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The following members were present:

1.	Prof. Karbhari V. Kale, Vice-Chancellor	Chairman
2.	Dr. S. M. Pore, Dean (R&D) & Head, Dept. of Civil Engineering	Member
3.	Dr. A.R. Chavan, Head, Department of Chemical Engineering	Member
4.	Dr. Sangita Metkar, Head, Department of Petrochemical Engineering	Member
5.	Dr. MFAR Satarkar, Head, Department of Electrical Engineering	Member
6.	Dr. H. N. Warhatkar, Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering	Member
7.	Dr. S.M. Jadhav, Head, Department of Information Technology	Member
8.	Dr. A.P. Shesh, Head, Department of English	Member
9.	Dr. Sangita Dahotre, Head, Department of Physics	Member
10.	Dr. H.A. Mujawar, Head, Department of Chemistry	Member
11.	Dr. D.T. Ingole, PR Pote College of Engg & Mgmt, Amravati	Member
12.	Dr. Madhuri Khambate, Cummins College of Engg. Pune	Member
13.	Prof. Nitin Patil, DN Patel College of Engineering, Nandurbar	Member
14.	Dr. Vilas Pharande, Arvind Gavali College of Engineering, Satara	Member
15.	Dr. Vishwajeet Potdar, AG Patil, Institute of Tech, Solapur	Member
16.	Prof. B. M. Patil, SCE&T, Aurangabad	Member
17.	Dr. Santosh Shelke, Srinath College of Pharmacy, Aurangabad	Member
18.	Dr. Sanjay Toshniwal, Vidarbha Institute of Pharmacy, Washim	Member
19.	Dr. Girish Joshi, ICT Mumbai, Marathwada Campus, Jalna	Member
20.	Dr. P.A. Sadgir, COEP Technological University, Pune	Member
21.	Dr. Varadraj Bapat, Professor, IIT, Mumbai	Member
22.	Dr. Sachin Mandavgane,VNIT, Nagpur	Member
23.	Dr. Ranjit Prasad, NIT Jamshedpur, Kharsawan	Member
24.	Dr. A.S. Chaurasia, VNIT, Nagpur	Member
25.	Dr. S. B. Deosarkar, Professor, Dept. of Extc.Engineering.	Member
26.	Dr. V. P. Jawanjal, Asso. Professor Dept. of Petrochemical Engg.	Member
27.	Dr. M. D. Laddha, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Computer Engg.	Member
28.	Dr. Vishal Pande, N N Sattha College of Pharmacy, Ahamadnagar	Member

29. Prof. A. W. Kiwelekar, Registrar	Secretory
30. Dr. Harshadeep Joshi, Affiliation Section	Invitee
31. Dr. Narendra Jadhav, Controller of Examination	Invitee

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

1. Shri. Rajendra Kakde, Advisor I AICTE, New Delhi	Member
2. Prof. Geeta Lathkar, MGM, College of Engg. Nanded	Member
3. Dr. Dilip Peshwe, VNIT, Nagpur	Member
4. Dr. Pradip Goyal, Delhi Technological University, Delhi	Member
5. Dr. S. L. Nalbalwar, Dean (Academics-F-E&T)	Member

The following members could not attend the meeting

1. Shri. G. Seshadri, RCF, Mumbai	Member

Prof. A. W. Kiwelekar, 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, began to the meeting, and complimented the new members.

> **Item No. 1: To confirm the minutes of the 32nd and 33rd meeting of the Academic Council.**

The draft minutes of the 32nd and 33rd (special) meetings of the Academic Council held on 5th September 2023 and 04 December 2023 were emailed to the members for their comments. The minutes will be placed for confirmation before the council.

Resolution: The Minutes of the 32nd and 33rd (special) meeting of the Academic Council were approved by the Academic Council.

> **Item No. 2: Action Taken Report of the 32nd and 33rd meeting of the Academic Council held on 05th September, 2023 and 04th December, 2023.**

The item-wise action taken report on the minutes of the 32nd and 33rd meetings of the Academic Council held on 05th September 2023 and 04th December 2023 will be tabled before the Academic Council.

Resolution: Action taken reports on minutes of the 32nd and 33rd meeting of the Academic Council were approved by the Academic Council.

