

Venue: Vice-Chancellor's Office
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University, Lonere

The 6th meeting of the Academic Council was held on Saturday, 19th August, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

The following members were present:

1. Prof. V.G. Gaikar, Vice-Chancellor	Chairman
2. Prof. M.B. Kumthekar, Principal, GCoE, Nagpur	Member
3. Ar. Prashant Deshmukh, Chairman, BoS, Architecture	Member
4. Mr. M.W.Meshram, RCF, Mumbai	Member
5. Dr. V.D.Sangale, In place of Dr. Padma Devrajan	Member
6. Dr. M. Sadaiah, Dept. of Mechanical Engg	Member
7. Dr. A.W. Kiwelekar, Head, Dept of Computer Engg.	Member
8. Dr. K. Vadirajacharya, Head, Dept. of Electrical Engg.	Member
9. Dr. Y.S.Mahajan, Head of Mechanical Engineering Dept.	Member
10. Dr. S.M. Pore, Head, Dept. of Civil Engg.	Member
11. Dr. S.M. Jadhav, Head, Dept. of Information Tech.	Member
12. Dr. S.L. Nalbalwar, Head, Dept. of, EXTC.	Member
13. Prof. V.P. Jawanjal, Head, Dept. Petrochemical Engg.	Member
14. Dr. B.B. Singh, Head, Mathematics Dept.	Member
15. Dr. L.N. Singh, Head, Physics Dept.	Member
16. Dr. H.A. Mujawar, Head, Chemistry Dept.	Member
17. Dr. M.A. Dabhade, Principal, IoPE, Lonere	Member
18. Dr. A.P. Shesh, Head, English Dept.	Member
19. Prof. S.V. Khobragade, EXTC Engg. Dept.	Member
20. Dr. Ajay Jadhav, Principal, Dnyashree college of Engg.	Invitee-Member
21. 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. Y.V. Joshi, Professor, SGGS IET Nanded	Member
2. Prof. J.V. Aghav, Professor, COEP, Pune	Member
3. Dr. R. Balasubramaniam, BARC, Mumbai	Member

4. Dr. Mohan Khedkar, VNIT, Nagpur	Member
5. Dr. Nitin Deshmukh, Kotak Finance	Member
6. Dr. V.M. Bhandari, NCL, Pune	Member
7. Professor V.K. Rathod, ICT, Mumbai	Member
8. Professor M.S. Tandale, Mechanical Engg. Dept.	Member
9. Mr. Samir Rane, Oracle Technology, Mumbai	Member

Dr. Bhamare, Registrar welcomed all the members of the Academic Council and requested Hon. Vice-Chancellor to start the meeting.

Item No. 1: To confirm the minutes of the 5th meeting of the Academic Council held on 15th April 2017

The draft minutes of the 5th meeting of the Academic Council held on 15th April 2017 were sent to the members of the Academic Council for their comments via e-mail. The same were tabled for confirmation.

The minutes were confirmed as no comments were received.

Item No. 2: Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 4th meeting of the Academic Council held on 15th April 2017

Item-wise Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 5th meeting of the Academic Council held on 15th April 2017 was presented by Registrar to the Council

(i) The recommendation of the Board of Studies in Pharmacy to adopt the PCI syllabus was put forward to the Council for the 1st Semester of FY. The members were apprised that PCI has made the B. Pharm and M Pharm syllabi mandatory across the country and some of the Universities have already accepted the same. The recommendation of the BoS in Pharmacy for both, UG and PG programs were deliberated. The members and chairman voiced their concerns about the short period of one semester and assessment pattern of 10.15:75 and discussed about applicability over at least one year. It was discussed that the PCI syllabi and corresponding instructions be discussed with AICTE and PCI and until then, syllabi prepared by PCI should be adopted.

The Council resolved that the PCI prescribed syllabi of B. Pharm, Pharm. D. and M Pharm. Courses be adopted as syllabi for first year of the courses, i.e., one academic year instead of one semester, from the academic year 2017-18 and the changes be sought at the AICTE level if the structure is too rigid that does not give freedom to the University to set its syllabi.

The Council further resolved that the assessment pattern of the B. Pharm, Pharm. D., and M. Pharm., courses shall be 20:20:60, the same as that followed for the Engineering and Architecture courses in the University to maintain the uniformity of assessment.

(ii) The Chairman, BoS of Architecture, informed the Council about the discussions held with Architecture college principals and teachers during the orientation meeting at Nashik after the academic program was made public on the university website for comments and to address the issues faced by the teachers. Another meeting was held at Mumbai on 18th August at J J School of Architecture, Mumbai, with Dr. Rajiv Mishra, Director, J J and Dr. Vijay Sohoni, ex-President of CoA to sort out the discrepancies and to build consensus for the course syllabi. The Council was informed that the content of the syllabus has acceptable to all colleges and the Cafeteria approach for offering a host of electives was appreciated. However, there has been difference in the methods of assessment and the Chairman of BoS and Chairman of Executive Committee of UG programs were asked to complete the process. The syllabus, however, shall remain unchanged with electives added as and when needed.

