

SHIV NADAR UNIVERSITY

Minutes of the 24th meeting of the Academic Council held on 19th August 2017 in the Conference Room No. D-232

The following members and special invitees were present:

S.No.	Name	Designation
1	Dr. Rupamanjari Ghosh	Vice Chancellor- Chairperson
2	Dr. Shubhro Sen	Director-School of Extended Education and Professional Development (SoEED) and School of Management and Entrepreneurship (SoME)
3	Dr. Girish Agrawal	Associate Director (Strategy and Planning), School of Engineering (SoE); Professor & Head, Civil Engineering, (SoE)
4	Dr. Amber Habib	Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Professor and Head, Department of Mathematics, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
5	Dr. Tulika Chandra	Dean of Students' Welfare, Associate Professor, Department of English, School of Humanities & Social Sciences (SoHSS)
6	Dr. Sankar Dhar	Professor & Head, Department of Physics, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
7	Dr. Deepak Sehgal	Professor & Head, Department of Life Sciences, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
8	Dr. Subhabrata Sen	Associate Professor & Head, Department of Chemistry, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
9	Prof. Shahid Jamal	Professor & Head, Department of Communication, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
10	Prof. Jaya Menon	Professor & Head, Department of History, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
11	Dr. Sambudha Sen	Professor & Head, Department of English, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
12	Dr. Partha Chatterjee	Associate Professor & Head, Department of Economics, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
13	Dr. Santanu Mitra	Associate Professor & Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering (SoE)
14	Prof. Rajeswari S. Raina	Professor, Department of International Relations and Governance Studies, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
15	Mr. Sudhir Naudiyal	Registrar - Non- Member Secretary
Special Invitees		
16	Dr. Jyoti Sharma	Prof. & Head, Center for Environmental Science and Engineering, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
17	Dr. Amit Ray	Professor, Department of Design, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
18	Dr. N. Sukumar	Director, Centre for Informatics, Professor of Chemistry & UG Advisor, Department of Chemistry, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)

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Special Invitees - Graduate Advisors		
19	Dr. Vishwanth S R	Professor, Department of Finance, School of Management and Entrepreneurship (SoME)
20	Mr. Atul Bhalla	Associate Professor, Department of Art, and Performing Arts, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
21	Prof. Pradeep Jeganathan	Professor, Department of Sociology, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
22	Dr. Sneh Lata	Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
23	Dr. Susanta Sinha Roy	Associate Professor, Department of Physics, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
Special Invitees - Undergraduate Advisors		
24	Dr. Aniket Jaaware	Professor, Department of English, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
25	Dr. Ramesh Gupta	Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering (SoE)
26	Dr. Madhur Deo Upadhayay	Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, School of Engineering (SoE)
27	Dr. Meera Visvanathan	Assistant Professor, Department of History, School of Humanities & Social Sciences (SoHSS)
28	Dr. Phaneendra Babu Bobba	Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, School of Engineering (SoE)
29	Prof. Pradeep Mehra	Professor, School of Management and Entrepreneurship (SoME)
30	Dr. Samarendra Pratap Singh	Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
Special Invitees - Academic /Administrative Heads		
31	Mr. Rajeev Kumar Singh	Assistant Dean (UG Studies), Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, School of Engineering (SoE)
32	Dr. Sudepto Bhattacharya	Controller of Examinations, & Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
33	Dr. T.R.B. Sarma	Librarian
34	Mr. Bhaskar Mishra	Head, Administration
35	Mr. Kapil Gaba	Head, Admissions & Marketing
36	Mr. Ankit Yaduvanshi	Program Coordinator, VC Office
37	Mr. Ziaur Rehman	Asst. CoE

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 'Atal Incubation Centre', and visit of Bharat Ratna, Professor C. N. R. Rao, F.R.S., National Research Professor, and Honorary President & Linus Pauling Research Professor at the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore. This was taken on record.

The Chairperson then directed the Registrar to take up the agenda items and the meeting was called to session.

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Item No.2 Confirmation of the minutes of the 23rd meeting of the Academic Council held on 27.04.2017

The Registrar informed that the minutes of the 23Rd Academic Council meeting held on 27.04.2017 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.

Item No.3 To report matters arising out of the minutes of the 23rd AC meeting and action taken thereof on matters which needed action - Viability Assessment of new programs

Consequent up on the decision taken in the last Academic Council meeting, a template for viability Assessment was prepared and submitted to the Chair by a three members committee. The Academic Council after discussion approved the revised variability assessment template for introducing new programmes including 'Minor'

Item No.4 To report the 3rd Convocation of the Shiv Nadar University held on 13th May 2017.

A summary of events that took place during the Third Convocation held on 13th May 2017, including details of degree recipients were reported to the Academic Council by the Registrar. This was taken on record. The program wise details of degree recipients are attached at Annexure II.

Item No.5 To report new Admissions during the Academic Session 2017-18 for UG, MBA and other PG & Ph.D. courses.

