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Agenda for the Second Meeting of Academic Council of Bombay College of Pharmacy will be held on 27th November 2019 at 3.30pm at the Conference Room.




If there is no quorum, the meeting will be adjourned for 15 minutes and after that meeting will be held without the need for a quorum.

1. To confirm the minutes of the first meeting of Academic Council held on 30th July 2019.
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3. To consider allocating seats for Industry Personnel desirous of pursuing the PhD program in Bombay College of Pharmacy.
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6. To deliberate on the reply of Registrar and Secretary, Pharmacy Council of India on the request to have Institute Academic Council approved syllabus for B Pharm and M Pharm at Bombay College of Pharmacy, on having the status of autonomous college.
7. Any other matter with permission of the Chair


Dr. Evans Coutinho
Member Secretary


Dr. Krishnapriya Mohanraj
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Minutes of the Second Meeting of Academic Council of the Bombay College of Pharmacy (BCP) vide No. AC/ 002/2019 held on Wednesday 27th November 2019 from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm in the conference room of the Bombay College of Pharmacy, Kalina, Santacruz (E), Mumbai.

Following members were present:

1. Mr. Nitin Maniar (Chairman, Governing Body, Hon. Secretary IPA-MSB)
2. Dr. N. Sivaprasad (President, IPA-MSB)
3. Dr. S. K. Kulkarni (Emeritus Professor of Pharmacology & Former Pro Vice Chancellor (DUI) (PU)- An expert from outside college representing Education nominated by the Governing Body (GB)
4. Prof. P. R. Vavia (Dean Academic, Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT), Mumbai)- Nominee of the University of Mumbai nominated by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor
5. Dr. Girish Mahajan (Vice President, Hi Media Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.)- Nominee of the University of Mumbai nominated by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
6. Prof. Krishna Iyer (HOD, Pharmaceutical Chemistry)
7. Dr. Vaishali A Shirsat (HOD, Pharmaceutical Analysis)
8. Dr. Ujwala Shinde (HOD, Pharmaceutics)
9. Dr. Vaishali Dixit (HOD, Pharmacology)
10. Dr. Dipti Gatne (Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Analysis)
11. Dr. Clara Fernandes (Associate Professor of Pharmaceutics)
12. Dr. Evans Coutinho (Member Secretary)



Following members were granted leave of absence by the chair:

1. Prof. Krishnapriya Mohanraj (Chairperson, I/c Principal)
2. Dr. Eswaran Iyer (IP Consultant)- An expert form outside college representing Law nominated by the Governing Body (GB)
3. Dr. Sampada P. Patvardhan (Consultant-Medical Writing & Healthcare Services)- An expert from outside college representing Medicine nominated by the Governing Body (GB)
4. Dr. Rajiv Desai (Executive Vice President, Corporate Quality, Lupin Ltd)- An expert from outside college representing Industry nominated by the Governing Body (GB)
5. Prof. Purnima Amin (Dean Students & Alumni Affairs, Vice President Technological Association, Professor in Pharmacy, Dept of Pharma. Sci & Tech, Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT), Mumbai) – Nominee of the University of Mumbai nominated by Vice-Chancellor
6. Dr. Alka Mukne (HOD, Pharmacognosy)
7. Dr. Mala Menon (Professor of Pharmaceutics)
8. Dr. Premlata Ambre (Vice Principal - Administration & Strategy)

Dr. Evans Coutinho began the meeting by informing the council members that BCP was being conferred the Special Jury Mention Award at the 6th FICCI Higher Education Excellence Awards 2019 and the Principal Dr. Krishnapriya Mohanraj had gone to Delhi to accept the Award on behalf of BCP. He then requested Dr. Dipti to apprise the council about the application procedure and the criteria for the said Award. In response, Dr. S. K. Kulkarni applauded the college for this achievement and urged the college to announce this achievement in Pharma times and across other social media.

