



Minutes of the 5th Academic Council Meeting

Date: 23rd August 2025

Day: Saturday

Time: 03:00 PM

Venue: Conference Hall, Administrative Block

Chairperson: Prof. (Dr.) T. Rama Rao

Members Present:

Dr. B. C. Jain

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Agenda and Proceedings

5.1 Finalization of Academic Calendar

The Academic Council discussed and finalized the Academic Calendar for the upcoming semester, including the schedule for internal assessments, semester examinations, and evaluation timelines.

Decision: Approved

5.2 Value-Added Courses and MOOCs

The Council reviewed proposals to launch Value-Added Courses and MOOCs under

SWAYAM/NPTEL platforms with credit integration.

Decision: Approved and recommended for implementation from the upcoming semester.

5.3 ERP System Streamlining

Discussion was held on optimizing ERP usage for academic delivery, attendance management, and student monitoring.

Decision: Approved. The IT Cell will oversee implementation and training.

5.4 Interdepartmental Teaching and Student Exchange

Members emphasized collaborative teaching and exchange of students across departments for interdisciplinary enrichment.

Decision: Approved. Departments to submit implementation plans.

5.5 Research and Development (R&D)

5.5.1 Establishment of Research Laboratory

Proposal for a dedicated research laboratory for the Faculty of Science was discussed.

Decision: Approved.

5.5.2 Procurement of Research Software Tools

MATLAB, LaTeX, and Mendeley to be procured for research and publication support.

Decision: Approved.

5.5.3 Institutional Research Ethics Committee (IREC)

Proposal for setting up an Institutional Research Ethics Committee to review and approve human/animal research.

Decision: Approved.

5.5.4 Annual Research Conclave

Proposal to organize an Annual Research Conclave to showcase interdisciplinary research and innovation.

Decision: Approved.

5.5.5 Implementation of Revised CGPURC Policy for Ph.D. Award

Council discussed adoption of the revised CGPURC policy framework.

Decision: Approved.

5.6 Faculty of Engineering

5.6.1 B.Voc in Fire and Industrial Safety

Proposal for commencement of the new vocational program.

Decision: Approved.

5.6.2 B.Tech Program with IBM Collaboration

Proposal for the launch of B.Tech program in collaboration with IBM.

Decision: Approved.

5.7 Faculty of Pharmacy

5.7.1 Procurement of Instruments

Proposal for procurement of Double Beam UV-Visible Spectrophotometer and HPLC System.

Decision: Approved.

5.7.2 Animal House Facility

Proposal to establish an Animal House as per CPCSEA guidelines.

Decision: Approved.

5.7.3 Laboratory Upgradation

Proposal for modernization of Pharmaceutics and Pharmacognosy labs with advanced instruments.

Decision: Approved.

5.8 Faculty of Design

Proposal to introduce:

- M.Sc. in Fashion Communication
- M.Sc. in Fashion Management

- MBA in Fashion Design

Decision: Approved.

5.9 Faculty of Journalism and Mass Communication

Proposal to introduce:

- Bachelor of Journalism (BJ)
- Master of Journalism (MJ)

Decision: Approved.

5.10 Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

5.10.1 Proposed Ordinance as per UGC (Minimum Standards of Instruction for the Grant of Undergraduate Degree and Postgraduate Degree) Regulations, 2025.

The Council reviewed and found the proposed Ordinance as per UGC Regulations 2025 appropriate and recommended its timely implementation. It also suggested circulating it to all Deans and HoDs.

Decision: Approved.

5.10.2 Research and Innovation Cell

Proposal for establishing Research and Innovation Cell for quality enhancement.

Decision: Approved.

5.10.3 Faculty Development Programs (FDPs)

Introduction of FDPs and capacity-building workshops for faculty members.

Decision: Approved.

5.10.4 Campus Energy Audit and Waste Management Initiatives

Proposal for sustainability initiatives under IQAC.

Decision: Approved.

5.11 New Faculty Proposals

Proposal for introduction of Faculty of Sports & Sciences.

Decision: Approved.

5.12 New Program Proposals

Proposal for introduction of **BPES**. and **MPES**. programs under Faculty of Sports & Sciences.

Decision: Approved.

The Chairperson appreciated the active participation and constructive discussions of all members. All agenda items from **5.1 to 5.12** were **unanimously approved**.

Dr. B. C. Jain



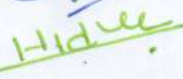
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