

**Venue: Conference Hall
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University, Lonere**

The 10th meeting of the Academic Council was held on Saturday, 19th May 2018 at 11.00 a.m. in the Conference hall of the University.

The following members were present:

1. Prof. Dr. V.G. Gaikar, Vice-Chancellor	Chairman
2. Prof. Dr. M.B. Kumthekar, Principal, GCoE, Nagpur	Member
3. Ar. Prashant Deshmukh, Chairman, BoS, Architecture	Member
4. Dr. M. Sadaiah, Head, Dept. of Mechanical Engg	Member
5. Dr. A.W. Kiwelekar, Head, Dept of Computer Engg.	Member
6. Dr. K. Vadirajacharya, Head, Dept. of Electrical Engg.	Member
7. Dr. Y.S.Mahajan, Head of Chemical Engineering Dept.	Member
8. Dr. S.M. Pore, Head, Dept. of Civil Engg.	Member
9. Dr. S.M. Jadhav, Head, Dept. of Information Tech.	Member
10. Shri. V.P. Jawanjil, Head, Dept. Petrochemical Engg.	Member
11. Dr. B.B. Singh, Head, Mathematics Dept.	Member
12. Dr. H.A. Mujawar, Head, Chemistry Dept.	Member
13. Dr. M.A. Dabhade, Principal, IoPE, Lonere	Member
14. Dr. A.P. Shesh, Head, English Dept.	Member
15. Dr. Mrs. Sadhana Chidrawar, Principal, MPGI, Nanded	Member
16. Dr. Ajay Jadhav, Principal, Dnyashree college of Engg.	Member
17. Dr. Ulhas Shiurkar, Principal, Deogiri College of Engg.	Member
18. Dr. Rahul Barjibhe, Professor, S.G.College of Engg.Bhusawal	Member
19. Dr. Anil Deshmane, Principal, B.I.T. Barshi	Member
20. Dr. A.V. Yadav, Principal. GIPER, Satara	Member
21. Dr. S.R. Choudhary, Principal, J.D. College of Engg. Nagpur	Member
22. Dr.H.S.Joshi, Controller of Examinations	Invitee
23. Dr. N.S.Jadhav, Assistant to CoE	Invitee
24. Dr. P.K.Katti, Incharge of Affiliation	Invitee
25. Dr. S. S. Bhamare, Registrar	Secretary

The following members could not attend the meeting and the leave of absence was granted to them:

1. Prof. Dr. Y.V. Joshi, Professor, SGGGS IET, Nanded	Member
2. Dr. R. Balasubramaniam, BARC, Mumbai	Member
3. Mr. M.W.Meshram, RCF, Mumbai	Member
4. Prof. Dr. Padma Devrajan, ICT, Mumbai	Member
5. Prof. J.V. Aghav, Professor, COEP, Pune	Member
6. Ar. Arshad Shaikh, Ahmednagar	Member
7. Prof. Dr. Mohan Khedkar, VNIT, Nagpur	Member
8. Dr.Nitin Deshmukh, Kotak Finance	Member
9. Dr. V.M. Bhandari, NCL, Pune	Member
10. Prof. Dr. V.K. Rathod, ICT, Mumbai	Member
11. Mr. Samir Rane, Oracle Technology, Mumbai	Member
12. Dr. L.N. Singh, Head, Physics Dept.	Member
13. Dr. S.L. Nalbalwar, Head, Dept. of, EXTC.	Member

The Registrar welcomed all the members of the Academic Council and informed the Council that the quorum required for the meeting was not satisfactory. The meeting was adjourned for half an hour and started thereafter at 11.30 a.m. The quorum was satisfactory.

The Registrar then requested Hon. Vice-Chancellor to start the meeting. Before starting of the meeting the Vice-Chancellor asked the Registrar to review the previous attendance record of the members and informed the Council that a review will be taken on members who are continuously absent. The members who have remained continuously absent for more than three meetings and have not taken the leave of absence; those members will be replaced by nominating new members. The current Academic Council members are requested to suggest names with credentials for the consideration of the Nomination Committee.