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Sr. No	Agenda with points discussed mentioned below	Decision / Resolution
002.01	To confirm the minutes of the first meeting of Academic Council held on 30th July 2019 -Dr. S. K. Kulkarni enquired if there were any suggestions made by any member after the receipt of the minutes of the first meeting. Prof. Evans Coutinho mentioned that there were no objections/ suggestions received from the members. Hence, on the behest of Dr. Kulkarni, the minutes of the first meeting were formally confirmed. -Dr. Kulkarni asked for action taken report on the points discussed in the first AC meeting. In response, Prof. Coutinho referred to the list of examiners collated and tabled by Prof. Krishna Iyer.	
002.02	To consider rules for recognizing teachers as Guides for the M. Pharm and PhD -Prof. Coutinho highlighted the fact that due to retirement of a considerable number of the teaching staff in different departments, there is a vacuum for research guides in the college. Consequently, the existing approved guides are overburden with guiding large number of post graduate students. Hence, to ensure a conducive research environment, a research policy for recognition of research guides has been drafted and tabled for consideration in this meeting. -In response, Dr. S. K. Kulkarni enquired about the possibility of permitting the established faculty members, Dr. Mala Menon & Dr. M. Nagarsenkar to guide students as this is permitted under UGC. However, Prof. Coutinho clarified that both Dr. Mala Menon & Dr. M. Nagarsenkar have been appointed as Adjunct faculty and Professor Emeritus by BCP and these are not university approved appointments. In this context, Dr. Kulkarni suggested that the college should seek clarity on the rules and regulations associated with the position of Professor Emeritus/Adjunct faculty from Mumbai University for leveraging their rich research capabilities for the benefit of the institution. -On perusing the rules and regulations for the appointment of research guides, Dr. Kulkarni suggested broadening the ambit of the term 'scientist' as stated in (2. ii.) to include the Ramalingaswamy & Ramanujam fellows as well as DST inspire fellows, these can be appointed as Associate Professors. This suggestion was concurred by Prof. Vavia who mentioned that Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT) boasts of numerous such fellows as ICT faculty. Further, Prof. Vavia emphasized the value addition brought to the institutional research environment by research funding accorded to such prestigious fellows. However, he continued that for such awardees it is imperative that the research policy of the institute confers them the independent research guiding rights. Prof. Vavia elaborated that at ICT a faculty with PhD. degree is permitted to guide post graduate and doctorate students in the subject of expertise	Rules framed have been amended according to suggestions received in this meeting and appears in Appendix 1.

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	<p>from the date of joining the institute. However, for guiding interdisciplinary research, it is recommended the faculty initiates research as a co-guide or after 3 years of service.</p> <p>- Dr. Kulkarni also recommended that vacancies in teaching should be advertised in National Newspapers or on the college website, mentioning that the institute welcomes researchers with the aforesaid fellowship. Dr. Mahajan also suggested that the LinkedIn platform is also a good mode to address the needs of the institute in the long run. Prof. Vavia also recommended that the college should encourage alumni residing abroad to apply for such fellowships that could be tenured at BCP.</p> <p>-It was commonly noted that faculty members who have joined the college with a Master's degree are desirous to pursue their PhD. degree. Such faculty members should normally not be allowed to guide post graduate students, as this could be a potential conflict of interest and may lead to malpractices. To this effect, clause 1 should be accordingly rephrased to include new recommendation. Dr. Kulkarni strongly recommended that each faculty member in the institution should be encouraged and insisted that they should be allowed to guide research students, as this is the new requirement of teachers as defined by the UGC.</p> <p>- Dr. Ujwala Shinde raised a query about the acceptability of these new rules citing Dr. Harita's ineligibility for qualifying as a research guide by University of Mumbai. In this context, Prof. Vavia enquired if the approval in the Academic Council will have any credibility. In response, Prof. Coutinho clarified the as per autonomous rules and regulations, University of Mumbai only governs the policy for PhD. guides. Hence, the rules once approved by the academic council can be adopted as the research policy of the institution. As a cautionary note, Prof. Vavia recommended that the Rules regarding recognition of guides as put up in the Academic Council should be sent to the University of Mumbai. Dr. Kulkarni made a strong recommendation that as an autonomous institute it is essential to have flexibility to promote strong research. Prof. Coutinho mentioned that he has heard that the other autonomous colleges are approaching the University to take the PhD program also under the umbrella of governing of Autonomous colleges as enshrined in the rules and regulations of UGC regarding Autonomous Status.</p>	
002.03	<p>To consider allocating seats for Industry Personnel desirous of pursuing the PhD program in Bombay College of Pharmacy.</p>	
	<p>-Prof. Coutinho mentioned that the college has permission to admit 35 students for the doctoral degree. In view of the large number of requests received from personnel from the industry/academia who are desirous of pursuing the PhD program in BCP, the college intends to extend this opportunity to industry personnel too. In this context, Prof. Vavia mentioned that at ICT, teachers from colleges affiliated to Mumbai University having 5 years' experience or industry personnel with minimum 2 years' experience, are allowed to enroll for the PhD program in ICT and a similar criteria</p>	

