**POLICY CIRCULAR NO. 52**

Sub: Decisions of the 67th Academic Council Meeting held on 22.03.2011 - Communicated - Reg.

The following important decisions were taken in the 67th Meeting of the Academic Council of this University held on 22.03.2011:

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<td>1.</td>
<td>2011.67.04</td>
<td>Resolved to approve amendment to Statute 16 relating to schools of studies and Departments/ Centres.</td>
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| 2.     | 2011.67.05     | Resolved to allow the faculty members of this University to be co-guides of other universities in exceptional cases subject to the following conditions:-
<p>| 3.     | 2011.67.11     | Resolved that NRI and foreign candidates with enormous professional experiences and having proven aptitude for the research exhibited through publications should only be considered by the Admission Committee under the clause 2.1 (b) of the Ph.D regulations. Their publications should also be evaluated by the Department Committee before called for giving a seminar. |
| 4.     | 2011.67.12     | Resolved to treat Maulana Azad National Fellowship for minority students on par with RGNF students for the purpose of direct admission to the Ph.D programme and both should have taken the university entrance exam once. Wherever considered necessary, these fellowship holders may be accommodated against supernumerary seats, subject to the absorbing capacity of the department and with prior approval of the Vice-Chancellor. The INSPIRE Fellowship holders should also appear for the university entrance examinations, for admission to M.Phil/Ph.D. |
| 5.     | 2011.67.13     | Resolved to approve establishment of Department of Commerce, Department of Computer Science and Department of Management at the University campus at Karaikal. |</p>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>2011.67.14</td>
<td>Resolved to approve Amendment to Administrative Ordinance No.8 – Ordinances governing the code of conduct and discipline for avoidance of sexual harassment and maintenance of equality of opportunity. The members also suggested that the committee constituted for this purpose should play a proactive role to improve the Gender sensitivity in the campus. It was also suggested to explore the possibility of getting a Gender Sensitivity Audit conducted by reputed NGOs like VISTAR.</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>2011.67.16</td>
<td>Resolved to approve the increase of intake of MBA (Business Administration) course from 92 to 120 seats and conduct classes in two sections from the Academic Year 2011-12. Further it was resolved to increase the existing intake of all P.G. courses, to the extent feasible, by 10 to 15% from the academic year 2011-12.</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>2011.67.21</td>
<td>Resolved to approve the following qualifications and specialisation for the faculty positions in the school of media and mass communications: Masters Degree in Electronic Media or Mass Communication, Ph.D in Mass Communication / media related subjects with (10 years of experience for Professor and 8 years for Associate Professor) in Teaching or Research Industry Experience / Professional Experience in the field of Electronic Media, Film Industry and related fields. In exceptional cases, a non Ph.D will be considered on contract basis for upto five years in the same Pay Band of a Professor / Associate Professor if the person has otherwise made a national level mark in the area of Media, T.V. and Film Industry.</td>
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<td>9.</td>
<td>2011.67.24</td>
<td>Resolved to approve the conduct of examinations in respect of diploma and certificate courses by the community college, Puducherry from the academic year 2010-11 onwards with the condition that the Diplomas shall be issued by the University. The certificates may, however, be issued by Community College themselves.</td>
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<td>10.</td>
<td>2011.67.25</td>
<td>Resolved to enhance the remuneration paid under the “Earn while you learn” scheme of Pondicherry University from ₹20/- per hour to ₹40/- per hour</td>
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<td>11.</td>
<td>2011.67.28</td>
<td>Resolved to approve sanction of start-up grant to 24 newly joined faculty members to encourage research with the following conditions: The start-up grant shall be issued in two instalments. The second instalment shall be released after review of the progress by an Expert Committee. It was also suggested by the members that faculty receiving the grant should ensure that resources are generated from the funding agencies to the extent of atleast double the start up grant amount, within next one year. Due constraint should be exercised for ordering for chemicals which are normally available in the Department. No part of the grant should be used for Laptops &amp; Systems. It was also resolved to review the progress of activities in respect of start-up grants sanctioned during the last five years, if not done already and a report to be submitted to the council.</td>
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12. 2011.67.31 Resolved to approve in principle the proposal by the various Departments/Centre to offer new courses from the academic year 2011-12 as detailed below:

Department of Politics and International Studies:
- PG Diploma in European Studies
- Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policies
- PG Diploma in Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policies

Soft Core Courses:
1. Inclusive Policy and Scheduled Tribes - 3 credits
2. Activist Displacement, Insurgency & Ethnic Movements - 3 credits
3. Social inequalities and economic exclusion/discrimination in India - 3 credits
4. Dalit Movements in India - 3 credits
5. Policies, Programmes and Acts for People with Disability - 8 credits
6. Health Issues among Marginalized Communities - 3 credits

Centre for Electronics Media:
Soft Core Practical Courses:
1. Internship - 3 credits
2. Television News Magazine Production - 3 credits
3. CEL Animation - 2 credits

13. 2011.67.33 Resolved not to permit supplementary examinations under clause 6.8 (a) of the revised CBCS regulations and the regulations be amended accordingly. However, the supplementary examinations under clause 6.8 (a) of the revised CBCS regulations already conducted by some of the Departments may be approved and results released.

14. 2011.67.34 Resolved to approve starting of one new UG course and re-introduction of three Diploma Courses from the academic year 2011-12 at Pondicherry University, Community College.

It is requested that all the concerned Deans / HODs / Centre Heads / Course Co-ordinators are requested to take necessary action in compliance to the Academic Council Resolution cited.

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All the Deans / HODs/ Centre Heads / Course Co-ordinators,
Pondicherry University.

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6. The Director, Directorate of Distance Education, Pondicherry University.
7. The Principal, Pondicherry University Community College, Lawspet.
8. All Deputy Registrars, Pondicherry University.
9. The Asst. Registrar, VC's Secretariat - for information of the V.C.