

The meeting of 24th Academic Council held (online) on May 24, 2021 at 02.00 pm

The 24th Academic Council Meeting was held on May 24, 2021 at 02.00 pm through online Zoom Platform. The following members were present.

1. Dr. A.B. Pandit, Vice-Chancellor	Chairman
2. Dr. N. Agrawal, Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering	Member
3. Dr. L.D. Netak, Head, Department of Computer Engineering	Member
4. Dr. S.G. Dahotre, Head, Physics Department	Member
5. Dr. S. R. Sutar, Head, Deptment Information Technology	Member
6. Dr. L.D. Netak, Head, Department of Computer Engineering	Member
7. Dr. S.R. Bhagat, Head, Department of Civil Engineering	Member
8. Dr. A.R. Chavan, Head, Department of Chemical Engineering	Member
9. Prof. S. Metkar, Head, Department of Petrochemical Engineering	Member
10. Dr. B. B. Singh, Head, Department of Mathematics	Member
11. Dr. S. Chidrawar, Principal, MPGI, Nanded	Member
12. Dr. U. Shiurkar, Principal, Deogiri College of Engineering	Member
13. Dr. R. Barjibhe, Professor, S.G. CoE Bhusawal	Member
14. Dr. R. Balasubramanium, BARC, Mumbai	Member
15. Dr. A. Deshmane, Principal, B.I.T Barshi	Member
16. Dr. A. Jadhav, Principal, Dnyashree College of Engineering	Member
17. Dr. N. H. Aloorkar, Dean (Pharmacy)	Member
18. Prof. Y.V. Joshi, Director, SGGSIET Nanded	Member
19. Dr. A. P. Shesh, Head, Department of HSS	Member
20. Dr. H.S. Joshi, OSD Affiliation Section	Member
21. Dr. Hitendra Patil, Chairman BoS Computer Engineering	Member
22. Prof. Darshana Desai, Dean(Architecture)	Member
23. Dr. Bipin Bonde, BoS Chairman, B.Voc	Member
24. Dr. Sunita Badave, BoS Chairman Electrical Engineering	Member
25. Dr. P. B. Lokhande, Head, Department of Chemistry	Member
26. Dr. V.S. Sathe, Controller of Examinations	Member
27 Dr. S.L. Nalbalwar, Dean (Academics-FoE&T)	Member
26. Dr. B.F. Jogi, Registrar	Secretary

The Agenda for the meeting was as follows:

ITEM No.1: Approval of minutes of 23rd Meeting of AC

ITEM No.2: Recognition of Research Centers from Affiliated Institutions

ITEM No.3: Rules and Regulations for Governance of Autonomous Affiliated Institutes

ITEM No.4: Guidelines for Terminal Examinations of Even and Odd Semesters: AY 2020-21

ITEM No.5: Approval of Subjects Equivalence for migrated students

ITEM No.6: Any other point with permission chair

1. Start- up Policy for approval
2. Mercy application for extension
3. Replacement of Foreign Examiner with Out of the State Examiner for evaluation of Ph.D Thesis
4. Modification in Academic Calendar 2020-21
5. Addition of Course on Constitution of India at 2nd Year level
6. Approval of Ph.D Guide

Dean Academic (F-E&T) welcomed all the members of the Academic Council and requested Hon. Vice-Chancellor to start the meeting.

Item No.1: Approval of minutes of 23rd Meeting of AC

Minutes were circulated to all the members for their suggestions, if any. Review of 23rd Minutes of Academic Council Meetings was done. No suggestions were received.

Resolutions: After due discussions and deliberations, all the members of Academic Council approved the minutes of the 23rd Academic council meetings.

Item No.2: Recognition of Research Centers from Affiliated Institutions.

The committee of following members was constituted by the University for framing the Guidelines for Recognition of Research Centres under the University

Prof. S. L. Nalbalwar (Dean, E&T)
Prof. Nagesh Aloorkar (Dean, Pharmacy)
Prof. Darshana Desai (Dean, Architecture)
Prof. J B Patil
Prof. Sanjay Khot
Prof. Geeta Latkar
Prof. Rahul Barjibhe

Prof. Vivek Redasani
Prof. B F Jogi (I/c Registrar)
Dr. H S Joshi (OSD Affiliation)

Following guidelines were proposed by the committee for the recognition of the research centres under DBATU in order to promote the research.

