



**6<sup>th</sup> Institutional Ethics Committee Meeting held on**

**24<sup>th</sup> October 2017 (Tuesday), at 10.00 a.m**

*Agenda*

- Prayer
  1. Approval of minutes and action taken report of IEC held on 29.12.2016
  2. Ratification of research proposals approved by expedited review
  3. Follow up reports of approved protocols
  4. \*Proposed amendments to the IEC Manual
  5. Call for any other agenda to be discussed
- Vote of Thanks & Concluding Prayer

\*IEC Manual – Page 4 – Item 6: Currently reads “The chairperson will be from outside the institution so as to maintain the independence of the committee”.

This is to be changed to “The chairperson will be appointed either from outside the institution or from the pool of senior faculty members”.



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Minutes and Action Taken Report

The following members were presented in the meeting

1. Dr. Krishnamurthy, Chairman
2. Swami Divyaprajnananda, Member – Secretary
3. Dr. N. Muthaiah, Dean, Member, FDMSE
4. Dr. S. Alagesan, HOD and Professor, Member, GAPEY
5. Dr. A. Sudha, Assistant Professor, Member, FDMSC
6. Sri. Murugaperumal, Parent of the disabled

The meeting was started with prayer

**Agenda.1.** Confirmation of minutes and action taken report of IEC held on 29.12.2016

- **Action Taken:** The minutes and action taken report were readout and approved.

**Agenda.2.** Ratification of research proposals approved by expedited review.

- **Action Taken:** *Five* Ph.D study proposals from FDMSE and *two* Ph.D and *Five* M.Phil study proposals from GAPEY were submitted as initial applications, which underwent expedited review. The applications were placed in IEC and ratified. The details are given below:



S.No	Name of the Scholar	Program	Faculty	Research supervisor	Remarks by IEC
1	Sampurna Guha	Ph.D	FDMSE	Dr.Sudha.A	Ratified the approval
2	Senthilvani	Ph.D	FDMSE	Dr.S.Rajaguru	Ratified the approval
3	V.Indirani	Ph.D	FDMSE	Dr.S.Logesh kumar	Ratified the approval
4	Nandita Chakrabary	Ph.D	FDMSE	Dr.Sudha.A	Ratified the approval
5	S.N.Hamsapriya	Ph.D	FDMSE	Dr.S.Rajaguru	Ratified the approval
6	Vavileti.Balaji	Ph.D	GAPEY	Dr.Amirtham Sebastian	Ratified the approval
7	Biswanath Biswas	Ph.D	GAPEY	Dr.S.Alagesan	Ratified the approval
8	Gollapothu Nageswara Rao	M.Phil	GAPEY	Dr.P.J.Sebastian	Ratified the approval
9	B.Vigneshprasanna	M.Phil	GAPEY	Dr.M.Srinivasan	Ratified the approval
10	D.Sivakumar	M.Phil	GAPEY	Dr.Dibakar Debnath	Ratified the approval
	V.Kannan	M.Phil	GAPEY	Dr.S.Alagesan	Ratified the approval
12	R.Rajeshkumar	M.Phil	GAPEY	Dr.R.Giridharan	Ratified the approval

### Agenda.3. Follow up reports of approved protocol

- **Action Taken:** Dr.Sudha.A submitted the progression report of two provisionally approved protocols of FDMSE and Dr.S.Alagesan presented the minutes of Individual Doctoral Committee meeting of the scholars of GAPEY. Dr.M.Krishnamurthy reviewed the documents and it was resolved that follow up reports to IEC are to be submitted in the IEC format - Appendix H.



**Agenda.4. Proposed amendments to the IEC Manual – Page 4 – Item 6: Currently read “The chairperson will be from outside the Institution so as to maintain the independence of the committee” to be changed**

- *Action Taken:* Dr.M.Krishnamurthy explained that since the nature of research carried out at the faculty is not invasive, it is not mandatory for the University to appoint any external member as a chairperson. He/she can be from pool of senior faculty members.

The manual to read *“The chairperson will be from a pool of senior university faculty members or from a pool of respectable community members”*.

The proposed change is unanimously approved. Committee suggested Dr.Sudha.A to carry out the change accordingly.

**Agenda.5. Call for any other agenda to be discussed**

Following points were discussed under any other matter:

1. Dr.Sudha.A informed the committee that Mr.Triloki Prasad, re-submitted his research protocol with necessary amendments in his study proposal and the same was reviewed and submitted to IEC for ratification. Committee ratified the proposal.
2. Ratification of pilot research proposals of two faculty members accepted by Research and Consultancy Committee (RAC).
3. Swami Divyaprajnaanda explained that as an initiative to promote research among faculty members, RKMVU- Coimbatore created the “Seed Grant” for research projects by faculty members at the University level. He further added that through this grant, faculty members, interested in pursuing research, are provided financial assistance to conduct pilot projects in their areas of interest with a financial aid up to Rs.10,000/-

*Dr.krishnamurthy clarified the procedure to be followed in such cases. Following points were discussed in this regard.*



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- Need to empower IEC in this matter. Any proposal that do not required to be passed through Doctoral Committee can be processed through IEC and it will be reviewed by Dean before forwarding it to IEC.
  - Further it was decided that hereafter there will be three types of proposals to IEC. One is study proposals of scholars directed from Doctoral Committee, second one is application for seed grant for conducting university level pilot projects approved by RAC; can be sent to IEC for ratification after the review by Dean. Third type of proposals, seeking grant from external agencies reviewed by the RAC can be directly sent to IEC.
  - Decided to approve the two research proposals submitted by Dr.Prabha Hariharan ( FDMSE) and Dr.M.Srinivasan (GAPEY). Study number can be assigned to the proposals.
  - Committee also decided to appoint Dr.Prabha Hariharan as a member of IEC to coordinate all the proposals coming through RAC Meeting.
4. Dr.Krishnamurthy informed that the three year term for the IEC is about to be over. Hence it needs to be re-constituted after the ensuing IEC meeting
5. It was decided to conduct one more IEC meeting during the second week of December, 2017.

The meeting was ended with the vote of thanks



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The following members were presented during the IEC meeting on 24.10.2017

S.No	Name	Position	Signature
1	Dr. Krishnamurthy	Chairman	
2	Swami Garishthananda	Vice-Chairman	—
3	Swami Divyaprajnananda	Member Secretary	24/10/17
4	Dr. S. Alagesan	Member	24/10/17
5	Dr. N. Muthaiah	Member	24/10/2017
6	Dr.Sudha.A	Member	24/10/17
7	Mr. Murugaperumal	Member	N. Murugaperumal.
8	Mr.R.Prabhakaran	Member	—