item no.26 considered the Syllabi and recommended that the Syllabi be approved, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the action taken by the CSS Academic Committee in approving the Syllabi for Second Semester of FYUGP in History is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

73. CSS-Institute of Management in Kerala (IMK)-Approval of the Scheme & Syllabus of proposed programme, Master of Business Administration(General) (Evening-Regular) Reporting of-Reg. (Ac.D)

Ref: Minutes of the CSS Academic Committee held on 04/12/2024

The Head, Institute of Management in Kerala, University of Kerala has forwarded the scheme and syllabus of proposed programme, Master of Business Administration (General) (Evening-Regular) for approval.

The CSS Academic Committee held on 04.12.2024, vide item no.7 considered the matter and recommended to approve the new scheme and syllabus of the M.B.A General (Evening-Regular) Programme(to be implemented with effect from 2024 Admission), subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the action taken by the CSS Academic Committee in approving the scheme and syllabus of the M.B.A General (Evening-Regular) Programme in Institute of Management in Kerala, is reported to the Academic Council.

<i>Resolution of the Academic Council</i>

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

74. Scheme and Syllabus of Career related FDP in Business Administration (BBA) (revised w.e.f 2022 - Rectification of duplication in content of Module 4 and Module 5 in the Elective course offered in Semester 4 - Orders Issued and reported to Academic Council –Reporting of- reg. (Ac.AV)

The Scheme and syllabus of Career related First Degree Programme in Business Administration (BBA) under CBCS System was revised w.e.f 2022 admissions as per UO No. 8346/2022/UOK dated 27.10.2022.

The contents in Module 4 and Module 5 of Elective course BM 1461.2 Advertising and Sales Promotion in the IV Semester was noted as same in the Syllabus of Career related FDP in Business Administration (BBA) revised w.e.f 2022 admissions. The Board of Studies in Business Management (UG) resolved to add the following contents as the Fifth Module vide Minutes of the Additional meeting dated 22.02.2024.

Module 5:

Sales promotion- Selling Concept- Objectives and functions of sales management-Sales Promotion- meaning- importance – sales promotion tools- consumer promotion tools – trade promotion tools - relationship between sales promotion and advertising - future of sales promotion (20 hrs)

The recommendations of the BoS was endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Management Studies vide email dated 11.03.2024.

Sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to Academic Council, to include Sales Promotion as Module 5 for the Elective Course 'BM 1461.2: Advertising and Sales Promotion' in the IV Semester of Career Related FDP in Business Administration (BBA) revised w.e.f 2022 admissions, as recommended by the Board of Studies in Business Management (UG) and as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Management Studies. A UO No. 7052/2024/UOK dated 17.08.2024 was issued accordingly.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor the whole matter is reported to the Academic Council.

<i>Resolution of the Academic Council</i>

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

75. Career-related First Degree Programme in Computer Science (B.Sc) under CBCS System - Equivalent to Career-related First Degree Programme in Computer Application (BCA) under CBCS System for Employment purpose - Approved- Reporting of- reg. (Ac.AV)

Application was received from the candidate who had completed Career-related First Degree Programme in Computer Science(B.Sc) under CBCS System for issuing Special Certificate stating that Career-related First Degree Programme in Computer Science (B.Sc) under CBCS System is equivalent to Career-related First Degree Programme in Computer Applications (BCA).

The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Computer Science(UG) vide Email dated 20.04.2024, Brecommended that Career-related First Degree Programme in Computer Science (B.Sc) is equivalent to Career-related First Degree Programme in Computer Applications (BCA) under CBCS System .

The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology endorsed the recommendations of the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Computer Science (UG) that Career-related First Degree Programme in Computer Science (B.Sc) is equivalent to Career-related First Degree Programme in Computer Applications (BCA) under CBCS System for employment purpose vide Email dated 24.04.2024 above.

Sanction was accorded by the Vice- Chancellor, subject to reporting to Academic Council, that Career related First Degree Programme in Computer Science (B.Sc) under CBCS System is treated as equivalent to Career related First Degree Programme in Computer Applications (BCA) under CBCS System as recommended by the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Computer Science (UG) and as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology.

A UO No.7939/2024/UOK Dated: 19.09.2024 was issued accordingly.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the whole matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

76. CSS-FYUGP-Department of Botany-Modification of Syllabus for Second Semester FYUG Programme (Botany)-Reporting of-Reg. (Ac.D)

Ref: Minutes of the meeting of the CSS Academic Committee held on 04.12.2024.

The Head, Department of Botany, has forwarded the syllabus of proposed foundation course, "Herbal Cosmetics" and requested to include the course, "Herbal Cosmetics" as Skill Enhancement course (Foundation Course) in the Second Semester of Four Year Undergraduate Programme (Botany) in the Department.

The details of the proposed course is as follows:

Skill Enhancement Course(Foundation Course) of Semester II of FYUGP(Botany)

Course Name: Herbal Cosmetics

Course Code: UK2SECDB0101

The CSS Academic Committee held on 04/12/2024, vide item No.28 considered the modifications in the course to include in the second semester of FYUG (Botany) be approved, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the action taken by the CSS Academic Committee in approving the modifications in the foundation course of the second semester of Four Year Undergraduate Programme (Botany), is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

77. CSS-Department of Hindi -Modification of Syllabus for Second Semester of FYUGP (Hindi)-Reporting of-reg. (Ac.D)

Ref: Letter No. HIN/FYUG/BA/24-25/452 dated 28.11.2024 from the Head, Department of Hindi.

As per the approved syllabus for the FYUGP (Four Year Undergraduate Program) in Hindi Language and Literature, the AEC (Ability Enhancement Course) titled, "Hindi Poetry and Creative Writing" was originally scheduled for the I semester. However, the Head, Department of Hindi, has requested to shift this course to the II semester, to be renamed as UK2AEC DHN102 - "Hindi Poetry and Creative Writing", replacing the previously listed "Hindi Drama and One Act Play".

Though the approved syllabus includes two AEC courses in II semester, the Head has clarified that only one course will be offered in the II semester.

The change in the Syllabus is as follows:

Semester II

- AEC Course: Hindi Poetry and Creative Writing
- Course Code: UK2AEC DHN102
- Credit: 2

The CSS Academic Committee held on 04/12/2024, vide item No. 27, and considered the proposal and recommended that the proposed modifications in the second semester of FYUGP (Hindi) be approved, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the action taken by the CSS Academic Committee in approving the modifications in the Syllabus of Second Semester of FYUGP (Hindi), is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

78. Career-related First Degree Programme in Management Studies (BMS) Hotel Management (2022 admission onwards) - Corrections of distribution of Marks for Project and Viva-Voce -Orders Issued - Reported – reg. (Ac.AV)

The Scheme and Syllabus of Career-related First Degree Programme in Management Studies (BMS) - Hotel Management under CBCS system, 2(b) (2022 admission) had been revised vide UO No.8341/2022/UOK dated 27.10.2022.

A discrepancy was noted in the division of marks for the evaluation of Project and Viva-Voce for the Sixth Semester of BMS Hotel Management under CBCS System 2(b) w.e.f 2022 admissions. It has been noticed that the maximum marks allotted for evaluation of Project Report is given as 100 and division of marks for Project and Viva-voce is given as 75 and 25.

The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Business Management (UG) remarked vide Email dated 19.09.2024 that maximum marks for evaluation of Project and Viva-Voce BMS Hotel Management under CBCS System 2(b) of 2022 Scheme is 100 (20 for Viva Voce and 80 for Project Report) and the detailed split up of marks has been submitted as follows:

1. Review of Literature	10
2. Statement of the problem	10
3. Objectives of the study	5
4. Methodology	15
5. Data Analysis and Interpretation	15
6. Findings and Suggestions	10
7. Bibliography (APA Style)	5
8. Presentation of the Report	10

Total	- 80
9. Viva Voce	20

GRAND TOTAL	-100

The Dean, Faculty of Management Studies has endorsed the remarks of the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Business Management (UG) as per Email dated 22.09.2024.

Sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor subject to reporting to the Academic Council to effect corrections in the division of marks for the evaluation of Project and Viva-Voce in the Scheme and Syllabus of BMS Hotel Management (revised w.e.f 2022 admission onwards) as recommended by the Chairperson, BoS in Business Management (UG) and as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Management Studies. Accordingly U.O was issued in this regard vide U.O No. 8878/2024/UOK dated 19.10.2024.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the whole matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

79. Career-related First Degree Programme in Computer Application (BCA) under CBCS System - Equated with Career Related First Degree Programme in Computer Science (B.Sc) under CBCS System for Higher studies and for Lateral entry to B.Tech Computer Science -Approved - Reporting of – reg. (Ac.AV)

A candidate of Career-related First Degree Programme in Computer Applications (BCA) under CBCS System, has submitted an application to issue a Special Certificate stating that the Career-related First Degree Programme in Computer Application (BCA) under CBCS System, is equivalent to the Career Related First Degree Programme in Computer Science under CBCS System for applying to Lateral Entry test for admission to B.Tech Computer Science.

The Chairperson, BOS in Computer Science (UG) had remarked vide email dated: 09.04.2024 that, there is "more than 70 percentage of subject overlap in B.Sc Computer Science (regular) and BCA (regular) of the University of Kerala. Hence BCA of University of Kerala can be considered as having equivalent qualification to B.Sc Computer Science of the University of Kerala, for the admissions to higher education and for lateral entry to B.Tech (Computer Science)."

The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology vide email dated 19.04.2024, endorsed the recommendations of the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Computer Science (UG) and the Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology had recommended that, a certificate may be issued stating that 'those who are holding a BCA Degree offered by the University of Kerala can be considered as equally eligible to those who are holding a BSc Degree in Computer Science offered by the University of Kerala for the purpose of deciding the eligibility for admission to B.Tech Computer Science and Allied Courses through the Lateral Entry Scheme'.

Sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, for the Career-related First Degree Programme in Computer Application (BCA) under CBCS System offered by the University of Kerala, being considered as equivalent to the Career Related First Degree Programme in Computer Science (B.Sc) under CBCS System of the University, for the purpose of higher education and for lateral entry to B.Tech Computer Science, as recommended by the Chairperson, BOS in Computer Science (UG) and as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology and Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology.

A U.O No.5005/2024/UOK dated: 20.06.2024 has been issued accordingly.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

80. Department of Islamic and West Asian Studies – Proposal for starting Certificate Course in West Asian Studies under the Centre for West Asian Studies –Reporting of-reg. (Ac.D)

Ref : Letter dtd 08.01.2025 from Sri. Ashraf A, The Head, Department of Islamic and West Asian Studies

Sri. Ashraf A, The Head, Department of Islamic and West Asian Studies has forwarded a request regarding the approval of Syllabus of the Certificate course in West Asian Studies which is to be offered under the Centre for West Asian Studies, Department of Islamic and West Asian Studies.

The duration of the course is six months and the course will be conducted on online mode with a total of 4 hours of classes per week. The total number of seats is 20 and the proposed fees for the course is Rs.6000/- (Rupees Six Thousand Only)

The CSS Academic Committee held on 04.12.2024 vide item no. 8 considered the syllabus for the proposed Certificate Course in West Asian Studies and recommended that

1. The Syllabus be approved with suggested modifications incorporating the module on Business environment and consultancy practices in West Asia, subject to reporting to the Academic Council
2. The fee structure for the programme be placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration.

The Director, Centre for West Asian Studies submitted the syllabus after incorporating the modifications suggested by the Academic Committee. The details of the Course is as follows.

Components of the Course:

- I - West Asia – An Overview
- II - West Asia in World Affairs
- III - Project / Internship & Viva

I. West Asia – An Overview

1. Introduction to West Asia

- Geography and Topography of the Region
- Historical Overview: Ancient Civilizations to Modern Nations
- Cultural Diversity and Commonalities

2. Religious and Ethnic Groups in West Asia

- Islam: Sects, Practices, and Influence
- Christianity, Judaism, and Other Minorities
- Interfaith Dynamics and Tensions

3. State and Politics in West Asia

- Analysis of Key Nations: Saudi Arabia, Iran, Egypt and Israel, etc.
- Political Systems and Governance Structures
- Role of Political Islam

4. Economic Profile of West Asia

- Oil and Gas: Production, Reserves, and Global Impact
- Diversification Efforts and Economic Reforms
- Trade and Investment Patterns

II. West Asia in World Affairs

5. Geopolitical Importance of West Asia

- Strategic Positioning and Global Influence
- Historical and Contemporary Significance
- Role in Global Security and Diplomacy

6. West Asia in International Politics

- Relations with Major Powers: USA, Russia, China,
- Involvement in Regional Organizations
- Influence in Global Decision-Making

7. Business Environment and Consultancy Practices in the West Asia

- Overview of Business Environment in the West Asia

Cultural Dynamics and Their Impact on Business
 Influence of Islamic principles on business practices.
 Key skills for business consultants: market analysis, feasibility studies, and strategic planning.
 Role of expatriates and local partnerships

8. India-West Asian Relationship

Historical Ties and Cultural Exchanges
 Labour Migration
 Economic Cooperation and Trade Relations
 Diplomatic and Strategic Collaborations

III. Research Project/ Internship

Each student will undertake a research project on a specific aspect of West Asian studies.

OR

Internship and Report Writing, the duration of internship is 10 days. Students have to visit any organisation / NGOs, Public or Private Institutions or Media Houses and prepare a report on the internship.

Viva

Method

The course will be delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, through online mode.

Guest lectures by renowned scholars, diplomats, and experts in West Asian Studies will enrich the learning experience.

Opportunities for internships (optional), study abroad programs, and research projects will be incorporated to provide practical exposure.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor the action taken by the CSS Academic Committee in approving the syllabus of the certificate course in West Asian Studies with the modifications suggested by the Academic Committee for starting certificate course in West Asian Studies (online) under the Centre for West Asian Studies is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

81. CSS -Modification of Syllabus of M.A. Manuscriptology and Palaeography- Approval – reg. (Ac.D)

Ref: Minutes of the meeting of the CSS Academic Committee held on 04/12/2024

The Head, Oriental Research Institute & Manuscripts Library has submitted a proposal for modifications in Semester II of MA Manuscriptology and Palaeography. The Head has requested to include the core course "Language Studies"(MSS-CC-524(A)) instead of the core Course"MSS-CC-524-Elementary Tamil" in the Syllabus of the Second Semester of MA Manuscriptology and Palaeography.

The CSS Academic Committee held on 04/12/2024, vide item no.9 considered the modification, to include the core course, "Language Studies" to the Syllabus of M.A. Manuscriptology and Palaeography and recommended to approve the modification, with a course code, MSS-CC-524(A), subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the action taken by the CSS Academic Committee in approving the modification of the Syllabus of MA Manuscriptology and Palaeography, is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

82. Scheme and Syllabus of First Degree Programme in Zoology- Discrepancy noted in the Course code and Title of the Course-Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AV)

The Scheme and Syllabus for First Degree Programme in Zoology under CBCS system had been revised w.e.f 2019 admissions vide U.O No. AcAV/1/Zoology/2019 dated 12.06.2019.

Certain discrepancies have been noticed in the title of the courses "ZO 1644" and "ZO 1645" and the course code of the elective course in the Scheme and Syllabus of the First Degree Programme in Zoology.

The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Zoology (Pass), vide e-mail dated 05.04.2024, remarked to correct the course title of the course ZO 1644 (Practical II) as "Cell Biology, Genetics, Bioinformatics, Biotechnology, Immunology and Microbiology" and ZO 1645 (Practical III) as "Physiology and Biological Chemistry, Molecular Biology and Bio statistics" in the course structure and to place the discrepancy found in the course code of elective course before the Board of Studies in Zoology.

The Board of studies, Zoology (Pass) recommended, vide minutes of its meeting held on 21.06.2024, to correct the course code of the Elective Course "Economic Zoology - Vermiculture and Apiculture" in the course structure / scheme and in the detailed syllabus as "ZO 1661.1".

The Dean, Faculty of Science, vide e-mails dated 18.07.2024 and 23.11.2024, endorsed both the recommendations.

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor to effect the said corrections in the syllabus and UO No. 11247/2024/UOK dated 29.12.2024 was issued in this regard.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

83. CSS-Four Year Undergraduate Programmes-Correction in the Regulations –Reporting of-Reg. (Ac.D)

Ref: Item no.25 of the minutes of the meeting of the CSS Academic Committee held on 04.12.2024

As per the regulation for the FYUGP (Four Year Undergraduate Programme) offered by the Teaching Departments of the University, it is stipulated that there shall be a separate minimum of 40% marks for both Continuous Comprehensive Assessment (CCA) and End Semester Examination for each course (Regulation – 32: Minimum Grades for Course, Semester and Programme). However, a typographical error occurred while preparing the Academic Council NOTED the matter the table for letter grades and grade points (Regulation – 35: Letter Grades and Grade Points) in 2023-24 Academic Year.

The corrections to be effected are as follows:

1. For the Letter Grade P (Pass), with a Grade Point of 4, the percentage of marks shall be entered as '40% and below 45% Aggregate (End Semester Examination and Continuous Comprehensive Assessment put together) with a separate minimum of 40% in End Semester Examination and Continuous Comprehensive Assessment' instead of the '35% and below 40% aggregate with a minimum of 40% in End Semester Examination'.
2. For the Letter Grade F (Fail), with a Grade Point of 0, the percentage of marks shall be entered as 'Below a separate minimum of 40% in End Semester Examination and Continuous Comprehensive Assessment' instead of ' Below 35% or below 40 % in End Semester Examination'.

The CSS Academic Committee held on 04.12.2024 considered the proposed corrections in the regulation for Four Year Undergraduate Programme and recommended that the proposal be approved, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

But upon further verification, it was determined that the number 85 would not be included if the existing scheme is followed. To rectify this anomaly, the word 'above' should be deleted from the

table description of the A+ grade. The Vice Chancellor has approved this correction and granted permission to report it before the Academic Council.

The rectified table for Grade Points of the course is provided below:

Letter Grade	Grade Point	Percentage of Marks (Both Internal & External Put together)
O(Outstanding)	10	95 and above
A+ (Excellent)	9	85 and below 95
A (Very good)	8	75 to below 85
B+ (Good)	7	65 to below 75
B (Above Average)	6	55 to below 65
C(Average)	5	45 to below 55
P (Pass)	4	40% and below 45% Aggregate (End Semester Examination and Continuous Comprehensive Assessment put together) with a separate minimum of 40% in End Semester Examination and Continuous Comprehensive Assessment.
F(Fail)	0	Below a separate minimum of 40% in End Semester Examination and Continuous Comprehensive Assessment
Ab (Absent)	0	

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the action taken by the CSS Academic Committee in approving the proposed corrections in the Regulations for the Four Year Undergraduate Programme, is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

84. M.Sc Degree Programme in Botany (Specialization in Biodiversity Conservation), University of Kerala equivalent to M.Sc Degree Programme in Botany (Regular) , University of Kerala-approved-reporting-of-reg. (Ac.AII)

Request has been received from a candidate of M.Sc. Degree Programme in Botany (Specialization in Biodiversity Conservation) towards the issuance of a Special Certificate for equivalency with the M.Sc. Degree Programme in Botany.

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, to the M.Sc. Degree Programme in Botany (Specialization in Biodiversity Conservation), offered by the Department of Botany, University of Kerala, from 2021 admission onwards, being considered as equivalent to the M.Sc. Degree Programme in Botany (Regular) offered by University of Kerala, as recommended by the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Botany (PG) and endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Science.

U.O No:3622/2025/UOK dated: 21.04.2025 has been issued in this regard.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

85. Career-related First Degree Programme in Botany and Biotechnology (BSc) under CBCS System equivalent to First Degree Programme in Botany(B.Sc) and Career-related First Degree Programme in Biotechnology(BSc) - For Higher Studies and Employment - Approved - Reporting – reg. (Ac.AV)

Career-related First Degree Programme in Botany and Biotechnology was approved as equivalent to First Degree Programme in Botany and Career related First Degree Programme in Biotechnology for employment purposes as per UO No. 7683/2021/UOK dated 29.12.2021.

A candidate has submitted a request to issue Special Certificate stating that Career-related First Degree Programme in Botany and Biotechnology (BSc) is equivalent to First Degree Programme in Botany (B.Sc) for purposes of employment and higher studies.

The Chairpersons, Boards of Studies in Biotechnology (UG) and Botany (UG) vide email dated 14.01.2025 and 16.01.2025 respectively, recommended that Career related First Degree Programme in Botany and Biotechnology is equivalent to the First Degree Programme in Botany and Career related First Degree Programme in Biotechnology for the purpose of higher studies also.

The Deans, Faculty of Science and Faculty of Applied Science and Technology vide emails dated 25.01.2025 and 29.01.2025, have endorsed the remarks of the Chairpersons of Board of Studies in Botany (UG) and Board of Studies in Biotechnology (UG) respectively.

Sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, that the Career related First Degree Programme in Botany and Biotechnology is treated as equivalent to First Degree Programme in Botany and Career related First Degree Programme in

Biotechnology for the purpose of higher studies also, as recommended by the Chairpersons, Board of Studies in Botany (UG) and Biotechnology (UG) and as endorsed by the Deans, Faculty of Science and Faculty of Applied Science and Technology. A UO No.2204/2025/UOK dated: 12.03.2025 was issued accordingly modifying the earlier UO referred above.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor the whole matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

86. B.Tech Degree Course (2013 Scheme) – Mercy Chance Examination to the failed candidates of 2013 & 2014 Admissions - sanctioned - Orders issued - reporting of-reg. (Ac.AIII)

The requests received from the candidates of 2013 Scheme (2013 & 2014 admission) B.Tech Degree Course were placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations held on 23.04.2025, as per the orders of the Vice Chancellor.

