


Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Academic Committee, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar held at 2.30 P.M. on 12.12.2020, presided by Prof. Yogesh K. Chawla, Chairman, Academic Committee, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar at Director's Board Room, Administrative Building (1st Floor), AIIMS, Bhubaneswar.

The seventh meeting of the Academic Committee (AC) of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhubaneswar was held at 2.30 P.M., on 12th December, 2020 at Director's Board Room, Administrative Building (1st Floor), AIIMS, Bhubaneswar. The meeting was presided over by Prof. Yogesh K. Chawla, President, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar. The following attended the meeting physically or through video conferencing (Google Meet): -

Sl. No.	Name of the Chairman/Members of the Academic Committee	Chairman/Member
01.	Dr. Yogesh Chawla, Professor & Ex-Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh	Chairman
02.	Dr. Nitish Naik, Professor & HOD, Department of Cardiology, AIIMS, New Delhi	Vice-Chairman
03.	Shri Anubhav Mohanty, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)	Member
04.	Prof. R. V. Rajakumar, Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar, Odisha	Member
05.	Dr. Vivek Lal, Professor & HOD, Department of Neurology, PGIMER, Chandigarh	Member
06.	Dr. K. K. Sharma, Professor, Department of Microbiology, Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS), Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh	Member
07.	Prof. Gitanjali Batmanabane, Director, AIIMS Bhubaneswar	Member-Secretary
08.	Dr. Debasish Hota, Dean (Academic-adhoc), AIIMS Bhubaneswar	Special Invitee
09.	Shri P.K.Ray, Deputy Director (Admin.), AIIMS Bhubaneswar	Special Invitee

All the above members except the Member-Secretary attended the meeting through video conferencing. Dr. Sunil Kumar, DGHS, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, and Dr. Shailesh Kumar, Professor, Department of Surgery, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi could not attend the meeting and leave of absences were granted to them.

The Chairman called the meeting to order. It was noted that the quorum was complete. In his opening remarks, The Chairman, Prof. Yogesh Chawla welcomed all members of the newly reconstituted Academic Committee and sought their active support and guidance for overall development of the Institute.


Member -Secretary


Chairman

Agenda Item: AC - 07/01

Welcome address by the Director

The Member-Secretary welcomed the Chairman of the Academic Committee to its seventh meeting (first after reconstitution of the IB) and all the members to the meeting and expressed her deep gratitude for sparing their valuable time to attend the meeting. With the permission of the Chair, the member-secretary, made a presentation on the progress of the Institute in the area of academics over these four years from the date of her taking over charge as Director, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar. She outlined the courses started, present strength of students, the training imparted, the faculty development programs in place to facilitate teaching-learning and the various achievements. The strength of the faculty and the residents were discussed. The members were informed that a standard staffing pattern for the new AIIMS has been finalized by the Directors of the six new AIIMS, and if the proposal is approved nearly double the number of residents' seats will be available. The bottle-neck to starting new DM/MCh courses are that the specialty departments like Anaesthesiology, Orthopaedics, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Paediatrics etc., needed senior residents for patient care and hence all the non-academic senior resident positions cannot be converted to academic SR positions. The Chairman and the members congratulated the Director on the visible progress the Institute has made in these four years.

Agenda Item: AC- 07/02

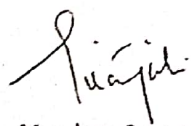
Address by the Chairman, Academic Committee

The Chairman, Academic Committee, Prof. Yogesh Chawla, welcomed all the members and said he was delighted to be a part of this committee of very prominent educationists and he was willing to work with the members and the administration to further improve academics and research at AIIMS Bhubaneswar. The Chairman complimented the Director and the faculty members, and requested the Director to take up the agenda items one by one and deliberate upon them.

Agenda Item: AC- 07/03

Action Taken Report of the Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Academic Committee of AIIMS Bhubaneswar held on 17.03.2019

The Academic Committee (AC) has noted the Action Taken Report of the minutes of the 6th meeting of the AC as submitted.



Member -Secretary



Chairman

Agenda Item: AC- 07/04

Proposal from the Department of Anaesthesiology to

- (i) Start DM in onco-anaesthesia
- (ii) Start DM in critical care
- (iii) Increase number of seats in PDF in cardiothoracic anaesthesia

The AC had a detailed deliberation and the following decisions were taken.