A list of students to give assent to confer Degrees and Diploma to candidates who have completed the prescribed course of study during the academic year 2022–2023 and have been found fit for the award of Ph .D, M. Tech, M. Pharma., M. Arch., B. Tech., B. Pharma, B. Arch, B. Voc Advanced Diploma, Degree and Diploma as well as gold medal winners will be tabled for approval.

The Registrar requested CoE to present list of Degree awardees before the Academic Council. The Controller of Examination requested the Academic Council:

a) To recommend tentatively 08 candidates who have completed the prescribed programme of study during the academic year 2022-2023 and have been found fit for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), for the approval of Executive Council. The names of the candidates were placed before the Academic Council during the meeting.

 b) To recommend tentatively 131 candidates who have completed the prescribed programme of study during the academic year 2022-2023 and have been found fit for the award of the Degree of Master of Technology for the approval of the Executive Council. The names of the candidates were placed before the Academic Council during the meeting.

To recommend tentatively 72 candidates who have completed the prescribed programme of study during the academic year 2022-2023 and have been found fit for the award of the Degree of Master of Pharmacy for the approval of the Executive Council. The names of the candidates were placed before the Academic Council during the meeting.

To recommend tentatively 16 candidates who have completed the prescribed programme of study during the academic year 2022-2023 and have been found fit for the award of the Degree of Master of Architecture for the approval of the Executive Council. The names of the candidates were placed before the Academic Council during the meeting.

 c) To recommend tentatively 14610 candidates who have completed the prescribed course of study during the academic year 2022-2023 and have been found fit for the award of Degree of Bachelor of Technology, for the approval of the Executive Council. The names of the candidates were placed before the Academic Council during the meeting.

To recommend tentatively 6443 candidates who have completed the prescribed course of study during the academic year 2022-2023 and have been found fit for the award of Degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy, for the approval of the Executive Council. The names of the candidates were placed before the Academic Council during the meeting.

To recommend tentatively 13 candidates who have completed the prescribed course of study during the academic year 2022-2023 and have been found fit for the award of Degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy (practice), for the approval of the Executive Council. The names of the candidates were placed before the Academic Council during the meeting.

To recommend tentatively 197 candidates who have completed the prescribed course of study during the academic year 2022-2023 and have been found fit for the award of Degree of Bachelor

of Architecture, for the approval of the Executive Council. The names of the candidates were placed before the Academic Council during the meeting.

To recommend tentatively 75 candidates who have completed the prescribed course of study during the academic year 2022-2023 and have been found fit for the award of Degree of Bachelor of Vocation, for the approval of the Executive Council. The names of the candidates were placed before the Academic Council during the meeting.

d) To recommend tentatively 306 candidates who have completed the prescribed course of study during the academic year 2022-2023 and have been found fit for the award of a Diploma, for the approval of the Executive Council. The names of the candidates were placed before the Academic Council during the meeting.

e) To recommend tentatively 12 candidates who have completed the prescribed course of study during the academic year 2022-2023 and have been found fit for the award of Advanced Diploma in Water Quality Management for the approval of the Executive Council. The names of the candidates were placed before the Academic Council during the meeting.

f) To recommend the candidates who stood first in each branch of M.Tech., B.Tech., Diploma, and Advanced Diploma for the award of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar gold medal for the approval of the Executive Council. The names of the candidates were placed before the Academic Council during the meeting.

Resolution:- After detailed discussions and deliberations, the Academic Council recommended the names of the candidates who have completed PhD, M.Tech., M Pharm, B.Tech., BVoC, Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses successfully, as well as gold medal winners, (as per Annexure A) to Executive Council for final approval as per the presentation of the CoE.

Item No. 4: To discuss the following issues related with University Examination

The following points received from the University Examination section will be discussed.

1. **To permit award of degree certificates by autonomous institute:** JD College of Engineering Nagpur is affiliated with the University. JD College of Engineering has approached the university with a request to permit them to award degree certificates. They have forwarded a list of such qualified students for approval.
   Resolution: The members of the Academic Council resolved that JD College of Engineering, being an autonomous institute, shall be permitted to award only B. Tech and M. Tech degree certificates and not PhD degrees. Members also suggested seeking an undertaking from JD College of Engineering stating that students fulfill the minimal criteria for qualifying the B. Tech programs and the institute follow the rules and regulations about award of grades and minimal passing criteria as stipulated by the university.

2. **Permission to grant carry-on to the students:** A letter from the Department of Higher and Technical Education asking to grant carry-on facility to all students enrolled in professional courses was received.

