

# SHIV NADAR UNIVERSITY

## Minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Academic Council (AC) held online on 23-01-2021

The 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council (AC) was held online through MS-Team on 23 January 2021 (Saturday) and the following members were present in the meeting:

1	Dr. Rupamanjari Ghosh	Vice-Chancellor - Chairperson & Director, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS)
2	Col. (Retd.) Gopal Karunakaran	President
3	Dr. Ajay Dandekar	Director, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS); & Director, Center for Public Affairs and Critical Theory (C-PACT)
4	Dr. Bibek Banerjee	Senior Dean and Head of Strategic Initiatives; Director, School of Management and Entrepreneurship (SoME) Professor-Marketing, Strategy & Economics
5	Dr. Sandeep Sen	Director, School of Engineering (SoE); Professor, Computer Science & Engineering
6	Dr. Suneet Tuli	Director, Research & Graduate Studies, and Faculty Affairs
7	Dr. Dinkar Prasad	Associate Director (Academics), SoE; Professor & Head, Department of Electrical Engineering, SoE
8	Dr. Amber Habib	Dean, Undergraduate Studies, Professor and Head, Department of Mathematics, SoNS
9	Maj. Gen. (Retd.) G. Jaishankar	Dean, Student Affairs
10	Dr. Deepak Sehgal	Professor & Head, Department of Life Sciences, SoNS
11	Dr. Parthapratim Munshi	Associate Professor & Head, Department of Chemistry, SoNS
12	Dr. J.P. Gupta	Professor & Head, Department of Chemical Engineering, SoE
13	Dr. Saroj Kaushik	Professor & Head, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, SoE
14	Prof. Shahid Jamal	Professor & Head, Department of Communication, SoHSS
15	Dr. Jaya Menon	Professor & Head, Department of History, SoHSS
16	Dr. Sambudha Sen	Professor & Head, Department of English, SoHSS
17	Dr. Partha Chatterjee	Dean, International Partnership; and Professor & Head, Department of Economics, SoHSS
18	Dr. Harpreet Singh	Associate Professor & Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, SoE
19	Dr. Siddharth Mallavarapu	Professor & Head, Department of International Relations and Governance Studies, SoHSS
20	Dr. Sailesh N. Behera	Associate Professor & Head, Department of Civil Engineering, SoE
21	Mr. Sudhir Naudiyal	Registrar - Non-Member Secretary

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1	Dr. Sankar Dhar	Professor & Head, Department of Physics, SoNS
Special Invitees who attended the meeting		
1	Dr. Jyoti K. Sharma	Professor & Head Center for Environmental Sciences and Engineering, SoNS
2	Dr. N. Sukumar	Director, Centre for Informatics, Professor, Department of Chemistry, SoNS
3	Dr. Urmila Bhardikar	Associate Professor, Acting HoD, Department of Sociology, SoHSS
4	Dr. Ramesh Gupta Burela	Head, SNU-Dassault Systèmes Centre of Excellence (SDC); Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering, SoE
5	Dr. Raghupathy M B	Associate Professor, Finance, Accounting and Control Area, SoME
6	Prof. Pradeep Mehra	Professor, SoME
7	Dr. Rakesh Ganguly	Senior Lead - Planning and Strategy, Vice-Chancellor Office
8	Prof. Yasmeen Arif	Professor, Department of Sociology, SoHSS
Special Invitees - Graduate Advisors		
1	Dr. Rajeswari S. Raina	Associate Director, C-PACT, and Professor, Department of International Relations and Governance Studies, SoHSS
2	Dr. Atul Vir Singh	Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, SoE
3	Dr. Vishwanath S R	Professor, SoME
4	Prof. Atul Bhalla	Professor, Department of Art & Performing Art, SoHSS
5	Dr. Venkatramani Jagadish	Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, SoE
6	Dr. Sanjeev Yadav	Associate Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, SoE
7	Dr. Sneha Lata	Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, SoNS
8	Dr. Jagabandhu Dixit	Assistant Professor Department of Civil Engineering, SoE
9	Dr. Divya Lohani	Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, SoE

