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ACADEMIC COUNCIL | MEETING # 19 | 07.04.2021 | MINUTES

MINUTES OF ONLINE (VIDEO CONFERENCE) MEETING OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL
HELD ON 07.04.2021, BMSCE.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. B. V. Ravishankar	Chairman
Dr. S. Guruprasad	Member
Dr. Jitendra Kumar	Member
Dr. K. Rajanikanth	Member
Dr. Leena Chandran Wadia	Member
Dr. Debabrata Das	Member
Dr. G. Jagadeesh	Member
Mr. Aravind Kamath	Member
Dr. S. Muralidhara	Member
Dr. T. S. Pranesha	Member
Dr. H. S. Guruprasad	Member
Dr. S. Jayanthi	Member
Dr. Abhishek M. Appaji	Member
Dr. Mangala Keshava	Member
Dr. S. Pradeepa	Member
Dr. P. Prasanna Kumar	Member
Dr. Lakshminarayana C.	Member
Dr. Rudra Naik	Member
Dr. Arathi R. Shankar	Member
Dr. Rammohan Y.S.	Member

Dr. B. Ramesh Nayak	Member
Dr. V. Umadevi	Member
Dr. M. Dakshayini	Member
Dr. B. Kanmani	Member
Dr. Veena N. Hegde	Member
Dr. C. T. Puttaswamy	Member
Dr. S. Divijendranatha Reddy	Member
Dr. K. Vijayalakshmi	Member
Dr. M. V. Murugendrappa	Member
Dr. Kalyan Raj	Member
Dr. Ranga Swamy	Member
Dr. B. N. Shubha	Member
Dr. K. Vijayakumar	Member
Dr. S. Srinivas	Member
Dr. Gowrishankar S.	Member
Dr. Vasundhara Patel K. S.	Member
Dr. Sureka Naagesh	Member
Dr. Saisha Vinjamuri	Member
Dr. Vaseem Anjum Sheriff	Invitee
Dr. Samita Maitra	Member Secretary

At the outset, Dr. B.V. Ravishankar, Principal - BMSCE and Chairman, Academic Council extended a cordial welcome to all the members/invitees, to the nineteenth **online** meeting of the Academic Council.

The Chairman requested the Member Secretary to take-up the agenda items for discussion, ratification and approval.

SECTION 1: ITEMS FOR CONFIRMATION

1.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF EIGHTEENTH ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12.08.2020

The minutes of the Eighteenth Academic Council meeting held on 12.08.2020 were confirmed.



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1.2 ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF EIGHTEENTH ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

The Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Academic Council i.e., "Conduction of examination for 1 credit course using Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) or Viva voce methods" was noted by the Council.

However, the Council opined to explore the possibilities to conduct more number of 1 credited courses in online mode with (MCQs) in the subsequent years.

SECTION 2: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

2.1 REPORT ON CONDUCTION OF OFFLINE CIE AND SEE

The Controller of Examinations briefed about the precautionary measures (as per the directives of the University, Government of Karnataka) have been taken amid the COVID-19 pandemic to conduct the Semester End Examinations for VII, V and III semesters in the **offline mode** for both UG and PG programs between January-March 2021.

1. The Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for examinations released by the Government of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare were strictly followed during the examinations.
2. Instructions to be followed by students as well as all examination officials were widely circulated.
3. All the examinations were scheduled in the afternoons to ensure that the SOPs were in place.
4. A special task force involving the faculty in charge of NCC, NSS, Physical Education Director and Hostel Wardens was constituted to oversee and effectively implement the SOPs.
5. Separate examination rooms were allocated to the students tested COVID positive and the ones who had fever and related symptoms.
6. A separate room was also used for the students who were primary contacts of COVID positive cases.
7. Hand gloves, masks and face shields were made mandatory to all invigilators.
8. The examination officials invigilating in the rooms with COVID positive cases, the ones with symptoms and the primary contacts were all provided with PP kits. The answer scripts of these rooms were stored separately for 48 hours and subsequently sent for the evaluation.
9. With the co-operation of all the stake holders, the examinations were successfully completed without any inconvenience reported during examination.



