

Date: 14th March, 2022

Academic Council Minutes of Meetings (MoMs)

The 26th Academic Council Meeting was held on March 14, 2022 at 12.30 PM in blended (Offline/online) mode through Zoom Platform.

The following members were present and participated in the proceedings of the meeting:

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

The Agenda for the meeting was as follows:

Member Secretary Prof. B F Jogi welcomed Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Professor Karbhari V. Kale, in his first Academic Council meeting followed by welcome remarks. He also welcomed the all-academic council members.

Meeting was started with the permission of the chair.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of MoMs of earlier 25th AC hold on 13th December 2021

Resolution: The minutes of the 25th AC meeting were placed before the members for discussion and confirmation. After discussion the minutes of 25th AC meeting were confirmed by the Academic Council.

Item No. 2: Registration, enrollment of students and IUMS related issues

Discussion:

- **DBATU Registration/enrolment process of Ist and IIIrd semester of all UG and PG programs was allotted to the IUMS vendor, appointed by MahaIT, GoM. Unfortunately registration/enrolment process was not yet completed as per declared schedule (**Annexure I**), due to which, academic schedule of these semesters got hampered.**
- **Cognizance of this IUMS services, reported by all the stake holders were seriously taken up by the University. Subsequently were placed before the Higher and Technical Education Department (HTE), MahaIT, Government of Maharashtra (GoM) and IUMS vendor time to time for information, improvement in the services and necessary directives in this regards.**
- **To discuss the IUMS service related issues, Principle Secretary, HTE, GoM called domain group members and IUMS vendor meeting on 17th February, 2022 at Mantralaya Mumbai. It is resolved that, 'the DBATU IUMS services get hampered due to the financial constraints and directed to the University to find out some suitable action in this regards ', as per the item no. 2 **Annexure II****
- **Regarding the suitable action in this regards, University has submitted the detailed facts and finding report to the HTE, GoM on 24th February, 2022.**
- **In response to University submission, HTE, GoM issued a letter indicating that, an appropriate suitable alternative action should be taken by the University to resolve the registration/enrollment, examination, etc. process for this academic year 2021-2022 onwards in the interest of students (**Annexure III**).**
- **By following due purchase and procurement process of University norms, University has availing M/s Weshine Ltd. services, for similar type of work since 2017 to April 2022.**

Resolution:

- 1. Because of the inconsistency found, in present situation, the IUMS portal services keep on hold till the further decisions by GoM.*
- 2. To avail such type of services from new vendor, as per the routine procedure University may go for e-tendering. But in presence situation, to float the tender and complete the entire process, it may take at least period of two months and the exiting semester may get scrolled down in next academic term, which may not be a viable solution looking into present situation.*
- 3. And therefore, to avoid such circumstances, and in the interest of students, it is resolved to go with an existing similar types of service provider, i.e. M/s Weshine Ltd. Vendor may be invited for the discussion and final decision by the CPC and if the vendor agreed with the existing terms and conditions and rates as per the agreement (Annexure - IV) the similar type of work may assigned to the vendor for Ist and IIIrd semester registration/enrollment, etc.*

Item No. 3: Discussion of Examination (Online/Offline) process and Convocation Planning

It is proposed to conduct odd semester examinations in online mode and that of even semesters in the offline mode.

Dates for First and Third (Odd) Semester Examinations of UG and PG programs

Faculty	Semester	Starting Date	Ending Date
Engineering & Technology	I (UG & PG)	26/04/2022	05/05/2022
	III (UG & PG)	28/03/2022	05/04/2022
Pharmacy	I (UG & PG)	18/04/2022	30/04/2022
	III (UG & PG)	28/03/2022	05/04/2022
Architecture	I (UG & PG)	28/03/2022	05/04/2022
	III (UG & PG)	--	--
HMCT	I,III (UG)	26/04/2022	05/05/2022
B. VoC	I (UG & PG)	26/04/2022	05/05/2022
	III (UG & PG)	28/03/2022	05/04/2022

