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Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in Conference Room no. A-309.

The following Members and special invites were present:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1	Dr. Rupamanjari Ghosh	Vice Chancellor- Chairperson
3	Dr. Ajay Dandekar	Director - School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
4	Dr. Shubhro Sen	Director-School of Extended Education and Professional Development (SoEED) and School of Management and Entrepreneurship (SoME)
5	Dr. Girish Agrawal	Associate Director (Strategy and Planning), School of Engineering (SoE)
6	Dr. Dinkar Prasad	Associate Director (Academics), School of Engineering (SoE); Professor & Head, Department of Electrical Engineering.
7	Prof. J.P Gupta	Dean of Graduate Studies, & Distinguished Professor, Chemical Engineering (SoE)
8	Dr. Amber Habib	Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Professor and Head, Department of Mathematics, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
9	Dr. Tulika Chandra	Dean of Students' Welfare, Associate Professor, Department of English, School of Humanities & Social Sciences (SoHSS)
10	Dr. Sankar Dhar	Professor & Head, Department of Physics, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
11	Dr. Deepak Sehgal	Professor & Head, Department of Life Sciences, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
12	Dr. Subhabrata Sen	Associate Professor & Head, Department of Chemistry, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
13	Prof. Shahid Jamal	Professor & Head, Department of Communication, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
14	Prof. Jaya Menon	Professor & Head, Department of History, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
15	Dr. Sambudha Sen	Professor & Head, Department of English, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
16	Dr. Deepak Mehta	Professor & Head, Department of Sociology, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
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)

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19	Prof. Rajeswari S. Raina	Professor, Department of International Relations and Governance Studies, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
20	Mr. Sudhir Naudiyal	Registrar - Non- Member Secretary
<b>Special Invitees</b>		
21	Dr. Jyoti Sharma	Prof. & Head, Center for Environmental Science and Engineering , School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
22	Dr. N. Sukumar	Director, Centre for Informatics, Professor of Chemistry & UG Advisor, Department of Chemistry, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
23	Dr. Mekhala Krishnamurthy	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
<b>Special Invitees - Graduate Advisors</b>		
24	Mr. Atul Bhalla	Associate Professor, Department of Art, Design and Performing Arts, School of Humanities and Social Sciences(SoHSS)
25	Dr. Ashutosh Singh	Assistant Professor, Department of Life Sciences, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
26	Prof. Pradeep Jeganathan	Professor, Department of Sociology, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
27	Dr. Sneh Lata	Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
28	Dr. Susanta Sinha Roy	Associate Professor, Department of Physics, School of Natural Sciences
<b>Special Invitees - Undergraduate Advisors</b>		
29	Dr. Aniket Jaaware	Professor, Department of English, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
30	Dr. Gopal Das Singhal	Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, School of Engineering (SoE)
31	Dr. Jaideep Chatterjee	Associate Professor, Department of Art Design and Performing Arts & Department of Sociology, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
32	Dr. Madhur Deo Upadhyay	Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, School of Engineering (SoE)
33	Dr. Meera Visvanathan	Assistant Professor, Department of History, School of Humanities & Social Sciences (SoHSS)
34	Dr. Phaneendra Babu Bobba	Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, School of Engineering (SoE)
35	Prof. Pradeep Mehra	Professor, School of Management and Entrepreneurship (SoME)
36	Dr. Richa Priyadarshini	Assistant Professor, Department of Life Sciences, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
37	Dr. Samarendra Pratap Singh	Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
38	Dr. Trishita Ray Barman	Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)

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Special Invitees - Academic /Administrative Heads		
39	Dr. Karthik Krishnan	Assistant Dean, Research and Graduate Studies
40	Dr. Ram Sharma	Head, International Office , & Associate Dean, UG Studies
41	Mr. Rajeev Kumar Singh	Assistant Dean (UG Studies), Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, School of Engineering (SoE)
42	Dr. Sudepto Bhattacharya	Controller of Examinations, & Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
43	Dr. T.R.B. Sarma	Librarian
44	Mr. Kapil Gaba	Head, Admissions & Marketing
45	Mr. Ashish Mittal	Head, Human Resources
46	Mr. Ankit Yaduvanshi	Program Coordinator, VC Office

**Item No. 1 Welcome address by Dr. Rupamanjari Ghosh, Vice-Chancellor & Chairperson, Academic Council**

Dr. Rupamanjari Ghosh, Chairperson, Academic Council (AC) welcomed all the members and invitees to the Academic Council meeting. She gave an overview on the following events that took place since last Academic Council meeting:

- Shiv Nadar University has been selected for hosting an Atal Incubation Centre (AIC), supported by the Niti Aayog. There was a total of 1719 academic applicants, and 1939 non-academic ones. It was a 4-stage evaluation process, and the selection was declared by email on 21 March 2017.
- In the NIRF-2017 results announced on 3 April 2017, Shiv Nadar University got ranked **60** in the 'University' category, and **96** [above IISER-Bhopal] in the 'Overall' category. It ranked **8<sup>th</sup>** 'Overall' amongst institutions in existence for less than 10 years, and is the **youngest institution** in the 'top 100' overall list. In "Research & Professional Practice", SNU's "Citations per Publication" of **4.61** is next to IISc's 5.01, and SNU's "Percentage in Top 25" of **28%** is higher than IISc's 25%.

