

**MEENAKSHI ACADEMY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND
RESEARCH**

(MAHER-DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)

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Minutes of the Meeting of the 31st Academic Council held on 15.02.2017

The Thirty First Academic Council meeting of Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research was held at 11 a.m on 15th February 2017 in the boardroom. The following members attended the meeting.

S.No	NAME	DESIGNATION	ROLE
1.	Dr.Geetha Prakash	Vice Chancellor, MAHER	Chairman
2.	Dr. S. Rajasekaran	Dean, MMCH & RI	Member
3.	Dr.R.S.Neelakandan	Principal, Meenakshi Ammal Dental College	Member
4.	Prof.Fabiola M. Dhanaraj	Principal, Faculty of Arulmigu Meenakshi College of Nursing	Member
5.	Thiru.R.S.Gangadharan	Principal, Faculty of Physiotherapy	Member
6.	Dr.P.Jayamathi	Principal i/c, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences	Member
7.	Mr. Ranjith	Principal i/c, Faculty of Humanities and Sciences	Member
8.	Dr.M.Chandrasekar	Prof & HOD,Dept of Physiology, MMCH & RI, Kanchipuram	Member
9.	Dr.S.Natarajan	Prof. of Medicine, MMCH & RI, Kanchipuram	Member
10.	Dr.M.Ganesan	Prof. of Surgery, MMCH & RI, Kanchipuram	Member
11.	Dr.V.Chiranjeevi	Prof. of Nephrology, MMCH & RI, Kanchipuram	Member
12.	Dr.H.Annapoorani	Prof of Prosthodontics, MADC, Maduravoyal	Member

13.	Dr.B.G.Harsha Vardhan	Prof. of Oral Medicine, MADC, Maduravoyal	Member
14.	Dr.M.K.Srinivasan	Professor in ENT, MMCH & RI, Kanchipuram	Member
15.	Dr.P.S.Saravanan	Prof. of Surgery, MMCH & RI, Kanchipuram	Member
16.	Dr.R.Radhakrishnan	Prof. of Urology, MMCH & RI, Kanchipuram	Member
17.	Dr.Jaideep Mahendra	Prof. of Periodontics, MADC, Maduravoyal	Member
18.	Dr.Manikandan.R	Prof. of Oral Surgery, MADC, Maduravoyal	Member
19.	Dr.Krithika Dutta	Reader in Conservative Dentistry, MADC, Maduravoyal	Member
20.	Dr.K.Muthu Babu	Asst. Prof. of ENT, MMCH & RI, Kanchipuram	Member
21.	Prof. K.S.Nagarajan	Former Principal, IHMCI, Taramani	External Member
22.	Dr. Usha Kothandaraman	Former Professor of Anatomy, MMCH & RI, Kanchipuram	External Member
23.	Dr. Sivaraman	Former Professor of Urology, MMCH & RI, Kancheepuram	External Member
24.	Dr.J.Arunakaran	Director of Research	Member
25.	Prof. Anitha Varma	Controller of Examination i/c	Member
26.	Thiru. A.N.Santhanam	Registrar	Member Secretary

The Member Secretary informed the chair that the quorum was complete and the meeting could start. The Vice Chancellor welcomed all the members to the meeting and called upon the Member Secretary to assume the charge and take forward the proceedings. The Member Secretary read out the Agendas one by one for discussion and approval.

Agenda 1: To confirm the minutes of the 30th Academic Council Meeting held on 1st September, 2016 and the action taken thereon

The Member Secretary Thiru. A.N.Santhanam presented the salient points in the minutes of the 30th Academic Council meeting held on 01.09.2016 and the actions taken thereon. The members discussed at length about actions taken after the meeting and concurred that they were satisfactory.

The minutes of 30th Academic Council meeting were reviewed and action taken thereon was approved.

Agenda 2: To consider and approve minutes of the Board of Studies for MBBS held on 07.09.2016

Dr Rajashekhar, Dean, MMCHRI, Kanchipuram proposed to consider and approve minutes of the Board of Studies for MBBS held on 07.09.2016. The Dean briefly explained the decisions of the board of studies meeting to the academic council members which included the following:

1. To include e-content for teaching MBBS and Postgraduate students as per University regulations
2. To Continue the syllabus, academic calendar & schedule for MBBS program without change as per university & Governing Body regulations
3. To consider the Feedback Action taken report for the academic year 2015-2016

It was resolved to approve minutes of the Board of Studies for held on 07.09.2016

Agenda 3: To consider and approve minutes of the Board of Studies for DM programs held on 07.09.2016