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The Council members appreciated the effort put forth by the COE and team in conducting the Examinations successfully and stringently following the SOPs laid down by the government and the University.

2.2 SUMMARY OF ACADEMIC AUDIT CONDUCTED DURING DECEMBER, 2020 BY THE DIRECTOR - IQAC

The Director – IQAC informed the Council about exercising three levels of academic audit i.e., faculty level, department level and Institute level audits. Due to the pandemic situation, it was decided to conduct online academic audit along with Dr. Samita Maitra, Dean (Academics) for 18 departments across the college.

The audit format was shared with the members. She presented the audit parameters and observations made during the academic audit conducted during December, 2020.

After detailed discussion, the members opined that:

Dr. K. Rajanikanth:

- The weightage allocated for SEE component is significantly low at 20% of total weightage and need to be relooked.
- After setting the targets, computing the attainment and mapping the CO-PO, the audit parameters need to include the closure of the quality loop by which the action to be taken to improve the attainment. The audit shall also monitor the measures taken at faculty, department and institute level to improve the attainment of COs, POs and PSOs.

Dr. Jagadeesh Gopalan:

The audit is more concerned with quantitative parameters rather than qualitative parameters. Further, the entire academic audit process shall in-turn benefit the stakeholders.

Director-IQAC thanked the members for the valuable suggestions and ensured that the same will be implemented during the next academic audit.

2.3 ACADEMIC COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES WITH FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES

- 1) Dr. Abhishek Appaji, ICRD, BMSCE informed the members about the collaboration between BMSCE and University of Arkansas, USA and the students from both the colleges had the opportunity for mutual academic exchange i.e., to share their innovative ideas during the online academic internship on Global perspective course 'Change makers under COVID-19'.

He also mentioned about the joint patent that is going to be filed by the students on "Algorithm to monitor the Health Care Resources". The University of Arkansas will bear all the expenses for the process.



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While on the subject, Dr. Jitendra Kumar opined that,

- The students who have undergone this academic internship can explore the opportunities to be an entrepreneur with new technologies coming up for mitigating COVID-19. The students may also avail free incubation facility at Bengaluru Bio-Innovation Centre (BBC) for their work.
- The students can have collaboration with BBC which offers huge facilities towards research, acquaintance with entrepreneurs working on similar lines and even more opportunities for entrepreneurship. It will be a great experience for the students and overall development of the institution.

- 2) Dr. Samita Maitra, Dean (Academics) mentioned about the Collaboration between B.M.S. College of Engineering with the University of Washington Seattle, USA offering a new interdisciplinary online course for undergraduate students on a “Grand Challenges as Homelessness”.

The students who will be the part of this academic internship will be awarded 2 credits and this will be considered as value added course. The students who are professionally graduating from BMSCE with Technical degree portals are also be able to address the societal issues. Further, BMSCE and Washington Seattle, USA are signing an MOU and the process on the anvil.

The Council acknowledged the activity and expressed that,

- The students at undergraduate level shall involve themselves in writing and publishing the paper through innovative methods is a futuristic thinking and will orient them more towards research.
- It is a unique opportunity for the students to understand the government and its policies, Interface with the government and know the work process.
- A plan of action with a framework shall be prepared before the students of Washington Seattle arrive at BMSCE for smooth conduction of the internship.
- Under New Education Policy, the Indian institutions need encouragement to enter into Academic and Research collaboration with reputed universities across the globe. It is pleased to know that BMSCE is collaborating with foreign universities during the pandemic time. However, this collaboration for a longer period of time shall bring several innovations in Teaching Learning Process.
- The integration of Social Science with the Engineering Science is the emerging discipline across the world and more similar projects shall be encouraged.

The Council appreciated the initiatives taken towards academic collaborative projects and congratulated Dr. Samita Maitra, Dr. S. Raghunath, Dr. Abhishek Appaji and the students who are part of these projects.