- (i) Permission was not given to start DM in onco-anaesthesia
- (ii) The AC accorded "in principle" permission to start DM critical care with one seat per year after all procedural formalities like approval of expert committee to review the infrastructure and technical expertise in the department and the approval of the proposed DM curriculum in the board of studies. The seat will be re-appropriated from the non-academic SR positions under the Dept. of Anaesthesiology. The name of the course should be DM in Critical Care - Anaesthesia.
- (iii) Permission was not given to increase the number of PDF seats in Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia.

Agenda Item: AC- 07/05

Proposal from the Department of Burns & Plastic Surgery to

- (i) Increase the M.Ch seats in Burns & Plastic Surgery from 02 per year to 04 per year
- (ii) To start Certificate Course in Wound Care and Dressing Technology (06 students per year)

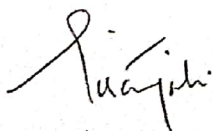
The AC had a detailed deliberation and the following decisions were taken.

- (i) Permission to increase the number of M.Ch seats in Burns & Plastic surgery was not given.
- (ii) Permission to start a certificate course in Wound Care and Dressing Technology was not given.

Agenda Item: AC- 07/06

A proposal was received from the Department of Cardiology to start a training course in B.Sc Cath Lab Technician with an intake of 2 students per year.

The AC had a detailed discussion and approved the proposal in principle with a request that the department should specify the faculty incharge of the course.


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Agenda Item: AC- 07/07

A proposal was received from the Dept. of Community Medicine & Family Medicine regarding certain modifications to the selection of candidates for the PDF program in Public Health Nutrition.

The AC after careful deliberation, took the following decisions:

- (i) Candidates working in various capacities in on-going extramural projects at AIIMS Bhubaneswar are not permitted to undergo this fellowship.
- (ii) Candidates who are sponsored by the government or sponsored by reputed National or International agencies can be selected under the quota for sponsored candidate.
- (iii) The PDF admission issued to Dr. Bimal Kumar Sahoo was ratified as a one-time measure.

Agenda Item: AC-07/08

A proposal was received from the Dept. of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery to start DM course in Cardiac Surgical Intensive Care under the Dept. of CTVS.

The AC after careful deliberation did not give permission for the Dept. of CTVS to start a DM course in Cardiac Surgical Intensive Care.

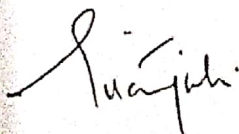
Agenda Item: AC - 07/09

A proposal was received from the Dept. of Dental Surgery for re-appropriation of three of the senior resident posts in various divisions and dental specialties such as orthodontics & dentofacial orthopaedics (01 no.) oral and maxillofacial surgery (01 no.) and conservative dentistry and endodontics (01 no.)

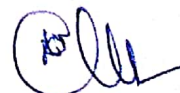
The AC approved the proposal.

Agenda Item: AC - 07/10

A proposal was received from the Department of Medical Gastroenterology to start a training course in B.Sc (Hons.) Endoscopy Technology with an intake of 03 students per year.



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The AC had a detailed discussion and accorded "in principle" approval for the proposal for two (02) seats/year with a request that the department should specify the faculty incharge of the course. The course will be named as B.Sc (Hons.) Endoscopy Technician Course.

Agenda Item: AC - 07/11

A proposal was received from the Department of General Medicine to increase the number of seats for MD in General Medicine from 04 to 08 per year.

The AC had a detailed discussion and did not approve the proposal till new positions are sanctioned.

Agenda Item: AC - 07/12

A proposal was received from the Department of General Surgery to increase the number of seats for MS in General Surgery from 04 to 08 per year.

The AC had a detailed discussion and did not approve the proposal till new positions are sanctioned.

Agenda No. AC - 07/13

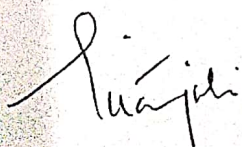
A proposal was received from the Department of Hospital Administration to start a PDF course in Health Care Quality & Patient Safety under the Dept. of Hospital administration with 01 seat per year.

The AC had a detailed discussion and approved the proposal. The course may be started by re-appropriating one SR post out of their three posts or calling for in-service or sponsored candidates.

Agenda Item: AC - 07/14

A proposal was received from the Department of Clinical Haematology and Medical Oncology to :

- i. Start a Post-Doctoral Certificate Course in Clinical Haematology



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ii. Start Fellowship in Pediatric Haematology-Oncology

The AC had a detailed discussion and decided that only PDF courses will be approved. The AC has approved a PDF course of one year duration in Clinical Hematology for two (02) seats and also approved a PDF course of one year duration in Pediatric Haematology-Oncology with two (02) seats per year.

