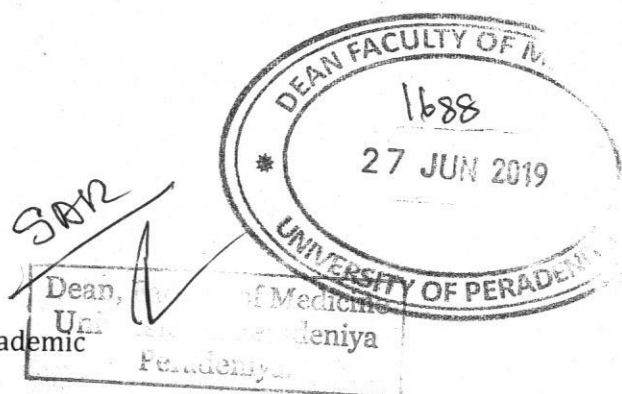


Ref: ST/441
Date: 21.06.2019
To: Dean / Faculty of Medicine

From: Senior Assistant Registrar/Council & Academic

Subject: **441st Meeting of the Senate on Mt. No.441.4.2, 441.9.4, 441.17.8**

I am sending herewith the approved and confirmed Minutes of the 441st Meeting of the Senate held on 15th May, 2019 for your information and necessary action.



441.4 **Business arising from Minutes**

441.4.2 **Faculty of Medicine - Senate Paper ST/441/2**

438th meeting of the Senate held on 16th January, 2019 - minute no.438.8.1.3.5

The revised Proposal for a 'fallback option' for the students registered in the MBBS degree program, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya- (ADPC - 150th held on 27th March, 2019)

The Senate approved the revised proposal subject to the following amendments.

Page S-6 under Option 1- Instead of indicating marks as '40, indicate grades as 'C' or 'C-'. The word 'every' shall be inserted to read as, 'in every modules'.

Page S-7-under Application and Selection prodedure- Include the the phrase "...if a student has not been successful in the 2nd MBBS after sitting for 04 attempts," instead of the word 'within'.

441.9 **Matters referred by the Faculty Boards /Boards of Management of PG Institutes and the CDCE**

441.9.4 **Faculty of Medicine - Senate Paper ST/441/22**

Re-appointment of Prof. Chinthaka Balasooriya as an honorary visiting professor/fellow to the Medical Education Unit of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya

The Senate approved the recommendation made by the Faculty Board of Faculty of Medicine to reappoint Professor Chinthaka Balasooriya as an honorary Visiting Professor/Fellow to the Medical Education Unit of the Faculty of Medicine.

441.17

Any Other Matters

441.17.8

Cooperation Agreement between Federal State Autonomous Educational Institution of Higher Education I.M.Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation and University of Peradeniya (Mt. No. 148.2.3.3-ADPC)-Senate Paper ST/441/42

The Senate approved the Agreement under reference as presented in the Senate Paper ST/441/42.



**SENIOR ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
COUNCIL & ACADEMIC**

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University of Peradeniya,
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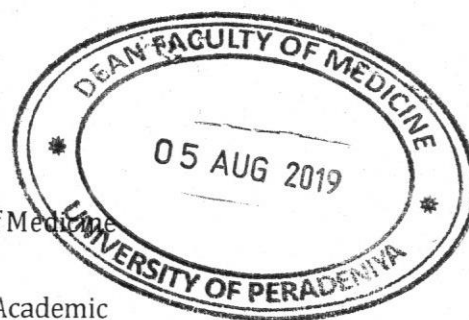
Date : 31st July, 2019

To : Dean / Faculty of Medicine

✓ Senior Assistant Registrar / Faculty of Medicine

From : Senior Assistant Registrar/Council & Academic

Subject : **SENATE RECOMMENDATION (441) APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL**



This is to kindly inform you that the following recommendation made by Faculty of Medicine which has been approved & confirmed at the 441st Meeting of the Senate held on 15th May, 2019 was approved & confirmed by the Council at its 486th Meeting held on 29th June, 2019.

