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RESEARCH**

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Minutes of the Meeting of the 45th Academic Council held on 18. 10. 2021

The Forty Fifth Academic Council meeting of Meenakshi Academy of Higher education and Research was held on a virtual platform on 18th October 2021 at 11.00 AM, due to the COVID pandemic situation. The Google Meet link for the meeting was <https://meet.google.com/wof-etjo-nsp>. The following members attended the meeting.

S.no	Name of the Member	Designation	Role
1.	Prof. Dr. R.S. Neelakandan	Vice Chancellor	Chairperson
2.	Prof. Dr. K.V.Rajasekhar	Dean - Meenakshi Medical College and Research Inst	Member
3.	Prof. Dr. N. Velmurugan	Principal - Meenakshi Ammal Dental College	Member
4.	Prof. Fabiola M. Dhanaraj	Principal - Arulmigu Meenakshi College of Nursing	Member
5.	Dr. Sumathi	Principal - Meenakshi College of	Member

		Nursing	
6.	Dr. Murali Krishnan	Principal - Faculty of Occupational Therapy	Member
7.	Dr. V. Shanthi	Principal - Faculty of Humanities And Science	Member
8.	Dr. Elangovan	Principal - Faculty of Yoga Science and Therapy	Member
9.	Dr. Parthasarathy	Principal -Faculty of Physiotherapy	Member
10.	Dr. Sasikumar Arumugam	Principal i/c - Faculty of Allied Health Science	Member
11.	Dr. Srinivasa Prasad T	HOD, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, MADC	Member
12.	Dr. Ambalavanan N	HOD, Periodontology, MADC	Member
13.	Dr. Kavitha B	HOD, Oral Pathology & Microbiology, MADC	Member
14.	Dr. R. Devaki Vijayalakshmi	HOD, Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics, MADC	Member
15.	Dr. Annapoorni H	HOD, Prosthodontics and Crown & Bridge, MADC	Member

16.	Dr. Mohammed Farzan J	HOD, Pedodontics & Preventive Dentistry, MADC	Member
17.	Dr. Preetha Elizabeth Chaly	HOD, Public Health Dentistry, MADC	Member
18.	Dr. Saraswathi K	HOD, Oral Medicine & Radiology, MADC	Member
19.	Dr. Maheswari	HOD, Anatomy, MMCHRI	Member
20.	Dr. Muthulakshmi	HOD, Physiology, MMCHRI	Member
21.	Dr. Ursula Sampson	HOD, Biochemistry, MMCHRI	Member
22.	Dr. Parimala K	HOD, Pharmacology, MMCHRI	Member
23.	Dr. Eswari V	HOD, Pathology, MMCHRI	Member
24.	Dr. Senthamarai S	HOD, Microbiology, MMCHRI	Member
25.	Dr. Dekal V	HOD, Forensic Medicine, MMCHRI	Member
26.	Dr. Kokila Selvaraj	HOD, Community Medicine, MMCHRI	Member
27.	Dr. Anbarasu D	HOD, General Medicine, MMCHRI	Member
28.	Dr. Kumaravel	HOD, Dermatology, MMCHRI	Member
29.	Dr. Rama Rao M	HOD, Psychiatry, MMCHRI	Member
30.	Dr. Saravanan P.S	HOD, General Surgery, MMCHRI	Member

31.	Dr. Sankaralingam P	HOD, Orthopaedics, MMCHRI	Member
32.	Dr. Sundararajan D	HOD, Ophthalmology, MMCHRI	Member
33.	Dr. Muthubabu K	HOD, ENT, MMCHRI	Member
34.	Dr. Thirumaran U.G	HOD, Anaesthesia, MMCHRI	Member
35.	Dr. Bala Gopal G	HOD, Paediatrics, MMCHRI	Member
36.	Dr. Jayanthi R	HOD, OBG, MMCHRI	Member
37.	Dr. Anand V	HOD, Dentistry, MMCHRI	Member
38.	Dr. Mutharasu	HOD, Neurology, MMCHRI	Member
39.	Dr. Selvaraj	HOD, Urology, MMCHRI	Member
40.	Dr. Padmanaban	HOD, Gastroenterology, MMCHRI	Member
41.	Dr. Arunachalam	HOD, Cardiology, MMCHRI	Member
42.	Dr. M.Ganesan	Professor, Dept of General Surgery, MMCHRI	Member
43.	Dr. D.Sundararajan	Professor, Dept of Ophthalmology, MMCHRI	Member
44.	Dr. K.Shankar	Professor, Dept of Community Medicine, MMCHRI	Member
45.	Dr. N.Neelambikai	Professor, Dept of Physiology, MMCHRI	Member

