

Academic Council Meeting on 16th March 2023

The 2nd meeting of the Academic Council for the academic year 2022-2023 was held on 16th March 2023 from 2.00 p.m. in the VESASC Auditorium.

The Member Secretary Dr. Meghana welcomed all the members and initiated the meeting with the chanting of OM as per the practice of VES management.

The following members were present

Members present for the meeting were: (Total 26 Present)

- 1) Dr. Anita Kanwar -Chairperson
- 2) Dr. Rajendra Shinde- University Nominee
- 3) Dr. Santhini Nair -HOD, Microbiology
- 4) Dr. Varsha Ahuja,- HOD, Chemistry
- 5) Dr. Sunita Sherifani HOD, Accountancy
- 6) Dr. Varsha Ganatra -HOD, Commerce
- 7) Dr. Heena Ganatra represented HOD , Economics
- 8) Ms. Nisha Karamchandani represented PG Psychology
- 9) Mr. Kamlakar Bhopatkar Coordinator, Computer Science
- 10) Ms. Prajisha Jitesh represented Coordinator, Information Technology
- 11) Mrs. Mahek Sukhani Coordinator, Mass Media
- 12) Mrs. Vinaya Jategaonkar Coordinator, Biotechnology
- 13) Mrs. Kanthi Vishwanath Coordinator, Management Studies
- 14) Mrs. Sangeeta Bhattacharya Coordinator, Financial Markets
- 15) Mrs. Minal Gandhi Coordinator, Banking & Insurance
- 16) Dr. Anu Bansal Coordinator, Accounting and Finance
- 17) Dr. Ritika Makhijani Teacher Representative
- 18) Mrs. Shmilona Jain Teacher Representative
- 19) Dr. Madhavi Vaidya Teacher Representative
- 20) Dr. Meghana Sanjeeva Member Secretary
- 21) Ms. Anusuya Yadav Invitee
- 22) Mr. Gokul Choudhary Invitee
- 23) Ms. Kiran Ghosh Invitee
- 24) Ms. Snehal Obhan Invitee
- 25) Dr. Vidya Lunge Invitee

Leave of absence was granted to the following members:

- 1) Dr. Ajay Bhamare University Nominee
- 2) Dr. Kiran Mangaokar University Nominee
- 3) Dr. Rajiv Gupte Industry Expert / Academician
- 4) Mr. Balaji Ramadurai Industry Expert / Academician

- 5) Mr. A.S Kumar Industry Expert / Academician
- 6) Dr. Vasanth Murlidharan Industry Expert / Academician
- 7) Ms. Niddhi Makhijani Industry Expert / Academician
- 8) Dr. A. Subramanian (Kumar) Industry Expert / Academician
- 9) Mr. Sunil Gwalani Industry Expert / Academician
- 10) Dr. Avinash Kale Industry Expert / Academician
- 11) Mr. Vikas Ware HOD, Mathematics
- 12) Dr Devidas Gulwade Incharge -HOD, Physics
- 13) Mrs. Aarohi Khar HOD, Psychology
- 14) Mrs. Sonia Lal I/c. HOD, Sociology
- 15) Dr. Mugdha Apte Teacher Representative

The agenda for the meeting was as below. Each item in the agenda was discussed in detail during the meeting.

Agenda

1. To read and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th October 2022.
2. To discuss the academic changes to be implemented from 2023-2024, in view of NEP 2020.
3. Brief report of the examination reforms introduced in the academic year 2022-2023
4. To discuss and deliberate on the tentative proposals of the new courses to be started in 2023-2024.
5. To scrutinize and approve the proposals of the various Boards of Studies.
6. To advise the Governing Body on suggestions(s) pertaining to suggestions made by it.
7. AOB

The following points were discussed and/or approved.

Agenda Item No. 1:

To read and confirm the minutes of the 1st Academic Council Meeting of the academic year 2022-23, held on 6th Oct 2022

Resolution - Agenda Item No. 1:

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th Oct 2022 (which were also sent by email to all the members) were read and approved by Dr. Santhini Nair, seconded by Dr. Sunita Sherifani and also accepted by all the members present.

Agenda Item 2: To discuss the academic changes to be implemented from 2023-2024, in view of NEP 2020.

The Principal informed members about the progress made by the college in autonomy and also presented how the college was gearing up for NEP implementation by presenting the guidelines issued by the Government of Maharashtra and the University of Mumbai with respect to expectations from NEP 2020, Salient features, Credit requirements and tentative structure of Higher Education courses. She also presented the brief draft plan of implementation at the College level.

She informed the members that the specifics for each faculty/ course will vary and the same will be discussed by the respective BOS. Dr. Rajendra Shinde (University Nominee) suggested that we can go ahead with the proposals of BOS, The proposals will then have to be approved in the next AC meeting.

Resolution No 2: It was resolved in the Academic Council meeting that the Principal was authorized to make changes in the structure as per the requirements of NEP 2020, based on the guidelines issued by the University and the Government of Maharashtra for the Autonomous Colleges.