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10	Dr. Devika Bordia	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, SoHSS
<b>Special Invitees - Undergraduate Advisors</b>		
1	Dr. Gautama Polanki	Assistant Professor, Department of English, SoHSS
2	Dr. Sonia Khetarpaul	Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, SoE
3	Ms. Meghna Bhardwaj	Assistant Professor, Department of Art and Performing Arts, SoHSS
4	Dr. Harender Sinhmar	Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, SoE
5	Dr. Subhashim Goswami	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, SoHSS
6	Dr. Madhur Deo Upadhayay	Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, SoE
7	Dr. Anubhuti Maurya	Assistant Professor, Department of History, SoHSS
8	Dr. Richa Priyadarshini	Associate Professor, Department of Life Sciences, SoNS
9	Dr. Samarendra Pratap Singh	Associate Professor, Department of Physics, SoNS
10	Dr. Niteesh Sahni	Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, SoNS
11	Dr. Trishita Ray Barman	Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, SoHSS
12	Dr. V M Rajesh	Assistant Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, SoE
13	Dr. Susant Padhi	Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, SoE
14	Dr. Sruthi Muraleedharan	Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations and Governance Studies, SoHSS
15	Dr. Shalu Kalra	Associate Professor, Department of Finance Accounting and Control, SoME
16	Dr. Bimlesh Lochab	Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, SoNS
<b>Special Invitees - Academic /Administrative Heads</b>		
1	Dr. Karthik Krishnan	Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Studies
2	Dr. Rajeev Kumar Singh	Associate Dean, UG Studies; Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, SoE

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3	Dr. Sudepto Bhattacharya	Controller of Examinations; Professor, Department of Mathematics, SoNS
4	Mr. Anand Sharma	Director, Administration
5	Mr. Alok Sharma	Finance Officer
6	Ms. Anubha Bali	Director, Career Development Centre (CDC) & Alumni Relations
7	Mr. Rajesh Dawar	Head, Information Technology (IT)
8	Dr. Amrish Tony	Director, Physical Education
9	Mr. Sunil R. Shetty	Director, Marketing and Communications

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

Dr. Rupamanjari Ghosh, Chairperson, welcomed all the members and the invitees to the 31<sup>st</sup> Academic Council meeting, especially the following new members and invitees:

01. Dr. Bibek Banerjee Senior Dean and Head of Strategic Initiatives, Director, School of Management and Entrepreneurship(SME), Professor. Marketing, Strategy & Economics
02. Dr. Harpreet Singh Associate Professor & Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, SoE
03. Dr. Ramesh Gupta Burela Head, SNU-Dassault Systèmes Centre of Excellence (SDC); Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering, SoE
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08. Dr. Divya Lohani Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, SoE
09. Dr. Iman Mitra Assistant Professor, Department of History, SoHSS

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| 10. Dr. Devika Bordia     | Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, SoHSS               |
| 11. Dr. Ram Ranjan        | Associate Professor, Department of Economics, SoHSS               |
| 12. Ms. Meghna Bhardwaj   | Assistant Professor, Department of Art and Performing Arts, SoHSS |
| 13. Dr. Subhashim Goswami | Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, SoHSS               |
| 14. Dr. Anubhuti Maurya   | Assistant Professor, Department of History, SoHSS                 |
| 15. Dr. V M Rajesh        | Assistant Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, SoE      |
| 16. Mr. Siddhartha Goel   | Director, Human Resources   |
| 17. Mr. Sunil R. Shetty   | Director, Marketing and Communications.                           |

The Chairperson also thanked the outgoing members, PG/UG Advisors, and Administrative Heads for their valuable contribution to the Academic Council.

Before taking up the agenda items, the Chairperson presented a brief account of the University's significant activities from the last meeting of the AC to date. She mentioned the selection of SNU as an "Institution of Eminence" (IoE) by the Government of India, NIRF Status of SNU in 2020, several breakthrough research continued through the COVID-impacted year, Virtual Graduation day, the establishment of SNU-Dassault Systèmes Center of Excellence, ISO Certifications of SNU, etc.

The details of the highlights on the University's progress in the interim period as briefed by the Chairperson is attached at **Annexure-01**. The Chairperson then requested the Registrar to proceed with the agendas items, and the meeting was called to session.

### Item No.2 Confirmation of the minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 25 January 2020

The Registrar informed that the minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting held on 25 January 2020 were circulated to the members. Since no comments were received, he requested the Chairperson to approve the minutes. The AC then approved the minutes. The minutes as approved by the AC are attached at **Annexure-02**.

