

**The meeting of the Special meeting of Academic Council was held
(Blended mode) on 04th December, 2023 at 11.30 AM.**

The special meeting of Academic Council (AC) Meeting was held on 04th December, 2023 at 11.50 AM. in the University's Conference Hall via blended mode.

The following members were present:

1	Prof. Karbhari V. Kale, Vice-Chancellor	Chairman
2	Dr. S. L. Nalbalwar, Dean (Academics-F-E&T)	Member
3	Dr. S. M. Pore, Dean (R&D) & Head, Department of Civil Engineering	Member
4	Dr. H.N. Warhatkar, Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering	Member
5	Dr. S.M. Jadhav, Head, Department of Information Technology	Member
6	Dr. A.R. Chavan, Head, Department of Chemical Engineering	Member
7	Dr. Sangita Metkar, Head, Department of Petrochemical Engineering	Member
8	Dr. MFAR Satarkar, Head, Department of Electrical Engineering	Member
9	Dr. A.P. Shesh, Head, Department of English	Member
10	Dr. H.A. Mujawar, Head, Department of Chemistry	Member
11	Dr. Sangita Dahotre, Head, Department of Physics	Member
12	Dr. Dilip Peshwe, VNIT, Nagpur	Member
13	Dr. Vilas Pharande, Arvind Gavali College of Engineering, Satara	Member
14	Dr. Girish Joshi, ICT Mumbai, Marathwada Campus, Jalna	Member
15	Dr. Sanjay Toshniwal, Vidarbha Institute of Pharmacy, Washim	Member
16	Dr. Vishwajeet Potdar, AG Patil, Institute of Tech, Solapur	Member
17	Dr. Santosh Shelke, Srinath College of Pharmacy, Aurangabad	Member
18	Prof. Nitin Patil, DN Patel College of Engineering, Nandurbar	Member
19	Prof. B.M. Patil, SCE&T, Aurangabad	Member
20	Dr. Sachin Mandavgane, VNIT, Nagpur	Member
21	Dr. P.A. Sadgir, College of Engineering, Pune	Member
22	Dr. A.S. Chaurasia, VNIT, Nagpur	Member
23	Dr. D.T. Inglole, PR Pote College of Engg & Management, Amravati	Member
24	Prof. Geeta Lathkar, MGM, College of Engg. Nanded	Member
25	Dr. N. H. Aloorkar, Dean (Pharmacy)	Member
26	Dr. V. K. Redasani, Principal, Yashoda Technical Campus, Satara	Member
27	Dr. B. F. Jogi, Registrar	Secretary
28	Dr. Narendra Jadhav, CoE	Invitee
29	Dr. H. S. Joshi, Former CoE	Invitee
30	Dr. V. S. Sathe, Former CoE	Invitee
31	Mr. Deepak S. Patil, Vendor for exam	

32	Mr. Vishwajit Patil, Vendor for exam	Invitee
33	Mr. Anil S. Jadhav, Vendor for exam	Invitee

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

1	Dr. Ranjit Prasad, NIT Jamshedpur, Kharsawan	Member
2	Shri. Rajendra Kakde, Advisor I AICTE, New Delhi	Member
3	Dr. Varadraj Bapat, Professor, IIT, Mumbai	Member
4	Dr. Madhuri Khambate, Cummins College of Engg. Pune	Member
5	Dr. Pradip Goyal, Delhi Technological University, Delhi	Member
6	Dr. A.W. Kiwelekar, Head, Department of Computer Engineering	Member
7	Shri. G. Seshadri, RCF, Mumbai	Member

Prof. B F Jogi, Registrar, welcomed all the members of the Academic Council. He requested the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to start the meeting. The Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members of the Academic Council and started the meeting.

Item No. 1: To revisit the grace marks rule for the Winter-2022 and Summer-2023 as recommended by the Board of Examinations in the meetings held on 30th November, 2023 and continuation meeting held 2nd December, 2023.

The controller of examinations informed to the members of Academic Council that the University has received many representations from the students and students' organizations regarding their demands for 'One time Opportunity' or 'Carry on' especially for the students from Pharmacy. Some of the students' organizations have also called for hunger strikes and protests at various locations in the state and at the main campus of the university many times. They have also approached to the Higher and Technical Education Department of Government of Maharashtra and the government has forwarded the same to the University for further Consideration and action.

The University need to communicate the decision and action taken by the University regarding the representation by the student organizations. The honorable Minister of Higher and Technical Education Government of Maharashtra has scheduled a meeting of all the Vice chancellors of Universities of Maharashtra on December 05, 2023 regarding various issues with special focus on examinations, where this issue will also be presented.

Accordingly, to discuss and resolve this issue, an urgent meeting of Board of Examinations (BoE) was called on November 30, 2023 which was continued again on December 02, 2023. During this meeting the detailed discussion and deliberation have been carried out with all the stake holders.

It was observed that there were some discrepancies found in implementation of the grace rules for Winter 2022 and Summer 2023 examinations. As per our present rules for Grace marks, maximum 1% of the total semester marks can be allotted as grace marks. However, in some cases it was observed that more than 1% marks (up 2%) were allocated as grace marks. However, this discrepancy about uneven grace allocation has created unrest amongst the students. As a natural justice, the higher grace marks allocated can not be now reverted back.

Hence, it was resolved in the BoE to propose to the Academic Council to retain the results of the students who have received higher grace marks and pass on the similar benefit to others for the winter 2022 and summer 2023 examination results only. This may also help in improving the results of many of the students due to which the beneficiary students may not need to appear again for the forthcoming supplementary examinations scheduled from mid of December 2023. Hence there is no necessity for ‘One time Opportunity’ or ‘Carry on’ which may be found contradictory with the regulatory mechanism.

The resolution of BoE is placed before special and emergent Academic Council meeting for consideration.

Resolution: After due deliberations and discussions the Academic Council resolved that, the discrepancies occurred in allocation of the grace marks by Bynaric system must be removed by giving up to 2% grace marks to all the students from Pharmacy, Engineering, HMCT and Architecture. For the Winter 2022 and Summer 2023 examinations only. In the meeting Bynaric system director Mr. Vishwajit accepted the wrongly implementation of grace marks for Winter 2022 and summer 2023 examination results. To investigate the reason behind such discrepancy, the Academic Council has proposed a high-power enquiry committee as follows: Faculty members, industry experts and legal expert.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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