

Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the academic council held on 02nd April-2016

Present

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1	Dr. Rupamanjari Ghosh	Vice Chancellor-Chairperson, Director-School of Natural Sciences (SoNS) & Dean of Research & Graduate Studies
2	Mr. Rajiv Swarup	President
3	Dr. Ajay Dandekar	Director-School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
4	Dr. Girish Agrawal	Associate Director (Strategy and Planning), School of Engineering (SoE)
5	Dr. Dinkar Prasad	Associate Director (Academics), School of Engineering (SoE)
6	Dr. Amber Habib	Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Professor and Head, Department of Mathematics, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS); Director, Institute for Innovations and Inventions with Mathematics & IT (IIIMIT)
7	Dr. Amit Ray	Professor & Dean of Students' Welfare
8	Dr. Sankar Dhar	Professor & Head, Department of Physics, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
9	Dr. Deepak Sehgal	Professor & Head, Department of Life Sciences, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
10	Dr. N. Sukumar	Professor & Head, Department of Chemistry, & Director-Center for Informatics, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
11	Prof. Sumantra Sengupta	Professor & Head, Department of Art Design and Performing Arts, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, (SoHSS)
12	Prof. Shahid Jamal	Professor & Head, Department of Communication, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
13	Prof. Jaya Menon	Professor & Head, Department of History, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
14	Dr. Sambudha Sen	Professor & Head, Department of English, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
15	Deepak Metha	Professor & Head, Department of Sociology, School of Humanities & Social Sciences (SoHSS)

16	Dr. Debopam Acharya	Associate Professor & Head, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, School of Engineering (SoE)
17	Dr. Partha Chatterjee	Associate Professor & Head, Department of Economics, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
18	Dr. Santanu Mitra	Associate Professor & Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering (SoE)
19	Mr. Sudhir Naudiyal	Registrar - Non Member Secretary
II.	Invitees	
20	Dr. Madan Gopal	Professor and Director Emeritus, School of Engineering (SoE)
21	Prof. Maya Krishna Rao	Professor, Department of Education, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
22	Dr. Vijay Kumar Chakka	Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, School of Engineering (SoE)
23	Dr. Jyoti Sharma	Visiting Professor, Environmental Sciences & Natural Resources Management, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
24	Dr. Paromita Goswami	Associate Professor, Marketing, School of Management and Entrepreneurship (SoME)
25	Dr. Santosh Singh	Head, Big Data Analytics Center (BDAC), School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
26	Dr. Sudepto Bhattacharya	Controller of Examination, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
27	Dr. Arvind Shatdal	Assistant Professor, School of Management and Entrepreneurship (SoME)
28	Dr. Samarandra Pratap Singh	Assistant Professor Department of Physics, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
29	Dr. Gopal Das Singhal	Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, School of Engineering (SoE)
30	Dr. Harender Sinhmar	Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering (SoE)
31	Dr. Rajeev Kumar Singh	Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, School of Engineering (SoE)

32	Dr. Phaneendra Babu Booba	Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, School of Engineering (SoE)
33	Dr. Madhur Deo Upadhayay	Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, School of Engineering (SoE)
34	Dr. Ram Sharma	Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies & Students' Welfare
35	Dr. Karthik Krishnan	Assistant Dean, Research and Graduate Studies
36	Dr. T.R.B. Sarma	Librarian
37	Dr. G Naveen Babu	Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, School of Engineering (SoE)
38	Dr. Vikash Kumar	Assistant Professor, Department of Art Design and Performing Arts, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
39	Dr. Prakash Kumar	Assistant Professor, Department of Art Design and Performing Arts, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
40	Dr. Divya Srivastava	Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering,(SoE)
41	Dr. Meera Visvanatahan	Assistant Professor, Department of History, School of Humanities & Social Sciences (SoHSS)
42	Dr. Prasad Avinash Pathak	Assistant professor , Department of Civil Engineering, School of Engineering (SoE)
43	Mr. Bhaskar Mishra	Head- Administration
44	Mr. Ankit Yaduvanshi	Chief Co-ordinator, Vice Chancellor's Office
45	Partha Sarathi Sanyal	Assistant Professor, Department of Communication, School of Humanities & Social Sciences (SoHSS)
46	Divya Lohani	Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, School of Engineering, (SoE)
47	Dr. Ashutosh Singh	Assistant Professor, Department of Life Sciences, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
48	Gitanjali Kolanad	Professor, Department of Arts design and performing art, School of Humanities & Social Sciences (SoHSS)

