

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE HELD ON 20th JULY 2020

A meeting of the Standing Committee for Admissions was held online (via Zoom Application) on July 20th, 2020 at 2:30 PM. The following members were present:

1. Prof. Sudhir A. Shah, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences (Chairperson)
2. Prof. Syed Ali Karim, Dean, Faculty of Arts
3. Prof. Alo Nag, Dean, Faculty of Inter-Disciplinary and Applied Sciences
4. Prof. (Ms.) Deepti Omchery Bhalla, Dean, Faculty of Music & Fine Arts
5. Prof. Sathyabhama Das Biju, Dean, Faculty of Sciences
6. Prof. (Ms) C S Lalitha, Dean Mathematical Sciences
7. Prof (Ms) Vandana, Dean, Faculty of Law
8. Prof (Ms) Shobha Sinha, Dean, Faculty of Education
9. Prof. Rashmi Agrawal, Dean, Faculty of Applied Social Sciences and Humanities
10. Prof Sunita Singh Sengupta, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies
11. Prof. Vandana Roy, Dean, Faculty of Medical Sciences
11. Dr Suman Sharma, Principal, Lady Sri Ram College
12. Dr. Rabi Narayan Kar, Principal, Shyam Lal College
13. Dr. Arun Kumar Atree, Member, Academic Council
14. Prof. Rajeev Gupta, Chairman, Admission Committee (Special Invitee)
15. Prof. Shobha Bagai, Dean, Admission (Special Invitee)
16. Dr. Haneet Gandhi, Dy. Dean, Admission (Special Invitee)
17. Prof. Pankaj Sinha, Chairman, Delhi University Sports Council (Special Invitee)
18. Dr. Sanjeev Singh, Joint Director, Delhi University Computer Centre

Following documents were shared with the members of the Standing Committee through Email, along with Agenda, prior to the meeting:

1. Minutes of the meeting of the Sub Committee for Sports, ECA and other Performance-based admissions 2020 held on July 17th 2020.

Prof. Sudhir Shah, Chairman, Standing Committee & Prof. Rajeev Gupta, Chairman, Admission Committee welcomed the members and requested Prof. Shobha Bagai, Dean, Admission to place the agenda before the house. The following items were approved after due deliberations:

AGENDA

Item 1: To consider the revised proposal for admission under ECA category on the basis of certificates after ruling out the possibility of offline/ online trials in view of COVID-19 pandemic

In the Admission Committee meeting held on 18th July 2020, the recommendations of the ECA sub-committee were placed where the sub-committee had reconsidered its recommendations on ECA admissions in its meeting held on 17th July 2020 and suggested that the admission to the Undergraduate Courses under the ECA category for the academic year 2020-2021 may be

adopted by the University of Delhi on the basis of certificates only after ruling out the possibility of offline/ online trials in view of COVID-19 pandemic. The recommendations of the Admission Committee to open registration under all previous fourteen categories based on certificates and the detailed guidelines of the marking scheme provided by the ECA Sub-committee were deliberated in detail. The Standing Committee accorded its approval to include all the fourteen categories of ECA under admission through ECA category based on certificates and the marking scheme submitted by the ECA sub-committee.

Dr. Arun Attree gave his dissent stating that there was no way of authenticating the credibility of the ECA certificates unlike sports as there are no government approved institutions issuing the certificates.

He also pointed out that relaxation of 15% in academic merit vis-à-vis, Unreserved Category applicants from the last relevant cut-off should be extended category wise. The Standing Committee recommended to forward the same to the University as this matter needs to be considered at an appropriate level and forum such as Academic Council. Standing Committee further approved to provide a time schedule from 1st Aug 2020 to 31st Aug 2020 for applicants to register for admission under ECA category and make necessary edit (if required).

Item 2: To consider the proposal of mark sheets downloaded directly from the Digi-Locker being valid for the purpose of admissions.

The Committee accorded its approval to the validity of the mark sheets downloaded directly from the Digi-Locker for the purpose of admissions.

Chairperson, Admission Committee also apprised the committee that CBSE had shared their result in the API format last year and will also do so this year. Hence, the marks of the applicants from CBSE board are directly verified.

Dean Admission, further informed the committee that this year three more boards have agreed to share their data

- National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)
- J & K Board of school Education
- AMU Board of Secondary and Senior Secondary School

Dean, Admission, further informed the committee that the requests have been sent to other boards also to share their result data in order to facilitate the undergraduate admission process.

Item 3: To consider the request of Head, Department of Germanic and Romance studies for withdrawing admissions in MPhil/PhD French.

The Standing Committee approved the recommendation of the Admission Committee held on July 18, 2020 to consider the request of Head, Department of Germanic and Romance studies for their inability to offer admission in M.Phil/Ph.D Courses in French during the academic year 2020-2021. It was further resolved that in case any candidate has applied for MPhil/PhD in French, his/her registration fees be refunded.

