

**Proceedings of the meeting with the Vice Chancellors of Ten
Universities on 6th December 2018**

The third meeting on 'Reforms in Higher Education' was conducted under the chairmanship of Vice Chairperson, Odisha State Higher Education Council in the conference room of Pustak Bhavan, A – 11, SukaVihar, Bhubaneswar on 6th December 2018. Member Secretary, OSHEC, VCs of Utkal, Berhampur, Rama Devi, Fakir Mohan, North Odisha, Ravenshaw and Gangadhar Meher Universities along with their Controllers of Examination were present during the deliberations. CDC, Sambalpur University and Chairman, PG Council, Khallikote University along with their CoEs attended the meeting. The purpose was to take forward the action points agreed upon in the 16th August meeting.

At the outset, Member, OSHEC welcomed all the esteemed Vice Chancellors (VCs) and their team. The detail discussions are as below.

Common UG syllabus for all Universities:

VC, OSHEC informed that the draft CBCS syllabus prepared by the BoS chairpersons committee of all Universities for 27 subjects were sent to the experts for their review and some of the reviewers submitted their comments. Due to paucity of time, it was agreed that even if one reviewer had given comments, BoS meeting will be convened to decide upon the same. Vice Chancellor, Utkal University is requested to arrange BoS committee meeting from 7th January to 12th January 2019 for the 27 subjects and communicate to all the concerned persons in advance. Member Secretary, OSHEC requested all VCs to send their BoS chairmen on the concerned dates to Utkal University for discussing the comments given by the reviewer and incorporating the agreed upon modifications in the syllabus. The protocol for adoption of the syllabus be completed by 28th February at University level and communicated to the colleges by 7th March 2019 so that faculty at the college are adequately prepared. The two competency building papers under SECC namely Communicative English (special course) and Quantitative and Logical thinking were approved by the three VCs sub-committee. The units and contents of both the papers were discussed and unanimously agreed upon. It was decided to approve these papers in the respective University's academic council for timely rollout in academic session 2019-20 for the 2nd year students.

Examination Reforms:

Member Secretary, OSHEC informed that Higher Education Department has already intimated vide letter no. 15609 Dt: 26/05/2018 for simplification of examination process. He requested all the Controllers of Examination (CoE) to stick up to the guideline for different processes as agreed upon in the previous meetings.

The following points are to be taken care of:

- a) Scheduling of exams:

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the University. The pool of human resources for preparation of question papers and evaluation of answer scripts should be updated immediately which will be helpful for timely conducting the examination and publication of the result.

Controller of Examination (CoEs) will communicate to all colleges for compliance on the above points.

Common Admission Test for PG

VC, OSHEC explained about the common admission test for the Post Graduate courses. The proceedings of the meeting held on 5.12.18 regarding modalities for common admission (Annexure II) is unanimously accepted. SAMS will manage the entrance test for all the subjects except self financing and PPP courses. It was decided earlier that Utkal University, Sambalpur University and Berhampur University will conduct common admission test for Arts and Humanities (UU), Science (SU), Commerce-business streams (BeU) respectively. The universities having PG courses in other subjects which are not common in all the universities will supply question papers to the respective University above for conducting the exam. It was also decided that two set of question papers will be prepared for the examination. Merit list will be published for each course and universities will follow the process for admission from the pool. Merit list will be prepared based on 70% weightage for entrance test and 30% for career marks (5% for 10th marks, 10% for +2 marks and 15% for +3 marks). The examination will be conducted in OMR sheet which will contain 30 questions from general elective courses and 40 marks from core courses and total duration of the exam will be 75 minutes.

It was also decided that examination centres will be spread across Odisha depending upon the applications received in each courses. It was decided that Ravenshaw University will prepare the Common Entrance Test prospectus to be finalized by the Apex Admission Committee.

Improving NAAC accreditation:

Member Secretary, OSHEC requested all VCs to engage NAAC mentors for every 10 - 15 colleges for providing support to apply for NAAC. It was reiterated that OHEPEE fund release letter to selected 6 universities (Annexure III) which contains indicative guideline for empanelment of NAAC mentors. The same can be referred to for engagement by the remaining Universities as they are to be selected under OHEPEE from 2019-20.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair and all the participants.


Vice Chairperson

OSHEC

Check List for Consultation with Controller of Examination (CoE) of Universities

1. Academic calendar 2018-19 developed : Yes / No

a. If Yes: UG exam details:

Semester	Start Date	End date
1		
3		
5		
2		
4		
6		

2. Question setter pool (subject wise) for semester wise UG exams:

Subject Name	No of question setters at present	No of new question setters identified	Total No. of question setters at present
Physics			
chemistry			
Math			
...			

3. Evaluator Pool (subject wise):

Name of the subject	No of colleges having this subject faculty	Total UG students (Hons) admitted in 2018-19				No. of Evaluators present earlier	No. of new Evaluators identified	Total No. of Evaluator at present (B)	Total total students : evaluators Ratio (A:B)
		1 st year	2 nd year	3 rd year	Total students (A)				
Physics									
chemistry									
Math									
...									

4. Status of exam card and alternate semester exam system

a. Whether one exam card system introduced for 2018-19 academic session: Yes / No

b. Whether alternate semester exam system planned for 2019-20: Yes/ No

c. If yes, elaborate the plan.

5. Whether form fill-up discontinued for 2018-19 academic session: Yes/ No

Whether letter communicated to College for this purpose: Yes/ No

Issues, if any?

6. Date of publication of result (semester 1,2,3,4) for 2018-19 academic session:

Semester	Last date of Examination	Result publication date
1		
2		
3		
4		

7. Affiliation Status (college wise and subject wise): Temp/ permanent (Attach separate annex)

Name of the college	Stream and Subject	Year of affiliation	Whether Temporary/ permanent

8. Question sheet distribution Centers

Sl_no	Name of Nodal centre	No of college tagged
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

(Small paragraph describing the step by step process)

9. Evaluation Process:

Sl_no	Name of Nodal centre	No of college tagged
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

(Small paragraph describing the step by step process)

10. Tabulation and result Publication Process: (Small Descriptive write-up)

NAAC Monitoring by Affiliating Universities

11. Affiliated college NAAC data maintained: Yes/ No

If yes

Sl No	Name of the college	NAAC Grade	Date of Expiry of NAAC Grade	Remarks
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

12. Selection process of mentor for NAAC completed: Yes/ No

If yes, Colleges assigned to Mentor?(Y/N)

Sl_no	Name of the mentor	No of college assigned	Name of the college
1			
2			
3			