49	Dr. Sunanda Sukumar	Associate Professor, Department of Life Sciences, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
50	Dr. Richa Priya Darshini	Assistant Professor, Department of Life Sciences, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
51	Dr. Satyanarayana Reddy	Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
52	Atul Bhalla	Assistant Professor, Department of Arts design and performing art, School of Humanities & Social Sciences (SoHSS)

Welcome address

Dr Rupamanjari Ghosh, Chairperson Academic Council welcomed all the members and invitees to the Academic Council meeting.

Before taking up agenda items, Dr. Ghosh informed the members that in confirmation of the minutes of 10th September 2015 meeting and in consultation with the Executive Council Chairperson Dr. S.N. Balakrishnan the a “Center for Environmental Sciences and Engineering” has been formed with the slight change in the name from “Center for Environmental Studies”, as proposed earlier. After a detailed discussion and anticipating the views of the members it was resolved to approve the new name of the center as proposed above.

The Chairperson, briefed the members about the salient features and importance of the center including possible tie-ups and collaboration with the MIT and other international institutions for better research outputs in the field of Energy and Water.

The Chairperson directed Mr. Sudhir Naudiyal to take up the agenda item-wise. The meeting was called to session.

Item No .1 To discuss and approve Credit Transfer Policy for the University

Dr. Amber Habib briefed the council regarding Credit Transfer Policy of University. The policy mainly envisaged the admission procedure, eligibility criteria, No. of seats for admission through lateral entry in the second year of the Undergraduate course at SNU and eligibility for credit transfer. Dr. Ram Sharma placed suggested that all the departments should declare the no of seats for admission through lateral entry before the release of Admission Notification. He further suggested that the policy should include the provision of entertaining lateral entry admission requests, only from the Institutions accredited by the highest level accreditation agencies in India and abroad, respectively. It was also discussed that the students seeking admission through lateral entry have to follow the normal admission process of the University. The Academic Council approved the agenda item with the aforesaid recommendations. The policy as approved is attached at Annexure-I

Dr. Jaideep Chatterjee, Dr. Anannya Dasgupta, Dr. Naveen Babu and Mr. Nishant Mishra as members. The committee will work with the original team and submit a report. The council, in-principle, approved the proposal subject to above suggestions. The proposal, as discussed, is attached at Annexure-VI

Item No. 7 To discuss an expanded option of part time Ph.D. program for candidates employed elsewhere.

Dr. Karthik Krishnan briefed the Academic council members regarding the proposal of part time Ph.D. program at SNU especially for the candidates who are in employment elsewhere. The Ph.D., so offered will not be a free and should be sponsored/self-financed The Academic Council Approved the agenda with the aforesaid recommendations.

Item No. 8 To discuss and approve the CCC credit requirements for undergraduate students of School of Engineering to 18 credits.

Dr. Dinkar Prasad briefed the Academic Council members about the CCC credit requirements at the undergraduate level in the School of Engineering, Dr. Ghosh recommended to discuss the proposal in CCC credit requirements for UG students in the committee headed by Dr. Partha Chatterjee and other representatives including Dr. Amber Habib, Dr. Akhil Katyal, Dr. Naveen Babu, Dr. Ram Sharma and Dr. Samarendra Pratap Singh. The committee should put up the report in the next meeting.

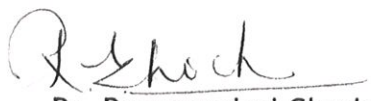
Item No. 9 To discuss and approve the conferral of Honorary Doctorate degree to:

Mr. Deepak Parekh-Chairman of Housing Development Finance Corporation, Dr. Pradeep Khosla-computer scientist and current Chancellor of the University of California, San Diego, USA, Dr. Venkatraman (Venki) Ramakrishnan-structural biologist and Nobel Laureate.(A brief CV can be seen at Annexure-VIII)

Dr. Ghosh briefed the Academic Council members the proposal of conferring honorary doctorate degree to the aforesaid distinguished dignitaries. After a short discussion the proposal was approved by the Council.

Any other item with the permission of the Chair

As there was no other item to be discussed, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


Dr. Rupamanjari Ghosh
Vice Chancellor