


University of Hyderabad

OFFICE NOTE

The Task Force 2 Committee met on 31/12/2021 at 11.00 am and 10/01/2022 at 11.30 am in online mode.

In this regard, the Vice-Chancellor is requested to approve the Minutes of the meetings placed below for onward submission among all the Dean/ Heads/ All stakeholders. The Minutes has concurrence of all the Committee Members.


Vice-Chancellor
10/1/22


Chairman,
Task Force-2

University of Hyderabad

Minutes of the 10th Meeting of the Task Force-2 Committee held at 11 am on December 31, 2021, in online mode.

Members Present:

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| 1. Prof. B. Raja Shekhar
School of Management Studies | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. Vasuki Belavadi
Department of Communication | Co-Chair |
| 3. Prof. Samar Kumar Das
School of Chemistry | Member |
| 4. Prof. Amba P. Kulkarni
Dept. of Sanskrit Studies | Member |
| 5. Prof. Naresh V. Sepuri
Department of Bio-Chemistry | Member |
| 6. Prof. B.R. Shamanna
School of Medical Sciences | Member |
| 7. Prof. Salman Abdul Moiz,
School of Computer & Information Sciences | Member |
| 8. Prof. Phanindra Goyari
School of Economics | Member |
| 9. Prof. G.Naga Raju
Dean, Students' Welfare | Member |
| 10. Prof. D. Vijaya Lakshmi
Chief Warden | Member |
| 11. Dr. G. Padmaja
Deputy DSW | Member |

Prof. B.V. Sharma, Dr. Devesh Nigam and Dr. Sanjay Kumar Sharma could not attend the meeting due to their prior commitments.




At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed all the members. After the detailed discussions, the Committee unanimously suggested the following:

1. Heads of all units to immediately review and make available adequate sanitizing facilities in their respective units. It is recommended that the academic units must impress upon their scholars, staff and students to strictly follow Covid-appropriate behaviour in the work areas and report to the nodal person/Health centre in case of need.
2. Essential academic gatherings (Seminars/Conferences) to be held at 33 percent of the venue capacity. Other meetings may either be post-poned or follow only virtual mode until further directions.
3. The committee discussed in detail the possibility of allowing terminal semester students to return to university in February 2022 and attend physical classes. However, given the rising number of cases, the committee feels the need to wait for the situation to improve before taking a call. The Central and State Government guidelines and norms on this by the regulatory authorities will be aligned with the university guidelines when a decision is made. Until then all classes be conducted online.
4. Online teaching for first-year students to continue until further notice.
5. CWO may, however, allocate hostel seats to first-year students. The quarantine period may be reduced to 5 days from 7 days, and the other conditions of entry will remain the same as earlier. People who have left the university during vacation should be considered as new entrants and follow the extant/ most recent guidelines in force.
6. University /School of Life Sciences to take immediate steps to secure permission from the Telangana government to set up COVID 19 testing facility on campus.
7. Dean, Medical Sciences to activate Surveillance Team and psycho-social counselling services.



8. Centre, State, and Higher education regulatory authority guidelines shall be overarching over these Task Force recommendations and suggestions including guidelines, and it is likely to change based on local and national advisories as and when they are received and incorporated.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair.


10/01/2022
Chairperson
Task Force-2

University of Hyderabad

Minutes of the 11th (Emergency) Meeting of the Task Force-2 Committee held at 1130 am on January 10, 2022, in online mode.

Members Present:

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| 1. Prof. B. Raja Shekhar
School of Management Studies | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. Vasuki Belavadi
Department of Communication | Co-Chair |
| 3. Prof. Samar Kumar Das
School of Chemistry | Member |
| 4. Prof. Amba P. Kulkarni
Dept. of Sanskrit Studies | Member |
| 5. Prof. Naresh V. Sepuri
Department of Bio-Chemistry | Member |
| 6. Prof. B.R. Shamanna
School of Medical Sciences | Member |
| 7. Prof. Salman Abdul Moiz,
School of Computer & Information Sciences | Member |
| 8. Prof. Phanindra Goyari
School of Economics | Member |
| 9. Prof. G.Naga Raju
Dean, Students' Welfare | Member |
| 10. Prof. D. Vijaya Lakshmi
Chief Warden | Member |
| 11. Dr. Devesh Nigam
Controller of Examinations | Member |
| 12. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Sharma
Director, Computer Centre | Member |
| 13. Dr. Kanchan
Official Spokesperson | Special Invitee |



14. Dr. P. Rajasree
CMO In-charge, Health Centre

Special Invitee

15. Mr. Ashish Jacob Thomas
Public Relations Officer

Special Invitee

Prof. B.V. Sharma could not attend the meeting due to his prior commitments.


At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed all the members. After the detailed discussions, the Committee unanimously suggested the following:

1. The Task Force reiterates and urges all the university stakeholders to follow COVID appropriate behavior strictly in the interests of themselves and the others around them.
2. The Task Force encourages students with even mild symptoms to undergo Rapid Antigen or/and RT-PCR testing.
3. The Registrar's office may please advise all regular and out-sourced employees (through the respective agencies) to undergo tests even for mild symptoms and report any positive cases immediately.
4. Given the festive season, students wanting to go home may please inform their Academic unit, Hostel office, and the Chief Warden's office and leave the hostel. They may, however, continue to attend classes online. They may stay at their respective residences until the situation improves and the University allows them to return.
5. Students with lab/practice-based courses who had been permitted to come to the campus may continue to stay back since the next semester begins in the second week of February 2022.
6. In view of the rising number of cases, while attendance of faculty members may be optional, they may continue to teach online from their residences. All the faculty members are instructed to inform the university administration if they leave the Headquarters on official/personal works.
7. Faculty members should be available and in contact with their students through email and phone. Research supervisors may make similar arrangements with their research students too.



8. Registration for the next semester will be done online. Research supervisors, Heads, and Deans may allow M.Phil./ Ph.D. scholars to apply online by uploading their DRC reports.
9. The Academic Calendar notified shall remain in force until further instructions from regulatory bodies.
10. While teaching will primarily continue online, the Task Force will monitor the pandemic situation from time to time and make necessary recommendations.
11. End semester examinations shall be conducted online for the odd semester students.
12. The administration may consider imposing punitive measures where COVID appropriate behavior is violated.
13. The Registrar may identify a Deputy Registrar as a points person to implement COVID-related measures among non-teaching staff.
14. The University shall continue to closely monitor and align its functioning with the guidelines issued by the relevant Central and State bodies from time to time.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair.


10/9/2022
Chairperson
Task Force-2