Agenda Item: AC - 07/15

A proposal was received from the Department of Neonatology to increase the number of seats for DM course in Neonatology from one per year to two per year.

The AC approved the proposal.

Agenda Item: AC - 07/16

A proposal was received from the Department of Neurology to:

- i. Increase number of seats in DM Course in Neurology from 02 seats/year to 04 seats/year
- ii. Start PDF Program (Post DM/DNB) of one year duration in Clinical Neurophysiology (one seat/year) and Neurocritical Care (one seat/year)
- iii. Start 3-year B.Sc. Neuro Technology Course

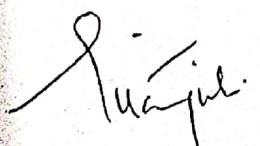
The AC had a detailed discussion and decided the following:

- (i) It approved to increase the number of seats in DM Neurology course from two/year to three/year. The increased seat will be in the sponsored category.
- (ii) It approved the department to start a PDF course of one year duration in Clinical Neurophysiology with one seat/year. The PDF course in Neurocritical Care was not approved.
- (iii) It approved the department to start 3-year B.Sc. Neuro Technology Course with 2 students/year. However, the B.Sc. course will be called B.Sc. (Hons) in Neuro Technician course. The dept. should specify the faculty incharge for the course.

Agenda Item: AC - 07/17

A proposal was received from the Department of Neurosurgery to:

- i. Start PDF Program in Neuro Endovascular Surgery and Neuro Spine Surgery


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ii. **Distribution of M.Ch. seats (3 year/ 6 years program)**

The AC had a detailed discussion and did not approve to start the PDF course in Neuro Endovascular Surgery and Neuro Spine Surgery. The committee also deliberated on the starting of the 6 year course in Neurosurgery which had been approved in the 6th meeting of the Academic Committee (as agenda item No 06/12). Even though the minutes of the 6th AC meeting held on 17th May 2019 has been ratified by the GB and IB, the AC has now revised the earlier recommendation and approved that the 6 years M.Ch course shall not be taken up and this may be placed to the GB/IB again for ratification in revision of the earlier recommendation.

Agenda Item: AC - 07/18

A proposal was received from the Department Nuclear Medicine to start the MD course in Nuclear Medicine with four seats/year.

The AC had a detailed discussion and approved the proposal from the Dept. of Nuclear Medicine to start M.D. course in Nuclear Medicine with two seats/year.

Agenda Item: AC - 07/19

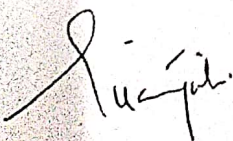
A proposal was received from the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology to start PDF course in Minimal Invasive Gynaecological Surgery (MIGS) with two seats/year.

The AC had a detailed discussion and approved the proposal from the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology to start PDF course in Minimal Invasive Gynaecological Surgery (MIGS) with one seat/year. The seat may be re-appropriated from the allotted SR seats in the department.

Agenda Item: AC - 07/20

A proposal was received from the Dept. of Paediatric Surgery to initiate the six year course in M.Ch in Paediatric Surgery and realign 3-year and 6-year M.Ch. program.

The proposal to start the 6 year MCh course was approved in the 6th meeting of the Academic Committee. Even though the minutes of the 6th AC meeting held on 17th May 2019 has been ratified by the GB and IB, the AC has now revised the earlier recommendation and approved that the 6 years M.Ch course shall not



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be taken up and this may be placed to the GB/IB again for ratification in revision of the earlier recommendation.

Agenda Item: AC - 07/21

A proposal was received from the Dept. of Pharmacology to start the DM course in Clinical Pharmacology with 1 seat/year.

The AC gave permission for the course to start.

Agenda Item: AC - 07/22

Proposal was received from the Department of Physiology to start PDF in Intraoperative Neurophysiological Monitoring with 1 seat/year.

The AC did not give permission to start the course.

Agenda Item: AC - 07/23

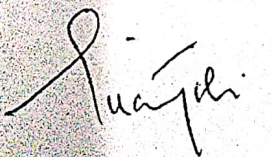
Proposal was received from the Department of Psychiatry to start DM in Child & Adolescent Psychiatry with 4 seats/year.

The AC did not give permission to start the course.

