MINUTES OF THE 36th MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
Friday, February 10, 2023

Members Present:

Dr G K Prabhu, Dr Vinod V Thomas, Dr Thammaiah CS, Cmde (Dr) Jawahar M Jangir, Dr Arun Shanbhag, Dr Jayaram E.R., Dr Shiva Prasad H C, Dr Bhavna Tripathi, Dr Amit Soni, Dr Sandeep Chaurasia, Dr Vijaypal Singh Dhaka, Dr Sumit Srivastava, Dr Sampath Kumar PJ, Dr Richa Arora, Dr Vijay Laxmi Sharma, Dr Ajay Kumar, Dr Dasari Nagaraju, Dr Ashima Bagaria, Dr Birajit Mohanty, Dr Shahbaz Ahmed Siddiqui

Invited Members:

Dr Ashish Sharma, Dr PI Michel, Dr Lucky Vijayvargiya, Dr Madan Mohan Sharma

Leave of Absence:

Dr Madhura Yadav, Dr Lalita Ledwani, Dr Mallikarjuna Gadapa

The meeting began with the welcoming of the members of Academic Council.

A.   AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION

36AC (A-1): University Matter

- Action taken on the Preliminary Meeting on Launching of New Academic Programmes.

Sl.No	Faculty	Department	New Programme	Intake	Remarks
1	Law	Law	B.Com. LLB (Hons.)	60	Seeking Approval
2			B.Sc. LLB (Hons.)	60	Seeking Approval
3			LLM (Intellectual Property Law)	50	Seeking Approval
4			BBA LLB (Hons.) [Existing Programme]	120 (60+60) (Revised)	Seeking Approval
5	Science	Computer Applications	BCA [Existing Programme]	180 (120+60) (Revised)	For Ratification
6	Design	SA&D	M.Plan	10	Seeking Approval
7	Engineering	Chemical Engineering	B.Tech (Biotechnology)	60	Seeking Approval
8		Automobile Engineering	B.Tech in Electric Vehicle Technology	60	Seeking Approval
9		Electronics and Communication Engineering	B.Tech in Electronics Engineering (VSLI Design and Technology)	60	Seeking Approval
10		Data Science and Engineering	Revised nomenclature of the programme B.Tech. in Data Science and Engineering to B.Tech. in Computer Science and Engineering (Data Science)	-	For Ratification and further Approval to be taken from AICTE

The Council gave in-principle approval for all the proposed new programmes and also for programmes seeking revised intake in the number of seats, with the following suggestion:

- The complete program structure of the new programmes to be offered from the next Academic Year 23-24 must be deliberated / approved at Board of Studies of the respective departments and further approved by the respective Faculty Board. This has to be placed in the next Academic Council meeting.

36AC (A-2): Controller of Examinations

- Proposal to permit the office of CoE to print Month and Year of completion of degree program in the degree certificates from the year 2023, instead of current practice of printing academic year.

- For all delayed students, the date in the degree certificate is the date of completion of all the academic formalities irrespective of convocation date printed for Cohorts/batch.

- Academic year wise graduates shall be finalized after considering delayed degrees.

- Delayed degrees count shall be concluded, if the student completes all academic formalities for the award of degree, within 3 months after the detailed month of completion for the cohorts/batch.

- Beyond 3 months, it is the discretion of the respective Dean of the Faculty and Chairperson Academic Council to consider any student under delayed graduate with the cohort/batch.

After much deliberation, the Council approved to print Month and Year of completion of degree programme in the degree certificates from the year 2023 which will be beneficial for the students / research scholars across the University.

36AC (A-3): Directorate of Academics

36AC (A-3-1) Status of MOOCs through SWAYAM/NPTEL platform with credit transfer

Director, DoA, proposed the idea of offering MOOCs through SWAYAM/NPTEL platform with credit transfer under different categories.

The Council approved the above agenda with the following suggestions:

- PhD coursework (Research Ethics) can be offered through SWAYAM/NPTEL platform.
- For detained students, the faculty should identify an equivalent course in SWAYAM/NPTEL platform and credits must be transferred on successful completion of the course.

- The bridge courses for the lateral entry/transfer students may be made mandatory to clear via the SWAYAM/NPTEL platform.

