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Proceedings of the video conference meeting of all the AHS and

Physiotherapy principals of RGUHS affiliated colleges. Held on 29th April 2020

at 11:00am at Atreya board room, 1st Floor, RGUHS, Jayanagara

Members present:

- 1. Dr. S. Sacchidanand, Vice Chancellor,
- Mr. Shivanand Kapashi MS Registrar,
- 3. Dr. Lingegowda, Registrar (Evaluation)
- 4. Dr. Rajesh Shenoy, Dean, Allied Health Sciences.
- Principles of all the Allied Health Sciences and Physiotherapy colleges affiliated to RGUHS.

6. Others:

- a. Dr. Saikumar, Senate Member
- b. Dr. Nalini ,G.K Director, CDC, RGUHS
- c. Dr. Obul Reddy, Deputy Registrar

Agenda: To discuss on various concerns raised by the Allied health sciences and physiotherapy principles which are as follows

- continuation of affiliation for the academic year 2021 academics
- Admissions
- Academics
- Examinations
- Internship
- Miscellaneous: Regarding date of submission of synopsis, project works for BSC and M.Sc. candidates

Deliberations:

Dr. S. Sacchidanand, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, RGUHS welcomed the participants and briefed about the agenda of the meeting in detail

SL. NO.	CATEGORY	CONCERNS
1	AFFILIATION	Tentative period of LIC inspection for the continuation of affiliation for the academic year 2020-2021.
		Decision: There will be LIC inspection for the continuation of affiliation for the academic year 2020-21 as soon as the COVID situation ceases. Decision to issue continuation of affiliation without LIC inspection is also being contemplated.
2	ADMISSION	Admission status of 2019-20 batch students- Some students had not received Eligibility certificate and hence

		admissions of such students was pending.
		Decision: As per U.O note. No. RGU/RP/78/ 2019-20 dated 27/02/2020; All admissions are approved for Indian boards students. Only the foreign board students are required to obtain eligibility certificate. If any discrepancy found in the admission related issues, principals are requested to bring the matter to the notice of the RGUHS.
		Guidelines for commencement of New batch 20-21 due to the uncertainty about the date of completion of 12 th / Second PU examinations. Calendar of events for the following-
		a) Admission- b) Classes c) Last date for admission
		Decision : the tentative date for the admission for the academic year 2020-21 will be 1 st October 2020.
3	ACADEMICS	Approximate commencement of classes for the academic year 2019-20. Decision: Classes may be commenced from 1st June 2020, provided all the state borders are opened.
4	EXAMINATION	How to bring uniformity of teaching for students who are from remote areas where the net connectivity is bad and such students are not able to get access to the online classes being conducted. For example, students from Andaman and Nicobar, J&K.
		Will the classes be repeated after the students report back?
		Decision : If the number of students is less, they may be provided with the online class resource materials. If extra classes are to be conducted, then it will be at the discretion of the respective college principals.
		How to proceed with the practical classes and the clinical postings for 2 nd and 3 rd years be conducted?
		Decision: SOP to be prepared and sent to University by the Dean AHS.
		SUGGESTION PROVIDED
		Time lapse if more than 3 months then term maybe extended to 50% of working days lost
		Reply ; It may be accepted

 Increase of college teaching hours by at least 1hr to 1 1/2 hrs

Decision: Agreed, left to the discretion of the principals.

Reduce clinical posting by 30 - 60 mins and accommodate theory and practical classes / internal exams

Decision: Agreed, left to the discretion of the principals.

- Repeat online classes taken only if required Decision: Agreed, left to the discretion of the principals.
- Can think of reducing 1hr class to 45/50mins to increase number classes
 Decision: the matter may be placed at the BOS meeting.

As per an earlier discussion it was stated that the students who were to appear for the April 2020 exams were promoted to next semester/ year, subject to the condition that they have to write both the backlog papers and next year/semester papers in the September/ October 2020 examination.

There are the following concerns regarding this-

 The students those who had backlog papers are weak academically and if they are to appear for the backlog papers and also the next academic session papers together the students will find it very difficult.

If a student had back log papers in first year, such student will be appearing for the first year papers in the morning and second year papers in the afternoon as per the pattern of examination time table being followed.

3. What about the students who didn't have eligibility to appear for the April 2020 due to either lack of attendance or failure in the internal assessment? Are these students also promoted automatically? If so, how do we give them the IA marks?

 If the students are given eligibility to next academic year, then what about their attendance for theory, practical and clinical postings.

For the BHA and BPH who follow the semester system, will the students be appearing for exams for two semesters during Sept/ Oct 2020?

6. Need clarification regarding the question paper

pattern as it was discussed in the meeting with the Honorable VC that the QP pattern will be changed. Regarding examinations to be held in March/April 2020 for all AHS courses it was approved by Syndicate that except for students appearing for Final year/semester examination rest all students would be promoted to next year/semester and they would appear for the backlog exam papers in the month of October-November 2020 (or as & when the exams will be held under the annual exam scheme). Final Year/semester students would appear for exams to be held in June/July 2020 (or as the date fixed by RGUHS) to facilitate the completion of their course at the earliest.

How social distancing would be maintained during both theory and practical exams for the Students as well as Faculties?

SUGGESTION PROVIDED

Finish the supplementary exam first then later the regular exam.

Decision: Agreed

Will the QP pattern be same for all batches? Decision: Yes, It will be the same.

5 INTERNSHIP

Due to the current situation there are few cases/ samples being reported to the hospitals/ labs. The present interns are not getting the kind of training that is needed during internship. How do you resolve this situation? Will there be extension of the internship period for the present interns?

When will the internship commence for the students who were supposed to appear for the final examination in April 2020 examination?

Since the 3rd year students will be losing few months because of pandemic situation. Will there be extension for internship period?

SUGGESTION PROVIDED

Final year students may be given opportunity to start internship with the condition to clear required subjects during the first exams conducted after regular course starts.

Decision: Agreed, Internship may be extended

Decision: Agreed, Internship may be extended Since the borders will be closed, most of the students who have gone back will not be able to come back till this issue is settled, which might be for another two or three months. Then can we allow the students to pursue the internship at designated nearby institutions as recognized by RGUHS this year, so that they can finish the internship near to their home town?? Decision: As a onetime measure, students are permitted to do the internship in the current respective places (during lockdown) at the nearby designated recongnised by RGUHS or respective competent councils/authorities. This may be ascertained and approved by principals. MISCELLANEOUS Date of submission of synopsis and project for M.Sc. General guidelines for the students returning postlockdown period should be circulated by the University. The guidelines should include the quarantine of students after they report back to colleges, social distancing to be followed for theory and practical. Measures to be taken to prevent transmission during clinical postings. Decision: Last date is extended without fine till 15st May 2020 and with fine till 31st May 2020 With regard to the project work submitted by B.Sc Optometry students-As per Government guidelines for maintaining the social distancing, it would be difficult for the students to continue with their data collection. Whether the University will allow the Third year students to complete the project with lesser number of sample sizes? Decision: The B.Sc. Optometry students are permitted to submit the project report till the first 6 months of the internship as one time measure as a result of this pandemic.

Registrar

Vice Chancellor