

Medical Council of India
New Delhi

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors held on 13th & 14th of February, 2012 at 10.00 a.m. in the Council office at Sector-8, Pocket-14, Dwarka, New Delhi -110077.

Following members were present:

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| 1. | Dr. (Prof.) K.K. Talwar | Chairman, Board of Governors |
| 2. | Dr. (Prof.) K.S. Sharma | Member, Board of Governors |
| 3. | Dr. (Prof.) H.S. Rissam | Member, Board of Governors |
| 4. | Dr. Rajiv Chintaman Yeravdekar | Member, Board of Governors |
| 5. | Dr. Purshotam Lal | Member, Board of Governors |
| 6. | Dr. Ashok Kumar Gupta | Member, Board of Governors |
| 7. | Dr. (Prof.) K Mohandas | Member, Board of Governors |
| 8. | Dr. (Prof.) Sangeeta Sharma | Secretary, Member Secretary, BOG meeting. |

Dr. P.Prasannaraj, Addl. Secretary was on leave.

1. Minutes of the BOG's meetings dated 6th-7th February, 2012 - Confirmation of.

The Board of Governors confirmed the minutes of the meeting of the BOGs held on 6-7, February, 2012.

2. To consider and approve minutes of the Academic Council Meeting Held on 10th February 2012.

The Board of Governors, considered and approved the following recommendations of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 10th January, 2012.

- (1) The Guidelines for recognition of a medical college as a Regional Centre in MET developed at the Joint meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Academic Cell on "Planning for implementation of Phase I curriculum in 2011 and discussion on plans for next phase of training under FDP for implementation of the curriculum in 2012" and Deans/Principals and Convenors/Co-convenors of Regional Centres in Medical Education Technology, held on 3rd May, 2011 under Chairmanship of Dr. Sita Naik, then Member, BOG and further approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on January 10, 2012.
- (2) The Proforma developed by Academic Cell for submission by medical colleges for recognition as RC.

- (3) that a data base may be created with the help of a computer programmer from the proforma sent by medical colleges to record their achievements.
- (4) The Academic Council recommendation that the Planning Commission should be informed that Medical Council of India has, since 2009, already established 16 Regional Centres in MET for faculty development which are now fully functional in training medical college teachers and additional Centres are in various stages of being established. The existing Centres have trained more than 3700 faculty from medical colleges up to September 2011. These Regional Centres would be involved in implementing the modifications proposed in the undergraduate curriculum.
- (5) The revised programme of Basic Course Workshop drafted by the Expert Group (Drs. Avinash Supe, Rita Sood, JM Kaul and Tejinder Singh) which would be implemented from April 1, 2012. Within 5 years, the MEU in all medical colleges should have all existing faculty trained in Basic Course Workshop and would conduct the Basic Course Workshop for newly inducted faculty twice a year.
- (6) The programme of the Advance Course Workshop developed by the above expert group was also approved. This will be implemented by the following Regional Centres for faculty at the level of Associate Professors and above:
 - CMC-Ludhiana
 - Seth GS Medical College & KEM Hospital
 - Jawahar Lal Nehru Medical College, Wardha
 - Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi
 - Sri Ramachandra Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre, Chennai
 - Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Pune/Nashik
 - CMC-Vellore
- (7) that workshops in Research Methodology and on Scientific Publication should be made compulsory for PG students and faculty so that the spirit of conducting research is inculcated in them. Either every college or 2-3 colleges together, may conduct these workshops on a regular basis.
- (8) Regarding request of Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh for recognition as Regional centre in MET, more faculty need to be trained at the existing MCI recognized Regional Centres in MET before the institution can be considered for recognition as a Regional Centre.
- (9) Regarding request of National Institute of Health & Family Welfare, for consideration as a Regional Centre in MET, as per the completed proforma received from the Institution, it is not a medical teaching institution, and the Regional Centres have a major role to play in implementing the revised UG

curriculum. Hence, the request of the National Institute of Health & Family Welfare, for consideration as a Regional Centre was not approved.