Item No. 1: To confirm the minutes of the 9th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 30 January 2018

The draft minutes of the 9th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 30th January 2018 were sent to the members of the Academic Council for their comments. Dr. M.Sadaiah pointed out that his designation as Head of Department was missing against his name. The same correction has been made. Dr. S.R.Choudhari suggested few corrections in the draft minutes. The letter written by him was tabled. The Registrar read the letter pointwise. It was discussed by the Council that first point mentioned by Dr. Chaudhari as under :

In para 3 of Item No. 2 of the minutes of the meeting, the last line “From next Academic Year i.e. 2018-19 these rules be adapted for all including three years of the current batch” was the suggestion and opinion of the Hon. Vice-Chancellor. It was only discussed but as the rules has not been finalized in the Executive Council and such proposal or agenda was not mentioned in the agenda of the 9th Academic Council meeting it can not be considered as the decision.

It was discussed by the Council that this point was included by the Vice-Chancellor on demand of the Academic Council members.

Regarding third point the suggestion is accepted. The word **re-examination** will be replaced by **supplementary examinations**. Also spelling and numbering errors and grammatical corrections were accepted by the Council.

“Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 30th January 2018 be and are confirmed with inclusion of above corrections.”

Item No. 2: Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 9th meeting of the Academic Council held on 30th January 2018

Item-wise Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 9th Meeting of the Academic Council, held on 30th January 2018, was presented to the Council by the Registrar. The Council took review of all the actions taken and suggested the following new actions.

While taking the review of Winter Examinations 2017, the point on providing photocopy of the answer book to the students and revaluation of answer books was discussed in detail. After detailed discussion on the above points, the Council resolved the following.

1. The time limit for application and providing the photocopy will be 5 days.
2. The time limit for application for revaluation will be 10 days (including 5 days of photocopy appliances)
3. The revaluation should be completed within 15 days.
4. The whole process should be completed within 25 days.

The subject of combined passing was also discussed again. The Controller of Examination briefed the Council about the substantial difference in the continuous assessment marks and End Semester Examination Marks. Most institutes have offered 70% to 100% marks in continuous assessment while in the End Semester Examinations the marks are in the range of 20% to 50%. There is necessity to conduct the External Academic Audit for the purpose and a stringent system should be set up to maintain the quality in such colleges. It was decided that the papers of continuous assessment and Mid Term Examination be called to the Regional Office and verified randomly. Scrupulous checking of the marks offered should be made. Also it was decided that the system of

combined passing be continued for A.Y. 2018-19. However, the Vice-Chancellor expressed his opinion that the Institutes should be penalized instead of the students, if the institutes are found indulging in the malpractices of inflating the marks of their students.

A Committee of the following members was constituted to take the review of Examination Results and present the result analysis including the analysis of combined passing Vs Separate passing criteria to Academic Council in the next meeting.

Dr. S.M.Jadhav	Convener
Dr. S.M.Pore	Member
Dr. Y.S.Mahajan	Member

The Council also directed the Controller of Examinations and Assistant Controller of Examinations to assist the above Committee. The MIS vendor also be instructed to present all the data required by this Committee in the prescribed format. The Committee shall also present the report to the Executive Council in its forthcoming meeting scheduled on 15th June 2018.

Item No. 3: To approve the minor changes in M.Tech Curriculum

The Registrar requested Dr. M. Sadaiah, Co-ordinator of PG programmes to present the detailed information about the changes in M.Tech. curriculum. Dr. Sadaiah presented the proposed changes. He briefed the Council that he is not suggesting any major change in the subjects. Copy of the proposed changes is enclosed herewith as Annexure- A.

In the absence of E&TC BoS, Chairman, Dr. Shiurkar presented the proposed changes in M.Tech. curriculum. He informed the Council that some topics have been added. A copy of the proposed changes is enclosed herewith as Annexure- B.

These both points were discussed in greater detail. Hon. Vice-Chancellor suggested to provide flexibility to the students. He also directed to keep open electives which can help to improve the quality of education. Also there is necessity for uniform and common coding of the subjects. The examination department will have to do the job. This proposal was accepted by the Council. Controller of Examination is directed to make necessary uniform coding. Also he is directed to complete this task before the ensuing Executive Council meeting to be held on 15th June 2018 and to put up the final report before the Executive Council.