46.	Dr. R.Vijaya	Professor, Dept of Anatomy, MMCHRI	Member
47.	Dr. G.Anbazhagan	Professor, Dept of General Medicine, MMCHRI	Member
48.	Dr. Rebecca Pushpa Rani	Professor, Dept of Anatomy, MADC	Member
49.	Dr. Jaideep Mahendra	Professor, Dept of Periodontics, MADC	Member
50.	Dr. S. Nandhini	Associate Professor, Dept of Cons. Dentistry, MADC	Member
51.	Dr. M. Ardhanari	Associate Professor, Dept of Psychiatry, MMCHRI	Member
52.	Dr. C. Burnice Nalina Kumari	Associate Professor, Dept of Periodontology, MADC	Member
53.	Mr. Hari Hara Subramanian	Assistant Professor, Faculty of Physiotherapy	Member
54.	Dr. Shankaranarayan	Dean (Retried), Villupuram Medical College, Villup	External Member
55.	Dr. S. Syed Rafiq Ahmed	Associate Professor & Head, Dept of Commerce, The	External Member
56.	Dr. Arunagirinathan	Academic Officer	Member
57.	Dr. Revathi K	Director, Research	Member
58.	Dr. Thirumal Kumar D	Assistant Research Director &	Member

		Assistant Registrar	
59.	Prof.Dr. Krithika C	Registrar	Member Secretary
60.	Dr. B. Srinivasan	Controller of Examinations	Permanent invitee

Leave of absence:

Dr. B. Saravanan, Former Principal, Govt. Dental College, Chennai

The Member Secretary informed the chair that the quorum was complete and the meeting could start. The Vice Chancellor welcomed all the members and special invitees 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 consider and approve the exam schedule for MBBS in view of COVID pandemic

The Member Secretary called upon the Dean, MMCHRI to present the agenda. The Dean proposed the following schedule for conducting the MBBS examinations in view of COVID pandemic:

1. I and II year MBBS examinations : January 2022
2. III year Part I examination: March 2022
3. Final year examinations : March 2022

The Controller of Examinations added that this was the revised schedule for examinations given by the NMC. The Chairperson, member secretary and the members opined that the exam schedule given by the NMC must be followed.

It was resolved to conduct the examinations for MBBS as per the schedule given by the NMC

Agenda 2: To consider and approve the revised scheme of examination for PG MS (ENT) in the Department of Otorhinolaryngology

Dr MuthuBabu, HOD, Department of Otorhinolaryngology presented the details of the revised scheme of examination for PG MS (ENT) in the Department of Otorhinolaryngology proposed for the 2020-2021 batch as per the draft NMC guidelines. The revised pattern is as follows:

The examination would be in three parts:

1. **Thesis:** To be submitted at least six months before the Theory and Clinical/ Practical examination
2. **Theory:**
 - a. Paper I: Basic Sciences related Otolaryngology
 - b. Paper II: Principles and Practices of Otolaryngology
 - c. Paper III: Recent advances in Otolaryngology and Head Neck surgery.
 - d. Paper IV: General Surgical Principles and Head-Neck Surgery
3. **Clinical / Practical and viva voce Examination :**
 - a. One long case and two short cases
 - b. Assessment may include Objective Structured Clinical Examination(OSCE)

The member secretary and the members discussed and opined that the new pattern may be adopted once it has been officially notified in the Gazette and that the old pattern may be continued until such time.

