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To All Chairpersons / Directors PG Departments / Institutes in the Campuses

Sir,

Sub : Enhancement of academic standards in the PG departments in University Campuses – Creating a more hassle free academic ambience.

Ref: (i) Constitution of a Committee there to-dtd: 23-11-2016 (ii) PG Council Meeting held on 01/12/2016.

Adverting to the above, as recommended in the PG Council meeting held on 01/12/2016, the Department Council meeting may be convened at the earliest in the respective Department of Studies with all faculties, possible and indicate the option latest by 06/12/2016 to the office of the Registrar (Attention Sri. Revanna.I.C., Assistant Registrar(Academic). A copy of the same may kindly be sent to Prof. P.Nagabhushan (Chairman of the Committee) also.

The Committee is expected to submit its report to the University latest by 16/12/2016. An introductory note with regard to the above is enclosed herewith for reference.

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Copy to:

- 1. Prof.P.Nagabhushan, Professor of Computer Science and (Chief Nodal Officer for CBCS Regulations), Manasagangotri, Mysore.
- 2. Prof.Yashvanth Dongre, Professor of Commerce & Dean, Faculty of Commerce, Commerce Department, PGC, Hassan.
- 3. Prof.T.K.Umesh, Professor of Physics & Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology, Manasagangotri, Mysore.
- 4. The Deans of Arts, Education and Law, University of Mysore, Mysore.
- 5. The Registrar(Evaluation), University of Mysore, Mysore.
- 6. The Finance officer, University of Mysore, Mysore.
- 7. The Director, PMEB, University of Mysore, Mysore.
- 8. The Director, CDC/DSW, University of Mysore, Mysore.
- 9. Administrative officer, Manasagangotri, Mysore.
- 10. All the Deputy Registrar's/Assistant Registrar's, AB & EB, UOM, Mysore.
- 11. The PA to Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor/Registrar/Registrar (Evaluation)/Finance Officer, University of Mysore, Mysore.
- 12. Office copy.

Creation of Hassle free Academic Ambience – Some Salient Features

In view of the expected support by UGC for those Departments of Studies which would like to exercise more academic autonomy, the University of Mysore would like to encourage the Departments in its PG Campuses to explore the possibility of taking up the responsibility of creating a more hassle free academic environment in their respective departments.

The salient features to be observed in this regard could be listed as below -

- 1. The Departments should feel that there should be more academic freedom for the Department in running the Master degree programs in terms of teaching learning and assessing of the learners, by separating out the Regulations for the PG courses run in the departments from the generalised regulations which are now applicable to Master degree programs run in affiliated colleges also.
- The Department concerned should feel that teaching learning and assessing activities should happen in continuous mode in its real sense and NOT in 30:70 model over C1, C2 and C3 components as happening now.

3.

- (i) The process of assessing a learner continuously shall fully be the responsibility of the faculty member(s) who offer the course in the department. The Formative Assessment will have three continuous components C1, C2 and C3 each @ 20%. The continuous assessment components for formative assessment will be thus for 60%.
- (ii) Each assessment component should not be merely test-dominant, but should be problem-solving / practical -practice/ mini-project work / case-study / discussions / assignment / seminar / tutorial / review-test based. The performance of the learner in each component of 20% should be made known to the learner once in every 35-40 days.
- (iii) The final semester-end component of Summative Assessment will be called C4. The weightage for C4 will be 40%. This may be split into C4(Part I) for 20% and C4(Part II) for 20% for (i) term-end project work and theory examination respectively or (ii) practical examination and theory examination respectively or (iii) seminar cum viva voce and theory examination respectively or (iv) practical examination and viva voce respectively (and so on).
- 4. The Department concerned should be in a fair position to accept the responsibility of maintaining the teacher to students ratio of at-least 1:15 in case of Arts / Commerce / Law / Education faculty and at-least 1:10/12 in case of Science & Technology faculty. It may not be possible to have all teachers as regular teachers. But sufficient number of regular teachers should be available in the department to act as advisors for temporary / visiting young teachers. The Department should be in a position to find suitably qualified experts to indent their services as invited faculty / adjunct faculty.
- 5. The requirement for additional non-teaching staff and administrative staff for creating hassle free academic environment in the department should be marginal.
- 6. The parent departments in Manasagangotri campus should be able to take the decision regarding the inclusion of their respective satellite departments in the satellite campuses into this scheme or to defer them from inclusion till they acquire suitable infrastructure.

7. The timeframe for a semester duration would be as follows

Week 1	Finalization of registration of credits
Week 2 – 6	C1 period
Week 7 – 11	C2 period
Week 12 – 16	C3 period
Week 17 – 18/19	C4 period
Week 19/20 – 21	Make up in C4. Preparation of credits / grades ledger and issue of
	provisional grade cards
Week 22 – 25	Vacation

8. The overall ledger per candidate after the successful completion of stipulated credits will be sent to the office of the Registrar (Evaluation) for the issue of consolidated transcript.