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**Item No.3** To report matters arising out of the minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> AC meeting held on 25 January 2020 and action taken thereof on matters that needed action:

**Item No. 30.5** To report the 'Grade Analysis' of the University results for Monsoon 2019

The following was suggested in the 30<sup>th</sup> AC meeting:

1. The Controller of Examinations (CoE) is to share Department-wise Grade Analysis data with the Heads of the Departments and UG Advisors.
2. For subsequent Grade Analysis presentation, the CoE is to prepare: (a) An Executive Summary of the Grade Analysis (b) An analysis of grades for Majors and UWEs separately.
3. The CoE should review each 'grade change' request and reasons, before reaching the concerned Director for approval.

The Controller of Examinations, informed the AC that all the above suggestions were implemented. This was noted with thanks.

**Item No. 30.09** To discuss and approve a proposal received from Department of Physical Education regarding introduction of Sports Scholarship in SNU

Maj. Gen. (Retd.) G. Jaishankar, DSA, reported to AC that under the Sports Scholarship, the following 4 students, who are in the top ranks of their sport in India, were selected during the Academic session 2020-21 in the BMS program of SoME by Sports Scholarship Selection Committee,

1. Sunita Patel- Squash
2. Anjali Semwal- Squash
3. Rishit Dunga - Squash
4. Unnati Bisht- Badminton

The AC noted the same.

**Item No. 30.09** To discuss and approve the proposals received from Department of Economics, SoHSS, and School of Management and Entrepreneurship regarding introduction of new UG and PG programs

Dr. Partha Chatterjee, Professor & Head, Department of Economics, SoHSS, apprised the AC about the progress made and discussion held post last AC meeting on the proposal of

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introducing an M.Sc. in Economics and Finance. He further appraised the AC that the committee consisting of himself, Dr. Vishwanatha S R, Professor, SoME, and Dr. Karthik Krishnan, Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Studies, met and discussed the feasibility of introducing the M.Sc. in Economics & Finance program from the next academic session.

After a detailed discussion, the AC, in principle, approved the proposal and directed to sort out all the concerns raised by the members within a week, and prepare a more accurate viability report before it goes to the Executive Council (EC). Dr. Partha Chatterjee and Dr. Bibek Banerjee will further review the proposal, and submit the report to the VC for the approval of the EC.

### Item No. 4 To report completion of Ph.D. requirements by Research Scholars since the last AC meeting held on 25 January 2020

The Registrar reported that the following Research Scholars from the Departments of Chemistry (9), Life Sciences (3), Mathematics (1), Physics (3), Computer Science & Engineering (1), Electrical Engineering (1) and Mechanical Engineering (7) completed their Ph.D. since last reported in the AC meeting:

SN	Name of the Research Scholar	Roll No.	Department
1	Biswajit Sahariah	1710120117	Chemistry
2	Jyoti Chauhan	1610120062	Chemistry
3	Suman Kumar Mandal	1410120108	Chemistry
4	Nagarjuna Amarnath	1610120068	Chemistry
5	Ranajit Das	1510120043	Chemistry
6	Harsh Bhatia	1610120059	Chemistry
7	Rakesh Kumar Rai	1510120041	Chemistry
8	Rajkumar Barla	1310120033	Chemistry
9	Monisha	1610120067	Chemistry
10	Anurag Barthwat	1510120103	Computer Science & Engineering
11	Merugu Kavita	1410120072	Electrical Engineering
12	Deepak Singh	1410120054	Life Sciences
13	Abhishek R Shivappagowdar	1510120086	Life Sciences
14	Rinku Sharma	1410120092	Life Sciences
15	Biswajit Koley	1510120013	Mathematics
16	Rakesh B S	1510120110	Mech. Engineering
17	Aseem Kumar Mishra	1410120047	Mech. Engineering

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18	L.G. Praveen Laws	1510120109	Mech. Engineering
19	Kamineni Jagath Narayana	1510120028	Mech. Engineering
20	Rakesh Singhi	1410120088	Mech. Engineering
21	Karthikeyan T	1510120029	Mech. Engineering
22	Ranjan Kumar Mishra	1510120111	Mech. Engineering
23	Sujit Deshmukh	1410120107	Physics
24	Saheli Mitra	1510120113	Physics
25	Anurag Pritam	1510120104	Physics

With this, 77 scholars have so far completed their Ph.D. from SNU as on 22.01.2021.

The AC took note of the same.

**Item No. 5 To report the 'Grade Analysis' of the University results for Spring 2020 and Monsoon 2020**

Dr. Sudepto Bhattacharya, CoE, presented the Grade Analysis reports for Spring 2020 and Monsoon 2020 before the AC. The members had a detailed discussion on the Grades.