It was resolved to adopt the revised scheme of examination for PG MS (ENT) in the Department of Otorhinolaryngology after it is notified in the e- gazette

Agenda 3: To consider and approve the peripheral postings of the final year PG students

The Dean, MMCHRI presented the proposal to continue the peripheral postings of the final year PG students wherein the students are posted in Government/ Government aided hospitals for a period of two months. He further requested the University to send an SOP for PG peripheral postings to streamline the process. The member secretary opined that a meeting may be scheduled with the Dean and the HODs in the next two weeks to draft the SOP. After a brief discussion, the members unanimously accepted the proposal and decided to design and evolve an SOP for the PG peripheral postings taking the NMC guidelines into consideration.

It was resolved to approve the peripheral postings of the final year PG students and to draft an SOP for the peripheral postings

Agenda 4: To consider and approve the extension of deadline for submission of PG dissertation

The Dean, MMCHRI requested the members to consider and approve the extension of the deadline for submission of PG dissertation by 1 month. The Vice Chancellor and Registrar enquired if there were any guidelines from NMC regarding the matter. In response, the Controller of Examinations apprised the members of the communication from the NMC regarding the relaxations for PG degree thesis and its decision to allow the PG students of 2018-19 and 2019-20 batches to submit their dissertations 3 months prior to the theory and clinical/practical examinations. Dr. Kumaravel, HOD, Department of Dermatology, MMCHRI seconded the proposal of the Dean and added that it should be extended till December 2021

without penalty. The members discussed and requested the Controller of Examinations to verify and circulate the communication received from NMC regarding the matter and concluded that a decision should be taken based on the NMC guidelines.

It was resolved to extend the deadline for submission of PG dissertation after verification of the NMC guidelines

Agenda 5: To consider and approve the inclusion of District Residency Programme for PG students in the 3rd or 4th or 5th semester

The Dean, MMCHRI presented the proposal to consider and approve the inclusion of District Residency Programme for PG students in the 3rd or 4th or 5th semester as per the new NMC regulations. The Vice Chancellor opined that the implementation of this proposal would require the consent of the Medical Officer at the district headquarters. The Registrar agreed with the Vice Chancellor's opinion and asked the Dean to send a detailed proposal citing the NMC guideline to the University so that the matter may be forwarded to the concerned district authorities.

It was resolved to approve the inclusion of District Residency Programme for PG students in the 3rd or 4th or 5th semester as per NMC regulations after obtaining permission from the concerned authorities

Agenda 6: To consider and approve the change in specialty name from M.D (Dermatology) to M.D (DVL)

The Member Secretary proposed to consider and approve the change in specialty name from M.D (Dermatology) to M.D (DVL). She added that it was imperative to adopt the revised terminology as the approval received from NMC also mentioned the specialty as M.D (DVL). Dr. Kumaravel, HOD, Department of Dermatology, MMCHRI agreed with the point and affirmed that most other deemed universities have also named the specialty as M.D (DVL). The Controller of Examinations raised his concern regarding the matter and explained that if the present batch is awarded the degree with the revised terminology, the students of the previous batches may also ask that their certificates be changed to MD (DVL). The Vice Chancellor and the member secretary opined that in such cases, the request of the students must be honoured.

It was resolved to approve the change in specialty name from M.D (Dermatology) to M.D (DVL)

Agenda 7: Inclusion of new additional theory topics for II, III, and IV BDS students

The Principal, Meenakshi Ammal Dental College proposed the inclusion of new theory topics for II, III, and IV BDS students. He read out the theory topics that had been suggested by the various departments of the dental college for inclusion in the syllabus of II, III and IV BDS. The member secretary agreed with the proposal but sought the opinion

of the members regarding having a cap on the weightage of marks awarded to these topics since they are included over and above the DCI curriculum. Dr. Syed, External member, concurred with the idea and suggested that a cap of 5% may be implemented for the new topics.