“Resolved that the proposed curricula be accepted and approved.” The Council also appreciated Dr. M.Sadaiah and Dr. S.L.Nalbalwar for putting their efforts in streamlining the syllabi.

Item No. 4: To approve Ph.D Rules and Regulations

The Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Balasubramaniam was constituted to frame the Research Rules. The Committee submitted its report to present before the Academic Council. Since Dr. Balasubramaniam was not present, the Registrar requested Dr. Kiwlekar to present the report. Dr. Kiwlekar presented the report before the Council.

The Council directed Dr. Kiwlekar that still more clear guidelines are required. Therefore, this item be referred back to the Committee. The Committee is requested to prepare a modified report based on the comments made by the Council members and then resubmit to the Academic Council for its approval. Dr. Kivelekar shall Conway the comments made by the Academic Council members to the committee for consideration.

“Resolved that the item be referred back to the Committee for suggested modifications and then be brought in the next meeting of the Academic Council for its approval”

Item No. 5: To approve the Rules for Credit Framework for online learning through SWAYAM

As directed by the Academic Council in its 9th Meeting held on 30th January 2018, the Committee of Dr. Sadaiah, PG Co-ordinator and Dr. Kiwlekar, UG Co-ordinator, has prepared the rules and the credit frame work for adopting SWAYAM courses.

The draft copy of the SWAYAM courses was tabled for discussion of the Council. Dr. Kiwlekar informed the Council about the introduction of SWAYAM courses in the curricula. The Council discussed the matter. It was decided that the registration and certification fees of SWAYAM courses shall be borne by the respective institutes and not by the students. The modalities for offering SWAYAM courses have been accepted and approved. The credit earned through SWAYAM courses shall be considered equivalent to that of the credits earned through University Courses.

The matter of earning B. Tech(Honours) through SWAYAM Courses was not accepted. The Council felt that for awarding B. Tech (Honors) requires provision in the Ordinances. “The Council resolved that except Honors degree, the proposal as proposed in Annexure-C for the Rules for Credit Framework for online learning through SWAYAM be and are accepted.”

Item No. 6: To approve the amendments in Ordinances for removing discrepancies in Rules and Ordinances related with conduct of examinations

As directed by the Academic Council in the last meeting, the Committee submitted its suggestions to remove the discrepancies. The Controller of Examinations presented the amendments in the Ordinances before the Council. A copy of the report is enclosed herewith as Annexure - D

After going through the suggestions, the Academic Council agreed to all the suggestions.

CoE informed the Council that presently the University is considering minimum 15% of change in the marks for making changes in the scores after the revaluation of papers. If the change of marks after revaluation is equal to or more than 15%, then only change in marks is applied. This point was discussed in greater detail. Some members expressed that this percentage to be brought down to 5% so that students will be effectively benefitted. The COE informed the Council the administrative difficulties in bringing it down lower level of to 5%. Looking into the practical difficulties, the Council recommended to change to limit from 15% to 10% and recommended the change to Executive Council for its approval.

“Resolved that the suggestions be recommended to the Executive Council in the ensuing meeting so that the University can give effect to these amendments.

Further resolved that the Ordinance Committee of the following Academic Council members be constituted.

1. Dr. S.R.Chaudhari, Chairman, Principal, J.D. College of Engg. Nagpur
2. Dr. Sadhana K. Chidrawar, Principal, Matoshri College of Engg., Nanded
3. Dr. Arshad Shaikh, Principal, R.Phirodia college of Architecture, Ahmadnagar
4. Dr.A.V.Yadav, Principal, GIPR, Satara
5. Dr. B.B.Singh, Member-Secretary

The above Committee will review all ordinances and modify them to be consistent with Act and submit the ordinances to the Academic Council in its next meeting.

Item No. 7: To approve the revised teaching scheme for First Year of B. Tech (All Branches) and Diploma

The teaching and evaluation scheme for First Year of B. Tech (All Branches) as enclosed in Annexure -E was tabled and deliberated upon by the members. The same has been approved by Academic Council subject to the following recommendations:

1. Hon. Vice-Chancellor appealed to all the Chairmen Boards of Studies to keep the minimum load in the first year (Semester-I level) because of the three weeks mandatory induction programme to be conducted with relevant information, as specified by the AICTE.
2. Hon. Vice-Chancellor further suggested to design detailed course content with four to five units only for the first year courses. The units may be adjusted in the subsequent semesters but not to engage the students only in lectures.
3. The detailed course contents shall be placed in the next Academic Council Meeting for its approval.
4. The Council agreed to the new teaching scheme as per the new guidelines of AICTE.