- (10) Dr. Avinash Supe may be requested to make a presentation before the Board of Governors, at an early date, on the implementation of the Curriculum Implementation Support Programme. A series of workshops have to be conducted to implement the new UG curriculum which would take 12-14 months and hence the urgency to start this training programme.
- (11) Regarding presentation by Dr. Neeraj Rai, Director, MedRC Edu Tech on "Virtual Health University", Board of Governors approved the endorsement of Academic Council of the work done so far in making these modular lessons and the recommendations that (1) clinical Indian case scenarios which are problem based should be included, (2) region-specific clinical case scenarios be incorporated. It also approved the concept of E-learning as a supplement and that the MCI Regional Centres in MET may be considered as nodal points to implement E-learning programmes.
- (12) **Regulations on Graduate Medical Education, 2011:** Urgent meeting by Prof. J.M. Kaul, Chairman, UG Committee to be held to reexamine the number of hours allotted per specialty which should include the number of clinical posting hours.
- (13) The Board of Governors did not approve (a) requests made by MUHS, Pune and CMC-Vellore to grant retrospective recognition to medical college teachers who have undergone training in Medical Education Technologies at a Centre before it was recognized as a Regional Centre in Medical Education Technologies and (b) the request of Director, JIPMER for a letter of recognition by MCI of the National Courses on Educational Sciences for Teachers of Health Professionals of JIPMER, conducted since 1976.

The following two items were referred back to the Academic Council:

- (1) **A 1.1 College campus:** The Sub-Committee on MSR to provide details of the cities where FAR/FSI can be met with vertical expansion.
 - (2) The recommendation that the University nominee should be present at the time the assessment of the college is conducted by MCI.
3. **To consider and approve minutes of the Academic Council Meeting Held on 23rd January 2012.**

The Board of Governors, considered and approved the following recommendations of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 23rd January, 2012.

Agenda item no. 3. Location of RHTC (Rural Health Training Centre) at a distance from city

The Committee discussed the letter dated 07/10/2011 from Director, K. J. Somaiya Medical College and Research Centre, Sion, Mumbai regarding the Rural Health Training Centre (R.H.T.C.) at a distance from the city. The Committee was of the opinion that it is not practical to transport undergraduates over a distance of 100-150 kms as they have to attend other teaching exercises in the afternoon. For the training of undergraduates, the current rules that R.H.T.C. should be within approachable distance of 40-45 kms may be adhered to. However, for the training of interns, the R.H.T.C. may be located at a distance of 100-150 kms, provided the college meets the following criteria: (1) RHTC should be in a rural setting, and (2) have necessary residential and mess facilities for intern doctors during their stay at R.H.T.C.

Agenda item 4: Regulations on Graduate Medical Education, 2011 submitted by Academic & Examination Cell and referred by Board of Governors to Academic Council for review and suggestions

The Committee discussed in detail the Regulations on Graduate Medical Education, 2011 submitted by Academic & Examination Cell and referred by Board of Governors to Academic Council for review and suggestions. Dr. J. M. Kaul, Chairman, Undergraduate Committee and Member UG Working Group provided clarifications on various issues raised by the Academic Council members. The Members made many suggestions which will be incorporated in the revised version which will be made available by the first week of February, 2012. Dr. J. M. Kaul was nominated as Chairman, Sub-Committee on Graduate Medical Regulation, 2011 and will co-opt other members, if necessary. The revised version of the Graduate Medical Regulation, 2011 will be discussed in the Meeting of the Academic Council to be held on 14th February, 2012. Dr. Kaul will make available various documents in this regard to the Convenor, Academic Council who will send them by post/courier to members of the Academic Council.