It was resolved to approve the inclusion of new theory topics for II, III, and IV BDS students

Agenda 8: Inclusion of new additional clinical procedures for the BDS students

The Principal, Meenakshi Ammal Dental College apprised the members about the following proposals received from the Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics and the Department of Orthodontics for the inclusion of new additional clinical procedures for the BDS students:

1. Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics:

- a. To make rubber dam isolation compulsory for all operative procedures
- b. To consider and approve the proposal for final year BDS students and the interns to perform posterior root canal treatment procedures on patients

2. Department of Orthodontics :

- a. To make it compulsory for interns to do fixed orthodontic treatment for patients with minor malocclusion

The Vice Chancellor expressed concern regarding interns doing fixed orthodontic treatment and opined that their two month posting period would be insufficient for them to effectively plan and follow up their cases. The members agreed with the opinion of the Vice Chancellor and decided to take the discussion forward in the next meeting after gaining clarification from the faculty of the Dept. of Orthodontics.

It was resolved to approve the new additional Clinical Procedures for the BDS students in the Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics

Agenda 9: To consider and approve the inclusion of new topics in the MDS Syllabus

The Principal, Meenakshi Ammal Dental College, presented the agenda to include new topics in the MDS syllabus as suggested by the board of studies. Dr. Syed, external member, enquired if a cap must be enforced for the weightage of marks allotted for these topics. The Principal expressed dissent with this suggestion and opined that at the postgraduate level, the students must be prepared to answer questions on recent advances in the subject. The Vice Chancellor and the Registrar however opined that a cap of 10% should be kept for the new topics. The Controller of Examinations suggested that one of the essays from the recent advances paper can be asked from the new topics if necessary. The members deliberated over the matter and agreed that the new topics may be asked as a maximum of one essay in the recent advances paper.

It was resolved to approve the inclusion of new topics in the MDS Syllabus

Agenda 10: Introduction of Certificate courses in Oncology, Pathology, and Microendodontics

The Principal, Meenakshi Ammal Dental College presented the proposal to introduce Certificate courses in Oncology, Pathology, and Microendodontics. He elucidated that the Oncology and Pathology courses are meant for those who have completed their undergraduate degree and that the certificate course on microendodontics was to be offered to postgraduates of the Dept of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics. The Vice Chancellor however, strongly disagreed with the involvement of undergraduates in surgical oral oncology and opined that they are underqualified for such procedures. The member secretary also expressed her reservations regarding the general pathology course being conducted without general pathology staff members. The members then discussed and decided to defer these courses for more deliberation until the next academic council meeting. With regard to the course on microendodontics, the member secretary opined that it can be approved as it falls well within the realm of the department of Endodontics.

It was resolved to approve the introduction of the certificate course on Microendodontics for the postgraduates of the Dept of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics and defer the introduction of the Certificate courses on Oncology and Pathology for further discussion until the next academic council meeting

Agenda 11: Extension of deadline for submission of dissertation/Change of topics for MDS 2022 exam going batch

The Principal, Meenakshi Ammal Dental College proposed to consider the extension of the deadline for submission of dissertation /Change of topics for MDS 2022 exam going batch. He informed the council about the DCI notification that has allowed for the extension of the deadline for submission of thesis by two months. In addition, change of thesis topics have also been permitted by the DCI if the project obtains the approval of the ethical board. The Controller of Examination however drew the attention of the members to the DCI guidelines for reopening of dental colleges dated December 2020 that states that the Postgraduate degree students of batches 2018-19 and 2019-20 can be allowed to submit their thesis at least three months before the Theory and Clinical/Practical examination and that final sample size actually analyzed may be considered even if it is less than the committed sample size in the approved thesis protocol for the study. He pointed out that a change in thesis topic was however not permitted. Following further appeal from the Principal to consider allowing the change of topic as a one time measure in view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the members agreed that it may be done by conducting ethical committee meetings to approve the revised topics.

It was resolved to approve the extension of the deadline for submission of dissertation /Change of topics for MDS 2022 exam going batch in view of the covid 19 pandemic

Agenda 12: To consider and approve the list of Value-Added Courses in B.Sc (Nursing)

The member secretary called upon the Principal, Arulmigu Meenakshi College of Nursing to present the agenda. She listed the following courses that can be offered based on a needs analysis conducted and expert opinion of external members:

1. Career guidance
2. Ventilators
3. Dialysis
4. Telemedicine
5. Medical Tourism
6. Diabetic foot care
7. Transgender care

She proposed the inclusion of career guidance and ventilators from the above list. The members opined that career guidance can be given to the students but not as a value added course. The Principal was then requested to present the final list of value added courses to the academic council after deliberation with the nursing faculty within a week.