The proposal for the new appointments in view of SFC/ autonomous courses put forth by the Principal.

BMS: 01, BBA: 02, DSDA: 01, BAMMC:01, B. Com. (E-Commerce): 01, B. Com. (Finance)-01, B.Com. (Business Studies): 01 and Regularization of 2 staff members.

Resolution No 3: It was resolved that a stable and competent workforce is essential to ensure the provision of quality education. It also indicates a commitment to providing a high standard of education and recognizes the significance of investing in qualified staff members to achieve this objective, hence the proposal for appointments of staff members was accepted unanimously by the members.

Agenda Item 3: Brief report of the examination reforms introduced in the academic year 2022-2023

Vice Principal and Controller of Examination Dr. Santhini Nair appraised the Academic Council with the quality initiatives by the Examination Section which are listed below:

- Review of Assessment of the answer papers
- Session on “Requisites of a good question paper’ organized by the IQAC.
- Digitalization of question paper submission system and printing.
- Review of Question Papers that are used in the examination.

The above initiatives were well appreciated by the external members. Dr. Shinde also suggested introducing

- Masking and barcoding of answer sheets.
- To have the plan to implement dual assessment and On Screen marking

He emphasized that Examination is one of the key factors which brings out the real essence of autonomy in any educational institute.

Vice Principal, Dr. Santhini Nair also briefed the AC on the modalities of the Implementation of the Additional Credits scheme for ALL students.

She mentioned that various departments had rolled need-based, skill upgradation courses which would be taken up by the students to acquire the additional 12 (UG= 120+ 12) and 8 (96/100 + 8) for UG and PG courses respectively. She drew the attention of the members to the fact there would be changes arising in the course structure after the implementation of NEP 2020 from the next academic year and in light of the same the implementation of additional credits can pose some challenges. After several deliberations on this it was resolved as stated below

Resolution No 4: The additional credits earned by the students will be reflected in the grade card of the students, but it will cease to be mandatory to earn all 12/8 credits in light of the changes of NEP 2020 for the UG/PG students.

Agenda No 4: To discuss and deliberate on the tentative proposals of the new courses to be started in 2023-2024.

The college proposes to the introduction of the following two new courses

New Courses:

1. B. Sc. (Artificial Intelligence)
2. B.Com. (Business Studies)

A detailed structure and curriculum for B. Sc. (Artificial Intelligence) course were presented by Mrs. Vidya Lunge. Dr. Shinde suggested conducting entrance test for the AI course, to which it was decided to further discuss and deliberate the same in the IQAC.

The principal discussed about the introduction of the objective of the B. Com (Business Studies) course She mentioned that the Sindhi community are primarily business families and they would like their children to have a degree that will be helpful for them to expand their business with the application of their knowledge earned through the degree. This course B. Com (Business Studies) targets these students and will equip them with the necessary skill set for enhancing their family business and diversifying it.

Dr. Sunita Sherfani and Dr. Varsha Ganatra outlined the course structure of the B. Com. (Business Studies) course proposed to be started from 2023-2024

Principal also informed us that the college intended to start one more division of BMS with an intake of 60 students at first year level which will begin from 2023-24. Necessary permission for the same is obtained from the university.

She further informed the members that there are two recognized Ph.D. guides in the Department of Physics and the sanctioned student strength for Ph.D. in the subject of Physics is 04, which the college would like to increase it to 06. The Council suggested to have intake for Assistant Professor as 04, Associate Professor as 06 and Professor as 08, as per the university / UGC guidelines.

Resolution No 5: The proposal for both the courses, namely B.Sc. (Artificial Intelligence) and B. Com (Business Studies), one division of 60 students for each course, were scrutinized and after discussion and deliberation, were accepted by the members.

The members also approved the decision of the college for additional seats (60) in the BMS department.

Resolution No 6: As there are two recognized Ph.D. guides in the Department of Physics, the sanctioned student strength for Ph.D. in the subject of Physics is allowed to increase to 06. The RAPC department of the University of Mumbai be informed about the same.

Agenda Item 5: To scrutinize and approve the proposals of the various Boards of Studies.

The proposals presented by each department with respect to curriculum transactions and examinations which were passed by the members of the respective BoS were scrutinized. The

Academic Council members gave suggestions and the HODs and Coordinators accepted the suggestions.

Resolution No 7: It was resolved to unanimously accept the recommendations made by the various BOS for the revision of UG and PG courses of the college, for implementation from the academic year 2023-24.

Agenda Item 6: To advise the Governing Body on suggestions(s) pertaining to suggestions made by it.

The University nominee suggested to be ready to gear up for the NEP 2020 from 2023-2024.

There being no other matter, the meeting ended with vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Santhini Nair to the chair and all esteemed members.

16/03/2023

Principal Dr. Anita Kanwar
Chairperson AC