   Resolution: After detailed discussions and deliberations, the members suggested forming a study group comprising of the Dean(Academic), Dean (Pharmacy) and Dean (R&D) to study

the implications of granting carry-on to various students, in light of rules of regulating authorities (AICTE, PCI) and university's existing promotion rules.

3. **Permission to conduct the remedial Exam for Winter 2023**: The examination section has requested to permit them to conduct remedial examinations for the students who failed the Winter 2023 examination, either for the students who appeared for examinations in all semesters or only for the students appearing for final year examination.
   Resolution: The members granted permission to conduct remedial examinations through using long answer questions and not Multiple Choice Questions for those students appearing for final year examinations.

4. **Absolute Grading for Architecture-related Programs:** The Faculty of Architecture has requested that absolute grading be introduced for students taking courses related to the Faculty of Architecture.
   Resolution: The members granted permission to adopt absolute grading for Architecture-related Program

5. **Permission to provide single-page transcript:** Some passed-out students, particularly those employed in Kuwait and other Gulf countries, need transcripts of all semesters on a single page. The university currently provides transcripts in a 4-page format. Permission is needed to print transcripts in multiple formats.
   Resolution: The members granted permission to issue either single-page transcripts or four-page transcripts as per students' requests and further suggested standardising the content and format of transcripts

6. **Grace marks and Promotion rules for AY 2023-24:** The guidance on the grace marks and promotions rules to be followed for AY 2023-24 is needed.
   Resolution: The rules for grace marks and promotion rules passed in ordinances be followed from AY 2024-25.

7. **To discuss issues reported during the Winter 2023 Examination**: Some of the institutes have reported that the question papers used for the Winter 2023 Examination include questions that are outside of the syllabus. Furthermore, some institutes have used the wrong question papers to conduct the Winter 2023 examination. Also, a fact finding committee was sent to investigate the complaints received about the malpractices observed in the conduction of examination. The fact finding committee was sent to the following institutes:
   - Vardhaman College of Pharmacy, Karanja Lad
   - Ratnadeep College of Pharmacy Ratnapur Jamkhed
   - Kasturi College of Pharmacy
   - Oyster College of Pharmacy Sambhajinagar
   - Aditya College of Pharmacy, Beed.
   - Gajanan Maharaj College of Pharmcy, Sambhajinagar
   - Ramkrishna Paramhans College of Pharmcy, Parbhani
   - Kohinoor Institute of Pharmacy, Khultabad, Ch. Sambhajinagar

The report of the fact-finding committee was discussed by the committee members.

   Resolution: Members of the Academic Council expressed serious concern over such observations made by the fact-finding committee. After a detailed discussion, committee

members suggested closing the examination center at the following institutes for two years.

- Vardhaman College of Pharmacy, Karanja Lad
- Ratnadeep College of Pharmacy Ratnapur Jamkhed
- Kasturi College of Pharmacy
- Oyster College of Pharmacy Sambhajinagar
- Aditya College of Pharmacy, Beed.
- Gajanan Maharaj College of Pharmcy, Sambhajinagar
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Further committee members suggested allocating geographically nearer examination centers to the students appearing for university examinations from these institutes. Also, members suggested to issue show cause notices to institutes at which lapses have been reported while conducting Winter 2023 examinations.

8. **Clustering of Exam centres:** The University examination section has requested to club or cluster institutes together based on the number of students and grievances received by the university.
   Resolution: The members suggested identifying such institutes and cluster centers based on geographical proximity to the parent institute so that students can travel to nearby institutes during examinations.

9. **Preservation of original Answer sheets at the regional center:** Some of the regional centers have requested to tear off students' answer sheets and to sell out old answer books as they are digitally scanned after the conduct of the examination. Digital preservation requires less physical space and storing hard copies when digital copies are preserved might be illogical.
   Resolution: After detailed discussions and deliberations, members suggested preserving the hard copies of answer books at least for one year even though digital copies in the form of scanned documents are preserved.

Item No. 5: To nominate two members of the Academic Council on Research Recognition Committee.

The Dean (R&D) has approached with a request to nominate two members from the Academic Council on Research Recognition Committee as per the section S3.94(1) and S3.95(C) of the University statutes.