(iii) The BoS-chairman, Architecture, was requested to write to colleges offering different M.Arch. Courses. The colleges shall submit the details of the syllabi to the BoS, which after recasting in the University format will be placed to the Academic Council for approval.

The BoS Chairman, Architecture, informed that 15th November will be celebrated as 'Steel Day' for newer technologies and the University Departments and colleges may participate in the program.

(iv) The Academic Council is empowered to approve the appointments of Adjunct faculty and Emeritus professor. The Committees formed to decide the appointment of Adjunct Faculty and Emeritus Professor have submitted their reports and guidelines. The Committee chairmen were advised to bring out the differences from the existing rules and regulations and resubmit the rules in modified form. The Committees were informed that AICTE has not put any limit of 65 years if the candidate is active and competent enough to contribute. The Council was asked to permit the Vice-Chancellor, to appoint the adjunct professors from the nominations received from the Departments of Information Technology and Mechanical Engineering by forming appropriate committee considering the urgency of teaching in specialized subjects.

The Council resolved that the Vice-Chancellor be authorized to appoint adjunct faculty and Emeritus Professor in the Departments of Information Technology and Mechanical Engineering, on recommendation of the respective selection Committees as per the rules and regulations of the University and as per the guidelines of AICTE and Professor M.B.Kumthekar shall be nominee of the Academic Council on the Selection Committee. The subsequent appointments be discussed in Academic Council for approval.

(v) Research activities of the Departments and University

Dr. Balasubramanian, Chairman, the Committee for Enhancement of Research in University, expressed concerns about delay in submission of research plans of the departments. The need of streamlining the research activities in each department was discussed. It was decided to hold “Brainstorming Sessions” for Research activity in each Department with experts and advisory committee members of the Department. The Council directed the BoS Chairman/ HoDs, of the departments to conduct brain storming sessions to prepare path forward for each Department. Dr. S. M. Jadhav will also provide the Discussion forum facility on the website.

The Council resolved to hold brain storming sessions on 16th September for all departments individually, and the Heads of Departments will coordinate the activity.

Item No. 3: Proposal for the formation of Panel of Examiners- Nomination from Academic Council

The Council was appraised about the formation of the Panel of Examiners in each disciplines as per the ordinances of the University. As per Ordinance No. O.7.1 point no.8, the Examiners Appointment Committee shall consist of the following members in each discipline

Sr. No.	Member	Position
01	Vice-Chancellor	Chairman
02	Head of concerned University Department/School	Member
03	Two members, nominated by the Executive Council	Member
04	One member nominated by the Academic Council	Member
05	One member, nominated by the Planning and Evaluation (Monitoring) Board Prof. Pradeep Waychal	Member
06	Chairman of the Board of Studies in the particular subject	Member-Secretary

The Academic Council was asked to nominate one member of the Council to work on the Committee to prepare the Panels of Examiners as per requirement of Sr. No. 4 in the table. The Council Resolved to nominate Dr. M.B.Kumthekar as the member on the Committee. The Chairman suggested formation of the Board of Examination as an interim Board in the absence of Regular Directors and Deans in the University.

The Academic Council approved the following Interim Board of Examination of the University

- (i) The Vice Chancellor, Chairman
- (ii) Dr. Y N Patil, I/c Controller of Examination,
- (iii) Dr. S L Nalbalwar, I/c Director of ICT,
- (iv) Dr. S M Jadhav, HoD, IT Department
- (v) Dr. S M Pore, HoD, Civil Engineering Department
- (vi) Dr. M . A. Dabhade, Principal, IoPE,

The Academic Council also approved formation of Sub-Boards at the Regional Centres and Sub Centres, who shall work under the directives of the Board of Examinations and shall ensure smooth and fair conduct of the Examinations at the Regional Centres and Sub-Centers

Regional Centre and Sub-Centre Boards of Examination.

An interim board of examiners has been constituted to execute examination related activities The following shall be regional level Boards of Examination assist the Board of Examination of the Main Centers.