It was resolved to reconsider the list of Value-Added Courses in B.Sc (Nursing)

Agenda 13: To have Guest lectures for interdisciplinary subjects like Biochemistry, General medicine, General Surgery, Radiology, etc. for BPT & MPT

The Principal, Faculty of Physiotherapy presented the proposal to have Guest lectures by the faculty of MMCHRI for interdisciplinary subjects like Biochemistry, General medicine, General Surgery, Radiology, etc. for BPT & MPT. The Dean accepted the proposal and requested the Principal, Faculty of Physiotherapy to give details on the number of classes required and the topics to be covered.

It was resolved to have Guest lectures by the faculty of MMCHRI for interdisciplinary subjects like Biochemistry, General medicine, General Surgery, Radiology, etc. for BPT & MPT

Agenda 14: To consider and approve the introduction of the M.A English literature programme in Faculty of Humanities and Science

The Principal, Faculty of Humanities and Science proposed to consider and approve the introduction of the M.A English literature programme in FHS. She elaborated that the program had been designed to carry a total of 90 credits and emphasised on the inclusion of subjects like entrepreneur development in the second semester and web development in the third semester and a dissertation in the final semester which would be helpful for the students. She also added a note on the scheme of the examination. Dr. Syed, External

member suggested the inclusion of journalism as one of the subjects in the program to encourage students to pursue careers in journalism. The Principal informed the members that journalism was already one of the elective subjects offered under the program.

It was resolved to approve the introduction of the M.A English literature programme in FHS

Agenda 15: To consider and approve the syllabus of the B.Sc. (Nutrition & Dietetics) programme in Faculty of Humanities and Science

The Principal, Faculty of Humanities and Science proposed to consider and approve the syllabus of the B.Sc. (Nutrition & Dietetics) programme in FHS. She briefed the members on the curriculum structure of the program that has been structured for 140 credit points. Dr Syed, External member suggested the inclusion of alternative systems of medicine into the syllabus of the program. The Principal informed the members that an elective on health psychology already exists in the syllabus. The member secretary suggested that suitable changes with regard to the inclusion of courses on alternative systems of medicine into the syllabus may be made if required after further discussion with the HOD.

It was resolved to approve the syllabus of the B.Sc. (Nutrition & Dietetics) programme in FHS

Agenda 16: To consider and approve the proposed draft of the CBCS syllabus for the Academic year 2021-22 in Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

The Principal, Faculty of Occupational Therapy, presented the proposal to consider and approve the proposed draft of the CBCS syllabus for the Academic year 2021-22 in Bachelor of Occupational Therapy. The members unanimously accepted the proposal.

It was resolved to approve the proposed draft of the CBCS syllabus for the Academic year 2021-22 in Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

Agenda 17: To consider and approve the organization of field visits for students of Faculty of Occupational Therapy

The Principal, Faculty of Occupational Therapy presented the agenda to the members of the academic council and suggested sending the students to institutions such as National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD) and Acute Neuro Rehabilitation Hospital, Bangalore. The member secretary suggested that the feasibility and logistics of the proposal must be considered before its approval and opined that it would be more favourable to defer the proposal until the next meeting and gain more clarity on the matter. The members also discussed and agreed with the opinion of the member secretary.

It was resolved to defer the organization of field visits for students of Faculty of Occupational Therapy until the next academic council meeting

Agenda 18: To consider and review the curriculum regulations with a scheme (CBCS System) and syllabus revision pertaining to M.Sc Yoga & M.Sc Yoga Therapy under Regulation 2022-2023

The Principal, Faculty of Yoga Science and Therapy presented the agenda. He added that the agenda had been approved by the board of studies for Yoga Science and Therapy and that Human values and Professional Ethics had also been included as an elective based on the recommendation of the Registrar. The members discussed and decided to approve the agenda.

