



BMS COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, BANGALORE-19
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MINUTES | ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING # 06 | 24.05.2013

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 24.05.2013 AT 4.30 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.Ajit Kalgahatgi	Member
4	Sri.Aravind Srinivas	Member
5	Dr.G.N.Sekhar	Member
6	Dr. Vinod C. Aralimatti	Member
7	Dr.K.Guruprasad	Member
8	Dr.Ravishankar Deekshit	Member
9	Dr. D Seshachalam	Member
10	Dr.B.Ravishankar	Member
11	Prof. K.R.Madhu Chand	Member
12	Dr.H.S.Guruprasad	Member
13	Dr.B.Kanmani	Member
14	Dr.Narasimha Rao K.	Member
15	Dr.H.N.Suma	Member
16	Dr.Samita Maitra	Member
17	Dr.M.Rajyalakshmi	Member
18	Dr.T.S.Pranesh	Member
19	Dr.Y. Chandrasekhar Reddy	Member
20	Dr. L. Venkatesh	Member
21	Sri. Bhagawan Singh	Member
22	Sri. C.K.Chandra Babu	Member
23	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	Dr.T. Srinivas	Member
4	Sri.Shivakumar	Member
5	Sr. Vijaya Kumar	Member
6	Dr.M.H.Kori	Member
7	Dr.Gopal Mugeraya	Member
8	Dr.Gowrishankar	Member

At the outset, the Principal extended a cordial welcome to all the members/invitees.



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1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF FIFTH AC MEETING HELD ON 21.06.2012

The minutes of the Fifth Academic Council Meeting held on 21.06.2012 were confirmed.

2. ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS IN FIFTH AC MEETING HELD ON 21.06.2012

The Committee noted the action taken report on the decisions in the Fifth AC meeting held on 21.06.2012. While on the subject, the DEAN-Academics informed the members that the institution is contemplating to introduce restructured curriculum from the Academic year 2014-15 owing to the uniform syllabus, education pattern, exams and other aspects in PU Syllabus [CBSE, ISCE, State etc].

The Board of Studies (BOS) of various academic departments are seeking permission to introduce the Self-Study component from the academic year 2014-15 onwards. This would sink with the idea of Institution's proposal to introduce modified curriculum from the academic year 2014-15. The Council considered the same and approved.

3. A BRIEF REPORT ON THE ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 2012 TO TILL DATE

A brief report on the Important Academic Activities of the Institution for the Period from July 2012 presented by the DEAN-Academics was well received & appreciated by the Council (**Annexure-I**).

While on the subject, the following opinions were shared:

- a) The Council opined that the accreditation of the Institution by National Assessment & Accreditation Council (NAAC) was a creditable accomplishment. This, they felt was due to the judicious efforts of all stake holders.
- b) The Council conveyed their best wishes to all the faculty members who have acquired their Doctoral Degree.



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- c) The move to have an Institutional Strategic Plan with long-term and short-term perspectives was welcomed by the Council.
- d) The Council opined that the Institution should continue to have stronger and lasting relationship with the alumni and employers. Apart from research projects and placement related matters, the alumni can provide feedback on the curriculum and play a pivotal role in meeting the desired specification and requirements of the outcome based NBA accreditation criterion.

While on the subject, the Principal brought to the notice of the Council that during July 2011, the BMSCE Alumni Association (BMSCEAA) was formed with an aim to connect BMSCE with its alumni. Since then, BMSCEAA has been very active in reaching out the alumni. A dedicated team of officials are working for the cause. BMSCEAAA has seen improvement in the enrollment rate of the alumni. The BMSCEAA is planning to establish local chapter in USA, Singapore and also in prominent cities in India.

- e) Sri.Aravind Srinivas suggested that BMSCE should consider applying for the CII Excellence Award in Education. He volunteered to extend all necessary guidance and advice in this regard.

4. DETAILS OF THE BOS MEETINGS HELD AS ON DATE

The details of BOS meeting held as on date were noted (**Annexure-II**). While on the subject, the Council stressed the need & importance of participation of students in the BOS meetings. The students (one or two) may be given an opportunity to present to the BOS about the curriculum requirements, if any. This, the council hoped would also add on to the Good Governance Programme of TEQIP. While on the subject, the Principal informed the council that the same practice will also be adopted for the Academic Council meetings.

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. GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE FIRST BATCH OF AUTONOMOUS SCHEME (2008-09)

The DEAN-Academic informed the Members that the Graduation Ceremony of the First Batch of Autonomous Scheme (2008-09) has been scheduled for 09.06.2013. A total of 883 students who have completed the prescribed academic requirement are being awarded the degrees. He also extended invitation to all the AC members to grace this auspicious occasion – the First annual convocation of the institute. The Members of the Council extended their best wishes to the graduating students and organizers for the successful conduction of the event.

