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Dated:24.12.2020

To

The Principal of all Pharmacy Colleges
affiliated to this University.

Sir/Madam,

Sub: ACADEMIC – The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai –
Resolution on various Academic issues passed on the 59th Meeting of the
Standing Academic Board held on 16.09.2020 – Communicated – Reg..

Ref: 1.Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Studies in Pharmacy held on
20.08.2020.

2.Extract of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 59th Standing Academic
Board held on 16.09.2020.

3.Copy of the Resolution No.40 passed at the 277th meeting of the
Governing Council held on 30.09.2020.

I am to inform you that the Board of Studies in Pharmacy Courses, in its meeting held on 20.08.2020 discussed various academic matters. The recommendations of the Board of Studies were placed before the SAB at the 59th meeting held on 16.09.2020. The resolutions passed by the SAB are approved at the 277th meeting of the Governing Council held on 30.09.2020 which are detailed as below.

POINT NO. 1

TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY Dr. K.L. SENTHILKUMAR, THE PRINCIPAL OF SRI VIJAY VIDYALAYA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, DHARMAPURI, MEMBER OF BOARD OF STUDIES WITH REGARDS TO PHARMACY EXAMINERSHIP.

It was resolved to follow the existing M.Pharm Regulations, 2014, issued by Pharmacy Council of India, New Delhi for appointing examiners.

POINT NO. 2

THE EXPERT COMMITTEE MEETING CONDUCTED REGARDING DECIMAL MARKS CAN BE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST DECIMAL FOR SEMESTER EXAMINATION (B.PHARM AND M.PHARM).

It was resolved to approve the recommendations of the Expert committee meeting held on 07.02.2020 to round off the decimal marks to the nearest decimal for semester examination in B.Pharm degree course from March 2020 examinations onwards and in M.Pharm from May 2020 Examinations onwards.

a) It was resolved to consider Pharm D as PG Course and to approve the Examination fees and Remuneration for 1st to 3rd years of Pharm D course as per norms of UG courses and from 4th & 5th year of Pharm D as per norms of PG Course and to appoint the examiners accordingly.

b) It was resolved that institution/Hospital shall submit the Pharm D internship scoring sheet from each Department to the University with due certification by the concerned authorities where the candidate has undergone the training.

c) It was resolved that Principals shall submit the consolidated statement of the internship to University with the scoring sheets.

d) It was resolved to approve the following calendar events for the Pharmacy courses:

COURSE	COMMENCEMENT OF THE COURSE	CUT OFF DATE FOR ADMISSION	EXAMINATION MONTH
B.Pharm (semester)	1 st September	30 th September	March / September
M.Pharm (semester)	1 st October	31 st October	April / October
Pharm D and Pharm D (PB)	1 st October	31 st October	October

e) It was resolved to approve the entry of marks along with the submission of Internal Assessment marks of the respective subjects for the Non-University Examination subjects in B.Pharm / M.Pharm / Pharm D courses.

(The copy of the Expert Committee Minutes is enclosed)

POINT NO. 3

TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED SENT BY Dr. GRACE RATHNAM, PRINCIPAL REGARDING PHARMACY DEGREE COURSES.

1. Regarding examination of IV year B. Pharm (annual program):

As per the advisory dated 9th April 2020, it was resolved to allow the candidate to go for next academic year / Semester and permitted to take examinations as and when conducted by the University. Further, resolved that the candidates shall be eligible to carry double the number of subjects to next semester or year.

2. Regarding examination of B.Pharm-semester program :

As per the advisory dated 9th April 2020, it was resolved to allow the candidate to go for next academic year / Semester and permitted to take examinations as and when conducted by the University. Further, it was resolved that the candidates shall be eligible to carry double the number of subjects to next semester or year.

3. Regarding Pharm.D program:

As per the Advisory from PCI dated 9.7.2020, it was resolved to permit Vth year Pharm.D students to progress into internship phase as prescribed under regulation 16 of the Pharm D regulations 2008. It is also resolved that the students shall appear and pass all examinations before graduation and resolved to allow the candidate to go for next academic year / Semester and shall be permitted to take examinations as and when conducted by the University.

Further, it was resolved to follow the guidelines issued by PCI dated 2nd May 2020, with regard to removing the degree of difficulty for internship for Pharm.D Students and resolved that all eligible candidates to commence internship from 15th October 2020.

4. Regarding Postgraduate examination:

With regard to M.Pharm Part I, it was resolved that the students who have completed M.Pharm Part I and not able to appear for examinations shall be permitted into M.Pharm part II and shall be permitted to take the exams when conducted and also resolved to permit the candidates to appear for M.Pharm part I exams along with M.Pharm part II as per the advisory issued by PCI dated 9th April 2020.

With regard to M.Pharm Part II, it is resolved to conduct evaluation of thesis in September 2020.