Dr Rajashekhar, Dean, MMCHRI, Kanchipuram presented a proposal to consider and approve minutes of the Board of Studies meeting held on 07.09.2016. He listed out the details of the resolutions taken at the board of studies meeting and sought the approval of the academic council for the same. The following were the highlights that were presented:

1. To present a poster, to read/present a research paper at an international/national/state conference, which must be sent for the publication / accepted / published during the period of his/her super specialty studies so as to make him/her eligible to appear at the Super specialty degree examination
2. To review regulations 2011 and syllabus for DM programs , as per MCI norms
3. To consider of the Feedback Action taken report for the academic year 2015-2016

It was resolved to approve minutes of the Board of Studies for DM Programs held on 07.09.2015

Agenda 4: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for MD Dermatology held on 15.09.2016

The Dean, MMCHRI presented a proposal to consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for MD Dermatology held on 15.09.2016. The following points were discussed and resolved to be approved by the members of the academic council:

1. To continue regulations 2009 and the syllabi for MD Dermatology program, as per MCI norms
2. To implement weekly short group discussion of histopathology slides to improve the clinicopathological correlation by students

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for MD Dermatology held on 15.09.2016

Agenda 5: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for MD General Medicine held on 07.09.2016

The Dean, MMCHRI presented the agenda to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for MD General Medicine held on 07.09.2016. The following details of the meeting were explained in brief to the members and the permission of the academic council was sought for the ratification of the decisions of the board of studies:

1. Addition of clinical case presentations and discussions by postgraduates on weekly basis
2. To conduct CME on Paraplegia & Brainstem syndromes in September for post graduate students
3. To include mandatory presentation of an oral paper/poster in state/national/international conferences/ workshop

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for MD General Medicine held on 07.09.2016

Agenda 6: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for MD Pharmacology held on 07.09.2016

The Dean, MMCHRI presented the gist of the minutes of the Board of Studies for MD Pharmacology held on 07.09.2016. The following points were presented to the members for due consideration and approval:

1. To continue regulations 2009 and the syllabi for MD Pharmacology program as per MCI norms
2. To approve the change in the existing scheme of final university practical examinations to be replaced with alternatives to animal experiments
3. To implement the training at toxicological center

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for MD Pharmacology held on 07.09.2016

Agenda 7: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for MD Microbiology held on 17.09.2016

The member secretary called upon the Dean, MMCHRI to present the agenda. The Dean, presented a gist of the board of studies meeting. The members considered the points and agreed to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for MD Pharmacology held on 17.09.2016. The highlights that were presented were as follows:

1. To review the regulation 2010 and syllabus of MD-Microbiology
2. To consider removal of handling of laboratory animal experiment
3. To include the presentation of an oral paper/poster in state/national/international conferences/ workshop as a mandatory requirement for postgraduates

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for MD Microbiology held on 17.09.2016

Agenda 8: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for MS Otorhinolaryngology held on 07.09.2016

The Dean, MMCHRI presented a proposal to consider and approve minutes of the Board of Studies MS Otorhinolaryngology held on 07.09.2016. The Dean presented the proposal to consider and approve the new PG curriculum. The members unanimously approved the agenda.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for MS Otorhinolaryngology held on 07.09.2016

Agenda 9: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for MD Pathology held on 07.09.2016

The member secretary announced the need to discuss the minutes of the Board of Studies MD Pathology held on 07.09.2016 and called upon the Dean,MMCHRI to present the same. The following points were presented to the academic council for approval:

1. To continue regulations 2009 and the syllabi for MD PATHOLOGY program, as per MCI norms
2. To approve the following skill development programs to improve the skills beyond the curriculum for the MD Pathology students under the Regulations of 2009:
 - a. Pathology PG training workshop “Calipath” 2016 (3days)
 - b. “APCON 2016“ National Conference in Jaipur.
3. To consider the Feedback Action taken report analysed for the academic year 2015-2016.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for MD Pathology held on 07.09.2016

Agenda 10: To consider and approve minutes of the Board of Studies for M.ch Urology held on 07.09.2016

The Dean, MMCHRI presented the proposal to include mandatory presentation of an oral paper/poster in state/national/international conferences/ workshop before the academic council members and sought their approval.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for M.ch Urology held on 07.09.2016

Agenda 11: To consider and approve minutes of the Board of Studies for nursing held on 08.09.2016

Prof.Fabiola.M.Dhanraj, Principal, Faculty of Arulmigu Meenakshi College of Nursing, presented the proposal to consider and approve minutes of the Board of Studies for nursing held at Arulmigu Meenakshi College of Nursing on 08.09.2016. The following highlights were discussed:

