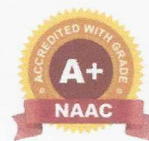




Sipna Shikshan Prasarak Mandal's
Sipna College of Engineering and Technology, Amravati. (M.S.)
(An Autonomous Institute)



Minutes of the First Academic Council Meeting

The first meeting of the Academic Council was held on *31st August 2024 at Conference Hall, 11:00AM.*

The following members were present:

1. Dr. Sanjay Kherde (Principal & Chairman, Academic Council)
2. Dr. G.P. Dhok (Dean, Academics)
3. Dr. A.A. Gurjar (Dean, Quality Assurance)
4. Dr. V.K. Shandilya, Head, CSE
5. Dr. V.S. Gulhane, Head, IT
6. Dr. A.P. Thakare, Head, EnTC
7. Dr. R.V. Rothkar, Head, Civil Engg.
8. Dr. S.S. Ingole, Head, Mech. Engg.
9. Dr. P.A. Tijare, Head, AI & DS
10. Dr. N.V. Shirbhate, Head, S&H.
11. Dr. M.D. Jadhao, Head, MBA
12. Dr. V.T. Gaikwad, DPC-BE
13. Dr. A.S. Joshi, DPC- Higher Studies
14. Dr. A.D. Gawande, Controller of Examination
15. Dr. G.S. Thakare, Dy COE
16. Dr. P.R. Malasane, Dean, Student Activities
17. Dr. S.S. Dhande
18. Dr. H.N. Datir (Autonomy Incharge)
19. Dr. G.S. Thakare, Dy COE
20. Dr. A.B. Deshmukh, Special Invitee
21. Dr. A.A. Bardekar, Special Invitee

Agenda Items:

1. **Opening Remarks:**

- The meeting commenced with **Dr. (Ms.) S.S. Dhande** extending a warm welcome to all the members. This was followed by the introduction of the members of the Academic Council.
- **Dr. Sanjay Kherde**, Principal and Chairman of the Academic Council, provided an opening remark emphasizing the significance of the Academic Council, its functions, and the role of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in ensuring academic excellence and continuous improvement.

2. Key Items for Approval:

a. Formation of the Board of Studies (BoS):

- **Dr. Sheetal S. Dhande** briefed the members about the formation of the Board of Studies and the composition and functions of the Academic Council, as per UGC Gazette Notifications.
- **Dr. Sanjay Kherde** discussed the responsibilities of the Academic Council, particularly in approving the curriculum and policies for various academic programs.
- **Dr. P.A. Tijare** suggested including the **Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Data Science Department** in the list of departments for the formation of the BoS.
- **Dr. Sanjay Kherde** introduced **Dr. Aatul Wadegaokar** and other external members of the Academic Council.

b. Scheme and Syllabus:

- **Dr. G.P. Dhok** (Dean, Academics) proposed academic schemes of 172 credits, multidisciplinary minors, open electives and syllabi, aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP-2020). Detail scheme and syllabus were presented by the chairman of Board of Studies for each program for B.Tech, M.Tech and MBA.
- **Dr. G.P. Dhok** suggested that co-curricular activity courses be assigned to students based on their merit and Curricular activity staff members must monitor and attendance to be maintained under the head, department of Science and Humanities.
- **Dr. Sanjay M. Kherde** suggested as per National Credit framework. Multidisciplinary minor list to be displayed separately.
- **Dr. Sanjay Kherde** suggested to pass a common resolution for the elective codes of B.Tech/M.Tech programs, as well as for seminars, dissertations, and paper publications.
- **Dr. Ajay P. Thakare**, Head of the Electronics and Telecommunication Department, informed the council about the opportunities offered by **IIT Delhi's Ihub Anubhuti**, which provides scholarships for UG, PG, and PhD scholars working on projects. He

encouraged faculty and students to apply for financial assistance. He also suggested to have experts from Vector India, pvt ltd. Hyderabad.

- **Prof. R.V. Rothkar** suggested instituting scholarships at the college level, especially since, under autonomous status, the university merit-based scholarships would no longer be applicable.
- **Dr. N.N. Kasat**, Professor in the Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering Department and NEP Coordinator, recommended including industry experts and academicians, such as **G.R. Kulkarni** and **Munir Sayyad**, in the Academic Council. **Prof. R.V. Rothkar** proposed the inclusion of **Sandip Zade**.
- A committee comprising three members has been constituted to undertake the task of developing and designing the MBA curriculum and syllabus. This committee will be responsible for reviewing existing content, aligning it with industry standards, incorporating relevant updates, and ensuring that the curriculum meets the academic and professional needs of MBA students.
- The proposed scheme and syllabi were discussed, and all members agreed to the recommendations and approved them.
- The information to be uploaded on the website in accordance with autonomy UGC Gazette Notification Points 9.4 and 9.5, in consultation with the Autonomy In-charge.

c. Admission and Academic Regulations:

- The council reviewed the proposed regulations for UG, PG, and MBA programs. These regulations, designed to align with the institute's autonomous status, were discussed in detail.
- The members approved the proposed admission and academic regulations unanimously.
- **Dr. V. T. Gaikwad**, Degree Program Coordinator for Undergraduate Programs, proposed guidelines for the re-admission/re-registration of students applied for re-admission from the Non-Autonomous B.E. First Year to the Autonomous B.Tech. First Year. Three student cases were discussed in the meeting and resolved with the decision that those eligible for the second year may continue under the non-autonomous university pattern.
- The Honorable Chairman of the Academic Council proposed holding a meeting with the principals of other autonomous institutes to frame common guidelines and policies for adopting a scheme and syllabus for students enrolled under the non-autonomous university pattern.

d. Examination and Evaluation Policy/Manual:

- The council reviewed the proposed examination and evaluation policy/manual. The key elements of the evaluation process, including continuous assessment and final examinations, were discussed.
- After deliberation, the examination and evaluation policy was approved by the members.

Conclusion:

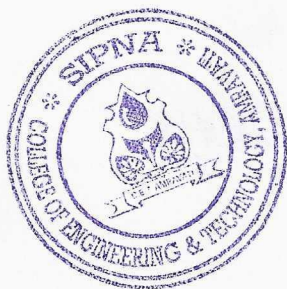
- The meeting concluded with the unanimous approval of the formation of the Board of Studies (BoS), as well as the scheme, syllabus, admission and academic regulations, and examination and evaluation policy.
- **Dr. S.S. Dhande**, Member Secretary, Academic Council and Autonomy Incharge, thanked all the members for their contributions and active participation.

The meeting adjourned with a decision to convene the next Academic Council meeting in three months to review the progress of the approved items.

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