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations held on 23.04.2025, vide item No. 12, has recommended that one Mercy Chance may be granted to the candidates of 2013 admission, subject to reporting to the Academic Council. All Examinations hitherto conducted for candidates of 2014 admission (2013 Scheme), subject to reporting to the Academic Council, except for Semester IV, shall be granted as Mercy Chance for non completion of eligible chances due to COVID-19 and hence one last supplementary chance be granted to them.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 13.05.2025, vide item No. 19.09.12, has resolved that, the above recommendation of the Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate held on 23.04.2025 be approved.

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, to implement the above resolution of the Syndicate. Accordingly U.O. No.Ac.A III/4670/2025/UOK dated: 24.05.2025 has been issued.

The above decision to grant one Mercy Chance to the candidates of B.Tech Degree Course (2013 Scheme - 2013 & 2014 Admissions) and issuance of the University Order in this regard, is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

87. M. Sc. Biotechnology - considered eligible to pursue higher degrees in Biological Sciences/ Life Sciences and apply for any post where Biological Sciences/ Life Sciences is considered as an essential qualification-Reporting of-reg. (Ac.A IV)

A candidate has submitted an application to issue a Special Certificate stating that, M.Sc Biotechnology is equivalent to M.Sc Biological Sciences or M.Sc Biotechnology candidates are also

considered for the post of Lecturer in Life Sciences in Kerala General Education (DIET).

The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Biotechnology(PG) has remarked that, as Biotechnology is an essential part of Biological Sciences, and can be considered eligible to pursue higher degrees in Biological Sciences/Life Sciences and apply for any post where Biological Sciences/Life Sciences is considered an essential qualification, if the candidate fulfils other eligibility criteria. The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology endorsed the remarks of the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Biotechnology(PG).

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, that a degree in M. Sc. Biotechnology is considered eligible to pursue higher degrees in Biological Sciences/ Life Sciences and apply for any post where Biological Sciences/ Life Sciences is considered as an essential qualification,if the candidate fulfils other eligibility criteria.

U.O. No.3166/2025/UOK dated: 08.04.2025 has been issued in this regard.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter. Further Resolved to call back the file and to refer the matter to the combined meeting of the Board of Studies in Botany and Zoology

88. M.Sc Degree Programme in Physics (Specialization in Renewable Energy), offered by Department of Physics, University of Kerala, equivalent to M.Sc Degree Programme in Physics offered by University of Kerala-approved orders issued-reporting of- reg. (Ac.AII)

Request has been received from a candidate of M.Sc. Degree Programme in Physics (Specialization in Renewable Energy) towards the issuance of a Special Certificate for equivalency of the M.Sc. Degree Programme in Physics (Specialization in Renewable Energy) with the M.Sc. Degree Programme in Physics.

The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Physics (PG), has recommended to issue a Special Certificate for equivalency to the candidate of M.Sc. Degree Programme in Physics (Specialization in Renewable Energy) offered by the Department of Physics, University of Kerala with the M.Sc. Degree Programme in Physics offered by University of Kerala. The Dean, Faculty of Science, has endorsed the recommendation of the Chairperson, Board of Studies.

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, to the M.Sc. Degree Programme in Physics (Specialization in Renewable Energy) offered by the Department of Physics, University of Kerala being considered as equivalent to M.Sc. Degree Programme in Physics offered by University of Kerala, as recommended by the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Physics (PG) and endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Science.

U.O No:4838/2025/UOK dated: 28.05.2025 has been issued in this regard.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

89. Scheme and Syllabus for Career related First Degree Programme in Management Studies (BMS) -Hotel Management under CBCS system w.e.f 2022 admission onwards- Corrections in Coursecodes and titles - Reported – reg. (Ac.AV)

The Scheme and Syllabus for Career related First Degree Programme in Management Studies(BMS)- Hotel Management under CBCS system revised in Outcome Based Education (OBE) mode w.e.f 2022 admissions was approved, vide UO No. 8341/2022/UOK dated 27.10.2022. Discrepancies were noted in the Course Codes and Titles of various courses in the Scheme and Syllabus of the programme in different semesters as specified in the course structure and detailed part of the Syllabus.

The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Business Management (UG), as per E-mail dated 07.09.2023 and 30.10.2023, clarified that the Course codes and titles of the courses in the detailed part of the Syllabus is correct in all the cases and recommended to make changes in the index part of the Syllabus accordingly.

The Dean, Faculty of Management Studies endorsed the remarks of the Chairperson as per E-mail dated 29.11.2023. The corrected title and codes of courses are as below:

SI No	Semester	Title and code proposed as per content pages of Scheme and Syllabus
1	III	BH 1322 : Principles of Management
2	III	BH 1342 : Computer Application and Cyber Law
3	III	BH 1345 : Hotel Laws
4	IV	BH 1444 : Accommodation, Operation & Management
5	IV	BH 1445 : Research Methodology
6	IV	BH 1431 : Marketing Management
7	V	BH 1532 : Human Resources Management
8	V	BH 1533 : Financial Management
9	V	BH 1561 : Social Responsibility and Tourism

Sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, to effect the above corrections in the Scheme and Syllabus of Career-related First Degree Programme in Management Studies (BMS) - Hotel Management revised w.e.f 2022 admissions, as recommended by the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Business Management (UG) and as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Management Studies.

A UO No. 9866/2023/UOK dated 05.12.2023 was issued on the same.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

90. Scheme and Syllabus of Career-Related First Degree Programme in Electronics under CBCS 2(b)(B.Sc) - Change in the credit of the elective course in the Fourth and Fifth Semesters – Orders Issued – Reporting of– reg. (Ac.AV)

The Scheme and Syllabus of the Career Related First Degree Programme in Electronics 2(b) under the CBCS System was revised with effect from 2023 admission as per UO No.5685/2023/UOK dated: 27.06.2023.

A mismatch was noted in the total credits entered in the Scheme of the Syllabus for the Fourth and Fifth Semesters as compared to the sum of the credits distributed, i.e, total credits entered for the said Semesters in the Scheme of the Syllabus is 20 each and the sum of the credits distributed among the subjects of the said Semesters are 21 and 19 respectively.

The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Electronics, has recommended vide email dated 09.05.2025 that, in order to bring overall uniformity in the credit distribution, the credits for the elective courses in the Fourth and Fifth Semesters, should be changed to 2 and 3 respectively. The Dean-in-Charge, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology has endorsed the same vide email dated 12.05.2025 .

Sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor to effect corrections in the Scheme and Syllabus of the Career Related First Degree Programme in Electronics revised w.e.f 2023 Admission onwards, as remarked by the Chairperson, BoS in Electronics and as endorsed by the Dean-in-Charge,

Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology, subject to reporting to the Academic Council. UO No. 4661/2025/UOK dated 23.05.2025 has been issued accordingly.

As per orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

91. Clarifications in the syllabus of MCA w.e.f 2024 admission onwards-Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

The Examination Wing has sought some clarifications in the Syllabus of the two year MCA Programme in Learning Outcomes - based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) revised with effect from 2024 admission onwards. The Chairman, Board of Studies in Computer Science (PG) has clarified as detailed below:

i) The submission of the MOOC certificates .

It is not necessary to submit the MOOC certificate to the University. The certificates can be kept at the college. The Pass/Fail status is required to submit to the University.

ii) Specific deadline for the submission of MOOC certificates .

The MOOC certification is like an internal one. The Department council will announce the source of MOOCs from time to time. The College authorities submit the MOOC title along with the status to the University. An online platform for this is required.

iii) The credit of MOOC courses .

MOOC have a credit of 2, but need not be considered for CGPA calculations. The semester certificate needs only MOOC with tiled by a candidate and the status (Pass/Fail). This is obtained from the college.

iv) If a candidate completes a MOOC course within the stipulated time but fails to submit the certificate on time due to a genuine reason, can it be accepted retrospectively upon obtaining necessary approvals. If so, what month and year should be recorded in the candidate's academic records.

A 'Pass' status submitted by the college for a student during the specified semester is considered as completed semester. If a candidate fails to complete a MOOC course and the college reports the successive semester, then it can be considered only on that semester. So, the month and year of passing that semester is 'pass' status of the time of MOOC.

v) For internal courses like MOOC and Skill Enhancement (which are fee- exempted), should there be a stipulated time frame for failed students to pass. If this time frame is exceeded, should a fee be levied for further attempts.

The candidate should pass that course within that semester. When the candidate passes these courses, only that time declares the semester pass.

The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Computer Science(PG).

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor subject to reporting to the Academic Council to effect the above clarification in the Syllabus of two year MCA Programme in Learning Outcomes - based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) revised with effect from 2024 admissions as recommended by the Chairman, BoS in Computer Science (PG) and endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology.

UO No.5133/2025/UOK dated: 03.06.2025 has been issued in this regard.

This matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

92. Clarifications regarding Skill Enhancement Course in the syllabus of MCA w.e.f 2024 Admission onwards-Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

The Examination Wing has sought some clarifications regarding Skill Enhancement Course in the Syllabus of the two year MCA Programme in Learning Outcomes - based Curriculum Framework

(LOCF) revised with effect from 2024 admission onwards. The Chairman, Board of Studies in Computer Science (PG) has clarified as detailed below:

1. Marks for Skill Enhancement Courses:

Each skill enhancement Course is different; hence the evaluation is dependent on the College and the Department. For example, MOOC is decided by the department as for the student. There is a pass criterion given by the College for each student.

2. Inclusion of Skill Enhancement Course Credits in Total Semester Credits:

Skill enhancement course is not counted for calculation of SGPA and CGPA. So, there is no requirement for calculation purpose.

3. Display of Skill Enhancement Courses in Grade Sheets:

The skill enhancement Courses need to be displayed in the grade sheet along with their respective credits.

4. Credits for MOOC in Semester 1:

The credits of all Courses are shown in the Syllabus. For MOOC it is shown a 2-credit course, but not counted in the calculation for SGPA or CGPA

The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Computer Science(PG).

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor subject to reporting to the Academic Council to effect the above clarification in the Syllabus of two year MCA Programme in Learning Outcomes - based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) revised with effect from 2024 admissions as recommended by the Chairman, BoS in Computer Science (PG) and endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology.

UO No.3035/2025/UOK dated: 04.04.2025 has been issued in this regard.

This matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

93. Scheme and Syllabus of Career related First Degree Programme in Physics & Computer Application (B.Sc) (2021 admission onwards) - Correction in Course code of Open Courses in Vth Semester- reported – reg. (Ac.AV)

The Scheme and Syllabus for courses in Computer Application of Career related First Degree Programme in Physics and Computer Application (B.Sc) under CBCS system was revised w.e.f.2021 admissions vide UO No. 3496/2021/UOK dated 18.07.2021 and that of courses in Physics of the said programme was revised w.e.f 2023 admissions vide UO No.6142/2023/UOK dated 03.07.2023.

The Course code for the Open courses in the V Semester was mentioned as PC 1581.A, PC1581.B and PC 1581.C in the Course Structure and detailed part of the Syllabus. The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Computer Science (UG) vide E-mail dated 07.11.2023, recommended to correct the course code of Open courses as PC 1551.1, PC 1551.2 and PC 1551.3 respectively. The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology vide E-mail dated 06.12.2023, endorsed the remarks of the Chairperson.

Sanction was therefore been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, for effecting corrections in the course codes of Open courses in the V Semester as PC 1551.1, PC 1551.2 and PC 1551.3 in the Syllabus of Career related FDP in Physics and Computer Application (2021 admission onwards) as recommended by the Chairperson, BoS in Computer Science (UG) and as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology.

A UO No. 10464/2023/UOK dtd 30.12.2023 was issued accordingly.

The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

94. Equivalency of M.Com International Trade Degree Programme with M.Com Finance Degree Programme of University of Kerala- approved-orders issued-reporting of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

Smt Akhila L.had submitted an application with the prescribed Fee and Documents for the issuance of a Special Certificate stating that M. Com(New Generation- International Trade) Programme offered in University of Kerala, is equivalent to M. Com or M. Com Finance or M. Com Programme.

The Chairman, Board of Studies in Commerce(PG)has recommended that M. Com International Trade must be equated to the M.Com Finance of University of Kerala, as more than 75 per cent of the contents of both the Programs are similar in nature . The Dean, Faculty of Commerce, has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman and recommended that M. Com International Trade can be considered as equivalent to the M. Com Finance of the University of Kerala.

The Vice Chancellor, subject to reporting to Academic Council, has approved the equivalency of M.Com International Trade Degree Programme with M.Com Finance Degree Programme of University of Kerala, in the light of the remarks of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Commerce(PG) and the Dean, Faculty of Commerce.

U.O. No. 2783/2025/UOK dated: 28.03.2025 has been issued in this regard.

The matter is reported to Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

95. MFA Degree Programme-Non-Submission of Dissertation-Granting one chance to submit Dissertation with the next Batch-approved- orders issued- Reporting of- reg. (Ac.AIV)

The candidates of the MFA Degree Programme who did not submit Dissertation during their course period, have requested to grant permission to submit the same. As the Regulation part is silent regarding the matter, the Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts, has recommended that the Candidates who have not submitted the dissertation in the Fourth Semester in time, may be allowed regular registration and also an opportunity may be given to submit their Dissertation with the next Batch.

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor, to allow the candidates who have not submitted the Dissertation in the Fourth Semester for regular registration and also to submit their Dissertation with the next Batch on the basis of the remarks of the Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts, subject to reporting to Academic Council. U.O. No. 4038/2025/UOK dated: 03/05/2025 has been issued in this regard.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

96. Scheme and Syllabus of Career-related First Degree Programme in Business Administration(BBA) under CBCS System(2022 Scheme) - Discrepancy in course codes and titles- Corrections Approved - Orders Issued and reported. (Ac.AV)

Scheme and Syllabus for Career related First Degree programme in Business Administration (BBA) under CBCS System revised in Outcome Based Education (OBE) mode, was implemented w.e.f 2022 admissions onwards vide UO No.8346/2022/UOK dated, 27.10.2022.

Discrepancies were noticed in course names/ course codes, mentioning of semesters in the Scheme and Syllabus of Career related First Degree Programme in Business Administration (BBA) under CBCS System revised w.e.f 2022 admission onwards . The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Business Administration (UG) , vide Email dated 10.10.2024, remarked that,

1. In the Index page of the Open Courses in V the Semester, semesters are wrongly mentioned as Semester III,IV,V and VI.These can be corrected as Semester V.

2. In the Index page, the course code of Open course in the Vth semester is wrongly given as '1551.1/2/3/4' and can be corrected as ' BM 1551.1/2/3/4'.

3. In the detailed syllabus, semester of the course BM 1551.3 - Strategic Management, is given as 'I' can be rectified as Semester V. The type of course given as 'Core Course' can also be corrected as 'Open Course'.

4. In the detailed syllabus, semester of the course BM 1551.4 - Fundamentals of Financial Accounting, is wrongly mentioned as 'Semester VI' can be corrected as 'Semester V'.

The Dean, Faculty of Management Studies has endorsed the remarks submitted by the Chairperson, BoS in Business Management(UG) vide Email dated 17.10.2024.

Sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, to effect the above corrections in the Scheme and Syllabus of Career-related First Degree Programme in Business Administration (BBA) under CBCS System revised w.e.f 2022 admission onwards, as recommended by the Chairperson, BoS in Business Management(UG) and as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Management Studies.

A UO No. 9517/2024/UOK Dated: 08.11.2024 was issued accordingly.

The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

97. Corrections made in the regulations of B. Com(HI) Degree Programme(2019 Scheme)- regarding the distribution of marks and calculation of Grade Point for the Project Work BCM 1845 in the Eighth Semester and the Pass Criteria of the Programme- reporting of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

The Syllabus of the B. Com(HI) Degree Programme was revised in the year 2019 and was implemented w.e.f. 2020 admission onwards. Clarifications had been sought from the Tabulation Section regarding (a) the pass criteria of the B.Com HI Programme and (b) Distribution of marks and calculation of Grade Point for the Project Work BCM 1845 in the Eight Semester B.Com (HI) Degree Examination. The Chairman, BOS in Commerce(Pass) remarked as follows :

(a) Regarding the pass criteria of the B.Com HI Programme,

As it is stated in the Regulation that for the successful completion of a semester, a student has to score a minimum SCPA of 4.00 (E Grade), the Board recommends reading the table showing the CCPA and corresponding Grade as follows:

Percentage of marks	ESE + CA	Letter Grade
40 to < 50	4 to <5	E Adequate
< 40	< 4	F Failure

(b) Regarding distribution of marks, the Chairman remarked to adopt the distribution of marks for Project Work as given in the guidelines. i.e. 150 marks based on the evaluation of the report and 50 marks for Project Viva Voce Examination and for calculation of grades, the Chairman has recommended to use $G = \frac{\text{Marks}(ESE+IA)}{10}$ by converting the project marks from out of 200 to out of 100.

The above recommendations of the Chairman have been endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Commerce. Sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor on the above recommendations of the Chairman, BOS in Commerce (Pass), further endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Commerce, regarding (a) the pass criteria of the B.Com HI Programme and (b) Distribution of marks and calculation of Grade Point for the Project Work BCM 1845 in the Eight Semester B.Com (HI) Degree Examination, subject to reporting to the Academic Council and U. O. No. 4329/2025/UOK dated: 14/05/2025 has been issued in this regard.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

98. Scheme and Syllabus of First Degree Programme in Arabic under the CBCS System revised w.e.f 2022 admissions -Correction in the Course Type and code- rectified - Orders issued-reporting of -reg. (Ac.AV)

Discrepancies were noticed in the Syllabus of First Degree Programme in Arabic Under CBCS System revised w.e.f 2022 admissions, i.e, the Course Type and course Code of the Elective Course "Drama" is mentioned in the Syllabus as Open Course II and AR 1651.

The Chairman, Board of Studies in Arabic via E-mail dated: 22/11/2024 has recommended to correct the Course Type and Course Code of "Drama" in the Syllabus as "Elective Course - AR 1661".

The Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies , via E-mail dated: 28/11/2024 has endorsed the recommendations of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Arabic.

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor to correct the Course Type and Code of Drama offered in the Sixth Semester as Elective Course AR 1661 in the Scheme and Syllabus for the First Degree Programme in Arabic under the CBCS System revised w.e.f 2022 admissions, as recommended by the Chairman, Board of Studies in Arabic and as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies. UO No. 11235/2024/UOK dated: 29.12.2024 was issued accordingly.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

99. Correction in Credits of Complementary Courses in Mathematics for the First Degree Programme in Chemistry and Industrial Chemistry ,Under CBCS System revised w.e.f 2023 admission onwards-UO issued -Reporting to Academic Council-reg. (Ac.AV)

The Scheme and Syllabus for Complementary Courses in Mathematics for the Career Related First Degree Programme in Chemistry and Industrial Chemistry , under CBCS System was revised w.e.f 2023 admission onwards vide U.O No. 745/2024/UOK dated 23.01.2024.

Discrepancy has been noticed in the scheme and Syllabus for Complementary Courses in Mathematics for Career Related First Degree Programme in Chemistry and Industrial Chemistry Under CBCS System revised w.e.f 2023 admission onwards. As per the syllabus, the Credits assigned to the complementary Courses 'MM 1131.7' and 'MM 1231.7', of the first and second semester respectively was '3'.

The Chairman, Board of Studies in Mathematics has recommended to correct the Credit of the Complementary Courses 'MM 1131.7' and 'MM1231.7' of the first and Second Semesters as '4'.

The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the recommendation of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Mathematics.

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor to change the Credit of the complementary courses 'MM 1131.7' and 'MM1231.7 to '4' in the syllabus of complementary courses in Mathematics for the First Degree programme in Chemistry and Industrial Chemistry as recommended by the Chairman and as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Science. UO No.187/2025/UOK dated: 06.01.2025 was issued accordingly.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

100. First Degree Programmes under CBCS System - Granting of Mercy Chance Examinations to the Candidates of 2019 admissions - Reporting to the Academic Council-reg. (Ac.AV)

Applications were received from the Candidates of the First Degree Programmes under Choice Based Credit and Semester System of 2019 Admissions requesting Mercy Chance Examinations to clear backlogs.

As per U.O. No.Ac AIV/1/Uniform Span Period/2016 dated:15.07.2016, the maximum period for the successful completion of the programme for the Candidates of 2019 Admissions has been over.

As per the abstract of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Standing Committee held on 15.01.2025, forwarded from M&C I Section via email dated: 23.01.2025, the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations vide Item No. 7, has recommended to grant one Mercy Chance Examination to the Candidates of the First Degree Programmes of 2019 Admissions, subject to

reporting to the Academic Council and the recommendation was approved by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Syndicate by invoking 10(13) of Kerala University Act, 1974. Hence, UO No. 804/2025/UOk dated 23.01.2025 was issued accordingly.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 22.02.2025 vide Item No. 17.17.07, has resolved that the action taken by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor in having approved the above recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations held on 15.01.2025, be noted.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter of granting of one Mercy Chance Examination to the Candidates of First Degree Programmes of 2019 Admissions, is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

101. Granting Maternity Leave for female students of the Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education (LNCPE) reporting of –reg. (Ac.AIV)

The Principal, Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education (LNCPE) has sought clarification regarding granting of maternity leave for students above the age of 18 years for the courses conducted by the Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education (LNCPE). The University of Kerala had issued orders granting special menstrual leave and maternity leave for female students vide U.O .No.2040/2023/UOK dated 02.03.2023. The Board of Studies in Physical Education considered the matter, and recommended that if the student avail maternity leave up to six months, the student shall rejoin the college without taking re-admission and entrust the Principal to verify the medical records of the candidate and permit to rejoin the college, without taking approval from the University, where as she has to rejoin the course after producing fitness certificate, at the stage where she left for availing maternity leave since the course is majorly practical and field based.

The Dean, Faculty of Physical Education endorsed the recommendation of the Board of Studies in Physical Education.

Sanction had been accorded by the Vice Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, to implement the above recommendation of the Board of Studies in Physical Education as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Physical Education.

U.O.No.9537/2024/UOK dated 09.11.2024 has been issued in this regard.

This matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

102. Scheme and Syllabus for First Degree Programme in Statistics under CBCS system revised w.e.f 2022 admissions - Corrections in the Credits of the Complementary courses offered for First, Second & Fourth semesters of First Degree Programme in Physics, Geography and Mathematics - Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AV)

The Scheme and Syllabus for First Degree Programme in Statistics and Complementary courses in Statistics for First Degree Programme in Mathematics, Physics, Geography, Economics and Psychology under CBCS System has been revised with effect from 2022 admissions, vide UO No. 4284/2022/UOK dated 26.05.2022.

The Credit of the Complementary course (Practical) offered in the syllabus of First Degree Programme in Statistics revised w.e.f 2022 admissions for First Degree Programmes in Physics, Geography and Mathematics is 4, which exceeds the permissible credit in accordance to the Regulations relating to the First Degree Programmes.

The Board of Studies in Statistics (UG), recommended to **correct the credits of Complementary Courses for Ist IInd and IVth (Practicals in Statistics) semesters as 3,3 and 2 in the scheme and syllabus of First Degree Programme in Statistics under CBCS system revised w.e.f 2022 admissions.** The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the recommendation of the Board of Studies in Statistics (UG).

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, to effect the above corrections in the syllabus of First Degree Programme in Statistics under CBCS system w.e.f 2022 admissions, as

recommended by the Board of studies in Statistics (UG) and as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Science. UO No. 9647/2024/UOK dated 12.11.2024 was issued in this regard.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

103. Syllabi of First Degree Programmes in Computer Science and Mathematics under CBCS system -Perpetuation of status quo on the credits of the Complementary courses- Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AV)

As per the Course Structure in Schedule 1 of the CBCSS Regulations, the total credits that can be offered for the complementary courses in a programme is 22-28, with individual course credit of 2-3. But in the syllabi of First Degree programmes in Computer science and Mathematics revised wef 2022 and 2021 admissions respectively, complementary papers have credit of 4, which exceeds the permissible credit point.

The Chairmen, Board of Studies in Computer Science (UG) and BoS in Mathematics (UG) are **recommended to maintain the status quo on the credits as the three year CBCS programme is on the verge of completion. The Deans**, Faculty of Science and Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology have been **endorsed** the remarks of Chairmen, BoS concerned.

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor, to **maintain the status quo** on the credits of the complementary courses in the syllabi of First Degree Programme in Computer Science and Mathematics revised wef 2022 and 2021 admissions respectively, offered to various First Degree programmes under CBCS system. A note to the DR (CBCS / ES) was issued on the matter.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

104. Syllabi of First Degree Programme in Botany and Zoology under CBCS system - Perpetuation of status quo on the credits of the Complementary courses - Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AV)

As per the Course Structure in Schedule 1 of the CBCSS Regulations, the total credits that can be offered for the complementary courses in a programme is 22-28, with individual course credit of 2-3. But in the syllabi of First Degree Programme in Botany and Zoology revised wef 2022 and 2019 admissions respectively, complementary papers have credit of 4, which exceeds the permissible credit point.

The Chairmen, Board of Studies in Botany (UG) and Board of Studies in Zoology (UG) are **recommended to maintain the status quo on the credits as the three year Programmes under CBCS System is on the verge of completion. The Dean**, Faculty of Science has been **endorsed** the remarks of Chairmen, Board of Studies concerned.

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, to **maintain the status quo** on the credits of the complementary courses in the syllabi of First Degree Programme in Botany and Zoology revised wef 2022 and 2019 admissions respectively, offered to various First Degree programmes under CBCS system. A note to the DR (CBCS / ES) was issued on the matter.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

105. Scheme and Syllabus for First Degree Programme in Geology under CBCS system revised w.e.f 2020 admissions - Corrections in the Credits of the Complementary courses offered in Second & Fourth semesters - Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AV)

The Scheme and Syllabus of First Degree Programme in Geology under CBCS System has been revised with effect from 2020 admissions, vide UO No. 3456/ 2020/UOK dated 03.11.2020.

The Credit of the Complementary course (Practical) offered in the syllabus of First Degree

Programme in Geology, revised w.e.f 2020 admission is 4, which exceeds the permissible credit in accordance to the Regulations relating to the First Degree Programmes.

The Board of Studies in Geology (UG), recommended to **correct the credits of Complementary Courses for IInd (GL 1231 - Geomorphology and Mineralogy) and IVth (GL 1432 - Geology Practical) semesters as 3 in the scheme and syllabus of First Degree Programme in Geology under CBCS system revised w.e.f 2020 admissions.** The Dean, Faculty of Science, has been endorsed the recommendation of the Board of Studies in Geology (UG).

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor to effect the above corrections in the Scheme and Syllabus of First Degree Program in Geology under CBCS System revised w.e.f 2020 admissions, as recommended by the Chairman Board of Studies in Geology (UG) and as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Science. UO No.8831/ 2024/UOK dated 18.10.2024 was issued accordingly.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor the matter is reported to the Academic Council .

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

106. M. Com Degree programme with Finance as elective/optional subject, offered by University of Kerala is an eligible qualification for employment purpose and higher education wherever M. Com Financial Management is the prescribed qualification- Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

A lot of requests have been received from the candidates of M. Com Degree programme with Finance as elective/optional subject, offered by University of Kerala, for issuance of a special certificate stating that the candidate studied M. Com degree programme with Financial Management as optional/elective/core subject in order to produce before Kerala PSC. The Tabulation section has sought clarification whether special certificates be issued to candidates stating that they have studied Financial Management as optional/elective/core subject in the M.Com degree programme they have studied.

The Chairman, Board of Studies in Commerce(PG) after verifying all the schemes and syllabi, recommended to issue special certificate to all applicants of M.Com Programme (Finance) stating that M. Com (Finance) degree programme is equivalent to M. Com Financial Management for employment purposes in the Kerala PSC.

The Dean, Faculty of Commerce endorsed the views of Chairman, Board of Studies in Commerce and remarked that the students in M Com Finance may be treated as eligible for employment and higher education, wherever M Com Financial Management is the prescribed qualification.

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor, **subject to reporting to the Academic Council**, to consider M. Com Degree programme with Finance as elective/optional subject, offered by University of Kerala is an eligible qualification for employment purpose and higher education wherever M. Com Financial Management is the prescribed qualification, **on the basis of recommendation of the Chairman , BoS in Commerce(PG) and the Dean, Faculty of Commerce.** U.O. No. 6080/2025/UOK dated: 30.06.2025 was issued in this regard.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

107. B.Tech Degree Course 2020 Scheme Regulation – Rule 6.14 (Normalisation of CIE Marks) of Regulation - to continue the present practice for the present Scheme - reporting of- reg. (Ac.AIII)

The Combined online meeting of Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass III) and the Faculty of Engineering and Technology held on 16.04.2025 discussed the recommendation of the Monitoring Committee of SLCM (held on 16.06.2023) to Review the rule 6.14 – Normalisation of CIE Marks and made the following recommendations.

1. Appropriate administrative body may examine the case where mark tabulation is done in

contrary with the Rule 6.14 in the University Regulations that CIE marks should be normalised.

2. Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass III) may discuss about the need for normalisation in the new curriculum and Syllabus to be proposed.
3. Tabulation should be done by respecting the Rule 6.14 for the students who are graduating from 2025 onwards and who are admitted based on the 2020 Scheme.
4. As a special case, appropriate decisions may be taken by the Academic Council and Senate on the tabulations already done in contrary to the Rule 6.14.

Considering the urgency of various matters involved in the meeting, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has approved the minutes subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

The Tabulation section(EE II H), as per the orders of the Controller of Examination, reported to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the difficulties with regard to implementation of Rule 6.14 (Normalization of CIE Marks), as the result of thirteen examinations already published needs to be revised & the next batch to be admitted in 2025-26 academic year is the last batch of 2020 scheme. Based on the report of the Controller of Examination that it is more feasible to continue the present practice for the present Scheme, the Vice Chancellor approved to continue the present practice for the present Scheme.

The matter is hence reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

108. Corrections in the regulation of B.Sc Computer Science (Hearing Impaired) Degree Programme (2019 scheme) regarding Pass Criteria of the Programme and Calculation of Grade Point for BCS 1842 Major project in the Eighth Semester-Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

The Syllabus of B.Sc Computer Science(HI) Degree Programme was revised w.e.f 2019 admissions onwards vide U.O. No. Ac.AIV/2/20050/B.Sc C.S(HI)/2019 dated 07.08.2019. The Tabulation Section has sought clarification in the Pass Criteria as well as the calculation of Grade Point for BCS 1842 Major Project in the Eighth Semester of the B.Sc Computer Science(HI) Degree Programme (2019 scheme).

The Chairperson, BoS in Computer Science(pass) made the following recommendations :

1. Regarding the Pass Criteria, the CCPA and corresponding Grades is as follows:

Percentage of marks	ESE + CA	Letter Grade
40 to < 50	4.0 to < 5	E Adequate
< 40	< 4.0	F Failure

2. Regarding the conversion / calculation of grade point of BCS 1842 Major project in the Eighth Semester, the Chairperson has remarked that find the percentile mark of the project (convert mark (out of 400) to 100). The remaining calculations can be made as that was adopted before.

The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology has endorsed the aforesaid recommendations.

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, to approve the remarks of the Chairperson, BoS in Computer Science (pass) as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology, regarding the Pass Criteria and calculation of Grade Point for BCS 1842 Major Project in the Eighth Semester of the B.Sc Computer Science(HI) Degree Programme (2019 scheme).

UO No.6247/2025/UOK dated: 05.07.2025 issued in this regard.

As per orders of the Vice Chancellor the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

109. Mark distribution for VS 359 Major Project Phase I and VS 368 Major Project Phase II of B.Voc Software Development (2022 Scheme)-Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

The Examination Wing has sought clarification on mark distribution for VS 359 Major Project Phase I and VS 368 Major Project Phase II of B.Voc Software Development, 2022 scheme. The special meeting of Board of Studies in Computer Science (pass) considered the matter and clarified that;

As per the syllabus of B.Voc Software Development (2022 scheme), for Major Project Phase I of 5th semester, there is no ESE mark, but only CE mark which is out of 100. The mark distribution is same for Project Phase I of 2014 scheme. The CE mark split up is as follows:

Quality of documentation	30 Marks
Individual Involvement & Team work	30 Marks
Presentation of Work	20 Marks
Viva Voce	20 Marks
Total	100 Marks

For the VS 368 Major Project in the 6th semester, the mark distribution is 240 for ESE and 60 marks for CE, as in the case of 2014 scheme. The CE mark splitup is as follows:

Individual Involvement & Team work	30 Marks
Presentation of Work	20 Marks
Viva Voce	10 Marks
Total	60 Marks

For ESE, the mark is 240 and the mark distribution is as follows:

Quality of Documentation	80 Marks
Content and Methodology	80 Marks
Viva Voce	80 Marks
Total	240 Marks

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor to approve the above recommendations of the Board of Studies in Computer Science(pass), endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

UO No.6037/2025/UOK dated: 27.06.2025 has been issued in this regard.

This matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

110. Recognition of Examination –Degrees of State Boards- Statutory Universities – Deemed Universities- other Institutions –Approved by the Vice-Chancellor- Reporting to the Academic Council -reg. (Ac.C)

On the basis of the recommendations of the Chairman of various Boards of Studies and the Deans of respective faculties, the degrees/Examinations/Diplomas awarded by States Boards/Statutory Universities / Institutions as per the details shown in the statement appended are recognized as equivalent to the corresponding examinations/Degrees of this University either on reciprocal basis or recognized as an eligible qualifications for specific purposes such as higher studies or employment as the case may be, by the Vice-Chancellor Subject to reporting to the Academic

Council in exercise of the powers conferred on him as per section. 10(13) of the Kerala University Act of 1974. Hence the matter is reported to the Academic council. The Statement Showing the Degrees Examinations recognized is appended.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

111. Four Year UG Programmes implemented with effect from 2024 admission - Revised Syllabus – Reporting of – reg. (Ac.A V(A))

The Scheme and Syllabi for various Four Year UG Programmes implemented with effect from 2024 admission were approved by the Academic Council held on 10.05.2024 and UO No. 32912/4/2024/UOK dtd 02.07.2024 was issued accordingly.

The modified Syllabi for the FYUG Programmes appended herewith, as recommended by the Board of Studies and as endorsed by the Deans of Faculties concerned, have been approved by the Vice-Chancellor and UO's issued accordingly.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Details of the revised Syllabus for various FYUG Programmes

Sl No.	FYUGP	Details of Revision	UO issued	Board of Studies	Deans of Faculties
1	Business Administration	Revised Syllabus in minor changes in the Cognitive levels for the courses in FYUGP in Business Administration for Semester II w.e.f. 2024 admissions	UO No. 5393/2025/UOK dtd 11.06.2025	Business Management (UG)	Management Studies
2	Commerce	Modified syllabus with corrections in the syllabus for the courses in Semester II of FYUGP in Commerce w.e.f. 2024 admissions	UO No.1646/2025/UOK dtd 22.02.2025	Commerce (UG)	Commerce
3	Economics	Modified the Syllabus effecting changes in the Course outcomes & Cognitive levels for the courses in FYUGP in Economics for Semester I & II (w.e.f. 2025 admissions) and Semester III & IV (w.e.f. 2024 admissions)	UO No.6175/2025/UOK dtd 03.07.2025	Economics (UG)	Social Sciences
4	English and Communicative English	Modified Syllabi for Semester III of FYUG Programmes in English and Communicative English w.e.f 2024 admissions English 1)UK3DSCENG205 - Writing for Wellness 2)UK3VACENG202 - Literature, Media and Mental Health 3)UK3VACENG203 - Literature, Communication and Personal Development 4)UK3VACENG204 - Indian Cultural Heritage Communicative English 1)UK3DSCECE206-Therapeutic Writing 2)UK3DSCECE207 -Mystery and Horror Narratives	UO No.5671/2025/UOK dtd 18.06.2025	English (UG)	Arts
5	History	Modified the Syllabus for FYUGP in History for Semester I (w.e.f 2025 admissions) and Semester III (w.e.f 2024 admissions) along with the following additional courses 1. UK1DSCHIS104- HISTORY OF SOCIAL REFORM MOVEMENTS IN INDIA (First	UO No.1650/2025/UOK dtd 22.02.2025	History (UG)	Social Sciences

		semester) 2. UK3DSCHIS204- CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY OF INDIA (Third Semester) 3. UK3VACHIS202- HARMONY AND HUMANITY: THE INDIAN APPROACH TO PEACE AND GLOBAL HARMONY (Third Semester)	UO No.5930/2025/UOK dtd 25.06.2025		
6	Russian	Modified the Syllabi for FYUG Programmes in Russian incorporating changes in the course codes, with addition of the following new courses in Semester III &IV w.e.f. 2024 admissions: 1) UK3MDCRUS202- Proficiency in Russian 2) UK3MDCRRUS203- Conversational Russian 3) UK3MDCRUS204- Culture and Civilisation of Russia (in comparison with Kerala culture) Changed the course codes of 1) UKSECRUS202 - Spoken Russian and 2) UK4VACRUS203- Russian Culture and Society as UK4SECRUS205- Spoken Russian and UK4VACRUS206- Russian Culture and Society respectively. Added following two new courses in the 4th Semester: 1) UK4SECRUS207- Introduction to Russian Literature 2) UK4SECRUS208- Russian Folklore (in comparison with Kerala Folklore)	UO No. 5706/2025/UOK dtd 18.06.2025	Russian	Arts
7	Physics	A new MDC course UK1MDCPHY105 - ASTRONOMY FROM ANCIENT SKIES TO ALIEN WORLDS added in the Syllabus of First Semester w.e.f 2025 admission onwards. Modified Syllabus for Third semester of FYUGP in Physics w.e.f 2024 admissions	UO No. 6665/2025/UOK dated 31.07.2025	Physics (UG)	Science
8	Violin	Modified the Syllabus for the course "UK2DSCVIO101 - Fundamental Principles of Indian Music II" offered in the Second semester of BPA Music (Violin) under FYUGP implemented w.e.f. 2025 admissions	UO No. 6864/2025/UOK dated 08.08.2025	Music (UG)	Fine Arts
9	Geology	Modified the syllabus for Semester III and the Syllabus for four DSE courses from semesters III to VI on specialisation on 'Exploration Geology' for FYUGP in Geology w.e.f 2024 admissions	UO No. 6717/2025/UOK dated 05.08.2025	Geology (UG)	Science
10	Music	Modified Syllabus with minor corrections for the courses in Semester II of FYUGP in Music	374/2025/UOK dtd 09.01.2025	Music (UG)	Fine Arts

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

112. FYUGP - Implementation of Fast Track System (N-1)- Online Platforms which offer Online Courses accredited to the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) -Approved - Reporting of – reg. (Ac.A V (A))

As per the Clause 2.5.3 of the Four Year Under Graduate Programmes UOK-FYUGP Curriculum Framework and Regulations 2024 for FYUGP implemented in the Affiliated Colleges w.e.f the Academic Year 2024-'25, "each Board of Studies shall prepare and publish a list of Online Courses at different levels, before the commencement of classes in each Semester offered in various online educational platforms recognised by the Academic Council of the University, which can be opted by the students for acquiring additional credits."

The Chairmen, Board of Studies, held meetings to identify and recommended 300 level Online Courses with 2-4 credits in their discipline concerned, from the Online Platforms, which the students can take up and complete within the Fifth Semester. Accordingly, the Boards of Studies recommended the Online Courses from the following Online Platforms accredited to the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC).

Sl No.	Online Platform	Website
1	SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds)	swayam.gov.in
2	NPTEL (National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning)	npTEL.ac.in
3	IGNOU (Indira Gandhi National Open University)	ignou.ac.in
4	COURSERA (for HEI partnerships)	coursera.org
5	edX (for HEI partnerships)	edx.org
6	Future Skills PRIME(for skill-based courses)	future skillsprime.in
7	UGC MOOCs	ugcmoocs.inflibnet.ac.in
8	AICTE's National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT)	neat.aicte-india.org
9	National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) Online	nios.ac.in
10	Skill India Portal	skillindia.gov.in
11	IIRS ISRO Online Platform	elearning.iirs.gov.in
12	NIOS-DIKSHA Platform	diksha.gov.in
13	e-PG Pathshala	epgp.inflibnet.ac.in
14	NCERT Online Learning Platform	ncert.nic.in
15	MIT Open Course Ware (OCW) via Local Institutions	ocw.mit.edu

Sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor for the above said Online Platforms which offer Online Courses accredited to the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) as recommended by the Board(s) of Studies, subject to reporting to the Academic Council. UO No. 2758/2025/UOK dated 27.03.2025 was issued accordingly.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

<i>Resolution of the Academic Council</i>
The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

113. Mercy Chance Examination for failed Candidates, both prior to and from 2000 Admission onwards -B.A/B.Sc/B.Com/BBA/BCA (All Restructured/ Vocational Courses – Regular/Private/Annual/SDE), M.Com (Regular/Private/Annual/SDE), B.Sc Computer Science(HI) /B.Com(HI) / BFA(HI), BPA Courses, B.Voc Courses, MCA,

MBA(Regular/SDE/ Part Time/Evening), MTA/MTTM, BHM/BHMCT, B P Ed., BFA, MFA, MPES, B.Des, MVA-Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate held on 12.03.2025, considered the requests for granting Mercy Chance Examination, received from failed Candidates of various Courses. The Committee recommended to grant Mercy Chance to the Candidates, both prior to and from 2000 admission onwards of the following Courses whose permissible chance now stands expired, subject to reporting to the Academic Council: B.A/B.Sc/B.Com/BBA/BCA (All Restructured/ Vocational Courses – Regular/Private/Annual/SDE), M.Com(Regular/Private/Annual/SDE), B.Sc Computer Science(HI) /B.Com(HI) / BFA(HI), BPA Courses, B.Voc Courses, MCA, MBA(Regular/SDE/ Part Time/Evening), MTA/MTTM, BHM/BHMCT, B P Ed, BFA, MFA, MPES, B.Des, MVA.

The Syndicate held on 17.03.2025 resolved to approve the above recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate held on 12.03.2025.

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor to grant Mercy Chance to the candidates, both prior to and from 2000 Admission onwards, of the following Courses: B.A/B.Sc/B.Com/BBA/BCA(AllRestructured/ Vocational Courses,Regular/Private/Annual/SDE), M.Com (Regular/ Private/Annual/SDE), B.Sc Computer Science(HI) /B.Com(HI) / BFA(HI), BPA Courses, B.Voc Courses, MCA, MBA(Regular/SDE/ Part Time/Evening), MTA/MTTM, BHM/BHMCT, B P Ed, BFA, MFA, MPES, B.Des, MVA whose permissible chance now stands expired, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

UO No.2657/2025/UOK dated 25.03.2025 has been issued in this regard.

This matter is reported to the Academic council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

114. CSS-Modifications in the eligibility criteria for Admission to P.G. and M.Tech.

Programs in the Teaching Departments –Reporting of-reg. (Ac.D)

Certain proposals have been received from the Heads of Departments to modify the eligibility criteria for admission to various P.G. and M.Tech and Programs offered under Teaching Departments of University of Kerala.

The CSS Academic Committee held on 20/03/2025 vide item No.12, recommended to approve the prospectus for admission to P G Programs under the Teaching Departments of University of Kerala. Further recommended that the revisions made in the eligibility criteria (Details appended) for admission to P.G. and M.Tech. programs be reported to the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the action taken by the CSS Academic Committee in approving the revisions made in the Eligibility Criteria for admission to PG and MTech Programmes, is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

115. Internal mark Improvement/Reappearance for M.P.E.S and B.P.Ed Four Year Innovative Degree programmes - reporting of –reg. (Ac.AIV)

The examination branch sought clarification regarding whether it is permissible for the failed candidates of M.P.E.S and B.P.Ed Four Year Innovative degree programmes to improve/reappear the internal assessment marks, as it is not stipulated in the regulation of both the courses. The additional meeting of the Board of Studies in Physical Education, considered the matter and recommended that CIA improvement for the B.P.Ed Four Year Innovative Degree programme and MPES programme may be permitted, subject to the condition that the candidate shall register in the immediate succeeding batch/semester, failing which one supplementary chance shall be given during the course period (within Uniform Span Period). The CIA marks of such candidates should be forwarded to the University before issuing the notification of concerned odd/even semester examinations.