Guidelines for Recognition of Research Centers

While recognizing the Research Centres at the affiliating institutes following requirements should be fulfilled by the individual institute:

1. The Research Centers recognized by the earlier Universities at the colleges migrated to DBATU from other Universities will be continued to be recognized by the DBATU.
2. While recognizing the new Research Centers at the affiliating institutes following minimum requirements should be fulfilled
 - There should be at least two eligible PhD Guides (As per UGC notification dated 5th May, 2016) available with the Institute/ Department
 - Institute should have PG course in the relevant area of Research for which research center is required (As per UGC notification dated 5th May, 2016)
 - There should be at least one recognized PhD Guide in the Institute/ Department
 - The management of the concerned institute should ensure the financial and infrastructural support for the required facilities to carry out the research
 - There should be adequate support for the Library facilities such as Journals/e-Journals subscriptions, availability of reference books, etc.
 - In case of the new Institutes, where at least one batch of students is yet to pass out, physical verification of research facilities is recommended.

The guidelines proposed by the committee have been accepted in the 22nd Meeting of Academic Council held on 15th Jan 2021.

Subsequently an expert committee consisting of the following members was constituted in 23rd AC Meeting held on 9th Feb 2021 to evaluate the proposals received by University based on guidelines

1. Prof. B N Jagtap, IIT Bombay, Chairman
2. Prof. N Lakshman, NITK Surathkal, Member
3. Prof. N R Thote, VNIT Nagpur, Member
4. Prof. Nalbalwar (I/C Dean E&T), Member
5. Prof. Aloorkar (I/C Dean Pharmacy), Member
6. Prof. Darshana Desai (I/C Dean Architecture), Member

The committee conducted five sessions of presentation by the applicant institutes during January 17-27, 2021. Owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, the committee meetings and presentations were conducted by Video Conferencing mode.

A total of 18 institutes (14 Engineering and 04 Pharmacy) presented their proposals for various departments. The Institutes were asked to include the following details in their presentations in respect of every department for which the recognition was being sought.

Based on the presentations and the interactions with the interested institutes, and taking into account the guidelines for recognition of research centres, the committee recommended Research Centres at following institutes in the mentioned discipline only.

S. No.	Name of the Institute	Department	Remark
01	Satara College of Pharmacy, Satara	Pharmacy	Recommended
02	Gaurishankar Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Limb, Satara	Pharmacy	Recommended
03	Deogiri Institute of Engineering and Management Studies, Aurangabad	Electronics Engineering	Recommended.
04	Marathwada Institute of Technology Aurangabad	Mechanical Engineering	Recommended.
05	N. K. Orchid College of Engineering, Solapur	Civil Engineering	Recommended.
		Mechanical Engineering	Recommended.

Resolution: After due discussions and deliberations, all the members of Academic Council recommended Research Centres at above mentioned institutes taking into account the guidelines for recognition of research centres. At the same time recommendations of the committee for restoring Research Centres at affiliated Colleges which granted by the earlier Universities is also approved.

Item No. 3: Rules and Regulations for Governance of Autonomous affiliated Institutes

The committee of following members was constituted by AC for Preparing Directions for Governance of Autonomous Institutes.

- 1) Dr. Sanjal L Nalbalwar, Dean Academics, DBATU, Lonere
- 2) Dr. J. B. Patil: R C Patel Institute of Technology, Shirpur
- 3) Dr. R. D. Barjibhe: Professor, SSGB COE, Bhusawal
- 4) Dr. Sanjay Khot: Shard Institute of Technology, Kolhapur
- 5) Dr. H S Joshi, DBATU, Lonere

Report of Committee on Governance of Autonomous Institutes is as follows

1) Item 1: Affiliation fees of Autonomous Institutes

One time Affiliation fees of Autonomous institute shall be equivalent to two years affiliation or recognition fee for continuation of affiliation or recognition.

Ref 1: Clause 3.5: MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION), NOTIFICATION New Delhi, 12th February, 2018 “University Grants Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status Upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2018”.