Agenda item 5: PG curriculum in Palliative Medicine, Critical Care Medicine, Emergency Medicine and Infectious Diseases submitted by Academic & Examination Cell and referred by Board of Governors to Academic Council for Review and suggestions

The Chairman and Members of the Academic Council pointed out to the Deputy Secretary, Academic & Examination, that the four curricula submitted to the Academic Council are all in different format. These curricula should be redrafted in a common format and as per the titles, as given under:

- **Preamble:**

In addition to giving the rationale for starting the course the preamble should also give the avenues available for postgraduates who would undertake this course.

- **Eligibility:**
This should clearly stated.
- **Curriculum:**
The curriculum should give the following:
 - course contents and skills (incorporating all three domains).
 - requirements for the institute to start the course including faculty and other staff, infrastructure, beds, other ancillary facilities etc.
 - assessment pattern (internal assessment and end assessment,) and what are the requirements in terms of faculty experience.

The Committee also pointed out that there is considerable overlap between the curricula for Emergency Medicine and Critical Care Medicine. These should be avoided. Further liaison with other departments should be clearly mentioned. The Deputy Secretary was also requested to obtain curricula in these disciplines from DNB and evolve a common national curriculum for teaching all postgraduates.

The Board of Governors, in the meeting held on 13th & 14th February, 2012, has approved the following recommendations of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 23rd January, 2012.

- (1) For the training of undergraduates, the current rules that R.H.T.C. should be within approachable distance of 40-45 kms may be adhered to since it is not practical to transport undergraduates over a distance of 100-150 kms as they have to attend other teaching exercises in the afternoon. However, for the training of interns, the R.H.T.C. may be located at a distance of 100-150 kms, provided the college meets the following criteria: (1) RHTC should be in a rural setting, and (2) have necessary residential and mess facilities for intern doctors during their stay at R.H.T.C.
- (2) **Regulations on Graduate Medical Education, 2011:** Dr. J. M. Kaul was nominated as Chairman, Sub-Committee on Graduate Medical Regulation, 2011 who will co-opt other members, if necessary. The suggestions made by Academic Council members would be incorporated in the revised version which will be made available by the first week of February, 2012.
- (3) **PG curriculum in Palliative Medicine, Critical Care Medicine, Emergency Medicine and Infectious Diseases:**

The curricula should be redrafted in a common format and as per the titles, as given under:

- **Preamble:**
- **Eligibility:**
- **Curriculum** giving the following:

- course contents and skills (incorporating all three domains).
- requirements for the institute to start the course including faculty and other staff, infrastructure, beds, other ancillary facilities etc.
- assessment pattern (internal assessment and end assessment,) and what are the requirements in terms of faculty experience.

Further, (a) overlap between the curricula for Emergency Medicine and Critical Care Medicine to be avoided, (b) liaison with other departments should be clearly mentioned, and (c) obtain curricula in these disciplines from DNB and evolve a common national curriculum for teaching all postgraduates.

- (4) Request for recognition as regional Centre in MET from Principal, SMS Medical College, Jaipur was not approved since only one junior faculty has received training in MET from MCI Regional centre so far. Additional five faculty members of the MEU unit must undergo training in Basic Course Workshop at the designated MCI Regional Centre and the new MEU Coordinator has to undergo training in Orientation programme and Basic Course Workshop at the designated MCI Regional Centre, before the request for Regional Centre status can be considered.

4. 2. To consider and approve minutes of the Postgraduate Committee meeting held on 4th, 11th, 12th, 24th January, 2012.

Minutes being issued separately with Postgraduate Committee observations.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

(Dr. (Prof.) Sangeeta Sharma)
Secretary

(Dr.(Prof.) K.S. Sharma)
Member

(Dr. (Prof.) H S Rissam)
Member

(Dr. Rajiv C Yeravdekar)
Member

(Dr. Purshotam Lal)
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(Dr. Ashok Gupta)
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(Dr. (Prof.) K Mohandas)
Member

(Dr. (Prof.) K.K. Talwar)
Chairman