Aurangabad Regional Board of Examination

1. Prof. Ulhas Shinde (Member of EC)
2. Prof. Ulhas Shiurkar (Member of AC)
3. Dr. S. M. Pore (University representative)

Jalgaon Sub-Regional Board of Examination

1. Dr. J.B. Patil, Principal, R.C.Patel College of Engg. (Member of EC)
2. Dr. Rahul Barjibhe, (SGCOE) (Member of AC)
3. Dr. S. L. Nalbalwar (University representative)

Kolhapur Sub-Regional Board of Examination

1. Dr. D.N. Mudgal, Principal, AMGCOE, Kolhapur, (Member of EC)
2. Dr. Ajay Jadhav, Principal, Dnyanshree Institute of Tech. Satara (Member of AC)
3. Dr. S. M. Jadhav (University representative)

Solapur Sub-Regional Board of Examination

1. Dr. J.B. Dafedar, Principal Orchid CoE, solapur (Member of EC)
2. Dr. Anil Deshmane, BIT, Barshi, (Member of AC)
3. Dr. M. A. Dabhade (University representative)

The tenure of the above Regional and Sub-Regional board is for two years

The Academic Council approved further that these Board and Sub-Boards shall function until regular appointments are not made at the Regional Centre and Sub-Centres.

Item No. 4: Readmission to the first year students who failed under old University during A.Y. 2016-17

The Council was informed that the University has received many phone calls and requests from the affiliated colleges about the readmission of the students who had failed during Academic

Year 2016-17 when registered in the parent University and are ready to take admission as fresh students during Academic Year 2017-18. It is proposed to approve the process of readmission to accommodate the failed/detained students in the current Academic Year 2017-18 for the first year. It was deliberated that the colleges would have to conduct two different batches of FY students, one of regularly admitted with registration with DABTU and another of failed students, registered with the parent University. In view of the affiliation of these colleges with DABTU from 2016-17, it is prudent to consider these students for readmission in the same colleges for the AY 2017-18 in the first year of the course but registration transferred to DBATU, provided there is no objection from the parent University and DTE.

The Academic Council resolved that those students of the colleges now affiliated with DBATU from AY 2017-18, who are registered with the parent university and failed in AY 2016-17 in their first attempt in the first year of the course, and are seeking readmission to the same colleges in the First year of the Course in the AY 2017-18, be provided an option of readmission and enrollment into DABTU as the first year student, of the same course in the same college as 2016-17 provided the parent University and DTE has no objection to it. Such students shall be all enrolled through their respective colleges.

The Academic Council deliberated further that such transfer issues would arise in the forthcoming years during the transition phase and a policy will have to be formulated well in advance. The Academic Council formed a Committee of following members for preparing the Document for Policy for Transfer of students to the University considering the equivalence of the subjects and credits earned by the candidate(s). The Committee shall prepare the document and submit before the next AC meeting.

Sr. No.	Member
01	Dr. Ajay D. Jadhav Dnyanshree College of Engineering, Satara
02	Dr. Anil K. Deshmane, B.I.T. Barshi
03	Dr. Rahul B. Barjibhe, Sant Gadge Baba College of Engineering, Bhusaval
04	Dr. Ulhas Shiurkar, Deogiri Institute of Engineering & Management Studies, Aurangabad

Item No. 5: To note the progress of affiliation and to approve for LIC visit to 8 new colleges as directed by Hon. Court.

Dr. P. K. Katti presented the progress of the affiliation, establishment of Regional Centres and Sub-centres at Kolhapur, Solapur, Jalgaon and proposed Centres at Aurangabad and Nanded.

Admission to affiliated colleges in these regions for the AY 2017-18 were affected through DTE/CET.

The Council was further informed that the University had refused to accept applications for affiliation of new Institutes after 22nd November 2016 and all papers for new Institutes were submitted to the Government on 31st December 2016 as per the Act of the University. However a few Institutes obtained approvals from AICTE and State Government and approached the University for affiliation after 1st January 2017. The University had to refuse affiliation for the academic year 2017-18 to these Institutes because of the provisions in the University's Act and deadlines given in the Act. These Institutes approached the High Court for relief.

The University has been directed by the Hon. Court to offer affiliation to eight new institutes. As per directions of Hon. Court, the University offered temporary affiliation letters to these institutes subject to following regular procedure of scrutiny of application to identify deficiency and local inspection committee visits. The Scrutiny Committee has scrutinized the applications and submitted the reports. The report of Scrutiny Committee was presented to the Council. Now, it is required to send the LIC's to all the institutes. The DTE has also admitted students in these Institutes.

The Council also directed that the next affiliation call for the year 2018-19 should be given in the first week of September 2017. Copies of the **Annexure - I**

Item No. 6: To discuss about the dress code for the Convocation

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University has been accorded status of affiliating University from 2nd March 2016. More than 72 institutions have been affiliated this year. The University requires a policy about the Convocation. A thought has been given that the University should set new tradition in terms of dress code of the students as well as of members of the Academic Council and Executive Council. It was proposed by an Executive Council member to change the dress code to bring in line with Indian culture and ethos. Since Convocation is a matter under the purview of the Academic Council, the point was discussed in the Academic Council.

