

**Constitution**  
**of**  
**Doctoral Research Committee (DRC)**  
**and**  
**Research Advisory Committee (RAC)**

# VARDHMAN MAHAVEER OPEN UNIVERSITY, KOTA

## Constitution of Research Advisory Committee (RAC and Doctoral Research Committee (DRC)

The Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) as per the conformity of University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degrees Regulations, 2022 notification dated 7th November, 2022) shall be awarded by the University to a registered student on his/her successful completion of the prescribed programme of research offered in different subjects/disciplines existing in the Schools. Research studies leading to the award of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D.) degree shall be organised and managed by the following bodies in accordance with their respective roles as specified here under. The Ph.D. programme will be run in accordance with the norms led by the UGC (Amended time to time), and will run in regular mode only.

(a) **Academic Council:**

The Ph.D. Degree Programme of the University shall be offered in accordance with the Research Policy adopted by the Academic Council subject to the provision of the Act and the Statutes of V. M. Open University, Kota.

(b) **Research Board: (Doctoral Research Committee (DRC)**

There shall be a Research Board which is subject to the overall guidance and supervision of the Academic Council and shall be responsible for the planning, management, organization and monitoring of the Ph.D. Degree programme.

The Research Board shall perform the following functions:

- I. Management and Administration of the research policy and programme of the University.
- II. Formulation of guidelines for registration, supervision, programme evaluation and award of Ph.D. degree, including appointment of supervisors and examiners, award of scholarships/fellowships and approval of research topics.
- III. Monitoring of level of research as deemed fit for such evaluation.
- IV. Determination of the criteria for review of the research areas/themes/topics

relevant to the concerned subjects.

- V. Recommend a person for award of Ph. D. degree on the basis of his/her outstanding published research work.
- VI. Advise on research priorities and allocation of resources for research.
- VII. Preparation of the consolidated reports on research in the University and any other work related to research development and coordination.

#### **O.8.2.2 Composition of the Research Board:**

The Research Board shall consist of the following:

Vice-Chancellor	Chairperson
All the Professors*	Member
Representative of Academic Council	Member
<i>(To be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor)</i>	
Directors of Schools	Member
Research Supervisor	Member
Director, Research	Member Secretary

#### **Note:**

- (i) \*In case there is no Professor in the subject/discipline, the Vice-Chancellor may nominate the Professor(s) of the concerned subject/discipline from other universities.
- (ii) Director (Research) shall act as Secretary of the Research Board.
- (iii) The term of office of the nominated members shall be of two years from the date of nomination. A member can be re-nominated for another term. One-third of the total membership shall form the quorum for the meeting.

- **Research Advisory Committee (RAC)**

There shall be a **Research Advisory Committee** for each Ph.D. scholar. The Research Supervisor of the scholar shall be the convener of this Committee. Research The Advisory Committee will be constituted by the Director of the concerned school. The Research Advisory Committee will consist of the following members

- 1. Research Supervisor Convener
- 2. All Faculty members (Relevant to the concerned

Subject) of the concerned School	Member
3. One faculty member from the school	Member

If, the RAC quorum (minimum 2 members) is incomplete, then, Vice-Chancellor shall nominate member from any other school. In absence of supervisor/convener Director of the concerned school shall act as Advisory Convener.

This Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

- To review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research for approval of the Research Board;
- To guide the research scholar to develop the study design and methodology of research and identify the course(s) that he/she may have to do.
- To periodically review and assist in the progress of the research work of the research scholar.
- A research scholar shall submit a six monthly progress report to Research Advisory Committee for evaluation and further guidance. The six monthly progress reports shall be submitted by the Research Advisory Committee to the Director Research with a copy to the research scholar.
- In case the progress of the research scholar is unsatisfactory, the Research Advisory Committee shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures within stipulated time. If the research scholar fails to implement these corrective measures, the Research Advisory Committee may recommend to Director Research with specific reasons for cancellation of the registration of the research scholar.



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## OFFICE ORDER

### RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Vice Chancellor, in compliance of the Guidelines for Establishment of Research and Development Cell in Higher Education Institutions which was communicated by the University Grants Commission vide letter No. 1-5/2021(NEP/DESK-PARL) dated 14-03-2022 and 29-04-2022 respectively, has approved the establishment of the Research and Development Cell in the University. Following members of Research Advisory Council are as under:

S. No.	Name of Members	Designation
1.	Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, VMOU, Kota	Chairman
2.	Director, Academics, VMOU, Kota	Member
3.	Director, CIQA, VMOU, Kota	Member
4.	Director, SHSS, VMOU, Kota	Member
5.	Director, SOCE, VMOU, Kota	Member
6.	Director, SOST, VMOU, Kota	Member
7.	Director, SOCM, VMOU, Kota	Member
8.	Director, SOE, VMOU, Kota	Member
9.	Prof. B. Arun Kumar, VMOU, Kota	Member
10.	Prof. Subodh Kumar, VMOU, Kota	Member
11.	Dr. Kshamata Chaudhary, VMOU, Kota	Member
12.	Dr. Anuradha Dubey, VMOU, Kota	Member
13.	Dr. Anurodh Godha, VMOU, Kota	Member
14.	Dr. Keerti Singh, VMOU, Kota	Member
15.	Dr. Alok Chauhan, VMOU, Kota	Member
16.	Dr. Kapil Gautam, VMOU, Kota	Member
17.	Dr. Surendra Kumar Kulshrestha, VMOU, Kota	Member
18.	Dr. Akbar Ali, VMOU, Kota	Member
19.	Dr. Ravi Gupta, VMOU, Kota	Member
20.	Dr. Neeraj Arora, VMOU, Kota	Member
21.	Dr. Sandeep Hooda, VMOU, Kota	Member
22.	Two External Subject Experts (Nominated)	Member
23.	Director Research and Development Cell, VMOU, Kota	Convener

This bears the approval of competent authority

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Director, (Research)

Copy to:-

1. Secretary to V.C., VMOU, Kota.
2. Registrar, VMOU, Kota.
3. Director, Academics, VMOU, Kota.
4. Director, CIQA, VMOU, Kota
5. Directors SHSS/SOCE/SOST/SOCM/SOE, VMOU, Kota
6. Person Concerned.....
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