Ref 2: Clause 3(2): HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, Madam Cama Marg, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk, Mantralaya, Mumbai 400 032, 14th January 2019, NOTIFICATION, UNIFORM STATUTE NO. 3 OF 2019

1) Item 2: Discussion on university enrollment fees for students of Autonomous Institutes

University should charge one-time enrollment fees of Rs 500/- per student at the time of admission plus fees like Avishkar fees, Ashwamedh fees and Indradhanushya fees as decided by University every year. Every year fees structure will be reviewed by the University

2) Item 3: Discussion on guidelines for appointment of Administrative Staff and Teachers in Autonomous Institutes.

Autonomous Colleges should be given full academic and administrative autonomy and shall have privilege of appointing their own administrative staff and teachers including Principal or Director. However, the staff shall be appointed as per the UGC (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2010 or as amended from time to time and also regulations of AICTE as well as Government of Maharashtra.

Provided that, the college shall obtain the sanction or approval to the appointments of administrative staff and teachers from the State Government and Parent University, as the case may be.

Ref 1: Clause 3.9: MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION), NOTIFICATION New Delhi, 12th February, 2018 "University Grants Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status Upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2018".

Ref 2: Clause 3(3): HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, Madam Cama Marg, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk, Mantralaya, Mumbai 400 032, 14th January 2019, NOTIFICATION, UNIFORM STATUTE NO. 3 OF 2019

4) Item 4: Discussion on granting of autonomy for UG, PG, Ph.D , Major, Minor and Diploma /Certificate programs in Autonomous Institutes.

Full Autonomy should be granted to the college and it shall cover the programmes at all levels such as Under Graduate, Post Graduate, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) , Major and Minor offered by the college. The courses introduced by the college after the conferment of autonomous status shall automatically come under the purview of autonomy.

An autonomous college is free to start diploma (undergraduate and postgraduate) or certificate courses without prior approval of the University. However, approval of the concerned statutory bodies of the college may be obtained, wherever required. Diplomas and certificates shall be issued only under the seal of the college. The University should, however, be informed about such introduction of new courses.

Ref 1: Clause 3.11, 10.1, 10.2: MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION), NOTIFICATION New Delhi, 12th February, 2018 "University Grants Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status Upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2018".

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5) Item 5: Change of designation of Head of institute from Principal to Director.

The Principal of the college should be Re-designated as Director of the institute.

6) Item 6: 'Institute must follow the reservation policy in the appointment of faculty and staff as per the government rules and regulations'.

All autonomous institutes must follow reservation policy for appointment of Faculty and Staff as per Government of Maharashtra Rules and Regulations.

Resolution: After due discussions and deliberations, all the members of Academic Council approved the Rules and Regulations for Governance of Autonomous Affiliated Institutes.

Item No. 4: Guidelines for Terminal Examinations of Even and Odd Semesters: AY 2020-21

It is proposed to conduct all theory and practical examinations of the University in online mode only.

A: Terminal University Examination for First Semester B.Tech program

B.Tech First Semester (2020-21) Examination in the following way:

Total Marks for End Semester Examination: 60 Marks
Type of Examination: Online MCQ Examination
Question Paper Format: 40 questions to be attempted out of 60
Marks of Each Question: 1.5 Marks
Duration of Examination: 1.5 Hours
Mock Examination: 24th - 26th May, 2021
Duration of Examination: 27/05/2020 - 02/06/2021
Syllabus for the Examination: All Units

B. Terminal University Examination for Post Graduate programs

It is proposed to conduct First Year M.Tech examination in the following way:

Total Marks for End Semester Examination: 60 Marks
Type of Examination: Online MCQ Examination
Form Filling : 21-30 May, 2021

Question Paper Format: 40 questions to be attempted out of 60

Marks of Each Question: 1.5 Marks

Duration of Examination: 1.5 Hours

Mock Examination: 31st May – 1st June, 2021

Syllabus for the Examination: All Units

Duration of Examination: 02/06/2021 - 10/06/2021

C: Evaluation of Internship/Internship based projects/ in-house Project of Final Year B.Tech

Evaluation of Internship or internship based projects or in house projects will be carried by appointing one more examiner from the same institute (By the Principal in case of affiliated institute/HoD in case University Departments).

