SECTION-7: CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

Item No.7.1 of the Agenda of 169th meeting of the Executive Council to be held on 3rd December 2022

Introduction of Online Programmes under VTU

The Chairman brought to the notice of the Executive Council that the Ministry of Higher Education, Govt. of Karnataka had called meeting of the Vice Chancellors of State Universities on 28-11-2022, and among other things, the Universities have been directed to introduce On-line courses in related fields at the earliest.

Keeping in view the directions received from Government, the process has already been initiated and expert committee has been constituted to study and submit a comprehensive report on this matter. At the first stage the University wishes to introduce the online mode at least for Certificate programmes, as certain clarifications are needed from AICTE for starting B.E./B.Tech./M.Tech. programmes in online mode.

Resolution No.7.1

The Executive Council noted the directions of the Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Karnataka and resolved to approve, in principle, the starting of Online Programmes under VTU.

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Item No.2.1.7 of the Agenda of 171st meeting of the Executive Council to be held on 23rd February 2023

CONSIDERATION OF STARTING OF ONLINE AND TWINNING PROGRAMMES IN COLLABORATION WITH FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES FOLLOWING THE UGC AND AICTE GUIDELINES

The New Education Policy (NEP) aims to make education more inclusive, equitable, and accessible to all, with a special emphasis on marginalized communities. As per the NEP-2020 education should be accessible to all. Further, it may be noted that COVID-19 has taught us to learn by digital means also. Also, for the economically weaker section and for needy the distance learning is affordable. MHRD emphasizes distance learning. The UGC emphasizes that nearly 20% of learning should happen through online mode. Distance learning enhances the educational qualification of the students while being in their current jobs. 'Learn while you Earn', is possible when the enhancing the skill of a candidate is considered by opting for a distance learning course.

Further, research shows that educational experiences that are active, social, contextual, engaging, and student-owned lead to deeper learning in collaborative learning. The benefits of collaborative learning include the Development of higher-level thinking, oral communication, self-management, and leadership skills.

Adverting to the above, it is proposed to:

- Start the collaboration with foreign Universities following UGC and AICTE guidelines for the purpose of Twinning Programmes, Joint Degree Programmes, Dual Degree Programmes, Research, and Training, Internships for students
- Start Online programs following UGC and AICTE guidelines for the purpose of starting of Post Graduate Certificate programs, Post Graduate Diploma programs in management, Computer Applications, Artificial Intelligence and Data Science, Logistics, and Travel and Tourism courses(AICTE).
- 3. Starting and running offline program/s of foreign University in University campus

Further, the University will process the applications for the above-mentioned programs with UGC and AICTE. After getting approval as required by the respective programs the amendments will be made in Statutes and Regulations governing the concerned programs.

The subject is placed before the Executive Council for consideration and further directions.

The subject is being placed before the Academic Senate and the recommendations of the Academic Senate will be placed on the table.

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Resolution No.2.1.7

The Executive council resolved to accept the recommendations of the Academic Senate which recommended to:

- 1. Start the collaboration with foreign Universities following UGC and AICTE guidelines for the purpose of Twinning Programmes, Joint Degree Programmes, Dual Degree Programmes, Research, and Training, Internships for students
- 2. Start Online programs following UGC and AICTE guidelines for the purpose of starting of Post Graduate Certificate programs, Post Graduate Diploma programs in management, Computer Applications, Artificial Intelligence and Data Science, Logistics, and Travel and Tourism courses(AICTE).
- 3. Starting and running offline program/s of foreign University in University campus Further, the Executive Council resolved to accept the recommendations of the Academic Senate which recommended to process the applications for the above mentioned programmes with UGC and AICTE and to incorporate the required changes in the University Statutes and Regulations after getting approval.

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