Dates for even Semester Examinations of UG and PG programs

Faculty	Semester	Starting Date	Ending Date
Engineering & Technology	II (UG)	25 th July, 2022	10 th August, 2022
	IV (UG)	14 th July, 2022	30 th July, 2022
	VI,VIII(UG)	4 th July, 2022	26 th July, 2022
	II, IV (PG)	25 th July, 2022	10 th August, 2022
Pharmacy	II	5 th August, 2022	20 th August, 2022
	VI,VIII	14 th July, 2022	30 th July, 2022
	II, IV (PG)	5 th August, , 2022	20 th August, 2022
Pharm D	I Year	6 th August, , 2022	27 th August, 2022
	II,III,IV Year	13 th July, 2022	29 th July, 2022
Architecture	II	11 th July, 2022	23 rd July, 2022
	IV	10 th June, 2022	20 th June, 2022
	VI,VIII	10 th June, 2022	20 th June, 2022
	II, IV (PG)	11 th July, 2022	23 rd July, 2022
HMCT	II	25 th July,2022	10 th August, 2022
BVOC	II (UG)	25 th July, 2022	10 th August, 2022
	IV (UG)	14 th July, 2022	30 th July, 2022
	VI,VIII(UG)	4 th July, 2022	26 th July, 2022

Convocation Planning

The 24th convocation of the University for AY 2020-21 is pending due to Covid pandemic situation. The proposed date for conducting the convocation is in the mid of May, 2022. Degrees will be awarded to all eligible Diploma, UG, PG and Ph.D students who have successfully completed their respective programs. Total number of eligible students for the said convocation is about 18500.

Resolution:

1. ***Academic Council resolved to conduct the Examination of odd semesters in online mode and that even semester in offline mode. Also, it is resolved to conduct the Convocation of AY 2020-21 in the last week of April 2022 for all eligible diploma, UG, PG and Ph.D students who have successfully completed their respective programs in AY 2020-21.***

2. ***It is resolved to conduct the Convocation of AY 2020-21 in the of mid of May 2022. Accordingly, as per the ACT the Hon. Chancellor will be invited to preside over the function and to deliver the Convocation address Chairman UGC/AICTE/NAAC will be invited. In view of this, Hon. Vice-Chancellor will communicate the Hon. Chancellor and the Chief Guest for the said program.***

Item No. 4: Establishment of New Schools as per Act 2014 Chapter IX 59 (1) and inline to the implementation of the NEP 2020 and Establishment of online distance education program MBA, MCA and along with integrated PG/PH.D programs approval of over and above NRI quota

As per the University Act 2014 59(1) and implementation of NEP-2020, it is necessary to establish following schools:

The following six schools are proposed in the main campus of the University

- The School of Engineering and Technology
- The School of Health Sciences
- The School of Management Studies
- The School of Applied Social Sciences
- The School of Marine Sciences
- The School of Earth Sciences

Further, it is also proposed to implement atleast one PG or integrated PG-PhD program under each of these schools.

Online Distance Learning Programs

The ODL is becoming more and more significant for continuing education, skill up-gradation and for quality education. It fulfills needs of employment as necessary for building the economy of the country. It provides opportunities for higher education to a large cross-section of people. It promotes acquisition and up-gradation of knowledge and offer opportunities for training, retraining in the contests of innovation and research. It will encourage an innovative system of education, flexible and open with regard to methods and pace of learning, combination of courses, and eligibility for enrolment.

Resolution: It is resolved to implement atleast one PG or integrated PG-PhD program, overs and above NRI quota, under each of these schools. It is also resolved to start new Program in HMCT, Pharmacy, Architecture, MBA and MCA.

Item No. 5: Adhoc Faculty approval for University departments and affiliated colleges

The University has received request from Departments for filling of faculty on Adhoc/Contractual basis. In December 2021, tenure of about 22 contract basis faculty members is ended and in May, 2022 tenure of about 50 contract basis faculty will be

completed. In view of this, approval may be given to fill up these positions till appointment on regular faculty is done.

The University has received request from the institutes for ad-hoc approval of faculty for AY 2021-22. The local selection committee reports and the testimonials of the selected candidates are submitted by these institutes.

Also, there are some institutes for which essential documents for approval of faculty have been demanded by the affiliation section of the University. The approval may be given to them subject to fulfillment of the documents due for submission.

The detailed list of all faculties is attached in Annexure-V for which approval is sought. It is proposed to approve the same.

