

The meeting of 15th Academic Council held on 25th April, 2020 at 3:00 pm through Cisco Webex online Platform.

The 15th Academic Council Meeting of the University is convened on April 25, 2020 at 3.00 pm through Cisco Webex online Platform. The Meeting was attended by:

1. Prof.(Dr.)Vedala Rama Sastry, Vice-Chancellor	Chairman
2. Dr. Abhay Wagh, Director, DTE,Mumbai.	Special Invitee
3. Dr. M. Sadaiah, Head, Dept. of Mechanical Engg,	Member
4. Dr. Y. S. Mahajan, Head, Dept of Chemical Engg.	Member
5. Dr. S. L. Nalbalwar, Head, Dept of, EXTC Engg.	Member
6. Dr. L.N. Singh, Head, Physics Dept.	Member
7. Dr. S. M. Jadhav, Head, Dept. Information Tech,	Member
8. Dr. L.D. Netak, Head Department of IT	Member
9. Dr. S.R. Bhagat, Head Department of Civil Engg.	Member
10. Dr. B.B. Singh, Head, Dept, Mathematics	Member
11. Dr. A.P. Shesh, Head, Dept, English	Member
12. Dr. Ulhas Shiurkar, Principal, Deogiri College of Engg.	Member
13. Dr. Rahul Barjibhe, Professor, S.G. CoE Bhusawal	Member
14. Dr. R. Balasubramanium, BARC, Mumbai	Member
15. Dr. V. M. Bhandari, NCL, Pune	Member
16. Dr. Anil Deshmane, Principal, B.I.T Barshi	Member
17. Dr. S.R. Choudhary, Principal, J.D.CoE, Nagpur	Member
18. Prof. Dr. Y.V. Joshi, Professor, SGGS IET, Nanded	Member
19. Dr. J,V. Aaghav, Professor, GCoE Pune.	Member
20. Dr. M. A. Dabhade, Principal, IoPE, Lonere	Member
21. Dr. H.A. Mujawar, Head, Chemistry Dept.	Member
22. Dr. Ajay Jadhav, Principal, Dnyashree College of Engg	Member
24. Dr. N. H. Aloorkar, I/c Dean, Pharmacy	Member
25. Dr. Mrs. Sadhana Chidrawar, Principal, MPGI, Nanded	Member
26. Dr. B.R. Iyer, Registrar (I/C)	Secretary

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

1. Prof. Dr. M. B. Kumthekar, Principal, GCoE, Nagpur	Member
2. Prof. Dr. Mohan Khedkar, VNIT, Nagpur	Member
3. Dr. Nitin Deshmukh, Kotak Finance	Member
4. Prof. Dr. V. K. Rathod, ICT, Mumbai	Member

The following Task Force Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for Online Teaching, Learning & Examination Activities of the University attend the meeting as special invitees:.

1. Prof. Jayavant Bhaurao Patil, RCPIT, Shirpur	Chairman
2. Prof. Ulhas Shinde, CSMIT, Aurangabad	Member
3. Prof. Geeta Lathkar, MGMCE, Nanded	Member
4. Prof. Sanjay Khot, Ichalakaranji	Member

5.	Prof. Abhijeet Wadekar, Aurangabad	Member
6.	Prof. K.S. Jain, KKWIP, Nashik	Member
7.	Prof. Vivek Redasani, YGI, Satara	Member
8.	Prof. Prachi Aiyyer, Aurangabad	Member

The meeting started with welcome note from the Dean (Academics) to all Hon. members of Academic Council, and members of Task force constituted by the University to administer the online teaching learning activities. The Dean (Academics) requested Hon. Vice-Chancellor to commence the meeting.

Dr. Abhay Wagh was the special invitee member for this meeting. Hon. Vice-Chancellor Professor V.R. Sastry welcomed Dr. Abhay Wagh at the outset, and requested him to throw glance over the Government of Maharashtra, Higher Technical Education Department, views and opinions on the issues pertaining to the teaching-learning activities and the consequent conduct of the examinations amid the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic. He apprised the members about the expectations of the Government in the following manner.

- A. Creation of contents in the Digital Form: The Government expects the creation of the online quality and easy to understand contents by the experts faculty members of the concerned subjects. The contents be further recommended and approved by the eminent personalities of the related field.
- B. Role of a teacher so as to provide the information and availability of the online content material related to the subject be decided in structured manner.
- C. Government also expects to fulfil the need of developing the state of the art ICT infrastructure to put in place a seamless examination system

1. Approval of minutes of 14th Meeting of AC held on December 9, 2020

The Draft minutes of the meeting held on 9th December, 2019 were circulated to members on 6th January, 2020. Since, no suggestions/comments came from the members, minutes get approved.

