



JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION

Date: 21 December, 2016

Appeal to AC Members

JNUTA has raised its concern regarding having an AC Meeting during the vacation. However, the meeting is taking place as scheduled. Presented below is the extract of the letter given to the VC on 14th Dec.

It is highly regrettable that the Academic Council meeting is being held during the vacation period, when a number of members may not be available to attend. Meetings of such important decision-making bodies should be held when maximum participation is possible. However, JNUTA would like to bring to your notice certain facts regarding the decisions in the last Academic Council Meeting:

1. In the last AC meeting the list of experts for selection committees sent by the Centres/Schools only were approved. There was not blanket approval for any additions by the VC. While such additions if any are necessarily to be approved by the AC, it is not proper or ethical to do additions to the lists sent by the Centres/Schools. Since you would be picking up names of experts from the list and also select the final candidates for appointment, you should not also be adding names to the list. There is a serious conflict of interest if the same person gives names, chooses names and chairs the selection committee. To avoid such a situation, we request you to kindly desist from adding names by using your discretionary powers.

2. In the last AC meeting it was promised by you to hold one more meeting before the winter vacation to discuss the issue of Viva-Voce marks during M.Phil admissions. Though the meeting is being held after the vacation started, we expect, therefore, that no other major issue would be taken up in the forthcoming AC meeting.

There are other issues which are to be discussed today and we would like to bring them to your notice:

- A. JNUTA expresses its serious concern about the new UGC/MHRD regulation regarding award of M. Phil/Ph. D dated 5th May 2016. The regulations are contrary to the JNU admission policy and if adopted the university would have inconsistent regulation on admission especially on Viva-voce. JNUTA appeals all of you to kindly discuss it in accordance with the principal of equitable justice.
- B. The number of research scholars per faculty (if fixed) would entail long-time implications for admission of M. Phil Ph. D in most of the centres across JNU. We urge members of AC to discuss the issue so that intake remains unchanged.
- C. The AC suggested that minimum grade point for the award of M. Phil is fixed at 5.00 for all the students. However, the minutes suggest that the minimum FGPA needed to be eligible for award of an M.Phil degree from 5.5 to 5.00 was only for SC/ST/PWD students.
- D. The anomaly of applying the amended conditions to cases of promotions of teachers whose qualifying period was mostly completed before the amendments were notified by the UGC may please be noted in the minutes as it was raised and discussed.

Best Regards,

s/d
President, JNUTA

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Secretary, JNUTA