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 Munshi Nagar, Andheri, Mumbai-400058

**Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting**

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting (Online)</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	03/02/2023	<b>Time:</b>	11:30 AM
<b>Place:</b>	Online		
<b>Chairman</b>	Dr. B. N. Chaudhari		
<b>Member Secretary</b>	Dr. Y S Rao		
<b>Special Invitees and University Nominees</b>	Dr. Uday Khedker (IIT Bombay) Dr. Hema Date (NITIE Mumbai) Dr. Faruk Kazi (VJTI, Mumbai) Dr. B. Satyanarayana (TIFR) Dr. Nutan Limaye (IIT, Bombay) Dr. A.G. Keskar (VNIT, Nagpur) Dr. M.S. Sutavane (COEP) Dr. Rajesh R. Pande (RKNEC, Nagpur) Mr. Anand Chitre (Barclays) Mr. Aniruddha Ainapure (JPMC) Mr. Sudhakar Paulzagade (Druva)		
<b>Student Representatives</b>	Eeshaan Asodekar (ETRX) Sara Sheth (EXTC) Aditya Motwani (COMP) Shreya Shetty (IT) Vishal Padme (MCA)		
<b>Head of the Departments</b>	Dr. Reena S. Sonkusare Dr. Prasenjit Bhavathantkar Dr. D. R. Kalbande		
<b>Controller of Examinations</b>	Dr. Sukannya Kulkarni		
<b>T.P.O.</b>	Mr. Vinod Sikka		
<b>Registrar</b>	Ms. Pallavi More		
<b>Faculty Representatives</b>	Dr R. G. Sutar Dr. Pooja Raundale Dr. K. K. Devadkar Dr. Aarti Karande		

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<b>Professors and Associate Professors</b>	Dr. Rita Das Dr. D. C. Karia Dr. S. N. Dhage Prof. K. T. Talele Dr. N. A. Bhagat Dr. R. R. Sawant Dr. Sujata Kulkarni Prof. M. M. Parmar Prof. D. D. Ambawade Dr. Surekha Dholay Prof. A A Godbole
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Prof. Sparsh Vyas
<p>The Academic Council meeting was called via online mode on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 at 11.30 a.m to discuss various issues related to SP-IT academics. Prof. Y.S. Rao, Dean-Academics, welcomed all the committee members and experts from across the country additionally, briefly discussed the VISION and MISSION, and presented the agenda of the meeting.</p> <p>Further, Prof. B. N. Chaudhari, Principal, explained the curriculum of 160 credits- UG Academics at SP-IT and the Dean briefed on the history of autonomy, the Programs offered at SP-IT – various credit courses, grading- absolute and relative, the education model, curriculum structure, and choice-based curriculum (128 credits) including mini project, major project, industry internship, SCOPE and MOOCS Courses.</p>	

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**Agenda 1: Confirmation of minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> AC meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**

**Matters Discussed:**

- 1) Prof. Y.S. Rao, Dean- Academics briefed on the previous minutes.

**Resolution:**

- 1) All members confirmed the previous minutes of the meeting

**Agenda 2: Confirmation of Result Analysis and Placement Statistics**

**Matters Discussed:**

- 1) Prof. Y.S. Rao, Dean- Academics shared information visually through the graph of result analysis and placement statistics, additionally also shared an average CGPA for each year.
- 2) Committee Member- Prof. Satyanarayan Bhesette observed and asked why we do not follow the analysis and distribution as flat distribution is not acceptable – this is a reason for not being able to follow an expected number and having a long bin of students failing
- 3) Prof. (Dr.) R.S. Pande asked to explain the trend of placements. Prof. Y.S. Rao informed the that average CTC has increased
- 4) Prof. Avinash Gajanan Keskar asked whether in the placements statistics we separate the core companies from the IT companies.
- 5) Prof. Y.S. Rao presented that students can opt for 6 months research internship (6<sup>th</sup> semester) at IIT-B and/or other IITs or industry internships (8<sup>th</sup> semester) additionally, students who wish to pursue higher education are given the option to complete their academics at the institute itself as they do not opt for internships

**Resolution:**

- 1) Dr. Pooja Raundale shared the details as observed by the committee members for placement statistics displaying the trend of placements.
- 2) Prof. B.N. Chaudhuri, the Principal, explained that the social policies with reference to admitting students as greatly responsible for these statistics additionally also explained the relative grading on finalizing the SA Value that justifies the analysis and distribution. Prof. Satyanarayan Bhesette suggested following the analysis and distribution as explained in the beginning and asked to show statistics accordingly. Both, the Principal and Dean- Academics accepted the observation and confirmed to look and work on it.
- 3) Prof. Pande suggested that the placement statistics must be highlighted as student engagement as the list will make students opting for higher education visible, also presenting the data demographically will help in better presentation.
- 4) Prof. Keskar's suggestion was accepted and Prof. Rao mentioned that we shall do it as per his suggestion.

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**Agenda 3: Approval for Academic Plan (Academic Calendar) for the A.Y. 2022 – 2023**

**Matters Discussed:**

- 1) Prof. Y.S. Rao presented the proposed Academic Calendar and evaluation policy for F.Y. B.Tech. and other even semesters.

**Resolution:**

- 1) All members approved the academic calendar and evaluation policy for the presently admitted students.

