



UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT

Abstract

DoR - Resolution of the Academic Council held on 30.03.2022, vide Item No.1.8 - approved the resolution of the Syndicate held on 22/09/2021 vide item No.2021.801* to ratify the action of the Vice Chancellor in having approved the decisions of the Research Council held on 03/06/2021 and also to consider the Syndicate decision to reconstitute the Research Council, as and when required, through the Standing Committee on Courses and Research.-implemetned - orders issued.

Directorate of Research

U.O.No. 10572/2022/Admn

Dated, Calicut University.P.O, 26.05.2022

- Read:-*1) U.O. No. 9041/2021/Admn Dated 07.09.2021
2) U.O No.11446/2021/Admn dated 07.10.2021.
3) Minutes of the LXXXIII meeting of the Academic Council held on 30.03.2022 Item No.1.8.
4) Orders of the Vice Chancellor in the file of even No. dated.17.05.2022

ORDER

The meeting of the Research Council held on 03.06.2021 approved Item No.5, Item No.7 and Item No.8 of the agenda of the meeting and decided not to approve Item No.1, 2 and 6 of the agenda. Regarding Item 3 & 4, the matters related to the HoD/ Supervising Teacher concerned and the matter intimated accordingly to them from the DoR.

Considering the urgency, the Vice Chancellor as per the orders in file of even No. Dated 03.09.2021, approved the decisions of the meeting of the Research Council held on 03.06.2021, subject to ratification by the Syndicate and the same was implemented vide reference cited 1st above.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 22/09/2021 vide item No.2021.801* resolved to ratify the action of the Vice Chancellor in having approved the decisions of the Research Council held on 03.06.2021. The Syndicate also resolved to reconstitute the Research Council, as and when required, through the Standing Committee on Courses and Research. The resolution of the Syndicate was implemented vide reference cited 2.

The Research Council held on 03.06.2021 considered the following items and resolved as follows:

Item No.1 : To consider the matter of relaxing the provisions in the Clause 10.2 of the Calicut University Research Regulations -2016, which requires two or more Scientists with Ph.D. in the subjects concerned is necessary for the approval of a Research centre.

Resolution: The Council resolved not to approve it and maintain the existing criteria in Clause 10.2 continued as such.

Item No.2 : To consider the request of the Principal, St. Joseph's College, Irinjalakkuda, to recognise the Bio-Technology, Botany & Zoology departments (with aided UG programmes and self financing PG programmes) of the College as research centres.

Resolution: The Council resolved not to approve it as per the prevailing rules of the University on this matter.

Item No. 3 : To consider the matter of condonation of shortage of attendance of M.Phil./ Ph.D.students.

Resolution: M.Phil. regulation is silent about shortage of attendance, hence, the Council resolved to follow the existing rules and practises followed for the Post Graduate students concerning the shortage of attendance, applicable to M.Phil. students too. The HoD of Hindi may be intimated the matter to take decision accordingly.

Item No.4 : To consider the matter of nomination of Research Supervisor for M.Phil. Political Science candidate.

Resolution: The Council resolved to continue Dr. N.Sebastian as the Supervisor of M.Phil. Scholar till the completion of the programme, considering it as a special case. DOR is entrusted to intimate the matter to the Supervisor.

Item No.5: To consider the matter of the ambiguities in the implementation of M.Phil. Regulation. (Note No.86135/RESEARCH-D-ASST-1/2017/Admn dated 15/05/2021)

Resolution: The clause on grading system in the M. Phil. regulation 2018 was creating some ambiguities as well as confusions. The Council discussed and finalized the clause as follows. The reframed clauses are written down:

Clause 6.6.

A student has to obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or the equivalent letter grade of B on the 0-10 point scale in the course work in order to be eligible to continue in the Programme and submit the dissertation/thesis.

6.6.1. Pass Minimum:

Each student has to obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or the equivalent letter grade of B on the 0-10 point scale determined as per the following table:

Table : Letter Grades with Grade Points and Marks Equivalent

Letter Grade	Range of Grade Point Average	Performance level	Range of Marks (Percentage)
O	9.0 - 10	Out standing	90-100
A+	8.0-8.9	Excellent	80-89.99
A	7.0-7.9	Very Good	70-79.99
B+	6.0-6.9	Good	60-69.99
B	5.5-5.9	pass	55-59.99
F	Below5.5	Fail	Below55
Ab	0	Absent	-

The mode of calculating grade point average of each course/paper and grade point average can be the same for M.Sc. and M. Phil.

Credit point of a course is the value obtained by multiplying the grade point (G) by the credit point (C) of the course. $P=GXC$

Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) is the value obtained by dividing the sum of Credit Points (P) obtained by a student in the courses studies in a semester by total number of credits taken by him/ her in that semester. The grade point shall be rounded off to the first decimal place. SGPA determines the overall performance of a student at the end of the semester.

$$SGPA = (P1+P2+P3)/C1+C2+C3$$

Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is calculated at the end of the programme. It is the value obtained by dividing the sum of credit points in all the courses opted by the student for the entire programme (2 Semesters) by the total number of credits and is calculated based on the same formula given above. CGPA shall be rounded off to the first decimal place. CGPA determines the academic level of the student and is the index of for ranking students.