The Dean, Faculty of Physical Education, endorsed the recommendation of the additional meeting of the Board of Studies in Physical Education.

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice Chancellor, subject reporting to Academic Council, to implement the above recommendation of the Board of Studies in Physical Education as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Physical Education.

U.O.No.1154/2025/UOK dated 31.01.2025 has been issued in this regard.

This matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

116. Clarification in the Mark Distribution for Project Work (B.V.TT-34) of the Sixth Semester B.Voc Travel and Tourism Degree Programme- 2020 Scheme -Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

The Regulation, Scheme and Syllabus of the B.Voc Degree Programme in Travel and Tourism was approved w.e.f 2020 Admission. The Tabulation Section has sought clarification regarding the mark distribution for the Project Work (B.V.TT- 34) in the index part and the detailed Syllabus part of the B.Voc Travel and Tourism Degree Programme 2020 Scheme. The Chairman, BoS in Business Management (Pass)has remarked that the total marks for the Course B.V.TT.34 Project Report is 150 (including the marks of Project Viva - 50) . The distribution of marks of the Project Report (100 marks) is detailed below :

5 marks for Chapter 1

35 marks for Chapter 2

10 marks for Chapter 3

35 marks for Chapter 4

15 marks for Chapter 5

There is no change in the distribution of marks of Viva Voce (50 marks).

The Dean, Faculty of Management Studies, has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Business Management (Pass).

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, to effect the correction in the Syllabus of B.Voc Travel and Tourism Degree Programme 2020 Scheme, as recommended by the Chairman, BoS in Business Management (Pass) and as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Management Studies.

U.O.No.4673/2025/UOK dated 24.05.2025 has been issued in this regard.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

117. Clarifications in the syllabus of MCA w.e.f 2024 admission onwards-Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

The Examination Wing has sought clarifications on the Syllabus of the two year MCA Programme in Learning Outcomes - based Curriculum Framework (LOCF), revised with effect from 2024 admission. The Chairman, Board of Studies in Computer Science (PG) has given clarifications as detailed below:

1. Display of Credits of Skill Enhancement Courses:

The credits of Skill Enhancement Courses are to be displayed in the semester mark list and the consolidated mark list. In certain MOOC, there are not available such credits and given Pass/Fail criteria. In those cases, the Pass/Fail status of the MOOC may be displayed in the mark lists, without indicating the corresponding credits. Since there is no requirement for such marks/credit for calculating the CGPA/SGPA.

2. Pass/Fail Criteria for Skill Enhancement Courses:

(a) The student can attempt only the failed Skill Enhancement Course(s) during the next supplementary examination for that semester, and if passed, be considered as having completed the semester successfully, similar to the system followed for other courses.

(b) The supplementary appearance of the same semester in which the skill enhancement course was initially assigned.

3. Fee Collection for Supplementary Appearances:

The fees may be collected for supplementary appearances of the Skill Enhancement Courses, as per the norms for other supplementary course appearances, despite these being internal assessments.

The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Computer Science(PG).

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council to effect the clarification in the Syllabus of the two year MCA Programme in Learning Outcomes - based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) revised with effect from 2024 admissions, as recommended by the Chairman, BoS in Computer Science(PG) and endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology.

U.O No. 6873/2025/UOK dated 11.08.2025 has been issued in this regard.

This matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

118. Allocation of Uniform Course Code for all PG Programmes-approved-orders issued-reporting of-reg. (Ac.AII)

The Tabulation Section, has reported the significant issues in the Examination Software for different Schemes & Syllabi of all Courses in a particular PG Programme having the same title & course codes. The Director, Computer Centre, has also reported that the duplication of course codes will affect the Semester and Examination Registration, Question Paper Management, Chief Superintendent Level, Camp Management & Tabulation.

The meeting of the Chairmen of PG Boards of Studies with the Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Director, Kerala University Computer Centre and the SLCM Section held on 24.09.2024, considered the issue and recommended to include the last two digits of the year of revision for the Scheme and Syllabus in the existing course code and to hold additional online meetings of all PG Boards of Studies to approve this recommendation and to frame guidelines for the allocation of course codes. The additional online meetings of PG Boards of Studies agreed with the suggestion to include the last two digits of the year of revision for the Scheme and Syllabus in the existing course code.

The Academic Council held on 11.11.2024, resolved to include the last two digits of the year of revision for the Scheme and Syllabus in the existing course code of all PG Programmes.

U.O No.2328/2025/UOK dtd.17.03.2025 has been issued in this regard.

The tabulation section has pointed out that the admission year in which the revision has to be implemented is not specified in the U.O. In this context, the SLCM section has proposed to implement the modification of course code with effect from 2025 admission batches.

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, to include the last two digits of the year of revision for the Scheme and Syllabus in the existing course code of all PG Programmes with effect from 2025 admission onwards.

U.O. No. 5806/2025/UOK dtd.21.06.2025 has been issued in this regard.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

119. Scheme and Syllabus of the First Degree Programme in History under the CBCS System – Revised w.e.f 2022 admission onwards - Corrections in the title of the Courses - UO issued and reported – reg. (Ac.AV)

The Scheme and Syllabus of the First Degree Programme in History under the CBCS System was revised with effect from 2022 admissions onwards vide UO No. 4286/2022/UOK dated

13.05.2022. Mismatches have been noticed in the spelling of the title of the Courses of the Fifth Semester in the Scheme part, with that of the detailed part of the Syllabus of the First Degree Programme in History (BA).

The Chairperson, Board of Studies in History (UG), vide email dated 20.01.2025 and the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, vide email dated 23.01.2025, have made the following corrections.

Course Code	Spelling of the Course in Scheme	Spelling of the Course in the detailed Syllabus	Corrections
HY 1551.1	Introduction to Women's Studies	Introduction to Women Studies	Introduction to Women's Studies
HY 1551.3	History of Human Rights Movement	History of Human Rights Movements	History of Human Rights Movements

Sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, to effect corrections in the title of the Courses with the course code HY1551.1 as 'Introduction to Women's Studies' and HY 1551.3 as 'History of Human Rights Movements' in the Scheme and Syllabus of the First Degree programme in History, revised w.e.f 2022 admission as remarked by the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences.

A UO No. 2914/2025/UOK dated 01.04.2025 was issued accordingly.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council
The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

120. Scheme and Syllabus of First Degree Programme in Islamic History (B.A) under CBCS System revised w.e.f 2022 admission onwards - Title of courses offered in the Fifth Semester of the Syllabus - Corrected and Orders Issued - Reported to Academic Council – reg. (Ac.AV)

The Scheme and Syllabus for the First Degree Programme in Islamic History under CBCS System was revised with effect from 2022 admissions onwards vide UO No. AcAV/8144/2022/UOK dated: 18.10.2022.

Discrepancies have been noticed in the title of the Courses of the Fifth Semester in the Scheme part, with that of the detailed part of the Syllabus of the First Degree Programme in Islamic History.

The Chairman, Board of Studies in Islamic Studies (UG), vide email dated 20.01.2025 has made the following corrections and the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, vide email dated 23.01.2025 endorsed the same.

Course code	Title of the course in the Scheme	Title of the course in Syllabus	Correction
IH 1543	The Ottomans and Republic of Turkey (1280 - 1924)	The Ottomans and Turkish Republic	The Ottomans and Turkish Republic
IH 1544	History of Medieval India	History of Medieval India (710-1526)	History of Medieval India (710-1526)

Sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, to effect corrections in the title of the Courses IH 1543 as 'The Ottomans and Turkish Republic' and IH 1544 as 'History of Medieval India (710-1526)' in the Scheme and Syllabus of Islamic History(B.A) revised w.e.f 2022 admission onwards as recommended by the Chairman, Board of Studies in Islamic Studies (UG) and as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences.

A UO No. 3681/2025/UOK dated 23.04.2025 was issued accordingly.

The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council**The Academic Council NOTED the matter.**

- 121. Department of Political Science - Approval of Syllabi of the Postgraduate Programs - M.A. Political Science, M.A. Politics, International Relations and Diplomacy and M.A. Public Administration and approval of Discipline Specific Elective(DSE) - reporting of -reg. (Ac.D)**

Ref: 1.LetterNo.POL/629/307/2025 dated, 16/06/2025.

2.Item No : 17 &18 of the Minutes of the Meeting of the CSS Academic Committee held on 15/09/2025.

The CSS Academic Committee in its meeting held on 15/09/2025 (Item No.17 & 18) considered the syllabi of certain Post Graduate Programmes/Courses and Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) Courses and recommended to approve the syllabi (2025 Academic year onwards), subject to reporting to the Academic Council. The details are as given below.

Programs

1. M.A. Political Science
2. M.A. Public Administration
3. M.A. Politics, International Relations and Diplomacy

Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) Courses:

Program	Course Code	Course Title
M.A. Political Science	POL-DE-510	Tribal Development
M.A. Politics, International Relations and Diplomacy	PIR-DE-546	
M.A. Public Administration	PUB-DE-539	

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the action taken by the CSS Academic Committee in approving the revise Syllabi of the Post Graduate Programmes/ Courses and Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) Courses (2025 Academic year onwards) is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council**The Academic Council NOTED the matter.**

- 122. First Degree Programme in Biotechnology (Multimajor) 2(b) under CBCS System-Scheme and Syllabus revised with effect from 2023 admissions - Modified - U.O. issued - Reporting of - reg. (Ac.AV)**

The Scheme and Syllabus of First Degree Programme in Biotechnology (Multimajor) 2 (b) under the CBCS System was revised w.e.f 2023 admissions vide UO No. 5420/2023/UOK dated 24.06.2023.

The Chairperson, Board of Studies, Biotechnology (UG), vide e-mail dated: 08.04.2025, has submitted the modified Scheme and Syllabus, by rectifying discrepancies noted in the Syllabus. The Dean in charge, Faculty of Applied Science and Technology, vide email dated: 09.05.2025 and 12.05.2025, has endorsed the modified Scheme and Syllabus submitted by the Chairperson.

The Vice Chancellor has approved the modified Scheme and Syllabus of the First Degree Programme in Biotechnology (Multimajor) 2 (b) under the CBCS System was revised w.e.f 2023 admissions and U.O. No. 4935/2025/UOK dated: 24.05.2025 was issued for the same. The modified syllabus has also been uploaded in the University Website.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council**The Academic Council NOTED the matter.**

123. Minutes of the Special Online Meetings of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology held on 04.08.2025 and 29.08.2025 - Reporting of - reg. (Ac.AIII)

Special meetings of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology were held on 04.08.2025 and 29.08.2025 through Online mode for discussing the following academic matters related with the courses of University College of Engineering, Kariavattom.

1. Regulation, Scheme and syllabus for the First and Second Semester (2025 admission onwards)
2. Appearance of two Lateral entry candidates (2023 admission) in the papers Engineering Graphics and Engineering Mechanics along with 2024 admission B.Tech students and
3. Type of activities to be engaged by the students for obtaining activity points(2020 Scheme).

Considering the urgency of the matters involved, the Vice Chancellor has approved the Minutes, subject to reporting to the Academic Council. The Minutes of the meetings are appended herewith.

Accordingly University Orders No. Ac AIII/ 8166/ 2025/UOK Dtd:20.09.2025 (Regulation,Scheme and syllabus), No. AcAIII/ 8333/ 2025/UOK Dtd:24.09.2025 (Appearance of two Lateral entry candidates (2023 admission) in the papers Engineering Graphics and Engineering Mechanics) and No. Ac AIII/ 8392/ 2025/UOK Dtd:26.09.2025 (Type of activities to be engaged by the students for obtaining activity points) were issued.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter is reporting to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

124. Modification of FYUGP Syllabus – Department of Philosophy –Reporting of- reg.

(Ac.D)

Ref: Letter No. Phil 148/2025 dated 25.08.2025 from the Head, Department of Philosophy.

The Head, Department of Philosophy has informed that an additional Multi-Disciplinary Course titled “Kerala Philosophy: Culture and Society” has been introduced in the Fourth Semester with the following details:

Course Code: UK4MDCDPL201

Course Name: Kerala Philosophy: Culture and Society

Course Credit: 3

In addition, the Head of the Department has requested to correct the course code of the Multi-Disciplinary Course “Introduction to Philosophy” from UK4MDCDPL101 to UK4MDCDPL202.

The copy of the Department Council (DC) minutes is attached herewith for reference.

The CSS Academic Committee held on 15.09.2025 vide Item no.14 considered the above matter and recommended that the revision of course code of the course ‘Introduction to Philosophy’ from UK4MDCDPL101 to UK4MDCDPL202 and the Syllabus of the Multi-Disciplinary Course titled “Kerala Philosophy: Culture and Society” (UK4MDCDPL201) effective from 2025-2026 Academic Year, be approved, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the recommendation of the CSS Academic Committee for revising the course code of the course “**Introduction to Philosophy**” from **UK4MDCDPL101** to **UK4MDCDPL202**, and the syllabus of the multi-disciplinary course titled “**Kerala Philosophy: Culture and Society**” (**UK4MDCDPL201**) effective from the **2025–2026 academic year** is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

125. Scheme and syllabus of the First Degree Programme in Physics under CBCS System revised w.e.f. 2023 admissions - Corrections effected –Reporting of- reg. (Ac.AV)

The Scheme and Syllabus for First Degree Programme in Physics under CBCS System was revised w.e.f 2023 admissions vide UO No. 6142/2023/UOK dated 03.07.2023. Some discrepancies noted in the Syllabus are brought to the notice of the Board of Studies in Physics (UG).

The Board of Studies, Physics (UG) considered the matter at its meeting held on 13.06.2025 and the minutes of the meeting was forwarded by the Chairperson. The same was endorsed by the

Dean, Faculty of Science. Also the minutes has been approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor subject to reporting to the Academic Council and ordered to effect the corrections in the syllabus as per the minutes.

Accordingly the corrections are effected in the scheme and syllabus of the First Degree Programme in Physics under CBCS System revised w.e.f. 2023 admissions vide UO No. 6758/2025/UOK dated 06.08.2025 and the matters related to examinations was brought to the notice of the PA to the Controller of Examinations vide document no. 35370/Ac A V/2025/UOK dated 06.08.2025 for further necessary action.

Later some discrepancies on mentioning the range of attendance has been noticed and the same was forwarded to the Chairperson, Board of Studies, Physics for remarks and the Chairperson remarked that the typographical error occurred while mentioning the range of attendance may be corrected as 51%-60%, 61%-70% and so on. The Dean, Faculty of Science endorsed the corrections in the Minutes. As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the corrections are effected vide UO No. 9562/2025/UOK dated 06.11.2025.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the minutes (appended) of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Physics held on 13.06.2025 and the actions taken as per the minutes is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

126. Modification of FYUGP Syllabi for the first four Semesters – Institute of English – Reporting of-reg. (Ac.D)

The Head, Institute of English has forwarded the Final revised FYUGP Syllabi for the first four semesters (Foundation, Major and Minor courses).

The CSS Academic Committee held on 15.09.2025 vide Item no.11 considered the above matter and recommended that the revised FYUG English syllabi for the first four semesters (Foundation, Major, and Minor courses), effective from 2025 Academic year be approved, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the recommendation of the CSS Academic Committee for revising the FYUG English Syllabi for the first four semesters (Foundation, Major and Minor courses), effective from the 2025 Academic Year is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

127. Department of Demography – Revision of syllabus of the Post Graduate Programme MSc.Demography and Biostatistics – Reporting of -reg. (Ac.D)

- Ref :- 1. Letter dated 08/07/2025 from the Head, Department of Demography.
2. Item No. 20 of the Minutes of the Meeting of the CSS Academic Committee held on 15/09/2025.

The CSS Academic Committee, in its meeting held on 15.09.2025, vide Item No. 20, considered the proposal for revision of syllabus of the Post Graduate Programme M.Sc. Demography and Biostatistics, offered at the Department of Demography, University of Kerala, from 2025 admission onwards. The Committee recommended that the revised syllabus be approved with effect from 2026 admission onwards, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the action taken by the CSS Academic Committee in approving the revised syllabus of the Post Graduate Programme MSc.Demography and Biostatistics, effective from 2026 Admission onwards, is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

128. Department of Demography – Revision of syllabus of the Post Graduate Programme MSc. Actuarial Science -Reporting of - reg. (Ac.D)

- Ref :- 1. Proposal for revision of syllabus for MSc. Actuarial Science Programme

forwarded by the Head, Department of Demography in July, 2025.

2. Item No: 21 of the minutes of the meeting of the CSS Academic Committee held on 15/09/2025.

The CSS Academic Committee, in its meeting held on 15.09.2025, vide Item No.21, considered the proposal for revision of syllabus of the Post Graduate Programme MSc. Actuarial Science, offered at the Department of Demography, University of Kerala and recommended that the revised syllabus be approved with effect from 2026 admission onwards, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the action taken by the CSS Academic Committee in approving the revised Syllabus of the Post Graduate Programme MSc. Actuarial Science, with effect from 2026 Admission onwards, is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

**129. Department of Sociology - Modification of FYUGP Syllabus for First semester – Reporting of-reg . (Ac.D)
Ref:- Item No. 12 of the minutes of the meeting of the CSS Academic Committee held on 15.09.2025.**

The Head, Department of Sociology, has requested to substitute the VAC Course titled "Community Engagement and Service" (1 credit), offered by the Department of Sociology to "TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION" (UK1VACDSO101 -3 credits) of first Semester FYUGP (w.e.f 2025 admission onwards).

The CSS Academic Committee in its meeting held on 15/09/2025, vide Item No.12, considered the matter and recommended that the syllabus of the VAC course "Technology and Social Transformation (UK1VACDSO101 -3 credits)" of first semester FYUGP with effect from 2025 admission be approved, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the action taken by the CSS Academic Committee in approving the syllabus of the VAC course "Technology and Social Transformation" (UK1VACDSO101 -3 credits) of First Semester FYUGP with effect from 2025 admission, is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

130. M.Sc Degree Course in Counselling Psychology (2023 admission) of University of Kerala, equivalent to M.Sc Degree Course in Psychology of University of Kerala- approved-orders issued- reporting of-reg. (Ac.AII)

Request has been received from a candidate of M.Sc. Degree Programme in Counselling Psychology (2023 admission) for the issuance of a Special Certificate for equivalency of the M.Sc. Degree Programme in Counselling Psychology with the M.Sc. Degree Programme in Psychology, for the purpose of obtaining SET qualifying certificate.

As per UO No.1390/2021/UOK dtd.12.03.2021, equivalency has been granted for the course M.Sc Degree Programme in Counselling Psychology to M.Sc Degree Programme in Psychology only for those students who have passed M.Sc Counselling Psychology Examination till 2021 admission. Also equivalency has been granted to the candidates of 2022 admission for the course M.Sc Degree Programme in Counselling Psychology to the M.Sc Degree Programme in Psychology for the purpose of obtaining SET certificate as per UO No. 2296/2025/UOK dtd.15.03.2025.

The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Psychology (PG), has recommended to issue a Special Certificate for equivalency to the candidate of 2023 admission for the purpose of obtaining SET Qualifying Certificate, notwithstanding the fact that , as the applicant had studied all the major Core Papers of the discipline through regular mode in a comprehensive manner. The Dean, Faculty of Science, has endorsed the recommendation of the Chairperson, Board of Studies.

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, to the M.Sc. Degree Programme in Counselling Psychology, University of Kerala, being considered as equivalent to the M.Sc. Degree Programme in Psychology, University of

Kerala, for the purpose of obtaining SET Certificate to the candidates of 2023 admission who have passed the M.Sc Counselling Psychology, as recommended by the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Psychology (PG) and endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Science.

U.O No:10489/2025/UOK dated: 03.12.2025 has been issued in this regard.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

131. Integrated Five Year BA/B.Com/BBA LL.B Degree Courses (2014 admissions) – Mercy chance to appear for the failed papers - Granted - Orders issued - Reporting of - Reg. (Ac.AIII)

The Candidates of Integrated Five Year BA/B.Com/BBA Degree Courses (2014 admissions), had requested to grant one mercy chance to appear for the failed papers.

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations held on 23.04.2025 considered the matter and recommended to grant one Mercy Chance to the failed candidates of Integrated Five Year BA/B.Com/BBA Degree Courses (2014 admissions), subject to reporting to the Academic Council. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 13.05.2025 (item No. 19.09.10) resolved to approve the above recommendation.

The Vice-Chancellor subject to reporting to the Academic Council accorded sanction to the failed candidates of Integrated Five Year BA/B.Com/BBA Degree Courses (2014 admissions), being granted one mercy chance to appear for the failed papers. Accordingly, U.O No Ac AIII/4658/2025/UOK Dated: 24.05.2025 was issued. The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in granting one mercy chance to the failed candidates of Integrated Five Year BA/B.Com/BBA LL.B Degree Courses (2014 admissions) and issuance of U.O No Ac AIII/4658/2025/UOK Dated: 24.05.2025 is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

132. M. Com Rural Management offered in CSS equivalent to M. Com Finance degree programme offered by University of Kerala-Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

A lot of applications were received from the candidates of M. Com Rural Management Degree Programme offered in CSS, seeking equivalency for M. Com Finance Degree Programme offered in University of Kerala.

The Chairman, BoS in Commerce(PG) and Dean, Faculty of Commerce remarked that M.Com programme in Rural Management CSS of University may be considered as equivalent to M Com Finance of University of Kerala for the purpose of higher education and employment.

