



BMS COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, BANGALORE-19
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MINUTES | ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING # 05 | 21.06.2012

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 21.06.2012 AT 3.00 PM IN THE TRAINING HALL OF THE PLACEMENT CENTER, SPORTS COMPLEX, BMSCE

Members Present:

1	Dr.K.Mallikharjuna Babu	Chairman
2	Dr.K.Rajanikanth	Member
3	Dr.T. Srinivas	Member
4	Sri.Shivakumar	Member
5	Sr. Vijaya Kumar	Member
6	Dr.Ajit Kalgahatgi	Member
7	Dr.M.H.Kori	Member
8	Dr.Gopal Mugeraya	Member
9	Dr.G.N.Sekhar	Member
10	Dr. Vinod C. Aralimatti	Member
11	Dr.K.Guruprasad	Member
12	Dr.Ravishankar Deekshit	Member
13	Dr. D Seshachalam	Member
14	Dr.B.Ravishankar	Member
15	Prof. K.R.Madhu Chand	Member
16	Dr.Gowrishankar	Member
17	Dr.H.S.Guruprasad	Member
18	Dr.B.Kanmani	Member
19	Dr.Narasimha Rao K.	Member
20	Dr.H.N.Suma	Member
21	Dr.Samita Maitra	Member
22	Dr.Shashidhar S Bhavikatti	Member
23	Dr.T.S.Pranesh	Member
24	Dr.Y. Chandrasekhar Reddy	Member
25	Dr. L. Venkatesh	Member
26	Sri. Bhagawan Singh	Member
27	Sri. C.K.Chandra Babu	Member
28	Dr.R.V.Ranganath	Member-Secretary
The following members could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupations and prior commitment and were granted leave of absence:		
1	Dr.Navakantha Bhat	Member
2	Dr.C.P.Ravi Kumar	Member
3	Sri.Aravind Srinivas	Member

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At the outset, the Principal & Chairman, Academic Council, welcomed the members to the fifth meeting of the Academic Council. The Principal informed that the Academic Council is re-constituted. The Principal placed on record Council's appreciation for the academic contributions made by all its previous AC members namely;

1. Dr.C.S.Viswanath
2. Dr.Rajanikanth
3. Prof.M.Giridhar
4. Prof.G.Raghavendra Rao
5. Dr.R.Krishnan
6. Dr.P.S.Nagendra Rao
7. Dr.K.S.Gandhi
8. Dr.R.V.Jayathirtha
9. Mr.Manav Subodh

He welcomed all the new members of the Academic Council and emphasized that he looks forward to their co-operation and valuable contribution to the deliberations in the meetings of the Academic Council. All the new members were introduced to the Council. The new members are:

1. Dr.K.Rajanikanth
2. Dr.T. Srinivas
3. Sri.Shivakumar
4. Sr.Vijaya Kumar
5. Dr.Ajit Kalgahatgi
6. Dr.M.H.Kori
7. Dr.Gopal Mugeraya
8. Dr.Navakantha Bhat
9. Dr.C.P.Ravi Kumar
10. Sri.Aravind Srinivas
11. And newly inducted faculty members

Before taking up the agenda items, the Principal introduced to the council, the members from Institute. The Principal then presented a brief overview of Institute, its beloved Founders, distinguished Trustees, Board Members of the Institution.

He appraised the members about the initiatives taken and progress made by the Institution after being granted academic Autonomy i.e. from 2008-09 onwards.

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF FOURTH AC MEETING HELD ON 30.04.2011

The minutes of the meeting of the fourth Academic Council held on 30.04.2011 were confirmed.

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2. ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS IN FOURTH AC MEETING HELD ON 30.04.2011

The Committee noted the action taken report on the decisions in the Fourth AC meeting held on 30.04.2011.

3. A BRIEF REPORT ON THE ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD FROM MAY 2011 TO TILL DATE

A brief report on the Important Academic Activities of the Institution for the Period from May 2011 to till Date presented by the Principal was well received by the Council (**Annexure-I**).

