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NOTIFICATION

Ref :- Item No:712.19 of the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 17-06-2023

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 24 (ii) read with Section 42 (1) of the CUSAT Act 1986, the Academic Council at its meeting held on 03-04-2023 vide Agenda item No. II(44) of the minutes resolved to approve the regulation for Academic Collaboration programmes offered between CUSAT and Partner Institutions.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic Matters, the Resolution of the Academic Council held on 03.04.2023, regarding the Regulation for Academic Collaboration programmes offered between CUSAT and Partner Institutions.

The Syndicate resolved to approve the Resolution of the Academic Council held on 03.04.2023. The Regulation for Academic Collaboration programmes offered between CUSAT and Partner Institutions is appended.

Dr. Meera V *
Registrar

To

- 1.All Deans of Faculty
2. All Chairmen BoS
- 3.Heads/Directors/Principals of all Departments/Centres/Schools
- 4.DR DoA/AR IR
- 5.All DRs Examination Wing
- 6.The Director DPR & P
- 7.CIRM/Conference Sections
- 8.PS To VC/PVC;PA To Registrar/CE

**REGULATION FOR ACADEMIC COLLABORATION PROGRAMMES OFFERED
BETWEEN CUSAT AND A PARTNER INSTITUTIONS**

1. SCOPE

These Regulations shall apply to all programmes conducted by the Departments/Schools/Centers of the Cochin University of Science and Technology, including provision to accommodate students admitted by a partnering National/ International institutes and undergo part of the program at CUSAT.

The specific items not contained in these regulations must be followed from the regulations of the existing regular programmes offered within the department or schools or Centers, wherever necessary.

These regulations are valid where the process of identifying the collaborating institutions are done and has a signed MoU with a standard programme-specific Agreement. The process of selection of students, credit transfer, the mutual agreement on the curriculum and syllabus are valid based on matters specified in the MoU.

The proposal for starting a Program can be initiated by any Department/ School and submitted to the University along with the Letter of Interest from the Partner Institution (PI). The Office of International Relations will act as an interface between CUSAT and the partnering institution.

2. FEATURES

Students admitted to any program in CUSAT can opt for the specific programs listed below.

The total credits required for the completion of the programme of study will be acquired from CUSAT and the Partner Institution as stipulated in the programme, mutually agreed between CUSAT and the PI. The semesters in which the students will be with the Partner Institution/CUSAT should be fixed in advance.

An agreement on Fees, if applicable during the programme period between CUSAT and the Partner Institutes is to be decided as per the terms of the MoU. There should not be any liability to the PI and to CUSAT, other than that specified in MoU.

The examination wing and appropriate bodies in CUSAT should formulate the modalities to include the Credits from the Partner Institute. The final score card issued by the CUSAT/PI should indicate the courses attended and the credits acquired from the Partner Institution.

The Learning agreement for the proposed study program should evolve the required credit transfer scheme between the visiting student and the PI prior to commencement of the program.

1. Short title, application and commencement: -

1.1. These Regulations may be called the CUSAT (Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions for Credit Recognition and Transfer, Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes) Regulation, 2023 (here after referred to as the Regulation).

1.2. The regulation lay down the minimum standards for academic collaboration between CUSAT and Indian/foreign Higher Educational Institutions for Credit Recognition and Transfer, Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes.

1.3. These Regulations shall apply to-

1.3.1. CUSAT to collaborate with Indian/Foreign Higher Educational Institutions leading to award of degree(s); and

1.3.2. Indian/Foreign Higher Educational Institutions intending to collaborate with CUSAT.

1.4. These Regulations shall come into force on the date of approval by the concerned authorities.

2. Definitions: -

2.1. "Academic Collaboration" means academic partnership between CUSAT and Indian/Foreign Higher Educational Institution(s), put into place through an instrument of written Agreement for the purposes

2.1.1. Credit Recognition and Transfer

2.1.2. Twinning Programme

2.1.3. Joint Degree Programme;

2.1.4. Dual Degree Programme;

2.2. The Foreign Higher Educational Institution, means an agency recognized under the University Grants Commission (Recognition and monitoring of Assessment and Accreditation Agencies) Regulations, 2014, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country or member of global network of accreditation bodies for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of Higher Educational Institutions.

2.3. The program is followed on Conventional mode of providing learning opportunities through face-to-face interaction between the teacher and learner in regular class room environment but does not exclude supplementary instructions if any for the learner through use of online;

2.4. "Credit Recognition and Transfer" shall mean 'Credit' conferred by a Indian/Foreign Higher Educational Institution to be recognised, quantified and included towards the credit requirements for a programme delivered by CUSAT solely or jointly with a Indian/Foreign Higher Educational Institution and vice versa;

2.5. "Degree" means a degree awarded by CUSAT in accordance with the provisions of the University Grants Commission as amended from time to time and a Degree awarded by a

Foreign Higher Education Institution in accordance with the relevant rules and regulation of respective foreign country;

2.6. "Franchising" for the purpose of these regulations, means and includes the practice of allowing, formally or informally, any person or institution or organisation, other than the CUSAT, recognised under these regulations for offering Twinning, Joint and Dual Degree programmes or any related activity on behalf of or in the name of the CUSAT, and the terms "franchise" and "franchisee" shall be construed accordingly.