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2.4 B.E. HONOURS DEGREE PROGRAM

Vice Principal briefed about the B.E. Honours degree program. After detailed deliberations, the following were the points listed by the Council:

- The B.E. Honours program shall include the research component to encourage the undergraduate students to orient towards research activities at the early stage of their engineering program.
- BMSCE should exercise the academic autonomy and come out with their own methodology for the B.E. Honours for meritorious students.
- It is a good initiative by the University to offer B.E. Honours program wherein the students earn extra 18 credits (over and above 175 credits) through online courses learning multidisciplinary concepts.

Principal informed the Council that, as NEP is in pipeline, the university is planning to introduce research modules in B.E. Honours degree program to strengthen the research along with academics in the coming years for undergraduate students.

2.5 A REPORT ON PLACEMENT AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

The Placement officer presented the roadmap for upgrading the placements, salary package offered by the companies/industries and soft skill training programs offered to the students.

During the pandemic period, the students were facilitated with internship both in country & abroad and projects were allocated to the students. For 2021 batch, the number of core companies is increased (50% and above) and offers from Management and Banking sectors were also increased.

Further, the Placement Officer proposed to incorporate the training module in the curriculum right from second year of the Engineering program.

The Council members congratulated the Placement officer for the training activities conducted for both UG and PG programs and approved the proposal to incorporate training module in the curriculum.

Further the Council stated that, the success of any education system can be measured by determining the positions of graduates who are placed in various capacities in industry, academia and other government sectors. Hence, a research plan needs to be developed to monitor the graduates of BMSCE who left the portals 8-10 years ago.

2.6 BOARD OF STUDIES (BOS) MEETINGS HELD FROM SEPTEMBER 2020 TILL DATE

The BOS meetings held at various departments/clusters for the period from September 2020 to till date was noted by the Council. The copy of the BOS minutes of various cluster/departments is provided in **Annexure-I**.



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SECTION 3: ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION / APPROVAL

3.1 MODIFICATION IN THE SCHEME - I TO VIII SEMESTERS: (Inclusion / Modification of Mandatory Credited courses)

1. Universal Human Values (UHV) course:

The Dean (First Year B.E.) informed the members that:

The course 'Universal Human Values' will be offered as **Non Credit Mandatory Course (NCMC)** in the First year B.E. program only for the academic year 2020-21.

The lateral entry students entering into the college portal in 2021-22 (3rd Semester) need to study the UHV course along with other mandatory courses before the completion of their B.E. degree program.

However, in the next academic year i.e., for 2021-22, the UHV course will be offered as **one credit course** in the 3rd semester. The lateral entry students admitted during 2022-23 will study the course along with the regular students.

To accommodate UHV and maintain total number of credits (i.e., 175), the natural science course "Biology for Engineers" or HSS Course in 7th Semester may be reduced by 1 credit for the batch entering the college in 2021-22.

The Council noted the above and approved.

2. Kannada Language as credited course:

Dr. Rangaswamy, Professor and Head, Department of Mathematics and Humanities briefed the following to the Council:

The Kannada language is mandated to be offered as credited course by the orders of State Government and by the directions of affiliating University (VTU). The VTU Circular in this regard is provided in **Annexure-II**.

The Kannada language is offered as one credit course for the following batches:

For 2019-20 batch students the Kannada Language (20HS4ICSAK/20HS4ICBAK) is offered during the 4th semester for all the departments. The same will be taught by Humanities Department.

For 2020-21 batch students, the Kannada Language (20HS3ICSAK/20HS3ICBAK and 20HS4ICSAK/20HS4ISBAK) is offered during 3rd and 4th semester.



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The following methods are suggested for conduction of the classes:

- Students with Chemistry cycle (applicable for the first semester: AY 2020-21) will study Kannada Language and EVS in 3rd semester.
- Students with Physics cycle (applicable for the first semester: AY 2020-21) will study Kannada Language and CIP in 4th semester.

The HOD-Mathematics would arrange faculty members to teach Kannada Language course in 3rd or 4th semester.