It was resolved to approve the curriculum regulations with a scheme (CBCS System) and syllabus revision pertaining to M.Sc Yoga & M.Sc Yoga Therapy under Regulation 2022-2023

Agenda 19: To consider and approve the list of Value-Added Courses in B.Sc (Yoga), B.Sc (Yoga Therapy), M.Sc (Yoga), & M.Sc (Yoga Therapy)

The Principal, Faculty of Yoga Science and Therapy presented the proposal to consider and approve the list of Value-Added Courses in B.Sc (Yoga), B.Sc (Yoga Therapy), M.Sc (Yoga), & M.Sc (Yoga Therapy) which had been duly approved by the board of studies. He added that a total of 14 new value added courses are being introduced for the UG and PG programs that have been chosen after taking into consideration the suggestions of the MAHER NAAC team.

It was resolved to approve the list of Value-Added Courses in B.Sc (Yoga), B.Sc (Yoga Therapy), M.Sc (Yoga), & M.Sc (Yoga Therapy)

Agenda 20: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for Faculty of Yoga Science and Therapy held on 12.10.2021 and 13.10.2021

The Principal, Faculty of Yoga Science and Therapy briefed the members about the following decisions of the Board of Studies meetings held on 12.10.2021 for undergraduate programs and the meetings held on 13.10.2021 for the postgraduate programs in the faculty of Yoga Science and Therapy:

1. To consider and review the curriculum with scheme (CBCS System) pertaining to B.Sc. Yoga and B.Sc. Yoga therapy Programs, Faculty of Yoga Sciences and Therapy under the Regulation 2020.
2. To consider the inclusion of Visiting Fitness/Physiotherapy centre in the curriculum of B.Sc Yoga and B.Sc. Yoga therapy under the Regulation 2020

3. To consider the inclusion of field internship and Village Placement Programme in the curriculum of M.Sc Yoga and M.Sc Yoga Therapy under the Regulation 2019

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for Faculty of Yoga Science and Therapy held on 12.10.2021 and 13.10.2021

Agenda 21: To consider and approve the minutes of the Board of Studies meetings for Faculty of Physiotherapy held on 14.07.2021

The Principal, Faculty of Physiotherapy briefly presented the highlights of the Board of Studies meetings for undergraduate and postgraduate programs under Faculty of Physiotherapy held on 14.07.2021. He sought the approval of the academic council for the following:

1. To include the value added course “Myofascial Trigger Point Release” for the next academic year (2021-2022) in Bachelor of Physiotherapy program under the Regulation 2016.
2. To include guest lecture for clinical subjects for the 3rd year students of Under graduates and clinical postings in MAHER unit for the final year students of BPT for the betterment in improving their skill as clinical practice
3. To initiate projects for Under graduates during the beginning of fourth year for the academic year 2022- 2023 onwards which can be reflected in their marksheet as a separate paper
4. To include “Myofascial Trigger Point Release” as a value added course for the next academic year (2021-2022) in the program Master of Physiotherapy

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies for Faculty of Physiotherapy held on 14.07.2021

Agenda 22: Approval of the draft regulations for MAHER – Exam malpractice disciplinary committee

The Controller of Examinations presented the agenda and said that any case of malpractice that had been found so far had been brought to the notice of a committee consisting of the Vice Chancellor, Registrar and the Controller of Examinations. However, a specified set of regulations were not in place till date and thus presented the new draft regulations that had been vetted by a committee consisting of the Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Academic Advisor and the Rector. The Registrar explained that the draft regulation has a detailed gradation of misconduct and appropriate punishments that are to be meted out based on the severity of the offense. She specified that in scenarios that are not listed in the regulations, the Exam Malpractice Disciplinary Committee will use its discretion and make the recommendations to the Vice Chancellor who will then decide on the type of action to be taken against the candidate/Faculty members involved in the malpractice. She also added

that the draft regulations would be circulated among the members and that their suggestions would be incorporated before it is taken as approved by the council.