2.7. "Foreign Higher Educational Institution" means a Higher Educational Institution duly established or incorporated or recognised in a foreign country and offering academic and research programmes at the undergraduate and/or higher levels;

2.8. "Indian Higher Educational Institution" means a university within the meaning of Section 2(f) or an institution deemed to be university under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956;

2.9. "Programme" means educational programmes leading to award of Degree(s) including Postgraduate and Doctoral programmes;

2.10. "Statutory Body" means a body established or incorporated by CUSAT to regulate, coordinate, determine and maintain standards of teaching, examination and research or programme(s) of study, including professional programme(s) leading to the award of degree(s);

3. Provisions of Collaboration: -

Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions under these Regulations shall facilitate the following academic activities: -

3.1. Twinning Programme

3.1.1 A programme offered and shared between CUSAT and a PI based on specific MoU and the students undergoing such programme have to study and earn their credits both from CUSAT and from the PI.

Department/School means Departments/Schools instituted in the University as per Statutes and Act. Partner Institute means the institute that has agreement with the existing Dept/School for twinning programme as per the MoU. Core course means a course that the student admitted to a particular twinning programme (UG/PG) must successfully complete in order to receive the Degree and which cannot be substituted by any other course. Core courses may be offered either by the PI or CUSAT and are offered by the Department where the student takes admission. Elective course means a course in the twinning programme (UG/PG), which can be substituted by equivalent courses from the same department or with the Partner Institute.

3.1.2. "Twinning Programme" shall be a collaborative arrangement whereby students enrolled with CUSAT may undertake their programme of study partly in India, complying with relevant UGC Regulations, and partly in the Foreign Higher Educational Institution.

3.1.3. The degree offered under such twinning programmes shall be awarded by CUSAT only.

3.1.4. Under twinning programme, credits earned by the students at a Foreign Higher Educational Institution shall be counted towards the degree awarded by the CUSAT. However, credits earned by the student from the Foreign Higher Educational Institution shall not exceed 30 per cent of the total credits for the programme.

3.1.5. Credits to be earned by the CUSAT students from the foreign institution and credits earned by the foreign students from Indian institutions shall be obtained through conventional mode.

3.1.6. Each institution shall issue a transcript for their respective courses, with a remark indicating that the student has taken certain modules at the partner institution, wherever applicable.

3.1.7. CUSAT shall ensure that the credits earned by the students from the Foreign Higher Educational Institution shall not be from overlapping course contents/curriculum.

3.1.8. The fee for the programme (including courses imparted by the Foreign Higher Educational Institution) will be decided by CUSAT at the time of admission.

3.1.9. Any degree to be awarded under such twinning programme must be in conformity with the norms, standards and requirement for award of such degree, as laid down by the statutory authority concerned.

3.1.10. The collaborating Higher Educational Institutions shall make provisions for exit pathways for students who are unable to complete the Twinning programme with clear specification with respect to future acceptance of credits earned by the students.

3.2. Joint Degree Programme

3.2.1. For a "Joint Degree programme", the curriculum shall be designed jointly by the CUSAT and the collaborating India/Foreign Higher Educational Institutions and, upon completion of the programme, the Degree is awarded by the CUSAT and the collaborating India/Foreign Higher Educational Institution with a single Certificate.

3.2.2. Any Joint degree programme to be offered shall conform to the nomenclature, duration, minimum eligibility and other norms and standards to offer such degree programme of CUSAT.

3.2.3. The students must earn at least 30 per cent of the total credits from each of the PI and the CUSAT. The credits earned by the students from the respective institutions shall be through conventional mode.

3.2.4. Credits earned for the course(s) in an institution shall count towards the degrees jointly awarded by both the institutions.

3.2.5. The collaborating Higher Educational Institutions shall ensure that the credits earned by the students shall not be from overlapping course contents/curriculum and the student shall submit to only one examination and evaluation process for each of the courses by the institutions in which he/she has registered for that course.

3.2.6. In case of a doctoral degree programme, students must have a supervisor at each institution. The student shall spend a minimum of one semester in each of the collaborating

institutions during the study programme. However, the student shall submit a single thesis adhering to a framework jointly devised by the participating institutions.

3.2.7. The fee for the programme (including courses imparted by the Foreign Higher Educational Institution) will be decided by CUSAT at the time of admission.

3.2.8. Each Higher Educational Institution shall issue a transcript for their respective courses, with a remark indicating that the student has taken certain modules at the partner institution.

3.2.9. The collaborating Higher Educational Institutions shall make provisions for exit pathways for students who are unable to complete the Joint Degree programme with clear specification with respect to future acceptance of credits earned by the students.