The Grade Analysis report attached at **Annexure-03** was taken on record.

**Item No.6 To report important collaborative MoUs/agreements signed by SNU since the last AC meeting**

The Registrar reported the MOUs/agreements signed by SNU since the last Academic Council meeting. The AC noted the same.

A brief on the MOUs executed by SNU since the last Academic Council meeting is attached at **Annexure-04**.

**Item No.07 To report new admissions during the Academic Session 2020-21 for UG, PG & Ph.D. programs across all the Schools**

The Registrar presented a summary of admissions made for the academic session 2020-21 in UG, PG & Ph.D. programs across all the Schools, which was noted by the AC. The Chairperson expressed her appreciation to all stakeholders for enrollment of healthy numbers in UG, PG, and Ph.D. programs.

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**Item No.08** To report the list of graduates (UG, PG and Ph.D.) who were awarded Provisional Certificates in the Virtual Graduation Ceremony of the University held on 15 July 2020.

The Registrar informed the members that the AC approved a tentative list of 652 degree recipients (UG, PG & Ph.D.) in its 30<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 25 January 2020. However, 602 graduates finally completed their academic requirements, and were given Provisional Certificate in the virtual Graduation Ceremony conducted on 15 July 2020. The Chairperson appreciated the Registrar's office's efforts for timely issuance of the Provisional Certificates to graduates and processing of the final degree certificates that are for the first time being printed by a professional vendor outside the University, complying with the UGC guidelines of essential security features.

The AC noted the same.

**Item No.09** To report approvals by circulation taken from the Academic Council members

1. Approval by circulation on 23 June 2020 of the revised schedule of academic activities during Spring 2020 Semester keeping in view the COVID-19 pandemic situation
2. Approval by circulation on 12 October 2020 for application to UGC to start MBA under Open and Distance Learning program (ODL)
3. Approval by circulation for submitting the Annual Quality Assurance Reports (AQAR) for the academic years 2018-19 and 2019-20, on 28 October 2020 and on 25 December 2020, respectively.

The Registrar reported that approvals by circulation were sought and obtained from the AC members on all the matters mentioned above, and the same are placed before the AC for ratification.

The AC noted, and the approvals by circulation stand ratified by the AC.

**Item No. 10** To report the credit discrepancy found in the course SOC102 'Understanding Modernity', being taught in School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)

The AC noted and approved the same as a one-time exception.

**Item No.11** To take note of certain reporting items approved by the Board of Studies (BoS) of SoHSS pertaining to the Department of IRGS, SoHSS, and introduction of a Minor in 'Political Philosophy'

Dr. Siddharth Mallavarapu, Professor & Head, Department of International Relations and Governance Studies, SoHSS, apprised the Academic Council regarding the Minor in 'Political Philosophy.' The AC approved the proposal.

The proposal as presented before the AC is attached at **Annexure-05**.

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**Item No.12** To report the recommendations of the BoS of SoHSS in the meeting held on 30 June 2020 on the following:

1. CCC and other courses
2. Elective courses
3. Minor in Design - Revised proposal

The AC approved the recommendations of the BoS of SoHSS.

The details as presented before the AC are attached at Annexure-06.

**Item No. 13** To discuss and approve the recommendations of the Board of Studies, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS) in its meeting held on 24 November 2020 regarding introductions of Graduate Programs, Integrated Masters-Ph.D. programs and a new Minor in History and Archaeology

Dr. Jaya Menon, Professor & Head, Department of History, SoHSS, presented before the AC the proposal of introducing Master of Arts in Archaeology, Heritage and Museum Studies and Integrated M.A.-Ph.D. in Archaeology, Heritage and Museum Studies. While describing the Integrated M.A.-Ph.D. in Archaeology, Heritage, and Museum Studies program, Dr. Menon informed the members that this is a distinctive program and is not taught anywhere in India. She also suggested having a separate Department for Archaeology. However, the Chairperson expressed her concern about the operational aspects of breaking away from History and starting a new Department, and suggested focusing on introducing the graduate programs for now.

Dr. Anubhuti Maurya, Assistant Professor, Department of History, SoHSS, presented the Masters of Arts in History program. She informed the members that the proposed course has a lot of demand and potential in the job market. She further explained that the minimum qualification for entry would be a Bachelor of Arts, and may have an intake of 15 students to start with.

