

Minutes of the 6th Academic Council Meeting held on March 25, 2010

The 6th meeting of the Academic Council was held on 25 March, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of Leading University. The meeting was presided over by Prof. Dr. Md. Kabir Hossain, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (Acting), Leading University.

The following Members attended the meeting:

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| 1. Major General (Retd.) Prof. Dr. Md. Nazmul Islam
Principal,
Jalalabad Ragib-Rabeya Medical College, Sylhet. | Member |
| 2. Professor Dr. M.R. Kabir
Pro- Vice Chancellor
University of Asia Pacific, Dhaka | Member |
| 3. Professor Dr. A. N. M. Meshquat Uddin
Pro- Vice Chancellor
South-East University, Dhaka | Member |
| 4. Dr. M. Habibul Ahsan
Professor of Physics
SUST, Sylhet. | Member |
| 5. Professor Mohammad Mohabbat Khan, Department of Public
Administration, Dhaka University | Member |
| 6. Professor Dr. Jahir bin Alam
Head, Dept. of Civil Engineering, LU | Member |
| 7. Dr. Tofayel Ahmed
Associate Professor & Head
Department of Business Administration, LU, Sylhet | Member |
| 8. Mr. Md. Ashiquzzaman Bhuiyan
Asst. Professor & Head (Acting)
Department of English, LU, Sylhet | Member |
| 9. Mr. Rumel M S Rahman Pir
Asst. Professor & Head (Acting)
Department of CSE, LU, Sylhet | Member |
| 10. Mr. Rajon Das
Senior Lecturer & Head (Acting)
Department of Architecture, LU, Sylhet | Member |
| 11. Mr. Saifur Rahman
Senior Lecturer & Head (Acting)
Department of Law, LU, Sylhet | Member |
| 12. Md. Showkatul Hasan Choudhury
Registrar
Leading University | Secretary |

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor thanked all the members of the Academic Council and welcomed all in the meeting. He, on behalf of Leading University expressed his gratitude to the eminent professors from Dhaka and Sylhet regions for sparing their valuable time for the university to attend the meeting. Professor Dr. A.N.M. Meshquat Uddin, on behalf of the members of the Academic Council congratulate Prof. Dr. Md. Kabir Hossain for his assuming the position of Vice-Chancellor (Acting) of Leading University. He expressed his hope that the academic & administrative activities of the university would get a fresh momentum under his able leadership in the days to come.

Agenda-6(1): Confirmation of the Minutes of 5th Academic Council Meeting.

Decision:

The meeting regarded the minutes of 5th Academic Council meeting as being read and accorded approval to the minutes.

Agenda-6(2): Approval of the changed curriculum of BBA & MBA program.

Discussion: The meeting was apprised that the curriculum of the BBA & MBA programs had been revised to meet the demand of the time with the suggestions of one of the experts of the Academic Council. The revised curriculum had been sent to the UGC for information and approval. But the UGC authority in reply sent a letter to justify the changes made in the curriculum of the said departments. Under the circumstances, a committee was formed headed by the Head, Department of Business Administration to do the needful. The committee substantiated the said revised curriculum and gave a report. The report was sent to the UGC for further action.

Decision:

1. The meeting approved the revised curriculum of the BBA and MBA programs along with the actions taken by the Curriculum Committee as per instruction of the UGC.
2. The meeting suggested co-opting external experts to the curriculum committee for each and every discipline.
3. Emergency Academic Committee meeting may be called with a short notice for solving any academic problem of the university.

Agenda-6(3): Approval of the decisions of the Academic Committee.

Decision: The decisions of the Academic Committee of LU that were taken from the inception of the committee were accorded approval with some suggestions to categorize the decisions under different heads.

Agenda-6(4): Report on the disciplinary actions taken by the Disciplinary Committee against students.

Decision: The decisions of the Disciplinary committee of LU were accorded approval as all the decisions were made in compliance of the rules of the university.

Agenda-6(5): Approval of the result of graduating students.

Discussion: The results of 551 students of Leading University who had completed all the requirements for awarding degrees both in undergraduate and graduate programs were placed in the meeting for kind approval. The meeting after threadbare discussion approved the results of the graduating students.

Decision: The results of 145 students for BBA, 20 students for B.A. (Honors) in English, 45 students for B. Sc (Honors) in CSE & 256 students for MBA and 85 students for EMBA degrees were approved. (Result sheets in Annexure-1)

Agenda-6(6): Separation of Finance from Accounting in Major area of studies of BBA & MBA programs.

Discussion:

The meeting was informed that Accounting & Finance has been taught in combined in Major area of study of BBA & MBA programs since the inception of LU. These courses were jointly given as Major due to the shortage requisite number of students and teachers. Now, the number of students has been increased and the separation of the courses is felt because the dimension & extent of study for both the courses have been increased considerably. So it is proposed that the council may consider separating the said courses into two areas of studies such as Major in **Accounting & Information Systems** and in **Finance & Banking**.

Decision:

1. The separation of the Major area of study should be made after preparation of the syllabus with the help of experts and should be sent to UGC for approval.
2. The remuneration of the members of the Review Committee should be given at the rate approved by the next Syndicate.

Agenda-6(7): Approval of Academic Calender-2010.

Decision: The Academic Calendar of LU for the year 2010 was approved.

Agenda-6(8): Permission for taking Double Major area of study.

Discussion: It was reported to the meeting that Leading University had been providing three Major areas of studies Such as Finance and Accounting, Management and Marketing. Students were given one Major for their study. But the students desired to take another Major area of study after completion of their required credits for obtaining BBA and MBA degree. Under the circumstances, if the council allowed the students to do their Double Majors, it would be helpful for the students in their service.

Decision: Students may be allowed to take double Major area of study for BBA and MBA programs provided that the courses offered in the Major areas should not overlap. The courses with all their contents should be taken in the perspective of other private universities.

Agenda-6(9): Revision of the syllabuses of Undergraduate & Graduate programs of the Department of English & Undergraduate program of CSE.

Discussion: The meeting was informed that in the undergraduate program of the department of English and other departments, there were 10 GED courses. But the GED courses of other departments of the university except English & CSE have been reduced to 7 courses and the 3 core courses were incorporated to the syllabus of the departments. So, in order to bring uniformity among the departments, the GED courses for the department of English & CSE may be reduced to 7 and 3 core courses may be incorporated to the syllabus.

The syllabus of the M.A. (Preliminary & Final) was approved by the UGC as per rule. Later on the grading system of the UGC was changed and LU also introduced it in the grading system of all departments. Since the M.A. (Preliminary & Final) programs were not opened at that time, the grading system remains as it were as approved by the UGC without any change.

On the other hand, 13 credits are allocated in the syllabus of the M.A. in English program for dissertation. But it is unrealistic in the perspective of the syllabuses followed by other universities. So it is to be reduced to 6 credits and the rest of the credits may be reallocated to other core courses.

Decision:


1. The proposed drop of 3 GED courses and addition of 3 core courses of the Department of English and CSE was approved.
2. The 13 credits allocated for M.A. in English program would be reduced to 6 credits and the rest of the credits may be reallocated to other core courses. The changed syllabus should be sent to the UGC for approval.

Agenda-6(10): Miscellaneous.

Decision:

1. The meeting of the Academic Council should be called at a convenient time within every Semester.
2. Forwarding letter of the UGC regarding approval of the Syllabus of M.A. in English should be enclosed with the approved syllabus.

As there were no agenda to be transacted, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the chair.


(Registrar)
Leading University