Considering the directives of statutory bodies, we have placed credited Mandatory courses in the following manner:

Sem	Name of the Course	Credit	Academic year	Physics /Chemistry Cycle
III	Environmental Studies	1	2022-23	Students admitted in (2021-22) and studied Chemistry Cycle in their First Semester
	Kannada Language	1		
IV	Constitution of India & Professional Ethics	1	2022-23	
	Universal Human Values	1		
III	Constitution of India & Professional Ethics	1	2022-23	Students admitted in (2021-22) and studied Physics Cycle in their First Semester
	Universal Human Values	1		
IV	Environmental Studies	1	2022-23	
	Kannada Language	1		

The Council noted and approved the modifications made for Credited Mandatory courses across the semesters.

3.2 REVISED SYLLABUS FOR VII AND VIII SEMESTERS OF UG COURSES

The HODs presented the key features and new concepts brought in the syllabus for VII and VIII semester of UG programs.

The Council noted and approved the changes made with the following remarks:

a) Mechanical Engineering:

- Explore to offer new courses in Mechanical domain instead of conventional courses. Switching the futuristic subjects with the traditional ones and imparting a skill-based curriculum is crucial to succeed in today's technological world.



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b) Electrical Engineering:

- As NEP debates about interdisciplinary approach, Mechanical and Electrical disciplines may create a research cluster in Electrical Hybrid vehicle as it's the future technology.
- Design a research program or an Electrical Hybrid Vehicle state of art Research Laboratory for undergraduates to strengthen the research area and also to groom the student research minds.

c) Electronics & Communication Engineering:

- Topics like 'Network Security' and 'Wireless technology' shall be taught to the students as the transactions are digitized and automated across the spectrum.
- More industry driven courses taught by the industry people. This will help the students to develop further knowledge and skills required for their industry project required in their final year with support from industry. This will equip the students towards making them industrial ready.

d) Industrial Engineering and Management:

- NASCOM has released in their website launched during November 2020, the government has sanctioned grant of several hundred crores of rupees for designing number of courses on industry 4.0 which is free for the students. The HOD-IM was requested to explore to offer some of the courses on Industry 4.0 either offline or integrated in the credit system.

e) Computer Science and Engineering:

- More advanced courses on Algorithm and mathematical courses need to be offered for the Computer Science students.

f) Information Science and Engineering:

- The Council appreciated the HOD-IS for offering good and advanced courses like DevOps, Forensic, Block Chain, Deep learning etc. However, it is advised to explore new modern tools to deliver these courses.

g) Medical Electronics Engineering:

- As the digital security is a huge scenario now a days, the topics like 'data security and privacy' shall be taught to the students.
- As the students of Medical Electronics have already studied the fundamentals of biological concepts in their earlier semester, it is advised to offer advanced modules in "Biology for Engineers" course which is application oriented.



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h) Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering:

- Courses like Advanced Emerging protocols, laid protocols in Instrumentation Engineering system shall be offered as an elective course.

The Dean Academics requested the faculty representing from BMS College as member of the Academic Council for any inputs / suggestions in this regard.

Dr. Vasundara Patel K.S., Professor, Electronics and Communication suggested the following:

- i. Emphasis on Communication/presentation Skills –a small research assignment in each course will make students to come up with improved report writing and presentation skills.
- ii. Artificial Intelligence concept is embedded in many software courses. However, the hardware concepts with the flavor of Artificial Intelligence shall be taught to the students.
- iii. Introducing the courses like Quantum Sensing, Quantum materials, Quantum computing etc. as Institute elective course will make the students ready for the future.

The syllabus of VII and VIII semester UG programs approved by the Council are provided in **Annexure-III**.

3.3 REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS (MCA) EFFECTIVE FROM THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-21

The Principal briefed the member that the MCA program is now brought down from 3 years to 2 years and accordingly the new regulations were made and circulated to all the Autonomous colleges by the University.

He mentioned the changes in new regulations compared with the existing one. He also informed that, to maintain the standards and quality of MCA program, the VTU regulations will be implemented for the 2020-21 batch of students.

