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SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Minutes of Meeting

Venue: Computer Lab, Academic Building

Date: 4 July 2017

Subject: Adopting/Adapting MCA programme from IGNOU

YCMOU has signed an MoU with IGNOU regarding sharing of the Programmes and Courses. The discussions were held within the School of Computer Science and the School has decided to adopt/adapt the MCA programme of IGNOU and offer it to the students in Maharashtra through the selected Study Centres from the academic year 2018-19.

To understand the programme structure, implementation policies and the experience of offering MCA programme from IGNOU faculty involved in development and implementation of the programme, the meeting was organized at YCMOU Nasik on July 4, 2017. From IGNOU, the Director of School of Computer and Information Sciences Prof. Dr. P.V. Suresh and the Programme Coordinator of MCA Prof. Akshay Kumar participated in the meeting. The faculties from School of Computer Science, Student Services Division and Evaluation Section of YCMOU participated in the meeting.

The following persons were present for the meeting:

1. Prof. Dr. P.V. Suresh, Director, SOCIS, IGNOU
2. Prof. Akshay Kumar, Associate Professor, SOCIS, IGNOU
3. Dr. Prakash Atkare, Director, Student Services Division, YCMOU
4. Prof. Shubhangi Desale, Assistant Professor, Student Services Division, YCMOU
5. Mr. Vithal Patange, Evaluation Section, YCMOU
6. Dr. Pramod Khandare, Assistant Professor, School of Computer Science, YCMOU
7. Madhav Palshikar, Director (I/C), School of Computer Science, YCMOU

Dr. Arjun Ghatule, COE could not remain present for the meeting due to his other engagements.

Prof. Dr. P.V. Suresh and Prof. Akshay Kumar presented the details of the IGNOU MCA:

Objective, Key Features, Programme structure, Study Centre requirements and implementation details. After understanding the details of the MCA offered by IGNOU, the following points were discussed in details

1. What should be the criteria for allotting SCs for MCA.
2. Flexibility YCMOU can have regarding counseling Sessions, Practicals and delivery of the study material.
3. Flexibility YCMOU can have in evaluation of MCA students
4. What value addition YCMOU can do in collaboration with IGNOU.

Based on the discussions, the following line of action was decided:

1. Since all study material is ready and BCA Study Centres of YCMOU fulfill the most of the norms of the MCA, YCMOU should launch the programme for this academic year. IGNOU will extend all necessary support for this.
2. To begin with, YCMOU should identify not more than 10 Study Centres from existing Study Centres for BCA programmes based on
 - Fulfillment of the criteria specified for MCA programme by IGNOU
 - The past performance of the Study Centre
 - Admission potential of the area
 - The willingness of the SC
3. Out of these 10, 7-8 Study Centres should be selected from the Colleges of the conventional universities offering postgraduate programme in Computer Science; and 2-3 Study Centres in private institutes fulfilling all the criteria.
4. No entrance test should be conducted for this year. However in future admissions should be done through entrance test.
5. IGNOU has provision for direct second year admission for BCA students. For this academic year YCMOU should admit all interested students to the first year only. From next year YCMOU should provide the facility of direct second year admission.
6. IGNOU has policy of separate passing in both internal and external components of evaluation. According to YCMOU policy student needs to procure the passing percentage in end examination and in aggregate (internal and end examination). YCMOU can continue the same policy for MCA.
7. YCMOU should introduce the minimum attendance criteria while allowing the students to appear for the examination.

8. For the first batch The IGNOU's study material should be adopted as it is. YCMOU should purchase the study material (required sets based on admission expectations) and keep it ready at YCMOU nashik.
9. For future, YCMOU should digitize the material in the form of e-books, and prepare supplementary material (e.,g. video lectures, tab ready lectures, etc)
10. YCMOU should initiate the process of creating support material in regional language (Marathi) which can help the students from rural area to understand the subject/concepts.
11. YCMOU should decide the Fee of the programme and should follow the sharing pattern same as the existing computer programmes.
12. IGNOU will provide the soft copy of the Programme Guide which YCMOU should use with appropriate necessary modifications to suit YCMOU policies.
13. YCMOU should organize the three days orientation programme for the faculties of the Study Centres selected. IGNOU will support this by sending team of trainers for the workshop. This will help in maintain the quality of teaching learning at the Study Centres.
14. IGNOU will share the information of the experts from Maharashtra involved in implementation of MCA of IGNOU. This will help YCMOU in implementing the programme.
15. YCMOU should study the remuneration norms of IGNOU for various activities such as paper setting, checing, moderating, project guidance, project evaluation while deciding the YCMOU norms. (Should try to keep parity in the rates).

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