7. CONDUCT OF FAST TRACK SEMESTER

The Dean (Academic) briefed about the proposal for modification of fast track semester as follows:

- Presently, the Institution is conducting two main semesters (Odd and Even) and Fast Track Semester (as per the guidelines of Visvesvaraya Technological University Belgaum) for slow learning students (with ineligible grades). They are allowed to register for a maximum of 4 courses (16 credits) in fast track semester.
- The students are taught in a fast track mode i.e., double the teaching hours than in a normal semester and again subjected to Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE).
- The Faculty members and to some extent the students are stressed with this tight academic schedule i.e. having two main semester and a fast track semester.
- The departments are also finding it extremely difficult to float many courses to meet the requirement of the students in fast track semester since the faculties have to teach in all three semesters.



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- ◆ It was proposed to conduct fast track semester in the present form only to First and Final year students having 'W' and/or 'F' grade (obtained due to ineligibility to attend SEE for shortage of attendance).
- ◆ All other students with 'F' grade in any course (from both odd and even semester) can appear for make-up examinations to be conducted during August every year. The students who are eligible for make-up examinations (X grade) in the present system shall appear for the examination directly. However, students with 'F' grade will have to attend a scheduled "Make-up Term" during June/July where faculty members will be available for teaching/discussions and then appear for make-up examination.
- ◆ This method/approach creates an opportunity for the faculty members to enhance their academics proficiency through research activities, pursuing higher studies etc., and the students will also get an opportunity to spend time for academic activities and to think creatively/innovatively.

The Proposal for modification of Fast Track Semester with a view to avoid repetitive exam schedules and to help in gaining quality time for other academic activities was welcomed by the Council.

However, the Council felt it is important for the college to stay within academic guidelines of the University. The Council suggested that the Institution may pursue the matter at appropriate forums and try to evolve a consensus amongst Autonomous Institutes and impress upon the University for suitable modification.

While on the subject, it is noted that as per the guidelines of VTU, autonomous colleges can conduct makeup examination at any other time in the semester with the permission of its academic council. The Council suggested to conduct makeup examination of even semester along with fast track semester if it helps to gain valuable time for other academic activities starting from the academic year 2013-14.

8. CIE – INCLUSION OF ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT TOOLS

The members noted that, presently the assessment methods practiced by the Institute for Continuous Internal Evaluation include tests (40%) and quizzes (10%).

To make assessment more effective, it was being proposed to include other relevant assessment tools such as term papers, assignments, problem solving and other means in place of quizzes.



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The Council was of the view that, academic freedom needs to be encouraged to impart quality education. Such kinds of measures are also important in the perspective of Accreditation. The Council approved the proposal. The Council also felt that, it is necessary for the course co-coordinators to define the alternative assessment methods well in advance. The present direct assessment by Tests will continue for 40 marks. Only quizzes can be replaced by alternative assessment tools for a maximum of 10 marks with the approval of BOS from respective departments/clusters.

9. RESULT ANALYSIS

The Controller of Examination (COE) made a brief PPT presentation on the Result Analysis of First Batch (2008-09) under the Autonomous Scheme (**Annexure-IV**). The Council noted that an average of 90% pass out is a good performance by the students.

The Council felt the need to have a team of subject experts to take up academic auditing to establish the standard of questions in various clusters.

10. ACADEMIC CALENDER FOR THE YEAR 2013-14

The proposed academic calendar for the year 2013-14 were approved by the Council. The approved Calendar of Events for the Academic Year 2013-14 is provided in **Annexure (V)**. The Council authorized the Principal to make necessary changes in the calendar if need be.

While on the subject, the Principal informed the Council that from the academic year 2013-14, the Institution is proposing to have a one week induction programme for the fresh students entering the portals of the College. During induction programme the students (fresher's) shall be given training on improving skills & personality. The students profile will be prepared which depicts their interests in various curricular & co-curricular activities and how to build a professional career while on the campus. Based on which the institution provide the necessary support systems. It is planned to develop profile of the students and enthuse them to pursue endeavors of their preference.



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The Principal also stated that financial support (up to Rs.10,000/- per project) will be extended to the first year students who desire to pursue collaborative research activities.

The Council approved the proposal to conduct the next meeting of the Academic Council on 25.07.2013. The DEAN-Academic was requested to provide the Agenda & Notes one week before the meeting.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the chair.

Ranganthi R.V.

Dean(Academic) &
Member Secretary of AC

PRINCIPAL &
Chairman of AC