Resolution: It is resolved to approve 72 Adhoc Faculty positions for University departments. Further, it is resolved to approve Adhoc faculty of affiliated colleges for which essential documents are submitted. Other Adhoc Faculty for affiliated colleges for which essential documents are not submitted are directed to submit the essential documents as early as possible for approval.

Item No. 6: Approval for initiating the Scrutiny Committee and LIC visit

A. Approval for scrutiny committees

As per Advertisement for the Affiliation Process for the AY 2022-23 dated 12/10/2021, the University has application from 31 new institutes (please see annexure-VI) for Affiliation for the AY 2022-23. Out of which 25 institutes are Pharmacy, 04 institutions are Engineering and 01 each from HMCT & Architecture.

It is required to process new institutes affiliation proposals received by the University for AY 2022-23. To scrutinize these applications at the University level for the purpose of considering the applications for affiliation, as per section 49(2), the scrutiny committee is proposed. The structure of proposed Scrutiny Committees, as per UGC standard composition, will be as follows:

Scrutiny Committee No. 1 : Scrutiny of Applications

Sr. No	Position	Name of the Committee Member
1	Chairman	
2	University Expert	
3	Legal Expert	
4	Architect	

Scrutiny Committee No. 2 : Scrutiny of Applications

Sr. No	Position	Name of the Committee Member
1	Chairman	
2	University Expert	
3	Legal Expert	
4	Architect	

B. LIC Visit for Continuation of Affiliation

The University has received total 233 applications for the Continuation of Affiliation including 14 applications for permanent affiliation. As per the Section 49 (2, 7) for the assessment of their applications, inspection committees are to be constituted and the inspection has to be completed. The Constitution of the LIC committee is proposed as follows:

Inspection Committee for Permanent Affiliation (for Three Years)

Sr. No	Position	Name of the Committee Member
1	Chairman	Approved Principal, Professor,
2	University Representative	Approved Principal, Professor, Associate Professor
3	Legal Expert	Registered Legal Practitioner
4	Architect	Registered Architect

Inspection Committee for Continuation of Affiliation (for One Year)

Sr. No	Position	Name of the Committee Member
1	Chairman	Approved Principal, Professor
2	University Representative	Approved Principal, Professor, Associate Professor

Resolution: It is resolved to give approval for proposed committee structure for initiating the Scrutiny and LIC visit

Item No. 8: Creation of Research Fellowship/awards extension of affiliation

The University has planned for University research fellowship for Ph.D students and grants to research projects received from faculty members. Initially it is planned to offer 10 fellowships to research scholars and grants to 15 research projects to the faculty from affiliated institutes and University departments.

It is proposed to establish yearly awards for outstanding contributions in teaching, research, innovations, startups and overall development of department/institutes by the individuals.

Resolution: It is resolved to offer 10 research fellowships to research scholars and grants to 15 research projects to the faculty from affiliated institutes and University departments

Item No. 09: Revision of Admission Fees for all academic programs of University Departments

The University is getting requests from various stakeholders like students, faculty and members of council to reduce the fees for all academic programs run by the University. Presently fees charged by University are in line with autonomous colleges which are comparatively high compared to non-autonomous Government Engineering colleges. It is proposed to constitute committee to propose revised fees structure for UG, PG and Ph.D programs.

Resolution: It is resolved to constitute a committee to review the fees in line with non-autonomous Government Engineering Colleges. The recommendation of the committee will be placed before Executive Council for its orders.

Item No. 10: To revamp the Director board for effective functioning of the DBATU forum of innovation, incubation, and Enterprise

To expedite the activities of DBATU forum of innovation, incubation, and Enterprise (Section-8 Company), the Chairman of the company needs to be from the University. It would be advantageous, if this responsibility delegated to Hon. Vice-Chancellor. All existing member of Directors board will remains on the board. Presently, scrutiny of applications received for the post of the CEO has been completed and interviews for the same will be conducted before end of March, 2022.

Resolution: It is resolved to recommend that the responsibility of the Chairman of the Director Board of DBATU forum of innovation, incubation, and Enterprise to Hon. Vice-Chancellor.

Item No. 12: Formation and Reconstitution of BoS HMCT/MBA/MCA integrated PG/Ph.D

Dean(Academics) informed the council that, presently, there are 19 BoS in various disciplines in the University, out of which 17 are regular and 2 are adhoc BoS (Please see annexure-VII). Out of 17 regular BoS, 10 BoS has completed their tenure of three years in August 2021. It is proposed to extend their tenure till constitution of new BoS for the respective programs. After discussion, it is decided to re-constitute these BoS in the next Academic Council meeting.