1. Introduction of MCQ in UG Examination of the University
2. Internship marks to be included in the mark sheet – Indian Nursing Council notification for the Syllabi of B.Sc. (N)

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for nursing held on 08.09.2016

Agenda 12: To consider and approve minutes of the Board of Studies for Allied Health Sciences held on 19.01.2017

The member secretary called upon the Principal of Allied Health Sciences to present the agenda. The Principal presented a gist of the board of studies meeting. The members considered the points and agreed to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for Allied Health Sciences held on 19.01.2017. The highlights that were presented were as follows:

1. To continue the syllabus of the B.Sc Allied Health Sciences on the pattern of the Curriculum under the Regulations 2014
2. To offer Cardiac Life Support as a Value-Added Course imparting transferable and life skills beyond the Curriculum in the Syllabus of B.Sc Allied Health Sciences under the Regulations 2014

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for Allied Health Sciences held on 19.01.2017

Agenda 13: To consider and approve minutes of the Board of Studies for Faculty of Humanities and Science held on 05.09.2016

Agenda 15: To consider and approve minutes of the Board of Studies for MDS Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics held on 01.09.2016

The Principal, Meenakshi Ammal Dental College and Hospital, came forward to present the minutes of the Board of Studies for MDS Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics held on 01.09.2016. The main point that had been presented to the academic council for approval was the ratification of the alumni lectures that had been conducted for the post graduates. The members then carefully considered the points and agreed that they may be approved.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for MDS Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics held on 01.09.2016.

Agenda 16: To consider and approve minutes of the Board of Studies for MDS Prosthodontics, Crown and Bridge held on 09.09.2016

The member secretary announced the need to discuss the minutes of the Board of Studies for MDS Prosthodontics, Crown and Bridge held on 09.09.2016 and called upon the Principal, Meenakshi Ammal Dental College and Hospital to present the same. The following points were presented to the academic council for approval:

1. To consider the introduction of Syncrystallization technique and use of intraoral welding machine and its effective use in PG curriculum
2. To consider conducting a CDE program in association with Indian Dental Association of Pre-summit workshop on Cast gold restorations
3. To consider the implementation of the proposal for post graduates to assist surgeries under general anesthesia of their respective patients if the operation is taking place within the college premises so as to improve clinical and surgical knowledge

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for MDS Prosthodontics, Crown and Bridge held on 09.09.2016

Agenda 17: To consider and approve minutes of the Board of Studies for MDS Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery held on 07.09.2016

The Principal, Meenakshi Ammal Dental College and Hospital, presented the proposal to review and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for MDS Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery held on 07.09.2016. The following were the main points that had been discussed:

1. To continue the syllabus of MDS- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery under regulation 2016
2. To continue the program structure of MDS- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery under regulation 2016
3. To consider remarks given for the students presenting in clinical society meetings in the internal assessment in MDS-Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for the Regulation 2007

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for MDS Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery held on 07.09.2016

Agenda 18: To consider and approve minutes of the Board of Studies for MDS Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry held on 15.09.2016

The member secretary called upon the Principal, Meenakshi Ammal Dental College and Hospital to take over and present the minutes of the Board of Studies for MDS Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry held on 15.09.2016. The Principal presented a gist of the following points that had been discussed and passed by the board of studies to the academic council members and sought their approval:

1. To continue the Regulations - 2007 and syllabus of MDS- Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry
2. To implement the Regulations - 2017 of MDS- Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry as per DCI norms to formulate the Syllabus accordingly
3. To review the feedback analysis and action taken report of the academic year 2015-2016
4. "Best paper presentation" awarded to Dr.Parisa at 38th National ISPPD conference at Kochi

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for MDS Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry held on 15.09.2016

Agenda 19: To consider and approve minutes of the Board of Studies for MDS Oral Medicine and Radiology held on 06.09.2016

The Principal, Meenakshi Ammal Dental College and Hospital gave a brief explanation of the minutes of the Board of Studies for MDS Oral Medicine and Radiology held on 06.09.2016 and sought the consideration and approval of the academic council.

1. BLS and Management of Medical Emergencies in Dental office as a skill development program imparting transferable and life skills beyond the curriculum in the syllabus of MDS Oral Medicine and Radiology under the Regulations of 2007
2. To conduct a field visit having relevance to the local/national/regional/global developmental needs with learning objectives including program specific outcomes
3. To consider and approve the draft of "Regulations and Syllabus for 2017" to implement the same

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for MDS Oral Medicine and Radiology on 06.09.2016

Agenda 20: To consider and approve minutes of the Board of Studies for MDS Public Health Dentistry held on 06.09.2016

The Principal, Meenakshi Ammal Dental College and Hospital gave a brief explanation of the minutes of the Board of Studies for MDS Public Health Dentistry held on 06.09.2016 and sought the consideration and approval of the academic council.