D. Conduct of Degree Supplementary Examination for All programs

It is proposed to conduct Degree Supplementary Examination for the UG/PG Students:

1. Question Paper format will be same as Regular examination
2. Examination will be conducted from 12/06/2021 to 20/06/2021
3. Syllabus for the examination will be all Units
4. Mock Examination will be conducted during 10th - 11th of June, 2021

E. Conduct of 2nd Semester and onwards Examinations for Engineering Programs

All end semester examinations from (2nd Semester and onwards) will be conducted in Online mode only. Pattern of the question papers will be similar to first semester examination. These examinations will be conducted as per Academic Calendar.

F. Pharmacy, Architecture and Diploma Examination:

All Pharmacy and Architecture examination will be conducted similar to previous semester examination as per Academic Calendar. The pattern of the question paper

For Pharmacy

The question paper will consist of 70 **Multiple Choice Questions**. The candidate needs to solve **50** questions. Each question will carry **1.5 marks**. The maximum marks allotted for each subject examination is **75 marks**.

For Architecture

The question paper will consist of 60 **Multiple Choice Questions**. The candidate needs to solve **40** questions. Each question will carry **1.5 marks**. The maximum marks allotted for each subject examination is **60 marks**.

For Diploma

The question paper will consist of 60 **Multiple Choice Questions**. The candidate needs to solve **35** questions. Each question will carry **2 marks**. The maximum marks allotted for each subject examination is **70 marks**.

Proposed General Guidelines

1. To address the all kind of grievances of the students related to this examination, it is proposed to constitute Terminal Examination Grievances Cell (TEGC) consisting of Heads of University Departments and two Principals of affiliated colleges from each region.
2. If a student, in any condition, is unable to attend the examination he/she should communicate on the same day and get permission from TEGC for appearing make-up examination.
3. Rules of passing will be same for regular and supplementary examination as existing.
4. Window of three hours (only two windows in day) duration should be there and student will be given a new paper if somehow exam ends in between due to internet problem or any other issue.

Resolution: After due discussions and deliberations, all the members of Academic Council approved Guidelines for Terminal Examinations of Even and Odd Semesters for the AY 2020-21 as mentioned above.

ITEM No.6: Approval of Subjects Equivalence for migrated students

The committee of following experts was constituted by the University for Recommendation of subject equivalence for migrated students from affiliated institutes.

1. Dr. Ulhas Shiurkar, Chairman
2. Dr. Rahul Barjibhe, Member
3. Dr. J. B. Dafedar, Member
4. Dr. Geeta Lathkar, Member
5. Dr. Sanjay Khot, Member
6. Dr. Prashant Maheshwari, Member
7. Dr. Pramod Deore, Member

The report of the committee was placed before Academic Council and after discussion council approved the same. Please see Annexure-I for the same.

Resolution: After due discussions and deliberations, Academic Council approved the equivalence of subjects recommended by the committee.

ITEM No.7: Any other point with permission chair.

1. Start-up Policy for approval

National innovation and start-up policy prepared by the University and was placed before AC. Policy document is attached herewith as Annexure-II. After due discussion and deliberations council approved the same.

Resolution: AC after discussion has approved the start-up policy prepared by the University

2. Mercy application for extension

The mercy application of Sanjiv Sandeep Pawar, a student of Diploma in Electrical Engineering from IOPE Lonere, is received for grant of extension of one year for the completion his course, The said application is recommended by concerned HoD and Principal.

He has completed period of Six Years in the AY 2019-20. He has requested to permit him one year extension for completion of course.

Resolution: AC after discussion has approved request of Sanjiv Sandeep Pawar for one year extension.

3. Replacement of Foreign Examiner with Out of the State Examiner for evaluation of Ph.D Thesis

The issue of appointment of external examiners for evaluation of Ph.D thesis is discussed in Academic Council meeting held on 24th May, 2021. Few of the AC members expressed difficulty in getting Foreign Examiners for evaluation. After discussions and deliberations, it is decided to appoint *Out of the State Examiner* in place of Foreign Examiner.

There will be two examiners as usual, out of which one must be from outside the state of Maharashtra. Both examiners should be from NITs/IITs/IISc/TIFR/Research Labs/reputed Universities/Engineering Institutes/Pharmacy institutes.

It is also decided that Guide will submit a panel of six referees/examiners to DRC out of these, three referees will be from Maharashtra and three will be from out of Maharashtra. The DRC after verification will recommend these names to Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor will

select two referees, one from Maharashtra and one from out of Maharashtra. There after further processing will be carried out by the examination section till award of Ph.D degree.