Item 4: To consider the recommendation of the admission committee to commence admission to B.Sc Environmental Sciences in Ramanujan College from the academic session 2020 -21.

After confirmation of the administrative and financial approval of the course, the Standing Committee approved the recommendation of the Admission Committee held on July 18, 2020 to commence admission to B.Sc Environmental Sciences in Ramanujan College from the academic session 2020 -21.

Item 5: To consider the proposal of edits allowed in the registration portal.

The Committee approved the recommendations of the Admission Committee to open a window from August 01, 2020 to August 31, 2020 for candidates to edit their registration forms without any additional fee. It was resolved that the following fields will not be allowed to be edited:

- a) Registered Email ID
- b) Gender
- c) Category
- d) Number of Entrance test Courses
- e) Entrance test Centres

Item 6: To consider the recommendation of dedicated IT support for the Admission Branch.

The Standing Committee approved the recommendations of the Admission Committee for having a dedicated IT team in the Admission Branch. It was further resolved that since the Branch works throughout the year dealing with admission related matters; the University may either consider outsourcing the IT related work after following the due process or may consider appointing a few IT professionals to assist with the admission related work.

Item 7: To consider the recommendation of Inclusion of a member from the Finance Branch in the Admission Branch.

The Standing Committee approved the recommendations of the Admission Committee that the Finance Officer may be requested to nominate a suitable person, not below the rank of Assistant Registrar, to be the part of the Admission Branch.

Item 8: To consider the revised schedule for DUET 2020 and admission process.

The Standing Committee approved the decision of the Admission Committee to authorise the Chairperson, Admission Committee and Dean, Admission Branch to take a decision on the Admission Schedule as and when the UGC/ University notifies the revised academic calendar.

Item 9: Any other matter

a. Streamlining the process of allocation of seats in PG Courses

The Admission Committee in its meeting held on July 18, 2020 had appointed a sub-committee to streamline the process of allocation of seats College-wise in PG Courses. The Sub-committee had an online meeting on July 20, 2020 at 11:30 am and recommended the following:

- a. The total number of seats to be declared by each Department and the reservation policy adopted by University of Delhi to be applied on the total number of seats.
- b. The Departments to allocate the seats to each college as follows:

- i. The UR seats are to be allocated to each college as per their last year capacity.
- ii. As minority colleges do not follow reservations for OBC, SC, ST and EWS category, students in these categories be allotted colleges other than minority colleges in proportion to their UR seats.
- iii. Seats will be allocated as per the college preference of the applicants, but in case the seat is available only in Girls college, then only Girl candidates shall be considered for admission as per the merit list.
- iv. As far as possible, the PwBD candidates to be allocated colleges having hostel facilities for PG students.
- v. Preference be given to allocate colleges in North Campus/ off-campus colleges that have a good connectivity to metro and transport facilities.
- vi. Seat allocation in PG courses under sports quota to be done with due consultation with Delhi University Sports Council. The Departments should give the number of seats under the sports category. Colleges to provide the list of sports activities available in the college. Admissions under the in Sports Category in PG Courses will be done by the Sports Council.

The Standing Committee approved the recommendation of the sub-committee.

b. Reporting of Admission Branch

The Admission Branch reported the following to the House:

- a. Registration Portal for admission to various programmes was opened on June 20, 2020 till July 04, 2020 and was further extended till July 31, 2020.
- b. UG and the PG registrations have exceeded the last year registrations. There was, however, a slight dip in the M.Phil./Ph.D. registration by about 5%.
- c. A group of students and faculty members have been working as volunteers for the online Help-Desk to assist candidates through email and mobile mode.
- d. The Admission Branch has conducted several webinars in association with many Colleges to help the aspirants.
- e. The Admission Branch proposed that this year there will be no additional charges for editing the registration forms. The House appreciated this suggestion and approved it.

c. Proposal of increment in the number of seats for the children under in the University ward quota

Dr. Arun Kumar Atree placed the matter of increasing the number of seats for children of the University employees (Teaching and Non-teaching) under the Ward Quota of the University. He also requested the inclusion of Ward quota for admissions in PG Courses.

The Standing Committee recommended that as the Ward Quota was decided by the Academic Council of the University; the same may be forwarded to the University for the further action in this regard

d. Commencement of B.Sc (Hons) Environmental Science Course at Lady Sri Ram College
Principal, Lady Sri Ram College informed the committee of the approval received from UGC for the commencement of the said course in the College. The Standing Committee resolved that in

case all necessary approvals (both administrative and financial) are in place, the college may be allowed to commence the course from the academic session 2020-21.