While on the subject, the following suggestions were made:

- a) BMSCE should seek financial assistance from Government bodies like National Entrepreneurship Development Board [NEDB];
- b) The Institution should further encourage the faculty and student research endeavors. It was felt that students involved in research activities have an edge over others in applying for PG and jobs;
- c) The Institution should encourage more number of full time teaching assistantships to encourage Research at all levels.

4. DETAILS OF THE BOS MEETINGS HELD AS ON DATE

The date(s) of the BOS Meeting held as on date were noted (**Annexure-II**). While on the subject, the members opined as follows:

- The BOS is a basic constituent of an academic system, the important job of framing the syllabi for various courses, reviewing and updating syllabi from time to time, introducing new courses of study etc are vested with the BOS. Hence, the BOS should ensure the relevance and support services while proposing the new Courses and framing the syllabi and also keep in view the objectives of the Institution from time to time.
- The expert members informed that the Chairpersons of the respective Boards were free to consult the members of the council for support, view & advice on all academic matters (through email).

5. DETAILS OF BOE MEETINGS HELD AS ON DATE

The date(s) of the BOE Meeting held as on date were noted (**Annexure-III**).

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6. MODIFICATION IN THE ACADEMIC REGULATION [REGULATION 9.2.7 – PAGE 19]

The Council considered and approved the modification of **Regulation 9.2.7 (Page 19)** towards Make-up Examination in a laboratory course by extending it to **final year** students i.e. VII and VIII Semester instead of final semester i.e. VIII Semester.

7. RESULT ANALYSIS OF ODD SEMESTER SEPT-DEC 2011 [SEE]

The Result Analysis of Odd Semester Sept-Dec 2011 [SEE] was noted. The Principal informed that the pass percentage of students during I, II, III and IV years were 73%, 76%, 89% and 95% respectively. The Controller of Examination informed that in the Final Year BE [AUTS] stream examinations held during May/June 2012, out of 997 students, 877 students have obtained an aggregate of more than 70%. **(Annexure-IV)**. While expressing their overall satisfaction, the Council made few observations, which are as follows:

- a) The result analysis is to be prepared semester-wise, department-wise and subject-wise;
- b) Identify the subjects with large number of failures and success with a view to avoid extremities;
- c) Underline the reasons for poor results in some departments where the student intake quality [cut-off rank] is comparatively less and workout corrective measures;
- d) It was also suggested to provide results in graphical form for better visualization and understanding.

8. ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON MAL-PRACTICE CASES

The actions taken on the mal-practice Cases during Dec 2011/Jan 2012 SEE [Odd Semester] examinations as per the decision of the Mal-Practice Case Consideration Committee [MCCC] in its meeting held on 21.01.2012 & 03.02.2012 were ratified **(Annexure-V)**.

9. A REPORT ON STUDENT DISCIPLINE

The disciplinary actions initiated against students for acts of misbehavior in the Hostels for the year 2010, 2011 and 2012 were endorsed **(Annexure-VI)**.

10. ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 2012-13

The proposed academic calendar for the year 2012-13 were perused and confirmed by the Council. The Council authorized the Principal to make necessary changes in the calendar if need be. Approved Calendar of Events for the Academic Year 2012-13 is provided in **Annexure (VII)**.



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11. MODIFICATION IN CREDIT SYSTEM

The members had detailed deliberation on the issue of modification [to the guidelines for implementation of Academic Autonomy at Colleges 2007] of credit system in the light of VTU Notification No.VTU/Aca/2011-12/A11/1391 dated 08.03.2012.

The Members noted that the Total number of credits for UG programmes in the Autonomous Colleges of VTU shall be 200 with the following additions/Modifications:

Additions:

In the clause 5.1 (c) credits definition:

- Theory course-conducted for 1 hour/week/semester is ONE Credit;
- Laboratory/Tutorial, conducted for 2 hours/week/semester is ONE Credit;

The following is to be included:

- **Self-study in a course for 4 hours/week/semester** is ONE Credit

The Committee noted that the Institution would have an option to introduce self-study component in their curricula to the extent of 24 credits for students taking admission from the academic year 2012-13 onwards.

