

Proceeding of the meeting of the **Policy & Planning Committee** of the Institute of Agricultural Sciences, held on **10.08.2020 at 12.00 Noon** in the Committee Room No.01 of the Directorate, IAS to consider certain important matter.

The following were present:-

1. Prof. Ramesh Chand, Director, I.Ag.Sc. and Head, D/o MPP	Chairman
2. Prof. A.P. Singh, Dean, F/o Agriculture	Member
3. Prof. R.K. Singh, Head, D/o GPB	Member
4. Prof. B.Jirli, Head, Deptt. of Ext. Education	Member
5. Prof. Yashwant Singh, Head, D/o Agronomy	Member
6. Prof. A.K.Nema, Head, D/o Agrl. Engg.	Member
7. Prof. R.N. Singh, Head, D/o Entomology	Member
8. Prof. Praveen Prakash, D/o Plant Physiology	Member
9. Prof. Rakesh Singh, Head, D/o Ag. Economics	Member
10. Prof. A.K. Singh, Head, D/o Horticulture	Member
11. Prof. Nirmal De, Head, D/o SSAC	Member

At the outset Chairman welcomed the members present and then took up agenda items for discussion.

AGENDA 1 –

To discuss the matter of conducting examinations for UG/PG/Ph.D. courses running in the Institute, in view of COVID-19 pandemic, following the guidelines of the UGC, as communicated by the University.

The Dean, Faculty of Agriculture apprised the members about the modus operandi for Conduct of Examinations of different courses following the guidelines of UGC as circulated vide Notification No. RAc/Mtg./AC23.07.2020/2020-21/ dated Aug.04, 2020 by the Dy. Registrar (Acad.).

After deliberations and discussion, following were resolved :

1. All students be asked to deposit fee and register on Examinational Portal, if not already done. Examination portal needs to be opened for the same, for which R.O.(Academic)/Controller of Examinations should be requested to arrange.
2. Conduct of Examinations -
 - a. **For M.Sc.(Ag.) Final year students:** (i) : Mid- term Examination (if conducted) : student can opt for Assignment Based Evaluation. In such cases, better of the two (mid-term or assignment marks) will be assigned. If the student opts for mid-term, his/her marks of mid-term will be considered. (ii) Mid-term Examination (if not conducted) : students should be given online assignment compulsorily, which will carry 30 marks.
 - b. 40 Marks should be allotted for conduct of online Examination of three hour duration and shall consist of eight questions, out of which any four needs to be attempted by the students. Students will be required not to use more than three A4 size paper for answering each question.
 - c. 30 Marks should be allotted for Practical Examination, which shall include assignment, viva-voce and attendance of the students.



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- d. **For intermediate semester students of M.Sc.(Ag.)/B.Sc.(Hons.)Ag. course** (i) Mid-term Examination (if conducted) : If student opts for mid-term 30 marks should be converted into 50 marks. If he /she opts for assignment based evaluation, an assignment carrying 50 marks will be given by the Course instructor and his/her marks obtained in mid-term or assignment will be taken (ii) Mid- term Examination (if not conducted) : 50 marks assignment should be given by the concerned Course Instructor to the students through online mode.
- e. The above provision will apply to non-credit compulsory courses also (as resolved in the Institute PPC meeting held on 11th May 2020).
- f. Further, after declaration of result, student shall be entitled to submit his/her M.Sc. (Ag. Thesis) as per direction issued during that period.
- g. It was re-iterated to adopt the conversion formula for calculating the percentage as finalised in the last Institute PPC meeting, held on 29.07.2020 (*copy enclosed*).
- h. **For Ph.D. courses of** all semesters should be treated as Intermediate semester.

AGENDA 2 (with the permission of Chair) –

To consider the grievance of few students of M.Sc.(Plant Bio Technology) course pertaining to re-evaluation of answer – scripts of examinations.

The Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, IAS apprised the members that a few students of M.Sc.(Plant Bio Technology) are insisting for re-valuation of their Answer scripts. Further, house noted that presently there is no provision for re-evaluation of answer scripts of Examinations in the Ordinance of the courses being run by the Faculty of Agriculture. The matter was discussed at length, in the last Institute PPC meeting held on 22.06.2020, wherein it was unanimously resolved to recommend R.O.(Academic) to permit us to follow the provision regarding re-evaluation of Answer-scripts presently in operation at the Institute of Science, but is still lying unattended, due to no response from the competent university authority, in this regard.

The house after deliberation resolved to issue urgent reminder to R.O. (Academic), in order to address the grievances of certain students of M.Sc.(Plant Bio Technology), running in RGSC, Barkachha, Mirzapur.

AGENDA 3 (with the permission of Chair) –

Considered the proposal for continuation of contractual Faculty members in the Institute for the current academic session 2020-21.

After deliberation, the house unanimously resolved to recommend appropriate University authority/RAC to accord approval of re-engagement in respect of contractual Faculty members for smooth conduct of Academic activities in the Institute during current 2020-21 session, as their services



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are urgently required for conduct of online examination/evaluation process of the courses they were teaching.

The meeting then concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair.


CHAIRMAN & DIRECTOR

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to : -

1. The Dean, F/o Agriculture, IAS,
2. The Heads of the Department, Faculty of Agriculture, IAS,
3. The Controller of Examinations,
4. The Joint Registrar (RAC),
5. The Dy. Registrar (Academic),
6. Dr. Abhishek Singh (FE), Coordinator, Institute's Website, IAS, with the request to kindly upload this minute for wide publicity.
7. P.A. to the Director, I.Ag.Sc.,
BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY.


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