The above were taken on record. The Chairperson then directed the Registrar to take up the agenda items wise and the meeting was called to session.

**Item No. 2 Confirmation of the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 07.01.2017**

The Registrar informed that the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Academic Council meeting held on 07.01.2017 were circulated to the members and no comments were since received, he requested the Chairperson to approve the minutes. The minutes were then approved by the AC. The minutes as approved by the AC are enclosed at Annexure-1.

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- Item No. 3** To discuss the matters arising out of the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> AC meeting and action taken thereof on matters which needed action - Viability Assessment of new programs

For all new programs to be launched, a program viability assessment needs to be carried out by the Department concerned, and the viability assessment report is to be considered by the AC and the EC for approval [vide minutes of the EC meeting held on 6th February 2017]. Accordingly, a template for 'viability assessment' has been devised, and the same was attached in Annexure - 2 for suggestions/comments.

The Academic Council had a detailed discussion on the same, and after seeking the feedback from the members, the Chairperson constituted the following Committee to assess the template and suggest modifications, if any, within one week after the Convocation.

1. Prof. J.P Gupta, Dean of Graduate Studies & Distinguished Professor, Chemical Engineering, SoE
2. Dr. Amber Habib, Dean of Undergraduate Studies
3. Dr. Aniket Jaaware, Professor, Department of English, SoHSS

- Item No. 4** To ratify the suggestions for Honorary Doctorates

The Academic Council ratified the name of **Dr. Jagdish N. Sheth** for award of Honorary Doctorate in the next Convocation of the University.

Prof. Jagdish N. Sheth is an eminent educator known for his pioneering contributions in the areas of consumer behaviour, relationship marketing, competitive strategy and geopolitical analysis.

Prof. Sheth was born in 1938 in Burma (now Myanmar). He completed most of his schooling in Chennai, and received his Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1960 from the University of Madras, Chennai. Subsequently, he went to the United States for higher education, completing his Masters of Business Administration degree in 1962 and Ph.D. in behavioural sciences in 1966 from University of Pittsburgh.

Prior to joining Emory University, where he is the Charles H. Kellstadt Professor of Marketing in the Goizueta Business School, Prof. Sheth had held faculty positions at University of Southern California, University of Illinois, Columbia University, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Prof. Sheth is a highly sought-after speaker in many countries spanning industry, academia and public forums. He has worked as consultant and provided his expertise to several well-known companies, and has also served on the board of several public companies.

- Item No. 5** To discuss and approve the M.Sc. program on Water Science and Policy

Prof. Rajeswari S. Raina and Dr. Mekhala Krishnamurthy presented before the Academic Council a detailed operational, financial viability of the program and the curriculum of the proposed new M.Sc. program on Water Science and Policy, which is attached in Annexure -3. After a detailed discussion, the Academic Council approved the proposed M.Sc. program on Water Science and Policy, which will commence from the academic session 2017-18. The Chairperson appreciated the

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efforts of the team of C-PACT & SoHSS and the Director SoHSS for taking initiatives in planning and executing this important and emerging multidisciplinary area of studies at graduate level.

- Item No. 6** To consider and approve the list of graduands in UG, PG and Ph.D. programmes for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Convocation scheduled to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017

The Registrar presented before the Academic Council a tentative list of graduands in UG, PG and Ph.D. programs for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Convocation to the Academic Council scheduled to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The final list of the graduands will be reported to the Academic Council in the next meeting.

- Item No. 7** To consider and approve the proposal received from the Department of Chemical Engineering, SoE, for replacing the Course, CHD 326 - Chemical Engineering Design with CHD 416 - Chemical Process Safety in the B.Tech. Curriculum of Chemical Engineering

The Academic Council ratified the proposal as received.

- Item No. 8** To consider and approve the proposal received from the Department of Civil Engineering, SoE, for change of course names of CED 201, CED 306 and CED 405

The Academic Council ratified the proposal as received

- Item No. 9** Any other Item with the permission of the Chair

- (9.1)** To discuss the following proposals received from the School of Engineering (SoE):

**(1)** Preliminary discussion on moving SoE curriculum the direction of design-centric, project-based learning.

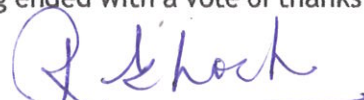
The item was deferred for discussion in the next meeting.

**(2)** Proposed new UG elective course in Chemical Engineering: Industrial Waste Management

The Chairperson expressed her opinion that decision on introducing an elective falls under the domain and purview of the concerned Departments/Schools and should be got approved by the BoS of concerned School, hence does not need AC's intervention and approval.

This was taken on record.

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

  
Dr. Rupamanjari Ghosh  
Chairperson