Agenda Item: AC - 07/24

Proposal was received from the Department of Radiodiagnosis to start the following courses:

- i. DM in Neuro-radiology with 2 seats/year
- ii. M.Sc. course in Radiography with 3 seats/year
- iii. PDF Program in Onco-Imaging, Musculoskeletal Imaging, Neuroimaging & Interventional Radiology and Body Imaging (each course to have 2 seats)


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The department also wanted to increase the number of seats in MD (Radiodiagnosis) course from 4 seats/year to 6 seats/year. They also submitted a proposal to exempt of MRI Charges for patients included in thesis/ dissertation of students.

The AC carefully deliberated all the points and decided not to accord permission to start any of the courses except M.Sc in Radiography with 2 seats/year. They also did not permit an increase in the number of MD seats.

On the issue of exempting the patients from paying the charges for MRI if they are included as subjects in a thesis, the committee ruled it should be taken up in the next SFC meeting.

Agenda Item: AC - 07/25

Proposal was received from the Department of Surgical Oncology to start the following:

- i. Clinical Observership in Surgical Oncology for 2 -4 weeks
- ii. Proposal to start PhD programs in surgical oncology, oncology, cancer epidemiology

The AC approved to start clinical observership in surgical oncology for a period of two to three weeks without any financial liability for AIIMS Bhubaneswar. Only two observers may be enrolled and should be present at any given time and they should be currently working in a Government Hospital or Public Sector Unit. Permission should be taken from the Competent Authority each time the observers are enrolled. The AC did not give permission to start the PhD courses.

Agenda Item: AC - 07/26

Proposal was received from the Department of Trauma and Emergency Medicine to start the following courses:

- i. PDF in Neurotrauma & Neuro emergency
- ii. PDF in Acute Care Surgery

In addition, the following proposals were also placed before the committee:

- iii. Proposal to increase number of seats in MD Emergency Medicine from 02/year to 06/year



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- iv. Intake of additional MS/MCh students in the departments of Neurosurgery, Plastic Surgery, Orthopedics, General Surgery for allotment of thesis supervisorship (guide) to the respective surgical faculty in the department of TEM (Neurosurgery, Plastic Surgery, Orthopedics, General Surgery)
- v. Intake of additional 02 PDF in Critical Care students in the Dept. of Anaesthesia & Critical Care (against 05 Emergency Medicine Faculty in the T & E Dept, 03 from Anaesthesia, 01 from Pulmonary Medicine & 01 from General Medicine) for rotation to the ICU and Critical Care Zone of the Dept. of T&EM.
- vi. Proposal to create non-academic SR post under various disciplines for department of TEM

The committee carefully deliberated all the proposals and concluded the following:

- (i) Approval was accorded for starting a PDF course of one year duration in Neurotrauma with one seat per year. The course should be named PDF course in Neurotrauma and not PDF in Neurotrauma and Neuro emergency.
- (ii) Approval was accorded for starting a PDF course for one year in Acute Care Surgery with one seat per year
- (iii) Approval was accorded for increasing the number of seats in MD Emergency Medicine from 02/year to 04/year

The other three proposals (iv, v and vi) were not approved.

Agenda Item: AC - 07/27

Proposal was received from the Department of Urology to increase the seats in M.Ch Urology from 02seats/year to 04 seats/year

The AC gave permission to the Department of Urology to increase the seats in M.Ch Urology from 02seats/year to 03 seats/year.

Agenda Item: AC - 07/28

Proposals were received from the College of Nursing:

- i. **To start a Certificate Course in Infection Prevention and Control Nursing (ICN)**


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ii. For the integration of middle level health care provider/community health officer course content in B.Sc. (Hons) Nursing course curriculum

The AC approved both proposals as proposed.

Agenda Item: AC - 07/29

A proposal regarding changes to be made to the B.Sc paramedical courses being conducted at AIIMS Bhubaneswar was put up to the AC.

- i. Proposal to withdraw the compulsory bond amount of Rs.2,00,000/-
- ii. Inclusion of skill based clinical postings in the last six months of the course curriculum.
- iii. Proposal to have annual examination instead of semester pattern and to conduct separate examination in the subjects of Anatomy and Physiology with equal weightage from 2020 batch.
- iv. Making the question paper more objective.
- v. No provision of accommodation within the campus to Technical Trainees.

The AC had a detailed discussion on all the points and approved them.

Agenda Item: AC - 07/30

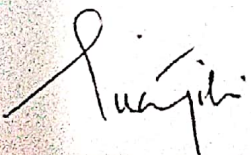
Proposal to increase of tenure of Non-academic Senior Residents / Demonstrators beyond 3 years for maximum up to 4 years in exceptional circumstances against vacant posts.

The committee accorded approval provided it was done on a case by case basis and the work performance of the SRs were reviewed by the Heads of the Department and found satisfactory. However, for the tenure of the four years it may be followed if AIIMS Delhi is doing it.

