



Minutes of the Forty-ninth meeting of the Academic Council held on December 20, 2024

Forty-ninth meeting of the Academic Council was convened on December 20, 2024 at 12:30 P.M. in the Board Room, 5th Floor, R.K. Academic and University Block under the Chairmanship of Dr Achal Gulati, President, MGUMST.

List of the members who participated in the meeting is appended as **Annexure-1**. Member of the Council - Dr Hemant Malhotra and Special Invitee - Dr Hari Gautam joined the meeting online.

The Chairman at the outset of the meeting welcomed all the esteemed members and Special Invitees attending the meeting online and in person. The Chairman acknowledged and appreciated the contribution made by the members and special invitees in the academic growth of the University. Then after, the agenda items were taken up. Discussions and deliberations took place on each agenda item and following decisions were taken-

1. Minutes of the Forty-eighth meeting of the Academic Council held on November 13, 2024 - were confirmed.
2. The Council noted and approved orders of the President dated 04.12.2024 for issuing Notification for admissions in B.Sc. Clinical Psychology (Hons.) Program (2024-25) permitted by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), New Delhi through MGUMST Entrance Test.

It was informed by the Convener, Admission Cell that only two applications have so far been received for admission to B.Sc. Clinical Psychology (Hons.) Program. As the last date for receiving applications would expire on December 20, 2024 and the entrance test would be conducted on December 23, 2024, he requested to extend the last date of receiving applications up to December 22, 2024, which the Council accepted.

3. The Council considered and approved the recommendations made by the Board of Research in its meeting held on December 17, 2024.
4. The Council considered and approved the recommendations made by the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery in its meeting held on December 18, 2024 with the observations and resolution that action to activate the Faculty of Management be initiated after receiving permission of the State Government to start new courses related to

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Business Administration/ Commerce/Management/Finance for which the University has already made a request to Education (Gr-IV) Department vide its letter no. 3452 dated August 29, 2024.

While approving the recommendations of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, the Council deliberated upon the issue of number/frequency of meetings of the COC, BOS, Faculty and other academic bodies in a calendar year. It was resolved that the meetings of the academic bodies be conducted in a calendar year as under:

- i) COC, BOS & Faculties: Minimum two meetings, first between February to April and second August to October of the year.
- ii) Ph.D. Committee: February, May, August and October of the Year.
- iii) Board of Research: April and October of the Year.

Committees reporting to the Board of Research shall conduct minimum two meetings aligned with BOR Meeting.

- iv) Academic Council: Third/Fourth week of February, May, August and November of the Year.

In addition to the meetings to be arranged as above, any academic body may meet, as and when the situation may warrant.

5. It was informed to the Council that the status of courses related to the Clinical Psychology is as under:

- i) The MGUMST vide its letter no. 3452 dated August 29, 2024 has made a request to the Education (Gr-IV) Department to accord permission for the following courses:

1.	Post Graduate Diploma (Clinical Psychology)
2.	Master of Arts (Clinical Psychology)
3.	Bachelor of Science (Hons) (Clinical Psychology)
4.	Doctor of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)

- ii) As per the decision of Academic Council dated November 13, 2024, Mahatma Gandhi Medical College & Hospital has submitted an application to Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) on November 30, 2024 seeking permission to continue admissions in M.Phil. Clinical Psychology (Two years duration course) till the academic year 2025-26.

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iii) Conditional approval to start the B.Sc. Clinical Psychology (Hons.) program for 2024-25 has been received by the MGMCH from the RCI on November 27, 2024. Accordingly, approval fees for the B.Sc. Clinical Psychology (Hons.) program (2024-25) has been sent to RCI on December 04, 2024 and a notification for admissions in B.Sc. Clinical Psychology (Hons.) Program in MGMCH has also been uploaded on the University Website on December 04, 2024, as already mentioned at point no. 2 of these minutes of the Council.

iv) The MGMCH vide its letter dated November 19, 2024 and follow up email dated December 04, 2024 has requested the State Government for issuing NoC to start Professional Diploma in Clinical Psychology (PDCP), M.A. in Clinical Psychology and B.Sc. Clinical Psychology (Hons.) programs from 2025-26 onwards.

v) The MGMCH has online submitted application to the RCI on December 05, 2024 to start the Professional Diploma in Clinical Psychology (PDCP) program from 2025-26 onwards.

The MGMCH has also submitted online application to the RCI on December 05, 2024 for B.Sc. Clinical Psychology (Hons.) program from 2025-26 onwards.

vi) Although the MGMCH has submitted application to the Principal Secretary/Commissioner, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of Rajasthan on November 19, 2024 for issuing NoC to start Professional Diploma in Clinical Psychology (PDCP) program from 2025-26 onwards, nevertheless the University must also send an application for the same to the Education (Gr-IV) Department.