The council approved the regulations for MCA and the same is provided in **Annexure-IV**.

3.4 CONDUCTION OF PARALLEL CLASSES FOR REGISTERED / RE-REGISTERED COURSES OF II, IV, VI and VIII SEMESTERS FOR STUDENTS OF B. ARCH (AUTS)

Dr. Vassem Anjum Sheriff, Professor, BMS College of Architecture (representing on behalf of Dr. Mamatha P. Raj, Director, BMS College of Architecture) informed the Council about the conduction of Parallel classes for registered/re-registered courses of



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II, IV, VI and VIII semesters for B. Arch. (AUTS) in order to facilitate vertical progression for the students. Further she added that, the Principal has already approved for conduction of B.Arch. (AUTS) parallel classes.

The Council agreed and ratified the same.

3.5 LIST OF STUDENTS DISCONTINUED THE B.E. PROGRAM

The Council noted and ratified the students who have cancelled their admissions during the academic year 2020-21 (since 18th AC meeting).

The details are provided below:

SNo	DEPT	USN	NAME OF THE CANDIDATE	DATE OF CANCELLATION	SEM
1	CH	1BM18CH038	RITESH K. RAJA	09.09.2020	II SEM
2	ME	1BM19ME117	RAJSHARAN JEETU	14.09.2020	II SEM
3	CV	1BM19CV081	LOHIT. R	15.09.2020	II SEM
4	MBA	1BM18MBA03	AKSHATHA J GOWDA	15.09.2020	II SEM
5	EIE	1BM16EI002	AKHIL B. S	15.09.2020	VI SEM
6	CV	1BM19CV075	KEMPRAJ. J	23.09.2020	I SEM
7	ML	1BM18ML041	SACHIN VERMA	25.09.2020	III SEM
8	EEE	1BM19EE021	HRITHVIK B KAMATH	07.10.2020	II SEM
9	CSE	1BM14CS088	SOHAM PAL	08.10.2020	VI SEM
10	EEE	1BM19EE061	UTHAYA R	09.10.2020	III SEM
11	CSE	1BM19CS170	TAMMINEEDI HERENDRA NAG	13.10.2020	II SEM
12	CV	1BM19CV061	HARSHITH B. E	13.10.2020	II SEM
13	ME	1BM19ME019	ARAVIND ESWARAN	20.10.2020	III SEM
14	CSE	1BM15CS116	TAKSHILA RAMESH SHETTY	23.10.2020	IV SEM
15	CH	1BM17CH020	RITWIK. K	22.10.2020	II SEM
16	IEM	1BM18IM057	VISHNU T. S	23.10.2020	II SEM
17	ECE	1BM19EC082	MUKUNDHAN. M	02.11.2020	II SEM
18	CSE	1BM19CS154	SHREESHA. N. A	03.11.2020	III SEM
19	CH	1BM18CH055	VIDHYUT IYER	06.11.2020	II SEM
20	ISE	1BM16IS094	VIJAY DESAI	04.11.2020	VI SEM
21	IEM	1BM19IM024	PRAJWAL R. V	18.11.2020	II SEM
22	BT	1BM18BT045	SAI NAND	26.11.2020	III SEM
23	CH	1BM19CH008	AKHIO FRAUIS DIAS	27.11.2020	III SEM
24	ECE	1BM18EC022	AYUSH KUMAR LALL	04.12.2020	IV SEM
25	ME	1BM19ME069	K. SANTHOSH KUMAR	15.12.2020	II SEM
26	PE (M.Tech)	1BM19CEE11	R. AKSHAY	17.12.2020	II SEM