“Resolved that the revised teaching scheme for First Year B.Tech (All Branches) be approved with the above recommendations.”

Further resolved that the revised teaching scheme for Diploma programmes be approved and recommended to the Executive Council.

Item No. 8: To approve the Course Structure and Course Content for Second to Final Year of B.Tech (All Branches) and Diploma

All the Chairmen, Boards of Studies, were requested to present the course structure and detailed course contents for respective programmes. The syllabi presented by the Chairmen were discussed at greater length. Hon. Vice-Chancellor suggested that the course contents and course code of all the courses common to more than one programmes shall be the same. Chairmen are requested to submit the revised structure of syllabi considering common codes and common course contents within one week. The same has been approved.

“Resolved that considering the above suggestions, the syllabi of all 2nd year of B. Tech programmes and diploma programmes be approved.”

Item No. 9: To include Industrial Training as a part of curriculum

The Registrar presented this point before the Council. Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that the word Industrial Training be modified to Field where the students training can apply knowledge from lecture classes to the requirements in the field. In order to provide industrial exposure to students, the industrial training was incorporated in the syllabus for 15 days. But it was brought to the notice from the industries that the present period of 15 days is not enough. If this period gets extended to 30-45 days, the students can acquire better practical knowledge. They will be more familiar to working conditions, problems and management. It can increase their potential of gaining employment in future.

The Council discussed this point. It was also informed to the Council that Nutan Mahavidyalaya is running this type of sandwich course wherein one year industrial training has been offered. It is proving useful for the students. The Council agreed to extend the period from 15 days to maximum 30 days. The council also agreed to offer additional credits to the students for undergoing these types of training. The students be given freedom to go to any field including Government schemes such as “Swachh Bharat” Internship. The Heads of the Departments were asked to submit the names of students from their departments for information, who have registered for the Swachh Bharat internship.

“Resolved that industrial/field/equivalent training in any field be accepted and additional credits be provided to the students. The period may be extended to 30 days. ”

Item No. 10: Empanelment of Subject Experts for the CAS promotions in various departments

The Registrar informed the Council that a list of subject experts is needed to form the Selection Committee as and when needed for the University Departments. The Academic Council has to recommend a panel of six subject experts who can be invited on the Selection Committee. Out of these, the Executive Council recommends, names of three experts to work on Selection Committee. The list of the Experts was tabled for the approval of the Council. The Registrar pointed out that following names should be included.

Hon. Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that the names from polytechnic Teachers & Principals should not be considered as expert on the Selection Committee of degree teachers and all these names be deleted, if appeared in the panel.

“Resolved that with the above suggestions the list of experts as proposed in Annexure- F be approved and forwarded to the Executive Council for further nominations.”

Item No. 11: Grace Marks, Condonation for End Semester Examinations

The Controller of Examinations presented the point before the Council. He briefed the Council and requested clarification regarding Grace mark and Condonation. The new Ordinance in this respect was tabled for the approval and discussion of the Council.

The Council discussed on the following three new Ordinances.

1. Grace Marks for passing in each head of passing (Theory/Practical/Oral/Sessional). (External/Internal).
2. Grace Marks for getting Higher Class
3. Condonation

A discussion on the following points was held.

1. If a candidate fails in a head of passing, which is included in another head of passing, of the same subject, he shall be entitled to the benefit of the Condonation in both the heads. If necessary, subject to the maximum limit of Condonation permissible.
2. If a deficiency of marks is condoned, the class/grade in the examination concerned, of the candidate, shall be declared on the actual marks obtained by the candidate.
3. The benefit of not more than one Ordinance shall only be given for one examination of one course.
4. The benefit of above mentioned Ordinances may be given to the candidates appearing to the examination with backlog and/or exemption whenever such an exemption/system of backlog has been provided.
5. The benefits under above mentioned Ordinances shall be given at the time of declaration of examination results only.
6. Final examination for the purposes of these Ordinances means and includes such examination/s on the basis of marks on which class/grade is awarded.
7. It was also decided that the grace marks should not be specification indicated in Grade card in any way.

