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Minutes of the meeting held with the SP College PG staff and the faculty of the Department of Chemistry, University of Kashmir, Srinagar

A meeting of the SP College PG staff and the Departmental teaching faculty was held today the 26th of March, 2016 at 11:00 am in the office chamber of the undersigned regarding the courses offered by the SP College fraternity as Generic and Open Electives for PG students of the other disciplines in the College.

The following faculty members participated in the meeting:-

Prof. M.A. Khuroo	Department of Chemistry
Dr. Wajaht Amin Shah	Do
Dr. Altaf Hussain Pandith	Do
Dr. Aijaz Ahmad Dar	Do
Mr. Masood Ahmad Rizvi	Do
Dr. Haris Izhar Tantray	S.P. College
Dr. Rouf Ahmad	Do
Dr. Bilal Ahmad Bhat	Do
Mr. Peer Irfan Rashid	Do
Mr. Abdul Haleem Wani	Do

Agenda: To discuss the relevance of GE & OE Elective courses offered by College faculty for PG students.

Resolution: Prof. Peerzada initiated the discussion with the following points:-

1. No doubt any PG faculty from the University or a PG centre can draft a course of his interest, but unless it is discussed in the Board of PG studies and recommended by the Board, it has no authenticity and can't be taught at any level in the University or else at any PG centre / college.
2. Keeping this into consideration, Prof. Peerzada conveyed his remarks that howcome, the SP College fraternity drafted the courses, taught to Ist semester students-2015 and ultimately the examination of the students was also conducted at 1st semester level. After this, the courses were sent to Prof. Peerzada by the Principal of the College for onward transmission to Dean Academic Affairs for further necessary action at his end.
3. Prof. Peerzada told the members that this is gross violation of basic University statutes in the sense that Board of Studies at UG or PG level having multi dimensional composition is the supreme authority for the recommendation of the curriculum prior to its approval by the administrative authorities after which only it can be implemented.
4. In light of this Prof. Peerzada justified the irrelevance of the GE and OE courses framed and taught by the SP College fraternity.

On these issues, there was a thorough discussion in which the senior fraternity of the department of chemistry expressed their displeasure about the language of the communication sent to Dean Academic Affairs by the Head, SP College duly endorsed by the Principal SP College.

The college fraternity tried to protect their concerns by saying that the Department of Chemistry should have informed their viewpoint about our courses directly to us rather than intimating the Dean Academic Affairs.

In reply to this, Prof. Peerzada told them that since it was an alarming situation /gross violation of the University statutes that courses were taught and examination held without getting it approved by the Board, there was no proper way but to directly communicate to the University authorities about this violation.

Finally after through discussion, Prof. Peerzada concluded the meeting with the following points which were unanimously agreed by the College fraternity as well.

1. The Department of Chemistry will approach to Dean Academic Affairs requesting him to highlight the role of a PG department in the University for monitoring a PG centre in the UG College. The reason behind this is that there can't be two yard sticks in terms of teaching , conduct of examination and other academic related issues for the same academic course in the same institution. Further, the PG department in the University has to play a pivotal role which has to be mentioned in an official format.
2. Prof. Peerzada conveyed to College fraternity that Board of PG studies will be convened at a short notice after seeking approval from Dean Academic Affairs wherein the courses drafted by PG fraternity of SP College will be discussed threadbare prior to necessary recommendations in order to make these courses more relevant.

Prof. Peerzada thanked all the members within and outside the department for their active participation.

(Prof. G. M. Peerzada)
Head of the Department

Dean Academic Affairs