36AC (A-4): Department of Journalism and Mass Communication

36AC (A-4-1) Approval of the revised Syllabus and Course structure of MAJMC online program

The Council approved the revised Syllabus and Course structure of MAJMC online program.

36AC (A-5): Faculty of Law

36AC (A-5-1) Approval of 1 credit course: LAW1010 - Constitutional Law to B.Tech 1st Year

Considering the inputs from Dean FoL, the Council approved to offer this course to the 1st year B.Tech students from AY 2023-34 onwards in an online platform as a MOOC course and suggested that the Department of Law should come up with the detailed syllabus, course plan and assessment pattern approved at BoS / Faculty Board of FoL and get ratified in the next Academic Council meeting.

36AC (A-5-2) Approval of Online Course(s) on SWAYAM/NPTEL with credit transfer

The Council suggested to put this agenda on hold as it lacked information and needed more clarity.

36AC (A-6): Faculty of Engineering

36AC (A-6-1) New proposed curriculum structure for all B.Tech. Programme batch 2023-2027 onwards in FoE as per curriculum conclave of Faculty of Engineering held on January 16, 2023

Dean FoE, briefed on the draft framework/schema of all the 17 programmes to be offered by FoE from AY 2023-24 onwards.

The Council suggested the following:

1) To look carefully into the assessment schema, especially on the internal Assessment component (70%) / ETE component (30%), whether we do have reached that stage or else are we conducting our examinations & evaluation in a robust manner?! This has to be relooked before updating on the website.
2) To have a statistical analysis on the assessment pattern of IA & ETE which will shed some light on the robustness of the evaluation which we are following at present.
3) Availability of faculties/classrooms & other logistics has to be considered while offering courses under various baskets.

4) The presented framework/schema with detailed programme structure, course plans, assessment pattern must be discussed in detail with experts of central Curriculum Conclave committee and taken to the next Academic Council before implementation.

36AC (A-6-2) Discontinuation of Honors programmes

1) B.Tech (Hons.) in Chemical Engineering with major specialization in Computer Aided Process Engineering
2) B.Tech (Hons.) in Chemical Engineering with major specialization in Petroleum Engineering.
3) B.Tech (Hons.) Civil Engineering with Specialization in Geoinformatics.
4) B.Tech (Hons.) Mechanical Engineering with Specialization in Robotics.

The Council approved the discontinuation of the above mentioned 4 Honors programmes.

B. AGENDA FOR RATIFICATION

36AC (B-1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 35th Academic Council

- Confirmation of the Minutes of the 35th Academic Council meeting held on Friday, October 14, 2022.

The Minutes of the 35th Academic Council meeting held on October 14, 2022, were confirmed and approved by the academic council.

36AC (B-2) Action taken on the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Council noted and ratified the action taken on the minutes of 35th Meeting of Academic Council.

36AC (B-3): Controller of Examinations

36AC (B-3-1) Issuing delayed degree certificates for students.

For UG and PG programs, few students who have completed all the required academic formalities after the convocation, but their degrees are delayed due to some reasons. For such students, the following process to be adopted while issuing the degree certificates:

- Approved to issue the degree certificate even after the Convocation. However, the date in the degree certificate will be the date of completion of all the academic formalities. They need not wait for their degree certificate till the next convocation.
- To bring these details of such degrees to the subsequent Academic Council Meetings for the ratifications.

- If any of these candidates would like to attend the convocation (especially, to receive the degree on the stage), will be permitted in the subsequent convocation.

With the permission of the Chairperson Academic Council the following student has been considered under delayed degree category:

Reg. No	Student Name	Program and Specialization	Given on
209105002	Rohaan Sawant	M.Tech (Environmental Engineering)	January 20, 2023

The Council noted and ratified the agenda.

36AC (B-3-2) Higher Odd Semesters Result Analysis (in comparison to previous Higher Odd Semesters)

Controller of Examinations briefed on the comparative result analysis.

The Council noted and ratified the above agenda with the following suggestion:

- CoE to come up with more statistical analysis on the examinations/results based on various parameters like internal marks, end term marks, COs, POs, attainment matrix and present it in clear-cut graphical representation which shall shed more information.