**Agenda 4: Approval (Ratification) for a few amendments in the academic structure**

**Matters Discussed:**

- 1) Prof. Y.S Rao highlighted that a skill-based course for 2 credits on Engineering Exploration was excluded from the course due to semesters commencing late from the last 3 years. Due to the pandemic, the semesters were compressed, so there was no space to conduct the summer term.
- 2) It was proposed with reference to the discussion with the industry personnel that an industry internship be approved to offer in the 8<sup>th</sup> semester (instead of the 6<sup>th</sup>) and a research internship will be approved to offer in the 6<sup>th</sup> semester (instead of the 8<sup>th</sup>) additionally, a student can choose in any case any one internship from the two
- 3) The SEVA/SATVA courses are now renamed to LLC (Life, Literature, and Culture) and were offered from Sem. I to Sem. VIII; but we propose a further batch (2023-2027) to include them between Sem. II to Sem. VII. The reason is first-year late admissions, revised curriculum, and 8th-semester industry internship so students will have 6 LLC courses instead of 8 LLC courses and acquire 6 credits as each semester the LLC course is for 1 credit. If a student is unable to complete the course due to reasons such as absence, performance in the evaluation, or fitness etc. he/she will be dropped from that course and will have to complete 2 courses in a subsequent semester. A student will be allowed to enroll in a maximum of 2 such courses in any such semester.

**Resolution:**

- 1) Academic Council members approved the same.
- 2) Academic Council members approved the change in the internship offered.
- 3) Academic Council members approved the changes in the LLC Courses.

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**Agenda 5: Approval for a few amendments in the Attendance and Examination Rules**

**Matters Discussed:**

- 1) Prof. Y.S. Rao proposed a relaxation of 25% in lab/tutorial and theory attendance with a pre-approval from the H.O.D. and a student with below 75% attendance will not be allowed to sit for the end-semester examination for that particular subject's theory and/or practical.
- 2) For students below 75% attendance, will have to appear for a re-examination after attending the extra session as remedial lectures are scheduled for them additionally, all students who will attempt the re-examination will have a grade penalty of one grade.
- 3) The Controller of examination, Dr. Sukanya Kulkarni proposed 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt as a special examination apart from regular examination and re-examination where students can appear at the end of the academic year- mainly for students with unfair means and for those who have not been able to clear in the first and second attempt are given an opportunity to re-appear before they go to the next higher semester instead of carrying ATKT concept and, all students will have a grade penalty of one grade and financial examination charges.
- 4) Prof. Rao proposed the end-semester examination (ESE) as a separate passing head. The student needs to score a minimum passing mark of median/2 in ESE as well as a minimum passing mark of median/2 out of 100 in the total marks of all theory or laboratory courses so ESE is taken sincerely by students. Specially abled students shall be given grace marks up to 5% of the total marks in a semester across all courses in the semester.

**Resolution:**

- 1) Principal B.N. Chaudhari suggested that lab attendance must be 100% and that teachers must arrange for extra sessions when students miss out or are absent from any practical lab course.
- 2) Prof. Keskar suggested that the defaulter students' mark sheets should show a second attempt as they are appearing for re-examination else, students might take advantage of the same.
- 3) Prof. Bheesette suggested that it is better to limit the examination to 1+1 and 1+1 in both semesters. It was internally declared that the terms of the special examination will be discussed again closely.
- 4) Prof. Bheesette shared his observation and suggested some minor changes in the same.

**Agenda 6: Approval for the discontinuation of M.Tech (Comps.) and M.Tech. (EXTC.) Programs**

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**Matters Discussed:**

- 1) Prof. Rao explained that statistics and analysis of the PG Program and one of the main reasons for the closure of the program is the lack of student interest. Despite efforts taken to increase enrolment, the program has consistently had low enrolment numbers over the past few years. And it is no longer aligned with our institutional goals and is not generating enough enrolment or revenue to justify its continued operation.

**Resolution:**

- 1) Prof. R.S. Pande suggested that we can reduce the intake from 18 to 6 and continue the courses for a few more years; additionally, Prof. Keskar pointed out that we must continue the course and postpone our decision on discontinuation as suggested by Prof Pande as it is difficult to restart a course after its discontinuation.

**Agenda 7: Approval to apply for Integrated M.Tech. (EXTC.)**

**Matters Discussed:**

- 1) Prof. Rao proposed approval of the 4+1 integrated master's program as constituted by AICTE.

**Resolution:**

- 1) Academic Council members approved the same, and members also suggested planning for a domain-specific integrated program,

**Agenda 8: Approval to apply for the autonomous status of Ph.D. programs at SP-IT**

**Matters Discussed:**

- 1) It was proposed that we apply to our governing body for the autonomous status of Ph.D. programs

**Resolution:**

- 1) Academic Council members unanimously approved the same.

**Agenda 9: Approval for an increase in intake capacity of the MCA Program**

**Matters Discussed:**

- 1) Prof. Rao proposed an increase in the intake from 60 to 120 students as the college has all the resources, infrastructure, and placements in place for the same.

**Resolution:**

- 1) Academic Council members approved the same.

**Agenda 10: Approval for Academic Rules and Regulations at SP-IT**

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- 1) Prof. Rao mentioned that the academic rule book is published at the beginning of the academic year and is sent to all the academic council members and their suggestions on the same are welcomed over email.

**Agenda 11: Approval for BoS member list (EXTC, Computer, CSE-AIML, CSE- DS, MCA)**

**Matters Discussed:**

- 1) Prof. Rao shared the proposed list of subject experts nominated by the academic council for respective BoS members for two new programs CSE-AIML, CSE- DS with 60 intake additionally, for EXTC, Computer, MCA.

**Resolution:**

- 1) Academic Council members approved the same.

**Agenda 12: Any other point of discussion with the permission of the chairman.**

- 1) The chairman thanked the members for attending and providing their valuable insights and suggestions; and promised that all the suggestions and recommendations will be implemented in the best of spirits.