Resolution: Minutes of 14th AC are approved.

2. Conduct of the Online Internal Assessment and Mid-Semester Examinations

The matter was deliberated at length and following resolutions were made.

Resolution:

1. The individual Institute / College will conduct Online Examinations for all the students giving ample opportunities by conducting examinations repeatedly, to reach out to all students.
2. Mid-Semester examinations will be conducted by University Departments and the

Affiliated Institutes / Colleges as per their convenience using any suitable online platform. The syllabus could be decided by the Institute and Faculty concerned.

- 3. It was decided to repeat examinations for the benefit of students who could not attempt the same on account of the Unavailability of Internet Facility and other related issues. If some students failed to appear for the repeated examinations also, they will be given an opportunity to take an offline examination, later.**

3. Development of ONLINE TEACHING MATERIAL

It was suggested by Hon. Vice-Chancellor and agreed upon by all the members to develop quality e-content at least for two subjects from each semester. There was also the suggestion of making Atleast Learning of One Subject in every Semester Online by students and conducting examinations online for one subject per semester. The matter was discussed at length and following resolutions were made for implementation.

1. It is mandatory to offer at least one online course in Every Semester commencing from Academic Year 2020-21.
2. It was decided to prepare the e-content by group of faculty members in the following manner:
 - A. Across the University, 3-5 Expert Faculty should be identified for each subject.
 - B. One Faculty will Chair that group by way of planning, guiding, contributing and moderating the content.
 - C. Faculty from IITs and NITs and Industry may be taken as Faculty for devising the e-delivering of course.
 - D. It was also proposed to allow equivalent online courses from SWAYAM and other Platforms to be identified for all subjects by a Group of Faculty to be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor.
 - E. It was decided to Offer Minor and Major Courses to the Present II and III Year students, who will be entering III and IV Year in 2020-21 Academic Year to befit the students. Required platforms for the courses for the award of Minor and Honours Degrees in the B.Tech programs will be identified by the above committee.
 - F. It was also decided to impart training to the Faculty to take maximum benefits of available resources and infrastructure for Teaching-Learning and e-Content generation.

4. Affiliation to New Institutions

Resolution: It was decided to give Temporary Affiliation to the New Applicants directly based on documents submitted by the Institute. The Proposers should be asked to submit the CD of Video / Photos of Infrastructure showing all the facilities of the Institute, for assessment. The committee visits may be arranged in future to verify the claims to ensure a provision of a checkpoint in future.

This decision is taken in view of existing COVID-19 situation in Maharashtra, and as Committee visits are not possible at present.

5. Any other points with permission of Chair

A. Approval for New Programs at M. Tech Level

Resolution: After due deliberations the AC appreciated the proposals and approved the following new PG Programs in the University.

1. **M. Tech in Civil Engineering with Specialization in Computer Aided Structural Analysis and Design.**
2. **M. Tech in Civil Engineering with Specialization in Underground Structures and Space Technology.**
3. **M. Tech in Chemical Engineering with specialisation in Green Energy Technology.**
4. **M. Tech in E&TC with Mechatronics specialization.**

B. Approval of Syllabus for final year B. Tech program for Academic Year 2020-21.

After discussion the AC decided as follows.

Resolution: It was decided to offer the 3 courses scheduled in VIII Semester at present to the students from VII Semester onwards either through routine class room teaching or giving choice to students to opt for online learning and examination. This will pave way for making VIII Semester in Academic Year 2020-21 dedicated to Project Work or Internship across Departments.

C. Formation of ICT Advisory Board at University

The importance of adopting ICT in an accelerated pace was discussed and it was felt by all the concerned to improve the ICT Infrastructure in the University to cope with new challenges of e-Teaching, e-Learning and e-Examinations. It was also decided to invest appropriately for developing the required infrastructure.

Resolution: The following Advisory Board is formed by the Vice-Chancellor to advise VC to administer the activities pertaining to the creation of ICT infrastructure in the University for future requirements:

1. Prof. Jayavant Bhaurao Patil, RCPIT, Shirpur : Chairman
2. Prof. S.L. Nalbalwar, DBATU : Convener
3. Prof. Geeta Lathkar, MGMCE, Nanded : Member
4. Prof. Sanjay Khot, SITCE, Yadrav, Ichalakaranji : Member
5. Prof. Vivek Redasani, YTC, Satara : Member
6. Prof. Deshmane, BIT, Barshi : Member
7. Prof. A. Kiwelekar, DBATU : Member

Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.