Minute No.	Senate Paper No.	Title
441.4.2	ST/441/2	438 th meeting of the Senate held on 16 th January, 2019 - minute no.438.8.1.3.5 The revised Proposal for a 'fallback option' for the students registered in the MBBS degree program, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya- (ADPC - 150 th held on 27 th March, 2019)
441.9.4	ST/441/22	Re-appointment of Prof. Chinthaka Balasooriya as an honorary visiting professor/fellow to the Medical Education Unit of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya
441.10.1.5	ST/441/27	List of Examiners

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Senior Assistant Registrar/ Council & Academic



The proposal for a 'fallback option' for the students registered in the MBBS degree program, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya

Background

It has been observed that although a majority of students registered for MBBS with Faculty of Medicine (FoM), University of Peradeniya (UPDN) complete the course within the stipulated time, there is a very small number of students who are unable to cope with the requirements and whose studentship is terminated by the faculty at different stages of their course. Within the current system of awards and qualifications, the training gained by such students registered for MBBS until they are discontinued from the program, based on clauses VIII, XIV, XXV and XXVI of the rules and regulations governing examination in the FoM, UPDN, approved by the senate, 16 August 2016 (Refer list of clauses), cannot be acknowledged in a way that they could use it to pursue employment or future advancement in career.

The University Grants Commission has recommended that all Faculties of Medicine develop 'fallback' options for students who are unable to complete the MBBS course and hence the faculty board appointed a committee to propose a 'fallback' option to those students registered for MBBS degree but fail to complete it successfully within the stipulated period/number of attempts.

Faculty course of action on developing a fallback option

The senate approved the previous proposal on the said subject at its 438th meeting held on 16.01.2019 (Senate paper – ST/438/14 page no S160 – 164) in which the faculty proposed to offer only a diploma in the form of a fallback option. However, with the suggestions of senate members the faculty agreed to include a Higher Diploma and a Degree other than the said Diploma.

In accordance with the suggestions the faculty board requested the relevant committee to revisit the proposal in order to accommodate the above suggestions.

The members scrutinized the current status in the FoM, UPDN and wish to propose **two types of awards** to students registered for MBBS degree at UPDN but unable to secure the stipulated grades within the stipulated time period/number of attempts. The awards are based on the credits earned according to the *Credit and Qualifications Framework of the Degree programmes in Universities*; Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework Levels (SLQL) (Table 1). Considering the fact that the pass mark of 50 for modules has been established based on the standard of the MBBS program and it is not logical to expect the same standard from the said students who are unable to obtain the MBBS degree, the pass mark for the modules will be fixed at 40 when considered for the said awards.

Option 1: Diploma in Human Biology

A student who is unable to get through the 2nd MBBS barrier within the allowed four attempts shall be able to apply for the Diploma in Human Biology. If such a student has obtained 40 marks or above in modules followed for 2nd MBBS aggregating to 30 or more credits (after SLQL 2), the said student will be awarded Diploma in Human Biology. This award in accordance with SLQL 3, will assist the said student to pursue a career in a related field.

Application and selection procedure

1. Applications for the Diploma in Human Biology will be considered only from students who got registered in the MBBS Programme of the Faculty and sat for the module examinations at the relevant semester examinations.
2. Students who have registered in the FoM, UPDN in 2005 and after are eligible to apply.
3. Eligible students should apply to Dean Medicine using the prescribed application made available in the faculty website.
4. Dean Medicine with the approval of the faculty Board shall appoint a committee consisting of relevant Heads of Departments of study to peruse the application and results of the applicant.
5. The TOR for the committee would be to assess if the applicant has fulfilled the requirements to be eligible for the award of the Diploma in Human Biology
6. The recommendation of the said committee will be ratified by the Faculty Board.

To award the **Diploma in Human Biology**, a student who has been admitted to the MBBS programme must have

- (i) obtained 40 marks or above in modules studied for 2nd MBBS, aggregating to 30 or more credits and
- (ii) completed the relevant requirements within the given 4 attempts at the relevant semester examinations held by the faculty of medicine.