“Resolved that the above three Ordinances be approved and recommended to Executive Council for further considerations.”

Item No. 12: To approve Academic Quality Assurance Report 2016-17

The Registrar informed the Council that since Dr. L.N.Singh, IQAC Co-ordinator is not present, the item could not be presented and the item be differed and accordingly the item was differed.

Item No. 13: Any other point/s with the permission of the Chair

13.1 To discuss and approve the draft Academia-Industry MoU between the University and MACCIA

MACCIA and University authorities have been discussing activities to promote industry interaction. The draft of MoU was tabled for consideration. The Council resolved to accept the offer of MoU work as suggested and recommended it for consideration of the Executive Council.

13.2 To discuss and consider the proposal of Dr.Ulhas Shiurkar for Project Based Learning.

Dr. Shiurkar presented the proposal before the Council. The Council categorically decided that the colleges in Engineering and Technology should not conduct written examination for the continuous assessment and mini projects must be given to the students. Necessary training should be given to the college teachers. The colleges can invite the University faculty & experts from industry to organize these training sessions, if required. The colleges may be asked to submit their action plan to the University for the next year.

13.3 To approve the appointment of Adjunct Faculties in Department of Chemical Engineering

Head, Department of Chemical Engineering Department has submitted a proposal of Mr. Jayant Divey and Mr. Ravindra Uppin who have experience of more than 35 years in Industry and Academics for appointment of Adjunct Faculty. The proposal was tabled. The Council discussed the proposal and approved the same.

“Resolved that Dr. Jayant Divey be appointed as Adjunct Faculty for two years.” Further the council discussed that the period of appointing any adjunct faculty should be for minimum two years. In the light of this, the appointment of present adjunct faculty Dr. Anand Chapekar, in the Mechanical Engineering Department be extended by one year.

“Resolved that the appointment of Dr. Chapekar be extended by another one year.”

13.4 Conduction of Remedial Examination without waiting for revaluation results

The Controller of Examinations presented the item before the Council. He informed the Council that presently the remedial examination is conducted after the result declaration of the revaluation process. This is adding a delay in conduction of remedial examination. If the remedial examination is conducted without waiting for the revaluation process, then the students shall pass in some of the subjects and will be eligible for the admission to the next year and can start their academic activities immediately. He also proposed that if the students get passed in the revaluation, then the revaluation grade will be applied. In such cases, the fees paid for the remedial exam will not be refunded. However, efforts should be put in to declare the revaluation before the remedial examinations.

The Council agreed for the above proposal. “Resolved that the proposal for conduction of remedial examination without waiting for revaluation results be accepted and approved.”

13.5 Carry on to students admitted before Academic Year 2016-17

The Controller of Examinations presented this item before the Council. He briefed the Council that the syllabus structure and the examination system were changed in the Academic Year 2016-17. The students admitted before AY 2016-17 were admitted to the next year of study irrespective of condition of completion of 60% credits from the previous year of study. As a result, during the current semester examination for few of the students their end semester examination had overlapping schedule. This may happen with these students in future also. He added that it will also be difficult to conduct the separate classes and examination for these students.

The Council agreed to these points and resolved to recommend the proposal to give benefits of carry on to the students admitted before A.Y. 2016-17, to Executive Council

13.6 Affiliation progress report and approval to new colleges

Dr. Katti, Incharge of Affiliation presented the affiliation report before the Council. He briefed the Council that for Academic Year 2018-19, 45 applications were received from different faculties as under:

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| 1. Engineering & Technology | 22 |
| 2. Pharmacy | 22 |
| 3. Architecture | 01 |

Out of which, the following number of institutes either withdrew or postponed their affiliation request.

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| 1. Engineering & Technology | 06 |
| 2. Pharmacy | 07 |

Thus final number for scrutiny is 32. The colleges affiliated in A.Y. 2017-18 will be entering in the 2nd year. Thus total number of colleges is expected in University will be 97. The total number of students will be @35000. The Scrutiny and LIC of 32 Colleges newly applied plus 65 for continuation of affiliation have been completed. The report will be submitted to Govt. of Maharashtra & DTE accordingly. The Academic Council is requested to approve the same.