POINT NO. 4

THE REQUEST OF THE PRINCIPAL OF KK COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, CHENNAI WITH REGARD TO PHARM D DEGREE COURSE STUDENTS THOSE WHO HAVE ARREAR IN FIFTH YEAR TO PERMIT TO DO INTERNSHIP AS A ONE-TIME MEASURE.

It was resolved to implement the guidelines mentioned in circular dated 09.07.2020 issued by the PCI with regard to Examinations/Internship/Practical training. The fifth Year Pharm.D students shall progress into internship phase as prescribed under regulation 16 of the Pharm.D Regulations 2008. The students however shall appear and pass all examination before graduating.

Further, it was resolved to allow Pharm D 5th year arrear candidates whose examination would have been over by May 2020, to commence their internship in accordance with the guidelines mentioned above. The students however shall appear and pass all examination before graduating. This is done as one-time measure due to COVID-19 Pandemic and cannot be quoted as precedence.

POINT NO. 5

THE REPLY RECEIVED FROM THE PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA, NEW DELHI REGARDING APPROVAL OF 10+2 VOCATIONAL HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION WITH PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY / MATHEMATICS CONDUCTED BY THE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION FOR ADMISSIONS TO VARIOUS PHARMACY COURSES.

It was resolved to approve 10+2 vocational higher secondary examination with Physics, Chemistry, Biology / Mathematics conducted by the Board of Vocational Higher Secondary Examination, Government of Kerala to be eligible for admissions to B.Pharmacy and Pharm.D courses.

Further, it was approved to issue Eligibility Certificate in respect of the two candidates Mr. Musharaf K M and Bessy Eldhose who have completed the Board of Vocational Higher Secondary Examinations, Government of Kerala and joined the B.Pharm Degree Course at United College of Pharmacy, Coimbatore for the Academic Year 2019-2020.

POINT NO. 6

TO INFORM THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN PHARMACY REGARDING CONDUCT OF FINAL YEAR AND INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATIONS FOR B.PHARMACY/ M.PHARMACY/ PHARM - D AND PHARM - D(POST BACCALAUREATE) COURSES AS PER THE GUIDELINES OF THE PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA, NEW DELHI.

It was resolved to conduct final year and intermediate examinations for B.PHARMACY/ M.PHARMACY/ PHARM - D AND PHARM - D (POST BACCALAUREATE) courses as per the guidelines of THE PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA, NEW DELHI.

The above decisions are communicated for information and to take necessary action. The Principals are also requested to circulate the above matters among the Professors/ Heads of the Department / Students of their college and also to display it in the College Notice Board and the Department Notice Board for information to the Students. The above decisions are available in the University website – www.tnmgrmu.ac.in – academic decisions.

The receipt of the letter be acknowledged.

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for Registrar

Copy to:

1. The Vice Chancellor's Office (Through the Personal Secretary)
2. Personal Secretary to Registrar
3. The Computer Cell – With a request to publish in the University Website.
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The Minutes of the Meeting of the Expert committee held on 07.02.2020 at 11.30 A.M. at the Meeting Hall of the Academic wing to discuss and decide about the examination matters.

The following Members have attended the Meeting:

1. Prof.Dr.A.Jerad Suresh, M.Pharm., Ph.D.,
Professor & Head,
Principal, College of Pharmacy,
Madras Medical College, Chennai – 600 003.
2. Dr.T.K.Ravi, M. Pharm, Ph.D.,
Principal,
Sri Ramakrishna Institute of Paramedical Sciences,
Coimbatore.
3. Dr.Vetrichelvan.T, M. Pharm, Ph.D.,
Professor & Principal,
Adhiparasakthi College of Pharmacy,
Melmaruvathur – 603 319. Kancheepuram.
4. Dr.Ajithadas Aruna, M. Pharm, Ph.D.,
Joint Director of Medical Education (Pharmacy),
O/o Director of Medical Education,
Kilpauk, Chennai – 600 010.
5. Prof.Dr.D.Babu Ananth, M.Pharm, Ph.D.,
Principal,
Edayathangudy G.S. Pillay College of Pharmacy,
Old Nagore Road, Nagapattinam – 611 002.

2. Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) has specified awarding of grades depending on the marks scored and based on the grades scored the GPA is calculated. Since the grading system is in place, the marks should not be added to the mark sheet. From the GPA the average percentage of marks can be calculated. If both marks and GPA are available in the mark sheet the average marks will be identical. Hence only grades, GPA and CGPA should be available in the mark sheet.

The members suggested that SGPA shall be calculated after passing of all the subjects in each semester of B. Pharmacy course and CGPA shall be calculated & entered only after successful passing of all the Eight Semesters of B.Pharm/Four Semesters of M.Pharm.

3. In the Internal Assessment entry by the college, it should be sufficient if it contains only the total of the final internal marks awarded and not the split up of marks. The split up of marks is only for the college to decide on the final internal marks awarded.

It was decided that the institutions should submit to the University only the total of the Final Internal Marks awarded which includes marks for continuous Mode Assessment and marks awarded for sessional Exams.