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VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY Department of Chemistry

Dr. Sumita Roy February 28, 2022

Proceedings of the Departmental Committee (D.C.) meeting held on 28.02.2022 at 12 o'clock

Members Present:

- (a) Dr. Sumita Roy, Head, Department of Chemistry, in the chair
- (b) Prof. Braja Gopal Bag
- (c) Prof. Ajay Kumar Misra
- (d) Prof. Sudipta Dalai
- (e) Dr. Subal Chandra Manna
- (f) Dr. Maidul Hossain
- (g) Dr. Anirban Basu

Agendas:

- 1. To confirm the proceedings of the last meeting of the departmental committee in Chemistry.
- 2. Current status of the functioning CCAE, Chemistry.
- 3. Refilling of the N_2 gas for CD Spectrometer.
- 4. Refilling of liq. N₂ to NMR instrument.
- 5. Endorsement of Project Proposal of Prof. Amiya Kumar Panda.
- 6. Misc.

Resolution:

- (1) The proceedings of the last meeting that of the Departmental Committee in Chemistry read and confirmed.
- (2) HoD reported to the committee that on and from 3rd February, 2022 the full fledge offline classes of the Masters' students for both regular and evening courses under CCAE are going on after pandemic situation. The HoD wanted to know the present status of evening courses from the members of DC. She also wanted to know if the faculty members have faced any problem to conduct the theory as well as practical classes in evening mode. The members let her knew that everything is running smooth. But during conducting practical classes in evening section they felt problem regarding shortage of lab chemicals. Under these circumstances DC unanimously

resolved that the PG courses of Chemistry (Evening mode) under CCAE is running smoothly and the department will ask the coordinator of Chemistry to enter the lab chemicals well in advance from the next session.

- (3) HoD informed to the members of the DC that one filled N_2 gas cylinder is required to run and record the CD spectra for a time span 3 to 4 hours in recently installed CD spectrometer. She also discussed with the members about the arrangement of fund to refill the N_2 gas cylinder throughout the year. In this situation DC unanimously decided that the refilling of N_2 gas cylinder will be done by the concerned faculty member who will perform his experiment in the CD spectrometer.
- (4) HoD informed the members of the committee that refilling of liq. N₂ to the NMR instrument was previously done by Prof. Braja Gopal Bag and now it is alternatively done by Prof. Ajay Kr. Misra and Dr. Sumita Roy before handed over it to the USIC. The members of the DC acknowledges the efforts of the three faculty members of the department for saving the NMR instrument. It was unanimously resolved that the university authority be requested to reimburse the funds utilized in this regard. HOD is requested to write to university authority for the same.
- (5) HoD reported to the committee that Prof. Amiya Kumar Panda (on lien) wants to submit a research proposal to the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) entitled "Interaction between Lipid Analogues of Surface Active Ionic Liquid and Phospholipids Membranes with Special Reference to Anti-Microbial Activities." The DC unanimously agreed to endorse the project proposal of Prof. Amiya Kumar Panda.
- (6) In Miscellaneous, HoD reported to the committee that the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Technology" since its inception in 1989 has been functioning properly, in spite of various constraints in manpower and funding. However, suddenly the name of the Department has been changed to "Department of Chemistry" forcefully in spite of the DC resolutions dated October 10, 2018 (VU/PG/Chem/198 Dated October 10, 2018) and September 03, 2019 (VU/PG/Chem/208 dated September 03, 2019) stating that the name of the Department should remain as "Department of Chemistry and Chemical Technology" (copies attached). The matter was again discussed in the DC meeting dated February 28, 2022. The DC unanimously resolved that the name of the Department should be restored back to "Department of Chemistry and Chemical Technology" for overall benefit of the Department. The reasons are as follows:

- I. The Department has received developmental grants from UGC SAP in several phases amounting to several crores under "Chemical Technology" section of UGC.
- П. Two of our senior Professors namely Professor Braja Gopal Bag and Professor Ajay Kumar Misra serves as Expert Member in UGC under "Chemical Technology"
- III. The Department has received developmental grants from DST - FIST under the name of "Department of Chemistry and Chemical Technology". Utilizing such funds, the Department has procured sophisticated instruments for Advanced Scientific research.
- IV. The Departmental records show that the developmental several grants received from both UGC-SAP and DST-FIST are in the name of "Chemistry and Chemical Technology" but not "Chemistry" alone. Hence, change of name from "Department of Chemistry and Chemical Technology" to "Department of Chemistry" has caused adverse effect on the development of the Department.
- V. Many of our students get jobs in R&D and Industries such as ONGC, IOC, Syngene, TCG Lifesciences Pvt. Ltd., etc. because of this "Chemical Technology" term.
- VI. Many of our students get scholarships from Industries like Jindal for this "Chemical Technology" term.

Under this circumstance, it was unanimously resolved that the name of the Department should be restored back to "Department of Chemistry and Chemical Technology" for overall benefit of the Department as well as of the University as a whole.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to everybody.

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