Option 2: Bachelor of Health Studies

This is applicable for students who pass the 2nd MBBS barrier and moves on with the medical course but fail to complete the final MBBS examination due to

1. inability to obtain a grade C or above for the required modules to sit for the final MBBS examination or
2. exceeding 10 years after registration in the MBBS program

If such a student obtained 40 marks or above in modules studied for 3rd MBBS, aggregating altogether to 90 or more credits after SLQL 2, the said student will be awarded the degree of Bachelor of Health Studies. This award in accordance with SLQL 5, will assist the said student to pursue a career in a related field.

Application and selection procedure

1. A student registered in the MBBS Programme and successfully completed 2nd MBBS examination, and sat for the module examinations at the relevant semester examinations of the 3rd MBBS program may apply to the Dean/Medicine for consideration for award of the Bachelor of Health Studies using the prescribed application made available in the faculty website.
2. Students who have registered in the FoM, UPDN in 2005 and after are eligible to apply.

3. Dean Medicine with the approval of the faculty Board shall appoint a committee consisting of relevant Heads of Departments of study to peruse the application and results of the applicant.
4. The TOR for the committee would be to assess if the applicant has fulfilled the requirements to be eligible for the award of the Higher Diploma in Health Studies
5. The recommendation of the said committee will be ratified by the Faculty Board.

To award the **Bachelor of Health Studies**, a student who has been admitted to the MBBS programme must have

- (i) passed the 2nd MBBS barrier and
- (ii) obtained 40 marks or above in modules studied for 3rd MBBS, aggregating altogether to 90 or more credits after SLQL 2

List of clauses

Clause VIII, XIV, XXV and XXVI of the rules and regulations governing examination in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya

CLAUSE VIII

Second MBBS Barrier

Only students who have obtained a minimum grade of C in all modules of years one and two semester 1 (ie Y1S1, Y1S2 & Y2S1) are allowed to proceed to year two semester two (Y2S2) and clinical training. This functions as a 'barrier', prior to commencement of the third MBBS program.

The GPA and summary of results released at this point shall be referred to as the results of the Second MBBS examination.

CLAUSE XIV

Second MBBS Barrier – number of attempts

A student must complete each of the modules of the Y1S1, Y1S2 and Y2S1 semester examinations within four attempts. If a student is unable to fulfil this requirement his/her studentship will be terminated.

CLAUSE XXV

Time Limitation

A student cannot be a candidate for the final MBBS examination if a period of ten academic years has lapsed since his/her registration as a student in the FoM, UPDN.

The exceptions to this rule are:

1. When the university is closed for administrative reasons.
2. Medical leave is obtained with prior approval up to a period of two years.
Such periods of time will not be included in the ten year limitation.

CLAUSE XXVI

Award of the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery.

The degree of MBBS is awarded to a student who has successfully completed the final MBBS examination, the third MBBS examination and the second MBBS examination within ten years of registration while adhering to all the rules and regulations laid down by the University of Peradeniya and the Faculty of Medicine with respect to examinations.

Table 01: SLQF levels

Minimum volume of learning required for each Level of SLQF

SLQF Level	Qualification Awarded	Minimum Volume of Learning for the Award
12	Doctor of Philosophy / MD with Board Certification/Doctor of Letters/Doctor of Science	Minimum 3 years of fulltime or equivalent time of original research after SLQL 6 or above
11	Master of Philosophy	Minimum 2 years of fulltime or equivalent time of original research after SLQL 6 or above
10	Masters with course work and a research component	60 credits after SLQL 5 or SLQL 6 including a research component of minimum 15 credits
9	Masters by course work*	30 credits after SLQL 5 or SLQL 6
8	Postgraduate Diploma*	25 credits after SLQL 5 or SLQL 6
7	Postgraduate Certificate*	20 credits after SLQL 5 or SLQL 6
6	Bachelors Honours	120 credits after SLQL 2 of which 90 credits after SLQL 3, of which 60 credits after SLQL 4, of which 30 credits after SLQL 5
5	Bachelors	90 credits after SLQL 2 of which 60 credits after SLQL 3, of which 30 credits after SLQL 4
4	Higher Diploma	60 credits after SLQL 2 of which 30 credits after SLQL 3
3	Diploma	30 credits after SLQL 2
2	Advanced Certificate (GCE A/L or equivalent)	
1	Certificate (GCE O/L or equivalent)	