VELS INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ADVANCED STUDIES (VISTAS) (Deemed to be University estd. U/s. 3 of the UGC Act, 1956)

EXTRACT OF THE MEETING OF THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL FRIDAY, THE 30 th JANUARY 2015 at 3.00 P.M.

ITEM NO.: XXVII

Academic Council Meeting -30.01.2015

The UG and PG Boards of Studies of different departments of various Schools of Vels University have met on different dates to implement the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) as per the guidelines of the UGC in their respective departments and they are applicable to the students who would be admitted to the various courses from the academic year 2015-2016 as directed by the authorities.

I, Dr.R.Dinakaran Michael, Dean, School of Life Sciences, moved before the Academic Council to approve the recommendations of the UG and PG Boards of Studies of different departments of various Schools of Vels University for adoption of Choice Based Credit System [CBCS] for the students who would be admitted to various courses of study from the academic year 2015-2016 as directed by the UGC in its letter D.O.No.F1-1/2014/(Secy) dated 12th November 2014 for implementation in the University.

In view of the above, the university authorities convened the meetings of the Deans/Directors/ HODs to explain and discuss the methodology to be adopted in implementing the Choice Based Credit System [CBCS] from the academic year 2015-2016.

In accordance with the guidelines of the UGC and University authorities, the UG and PG Boards of Studies of different departments of various Schools of Vels University have met on different dates to recommend and implement the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in their respective departments for the students who would be admitted to different courses of study from the academic year 2015-2016.

The respective Boards of Studies have designed the curriculum of the UG courses as follows:

- 1. Core Courses
- 2. Elective Courses:-

- i) Discipline Specific Electives (DSE) course
- ii) Generic Electives (GE) course
- 3. Ability Enhancement Courses (ACE) -i) Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC)

ii) Skill Enhancement Courses [SEC]

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Under the Discipline Specific Electives (DSE), the electives have been prescribed and to be chosen by the students of the particular degree course in which they have been admitted.

Similarly, under Generic Electives (GE), the electives have been prescribed and offered to the students of the other departments to choose the subjects.

The Ability Enhancement Courses (ACE) at Sl.No.5, has been sub-divided into Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC)-consisting of Environmental Science and Language courses and Skill Enhancement Courses [SEC]- consisting of Personality Development, NSS etc.,

For PG Courses, the respective Boards of Studies have designed the curriculum as follows:

- 1. Core Courses
- 2. Elective Courses –
- i) Discipline Specific Electives (DSE) course
- ii) Generic Electives (GE) course
- 3. Dissertation / Project

The Discipline Specific Electives are meant for the particular degree course in which they have been admitted and to be chosen by them.

The Generic Electives (GE) are meant for the students of other departments to choose the subject.

Depending upon the nature of the programs of UG/PG/PF Professional courses , the elective courses are offered in the range of 30 % to 50%.

Similarly, the credits are prescribed for each subject/practical, depending on the hours of teaching and duration of the experiments at Laboratory.

The guidelines provided by the regulating bodies such as UGC, AICTE, PCI, DGS etc., have been followed while implementing the Choice Based Credit System [CBCS].

The percentage of internal and external assessment of 40% and 60% has been maintained for the all the courses. The syllabi for the UG and PG courses have been prepared on the above guidelines after a detailed discussion.

He placed the above item before the Academic Council for its approval to implement the same from the academic year 2015-2016.

Then the Item was seconded by Dr.V.Ravichandiran, Dean, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

VC has approved.

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