It was resolved to approve the draft regulations for MAHER – Exam malpractice disciplinary committee after incorporating the suggestions of the members of the academic council

Agenda 23: To consider and approve the D.Sc regulation draft of MAHER

The Academic Officer placed the D.Sc draft regulation of MAHER before the academic council and sought their opinion on the criteria for eligibility of the candidates. The eligibility criteria are as listed below:

A candidate who has qualified for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) of this Deemed to be University or any other University recognized by UGC or any Foreign University in the World Rankings by QS, Times Higher Education, Shanghai and recognized by the UGC/AIU may apply for the Degree of Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) in the following Faculties:

- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Nursing
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Allied Health Science
- Science

In addition to the above, the candidate should fulfill the following conditions:

1. The candidate must have 10 years of Teaching and Research experience after obtaining a Ph.D. Degree.
2. The candidate must have a minimum of 25 publications in national and international journals indexed by Web of Science, Scopus and PubMed or listed by UGC- CARE and or patents published or granted. These publications will be mainly from his/her research findings after completion of Ph.D. Degree. In addition, the candidate should be the first author or corresponding author in these publications or patents.
3. The h-index of the candidate should be not less than 20 as per SCOPUS or Web of Science.

The member secretary suggested that in addition to the eligibility criteria, certain desirable attributes may also be considered. The candidate must be a renowned scholar in their field of study and should have made significant contributions to the field of education by

dissemination of their knowledge through lectures, workshops, chapter contributions in books, delivery of guest lectures, etc. The members deliberated and decided to approve the agenda

It was resolved to approve the D.Sc regulation draft of MAHER

Agenda 24: To consider and approve the modifications of the evaluation scheme of the examinations conducted in MAHER

The Member Secretary invited the Controller of Examinations to present the modifications of the evaluation scheme of the exams conducted in MAHER. The Controller of Examinations took over and explained that in cases of double evaluation, as per the prevailing norms, the average of the two scores was taken as the final score. However, it is now proposed to consider the higher of the two scores as the final score. The members discussed the matter and agreed to approve the agenda.

It was resolved to approve the modifications of the evaluation scheme of the exams conducted in MAHER

Agenda 25: To consider and approve the report on placement /self- employment of outgoing students for the academic year 2020-2021

The member secretary presented the proposal to approve the report on the placement /self-employment of outgoing students in the academic year 2020-2021. The placement officer took over and presented the reports on the students who had been placed from the constituent colleges of MAHER. She also apprised the members about the career guidance programs that had been offered online for the final year students. The members discussed and opined that the placement drive for 2021-2022 may be enhanced as the pandemic had affected the placements of the previous academic year.

It was resolved to ratify and approve the reports on placement /self- employed professional services of outgoing students for the academic year 2020-2021

Agenda 26: Any other matter

The member secretary enquired with the members if there was any other matter for discussion in the meeting.

presented the following matters:

1. The Dean, MMCHRI suggested that the examinations for the supplementary batch in MBBS must be conducted in March 2022. The members discussed and approved the agenda.
2. The Dean, MMCHRI proposed to consider and approve the inclusion of the internal examiner in correction of theory examination papers. The members suggested that the management approval must be sought on the matter before approving the proposal.

3. Dr. Syed, External member, suggested offering a Corporate Social Responsibilities training program for dental and medical students to groom them towards becoming IAS officers. The member secretary replied that an IAS academy is slated to be established under Meenakshi Trust shortly and that it would be open to the students of MAHER once it becomes functional.
4. Dr. Syed, External member, also suggested the introduction of IELTS coaching under MAHER for the students of MAHER. The member secretary agreed with the suggestion and added that TOEFL training was already being offered by the Faculty of Humanities and Science and that this may be extended to the medical and dental students.
5. The Dean, MMCHRI proposed the inclusion of two months electives for the third year MBBS batch as per NMC guidelines. This was approved by the academic council.
6. The Principal, Faculty of Occupational Therapy proposed the introduction of interdisciplinary courses which would be conducted by the Faculty of Occupational Therapy and Faculty of Physiotherapy for the students of MMCHRI. He opined that this would raise awareness among the medical students regarding reference of patients for occupational therapy and physiotherapy treatment. The Dean, MMCHRI requested for details on the syllabus and schedule of the classes. The Vice Chancellor suggested that an online meeting can be scheduled with the Dean and the HODs of the various departments of the medical college, along with the Principals of Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy for further discussion on the matter.

The Vice Chancellor asked the members if there were any more matters that they would like to discuss. Since there was no other matter, he thanked the members of the academic council for their active participation in all the deliberations and valuable suggestions.