The Vice Chancellor, subject to reporting to Academic Council has approved the above remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Commerce (PG) and Dean, Faculty of Commerce & U.O. No. 9634/2025/UOK dtd 05/11/2025 was issued in this regard.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

133. Department of Malayalam - Inclusion of new MDC Course in the Fourth Semester of FYUG Programme in Malayam –Reporting of- reg. (Ac.D)

Ref : Letter No. F62/FYUGP/193/Mal/2025-26 dated 18.08.2025 from the Head, Department of Malayalam.

The Head, Department of Malayalam has requested to include a new MDC (Multi Disciplinary Course) course in the Fourth Semester of the FYUG Programme in Malayalam. The details of the proposed course are as follows:

Semester: IV

Course Name: Keralasamskaaram

Course Code: UK4MDCDML203

Course Credit: 3

The CSS Academic Committee held on 15.09.2025 vide Item no.24 considered the above matter and recommended that the Syllabus of the new Multi Disciplinary Course 'Keralasamskaaram' effective from 2025-2026 Academic Year be approved, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having approved the recommendation of the CSS Academic Committee to include a new MDC (Multi Disciplinary Course) course, viz. Keralasamskaram (UK4MDCDML203), in the Fourth Semester of the FYUG Programme in Malayalam effective from 2025-2026 Academic Year, is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

134. CSS -Department of Commerce-Syllabi of the Generic Courses in Commerce – Approval –Reporting of-reg. (Ac.D)

Ref: Minutes of the CSS Academic Committee held on 09.02.2024

The Head, Department of Commerce submitted the Syllabi of two Generic Courses viz, BASIC principles of Financial Accounting (COM-GC-5A3) and Financial Planning and Investment Management COM-GC-5A4, for approval.

The CSS Academic Committee held on 09.02.2024, vide item no.2 considered the Syllabi of the Generic Courses, Basic Principles of Financial Accounting (COM-GC-5A3) and Financial Planning and Investment Management (COM-GC-5A4) offered by the Department of Commerce, and recommended to approve the syllabi, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the action taken by the CSS Academic Committee in approving the Syllabi of Generic Courses, viz,Basic Principles of Financial Accounting (COM-GC-5A3) and Financial Planning and Investment Management (COM-GC-5A4), is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

135. CSS – Approval of Syllabus of proposed 'Certificate Course in Malayalam Computing' & Revised Syllabus of M.Sc. Applied Psychology –Reporting of- reg.(Ac.D)

Ref: Minutes of the CSS Academic Committee meeting held on 20/03/2025 (Item Nos. 8 & 9)

The CSS Academic Committee at its meeting held on 20/03/2025, considered the syllabus of proposed 'Certificate Course in Malayalam Computing', in Inter University Centre for Malayalam (IUCML), Department of Malayalam and the revised syllabus of M.Sc. Applied Psychology, offered by the Department of Psychology to be implemented from 2025 admission onwards and recommended to approve of the syllabi, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, vide Item Nos. 8 and 9 respectively.

The details of the proposals are given below.

Sl No.	Name of Department/Centre	Name of Programme	Approval needed for
1	Inter University Center for Malayalam Language(IUCML), Department of Malayalam	Certificate Course in Malayalam Computing	Syllabus of a new Certificate Course
2	Department of Psychology	M.Sc. Applied Psychology	Revised syllabus of the existing Programme(2025 admission onwards)

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the action taken by the CSS Academic Committee in approving the syllabi of the, Certificate Course in Malayalam Computing and MSc. Applied Psychology(revised), is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

136. Clarifications in the syllabus of MCA w.e.f 2024 admission onwards -Reporting of-Reg. (Ac.AIV)

The Examination Wing has sought clarifications regarding the course titles and mark distribution of bridge course of the two year MCA Programme in Learning Outcomes - based Curriculum Framework (LOCF), revised with effect from 2024 admission. The Chairman, Board of Studies in Computer Science (PG) corrected the course titles as detailed below and the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Computer Science(PG).

Semester	Course code	Name of the course
I	MCA-CC-512	Data Structures using Java
I	MCA-CC-514	Advanced Operating Systems
II	MCA-CC-523	Database Management Systems
III	MCA-CC-533	Big Data Analytics
III	MCA-DE-535(ii)	Deep Architecture

The Chairman, Board of Studies in Computer Science (PG) and Dean corrected the bridge course titles and mark distribution as detailed below.

Course Code	Bridge Courses
MCA-BC-102	Digital Logic and Computer Programming
MCA-BC-103	Programming in C Lab

The maximum mark for the theory examinations will be 50 and the time duration will be 2 hours. The minimum pass mark will be 40% for individual courses and 50% for consolidated marks of 3 courses. The question paper shall contain Part-A and Part-B. Part-A shall be for 10 marks and contains 10 compulsory questions (MCQ/One-word/etc.), of 1 mark, 2 questions from each module. Part-B shall be for 40 marks and shall contain 10 short answer questions with equal marks. The lab examination will be for 50 marks, conducted internally by the institution monitored by the head of the Institution/Department, evaluating the skill of the candidate. The evaluation criteria is the same as the previous scheme and syllabus.

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council to effect the above mentioned corrections in the Syllabus of the two year MCA Programme in Learning Outcomes - based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) revised with effect from 2024 admissions, as recommended by the Chairman, BoS in Computer Science(PG) and endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology.

U.O No. 6958/2025/UOK dated 13.08.2025 has also been issued in this regard.

This matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council
The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

137. Scheme and syllabus of B.Ed. Special Education (Intellectual Disability)(2015 scheme) - Modified - Orders issued - Reporting of- reg. (Ac.AIII)

The B Ed. tabulation section sought clarification regarding the minimum Internal and External marks for the semesters I to IV of the B.Ed. Special Education (Intellectual Disability) 2015 scheme. The Chairman BoS in Education (Pass) has offered remarks to modify the revision/changes for the same.

The Chairman, BoS in Education (pass) has remarked that " The existing scheme and syllabus of the B.Ed. Special Education (Intellectual Disability) Programme (2015 Scheme) regarding the minimum Internal and External marks (Semester I to Semester IV) are as follows:

1. For theory papers, a minimum aggregate of 50%marks is required, including a minimum of 40% marks in the external theory examination.

2. For practical, a minimum aggregate of 50% marks is required, including marks from both Internal and External examinations.

In addition, a subsequent order was issued by the University (No. Ac.A.III/2/B.Ed(SE ID)/2016 dated 19.07.2016) stating that the minimum marks required for a pass in Internal assessment is 40% To resolve the existing anomaly regarding minimum requirements for both Internal and External components in Theory and Practical examinations, the following modifications are recommended:

I. For theory papers, a minimum aggregate of 50% marks is required, including a minimum of 40% marks in Internal assessment and 40% marks in the External theory examination.

2. For practical, a minimum aggregate of 50% marks is required, including a minimum of 40% marks in Internal assessment and 40% marks in the External practical examination.

3. For Comprehensive Viva Voce (Semester IV - External Only), the minimum marks required for a pass shall be 50%.

Accordingly, necessary modifications shall be incorporated in the Scheme of Valuation for both theory and practical papers from Semester I to Semester IV, in alignment with the above recommendations."

The Dean, Faculty of Education has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Education (Pass). The Vice Chancellor has approved the modifications, subject to Reporting the Academic Council. Accordingly U.O No. Ac.AIII/10407/2025/UOK Dated: 04.12.2025 has been issued.

The whole matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

138. Updating the list of Standard Journals in Arabic- Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AII)

Ref : UO no.Ac.AII/2/FOOS/2024-25(8) dtd 15.10.2025

The Faculty of Oriental Studies at its annual meeting held on 28.1.2025, recommended certain journals for inclusion, and for removal, from the list of standard Arabic journals as recommended by the Board of Studies in Arabic (PG) at its meeting on 26 November 2024. The Academic Council at its meeting held on 17.2.2025 approved these recommendations of the Faculty.

Subsequently, the Chairperson of the Board of Studies in Arabic (PG) submitted a freshly revised list of standard journals in Arabic for approval and the Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies, forwarded this list for consideration by the Board of Studies in Arabic (PG).

The additional meeting of the Board of Studies in Arabic(PG) at its meeting held on 13.5.2025, discussed the matter and resolved to entrust two of its members for verifying and finalizing the list, and to convene another Board meeting to approve the final list.

At the additional meeting of the Board of Studies in Arabic(PG) 19.8.2025, the Board submitted and recommended the revised list of Arabic journals, which was then endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies.

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor , subject to reporting to the Academic Council, for the updated list of standard journals in Arabic , as recommended by the Board of Studies in Arabic (PG) and as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies. UO no.Ac.AII/2/FOOS/2024-25(8) dtd 15.10.2025 has been issued in this regard.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council. (Copy of UO appended).

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

139. Scheme and Syllabus of M.A. Degree Programme in Malayalam Language & Literature revised w.e.f. 2023 Admissions – Distribution of Marks for Dissertation/Project – Approved -orders issued-reporting of –reg. (Ac.AII)

Ref : UO no. 7489/2023/UOK dtd 03.12.2025

The Scheme and Syllabus of the M.A. Degree Programme in Malayalam Language & Literature was revised with effect from the 2023 admissions, vide UO no.7489/2023/UOK dtd 4.9.2023.

It was later observed that the distribution of marks for the maximum marks allotted to the paper ML 545 – Dissertation/Project had not been specified in the scheme approved as per the U.O. cited above.

The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Malayalam (PG) has opined that the same system of mark distribution followed in the 2019 scheme may be retained, i.e., 50 marks external + 25 marks internal + 25 marks for the viva-voce. The Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies, has endorsed the above recommendation of the Chairperson.

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, to approve the distribution of the maximum marks allotted (100) for the paper ML 545 – Dissertation/Project of the M.A. Degree Programme in Malayalam Language & Literature, revised with effect from the 2023 admissions onwards, as follows:

50 marks (external), 25 marks (internal), and 25 marks (viva-voce).

UO no. 7489/2023/UOK dtd 03.12.2025 has been issued in this regard.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

140. B.Tech Degree Course –2008 Scheme candidates who had improved their sessional marks in 2013 scheme B.Tech - Request for writing examinations in 2013 Scheme B.Tech as Mercy chance - Granted - Orders issued - Reporting of - Reg.(Ac.AIII)

The candidates of B.Tech Degree Courses 2008 Scheme who had improved their sessional marks in 2013 Scheme B.Tech, had requested to write examinations of the improved papers along with the candidates of B.Tech (2013 scheme) as mercy chance.

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations held on 23.06.2025 considered the matter and recommended to grant one Mercy Chance, subject to reporting to the Academic Council. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 24.12.2025 (item No. 23.04.09) resolved to approve the above recommendation.

The Vice-Chancellor subject to reporting to the Academic Council accorded sanction to the candidates of 2008 Scheme B.Tech Degree course, who had improved their sessional marks in 2013 Scheme B.Tech, being granted one mercy chance to appear for the failed papers. Accordingly, U.O No Ac AIII/462/2026/UOK Dated: 12.01.2026 was issued. The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in granting one mercy chance to the candidates of 2008 Scheme B.Tech Degree course, who had improved their sessional marks in 2013 Scheme B.Tech and issuance of U.O No Ac AIII/462/2026/UOK Dated: 12.01.2026 is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

141. B.Tech Degree Course (2018 admission) – Mercy chance to appear for the failed papers - Granted - Orders issued - Reporting of - Reg. (Ac.AIII)

The Candidates of B.Tech Degree Course (2018 admissions), had requested to grant one mercy chance to appear for the failed papers.

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations held on 23.06.2025 considered the matter and recommended to grant one Mercy Chance to the failed candidates of B.Tech Degree Course (2018 admission), subject to reporting to the Academic Council. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 24.12.2025 (item No.23.04.03) resolved to approve the above recommendation.

The Vice-Chancellor subject to reporting to the Academic Council accorded sanction to the failed candidates of B.Tech Degree Course (2018 admission), being granted one mercy chance to appear for the failed papers. Accordingly, U.O No Ac AIII/279/2026/UOK Dated: 09.01.2026 was issued. The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in granting one mercy chance to the failed candidates of B.Tech Degree Course (2018 admission) and issuance of U.O No Ac AIII/279/2026/UOK Dated: 09.01.2026 is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council**The Academic Council NOTED the matter.****142. Scheme and Syllabus of FDP in Sociology (2021 admission onwards) under CBCS System - Discrepancy in the title of Elective course- Correction - approved -Orders issued- Reporting of – reg. (Ac.AV)**

The Scheme and Syllabus of First Degree Programme in Sociology under CBCS System in OBE pattern implemented w.e.f 2021 admissions was approved as per UO No.3560/2021/UOK dated 20.07.2021 and the modified Syllabus of the said programme w.e.f 2021 admissions has been approved vide UO No.8839/2022/UOK dated 25.11.2022.

Discrepancies were noted in the title of the Elective course 'SG 1661.1' in the VI semester i.e the title was given as 'NGOs and Social Interventions' in the Scheme/ Course structure and as 'NGO and Social Interventions' in the detailed Syllabus.

The Chairperson, BoS in Sociology (UG) vide email dated 06.03.2024 clarified that the title of the course be read as 'SG 1661.1 : NGOs and Social Interventions'. The clarification was endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences vide email dated 13.03.2024.

Sanction was accorded by Vice Chancellor, subject to reporting to Academic Council for effecting correction in the title of course 'SG 1661.1' in the VI Semester as 'NGOs and Social Interventions in the Syllabus of First Degree Programme in Sociology under CBCS System revised w.e.f 2021 admission onwards, as recommended by the Chairperson, BoS in Sociology (UG) and as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences. UO No. 7013/2024/UOK dated 14.08.2024 was issued accordingly.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council**The Academic Council NOTED the matter.****143. Norms for Inter-Collegiate Transfer of Students under the Four Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) without Change in Major Programmes (Without Switching) – Approved- Orders Issued – Reporting of – Reg. (Ac.AIII)**

The meeting convened on 18.09.2025 to deliberate on matters pertaining to FYUGP Programmes examined the issue of Inter-Collegiate Transfer of students and recommended norms governing transfer of FYUGP students without change in Major Programmes (without switching). Based on the recommendations, U.O. No. 9347/2025/UOK dated 29.10.2025 was issued with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

A copy of the above University Order is appended for kind reference. The matter is hence reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council**The Academic Council NOTED the matter.****144. Theory and Practical courses in Computerised Accounting in the Sixth Semester of the Career Related First Degree Programme in Commerce with Computer Application (B.Com) under CBCS System Equivalent to Accounting package(Tally Course) – Approved- orders issued - Reporting of – reg. (Ac.AV)**

Ancy Charles J and Prince P N ,candidates who have passed the Career Related First Degree Programme in Commerce with Computer Application (B.Com) under CBCS System, have requested to grant equivalency for the theory and practical courses in Computerised Accounting of Career Related First Degree Programme in Career Related First Degree Programme in Commerce with Computer Application (B.Com) under CBCS System to courses on Accounting Package (Tally Courses).

The Chairman, Board of Studies in Commerce (UG) has remarked that the courses Computerised Accounting and Computerised Accounting Lab offered in the Sixth Semester of the Career Related First Degree Programme in Commerce with Computer Application (B.Com) under CBCS System is equivalent to Accounting package (Tally Courses).TheDean, Faculty of Commerce

has endorsed the remarks of the chairman.

Sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, to grant equivalency for the theory and practical courses in Computerised Accounting offered in the Sixth Semester of the Career Related First Degree Programme in Commerce with Computer Application (B.Com) under CBCS System to courses on Accounting Package (Tally Courses) & U.O. No. AC AV/6906/2025/UOK dated 12.08.2025 was issued accordingly.

As per the orders of Vice Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

145. Disparities in the Syllabi of Sanskrit (General) and Sanskrit Special (Vedanta/Nyaya/Vyakarana/Sahitya/Jyothisha) under CBCS System revised w.e.f 2022 admission onwards corrections effected- UO issued- Report to Academic Council. (Ac.AV)

The Scheme and Syllabus of the First Degree Programme in Sanskrit (General) and Sanskrit Special (Vedanta/Nyaya/Vyakarana/Sahitya/Jyothisha) Under CBCS System was revised w.e.f 2022 admissions onwards. Disparities were noticed in the Code, Credit and Title of Courses in the Scheme and syllabi of the First Degree Programme in Sanskrit (General) and Sanskrit Special (Vedanta/Nyaya/Vyakarana/Sahitya/Jyothisha). The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Sanskrit has recommended to effect corrections in the Syllabi and the Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies has endorsed the recommendations of the Chairperson. Sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor to effect the corrections, and UO No. 2476/2025/UOK dated: 19/03/2025, was issued accordingly.

Certain modifications were made in the aforesaid UO as per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, as recommended by the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Sanskrit and as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies and UO No. 4529/2025/UOK dated 20.05.2025 was issued accordingly. The said UOs are appended herewith,

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

146. First Degree Programme in Commerce (with Elective Computer Application) (B.Com) under CBCS System -Theory and Practical courses of Computerised Accounting - Equivalent to Accounting Package (Tally Course)- Orders issued - Reported -reg. (Ac.AV)

A candidate who had completed the First Degree Programme in Commerce with Elective [Computer Application (B.Com)] under CBCS System, has requested to issue special certificate stating that theory and practical courses of Elective course Computerised Accounting is equivalent to Courses on Accounting Package (Tally Courses).

The Chairman, Board of Studies in Commerce(UG) has remarked that the Computerised Accounting course and Computerised Accounting Lab course offered in the Sixth Semester of the First Degree Programme in Commerce with Elective Computer Application under the CBCS System is equivalent to courses on Accounting Package (Tally Courses). The Dean, Faculty of Commerce has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Commerce (UG).

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, that the theory and practical courses of Computerised Accounting offered in the sixth semester of First Degree Programme in Commerce (with Elective Computer Application) (B.Com) under CBCS System is treated as equivalent to Courses on Accounting Package (Tally Courses), as recommended by the Chairman, Board of Studies in Commerce (UG) and as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Commerce & UO No.7515/2025/UOK dated 30.08.2025 was issued accordingly.

As per orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

147. Modification in the syllabus of M.Sc Degree Programme in Psychology revised and implemented with effect from 2025 admissions-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AII)

Ref:-1) Revised Scheme and Syllabus of M.Sc Degree Programme in Psychology in affiliated colleges with effect from 2025 admissions .

2) Mail dated 19.02.2026 from the Dean, Faculty of Science.

The Chairperson BoS in Psychology (PG) recommended to modify the Study Tour component of Training and Practice Papers in M.Sc Psychology Syllabus revised from 2025 admission onwards. As per the current syllabus, the Study tour is to be conducted in the third and fourth semester, which is included in the Training and Practice Papers- PSY 54325-A Training and Practice in Clinical Settings, PSY 54325-B: Training and Practice in Organizational Settings, and PSY 54325-C: Training and Practice in School Settings. Now it is recommended to conduct the study tour in the First and Second year of the PG Course Programme.

The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the recommendation of the Chairperson, Board Studies in Psychology (PG) to modify the syllabus of Training and Practice Papers- PSY 54325-A Training and Practice in Clinical Settings, PSY 54325-B: Training and Practice in Organizational Settings, and PSY 54325-C: Training and Practice in School Settings as Study Tour is to be conducted in the First and Second year of the PG Course Programme in the scheme and syllabus of M Sc Psychology revised and implemented wef 2025 admissions. (Copy of the syllabus of Training and Practice Papers are appended).

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the modified syllabus of Training and Practice PSY 54325-A Training and Practice in Clinical Settings, PSY 54325-B: Training and Practice in Organizational Settings, and PSY 54325-C: Training and Practice in School Settings in the scheme and syllabus of M Sc Psychology revised and implemented wef 2025 admissions is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate decision.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to approve the modified syllabus of Training and Practice PSY 54325-A Training and Practice in Clinical Settings, PSY 54325-B: Training and Practice in Organizational Settings, and PSY 54325-C: Training and Practice in School Settings in the scheme and syllabus of M Sc Psychology revised and implemented wef 2025 admissions

148. Revision of the qualification for the post of Assistant Professor for the programme Hotel Management and Catering –Consideration of- Reg. (Ac.FII)

The Academic Council at its meeting held on 16.09.2022, vide Item No. (1) 123, considered the matter regarding the qualifications for the post of Assistant Professor in B.Com with Hotel Management programme, and resolved to approve the recommendations of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Commerce (Pass) regarding the qualifications for appointment to the post of Assistant Professor in B.Com Hotel Management, along with the criteria prescribed by the UGC that NET/Ph.D. shall be mandatory. Accordingly, the University issued Order vide U.O. No. AcFII/4078/2022/UOK dated 14.12.2022.

As per the above University Order, the existing qualification for the post of Assistant Professor for the programme *B.Com Hotel Management and Catering* is as follows:

1. Post Graduate Degree in Hotel Management / Hospitality or M.Com / MBA from a recognised University/Institute.

2. Full-time Degree or three-year Diploma in Hotel Management / Hospitality Management / Hotel Administration / Hospitality Administration / Culinary Science with a minimum of 55% marks or equivalent grade from an institute affiliated to

NCHMCT or its affiliated institutions

ACTE-approved institutions

State Board of Technical Education

UGC-recognized University

Central/State/Deemed University recognized by UGC

Foreign institutions recognized by AIU

3. NET/Ph.D. shall be mandatory

After issuance of the University Order referred to above, the University received the following representations:

- The Principal, S.N. College, Varkala, requested reconsideration of the qualifications for Assistant Professor in Hotel Management in light of the qualifications prescribed for the said post issued by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India (vide Annexure IV of the Office Order dated 17.05.2019 issued by Ministry of Tourism (HRD Division), Government of India).
- Sri. Sameem M.S., Ali Manzil, Thiruvananthapuram, submitted a petition stating that the University Order does not align with the UGC Regulations concerning the qualifications required for Assistant Professors in Hotel Management. The key points raised in the petition include:
 - (a) The qualification for the post of Assistant Professor requires a Post Graduation with 55% aggregate along with NET or Ph.D. as mandated by the UGC, which is not explicitly mentioned in the University Order.
 - (b) The University Order suggests that a three-year diploma is a sufficient qualification, which contradicts the UGC requirement of a three-year degree.
 - (c) The UGC Regulations do not mandate 55% marks in the degree stage, which is contradictory to the condition in the University Order.
 - (d) General M.Com is not a relevant or allied subject to Hotel Management.