A Committee of the following members shall prepare the policy of Dress code at Convocation before the forthcoming Convocation.

1. Dr. A P Shesh Convenor
2. Dr. Y S Mahajan,
3. Dr. K.Vadirajacharya
4. Shri. Gajanan Shepal, Lecturer, Sir J.J.College of Applied Arts, Mumbai
(gajananshepal@yahoo.in, 8108040213)

Item No. 7: To discuss about the Remedial Examinations as per the Academic Calendar

As per University Rule 5, a candidate who has failed in a subject head is eligible for appearing at the supplementary-end semester examination which will be conducted during the regular end semester examination in the following semester. However, the Academic Council in its meeting dated 19th August 2016 had resolved to also have a Remedial Examination which is an option to the candidates to pass a subject head.

The Council resolved that (5) of R1 to be modified for remedial examination as follows in Rules and Regulations.

Revised R1

5. Supplementary End-Semester Examination

- (1) For those candidates who fail in a subject head or are eligible for appearing at the repeat examination, **A Supplementary End-Semester Examination of odd semester will be conducted before the regular End semester examination of the even semester.**
- (2) **A Supplementary End-Semester Examination of even semester will be conducted before the regular End semester examination of the odd semester.**
- (3) The marks obtained by candidates in the in-semester examinations (continuous assessment and mid-term examination) will be carried forward in such cases.
- (4) **Grading the performance in the Supplementary Examination:**
The grades will be assigned as per 3.5 and 3.6 above.
- (5) **Revaluation of end-semester and Supplementary examination:**
Candidate's performance in these examinations will be announced on web portal of the University and after one month of such announcement the grade statements will be sent to the concerned Department for distribution to the students. Those who want to get the photocopy of their answer books are required to pay the requisite fee. Revaluation of these examinations shall be allowed. Those who would like to have the revaluation of their answer books are required to pay a requisite fee.

(6) Remedial Examination

The candidate will have an option of appearing for an Online Remedial Examination, after the declaration of each End-semester examination results, to pass the subject head where he/she has failed in regular end-semester examination of the semester. The candidate will get only EE grade if he clears the remedial examination and can continue with the next semester. However, for improving his grade in the same subject head, the candidate will have an option of appearing in the 'same' subject in the Supplementary Examination before the regular end-Semester examination.

Item No. 8: To discuss about the policy of passing the subject Head

As per University Rule 3.4, a candidate who obtains 40% and more marks of the total marks of a subject head shall be declared to have passed the respective subject head. If he candidate has secured 40 marks in CA-I + CA2 + Mid test and even 0 (Zero) marks in Semester Examination, the candidate is passed in that subject head. This may lead to serious decline in the quality of the graduates as the candidates may not take the end semester examinations seriously.

Hence, it is proposed to secure minimum 40% in the End Semester Examination in the theory subject head i.e. 24/60 and then the combined passing should be 40%

The Council resolved that the proposal be approved and accordingly the Rule 3.4 be modified as below

3.4 Passes and Fail

- (a) The candidates who obtain 40% and more marks in a subject head of the end semester examination AND 40% or more of the total marks of a subject head shall be deemed to have **passed** the respective subject head.
- (b) The candidates who obtain less than 40% of marks in a subject head of the end semester examination and less than 40% the total marks of a subject head shall be deemed to have **failed** in the respective subject head (**Grade FF**).

Item No. 9: Any other point/s with the permission of the Chair

(1) The Council approved the minutes of the Research Committee from Chemical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electronics and Telecommunication Engg Departments, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and English Departments. Copies of the RC minutes is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-II**.

(2) The Council deliberated on exclusion of Basic Mechanical Engg subject in the current FY syllabus. The Chairman of UG program Executive Committee explained that mechanical engineering subject such as Engineering graphics and Civil Engineering subject such as applied

mechanics are included. The Council agreed to the explanation but still asked the Committee to relook into the subjects and course syllabus can be adjusted from the next year.

(3) The Council noted that the UGC directive on mandatory inclusion of Environmental Engg has been already complied with by inclusion of the subject in syllabus. A letter dated 19th June, 2017 is enclosed herewith for ready reference as **Annexure -III**

(4) The Council resolved that the syllabus of M.Tech. In Biomedical Engg, be accepted as proposed. The BoS Chairman has been directed to submit the details with standardization for uploading on the website. The copy of the syllabus is enclosed herewith as **Annexure -IV**

(5) The Council approved the request from IoPE for inclusion of 3 additional industry sponsored candidates with minimum 2 years of service for admission to Advanced Diploma in water Management conducted by IoPE. **Annexure - V**

(6) The Council approved the following names of PhD examiners of the Computer engg departments. A list of examiners is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-VI**

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.