Resolution: After detailed discussion and deliberation, the Academic Council nominated two members for the Research Recognition Committee.
1. Dr. P.A. Sadgir, College of Engineering, Pune
2. Dr. Sanjay Toshniwal, Vidarbha Institute of Pharmacy, Washim

Item No. 6: To discuss the following issues related with affiliated institutes

A. Member to be nominated from the Academic Council on scrutiny committee

University has invited applications for affiliation for AY 2024-25. As of date, 338 (continuation) and 92 (new institutes) have applied for Affiliation during AY 2024-25. Out of the new institutes, 73 are from Pharmacy, and 19 from Engineering disciplines have applied for affiliation to our university. There are more than 75 applications for other processes such as change in intake/course etc. The process is still ongoing, and a few more applications are expected.

It is required to process affiliation proposals received to the University for AY 2024-25. To scrutinize these applications at the University level to consider the applications for affiliation, as per section 49(2), the scrutiny committee is proposed to be arranged as per Statute S13.9. The structure of the proposed Scrutiny Committees is as specified below.

Sr. No	Position	Members as per Statutes
1	Chairman	One Director of Regional Centre
2	Member Secretary	One Joint Director of Sub Centre
3	One Dean	Dean
4	Member	One member of the Board from members nominated by the Academic council
5	Member	One member of the Board from the members nominated by the Executive Council

It is requested to nominate one member of the Board from members nominated by the Academic council on the scrutiny committee for scrutiny of the applications for affiliation section.

Resolution: After due deliberations, looking into the number of institutes and the vast scope of the work, the Academic Council nominated Dr. A. P. Shesh as member on the Scrutiny Committee nominated by the Academic Council.

B. Regulations regarding the B. Voc, MCA and BCA Courses

The University has an affiliation for various courses under Architecture, Engineering, HMCT and Pharmacy disciplines at UG, and PG levels. Most of the admissions for these courses are regulated by the Admission Regulatory Authority and are conducted by the CET cell. The qualifications for the entry-level are defined and verified by the CET cell. However, the admissions to the B Voc, MCA and BCA courses are done locally at the institute level.

Therefore, it is required to set the regulations for the eligibility for admissions, process for admissions, faculty qualifications (as per Clause 31(2)(f) of the DBATU Act 2014), faculty workloads and cadre ratios for faculty position sanctioning, infrastructural requirements etc. (as per Clause 31(2)(p) of the DBATU Act 2014).

Resolution: After detailed discussions and deliberations, the members suggested forming a study

group comprising of following members to formulate the rules regarding the for the eligibility for admissions, process for admissions, faculty qualifications, faculty workloads and cadre ratios for faculty position sanctioning, infrastructural requirements etc. for B. Voc, MCA and BCA Courses:

1. Prof. S L Nalbalwar, Dean Academics
2. Prof. Vishal Pande, Dean Pharmacy
3. Prof. Girish Joshi, Member Academic Council
4. Prof. Vilas Pharande, Member Academic Council

C. Regulations regarding the Adjustment of Faculty members into other courses at the same institute

There are fast changes in the intakes of the courses at the affiliated institutes due to changing market demands for the branches, emerging branches in technology, etc. In such a scenario there is always a situation that the regular faculty members who are approved by the University become surplus in some of the branches as the intake is reduced and there is a scarcity of faculty in some other discipline. At present there are no guidelines for adjustment of faculty members into other branches.

Therefore, it is required to establish the guidelines and regulations for adjustment of faculty members into other branches as per the requirements based on student intake.

Resolution: After due deliberation, the members resolved that on the recommendations of the management of the concerned institutes, the university may permit the institutes for adjustment of the surplus approved faculty members into the other appropriate disciplines as per the equivalent disciplines declared by the apex bodies from time to time.

D. Qualification of faculty members in the emerging areas

At present AICTE is promoting the courses in emerging areas and multidisciplinary areas such as Mechatronics, Robotics, AI&ML, Data Science, Cyber security, Artificial Intelligence, Electrical Vehicles, Industry 4.0, Drone Technology, etc. Many of the affiliated institutes have already started courses in such emerging areas. However, there are no clear guidelines from AICTE regarding the qualifications for the faculty members and ratios of faculty from different disciplines in case of multidisciplinary courses such as Mechatronics or robotics etc.
Guidance is requested regarding the qualifications for the faculty members in the emerging areas and ratios of faculty from different disciplines in case of multidisciplinary courses.

Resolution: It was resolved that the BoS Chairmans of the concerned courses will suggest the regarding the qualifications for the faculty members in the emerging areas and ratios of faculty from different disciplines in case of multidisciplinary courses.