The combined meeting of the Board of Studies in Commerce (Pass) and Business Management (Pass), held on 19.12.2025 in the presence of the Deans, Faculty of Commerce and Faculty of Management Studies, considered the matter regarding revision of the qualifications prescribed for the post of Assistant Professor for the programme *B.Com Hotel Management and Catering in aided colleges affiliated to University of Kerala* and proposed the following qualifications:

1. Three or four-year Bachelors Degree in Hotel Management or HMCT.
2. Minimum 55% marks in Master's Degree in Hotel Management Or Business Management or Business Administration or Commerce.
3. NET in any one of the subjects mentioned in item 2 above OR Ph.D. with specified conditions as per UGC Regulations.

In the light of the above and as per orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter regarding revision of the qualification for the post of Assistant Professor for the programme *Hotel Management and Catering in aided colleges affiliated to University of Kerala* is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to IQAC for detailed consideration.

149. Issuance of Degree Certificate on Completion of Six Semesters for students opting Honours/Research component under the FYUGP frame work – Representation submitted by Smt. Gauri R-Consideration of- reg. (Ac.A VA)

A representation has been submitted by Smt. Gauri R, a fourth semester FYUGP student of St Gregorios College, Kottarakkara before the Higher Education Council regarding the issuance of the Degree Certificate upon completion of six semesters for students who wish to opt the Honours/Research component under the FYUGP frame work.

The Principal Secretary, Higher Education Council has requested the University to submit a detailed report on the matter.

In the said representation, the student has stated that as per FYUGP Regulations, students acquire degree qualification on completion of six semesters. However, the degree Certificate is issued only after completion of the Honours/Research component. Due to this delay, students may face difficulty in applying for PSC degree-level examinations. It is therefore requested to issue Degree Certificates to students immediately on completion of six semesters, without insisting on completion of the Honours/Research component.

In this connection, it may be noted that as per FYUGP Regulations students who wish to exit after three years of a Four-year degree programme shall be awarded a UG Degree in the Major

discipline subject to completion of three years of study, earning the prescribed minimum credits (133 or above), and satisfying the stipulated course requirements.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter regarding the issuance of the Degree Certificate upon completion of six semesters for students opting Honours/Research component under the FYUGP frame work is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to issue Degree Certificate upon completion of six semesters for students opting Honours/Research component under the FYUGP frame work.

150. Four Year UG Programmes implemented with effect from 2024 admission - Revised Syllabus - Orders issued- Reporting of –reg (Ac.A V A)

The Scheme and Syllabi for various Four Year UG Programmes implemented with effect from 2024 admission were approved by the Academic Council held on 10.05.2024 and UO No. 32912/4/2024/UOK dtd 02.07.2024 was issued accordingly.

The modified Syllabi for the FYUG Programmes appended herewith, as recommended by the Board of Studies and as endorsed by the Deans of Faculties concerned, have been approved by the Vice-Chancellor and UOs issued accordingly.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Details of the revised Syllabus for various FYUG Programmes

Sl No.	FYUGP	Details of Revision	UO issued	Board of Studies	Deans of Faculties
1	Botany	Addition of two new DSC courses in the Syllabus for Semester IV w.e.f 2025 admission onwards.	UO No. 10231/2025/UOK Dated: 29.11.2025	Botany (UG)	Science
2	Chemistry	Modified syllabus for the courses in FYUGP in Chemistry for Semester I w.e.f 2025 admissions and Semester III w.e.f 2024 admissions	UO No. 8667/2025/UOK Dated: 06.10.2025	Chemistry (UG)	Science
3		Modified syllabus for the courses in FYUGP in Chemistry for Semesters IV w.e.f 2024 admissions	UO No. 10689/2025/UOK Dated: 12.12.2025		
4	Geology	Modified the syllabus for Semester IV for FYUGP in Geology w.e.f 2024 admissions	UO No. 10871/2025/UOK Dated: 18.12.2025	Geology (UG)	Science
5	Mathematics	Modified Syllabus for Semester I of FYUGP in Mathematics w.e.f 2025 admissions	UO No. 8666/2025/UOK dtd 06.10.2025	Mathematics (UG)	Science
6		Modified Syllabus for Semester IV of FYUGP in Mathematics w.e.f 2024 admissions	UO No. 1012/2026/UOK dtd 27.01.2026		
7	Physics	Modified Syllabus for Fourth semester of FYUGP in Physics w.e.f 2024 admissions	UO No. 10761/2025/UOK Dated: 18.12.2025	Physics (UG)	Science
8	Statistics	Modified syllabus for the courses in FYUGP in Statistics for Semester III w.e.f 2024 admissions	UO No. 8774/2025/UOK Dated: 08.10.2025	Statistics (UG)	Science
9		Modified syllabus for the courses in FYUGP in Statistics for Semester IV w.e.f 2024 admissions	UO No. 10872/2025/UOK Dated: 19.12.2025		
10	Zoology	Modified Syllabus for First semester of	UO No.	Zoology(UG)	Science

		FYUGP in Zoology w.e.f. 2025 admissions and the modified Syllabus for Third semester and Fourth Semester of FYUGP in Zoology w.e.f. 2024 admissions	10047/2025/UOK Dated: 24.11.2025		
11	Biotechnology	Revised Syllabus for the courses in FYUGP in Biotechnology for Semester III w.e.f.2024 admissions	UO No. 9414/2025/UOK Dated31.10.2025	Biotechnology (UG)	Applied Sciences and Technology
12	English	Revised Syllabus for FYUGP in English and Communicative English (with effect from 2024 admission)	UO No. 10201/2025/UOK Dated 28.11.2025	English (UG)	Arts
13	Philosophy	Modified Syllabus for the VAC course "Philosophy of Justice (UK4VACPHI203)"for Semester IV w.e.f.2024 admissions	UO No. 10222/2025/UOK Dated 29.11.2025	Philosophy(UG)	Arts
14	Biotechnology	Revised Syllabus for the courses in FYUGP in Biotechnology for Semester IV w.e.f.2024 admissions	UO No. 10330/2025/UOK Dated 01.12.2025	Biotechnology (UG)	Applied Sciences and Technology
15	Business Administration	Modified Syllabus effecting changes in the cognitive level for Semester I &III for FYUGP in Business Administrationw.e.f.2025-26 admissions	UO No. 10772/2025/UOK Dated 19.12.2025	Business Management (UG)	Management Studies
16	French	Modified Syllabus for FYUGP courses in French forSemester I (w.e.f 2026 admissions), Semester II (w.e.f 2025 admissions), Semester IV and Semester VII (w.e.f. 2024 admissions)	UO No. 184/2026/UOK Dated 07.01.2026	French &Latin	Arts
17	Environmental Sciences	Modified Syllabus for FYUGP courses in Environmental Sciences for Semester IV (w.e.f 2024 Admissions)	UO No. 348/2026/UOK Dated 12.01.2026	Environmental Sciences (UG).	Applied Sciences and Technology
18	Social Work	Modified and updated Syllabus of Semester IV for FYUGP courses in Social Work(w.e.f.2024 admissions)	UO No. 1335/2026/UOK Dated: 03.02.2026	Social Work	Social Sciences
19	Sociology	FYUGP in Sociology-shifting of the Discipline Specific Elective "UK7DSESGY416 Globalisation and Society"from Seventh Semester to Fourth Semester as Discipline Specific Core with course code "UK4DSCSGY410"	UO No. 1564/2026/UOK Dated: 06.02.2026	Sociology	Social Sciences
20	Economics	Modified Syllabus for the FYUGP courses in Economics for V, VI &VII Semesters w.e.f. 2024 admissions	UO No. 10450/2025/UOK dtd 05.12.2025	Economics (UG)	Social Sciences
21	Sanskrit	Revised Syllabus for the courses in Sanskrit Special Nyaya and Sanskrit General for Semester IV w.e.f. 2024 admissions	UO No. 10223/2025/UOK dtd 29.11.2025	Sanskrit(UG)	Oriental Studies

22	History	Modified Syllabus for FYUGP courses in History for Semester II (with effect from 2025 admissions) & Semester IV ((with effect from 2024 admissions)	UO.No.10675/2025/UOK Dated: 15.12.2025	History(UG)	Social Sciences
23	Syriac	Revised Syllabus for the courses in Syriac for Semester I to IV (w.e.f 2025 admissions)	UO No. 7769/2025/UOK Dated: 10.09.2025	Hebrew & Syriac.	Oriental Studies
24	Political Science	Modified Syllabus effecting changes in the content & cognitive levels for Semester I & II (w.e.f. 2025 admissions) and Semester III & IV (w.e.f. 2024 admissions) for FYUGP in Political Science	UONo.8113/2025/UOK Dated: 18.09.2025	Political Science	Social Sciences

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

151. Recognition - B.A. Degree in Defence and Strategic Studies (Regular) - Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute, Chennai (Deemed to be University) – Consideration of-Reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Ms. Rithika G, dated: 12.11.2025

Ms. Rithika G submitted an application, seeking recognition for her the B.A. Degree in Defence and Strategic Studies (Regular) awarded by Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute, Chennai (Deemed to be University). The applicant is **currently pursuing** an M.A. Degree in Politics, International Relations and Diplomacy at the University of Kerala.

The primary objective for seeking this recognition is for the purposes of higher studies or employment for which the prescribed qualification is a degree only without insisting on any particular discipline.

Academic Credentials of the Applicant:

Completed recognised conventional 10+2 pattern of study.

Expert Opinions and Recommendations:

Expert opinions on this matter have been solicited from the relevant subject expert and dean, and their remarks are as follows:

Remarks of the Chairperson, BoS in Political Science (UG):

"By examining the scheme, syllabus, mark lists, and certificates of Smt. Rithika G., who obtained a B.A. Degree in Defence and Strategic Studies (Regular) from Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute, Chennai (Deemed to be University), it has been found that the student is eligible for the purposes of higher studies or employment for which the prescribed qualification is a degree only without insisting on any particular discipline."

Remarks of the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences

The Dean has endorsed the remarks of the BoS Chairperson (Political Science - UG).

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has ordered to place the matter regarding the above recognition before the Academic Council. Accordingly, the entire matter concerning the recognition of the B.A. Degree in Defence and Strategic Studies (Regular) awarded by Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute, Chennai (Deemed to be University) for the purposes of higher studies or employment for which the prescribed qualification is a degree only without insisting on any particular discipline, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the B.A. Degree in Defence and Strategic Studies (Regular) awarded by Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute, Chennai (Deemed to be University) for the purpose of higher studies or employment

wherever the prescribed qualification is a degree only without insisting on any particular discipline.

152. Eligibility for Ph.D. registration in Psychology (Faculty of Science) with P.G. Degree in Linguistics (Faculty of Oriental Studies) - Request submitted by Aswani R. – Consideration of- reg. (Ac.EVI)

A request has been received from Aswani R stating that she qualified M.A. Degree in Linguistics and wish to attend Ph.D. Entrance Examination in Psychology.

The academic details of the candidate are mentioned as UG in Functional English and PG in Linguistics and wrote the UGC NET in Psychology. However the candidate has not produced the documents yet.

It may be noted that, the Academic Council at its special meeting held on 02.03.2022 resolved to approve the list of qualifying Degrees for doing Ph.D. Research in various interdisciplinary subjects coming under the Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology and the University order dated 24.03.2022 had been issued accordingly .

As per the above U.O., the candidates who qualify UGC-CSIR-JRF/NET/GATE/INSPIRE Fellowship/KSCSTE Fellowship or any other National or State Fellowship recognized by the University of Kerala with the qualifying P.G. Degrees mentioned in the University order are exempted from the entrance test of University of Kerala and considered for the admission to Ph.D. research in interdisciplinary subjects also.

The remarks from the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Psychology (PG) and the Dean, Faculty of Science have been obtained on whether a PG holder in Linguistics(Faculty of Oriental Studies) can do Ph.D. in Psychology (Faculty of Science).

Remarks from the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Psychology (PG)

As per the existing policy of the UGC and the University, it is acceptable to allow a candidate with a basic degree in any discipline to take up research work in an allied discipline, provided he/she satisfies other requirements like qualifying the entrance examination. The applicant, Smt. Aswani R., who holds a Postgraduate Degree in Linguistics, is eligible to apply for registration leading to a Ph.D. in Psychology, provided she qualifies the entrance examination for a Ph.D. in Psychology.

The Chairperson also remarked that the identification of all the different disciplines that could be considered eligible qualifications to attend the entrance examination in Psychology involves a policy decision, and it calls for detailed deliberations by experts in the field. Further a meeting of the Board may required to take an appropriate decision on the matter.

Remarks from the Dean, Faculty of Science

The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the remarks of the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Psychology (PG) . The Dean also remarked that the candidate is eligible to apply for the Ph.D. programme in Psychology provided he/she satisfies other criteria stipulated by the Doctoral Committee of the Psychology of the University of Kerala.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the remarks of the Chairperson, **Board of Studies in Psychology (PG)** & the Dean, Faculty of Science that Smt. Aswani R., who holds a Post graduate Degree in Linguistics (under the Faculty of Oriental Studies) is eligible to apply for registration leading to a Ph.D. in Psychology (under the Faculty of Science) provided she qualifies the entrance examination for a Ph.D. in Psychology /other criteria stipulated by the Doctoral Committee of the Psychology of the University of Kerala, is placed before the Academic council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to the combined meeting of the Board of Studies in Psychology(PG) and Linguistics(PG).

153. Application for Special Certificate - B.Sc Physics and Computer Application higher degree than Diploma in Computer Application (DCA) –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.AV)

A student who had passed the Career-Related First Degree Programme in Physics and Computer Applications (B.Sc) under CBCS system during the academic year 2013-2016 had requested to issue a special certificate stating that Career-Related First Degree Programme in Physics

and Computer Applications (B.Sc) is equivalent/higher to DCA (Diploma in Computer Applications) for job purpose.

The Chairperson, BoS in Computer Science (Pas) has clarified that it is recommended to issue Special Certificate that the Degree B.Sc Physics and Computer Application offered by the University of Kerala can be considered as higher than the Diploma course in Computer Application after examining the Syllabus of DCA courses offered by LBS and Keltron. The Dean, Faculty of Applied Science and Technology endorsed the same.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter regarding the consideration of Career Related First Degree Programme in Physics and Computer Application is higher than the Diploma course in Computer Application (DCA) and issuance of certificate on the same is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to issue certificate stating that Career Related First Degree Programme in Physics and Computer Application is higher to Diploma course in Computer Application (DCA).

154. B.Sc Computer Science (Regular) prior to CBCS System- Equivalent to Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA) (Regular) prior to CBCS System for Higher Education and Employment-Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

A Candidate who had completed B.Sc Computer Science (Regular) prior to CBCS System has requested to issue Special Certificate stating that B.Sc Computer Science (Regular) prior to CBCS System is equivalent to Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA) (Regular) prior to CBCS System for employment purpose.

The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Computer Science (UG) remarked that in the syllabus of B.Sc Computer Science (regular) and BCA (regular) of University of Kerala prior to CBCS, there is more than 80 percent of similarity in the syllabus. Hence the B.Sc Computer Science (regular) prior to CBCS of University of Kerala can be considered as equivalent to BCA (regular) of University of Kerala prior to CBCS for higher education and employment. The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology endorsed the recommendation of the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Computer Science (UG).

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to Academic Council, that the B.Sc Computer Science (regular) prior to CBCS of University of Kerala can be considered as equivalent to BCA (regular) of University of Kerala prior to CBCS for higher education and employment on the basis of the recommendation of the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Computer Science (UG) and the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology.

U.O No. 739/2026/UOK dated 19.01.2026 was issued in this regard.

As per orders of the Vice-Chancellor the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

155. B.Tech Degree Course (1998 Scheme) – Mercy chance to appear for the failed papers - Granted - Orders issued - Reporting of - Reg. (Ac.AIII)

Dileep Kumar T.K, a Candidate of B.Tech Degree Course (1998 Scheme), had requested to grant one mercy chance to appear for the failed papers.

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations held on 23.06.2025 considered the matter and recommended to grant one Mercy Chance, subject to reporting to the Academic Council. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 24.12.2025 (Item No. 23.04.06) resolved to approve the above recommendation.

The Vice-Chancellor subject to reporting to the Academic Council accorded sanction to the failed candidates of B.Tech Degree Course (1998 Scheme), being granted one mercy chance to appear for the failed papers. Accordingly, U.O No Ac AIII/869/2026/UOK Dated: 21.01.2026 was issued. The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in granting one mercy chance to the failed candidates of B.Tech Degree Course (1998 Scheme) and issuance of U.O No Ac AIII/869/2026/UOK Dated: 21.01.2026 is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

156. Issuance of special certificate stating that Regulation, Scheme & Syllabus 2018 of MBA (Distance Education) programme is equivalent to Regulations, Scheme & Syllabus 2018 of MBA full time programme –Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

A candidate has submitted application to issue a Special Certificate stating that the syllabus of the MBA Programme in Distance Mode is the same as that of the Regular MBA Programme of the University for job verification purpose.

The Chairman, Board of Studies in Business Management (PG) remarked that MBA (Distance Mode) and the MBA (Full-time) follow the same 2018 Scheme/Syllabus, candidates of the 2019– 2021 Distance MBA admitted under the 2018 scheme may be treated as equivalent to MBA (Full-time) under the 2018 scheme. The Dean, Faculty of Management endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Business Management(PG).

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, to issue special certificate stating that Regulations, Scheme & Syllabus 2018 of MBA (Distance Education) programme is equivalent to Regulations, Scheme & Syllabus 2018 of MBA full time programme.

U.O.No.789/2026/UOK dated 20.01.2026 has been issued in this regard.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

157. Modification in the Regulation, Scheme and Syllabus of MBA Full Time/Travel and Tourism degree programme from 2024 admission onwards –Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

The Chairman, Board of Studies in Business Management (PG) has remarked to effect some modifications in the U.O for the smooth conduct of the examination of the MBA Full Time/ Travel and Tourism degree programme. The Dean, Faculty of Management Studies, has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Business Management (PG).

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic council, to incorporate the following modifications in the Regulations, Scheme and Syllabus of MBA Full Time/ Travel and Tourism degree programme from 2024 admission onwards.

1. For MBA programme, it is mandatory for the students to complete a MOOC in the second and the third semester. The marks/scores obtained in the MOOC will not be included in the SGPA/CGPA calculations. The credit obtained for the MOOC shall be entered in the corresponding Semester marklists and Consolidated marklist. A pass in the MOOC is required.
2. The candidate shall be permitted to register for the supplementary examination in the corresponding semester for the MOOC. The month and year of the supplementary examination for the respective semester will be considered as the month and year of pass, in the academic records.
3. The credit of each MOOC shall be restricted to two.
4. The submission of the certificates is not mandatory for declaring the second or third semester examination results.
5. The final results will be declared only after submitting the pass certificates of MOOC.
6. No separate minimum mark is required for internal examination, including the Summer Internship.
7. Grade System, Grade Point Average (GPA) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) for MBA are as follows:

Letter grade	Grade point(GP)	Marks Range
O (Outstanding)	10.0	90.00-100.00
A+ (Excellent)	9.0	85.00-89.99
A (Very Good)	8.5	80.00-84.99
B+ (Good)	8.0	70.00-79.99
B (Above Average)	7.0	60.00-69.99

C (Average)	6.0	55.00-59.99
D (Pass)	5.0	50.00-54.99
F (Fail)	0.0	00-49.99
Ab (Absent)	0.0	NA
CI (Course Incomplete)	0.0	NA

GPA/CGPA Calculation

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\sum (\text{Credit for the subject} \times \text{Grade Points obtained for the subject})}{\sum (\text{Credit for the subject})}$$

$$\text{CGPA} = \frac{\sum (\text{Credits for the semester} \times \text{Grade Points obtained for the Semester})}{\sum (\text{Credit for the Semester})}$$

- Rounded to two decimal places (5 or more rounds up, less than 5 stays the same)

U.O.No. 10983/2025/UOK dated 24.12.2025 has been issued in this regard.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council
The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

158. Corrections in the Course Titles and Inclusion of Coaching Ability Lesson of Bachelor of Physical Education (B.P.Ed) Four Year Innovative Degree Programme –Reporting of- (Ac.AIV)

The Tabulation section has sought clarifications in the course titles BPEDI CC 362 & BPEDI EC 385 in the sixth & eighth semester of B.P.Ed Four Year Innovative Professional Degree Programme, as it differs in the detailed syllabus, structure and the Scheme of Examination & also to include the Coaching Ability Lesson Plan in the structure of eighth semester.

The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Physical Education has forwarded the corrected titles of aforesaid courses BPEDI CC 362 & BPEDI EC 385 and provided a Coaching Ability Lesson Plan to be included in the Structure & Syllabus of the B.P.Ed programme, which are as follows;

1. Correction of Course Titles

(i) Sixth Semester B.P.Ed.

Course Code: BPEDI CC 362 Core Course Title: "Organization and Administration in Physical Education "

(ii) Eighth Semester B.P.Ed.