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could be adopted by BCP. Candidates under this category should be GPAT qualified or should have passed the PET exam held by the University of Mumbai. In case of an industry sponsoring a candidate for the PhD program, this facility should be extended only to those industries that are DSIR recognized. In case of teachers from affiliated colleges, BCP should send a team of experts to that college to ensure that the sponsoring college has all facilities and amenities to conduct research. Candidates admitted under this category, beside the guiding teacher at BCP, should choose a co-guide from the industry who will monitor the day-to-day research work being done at the industry. Also the candidates should complete the mandatory course work as prescribed by the University of Mumbai and after registration should work for at least 6 months in the laboratory of the research supervisor at BCP.

-Dr. Kulkarni also mentioned that as per UGC guidelines the laboratory where the research is being conducted has to be approved by Bombay College of Pharmacy (BCP) and proper legal documents should be drafted.-Mr. Nitin Maniar mentioned that BCP should draft and adopt unique policy which will ensure the right candidates enrolled. Dr. Mahajan added that in his past experience at Piramal, they had an arrangement with one of the institutes who agreed to permit 3 industry employees to enroll for doctoral course only after successful passing of the entrance exam.

-Prof. P. R. Vavia mentioned that ICT has an institute-industry tie-up wherein industry has to pay ₹ 5.0 lakh as registration fee for liaison for 4 years along with a contingency grant of ₹ 40,000. The tie-up is revised after every 4 years. Dr. N. Sivaprasad mentioned that in one of the institutes in Mangalore there is similar industry-academia liaison for enrolling PhD students.

-As a common consensus, it was agreed to make the enrollment of personnel from industry/academia for the PhD program dynamic i.e. to invite applications from PhD research scholars followed by personnel from the industry/academia, and admission to be made so as to ensure that all vacancies at a given point in time are filled. This will help to increase the doctorate output of the institute which eventually influences NIRF ranking.

-Prof. Coutinho said that the college will try to seek recognition from the University for the college and faculty for science programs in addition to technology, as the college sees great potential in initiating the M. Sc. programs in Analytical Chemistry. This suggestion was conceded by Dr. Shirsat who mentioned that the training programs recently conducted by her received response predominantly from M. Sc students. R. Vavia mentioned that it was worthwhile to start programmes in M.Sc (Analytical Chemistry) as the institutes majoring in basic science generally undertake pharmaceutical analysis for the students dissertation. In continuation to this, Dr. Kulkarni suggested to request Dr. Anuradha Majumdar, Dean, Faculty of Science & Technology to make an application for recognition under science category

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002.04	Approval of panel of referees for conducting the viva-voce exam on the thesis that will be submitted by M. Pharm students.	
	-Dr. Kulkarni mentioned that considering autonomy, the evaluation pattern should be revamped and open defense should be adopted. There should be a panel of experts preferably from Mumbai and provisions should be made to appoint a replacement in case a referee is unable to attend the viva-voce examination. -Prof. Vavia also mentioned that rules should be framed for conduct of the viva-voce exam and the Research Recognition committee should be constituted to define the constitution of the examiners panel. Also for the viva-voce exam a Chairman should be appointed who will preside over the committee. It was suggested that the list of the referees should first be approved in the BOS and then routed to the Academic council for approval.	
002.05	To consider adopting the PCI syllabus for M. Pharm from next academic year.	
	-Dr. Kulkarni mentioned that many colleges in the country are facing serious issues in running the PCI syllabus. He suggested that there should be flexibility for defining the syllabus for autonomous colleges and BCP should make efforts to address this issue with UGC.	
002.06	To deliberate on the reply of Registrar and Secretary, Pharmacy Council of India on the request to have Institute Academic Council approved syllabus for B. Pharm and M. Pharm at Bombay College of Pharmacy, on having the status of autonomous college.	
	Prof. P. R. Vavia and Dr. S. K. Kulkarni suggested that the college should give a fitting reply to the letter received from PCI. Prof. Vavia urged the Chairman of the Governing body of BCP, Mr. Maniar to have a positive dialogue with the PCI president, Dr. Suresh to facilitate an amicable resolve in favor of the institution.	
002.07	Any other matter with the permission of chair	
	None	
	Vote of thanks: The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Evans Coutinho	

