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University Research Council (URC), Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and Department Research Committee (DRC)

University Research Council (URC)

Introduction:

University Research Council (URC) is an apex body that provides guidance and oversight for research activities at University level to improve the quality of research, offer strategic planning, and ensures ethical research practices also reviews research proposals, allocates resources, and monitors the progress and to take impact of research.

Composition

An apex advisory council i.e. University Research Council (URC) on research carried out at YCMOU. The composition of the University Research Council shall be as follows:

- a) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairperson of the Research Council.
- b) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University is a Member of the Research Council.
- c) Eight eminent experts as Members drawn from various subject domains, who are not employees of the University, are nominated by the Vice-Chancellor. Out of these eight Members, two Members will be one each from the Board of Management and the Academic Council respectively.
- d) Director of each School and Department/Division of YCMOU
- e) Three teachers [1 Professor, 1 Associate Professor, and 1 Assistant Professor (who are already Research Supervisors) of YCMOU by seniority and by rotation, nominated as a Member by the Vice-Chancellor.
- f) Controller of Examinations as a Member.
- g) The Director / Head, Research Unit (RU) shall be the Member Secretary of the Research Council.
- h) The term of office of the members will be three years from the date of nomination.
- i) The Research Council shall meet at least twice a year. One third of the total members shall form the quorum for the meeting.

Research Advisory Committee (RAC)

Introduction:

“Research Advisory Committee (RAC)” is a committee who monitors and facilitates research within the school/department, evaluate research proposals, and provide feedback on research

design and methodology and periodically review the progress of research scholars. RAC is comprised of Director of the Concern School / Departments, senior faculty members, researchers, and external experts.

Composition:

A Research Advisory Committee (RAC) is constituted for each Research Scholar consisting of the Research Supervisor and two other members (Recognised Research Supervisors) from the University to monitor the progress of the research work. The Director of the concerned school will be the chairperson. The Research Supervisor shall be the Convener of this Committee and it will also include at least one and maximum three external experts from the same or allied disciplines from other universities. The RAC shall define the courses to be completed by the candidate, taking into consideration the nature of the research topic selected by the candidate. After the recommendation of RAC, the Director of the concerned School shall approve the selection of courses (especially in case of courses offered by other Schools).

Research Advisory Committees (RAC); for each School, namely,

- 1) School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2) School of Commerce and Management
- 3) School of Education
- 4) School of Continuing Education
- 5) School of Digital Education
- 6) School of Sciences
- 7) School of Computer Science
- 8) School of Health Science
- 9) School of Vocational Education and Skill Development
- 10) School of Rural Development and Entrepreneurship
- 11) School of Multidisciplinary Studies.

Responsibilities

The Research Advisory Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

- a) To review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research
- b) To supervise the Ph.D. scholar in developing the study design and methodology of research and identify the course(s) that he/she may have to do.
- c) To periodically review and assist in the progress of the research work of the Ph.D. scholar.

Each semester, the Ph.D. scholar shall appear before the Research Advisory Committee of the concerned school to make a presentation and submit a brief report on the progress of his/her work for evaluation and further guidance. The Research Advisory Committee shall submit its recommendations along with a copy of the Ph.D. scholar's progress report to the University Research Council for approval.

Department Research Committee (DRC)

Introduction:

Department Research Committee (DRC) monitors and facilitates Ph.D. admission process by scrutinizing the applications and interviews constituted by each school for smooth functioning of admission process to Ph.D. programme

Composition:

The Department Research Committees shall be as under:

- Director of the School concerned (Chairperson);
- Two subject Experts (One from the School concerned and One from outside);
- Two nominees of the Vice-Chancellor – One General and One Reservation.

Responsibilities

The Department Research Committee (DRC) constituted by the Vice Chancellor shall be responsible for smooth conducting the admission process including entrance test and interview respectively. During the interview, the committee may make a provisional allocation of selected applicants to the eligible Research Supervisors.




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