3.2.10. All other provisions related to offering of Joint Degree Programme shall be decided mutually by the participating institutions conforming to the respective rules, regulations and laws of their respective institution and country.

3.3. Dual Degree Programme

3.3.1. "Dual Degree Programme" shall be a programme jointly designed and offered by CUSAT and Indian/Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in the same disciplines/subject areas and in the same level. The degrees for such programme shall be conferred by CUSAT and India/Foreign Higher Educational Institutions, separately and simultaneously, upon completion of degree requirements of both the institutions. This shall not in any way be construed as two degree programmes in separate disciplines/subject areas and/or levels being pursued simultaneously.

3.3.2. Under the Dual degree programme, the degrees to be offered by CUSAT shall conform to the nomenclature and duration of the degrees as specified in CUSAT and shall also conform to minimum eligibility and other norms and standards to offer such degree programme.

3.3.3. Prospective students must meet the admission requirements of both the CUSAT and the PI and shall apply to and be admitted separately to both the institutions.

3.3.4. The students must earn at least 50 percent of total credits from the CUSAT. Credits to be earned by the Indian students from the foreign institution and credits earned by the foreign students from CUSAT shall be obtained through conventional mode.

3.3.5. Credit earned for the course(s) in an institution shall count towards degrees to be awarded by both the institutions.

3.3.6. The CUSAT shall ensure that the credits earned by the students shall not be from overlapping course contents/curriculum; and the student shall submit to only one examination and evaluation process for each of the courses by the institutions in which he/she has registered for that course.

3.3.7. In case of a doctoral degree programme, students must have a supervisor at each institution. The student shall spend a minimum of one semester in each of the collaborating institutions during the study programme. However, the student shall submit a single thesis adhering to a framework jointly devised by the participating institutions.

3.3.8. The fee for the programme (including courses imparted by the Foreign Higher Educational Institution) will be decided by CUSAT at the time of admission.

3.3.9. Each of the Higher Educational Institutions concerned shall issue a transcript for its respective courses, with a remark indicating that the student has taken certain modules at the partner institution.

3.3.10. The collaborating Higher Educational Institutions shall make provisions for exit pathways for students who are unable to complete the Dual Degree programme with clear specification with respect to future acceptance of credits earned by the students.

3.3.11. All other provisions related to offering of Dual Degree Programme shall be decided mutually by the participating institutions conforming to the respective rules, regulations and laws of their respective institution and country.

4. Conditions for Collaboration: -

Academic Collaboration between Indian and foreign higher education institutions under these Regulations shall facilitate the following academic activity:-

4.1. "Credit Recognition and Transfer" for the purpose of these regulations shall mean 'Credit' conferred by a Indian/foreign higher education institution to be recognised, quantified and included towards the credit requirements for a programme delivered by CUSAT solely or jointly with a foreign higher education institution and vice versa.

4.2. The CUSAT shall obtain the approval of its appropriate authority for academic collaboration with any Indian/Foreign Higher Educational Institution.

4.3. CUSAT shall seek necessary approval from the relevant Statutory Councils/ Bodies before entering into collaboration.

4.4. The CUSAT shall abide by the norms prescribed by the Government of India from time to time for collaboration with specific countries.

4.5. CUSAT shall have to enter into a written Memorandum of Understanding or Agreement with its partner Indian/Foreign Higher Educational Institution(s) for collaboration. The MoU or Agreement must categorically include the purposes and related provisions of collaboration.

4.6. The academic requirements and other details of the programme(s) of study to be offered under collaborative arrangements shall be made public by displaying prominently in the websites of both CUSAT and Indian/Foreign Higher Educational Institutions, before the commencement of such programmes.

4.7. Wherever foreign exchange is involved, the Indian/Foreign Higher Educational Institutions shall abide by and comply with the relevant regulations, norms, notifications and instructions issued by the Reserve Bank of India and Government of India from time to time.

4.8. CUSAT shall ensure that the programme(s) of study and/or research offered is not against the national security and territorial integrity of India.

4.9. The Institutions concerned shall comply with all the provisions of these Regulations and also abide by any other condition(s) specified by the Government of India and Statutory Body (ies) concerned from time to time.

5. Eligibility and Procedures:

The Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree programmes under these regulations shall fulfil the following eligibility criteria:

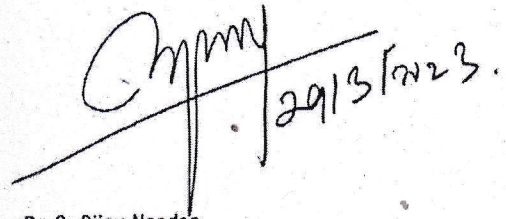
5.1. Any Indian Higher Educational Institution which is accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) or any other Agency authorised in this behalf, with a minimum score of 3.01 on a 4-point scale at the time of application;

or

which figures in the top 500 of Times Higher Education or QS World University ranking at the time of application;

or

which figures in the top 100 in university category of National Institutional Ranking Framework(NIRF) at the time of application;



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