6. The Council considered the matter of increasing number of pages in the university examination main answer book. It was reported that at present the university examination main answer book contains 32 pages including 04 pages of the cover of the answer book. The examinee can take any number of supplementary answer books (each carrying 12 pages including 04 pages of the cover of the answer book) in PG examinations and only one supplementary book in UG examination along with one main answer book.

The Assistant Examination Centre Superintendent and Additional Principal, MGMCH vide his letter dated December 05, 2024 has requested to increase number of pages in the university examination main answer book.

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It was further reported that in the Rajasthan University of Health Sciences (RUHS), the University gives to the examinees, one main answer book of 44 pages including 04 pages of the cover of the answer book. The RUHS does not give any supplementary answer book to the examinees in UG/PG university examinations.

After due deliberations, it was resolved to increase the number of pages in the university examination main answer book. The main answer book of university examination in place of 32 pages, may contain total 48 pages including 04 pages of the cover of the answer book. Where the examinees are required to write answers section wise in separate answer books, the number of pages of these section wise answer books may be increased from existing 32 pages to 36 pages including 04 pages of the cover of the answer book.

Items with the permission of the Chair:

1. The Dean and Principal, MGMCH submitted to the Council that we need to expand the programs related to Yoga, Wellness and Integrative Medicine. At present we have been conducting only B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Yoga Therapy programs and only 14 students have taken admissions in last two years in both the programs in Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Allied Health Sciences under the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery.

The matter was discussed in detail and it was resolved that in place of the department of Wellness, Naturopathy and Yogic Science a Centre for Yoga, Wellness and Integrative Medicine be established in the Mahatma Gandhi Medical College & Hospital. It was further resolved that the students already admitted and studying in Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Allied Health Sciences will continue to be the students of the same institute.

2. The Principal, Mahatma Gandhi College of Hospital Administration attending the meeting as special invitee submitted to the Council that the College may be permitted to offer to the Medical Education Department of the State Government specialized Strategic Management Course of three days duration for Healthcare Administrators. This program would be curated to enhance the strategic planning and decision-making capacities of healthcare leaders including Medical Superintendents, Chief Medical Officers, Mission Directors, OSDs, Program Coordinators etc., ensuring a robust and efficient healthcare system that aligns with national health priorities. She requested that a proposal to this effect may be

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sent to the Secretary, Medical Education Department by the hon'ble President.

The Council considered the submission of the Principal as above and resolved to accept it. The program would be conducted and managed at college level and accordingly participation certificates would be given to the participants at college level. Charges for the program may be discussed by the Principal with the Government Officials and got approved from the hon'ble President.

3. The Principal, Mahatma Gandhi College of Hospital Administration (MGCOHA) and the Convener, Admission Cell requested to the Council that in order to increase admissions in Masters in Hospital Administration (MHA) program, the University Admission Cell may be permitted to start admission process for the academic year 2025-26 in February, 2025. They submitted that the first round of entrance test for admissions to MHA and other courses (as may be deemed proper by the Admission Cell) may be conducted in April, second round in May and third round in July, 2025. The academic session for the students admitted in these courses may commence w.e.f. August 01, 2025.

Furthermore, the Principal of MGCOHA proposed that the eligibility criteria for admission to MHA program be revised as given below for the 2025-26 session and beyond, in alignment with the criteria set by other institutions offering the MHA program.

Existing Eligibility Criteria	Proposed Eligibility Criteria
MBBS/BDS/BHMS/BAMS/ BVSc&AH/BHA/B.Pharma/ BPT/BOT/BBA/BA/BCom/B.Sc./ BCA with at least 50% marks in aggregate for general category and 45% marks in aggregate for General PH and 40% marks in aggregate for reserve category candidates	Any graduate with at least 50% marks in aggregate for general category and 45% marks in aggregate for General PH and reserve category candidates

The Council considered the submission of the Principal, MGCOHA and the Convener, Admission Cell as above and resolved to accept it.

4. The Dean, Faculty of Physiotherapy requested to the Council to consider the minutes of the meeting of the Faculty of Physiotherapy which was held on 18.12.2024 but could not be included in the agenda.

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With the permission of the Chair, he presented the minutes of the meeting of the Faculty of Physiotherapy held on 18.12.2024 before the Council for consideration.

The Council considered and approved the minutes of the meeting of the Faculty of Physiotherapy held on 18.12.2024. The Council further resolved that the recommendations of the Faculty of Physiotherapy be made effective from the academic year 2024-25.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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