The following suggestions/opinions were shared by the Council on the issue:

- a) The Institution should deem it as an opportunity to redefine the way knowledge is imparted by providing direction to the students and enthuse students to focus on research and innovation. The self-study component to be treated as value add and not as a substitute to classroom study. It should motivate the students to improve their creativity.
- b) The students may be assigned course-related Industrial assignments, mini projects, term assignments, lab works etc.

The Committee opined that the BOS shall prepare the curriculum/course structure for self-study along with evaluation process/pattern which it proposes to put in place considering the academic strengths of the department and the suggestions noted above. The Committee felt that the Institution should take a cautious approach by initially opting for lesser credits [than those available i.e. self-study in a course, for 4 hours/week/semester]. After much consultation, the Committee arrived at the following decision:

1. The Self-Study component be introduced to students during their 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th semesters for BE Programmes and during 1-8 semesters for Architecture.
2. The committee felt the Institution may opt for 8 credits of self-study component for 4 semesters [i.e. 2 credits/semester]

The Council opined that the respective BOS shall prepare proposals adhering to the above guidelines/suggestions. And approval of Academic Council may be sought by circulation, if need be.

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12. CHANGE IN THE SCHEME AND SYLLABUS OF VIII, IX AND X SEMESTER FOR B.ARCH. 2008 AUTS BATCH

The HOD, Architecture brought the following information to the notice of the Council and sought ratification of the decision of the BOS in its meeting held on 25.07.2011.

The Council of Architecture through its notification [received during 2009] changed the structure of duration of Architecture (B. Arch) course from 9 semesters (academic) +1 semester (practical training) to 8 semesters (academic) +2 semesters (practical training) effective from 2009-10 onwards.

The Chairman of the BOS, further informed that the BOS in its meeting held on 25.07.2011, approved the following:

- a) The 1st batch of Autonomous Stream who joined in 2008 needs to adopt the 9 semesters (academic)+ 1 semester (practical training) scheme, which is different from the syllabus ratified for 2009-10 batch onwards. The change in the syllabus occurs from 8th Semester onwards (batch of 2008-2009), and hence the detailed syllabus from 8th, 9th & 10th Semesters are enclosed for ratification by BOS along with the entire scheme of Instructions for the batch of 2008-2009;
- b) In the earlier meeting, it was ratified that Kannada Language needs to be included as part of the B.Arch curriculum. The detailed syllabus for Kannada Language is enclosed for ratification by BOS.

The Council considered and approved the decision of the BOS and ratified the actions initiated.

(Action by the Chairman of BOS in Architecture)

13. PROPOSAL TO CONDUCT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE FIRST BATCH OF AUTONOMOUS SCHEME (2008-09) AND INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF RANKS & MEDALS

The members after detailed deliberations approved the proposal submitted for instituting Medals and Awards and felicitating meritorious students during First Graduation Ceremony (**Annexure-VIII**).

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14. ANY OTHER SUBJECT WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

- a) The proposal to preserve the answer books for a period of twelve months [Ref: Letter dated 29.05.2001 from Under Secretary to Governor to Vice-Chancellor, VTU] after the final disposal of court cases, after the declaration of results in respect of mal-practice cases, withhold of results etc. were approved with a advice to ensure that all applicable norms is followed while disposing the used answer books.
- b) The Dean Academic brought to the notice of the Members that few students who had migrated from VTU to AUTS stream ended up getting 1/2 to 2 credits less than the total number of prescribed credits i.e. 200. The Dean sought the advice of the Council in this regard.

The Council once again emphasized that BOS is empowered to take any such decisions which will facilitate the students to meet academic requirements and standards of the Institute's/Clusters/Departments Vision and Mission.

The Council suggested that for the students who fall short by half credit, the BOS may treat them as full credits and seek ratification/approval of the Academic Council. For the students who fall short by one or more credits, the BOS may introduce a seminar/independent study course equivalent to such credits.

- c) The Dean, Academic brought to the notice of the Members that the Institution is proposing to withdraw offering Kannada Language for Diploma Lateral Entry Students since they would have previously studied the language. The Council opined to seek the opinion of the University and take decision accordingly.

The Meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Rangath R.V.
Dean (Academic) &
Member Secretary of AC

P. Srinivas
PRINCIPAL &
Chairman of AC