1. To include the following skill development programs:
 - a. Certificate course on Tobacco Control and Cessation for health care professional
 - b. Management of Medical Emergencies in Dental office
2. To organize a field visit having relevance to the local/national/regional/global developmental needs with learning objectives including program specific outcomes
3. To include a value-added course imparting transferable and life skills offered beyond the curriculum like State level Hands-on workshop on “Applied Biostatistics” in the syllabi of MDS in Public Health Dentistry under the Regulations 2007
4. To consider and ratify the draft of “Regulations and Syllabus for 2017”

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for MDS Public Health Dentistry held on 06.09.2016

Agenda 21: To consider and approve minutes of the Board of Studies for Bachelor of Dental Surgery held on 14.09.2016

The member secretary proposed to consider and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies Bachelor of Dental Surgery held on 14.09.2016. The Principal, Meenakshi Ammal Dental College and Hospital took over and proposed the following recommendations of the board of studies:

1. To allot short study topics for Interns every year to encourage students into Research activities
2. To conduct a Symposium on General Diagnosis and Treatment Planning as part of skill training

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for Bachelor of Dental Surgery held on 14.09.2016

Agenda 22: To consider and approve minutes of the Board of Studies for Diploma in Dental Mechanics held on 09.09.2016

The Principal, Meenakshi Ammal Dental College and Hospital gave a brief explanation of the minutes of the Board of Studies for Diploma in Dental Mechanics held on 09.09.2016 and sought the consideration and approval of the academic council. for the recommendation of the Board of Studies to post the first year dental technicians in the undergraduate clinical Department of Prosthodontics to help the third year and final year of BDS in the laboratory work assigned to the clinical students.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for Diploma in Dental Mechanics held on 09.09.2016

Agenda 23: To consider and approve the introduction of B.Sc. Respiratory Technology under the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences with an intake capacity of 15 students from the academic year 2017 – 2018 onwards

Dr.P.Jayamathi,Principal, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences presented the proposal to initiate BSc Respiratory technology. To this, all the members unanimously concurred and approved the introduction of the new program in the faculty of Allied Health Sciences.

It was resolved to approve the regulation and syllabus for the BSc Respiratory Technology under the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences from the academic Year 2017-18.

Agenda 24: To approve interdisciplinary courses across the constituent colleges of MAHER for the Academic year 2017-18

The Member Secretary, Thiru. A.N.Santhanam presented the list of interdisciplinary courses to be offered by the University in the academic year 2017-18. He stated that these courses would lead to an overall development of the students by allowing a greater exposure to various new concepts that are beyond the scope of their chosen programs.

It was resolved to approve the interdisciplinary courses across the constituent colleges of MAHER for the academic year 2017-18 as per [Annexure (AC31.1)]

Agenda 25: Approval of the sanctioned faculty strength and the existing faculty strength for the academic year 2017-18

The Member Secretary, Thiru. A.N.Santhanam presented the number of full-time teachers against sanctioned posts for the academic year 2017-18.

It was resolved to approve the sanctioned faculty as per the norms of UGC and regulatory bodies for the academic year 2017-18 as per [Annexure (AC 31.2)]

Agenda 26: To consider and approve the number of sanctioned seats in all programs offered at MAHER for the academic year 2017-2018

The member secretary, Thiru A.N.Santhanam, Registrar, MAHER,presented a report on the number of sanctioned seats in all the programs offered at MAHER for the academic year 2017-2018.

It was resolved to approve the number of sanctioned seats in all the programs offered at MAHER for the academic year 2017-2018 as per [Annexure (AC 31.3)]

Agenda 27: Introduction of new PG degree programs in the Faculty of Physiotherapy for the academic year 2017-18

The Member Secretary , Thiru A.N.Santhanam, Registrar, proposed the introduction of new PG degree programs by the University. The members discussed and concluded that new PG programs can be introduced in Orthopedics, Geriatrics, Neurology and Pediatrics from the academic year 2017-18

It was resolved to introduce M.P.T.Orthopedics , M.P.T.Geriatrics,MPT Neurology and MPT Pediatrics as the new degree programs to be offered by the university in the year 2017-18 as mentioned in [Annexure (AC 31.4)].

Agenda 28: Any other Matter

The Member Secretary,Thiru. A.N.Santhanam enquired all the members if there was any other matter pending for discussion. Since there was no other matter, the member secretary thanked the members for their time and inputs.

The Vice Chancellor, Dr.Geetha Prakash, also thanked all the members for their valuable time, patience and guidance .