36AC (B-4): Faculty of Design (FoD)

The Faculty Board of FoD recommended the following changes in different programmes.

36AC (B-4-1) Department of Fashion Design

- Approval of new value-added courses
    1) FD VAC-03: Operator Training for Sewing Machine
    2) FD VAC-04: Emotional Design

Considering recommendation of Faculty Board of FoD, the Council noted and ratified the above agenda.

36AC (B-4-2) School of Architecture and Design

- Approval of minor revision in examination scheme is proposed in the following courses of 8th semester, B.Arch. to be aligned with evaluation scheme on DMS.
    1) AR4201 - Professional Training
    2) AR4202 - Professional Report

Considering recommendation of Faculty Board of FoD, the Council noted and ratified the above agenda.

36AC (B-5): Faculty of Science (FoS)

The Faculty Board of FoS recommended the following changes in different programmes.

36AC (B-5-1) Department of Biosciences

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Considering recommendation of Faculty Board of FoS, the Council noted and ratified the above agenda.

36AC (B-5-2) Department of Chemistry

- Approval for modification in General Chemistry – III (CY1261) course

Considering recommendation of Faculty Board of FoS, the Council noted and ratified the above agenda.

36AC (B-6): Faculty of Arts (FoA)

The Faculty Board of FoA recommended the following changes in different programmes.

36AC (B-6-1) Department of Economics

- Approval of revision of syllabus & change in nomenclature of EO2001 Economics for B Tech (all branches) to Engineering Economics from the current semester (Jan 2023) onwards.
- Approval of Credit transfer course (MOOC) – Infrastructure Economics (NPTEL) for IV Sem & Coursera (Macro-Economics) for II Sem, B A (H) Economics in proctored mode in session Jan – May 2023.
- Approval of MOOC proposed for OE for academic session Jan 2023 – May 2023. (Microeconomics: Why markets fail?) through Coursera platform.

Considering recommendation of Faculty Board of FoA, the Council noted and ratified the above agenda.

36AC (B-6-2) Department of Languages, Literatures & Cultural Studies

- Approval of new courses - LLC1001 Technical Writing Clinic 1 (credit 1) in B Tech (First Year), and LLC3001 Technical Writing Clinic 2 (credit 1) in B Tech (Third Year) from next semester onwards (Session 2023).
- Approval of French courses - LN2108 Fundamental French-I (3 credits) and LN2208 Fundamental French-II (3 credits) for BBA 2022-25 batch, and with revised codes for all new batches of BBA.

Considering recommendation of Faculty Board of FoA, the Council noted and ratified the above agenda.

36AC (B-6-3) Department of Psychology

- Approval of value-added courses to be offered from Even Semester 2023 onwards
    1) Case formulation
    2) Fundamentals of Hypnosis
    3) Alternative Therapies in Psychology
    4) Expressive Arts for Well Being and Mental Health

Considering recommendation of Faculty Board of FoA, the Council noted and ratified the above agenda.

36AC (B-7): Faculty of Management & Commerce (FoMC)

The Faculty Board of FoMC recommended the following changes in different programmes.

36AC (B-7-1) TAPMI School of Business

- Approval of introducing two new elective courses in General Management domain: International Business (MOOC based in Coursera) & Corporate Governance (MOOC based in Coursera) in Trimester-6 starting in February-March 2023 (MBA 2021-23 Batch), and the future batches as well.
- Approval to give the students of MBA 2021-23 Batch and the future batches as well, the option to choose two General Management electives from a basket of four electives in Trimester-6 starting in February-March 2023: Business Leadership, Business Analytics, Corporate Governance and International Business, in accordance with the CBCS. All these four courses will be MOOC Courses based on Coursera platform. (At present there are only two General Management courses, based on Coursera MOOCs, in Trimester-6: Business Leadership and Business Analytics, and there is no choice; all students were to compulsorily study both these courses mandatorily).
- Approval for increasing the number of credits for Business Analytics (MB7641) from 2 credits at present to 3 credits, in Trimester-6 starting in February-March 2023 (MBA 2021-23 Batch). This will ensure that the total number of credits to be completed will be same across all students (2 general management electives x 3 credits each = 6 credits), notwithstanding the combination of electives they choose from the basket of four.

