

NATIONAL BRAIN RESEARCH CENTRE



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The Eighth Meeting of the Academic Council of NBRC was held at NBRC, Manesar on 08th August 2014. The following members attended the meeting :

1. Prof. Subrata Sinha	: Chairman
2. Prof. K. Muralidhar	: Member
3. Prof. V.S.Mehta	: Member
4. Prof. Basabi Bhaumik	: Member
5. Prof. P.K.Roy	: Member
6. Prof. Neeraj Jain	: Member
7. Prof. N.R.Jana	: Member
8. Prof. Pravat Mandal	: Member
9. Prof. Pankaj Seth	: Member
10. Dr. Shiv Kumar Sharma	: Member
11. Dr. Soumya Iyengar	: Member
12. Dr. Nandini Singh	: Member
13. Dr. Anirban Basu	: Member
14. Dr. Ellora Sen	: Member
15. Dr. Yoganarasimha	: Member
16. Dr. Ranjit Giri	: Member
17. Dr. Sourav Banerjee	: Member
18. Dr. Arpan Banerjee	: Member
19. Dr. Anindya Ghosh Roy	: Member
20. Dr. Amitabha Majumdar	: Member
21. Mr. K.V.S.Kameswara Rao	: Member

Item No. 8 (1): Welcome by Chairman

Prof. Subrata Sinha, Chairman, Academic Council, welcomed all the members to the eighth meeting of the Academic Council.

Chairman, Academic Council also welcomed the following new members of Academic Council who joined as Associate Professor & Scientist IV at NBRC and introduced them to Prof.K.Muralidhar, Prof. Basabi Bhaumik and Prof. V.S.Mehta :

1. Dr. Sourav Banerjee
2. Dr. Arpan Banerjee
3. Dr. Anindya Ghosh Roy
4. Dr. Amitabha Majumdar

Item No. 8 (2): Confirmation of the minutes of the seventh meeting of the Academic Council

The minutes of the seventh meeting of the Academic Council were confirmed, as no comments were received from Members.

Item No. 8(3): Action taken on the recommendation made by Academic Council in its 7th meeting

The Academic Council noted the action taken on the recommendations made in its 7th meeting.

Item No. 8(4): Ratification of following point as agreed in a faculty meeting, held at NBRC on 03rd April 2013

The Academic Council ratified the action taken by NBRC with regard to issue of M.Sc. degree to Mr. Pavankumar Rambatla and recommended that he be awarded M.Sc. degree.

Item No. 8(5): Re-starting of M.Sc. (Neuroscience) Course at NBRC

On the issue of re-starting M.Sc. (Neuroscience) (taught) course at NBRC, there was an elaborate discussion. After thorough discussion, the Academic Council approved in-principle to start a Master's Programme in Neuroscience. However, as regards other details i.e. duration of the course, rules and regulations and other modalities, it was opined that a detailed document containing all the details as mentioned above needs to be prepared. It was suggested that the draft document may be prepared with the input and suggestions taken, as necessary, from the experts conversant with the area. Once the draft document containing all the desired details, is ready, it should be circulated to all the Members for their comments and concurrence.

Item No. 8(6): Discussion of M.Sc. (Neuroscience) Regulations

The Academic Council opined that the M.Sc. (Neuroscience) regulations may be designed as appropriate as per the input and suggestions received from the members as mentioned in agenda item No. 8 (5) and be approved by Academic Council by circulation.

Item No. 8(7):

Possibility of awarding M.Sc. degree to currently enrolled M.Sc.-Ph.D. Integrated students at NBRC

The Academic Council perused the proposal of keeping exit option open for the students of M.Sc.-Ph.D. Integrated programme to leave, in middle of the course with an M.Sc. degree, after completing the mandatory requirements. As regards the minimum time period, every member agreed and it could be on completion of two years and the student should successfully complete all the mandatory requirements for award of an M.Sc. degree.

However, all the external members were in favour of keeping an exit option open to currently enrolled students of the M.Sc.-Ph.D. Integrated programme.

However, there were mixed opinions as regards maximum time period after completion of which, the request of the student, if any, could be considered. A few members expressed that it may not be entertained when the student is in fourth year or afterwards as it will not be advisable and fruitful either to the student or to the lab.

After careful consideration it was opined by the Academic Council that there should be an exit option open for currently enrolled students of M.Sc.-Ph.D. Integrated programme which may be exercised after completion of minimum period of two years and after completion of all the mandatory requirements for award of the M.Sc. degree.

Item No. 8(8):

Discussion on admission procedure being followed at NBRC

The Academic Council noted the existing procedure followed at NBRC for Ph.D. and M.Sc.-Ph.D. Integrated programmes admissions and approved for continuation of association with JGEEBILS and JEST. It also noted that students are getting admitted through GATE and CSIR streams also. Academic Council suggested that detailed procedure and other modalities of admission may be decided before advertizing in National dailies and website and accordingly the detailed advertisement should get published.

Item No. 8(9):

Any other point to be taken up with the permission of the Chair

Item No. 8(9) (i):

To discuss on the present Coursework examination system, pattern of questions, in the semester-end external examination, setting of question paper by an external expert and its internal moderation etc.

Dr. Sourav Banerjee, Addl. Professor and Scientist IV, NBRC requested Chairman's permission to discuss a point under any other agenda item.