Agenda Item: AC - 07/31

Proposal to Grant authority to the Director, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar to sign MoUs with leading Universities/Institutions/Organizations for advancing Academics/Research and to ratify the MoUs already signed with the institutions/organizations

The AC approved the proposal.



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Agenda Item: AC - 07/32

Proposal to grant of stipend to students who are foreign nationals studying in India.

The AC deliberated this issue and advised the Director to write to the Ministry of Health & FW, GoI, seeking their direction.

Agenda Item: AC - 07/33

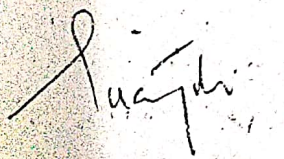
Proposal was received from the Department of Pulmonary Medicine to increase the number of DM seats in Pulmonary Medicine and Critical Care.

The AC approved an increase of one DM seat/year under sponsored category.

Agenda Item: AC - 07/34

A proposal was made regarding granting permission to Faculty/Tutors/Staff for undergoing part time Ph.D Degree in other Universities.

The AC deliberated the issue in detail and concluded that while considering any request to take up Ph.D course from another institute it should be seen that their present assigned duties and responsibilities are not interfered with. AIIMS Bhubaneswar is a new institute and unless faculty and staff work with full enthusiasm for the interest of this institution a new institution may not come up to the expected standard. Permission, if accorded, should only be given if the institution is an INI and/or has a very high NIRF ranking and after review of the protocol. The Director as competent authority may decide to constitute a committee which can review the requests from the faculty/staff and submit its recommendations to the Director. The approval of the Competent Authority is mandatory for anyone to undertake part-time Ph.D. in another institution. The cases of those who had already registered for Ph.D course, prior to their joining the institution, can only be considered if they had intimated the same immediately after their joining, and got permission, subject to fulfilment of all the above conditions, including that the institute from which they want to pursue Ph.D shall be an INI or having a very high NIRF ranking. Accordingly, the AC decided that the case of Mrs. A. Serna Subathra, tutor in College of Nursing, AIIMS Bhubaneswar, can be decided according to the above guidelines.


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Table Agenda: AC:07/35 (A)

The department of Pulmonary Medicine submitted a proposal to change the nomenclature of the course "DM in Pulmonary Medicine" to "DM in Pulmonary Medicine, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine"

The committee did not approve the proposal but permitted the change of name of the course from "DM in Pulmonary Medicine" to "DM in Pulmonary Medicine and Critical Care"

Table Agenda: AC:07/35 (B)

The College of Nursing submitted a proposal for the following:

- i. Revision of B.Sc. (Hons.) Nursing syllabus: Proposed to be implemented w.e.f. 2021.
- ii. Revision of M.Sc. Nursing syllabus: Proposed to be implemented w.e.f. 2021.
- iii. Revision of mark sheets by incorporating the internal assessment marks w.e.f. 2021.

The committee approved all three items in the proposal.

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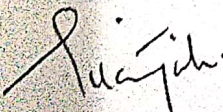
A proposal was submitted to amend the criteria for the attendance, eligibility and promotion to next level for B.Sc. (Paramedical courses).


The committee deliberated on the proposal and approved the same.

Any other matter with the permission of the Chair:

The Chairman and members reiterated that students applying for super specialty medical/surgical courses should be admitted after the M.D/M.S. course in the general specialties and not directly after M.B.B.S. It was also decided that there will be only PDF courses for one year duration after postgraduation, in those subjects for which approval was taken. Having various courses of different duration and nomenclature like fellowship, PDCC etc., were not recommended by the committee.

All departments that have approved courses may submit their course curriculum in keeping with the broad guidelines of the AIIMS Bhubaneswar curricula. Those departments starting new DM/MCh or MD/MS courses


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should have the report of an expert committee and submit the complete curriculum approved by the Board of Studies (Education Committee). Departments will be permitted to start courses only after all these formalities are completed and the GB ratifies the minutes of this AC.

The Chairman requested a talk to be held during the next meeting by a faculty member of AIIMS Bhubaneswar on whether Research is necessary in the time bound promotion of faculty for APS. The Director agreed this was an important topic and said she would try and arrange a video conference on this so that many faculty members can participate.

The Member-Secretary also accepted the Chairman's advice to form an Academic Advisory Committee to the Director that can examine the proposals prior to it being placed before the Academic Committee.

The meeting then ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



Member-Secretary



Chairman