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27	EEE	1BM19EE040	RANJITH. B	17.12.2020	III SEM
28	LBI(ML)	1BM19LBI06	VEENA. B	23.12.2020	III SEM
29	ECE	1BM19EC021	ASHISH. T	26.12.2020	II SEM
30	BT	1BM19BT025	MADHU	26.12.2020	II SEM
31	ML	1BM19ML001	ABHISHEK KUMAR	22.01.2021	II SEM
32	TCE	1BM19TE405	TEJAS. N	23.01.2021	IV SEM
33	ME	1BM19ME183	YASHWANTH. S	27.01.2021	III SEM
34	ME	1BM17ME119	RISHIKUMAR. S	30.01.2021	V SEM
35	BT	1BM18BT028	MANOJ. M	08.02.2021	II SEM
36	ML	1BM18ML002	ADHYA. R	10.02.2021	II SEM
37	ME	1BM16ME093	MUJTAHID OMER	19.02.2021	III SEM
38	ECE	1BM18EC152	P. V. SRI RAM	23.02.2021	II SEM
39	CV	1BM19CV154	SUNIL	03.03.2021	III SEM
40	ME	1BM18ME060	KAPIL MOHAN GOWDA	08.03.2021	II SEM
41	ISE	1BM15IM404	DHANALAKSHMI	16.03.2021	III SEM
42	ISE	1BM17IS017	AYUSH SAXENA	23.03.2021	IV SEM
43	CH	1BM17CH062	YAKSHAM JAIN	25.03.2021	V SEM

3.6 LIST OF STUDENTS FOR TEMPORARY WITHDRAWAL

The Council ratified the list of students awarded temporary withdrawal from the program for the academic year 2020-21 (since 18th AC meeting).

The details are listed below:

SN _o	USN	Name of the Student	Date of issuing Temporary Withdrawal	UG/PG	Duration
1	1BM18TE006	Mr. Anirudh Ganesh	03.09.2020	UG	2 semesters
2	1BM19IS197	Ms. Ishika Girish	29.10.2020	UG	1 semester
3	1BM18CS141	Mr. Sanket Koirala	29.10.2020	UG	2 semesters
4	1BM16CS111	Ms. Sunethra A.V.	30.10.2020	UG	2 semesters
5	1BM16CS007	Mr. Aatithya Vora	11.01.2021	UG	1 semester
6	1BM16TE405	Ms. Manasa A.S.	18.01.2021	UG	4 semesters
7	1BM19EC134	Mr. S. M. Dinakar	17.02.2021	UG	2 semesters
8	-	Mrs. T. Roopa	13.03.2021	PG	2 semesters
9	1BM19IS085	Mr. Manish B.S.	13.03.2021	UG	2 semesters



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SECTION 4: ANY OTHER SUBJECT WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

1) New Education Policy (NEP):

The Principal brought to the notice of the members about the activities as cited below on New Education Policy-2020.

- ◆ College had organized an online Guest Lecture on New Education Policy-2020 for all the HODs and faculty members delivered by Dr. Leena Chandran Wadia, (Senior Consultant, ORF and also member of Academic Council, BMSCE) on 05.08.2020.
- ◆ TEQIP-III had organized a National Level Webinar on "Implementation of NEP - 2020 – its impact on Higher Education Institutions" delivered by Dr. K. K. Agarwal, Chairman, NBA, New Delhi, on 27.02.2021. Around 240 participants including Principal, Vice Principal, Deans, HODs and Faculty members from various colleges across the country participated in the webinar.

Further, he informed the members that, BMSCE has also constituted a Committee to explore the ideologies for implementing the NEP in the coming years.

The Council appreciated the initiative and requested the Principal to share the knowledge about NEP with other colleges.

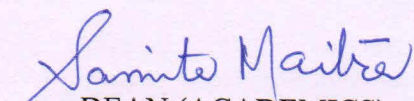
2) Modification in Malpractice fee:


As per the existing regulations exercised at BMSCE, the students who indulge in the malpractice during the SEE examination will be penalized with Rs.2000/- as penalty. However, the University (VTU) has increased the malpractice fee amount from Rs.2000/- to Rs.5000/-.

In this regard, Principal proposed to enhance the malpractice fee amount from Rs.2000/- to Rs.5000/- for BMSCE students so that this works as a moral deterrent for the students.

The Council agreed the proposal and approved.

The Meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.


DEAN (ACADEMICS)


PRINCIPAL