Course Code: BPEDI EC 385 Title: " Fitness Facility Management "

2. Structure of VIII Semester – Part D: Skill Proficiency(Course Code: BPEDI CA 386)

The following games/activities are included under Skill Proficiency:

I. Badminton II. Basketball III. Cricket IV. Football V. Hockey VI. Swimming VII. Track and Field VIII. Volleyball IX. Yoga

3. Course Code: BPEDI CA 387 - " Coaching Ability Lesson Plan "

The following activities are included under Coaching Ability Lesson Plan;

I.	BADMINTON
II.	BASKETBALL
III.	CRICKET
IV.	FOOTBALL
V.	HOCKEY
VI.	SWIMMING
VII.	TRACK AND FIELD
VIII.	VOLLEYBALL
IX.	YOGA

As per the recommendation of the Board of Studies in Physical Education, an additional sheet has been added at the end of the syllabus regarding the Coaching Ability Lesson Plan, as detailed below.

Syllabus

Bachelor of Physical Education (Four Year Innovative Professional Degree Programme (Outcome

Based))

Semester VIII Part- D - Coaching Ability Lesson Plan

Bachelor of Physical Education- Semester VIII Part- D - Coaching Ability Lesson Plan (Course Code: BPEDI CA 387)

I.	BADMINTON
II.	BASKETBALL
III.	CRICKET
IV.	FOOTBALL
V.	HOCKEY
VI.	SWIMMING
VII.	TRACK AND FIELD
VIII.	VOLLEYBALL
IX.	YOGA

The Dean, Faculty of Physical Education endorsed the remarks of the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Physical Education.

U.O.No.9011/2025/UOK dated 17.10.2025 has been issued in this regard.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

159. Recognition of Examination –Degrees of State Boards- Statutory Universities – Deemed Universities- other Institutions –Approved by the Vice-Chancellor- Reporting to the Academic Council -reg. (Ac.C)

On the basis of the recommendations of the Chairman of various Boards of Studies and the Deans of respective faculties, the Degrees/Examinations/Diplomas awarded by States Boards/Statutory Universities/Institutions as per the details shown in the statements (List #1 & List #2) appended are recognized as equivalent to the corresponding examinations/Degrees of this University either on reciprocal basis or recognized as an eligible qualifications for specific purposes such as higher studies or employment as the case may be, by the Vice-Chancellor Subject to reporting to the Academic Council in exercise of the powers conferred on him as per section. 10(13) of the Kerala University Act of 1974. Hence the matter is reported to the Academic council. The Statement Showing the Degrees Examinations recognized is appended.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

160. Observations of the Chairman, BoS in English (PG), regarding the file for recognition of Ph.D degree in English awarded by Nirwan University (State Private University) to Sri.Suresh.G-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Note to the Registrar prepared by the Chairman, BoS in English (PG)

Sri.Suresh.G had submitted the thesis of Ph.D Degree in English titled " The Efficacy of Discourses in the English Textbook of Class IX among the students of Coastal area in Thiruvananthapuram District in Kerala " awarded by Nirwan University (State Private University), Jaipur for Course recognition for the purpose of higher studies and employment. He had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala. He obtained B.A Degree in History from University of Kerala. He had completed M.A Degree in English (Distance) from Annamalai University which is also recognised by the University of Kerala as equivalent to the M.A Degree in English of this University. He had acquired M.Phil Degree in Education from Manonmaniam Sundaranar University which is recognised by the University of Kerala.

It may be noted that the candidate has already been issued Eligibility Certificates for his M.A Degree in English (Distance) from Annamalai University and M.Phil Degree in Education from Manonmaniam Sundaranar University in 2001 and 2007 respectively.

The eligibility criteria for admission to M.A Degree in English is as follows,

- B.A Degree with English as optional main subject securing not less than 45% marks in part III

or graduation in any subject in the faculties of Arts, Social Sciences, Science, Oriental Studies and Fine Arts securing not less than 50% marks in Part I (three paper under compulsory English)/B.A Communicative English (Vocational)/B.A English Language and Literature and Communicative English (Restructured)

The Provisional Certificate of Ph.D Degree in English from Nirwan University submitted by the candidate stated that, this Ph.D Degree is issued in accordance with the UGC (Minimum Standard and Procedure for award of Ph.D Degree) Regulations 2016 & 2018.

It may be noted that the guidelines formulated by University of Kerala for evaluating the Ph.D degrees offered by Other Universities vide UO No.6618/2025/UOK dated 28.07.2025(Ac.C/070278/2022). (copy UO enclosed)

The Chairman, BoS in English (PG) has perused the file for recognition of Ph.D in English awarded by Nirwan University in detail and examined the enclosures in support of the application. He returned the file to the section and prepared a detailed note to the Registrar. **Observations of the Chairman, BoS in English (PG) on the documents submitted by the candidate are as follows:-**

1. The file notes that " the candidate has obtained M.A degree in English from Annamalai University, even though he had not obtained a second class in Part I English of B.A History. He had obtained only Third class Part I English". Yet the applicant was given an Eligibility Certificate by the University of Kerala vide Folio No.Ac.C30669/2001 dated 23.11.01.
2. When checking the supporting documents keeping in mind the guidelines formulated by University of Kerala for evaluating Ph.D degrees offered by other universities, a number of issues had to be flagged which raise multiple ethical issues which go beyond the scope of authority of a Bos Chairman.
3. Two articles have been submitted with the application to fulfill the condition stipulated as item no. 5 in the U.O Ac.C 6618/2025/UoK dated 28.07.2025. both articles are in cloned journals. Academia was earlier introduced to the fake journal industry but this clong seems to be a different case altogether as both journals seem to have a single source of origin. The contents page of both journals submitted, and the size of the journal indicate this. The content layout, design and what goes into the journals are completely different in the original journals. The standard format of the original journals published by the Central Sahitya Akademi and Jawaharlal Nehru university is markedly different. The journals published as though published by the Sahitya Akademi, it must be noted that the front cover mentions taht it is a September-October 2024 issue while the first page of the journal says it is November-December 2024. the supporting documents submitted with the application is obviously with mala fide intent. It is a deliberate attempt to misuse the privilege of recognition of degrees our university grants to graduates and post graduates from othe institutions.
4. I also looked at the research topic and was curious to learn how class IX textbooks of students from coastal areas of Thiruvananthapuram district would be studied in a doctoral thesis submitted in Jaipur. I was taken aback to learn from the thesis that the University of Kerala has a department of English and one Dr.M.M.Salim is a professor there. In the annexures provided in the thesis, the documents have been signed by Dr.M.M.Salim, Professor, University College, Trivandrum, Kerala. I also learnt that somewhere near Karamana, there is an institute of English run by Dr.M.M.Salim. The Chairman strongly feels that this is a deliberate misuse of the name , prestige, and goodwill of a department of University.
5. It is really unfortunate that the Institute of English of our University, which is known internationally and has a distinct identity in Kerala and the rest of the country has this namesake indirectly figuring as part of the document in an application with unethical claims submitted in University of Kerala.

As the issues raised here have to do with the maintenance of quality in higher education and involves the interests of the University of Kerala , he submits that this be taken up for discussion and follow up action at the highest level.

The Dean, Faculty of Arts has remarked that, after careful examination of the documents including publications and the Ph.D thesis and based on the Note to the registrar, University of Kerala by the chairman,PG Board of studies (English), University of Kerala, the following serious concerns

have been noted:

1. submission of Publications in Cloned Journals: The candidate has submitted two research articles purportedly published in indexed journals as part of the Ph.D requirements. However, upon verification, these journals appear to be cloned/fake journals, raising serious concerns regarding academic integrity, authenticity of publication, and compliance with UGC Research norms. Publication in cloned journals constitute a major ethical violation and undermines the credibility of the research work.

2. Discrepancy in Research Topic and Jurisdictional Relevance: The Ph.D thesis, titled "The Efficacy of Discourses in the English Textbook of Class IX among the students of coastal area in Thiruvananthapuram district in Kerala". It is observed that the research context is geographically and academically linked to Kerala, whereas the degree was awarded by a University located in Jaipur, Rajasthan. The rationale for undertaking a region-specific study under the jurisdiction of a University in Jaipur has not been adequately justified. This raises serious questions regarding supervision, field verification, institutional oversight, and adherence to procedural norms.

3. Multiple Ethical and Procedural Concerns: The cumulative issues, including publication irregularities and inconsistencies in the research domain, as pointed out by the Chairman, PG (Board of studies in English), University of Kerala, give rise to serious ethical concerns. These issues affect the credibility, transparency and academic validity of the awarded Ph.D degree in English from Nirwan university, Jaipur.

In view of the above observations, the Ph.D Degree in English awarded by (the state private university), Nirwan university, jaipur is not recommended for equivalency or recognition. Given the gravity of the issues involved, it is recommended that the matter be referred to the higher authorities for detailed scrutiny and appropriate follow-up action.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the whole matter regarding the observations of the Chairman, BoS in English (PG) and the Dean, Faculty of Arts, in the file for recognition of Ph.D degree in English awarded by Nirwan University (State Private university) to Sri.Suresh.G is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED NOT to grant recognition to the Ph.D degree in English awarded by Nirwan University, jaipur (State Private University) to Sri.Suresh.G.

Further, the Academic Council viewed seriously, the observations of the Chairman, BoS in English (PG) and the Dean, Faculty of Arts and **RESOLVED** to refer the matter to appropriate authorities for investigation.

161. Issuance of One-Time Certificate to the candidates pursuing two academic programme and approval of draft format of One-Time Certificate –Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

The matter regarding pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously, in accordance with the UGC guidelines, has been implemented vide U.O.No. 2774/2025/UOK dtd 28/03/2025.

It may be noted that, the draft format of one time certificate was placed before the Academic Council scheduled on 14.08.2025. But the meeting was postponed. Considering the urgency on the matter, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, approved the following

- 1) the work allocation regarding the issuance of One-Time Certificate to the candidates simultaneously pursuing 2 academic programme to the academic section concerned of the Primary programme and also to forward such applications to tabulation section, after the issuance of One-Time Certificate, to be recorded on the student's profile. Work Distribution U.O was issued.
- 2) the draft format of the One-Time certificate

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter is reported to Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

162. M.Phil Degree in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology taken after successfully completing the M.Sc. Degree Programme in Physics ,recognised by the University of Kerala can be considered as equivalent to the M.Phil. degree in Physics of University of Kerala- Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AII)

An application has been received from a candidate for issuing a special certificate stating that M.Phil Degree in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology of University of Kerala equivalent to M.Phil. Degree in Physics of University of Kerala for the purpose of higher studies including PhD and Job purpose in the field of Physics.

As per Uo No.2089/2022/UOK dtd 17.03.2022 M.Phil Degree in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology taken after successfully completing M.Sc Degree Programme in Physics of the University of Kerala can be considered as equivalent to the M.Phil Degree Programme in Physics, as both the courses are offered by the University of Kerala.

The Chairperson BoS in Physics (PG) has remarked that, M.Phil Degree in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology taken after successfully completing M.Sc Degree Programme in Physics of the University of Kerala can be considered as equivalent to the M.Phil Degree Programme in Physics, as both the courses are offered by the University of Kerala.Also M.Sc Degree in Physics (regular) of Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam is recognised as equivalent M.Sc Degree in Physics of this University. Considering these the Chairperson recommended that M.Phil Degree in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology awarded by University of Kerala, taken after successfully completing M.Sc Degree Programme in Physics from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam shall be treated as equivalent to an M.Phil Degree in Physics of University of Kerala.The Dean Faculty of Science endorsed the same.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, in order to take a general decision that **the M.Phil. degree in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology taken after successfully completing the M.Sc. Degree Programme in Physics ,recognised by the University of Kerala can be considered as equivalent to the M.Phil. degree in Physics of University of Kerala**, is placed before Academic Council for consideration and appropriate decision.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED that the M.Phil. degree in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology taken after successfully completing the M.Sc. Degree Programme in Physics, recognised by the University of Kerala shall be treated as equivalent to the M.Phil. degree in Physics of University of Kerala.

163. Conduct of Common Entrance Examination for PG Programmes in the Affiliated Colleges of the University of Kerala-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AII)

The Board of Studies in English(PG) at its annual meeting held on 25.11.2024 considered the item Eligibility Criteria and Ranking norms of various Post Graduate Programmes and recommended that Common Entrance Exams may be implemented for PG programs and further recommended that the eligibility for such an entrance could be a Graduation in any degree programme.

The recommendation was endorsed by the Faculty of Arts held on 28.01.2025 and approved by the Academic Council held on 17.02.2025.

As per the orders of the Registrar, remarks of the chairpersons of Board of Studies other than English(PG) were sought on the matter regarding the conduct of Common Entrance Examinations for PG Programmes.

The Chairpersons of Board of Studies under the Faculty of Arts have submitted their remarks as per the following:-

Philosophy(PG):-The members of the PG Board in Philosophy have expressed the common opinion of following the existing rules and patterns for PG admissions in colleges.

Journalism:-In the case of Journalism and Mass Communication, only one affiliated college(self finance stream) has a PG programme. Hence BoS do not recommend a common entrance test for admission.

Library & Information Science:-The members of the PG Board in Library and Information Science have expressed the common opinion of following the existing rules and patterns for PG admissions in colleges

The Dean, Faculty of Arts has endorsed the above remarks of the chairperson of respective Board of Studies and further recommended that the existing rules and patterns governing Postgraduate admissions in colleges may continue to be followed. This ensures transparency, uniformity and adherence to the regulations already in place.

The Chairpersons of Board of Studies under the Faculty of Social Sciences have submitted their remarks as per the following:-

Archaeology:- Currently does not offer a Postgraduate (PG) course in Archaeology in any of its affiliated colleges, A general common entrance test may not adequately evaluate the specific competencies and subject knowledge required for successful academic engagement in this discipline. If and when an entrance test is instituted for PG admissions in Archaeology, it should be a subject-specific examination designed to assess the applicant's aptitude and preparedness for advanced study in the field of Archaeology.

Economics(PG):-The current two-year postgraduate programmes may be wound up soon with the anticipated full-scale implementation of the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP). Given this structural shift, introducing a new common entrance mechanism at this juncture may not be a prudent course of action. Instead, it would be more appropriate to focus on providing maximum academic and professional opportunities to the existing cohort of students within the remaining years of the programme. Implementing a new system that may soon become redundant could also lead to administrative complexities.

History(PG):-The CEE aims to evaluate applicants fairly and uniformly across institutions, reducing regional biases and administrative redundancies. Candidates must have a graduation degree in any discipline, with the exam designed to assess relevant knowledge and aptitude. Affiliated colleges will support the process by disseminating information, facilitating logistics, and participating in counseling. To ensure smooth execution, a dedicated committee should be formed to develop guidelines, raise awareness, and provide necessary infrastructure and technical support, thereby upholding academic standards and ensuring transparency in postgraduate admissions.

Political Science(PG):-It will be better to approve and extend the decision of the Academic Council to conduct Common Entrance Examinations for admission to the PG Programmes in Political Science in the affiliated colleges of the University of Kerala. The eligibility for such an Examination may be a Graduation in any stream.

Public Administration:-Common entrance tests for postgraduate admission in affiliated colleges are not recommended. We are currently facing a major fallout in PG admissions.

Sociology(PG) & Social Work:-Better to follow the existing rules and patterns for PG (Sociology and Social Work) admissions in colleges.

The Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences has remarked that Since changes are expected in the structure and conduct of PG programmes in the coming years, it would be advisable to continue with the current admission procedure for now.

The Chairpersons of the Board of Studies in under the Faculty of Science have submitted their remarks as per the following;

Aquatic Biology and Fisheries:- Introducing a common entrance test will help ensure transparency, maintain uniform academic standards, and provide equal opportunities to all aspiring students seeking admission to our PG programmes.

Biochemistry:- Since PG admission is conducted through common entrance examination in University Departments, the same mode is a better option for implementing Common Entrance Examination for PG Programmes in affiliated colleges also. Our board members recommended 75%+25 % of entrance and final mark respectively for PG admission

Botany(PG):-There is no need for an entrance examination for admission to PG programmes in Botany, thus recommending to maintain the 'status quo' in the matter.

Geology(PG):-As this requires policy decision, the matter may be placed before the syndicate.

Mathematics(PG):- The Board is not positive in this regard.

Physics(PG):- Nowadays as per Physics subject is concerned so many seats are vacant for the PG programme in many colleges. It will be effective only when more students are interested in the programme.

Psychology(PG):- The recommendation to conduct an entrance examination for admission to the PG

programmes in affiliated colleges is welcome, the suggestion that graduates in any degree programme shall be considered eligible for admission to any PG programme does not appear reasonable or acceptable. It may kindly be noted that, for many subjects, especially those belonging to the science stream, prior exposure to the subject at the degree level is considered essential for teaching and learning at the post-graduate level. In the case of Psychology, such exposure is considered essential, and as per the existing regulations, the eligibility for admission to the PG Programme in Psychology is a B.A. or B.Sc. degree in Psychology. Therefore, graduation in any degree programme cannot be considered a valid eligibility criterion for appearing in the Common Entrance Examination for PG admission in Psychology.

Statistics(PG):- I would like to express my positive opinion on the proposal for conducting a Common Entrance Examination for admission to the PG programmes in affiliated colleges under the University of Kerala

Zoology(PG):- Now no need to conduct the common entrance examination since the BSc mark-based admission is sufficient as a criterion for the Admission of PG Zoology.

The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed all the remarks of the chairpersons of respective Board of Studies under the faculty of Science.

The Chairpersons of the Board of Studies in under the Faculty of Oriental Studies have submitted their remarks as per the following;

Linguistics:- It is recommended to conduct the Common Entrance Examination.

Malayalam(PG):- Fine

Tamil(PG):- This needs to be decided by the BOS PG Board Tamil. so it is recommended to place this matter in the next PG Tamil BOS meeting.

Arabic(PG):- Endorsed the recommendation of BoS in English to conduct Common Entrance Examination for PG admissions in affiliated colleges of the University of Kerala.

The Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies has endorsed the remarks of the Chairpersons of Board of Studies in Linguistics, Malayalam, Arabic & Tamil for further necessary action.

The Chairperson of Board of Studies in Commerce(PG) has submitted the remarks as per the following:-

Commerce(PG):-conducting entrance examinations for admission to PG programs of affiliated colleges, I would like to inform you that admission with entrance examinations will create many issues in colleges, where management quota and community quota seats may not be filled from the entrance based list. Its an exclusive right of managers to fill their management seats Based on this facts, it is not recommended to conduct entrance examination for admission to PG programs in aided and government colleges.

The Dean, Faculty of Commerce has remarked that Common Entrance Examination for admission to PG Programmes can be considered only after proper norms on weightage for different components like Domain Knowledge,Aptitude Skills,Reasoning and Critical thinking, is fixed. This would depend on the Discipline for which the admission is being considered.The Common Admission Test would be a welcome move if formulated with such guidelines. Making Students from any discipline eligible for admission would require reworking on the University regulations in this regard.

The Chairpersons of Board of Studies under the Faculty of Science and Technology have remarked as per the following:-

Biotechnology:-This matter is better placed before the Board, to take a decision
Computer Science(PG):-It is a commendable decision to conduct an entrance examination for M.Sc. Computer Science and related disciplines, as it will help ensure merit-based admission and maintain academic standards.

The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences & Technology has endorsed the remarks of the Chairperson BoS in Computer science (PG) agreeing to conduct an entrance examination for M.Sc. Computer Science and related disciplines in affiliated colleges, as it will help ensure merit-based admission and maintain academic standards.

At present, the application for PG Programmes are invited through the Online Admission Portal of the University of Kerala (Except MBA,MCA,MAHRM,MPE,MSW,MFA&MASLP), without conducting an Entrance

Examination, based on marks obtained in corresponding UG courses and other criteria.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the conduct of Common Entrance Examination for PG programmes in affiliated colleges of the University of Kerala, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate decision.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to the Syndicate.

164. Minutes of the Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 23/02/2026 is placed before the Academic Council for appropriate decision.

(Ac. AII)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

DATE AND TIME : 23/02/2026 AT 2.30 P.M
**VENUE : SYNDICATE ROOM,
UNIVERSITY OF KERALA, PALAYAM**

Members Present

1. Dr. Mohanan Kunnummal
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair)
2. Dr. Suja Kurup P L, Dean, Faculty of Arts.
3. CMA (Dr.) T Rajesh, Dean, Faculty of Commerce
4. Dr. C N Vijayakumari, Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies
5. Dr. Razia K.I, Dean, Faculty of Physical Education
6. Dr. Manju S Nair, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences
7. Dr. G Prasad, Dean, Faculty of Science
8. Dr. Bindu R L, Dean, Faculty of Education
9. Dr. Sindhu Thulaseedharan, Dean, Faculty of Law
10. Dr. S Sankararaman, Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences & Technology

Online Presence

1. Prof. D Mavoothu, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies
2. Dr. Biju B, Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Technology

The meeting started at 2.30 P.M .The Vice Chancellor welcomed all the members to the meeting. The following items were taken up for consideration by the Standing Committee of the Academic Council, subsequent to the deliberations on the agenda items of the Academic Council.

Item No.164.01 Autonomous Colleges- Formats of Provisional and Degree Certificates for PG Courses -Revision of General Format -Reg (Ac.D)

- Ref: 1. Note dated 04.10.2025 from the examination section(EAC)**
2. Letter no. U2025/10/2 dated 30.08.2025 from the Principal, Loyola College of Sciences(Autonomous), Sreekariyam.

The Principal, Loyola College of Social Sciences(Autonomous), vide reference cited (2) above, has requested to initiate the procedures for issuing PG Degree Certificates to 2024-2026 batch PG students to the following subjects:

1. MA Sociology
2. MA Human Resource Management
3. MSW Social Work
4. MSW Disaster Management
- 5.MSc. Counselling Psychology

The Loyola College of Social Sciences, Sreekariyam, Thiruvananthapuram was granted autonomous status w.e.f the Academic year 2024-2025, vide Notification no.Reg/2024 dated

25.11.2024. The courses of the first batch of PG Students of Loyola College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) will be completed by June 2026. For the timely issuance of Provisional and Degree Certificates to the eligible candidates, the format of Degree certificates have to be approved.

