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Minutes of the Meeting

Date: 11-09-2024
Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00PM
Mode: Online Meeting

Members Present:

1. Shri. K. V. Vishnu Raju – Chairman
2. Shri. Ravichandran Rajagopal – Vice Chairman
3. Prof. K. V. Ramana Murthy
4. Shri Satish – Management Nominee
5. Dr. K. S. Nataraj – Member Secretary
6. Prof. A.K.M. Powar – AU Nominee
7. Prof. Girija Shankar – State Government Nominee
8. Prof. M. N. A. Rao – Member

Prof. Shivaji Rao Kadam (UGC Nominee) and Dr. R.S.R.S. Varma expressed their inability to attend due to prior commitments.

Agenda and Discussions:

1. Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes:

- The minutes of the 19th Governing Body Meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

2. Chairman Shri K. V. Vishnu Raju's Inputs:

a. Emphasized increasing collaborations with pharmaceutical industries for internships and industrial visits.
b. Suggested setting up a Pre-Incubation Centre for promoting student startups in pharmacy and health tech.
c. Encouraged enhancing digital learning through AI-based simulations and virtual labs for pharmacology and pharmaceutics.
d. Recommended institution-wide participation in NIRF and NAAC rankings with clear documentation and data accuracy.
e. Proposed starting short-term certification programs in Regulatory Affairs, Clinical Data Management, and Pharmacovigilance in partnership with industry.

3. Prof. M. N. A. Rao's Suggestions:

a. Establish a dedicated Pharma Innovation Cell for converting student ideas into patentable products.
b. Support for patent filing should include workshops, internal review committees, and seed funding.

c. Promote cross-disciplinary projects (e.g., Pharmacy + AI, Pharmacy + Environment).
d. Alumni database should be upgraded with industry positions and contributions to academia.
e. Recommended integrating an e-learning platform for recorded lectures, assessments, and notes.

4. Prof. Girija Shankar's Observations:a. Appreciated recent progress in academic audits and syllabus implementation.
b. Suggested aligning PG research projects with national priority areas such as Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), Public Health, and Mental Wellness.
c. Informed about the availability of IPR Grants from the State Innovation Council and advised faculty to apply.
d. Recommended training faculty in Outcome-Based Education (OBE) and Bloom's Taxonomy-based assessment design.

5. Dr. K. S. Nataraj's Updates:

a. Presented report on ongoing curriculum revision as per PCI 2024 guidelines for B.Pharm and M.Pharm.
b. Shared improvement in student placement statistics, with a 25% rise in average salary offered.
c. Informed about MoUs signed with two national pharma industries and a clinical research organization.
d. Discussed progress in the implementation of NEP 2020 framework, including Academic Bank of Credits and credit transfers.

6. Prof. K. V. Ramana Murthy's Suggestions:

a. Advised periodic monitoring of faculty research output and publication in Scopus/Web of Science-indexed journals.
b. Encouraged launching a Research Mentorship Program between senior faculty and junior researchers.
c. Proposed that the library subscribe to high-impact pharma journals and offer remote access to digital resources.
d. Recommended preparing students for competitive exams like GPAT, NIPER-JEE, and government sector roles.

7. Additional Decisions and Action Points:

a. Digital Feedback System to be implemented across all departments for students and faculty.
b. Plan to host a National Conference on Innovations in Drug Delivery Systems by December 2025.
c. Establish an Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) to ensure academic and administrative quality.
d. Work on a proposal for a Skill Development Center funded by AICTE/NSDC.
e. The college website to be updated with faculty profiles, ongoing projects, patents, and placement data.
f. Introduce a Green Campus Policy—focus on waste reduction, energy saving, and pharma waste management.

Meeting concluded with appreciation to all members and thanks to the Chair.

Dr. K. S. Nataraj
Member Secretary