An overall letter grade (Cumulative Grade) for the entire programme shall be awarded to a student depending on the CGPA using the same criterion used for awarding Grade in a course based on the grade point.

Clause 7.1.3 : About Viva-voce examination, will be continued as such.

Clause 8. Open Defense : Open defense and Viva-voce of all the candidates of a department can be conducted on the same day or two consecutive days according to the availability of the examiners. Viva-voce can be conducted before open defense as separate, as per the convenience of the examiners. Open defense can be arranged for the presentation of the research work before others and the duration can be adjusted as per the convenience of the department. The opportunity to do the presentation is as per the report on the dissertation work by the external examiner. (It should be satisfactory to present).

Clause 8.1 to 8.7 can be continued as such.

Other related matters : So as to convert the grade into percent, the procedure followed in M.Sc. can be adopted for M.Phil. also (That is, Percentage of Marks = Grade Point x 10). Over lapping of grades should be avoided as pointed out in Clause 6.6.1. in the RC meeting.

Procedure for admission: (3.1 to 3.7):

There should be an entrance test for M.Phil admission and only those who have scored 40% of marks are qualified for admission. Entrance exemption will be allowed for UGC-JRF/UGC-CSIR /GATE/SLET/Teacher fellowship qualified candidates. The number of seats will be as per the availability of teachers and reservation policy and admission rules will be followed in admission process. No seats will be kept vacant and if necessary, the cut off point will be lowered/ reduced. One seat can be reserved for JRF/CSIR/GATE/SLET/Teacher fellowship candidates

Item No. 6 : To consider the matter of amending the clause 2.8.2 in the Research Regulations, 2016 in view of a request received from a guest Lecturer to do Ph.D in part time mode.

Resolution : The Council resolved not to consider the request.

Item No.7 :

To modify the Clause 2.8.2. of the Calicut University Research Regulations to permit Lecturers/ Assistant Professors/ Scientists who are holding a permanent position in Central/ State Government Institutions in Kerala to do part-time research (orders of the Vice Chancellor in the DDFS file of even No. Dated 30/05/2021).

Resolution : The Council resolved to permit lecturers/ Assistants Professors/ Scientists who are holding a permanent position in Central/ State Government Institution in Kerala to do part time research by modifying Clause 2.8.2 of the Calicut University Research Regulations 2016.

Item No.8.

To consider granting permission for Govt. or Aided Lower Primary and Upper Primary school teachers holding a permanent position there and are eligible for admission to Ph.D. programme satisfying the conditions of Clause (2.1) to do part-time research.

Resolution: The Council resolved to permit Govt/Aided /Lower-Primary and Upper Primary School

Teacher, holding a permanent position to do part time research, if they qualify other eligibility criteria and Entrance test (Satisfying conditions of Clause 2.1 to do part time research). They should be present to do full time course work.

Other decisions:

- 1) If a Supervising Guide is nearing retirement (Maximum of less than 3 years to retire) when the Ph. D. Candidate is joining, there should be a Co-guide arranged while doing registration. It will be a supportive step for the research scholars.
- 2) Whether Full-time or Part-time mode, research progress should be assessed in every 6 months and Research Advisory Committee should ensure the same.
- 3) Ph.D. Course work should be strictly monitored by the head of the research centre, on attendance and quality, for both part time and full-time mode research scholars.
- 4) Ethical Committee details should be published in the website of Directorate of Research. The Ethical Committees should be convened on a regular basis, so as to issue clearance certificate for researchers and minor studies.
- 5) Arrangements can be done by the University to conduct Convocation to distribute Ph.D. Award on a regular basis, at least once in a year. An invited lecture of an eminent Scientist can also be arranged on the day.

After considering the matter in detail, the Vice Chancellor has ordered on 28/02/2022 to place the above resolution of the Syndicate to the Academic Council.

As per reference cited 3rd above , the Academic Council at its meeting held on 30/03/2022 considered the the above resolution of the Syndicate and approved the same with the following modifications.

1) Minutes of the Meeting of the Research Council held at 10.30 am on 03.06.2021 Via Online : Resolution of the Item No. 4 : The House resolved to remove the sentence "considering it as a special case " and amended as below:

The council resolved to continue Dr. N.Sebastian as the Supervisor of M.Phil Scholar till the completion of the programme, DOR is entrusted to intimate the matter to the supervisor.

2) The House resolved that the modifications to Research regulation will be considered in the next meeting of the Research Council.

3) Minutes of the Meeting of the Research Council held at 10.30 am on 03.06.2021 Via Online :

Other decisions: Item No.1 : The House resolved to amend the item as below.

If a supervising Guide is nearing retirement, when the Ph.D candidate is joining, Supervising guide shall continue until the completion of their programme.

As per reference cited 5th, sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor to implement above resolution of the Academic Council held on 30.03.2022 vide item No. 1.8 and thus the resolution is implemented.

The amendments will come in to effect from 30/03/2022, the date on which the Academic Council approved the amendments.

Orders are issued accordingly.

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Deputy Registrar

To

1. Members of the Standing Committee on Courses and Research.
 2. The Heads of all the University Teaching Departments / Other Research Centres.
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