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Appendix 1

Rules for recognition of PG teachers of Bombay College of Pharmacy

1. A teacher who joins the services of Bombay College of Pharmacy on Posts approved by the University of Mumbai/Directorate of Technical Education can be recognized as a teacher for **post graduate** teaching and also as a recognized guide if s/he has been selected as a teacher by the Selection Committee duly constituted by the University of Mumbai.
2. A teacher will be recognized as a guide for the PhD Degree if
 - i. S/he has obtained a **PhD or equivalent degree** from a university in India recognized by the UGC or from a university abroad that is known to impart quality education in pharmacy or in allied sciences. In case of the latter, if in doubt, the matter may be discussed in the BOS and/or in the Academic Council of BCP and
 - ii. S/he has a minimum of **three years of teaching** as an approved teacher of Bombay College of Pharmacy or from a department/college of any other university in India that is recognized by the UGC or from a university abroad that is known to impart quality education in pharmacy or in allied sciences (in case of the latter, if in doubt the matter may be discussed in the BOS and/or in the Academic Council of BCP) and has guided at least 5 students for the M. Pharm degree or a Master's degree in an allied field and

OR

If a teacher does not have three years of teaching experience but has worked for a minimum of 5 years as a **Scientist** in a National Laboratory or in an Academic Research Institute or in a R&D laboratory in the industry or is a Ramalingaswamy/Ramanujan/DST Inspire fellow, then s/he may be recognized as research guide for the PhD degree and

- iii. S/he should have published minimum **five research papers** (reviews or original research) in journals that have a Scopus Impact factor/or journals that have been approved and recognized by the UGC.
- iv. A teacher will be recognized as a research guide for the PhD degree in the subject in which s/he has secured his/her PhD. degree. A request to be recognized as a research guide in a subject/stream **other** than the one in which s/he has obtained his/her PhD may be granted by the Academic Council of BCP based on his/her teaching and research experience and on published research papers and patents, but will be automatically granted if s/he has been approved as a teacher by the University of Mumbai or from a University in India recognized by UGC in that subject/stream. In the same context, a teacher who has already been approved as a research guide by the University of Mumbai or from a University in India recognized by the UGC in various subjects/streams can continue as a guide for the PhD degree in these very same subjects/streams.
3. A teacher will be recognized as a guide for the M. Pharm. degree (partly by papers and partly by thesis) if

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- i. A teacher **Master's degrees or equivalent degree** from a university in India recognized by the UGC or from a university abroad that is known to impart quality education in pharmacy or in allied sciences (in case of the latter, if in doubt, the matter may be discussed in the BOS and/or in the Academic Council of BCP). Publications in journals with Scopus Impact Factor is desirable. However, if such a teacher has been admitted to the PhD program then s/he will not be able to guide M. Pharm. students before this could be a potential conflict of interest; however, if the teacher gives a declaration stating explicitly that the research work carried out by his/her students for their M. Pharm. degree will not be in anyway be part of the teachers PhD thesis, then the teacher may be allowed to guide M. Pharm. students for their M. Pharm. degree.

OR

- ii. A **PhD degree** in the related field from a university in India recognized by the UGC or from a university abroad that is known to impart quality education in pharmacy or in allied sciences. In case of the latter, if in doubt, the matter may be discussed in the BOS and/or in the Academic Council of BCP. Publications in journals with Scopus Impact Factor is desirable.
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