

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee constituted by the Kerala State Higher Education Council to examine the modalities for starting new programmes in emerging areas of importance in universities held through video conferencing on 28/05/2020 at 11.00 am.

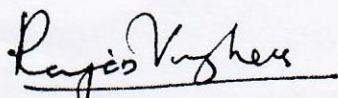
The following members attended the meeting.

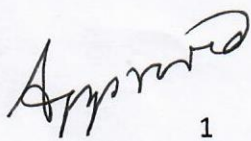
1. Prof.Rajan Gurukkal P.M. : Vice Chairman, KSHEC (Chairman)
2. Dr.B.Ekbal : Member, Kerala State Planning Board
3. Prof.Sabu Thomas : Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University
4. Dr.R.V.G.Menon : Member Governing Body, KSHEC
5. Dr.Rajan Varughese : Member Secretary, KSHEC, (Convenor)

The meeting after detailed discussion decided the following :

- (a) The new academic programmes in emerging areas should be designed as integrated and interdisciplinary, that is capable of courses transcending disciplinary silos and leading to convergence.
- (b) The new PG programmes may be developed as blended model – a combination of class room and online teaching. – the proportion of which may vary depending upon the nature of the programme, as decided by the Universities.
- (c) PG programmes spread across different Universities facilitating mobility of students from Universities within the state may also be introduced.
- (d) The programmes so designed should have industry orientation to enhance the employability of students enrolled in the programme.
- (e) In the designing of the programme, care should be taken to forge linkage with research institutions and industries in the state.
- (f) Faculty with relevant expertise for these programmes may be appointed on tenure track before they are regularised.
- (g) The faculty for some courses can be taken from the industry as adjunct faculty.
- (h) The University may meet the expenses for such programmes out of the fee collected from the students. The fees should be affordable to the students.
- (i) The additional expenditure necessary for running the programmes may be met by Government by giving additional funds to Universities as and when required in the form of matching grants. A formula may be evolved for giving additional grant/ matching grant such as 75:25 (75% by the Government & 25% by the University) or any other ratio decided by the Government. This project can be called University/ State Sponsored programmes."
- (j) Features and prospectus of the programme should be communicated to all the Universities in the state for enabling them to design programmes based on the academic requirements and advantages of each university.
- (k) A meeting of the Vice Chancellors may be convened by the Council for discussing the details of the scheme of implementation.

The meeting which began at 11.15 am concluded by 1.00 pm.

  
Member Secretary

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