It is also proposed to constitute BoS for the new integrated PG/Ph.D programs under different schools which will be starting from AY 2022-23 such as MBA, MCA, MTech, March, B.Pharm,

The power of the constitution of BoS for these programs be delegated to the Hon. Vice-Chancellor as and when required.

Resolution: It is resolved to recommend that tenure of existing BoS be extended till new BoS are constituted. It is also resolved to re-constitute these BoS in the next AC. Powers of forming of BoS for new programs of various disciplines be delegated to Hon. Vice-Chancellor.

Item No. 13. Approval AQAR 2019-2020 and 2020-21

The Prof. M.S. Tandale presented the AQAR reports for the AY 2019-20 and 2020-21 and informed the Academic Council that these reports are recommended by IQAC. He requested members to approve both the AQARs.

Resolution: AC council approved both AQARs.

Item No. 14: Any other point with permission of chair

a. Approval of Academic Calendar for UG and PG for all programs

Academic Calendar for First year, Second to Final year of all UG and PG programs was placed before Academic Council for its approval.

Resolution: Academic Council approved the same.

a. Approval MoU with Research for Resurgence Foundation

University would like to sign MOU with RFRF for sharing research resources as an attempt to share materials and services cooperatively so as to provide one another with resources that might otherwise not be available to an individual institution. It represents an attempt to expand the availability of specialized, expensive, or just plain not-owned resources beyond the bounds of a single institution.

Resolution: MoU with Research for Resurgence Foundation is approved by AC

b. Extension of PhD registration by one year

Mr. Prashant Giri (RS20150401), Research Scholar from Chemical Engineering Department has completed six years of PhD registration in September 2021. He has requested to extend his PhD registration, through his DRC, by one more year. After discussion, AC permitted the extension of registration by one year.

Resolution: Extension of one year is approved by Academic Council Mr. Prashant Giri from September 2021.

c. Continuation as PhD guide after retirement to guide the existing students

Prof. K. Vadirajacharya has retired in September 2019 from Electrical Engineering Department of the University. He was guiding three research scholars namely Mr. Jayant Mane, Mr. Sachin Kamble and Mr. Pravin Dangar. Out of these three research scholars two of them have already submitted their thesis in August 2019 and Ph.D of one research scholar is going on.

The University has received comments from the examiners. Therefore, he may be permitted to complete the process of final defense of Mr. Jayant Mane, Mr. Sachin Kamble and also to guide Mr. Pravin Dangar as a Co-guide since he was the only recognized guide of the EED.

Resolution: AC resolved to permit Prof. K. Vadirajacharya to continue as Supervisor till all his students' complete their research.

d. Approval minutes of BoE meeting held on 12th March 2022

The minutes of BoE meeting held on 12th March, 2022 were place before AC for its approval. After discussions and deliberations AC approved the recommendations of BoE.

Resolution: AC approved the BoE minutes held on 12/03/2022

e. Completion of tenure of Academic Council Members excluding ex-officio members

Tenure of the VC nominated members as per Act is completed, The Hon. Vice-Chancellor put on record his appreciation for the valuable services rendered and contribution for the development University.

Resolution: Resolved that letter of appreciation be awarded to Academic Council and new nominations be filled as per the provisions of the Act.

f. Academic Autonomy for DBATU Main Campus

The matter was discussed about academic autonomy to the courses running at Main Campus of DBATU. It was decided to constitute separate BoS for the programs running at main campus (under the Faculty of School of Engineering & Technology) and also separate BoS for the programs running at affiliated colleges.

Resolution: AC resolved to constitute separate BoS for the programs running at main campus and also separate BoS for the programs running at affiliated colleges.

g. Minor Corrections in Course of Research methodology (PG Course in Mechanical Engineering)

The Chairman BoS in Mechanical Engineering has recommended minor corrections in Research Methodology course contents. AC council accepted the corrections.

Resolution: Academic Council accepted the minor corrections in the course contents of Research Methodology in M.Tech program in Mechanical Engineering.

The meeting ended with the thanks of the Chair