Considering recommendation of Faculty Board of FoMC, the Council noted and ratified the above agenda.

36AC (B-7-2) School of Hospitality and Tourism Management

- Approval for the assessment of CWS through Coursera in two BHM courses (6th and 7th Semesters). *(rendered: 6th and 7th)*
- Approval for the assessment of CWS through Coursera in two BBA (Hospitality & Tourism operations) courses [4th & 5th semesters] *(rendered: 4th & 5th)*

Considering recommendation of Faculty Board of FoMC, the Council noted and ratified the above agenda.

36AC (B-7-3) Department of Business Administration

- Approval to offer a new Open Elective course on Fundamentals of Investment Management (BB0004) from Academic Session 2023-24 onwards.
- Approval for assessment of CWS component in Business Communication course (BB1208) on basis of course completion certificate from MOOC/Coursera platform.

Considering recommendation of Faculty Board of FoMC, the Council noted and ratified the above agenda.

36AC (B-7-4) Department of Commerce

- Approval for specifying the list of online courses in B.Com, B. Com(Hons) and M. Com (Financial Analysis).
- Approval for offering Coursera certification course as CWS component.

Considering recommendation of Faculty Board of FoMC, the Council noted and ratified the above agenda.
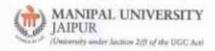
36AC (B-8): Faculty of Engineering

The Faculty Board of FoE recommended the following changes in different programmes.

36AC (B-8-1) Department of Computer Science and Engineering

- Approval for B. Tech. Computer Science and Engineering with specialization in Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning Students Admitted in the Year 2021 to have the flexibility of program completion into the two modes.
    a) With Honours Programme (Total 187 Credits)
    b) Without Honours Programme (Total 169 Credits)

Considering recommendation of Faculty Board of FoE, the Council noted and ratified the above agenda.

36AC (B-8-2) Department of Civil Engineering

- Approval to include the Concrete Technology as program elective of 6th Sem B.Tech Civil Engineering with Specialization in Structural Engineering.

Considering recommendation of Faculty Board of FoE, the Council noted and ratified the above agenda.

36AC (B-8-3) Department of Computer and Communication Engineering

- Approval of Revised nomenclature of the programme B.Tech (Hons) Computer Science and Engineering with specialization in IoT and Intelligent Systems to B.Tech - Computer Science and Engineering (IoT and Intelligent Systems).
- Approval for implementing optional Hons. in B.Tech. CSE (IoT and Intelligent Systems)

Considering recommendation of Faculty Board of FoE, the Council noted and ratified the above agenda with the suggestion that the Nomenclature of the programme in the previous mark statements/grade cards has to be changed accordingly with the revised nomenclature.

36AC (B-9): Directorate of Academics

36AC (B-9-1) Re-admission of inactive students from university / Striking off student's name from University Roll

Considering recommendation of DoA, the Council noted and ratified the above agenda.

36AC (B-9-2): Approval of eligibility criteria for UG programmes - BBA, BCA and B.Com

Considering recommendation of DoA, the Council noted and ratified the above agenda.

36AC (B-10): Directorate of Research

36AC (B-10-1) Reporting Items

- Conduction of PhD Viva-Voce examination
- Cancellation/Withdrawal of registration

Considering recommendation of DoR, the Council noted and ratified the above agenda.

C. AGENDA FOR INFORMATION

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36AC (C-1) 37th Academic Council Meeting:

- The 37th Meeting of Academic Council will be held on June 09, 2023.
- The last date for receiving the agenda is May 26, 2023.

The council noted and ratified the above agenda.

D.   ANY OTHER MATTER WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

36AC (D-1): Directorate of Quality & Compliance

36AC (D-1-1) Re-constitution of CIQAC as per the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020. for ensuring the Quality in both academic and administrative functional activities of Directorate of Online Education.

The council noted and ratified the above agenda.

36AC (D-1-2) Re-Constitution of CIQA as per the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 for ensuring the Quality in both academic and administrative functional activities of Directorate of Online Education

The council noted and ratified the above agenda.

The meeting ended with a thanking note to all for active participation.

Registrar   President