This rule will be applicable to all existing students and also to the students getting admitted hence onwards.

Resolutions: AC resolved that for evaluation of Ph.D thesis by Examiner from outside the state of Maharashtra in place of Foreign Examiner. AC also resolved that both examiners should be from NITs/IITs/IISc/TIFR/Research Labs/reputed Universities/Engineering Institutes/Pharmacy Institutes. This rule will be applicable all Ph.D students of the University.

4. Modification in Academic Calendar 2020-21

Due to delay in admission and the conduct of First Semester examination of UG and PG programs, it is proposed to modify the Academic Calendar. It is decided to start the second semester from 3rd June, 2021 for UG programs and from 21st June, 2021 for PG programs. Accordingly, modified calendar was proposed as follows.

Academic Calendar for Semester-II

Sr. No.	Activity	Sem-II
1	Term Start	3 rd June, 2021 for UG programs and 21 st June, 2021 for PG programs
2	Mid Semester Examination (To be conducted in zero Hours)	26 th to 31 st Jul 2021 for UG programs and 12 th to 17 th Jul 2021 for PG programs
3	End of Classes	25 th Aug 2021 for UG programs and 11 th Sept 2021 for PG programs

4	Practical Examination	26 th to 29 th Aug 2021 for UG programs and 13 th to 16 th Sept 2021 for PG programs
5	Preparation Leave	30 th Aug to 02 nd Sept 2021 for UG programs and 18 th to 21 st Sept 2021 for PG programs
6	End Semester Examination	03 rd – 16 th Sept 2021 for UG programs and 24 th Sept to 04 th Oct 2021 for PG programs
7	Supplementary Examination	03 rd – 16 th Sept 2021 for UG programs and 24 th Sept to 04 th Octo 2021 for PG programs
8	Result Declaration	24 th Sept 2021 for UG programs and 12 th Oct 2021 for PG programs
9	Remedial Examinations	24 th to 29 th June 2021 11 th to 16 th Aug 2021
10	Holidays	21 st Jul-21- Bakari Eid 16 th Aug 21- Parshi New Year 19 th Aug 21- Moharam
11	Number of Working Days	70
12	Number of Turns available for Practical	12

Start of Third Semester AY 2021-22: 27 th Sep 2021 for UG programs and Start of Third Semester AY 2021-22 : 13 th Sep 2021 for PG programs

Resolution: AC after discussion has approved the change in Academic Calendar 2020-21 for second semester.

5. Addition of Course on Constitution of India at 2nd Year level

As per the letter received from Rajbhavan dated 19th March, 2021, it is suggested to include subject on Constitution of India as one of the course. It is decided to include it as an Elective course at second year level.

Resolution: AC after discussion has approved addition of Course on Constitution of India at 2nd Year level.

6. Approval of Research Guides

The University received two applications from faculty members affiliated institutes for Recognition as a Research Guide of DBATU.

1. **Dr. Aruna Mharolkar**, Assistant Professor in Physics, MIT Aurangabad (Physics)
Dr. Aruna Mharolkar have published required number of papers in SCI journals.
Therefore she is found eligible for Recognition as a Research Guide of DBATU.
2. **Dr. Vijay H. Patil**, Principal, Godavari College of Engineering, Jalgaon (Mechanical Engineering)
Dr. Vijay H. Patil is a recognised guide of previous university. Therefore he is found eligible for Recognition as a Research Guide of DBATU.
3. **Dr. Suraj Subhash Nikte**, Assistant Professor in Physics, Fabtech Technical Campus, College of Engineering, Sangola.
Dr. Suraj Subhash Nikte has published required number of papers in SCI journals.
Therefore he is found eligible for Recognition as a Research Guide of DBATU.
4. **Dr. Sanjay K. Bais**, Principal, Fabtech College of Pharmacy, Sangola Dist.- Solapur
He has published required number of papers in SCI/Scopus indexed journals.
5. **Dr Satish S Kulkarni**, Professor Mechanical Engineering, Padmabhooshan Vasantroadada Patil Instiute of Technology (PVPIT), Budhgaon, Sangli

He is a recognised guide of previous University. Therefore he is found eligible for Recognition as a Research Guide of DBATU.

Resolution: AC approved above faculty of affiliated institutes as Recognized Research Guides of BATU

Meeting Ended with Thanks Chair.