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NOTICE

A meeting of task group for fostering excellence in Research has been scheduled on Feb. 21, 2013 at 3 pm in the School of Biotechnology. All the members of the task group are requested to attend the same:

Agenda:

- 1. To discuss about the minutes of the meeting held on Feb. 12, 2013 (anomalies if any as pointed out by a couple of members) and thereafter to confirm the same.**
- 2. To finalize the research policy drafted the committee nominated by the task group.**
- 3. To discuss the progress made in the matter of compilation of research papers, book chapters, books, research projects, Ph.D. awarded etc**
- 4. Any other matter(s) which members may like to discuss**

Anil Kumar
Coordinator, Task Group

Drafted minutes sent earlier to all the members

Minutes of the meeting of Task Group for fostering Excellence in Research held on February 12, 2013

A meeting of Task Group for fostering Excellence in Research was held on February 12, 2013 at the School of Biotechnology.

The following members were present:

1. Dr. K K. Pandey
2. Dr. P.K. gupta
3. Dr. Anand Kar
4. Dr. Pratibha Sharma
5. Dr. Anil Kumar Coordinator

Dr. R.K. Vyas, Dr. Gyan Prakash, Dr. Dinesh Varshney, Dr. Ajay Verma, Dr. Anil Sharma could not attend the meeting.

Dr. Anil Kumar welcomed all the members present in the meeting.

Members showed their displeasure that some members never attend the meeting & are not contributing at all in the efforts for fostering excellence in Research.

1. Discussion was done on the letter dated January 18, 2013 received from the Chairman, UGC addressed to the Vice-Chancellor. To convey to UGC about 4-5 key areas wherein university will like to pursue research and innovation in an intensive manner during the current plan period, members discussed all the aspects and recommended the following interdisciplinary key areas:
 - a. Material Science
 - b. Drug Designing & Development/ Computer aided drug designing
 - c. Organic, Organo-metallic and Computational Chemistry
 - d. Energy and Environmental Studies/ Biodiversity, Energy Conservation and Waste Management
 - e. Data Center for Universities e-resources

However, members were of the view that University may write to all the HODs for their views about it.

2. Discussion was done on the letter received dated January 17, 2013 from the Director, Directorate of Seed Research, Mau, U.P. (a research Institute of ICAR) addressed to the Vice-Chancellor. Members were of the view that MOU may be signed. However, before signing MOU, a Committee of 2-3 Senior faculty members

must visit that Institute to assess the research facilities there since signing of MOU means, we are recognizing that Institute as recognized research centre. Besides, University must inform the Director there about new Ordinance for admission in Ph.D. Members were also of the view that for Ph.D. registration, Guide must be from the University and Co-guide from DSR.

3. Members discussed the research policy draft. It was suggested that Social science aspect is missing in the draft policy. Besides, members also suggested establishment of a research cell with nomination of a Senior Professor as Director, research who must help research students in solving their problems and must guide the students about International prestigious International fellowships etc. After discussion, it was decided that Dr. P.K. Gupta will help Dr. Kar in finalizing the policy draft.
4. Members discussed about compiling data on research papers, research projects, book chapters/ Books publication, Ph.Ds awarded. It was decided that committees already nominated in earlier meetings must accelerate the process of compilation. It was also decided that Dr. Anil Kumar will request the committee members on convenient dates to visit in the School of Biotechnology and compilation will be done there itself.

Besides, it was decided that University administration must cooperate in compilation of Ph.Ds. awarded. Confidential Section must provide all the notifications for Ph.D. awards since 2007 and upto date. Similarly Development section of the University must provide details on ongoing and completed research projects.

5. It was decided in principle that University must recognize all the Central Government laboratories (Institutes of CSIR, UGC, ICMR, ICAR, DBT) as recognized research Centers. However, before issuing final recognition letter to any Institute as recognized research center, a team of 2-3 senior professors must visit that Institute to assess available facilities. Besides, it must be ensured that guide will be from the University & co-guide from the Institution in case of joint Ph.D. registration.
6. Task Group discussed the mail of International Accreditation Organization (IAO). Members found that IAO is not a recognized organization from UGC or US Department of Education. Therefore, all the members were of the view that University should not proceed the matter further with this organization.

Meeting ended with a remark of thanks to all the members
Dr. Anil Kumar

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1. Task Group confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on Feb. 12, 2013. However, in the context of mail written by Dr. P.K. Gupta, Group suggested to modify point no. 5 of the minutes and now it must be read as follows:

‘ If any Institute requests for signing MOU/ for recognizing as a research centre, as pointed out at Serial no. 2 above, a Committee of 2-3 senior faculty members must visit that Institute to assess the research facilities there. Besides, provisions of various Ordinances must be followed’.

2. The task group felt that it is not correct to say that this task group is encouraging Science stream only and not Social Science/ Management stream. The Group resolved that Social science and Management Departments of the University are also strong and they must formulate their research strategies and must work out possibilities of collaboration with renowned Social Science/ Management Institutes viz. IIMs, Tata Institute of Social Science etc.

Group also resolved that whenever, there is collaboration/ signing MOU, it should be for specific subject(s)/ stream(s) and must not be considered for the entire university since any Institute may not be strong in all the subjects.

3. The Group recommended the research policy draft prepared by Dr. Kar, Dr. Gupta in consultation with Dr. Anil Kumar and others for sending to the Vice Chancellor for further action.

4. The group discussed the progress made in the matter of compilation of research papers, book chapters, books, research projects, Ph.Ds awarded. After discussion, it was resolved:
 - a. Prof. K.K. Pandey will compile research papers
 - b. Prof. Varshney will compile book chapters and books in the field of Science, Technology and Engineering.
 - c. Prof. P.K. Gupta will compile book chapters and books in the field of Social Science/ Arts and Management.
 - d. Prof. Ajay Verma will compile research projects and Ph.Ds. awarded.

It was also resolved that an e mail be sent to all the HODs to send about book chapters and books since 2007 till date directly to Dr. Varshney up to March 05, 2013. Thereafter, he will compile the data assuming that no other book chapter, book has been written by any faculty/ researcher. It was also resolved that only HOD should send the data after compiling at the departmental level. No other individual teacher must send the information otherwise it becomes much confusing and that is the reason that data could not be compiled yet.

Meeting ended with a remark of thanks to all the members

Dr. Anil Kumar