The summary of new admissions in 2017-18 was reported by the Registrar as attached in Annexure - 3. He invited the attention of members to the special program on 'Water Science and Policy' in which 3 students joined in M.Sc. Water Science and Policy and 12 students in Certificate course in 'Water Science and policy'. The Chairperson expressed her satisfaction and congratulated the team 'WSP' for successful launch of Water Science Policy (WSP) program and progress made in this regard, so far.

The Chairperson drew the attention of the Academic Council members towards two new initiatives of the University in UG admission this year viz.

- (i) 19 number of students admitted in various UG program under 'Special Scholarship Scheme'
- (ii) 8 Number of International students admitted in UG programmes through the International Office of the University

Item No.6 To Report completion of Ph.D. requirements by the Research Scholars.

The Registrar reported that since last Convocation the following Research Scholars have completed the Ph.D. requirements:

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1. Pradeep Kumar S, (Roll No. 1210120021) Department of Mechanical Engineering, SoE
2. Ganesh Prabhu, (Roll No. 1210120009), Department of Chemistry, SoNS
3. Santanu Hati (Roll No. 1310120040), Department of Chemistry, SoNS
4. Chandramohan Bathula (Roll No. 1310120006), Department of Chemistry, SoNS

The Registrar further informed that about 11 more Research Scholars from SoNS and SoE will complete their Ph.D. requirements during current academic session and number of Ph.D. recipients during the next convocation will be significant.

The Chairperson requested all the members to keep track of the further initiatives/endeavors of the Ph.D. students, department wise, after receiving the degree from SNU, and generate a continuous data bank in this regard.

- Item No. 7** To report restructuring of 'Department of Art Design and Performing Art' by separating it as 'Department of Art and Performing Art' and 'Department of Design' in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS).

It was noted that the 'Department of Art Design and Performing Art' was restructured as 'Department of Art and Performing Art' and 'Department of Design' w.e.f. 31st May 2017 by an internal communication from the Vice-Chancellor.

- Item No.8** To report Grade Analysis of the University result for Spring Semester - 2017.

Dr. Sudeepto Bhattacharya, Controller of Examinations, presented before the Council the report on examination results for Spring semester 2017. The report as attached at Annexure- 3 was taken on record.

- Item No.9** To report offering Minor in 'International Relations and Governance Studies' in the Department of International Relations and Governance Studies (IRGS), in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)

Prof. Rajeswari S. Raina from the department of International Relations and Governance Studies (IRGS), SoHSS, gave a detailed overview on a 'Minor' course introduced from current academic session to UG students. She also briefed the Academic Council about the future plans to introduce full-fledged 'Major' courses in this area. After a detailed discussion, the Chairperson suggested to circulate to the members a detailed presentation on course requisite, outlines and benchmarking for suggestion and comments, if any. The same was circulated to the members on 22nd August 2017 and a copy is attached at Annexure - 4.

- Item No.10** To discuss and approve a proposal received from Dr. Santanu Mitra, HoD, Mechanical Engineering regarding the following:

1. Renaming of M.Tech. Specialization as "Design Engineering" from the existing specialization, Design and Manufacturing Engineering.

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2. Floating of 1 credit course to 2018 batch as some students have got their Branch changed to Mechanical after 1st year.
3. Correction on the distribution of major electives. It is offered to only 6th and 7th semester for UG curriculum

The matter was placed before the Academic Council for ratification only. The Academic Council ratified the proposal as received.

Item No.11 Any other Item(s) with the permission of the Chair

(A) To discuss starting of part-time Ph.D. programme for external candidates in the Department of Chemistry (SoNS) from the academic session 2017-18.


Dr. Subhabrata Sen, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Chemistry (SoNS) presented the Item before Academic Council. The Chairperson informed the members that Part-time Ph.D. Programme is already approved and operational in the University. As the registration process for current session is already over, part-time candidates may be considered admission starting January 2018.

(B) To report introduction of a mandatory course 'Creativity, Concept and Design' in the School of Engineering (SoE) from Monsoon 2018 (to start with UG students of 2017 batch).

After a detailed discussion, it was recommended by the chairperson, since it is proposed to make this course mandatory in SoE, a detailed review on its contents, delivery etc. is needed to be done before the Academic Council approves it. She further suggested to Dr. Amit Ray to circulate to the members the course details prepared by him besides what is presented in the meeting. The Chairperson after consultation with the members suggested following committee for review the course suggested hereinabove.

Prof. Amit Ray, Convenor of the Committee
Dr. Amber Habib, Dean UG studies
Dr. Rajeev Kumar, Asst. Dean UG Studies
Dr. Girish Agrawal, Associate Director (Strategy & Planning), SoE
Mr. Atul Bhalla, Associate Professor, Dept. of Art & Performing Art (SoHSS)
Prof. Pradeep Mehra, Professor, SoME

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


Dr. Rupamanjari Ghosh
Chairperson