> **Item No. 7: To discuss the status of implementation of NEP 2020 in affiliated colleges.**

The University departments at the main campus have started implementing NEP 2020 from the

AY 2023-24. As per guidelines of the Government of Maharashtra, the implementation of NEP 2020 needs to be started for the institutes affiliated to the University from AY 2024-25.

All the boards of studies are asked to prepare the curricula aligned to the guidelines of NEP 2020. A review of the status and preparedness of implementation of NEP in affiliated institutes will be discussed.

Resolution: After detailed discussion and deliberation Academic Council formed the following task force. This task force will be responsible for guide, coordinate and to do the course structure.

1	Dr. S. L. Nalbalwar	Chairman
2	Dr. S. B. Deosarkar, Engineering Department	Member
3	Dr. Ajit Kulkarni, Pharmacy Department	Member
4	Dr. Vilas Pharande, Engineering Department	Member
5	Dr. Girish Joshi, Engineering Department	Member
6	Dr. Gande, Engineering Department	Member
7	Dr. Sangita Dahotre, Department of Physics	Member
8	Dr. Vivek K. Redasani, Pharmacy Department	Member

Item No. 8: Any other points with the permission of the Chair

8.1. Regarding Extension of Ph. D. Program.

Following PhD students has requested to extend his PhD registration, through his DRC:

Sr. No.	Roll No.	Name	Branch	Extension of Year
1	RS20170401	Mr. Ravindra Tukaram Bhosale	Chemical Engineering	02 Years
2	RS20170303	Ms. Dhengare Shraddha Ramdas	Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering	01 Year
3	RS20170308	Mr. Mukund Kulkarni	Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering	01 Year

Resolution: Extension approved by Academic Council.

8.2. Change of title of research and thesis.
Following candidates have made minor changes in the title of the thesis for research work :

Sr. No.	Students Name	Original tile	Corrected title
1	Mr. Ravindra Tukaram Bhosale RS20170401	Application of Reactive Distillation	Flow of Spherical and non-Spherical particles through Silos.
2	Ms. Irsha Baliram Dhotre RS20180402	Process Intensification in	Process Intensification in Perfumery: Use of

		Perfumery	Ultrasound and Microwave.

Resolution: After detailed discussions and deliberations the Academic Council given consent to do the same.

8.3. Request received from Miss Samiksha Tembe to extend the duration of B Tech program beyond eighth years

Miss Samiksha Tembe is a student of B. Tech (Chemical Engineering) with roll no 20140456 from the university department of Chemical Engineering. She failed to complete the program requirement within the stipulated time of eight years because of health issues and COVID pandemic situation. She has requested permission to complete the remaining course requirement of two courses and final year project work so that she can complete the necessary program requirement.

Resolution: After taking into consideration the health problems of Miss Samiksha Tembe and the academic loss that occurred because of the pandemic situation during 2020-22, members of the Academic Council granted an extension of one year to complete the course requirement and project requirements.
Miss Samiksha Tembe has to complete her program requirement for B. Tech in Chemical Engineering latest by the end of Academic year 2024-25.

8.4. Adding courses on Life and Work of Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar: Some of the members suggested introducing an Introductory course on the life and work of Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. India has recently celebrated its Azadi ka Amrut Mhaostav and It will be a timely action to create awareness among the graduating students about the life of great luminaries.

Resolution: After due deliberation, the members resolved to add the credit courses of Two credits under the Indian Knowledge System course category as recommended in the NEP. These courses should include the topics on life and work of Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar highlighted Architectural, Civil, warfare tactics in Shivkalin era.
Further it has been resolved to form the following group experts to formulate course content headed by Prof. Dr. Amit Shesh

Sr No	Name of Experts
Ch. Shivaji Maharaj Study Chair (Curriculum Design)	
Expert Group	Dr. Girish Jakhotiya-Jamnalal Bajaj Inst. of Mgmt, Mumbai Dr. Shrikant Paranjape, Pune Shri. Pandurang Balkavde
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Study Chair (Curriculum Design)	
Expert Group	Dr. Bhimrao Bhosle - Institute of Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad Shri. Prasanna Patil, Sahitya Sanskruti Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Pratisthan

	Shri. Bharat Amadapure, Pune Prof. Dr. Navsagar, Ch. Sambhajinagar

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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