“Resolved that the LIC reports be recommended to Executive Council for further processing after the scrutiny by the Review Committee.”

Further Resolved that the following Review Committee will assist Planning and Evaluation (Monitoring) Board and Academic Council in reviewing scrutiny reports of LIC.

1. Dr. M.B.Kumthekar, Chairman
2. Dr, Ulhas Shiurkar
3. Dr. Rahul Barjibhe
4. Dr. P.K.Katti – Member-Secretary

13.7 Proposal for Selection Committee of Principal/Director

Dr. Katti presented the proposal for Selection Committees for Principal & Directors. As per section 75 of the Act, the Selection Committee for Principal & Directors of affiliated colleges shall be consisting of following

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| 1. | Vice – Chancellor | Chairman |
| 2. | Dean of the faculty | Member |
| 3. | 3 person having special knowledge of the subject | Member |

(Out of which 2 shall be nominated by Executive Council and one by Academic Council)

It was brought to the notice of the Council that the positions of Deans are not yet sanctioned by Government of Maharashtra, and the position is still vacant.

“Resolved that the proposal be recommended to Executive Council for consideration.”

It was proposed that in the absence of the Dean, until the Dean is appointed, and Academic Council member from that region shall be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, at his place.

13.8 Approval for the appointment of Principals

Dr. Katti briefed to the Council that the following colleges have completed all the prescribed procedures for the appointment of Principal. The selected principal for the respective colleges are.

- 1) Shiksha Mandal’s Bajaj Institute of Technology, Wardha
Dr. Narendra M Kanhe
- 2) YSPM’s Yashoda Technical Campus
Dr. Narendra G. Narve

He also informed the council that Hon Vice–Chancellor chaired both the committees through video conferencing. These appointments these may be approved.

“Resolved that the above appointments be approved and recommended to the Executive Council.”

Further it was informed that the management of the following three colleges have proposed to appoint a Selection Committee for appointment of Principal

- 1) Fab Tech Technical Campus, College of Engineering & Research , Sangola
- 2) Nav Sahyadri Education Society's, Nav Sahyadri Colleges of Pharmacy, Pune
- 3) AMGOI faculty of Engg.& Management studies , Wathar, Kolhapur

It is decided by the Council, that the panel be circulated amongst the Academic Councilmembers for the approval and a member be nominated from the panel. The same procedure may be adopted for Executive Council nomination on the panel.

13.9 Proposal for National Skill Qualification Framework (B.Voc)

As per the guidelines of AICTE, a three years Degree programme has been initiated under National Skill Qualification Framework with the nomenclature of Bachelor of Vocational Education (B.Voc) from Academic year 2018-19. The basic eligibility to apply these courses is that only AICTE approved institutions are eligible to apply for these programmes. Following institutes have applied for NoC to start such programmes.

- 1) Khandesh College Education Society's
College of Engineering, Information Technology, Jalgaon
- 2) Matoshri Pratishthan Group of Institutes
Engineering and School of Management, Nanded
- 3) G S Mandal's
MIT, Aurangabad
- 4) Loknete Hon. H. Patil Trust's
Adarsh Institute of Technology & Research Centre, Vita

It is proposed to issue NoC to these institutes since these institutes are affiliated to the University and also approved by the AICTE. The Institutes should be asked to provide relevant course structures to the University for consideration of the Academic Council.

“Resolved that such courses be initiated and the NoC's be issued.”

13.10 Rajiv Gandhi Technology Commission

The University is in the process of putting up an application to the Rajiv Gandhi Commission for Science & Technology, to become a nodal point to facilitate Research & Development activities in the state. The University shall, as per the proposal, invite proposals from all Engg & Technology and Pharmacy & Architecture colleges, scrutinize these and then invite detail research proposal from promising candidate. The final set of

proposals will be recommended to RGSST. The commission will route the funding through the University. This is a great responsibility on the University. The Council approved the proposal for further consideration. “Resolved that the proposal of Rajiv Gandhi Technology Commission be approved.”

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.