With regard to this, the Principal, Loyola College of Social Sciences is requested to provide the Faculty, and Subject(Specialisation)/Branch of the above 5 PG Courses for including in the approved Degree Certificate Format for Autonomous colleges and the Principal has provided the same with some suggestions in the format of the Degree certificate.

The Suggestions are detailed below:

To include the terms '**Governing Body**', '**for having passed the examinations**', and '**is therefore placed**' instead of '**Governing Council**', '**by passing the examinations**' and '**having been placed**' respectively, in the Degree Format for autonomous colleges.

Since, the general format of the Degree Certificate of two Autonomous Colleges, namely Mar Ivanios College(Autonomous), and Fatima Mata National College has been formulated in accordance with the Act 32 of 2014, (the University laws third amendment Act 2014), the word *Governing Council* has been included in the Format, as the authority of the Autonomous College is the Governing Council.

As per the UGC (Confirmation of Autonomous Status Upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2023, the certificates shall be instituted by "**the Governing Body**" of the autonomous college on the recommendation of the Academic Council of Autonomous Colleges.

The following is the General Degree Certificate Format of the autonomous college:

FACULTY OF (*Name of the Faculty*)

The Senate of the University of Kerala hereby makes known that *Name of the Candidate* is admitted to the Degree of Master of *Arts/Social Work/Science*, the candidate having been certified by the Governing Council of *Name of College* (an Autonomous College affiliated to this University) to be qualified to receive the Degree of Master of *Arts/Social Work/Science*, by passing the Examinations held by them in *Month & Year*, and having been placed by them in the *First/Second/Third Class* in the Branch (*Subject*).

The changes to be effected in the Degree Certificate Format of Autonomous Colleges are following:

Governing Council* ——— *Governing Body
by passing the examinations* ——— *for having passed the examinations
having been placed* ——— *is therefore placed

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the following matter is placed before the Deans' Council for consideration and recommendation.

1) the Degree Certificate Formats of the Autonomous Colleges may be revised by incorporating the above changes
and

2) the Provisional and Degree certificate formats for autonomous college may be applicable for the award of degree certificates to Loyola College of Social Sciences (Autonomous).

(The general Provisional Certificate Format and the draft revised Degree Certificate formats (MCom, MTTM and General format for MSc, MA, MSW) for the autonomous college is attached herewith).

The Committee recommended to revise the existing degree certificate format for the autonomous colleges affiliated to University by incorporating the following changes:

- 1. 'Governing Council' to 'Governing Body'**
- 2. 'Having been placed' to 'is therefore placed'.**

The Committee further recommended that the revised Provisional and Degree certificate formats of the autonomous college incorporating the above changes be made applicable for the award of Provisional and Degree certificates to Loyola College of Social Sciences(Autonomous) also.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 23/02/2026 be approved. Further resolved to forward the revised **degree certificate format to the HoD, Institute of English for verification and to place the verified revised format before the Syndicate.**

Item No.164.02 Recognition of the Master of Computer Application (Flexible Learning Mode) awarded by The Institute of Chartered Financial Analysis of India University (ICFAI), Tripura (Private University) - consideration of – Reg:- (Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Ms. Neena K G, dated: 12/03/2024.

This note pertains to the recognition of the Master of Computer Application (Flexible Learning Mode) awarded by The Institute of Chartered Financial Analysis of India University (ICFAI), Tripura (Private University).

Academic Credentials of the Applicant:

- Completed conventional 10+2 pattern of study.
- Earned a B.Sc. Degree in Polymer Chemistry (with Mathematics and Computer Application as subsidiaries) from the University of Calicut.

Additional Documentation:

- Ms. Neena K G also submitted a document from ICFAI, Tripura stating that "the student is not required to attend any classes with the University to complete the programme." (Document Appended)

Expert Opinions and Recommendations:

Expert opinions on this matter have been solicited from the relevant subject expert and dean, and their remarks are as follows:

Remarks of the Chairperson, BoS in Computer Science (P.G.):

"After scrutinizing the syllabus of the M.C.A Degree produced by the candidate is compared with our M.C.A. syllabus, it can match. It is also noted that the degree obtained from Private University with a Flexible Learning mode. It is also not recognized at our University for this programme. Hence, cannot recommend for an equivalence or recognition."

Remarks of the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences & Technology:

He endorsed the above remarks of the Chairperson. He also remarked that "the degree cannot be recommended for any equivalency or recognition as the degree obtained from private university with a flexible-learning mode.

Resolution of the Academic Council:

The matter regarding the above recognition was placed before the meeting of the Academic Council held on 10.05.2024, vide item no. (I) 27. As per the minutes of the meeting, it was resolved to entrust the Director, IQAC to evaluate the matter of granting recognition to the Programmes obtained through Flexible Learning Mode in the light of the New Education Policy since ICFAI is a State Private University under the ambit of UGC and to offer guidelines to this effect. Accordingly, the file was forwarded to the Director, IQAC, University of Kerala, for his report.

Report from the IQAC Director:

"Granting recognition to flexible learning programmes offered by private universities such as ICFAI, in line with the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020, has some merits. It may broaden access to higher education for students unable to pursue full-time study due to work, financial, or geographic constraints, thus promoting inclusivity and lifelong learning. The NEP's emphasis on multiple entry/exit points, credit transfer, and use of the Academic Bank of Credits aligns well with online and open learning. Recognized flexible programmes also enable professionals to upskill without leaving the workforce, reduce infrastructure costs for universities, and ensure that degrees earned in these modes carry equal legal and academic weight, thereby enhancing employability and credibility for learners.

However, this recognition also brings challenges. Quality assurance and maintaining academic rigour remain significant concerns, as flexible modes are more vulnerable to diluted standards, poor delivery, and weak monitoring if not strictly regulated. There is a persistent perception

among employers and academia that online degrees are inferior to conventional ones, which can limit their acceptance in practice. Technological gaps, lack of hands-on training in certain disciplines, and equity concerns for students without reliable digital access further complicate outcomes. Moreover, private universities risk prioritizing expansion over quality, which could erode trust in flexible learning unless strong regulatory oversight, transparency, and investment in digital infrastructure are ensured. Therefore, this matter may be placed before the Deans' Council for further discussion and greater clarity as it ultimately requires a policy decision."

Hence the matter regarding the recognition of the Master of Computer Application (Flexible Learning Mode) awarded by The Institute of Chartered Financial Analysis of India University (ICFAI), Tripura (Private University), is placed before the Deans' Council/Standing Committee of the Academic Council for consideration.

The Committee recommended not to grant recognition to the Master of Computer Application(Flexible Learning Mode) awarded by The Institute of Chartered Financial Analysis of India University(ICFAI), Tripura(Private University).

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council Considered the matter and RESOLVED that the matter be re-examined by the Dean's Council.

Item No.164.03 Recognition of the Ph.D. Degree in Chemistry awarded to Mr. Arunkumar Chitteth Rajan by Pohang University of Science and Technology, Republic of Korea (South Korea) - consideration of – Reg:- (Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Mr. Arunkumar Chitteth Rajan, dated: 03.12.2021

This note pertains to the recognition of the Ph.D. Degree in Chemistry awarded to Mr. Arunkumar Chitteth Rajan for the thesis titled "**Two Dimensional Molecular Electronics Spectroscopy for Molecular Fingerprinting**" by Pohang University of Science and Technology, Republic of Korea (South Korea). **His purpose of recognition is to establish employment (Assistant Professor) in the field of Physics.**

Academic Credentials of the Applicant:

- Completed conventional 10+2 pattern of study.
- **Undergraduate and Postgraduate:** Earned B.Sc. Degree in Physics & M.Sc. Degree in Physics from the University of Calicut and the University of Mysore respectively. Both the degrees have recognised as equivalent to the corresponding degrees of this University.
- **Doctorate:** The applicant holds a Ph.D. Degree in Chemistry with a thesis titled "Two Dimensional Molecular Electronics Spectroscopy for Molecular Fingerprinting" from Pohang University of Science and Technology, Republic of Korea (South Korea).

Supporting Documentation & Verification:

- **Thesis/Publication:** In support of his application, he has submitted the Thesis and the publication copies for evaluation/verification.
- **University Ranking:** On verification, Pohang University of Science and Technology, Republic of Korea (South Korea) is ranked in the 126-150 range in the Times Higher Education World Rankings in the Physical Sciences subject.
- **AIU Equivalency (obtained on 11.03.2021):** The applicant has provided an Equivalency Certificate from the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) stating that the Ph.D Degree in Chemistry - "Two Dimensional Molecular Electronics Spectroscopy for Molecular Fingerprinting" awarded to Mr. Arunkumar Chitteth Rajan by Pohang University of Science and Technology, Republic of Korea is equated with Ph.D Degree in the corresponding field of an Indian University.

Expert Opinions and Recommendations:

Expert opinions on this matter have been solicited from the relevant subject expert and dean, and their remarks are as follows:

#1 Remarks of the Chairperson, BoS in Physics (P.G.):

"Arunkumar had obtained B.Sc. Degree in Physics from University of Calicut and M.Sc. Degree in Physics from University of Mysore which are recognised by the University of Kerala. He was awarded Ph.D. Degree from Pohang University of Science and Technology, Republic of Korea. He has produced an equivalency certificate from Association of Indian Universities. Pohang University of Science and Technology, Republic of Korea (South Korea) is ranked in the 126-150 range in the Times Higher Education World Rankings in the Physical Sciences. Dr. Arun Kumar has published three research papers in the reputed international journals. Considering all the above, I recommend to consider his application for the purpose **employment in the field of Physics.**"

#2 Remarks of the Chairman on Publications:

"As per the details submitted by Mr. Arunkumar Chitteth Rajan; three research papers have been published in reputed international journals among which first author research paper is only one."

#3 Evaluation Report of the Ph.D. Thesis Generated by a Foreign University:

As per the evaluation report, the Ph.D. Thesis secured the points of 97 out of 100.

(Evaluation Report appended for perusal)

#4 Remarks of the Dean, Faculty of Science:

"The remarks of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Physics (P.G.) has been endorsed."

Matter for Consideration:

As per the Guidelines appendix to the U.O No.Ac.C/2017, dated 21/10/2017 for evaluation of the Ph.D. Thesis generated by the Foreign University, the above recommendations of the Chairperson P.G. Board and the Dean of Faculty regarding the recognition of the Ph.D. Degree in Chemistry awarded to Mr. Arunkumar Chitteth Rajan by Pohang University of Science and Technology, Republic of Korea (South Korea) for the purpose employment in the field of Physics, is placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee recommended that recognition be granted to the Ph.D. Degree in Chemistry awarded to Mr. Arunkumar Chitteth Rajan by Pohang University of Science and Technology, Republic of Korea (South Korea) for the purpose of employment in the field of Physics.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council Considered the matter and RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 23/02/2026 be approved.

Additional Item:

The Vice Chancellor introduced the concept of Professor of Practice that may be considered for implementing in the University of Kerala. Professor of Practice is a title given to eminent persons who have significant professional experience and expertise in a particular field, but not an academician. Certain Universities in Kerala already have implemented the concept. Hence the Vice Chancellor proposed to entrust all Boards of studies to initiate discussions on the matter and come out with their opinion in the next Academic Council.

The Academic Council RESOLVED to accept the concept of Professor of Practice in Principle and to entrust the Director IQAC to formulate draft guidelines for the appointment of Professor of Practice in the University and to place the same before the next meeting of the Academic Council.

(II) Business brought forward by the Faculties**(i) Faculty of Arts**

Dr. Suja Kurup P.L, Dean, Faculty of Arts moved that the recommendations of the Faculty of Arts as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 30.01.2026 be approved.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Faculty of Arts as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 30.01.2026 be approved.

(ii) Faculty of Social Sciences

Dr. Manju.S.Nair, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences moved that the recommendations of the Faculty of Social Sciences as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 03/02/2026 be approved.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Faculty of Social Sciences as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 03/02/2026 except on item No. IV.I.5(4) [*FYUGP-Permission for the teachers of the Department of Economics to teach the course – Mathematics for Economics -I*] be approved.

Further **RESOLVED** on item No. IV.I.5(4) to maintain statusquo in the matter of engaging teachers for teaching courses titled Mathematics for Economics I, Statistical Methods for Economics and Mathematics for Economics II offered as part of FYUGP (Economics).

(iii) Faculty of Oriental Studies

Dr. C.N.Vijayakumari, Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies moved that the recommendations of the Faculty of Oriental Studies as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 28/01/2026 be approved.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Faculty of Oriental Studies as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 28/01/2026 be approved.

(iv) Faculty of Science

Dr. G.Prasad, Dean, Faculty of Science moved that the recommendations of the Faculty of Science as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 31/01/2026 be approved.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Faculty of Science as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 31/01/2026 be approved.

(v) Faculty of Commerce

CMA Dr. T.Rajesh, Dean, Faculty of Commerce moved that the recommendations of the Faculty of Commerce as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 21/02/2026 be approved.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Faculty of Commerce as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 21/02/2026 be approved.

(vi) Faculty of Law

Dr. Sindhu Thulaseedharan, Dean, Faculty of Law moved that the recommendations of the Faculty of Law as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 14/01/2026 be approved.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Faculty of Law as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 14/01/2026 be approved.

(vii) Faculty of Education

Dr. Bindu.R.L, Dean, Faculty of Education moved that the recommendations of the Faculty of Education as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 16/01/2026 be approved.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Faculty of Education as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 16/01/2026 except on item No. IV(A) 4 [*Recognition of Tamil Nadu Teacher Education B Ed programme*] be approved.

Further RESOLVED to entrust Dean, Faculty of Education and two University officials to visit the Head Quarters of Tamil Nadu Teacher Education University and to hold a discussion with the University authorities so as to arrive at a suitable solution to the issue.

(viii) Faculty of Engineering and Technology

The Registrar moved that the recommendations of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 23/01/2026 be approved.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 23/01/2026 be approved.

(ix) Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology

Dr.S.Sankararaman, Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology moved that the recommendations of the Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 09/02/2026 be approved.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 09/02/2026 be approved.

(x) Faculty of Physical Education

Dr. Raziya K.I, Dean, Faculty of Physical Education moved that the recommendations of the Faculty of Physical Education as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 23/02/2026 be approved

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Faculty of Physical Education as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 23/02/2026, except resolution regarding conduct of entrance examination for BPED and MPES programmes at LNCPE Thiruvananthapuram on Item No. VI, be approved.

(xi) Faculty of Management Studies

CMA Dr. T.Rajesh, Dean, Faculty of Commerce moved that the recommendations of the Faculty of Management Studies as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 23/02/2026 be approved

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Faculty of Management Studies as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 23/02/2026 be approved with a modification in item No. IV B 5(2) such that, in addition to French, the German courses as follows shall also be included in Integrated MBA programme.

V Semester : IMGT 501- GERMAN-I

VI Semester : IMGT 601- GERMAN-II

(xii) Faculty of Fine Arts

The Registrar moved that the recommendations of the Faculty of Fine Arts as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 24/02/2026 be approved.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Faculty of Fine Arts as contained in the Minutes of its meeting held on 24/02/2026 be approved.

(III) Resolutions given notice of by the Members

Sri. Pratheep Kumar B	
1.	2024-2025 കേരള സർവകലാശാല ബജറ്റിൽ സർവകലാശാലയിൽ നിലവിലുള്ള സെന്റർ ഫോർ ജിയോ ഇൻഫർമേഷൻ ടെക്നോളജിയെ ജോഗ്രഫി ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റായി ഉയർത്തും എന്ന് പ്രഖ്യാപിച്ചിരുന്നു. ഒപ്പം അതിനായി തുക വകയിരുത്തുകയും ചെയ്തിരുന്നു. ഭൂമിശാസ്ത്ര ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റ് ഈ അധ്യയന വർഷം തന്നെ ആരംഭിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള സൗകര്യം നടപടികൾ കൈക്കൊള്ളുക.
	<i>The resolution was seconded by Dr.A.V.Sujith. The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter cannot be accepted.</i>
Dr. C.N Vijayakumari	
2	കേരള സർവകലാശാലയിൽ നിലവിൽ നിലനിൽക്കുന്ന നിയമാനുസാരം കേരള സർവകലാശാലയിൽ നിന്ന് ഇതര സർവകലാശാലകളിലേക്ക് അധ്യാപകരായി നിയമിതരായിപ്പോയ അധ്യാപകരുടെ മാർഗ്ഗ നിർദ്ദേശാനുസാരം കേരള സർവകലാശാലയിലുള്ള ഗവേഷകർ തുടർ ഗവേഷണം നടത്തുന്നത് അംഗീകൃതമല്ല. എന്നാൽ

	മറ്റു സർവകലാശാലകളിൽ അധ്യാപകരായി സേവനമനുഷ്ഠിക്കുന്ന അധ്യാപകരുടെ മാർഗ്ഗനിർദ്ദേശത്തിൽ ഇപ്പോഴും കേരള സർവകലാശാലയിലുള്ള ഗവേഷകർ ഗവേഷണം നടത്തി വരുന്നു. ആയത് അംഗീകൃതം അല്ല എങ്കിൽ നിർത്തലാക്കണമെന്ന് ഈ പ്രമേയത്തിലൂടെ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു.
	<i>The resolution was seconded by Dr.Bindu T.V</i> <i>The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter cannot be accepted.</i>
Prof.(Dr.) U Abdul Khalam	
3.	2023 UG ബാച്ചിന്റെ അവസാന സെമെസ്റ്റർ റിസൾട്ട് വരുന്നതിനോടൊപ്പം അവർക്ക് സപ്ലിമെന്ററി പരീക്ഷകൾ നടത്തുന്നതിനും പരീക്ഷഫലം സമയബന്ധിതമായി പ്രസിദ്ധീകരിക്കുന്നതിനും നടപടി ഉണ്ടാകണമെന്ന് ഈ യോഗം ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു.
	<i>The resolution was seconded by Dr.Gladston Raj.S.</i> <i>The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter can be accepted and entrusted Controller of Examinations for further action.</i>
Dr. C.N Vijayakumari	
4.	കേരള സർവകലാശാലയുടെ വിവിധ പഠനവകുപ്പുകളിൽ പതിനൊന്നു മാസത്തേക്ക് കരാർ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ നിയമിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന അധ്യാപക-അനധ്യാപക ജീവനക്കാർക്ക് കാലാവധി കഴിയുന്ന മുറയ്ക്ക് നിരവധി വർഷങ്ങളായി പുനർനിയമനം നൽകുന്നതായി കണ്ടു വരുന്നു. വർഷങ്ങളോളമായി ഒരേ വിഭാഗത്തിൽ ജോലിയിൽ തുടരുന്ന നിരവധി കരാർ ജീവനക്കാർ സർവകലാശാലയിലുണ്ട്. സർവകലാശാലയിൽ നിന്ന് വർഷാവർഷം പഠിച്ചിറങ്ങുന്ന ബിരുദധാരികൾക്ക് കൂടി കരാർ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ ജോലിക്കുള്ള അവസരം ലഭ്യമാക്കുന്നതിന് വേണ്ടി നിലവിലുള്ള കരാർ ജീവനക്കാരുടെ കാലാവധി പൂർത്തിയാകുമ്പോൾ പുതിയ വിജ്ഞാപനം പുറപ്പെടുവിച്ച് നിയമനം നടത്തണമെന്ന് ഈ പ്രമേയം ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു.
	<i>The resolution was seconded by Dr.Sindhu Thulaseedharan.</i> <i>The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter shall be examined.</i>
Dr. Bhagyasree J B	
5	MSc Polymer Chemistry, MSc Analytical Chemistry, MSc Chemistry (Drug Design and Development) എന്നീ MSc Chemistry Course കൾ MSc Pure Chemistry കോഴ്സുമായി തുല്യമാണ് എന്ന സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ അത് MSc Pure Chemistry Syllabus ന്റെ ആമുഖത്തിലും അതത് MSc കെമിസ്ട്രികളുടെ ആമുഖത്തിലും ഈ പ്രസ്താവന ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തണമെന്ന് ഈ പ്രമേയത്തിലൂടെ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു.
	<i>The resolution was seconded by Dr.Rajesh.K</i> <i>The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter cannot be accepted.</i>
Dr. C.N Vijayakumari	
6	കേരള സർവകലാശാലയുടെ ഹസ്ത ലിഖിത ഗ്രന്ഥശാലയിൽ (ORI & Manuscript Department ൽ) ഏകദേശം 85% സംസ്കൃത ഗ്രന്ഥങ്ങൾ ഉള്ളതിനാൽ പ്രസ്തുത വിഭാഗത്തിൽ കരാർ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ ഓയിലിംഗ് അസിസ്റ്റന്റ്, മാനുസ്ക്രിപ്റ്റ് അസിസ്റ്റന്റ് എന്നീ നിയമനങ്ങൾ നടത്തുമ്പോൾ ഇനിമേൽ സംസ്കൃതം പഠിച്ച വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളെ കൂടി പരിഗണിക്കണം എന്ന് പ്രമേയത്തിലൂടെ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു.
	<i>The resolution was seconded by Dr. Bindu T V</i> <i>The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter cannot be accepted.</i>
Sri. Pratheep Kumar B	
7	നാലുവർഷ ബിരുദ കോഴ്സിന്റെ സുഗമമായ നടത്തിപ്പിന് നിലവിലുള്ള അധ്യാപക പ്രവർത്തിഭാരത്തിനപ്പുറം ആവശ്യമായി വരുന്ന പ്രവർത്തിഭാരത്തിനു അതിഥി അധ്യാപകരുടെ സേവനം ഉറപ്പുവരുത്തുന്നതിനായുള്ള നടപടി സ്വീകരിക്കുക.

*The resolution was seconded by Dr. Soumyarani V.S.
The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter cannot be accepted.*

*The Vice-Chancellor thanked all members for their whole-hearted co-operation.
The meeting came to a close at 12.30 PM.*

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VICE-CHANCELLOR

University Buildings,
Thiruvananthapuram
25.02.2026