After detailed discussions, the Academic Council approved the new Minor in History and Archaeology and also approved the Graduate programs mentioned above in principal, subject to the Executive Council's final approval on viability, etc.

**Item No.14** To report the introduction of Ph.D. program in Design, approved in principle by the BoS of SoHSS

The proposal to introduce a Ph.D. program in Design in SoHSS has been deferred to the next Academic Council meeting. It was reported to the AC that the Department is working on the course structure and other modalities as of now.

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**Item No.15 To discuss and approve the following proposals received from the Dean, UGS and HoD-Mathematics**

Dr. Amber Habib, Dean, Undergraduate Studies, and Head, Department of Mathematics, presented the following before the AC:

**(a) E and NP grades**

Dr. Amber Habib informed that in the current grading system, 'D' (4 points) is the lowest passing grade, and the next grade is 'F' (0 points). He proposed introducing a new 'E' grade for the students, which will entail the students to be awarded 2 points instead of 'D' in the existing scheme. He further briefed that a student who gets an 'E' grade would also be eligible to clear the course via a retest of the Final Exam/Assessment with the same deadline as for an 'I' grade, but with a cap of 'D' as the only allowed upgrade.

Dr. Habib also proposed introducing new P (pass) and NP (not pass) grades for undergraduate students. He said that the students should have some liberty to explore challenging courses or unfamiliar terrain without fear of the impact on GPA. This requires grades that enable the credit to be counted towards graduation but not towards GPA.

The proposals were discussed in detail, and some members sought more clarification on the proposal and its implementation. The Chairperson suggested that this may be in principle approved, and Dr. Habib should address the concerns raised, and send a revised proposal to the Registrar before the minutes are circulated to the members.

**(b) Math Elective Categories**

The AC took note of the proposed Math Electives.

**Item No. 16 To discuss and approve the Integrated M.Sc. and Ph.D. program in the Department of Mathematics**

Dr. Amber Habib, Head, Department of Mathematics, apprised the AC about introducing an Integrated M.Sc.-Ph.D. program in Mathematics. After a brief discussion, the Chairperson suggested that this can be approved in principle. She said that the AC had already discussed and approved the structure for such integrated programs in the past. However, members can go through the proposal in detail and put forward their suggestions, if any, to Dr. Habib before the Registrar writes the minutes. The proposal as approved by the AC is attached at **Annexure-07**.

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- Item No. 17** To discuss and approve proposal received from School of Management and Entrepreneurship (SoME) regarding revision in Credit of 'Business Simulations' Course being offered in BMS program of SoME

The proposal to revise the credit for the course 'Business Simulations' being offered in the BMS Program of SoME from 3 to 4 from Winter/Spring Semester 2021 onwards was approved by the Academic Council after discussion.

The proposal as approved by the AC is attached at Annexure-08.

- Item No. 18** To discuss and approve one-year extension to UG student, Mr. Aditya Ravindran (1410110025) from July 2020 to May 2021

The Academic Council considered and approved the recommendations of the Department of Economics for extension of one more year to Mr. Aditya Ravindran (1410110025), from July 2020 to May 2021 (i.e., Sixth Year) for completion of his UG course credit requirements, as an exception.

- Item No. 19** To discuss and approve the proposal received from the Career Development Center (CDC) regarding introduction of 'Career Services' from Spring 2021

Ms. Anubha Bali, Director, CDC, made a detailed presentation regarding the introduction of 'Career Services' in the academic curriculum across all programs of SNU, keeping in mind the students' interest and industry requirements. She proposed to have it a 20-hour program and make it mandatory for all students.

Most of the members had expressed their reservations about including such courses in the mainstream academic curriculum and making it mandatory. Keeping in view the majority opinions about the same, the Chairperson suggested that though such training initiatives help the students' placement greatly, it could be done differently. Thus, she urged the members to re-think the proposal, and try to put some academic input in its synergy. She further constituted a team comprising Dr. Suneet Tuli, Director, Research & Graduate Studies, and Faculty Affairs, Dr. Amber Habib, Dean, Undergraduate Studies, Dr. Rajeev Kumar Singh, Associate Dean, UG Studies, and Ms. Anubha Bali, Director, CDC, to re-examine the proposal and come out with an implementable critical solution.

- Item No. 20** To discuss and approve the launch of a five-year dual degree program of UG with MBA

Prof. Pradeep Mehra, Professor, SoME, presented before the AC a proposal to introduce a five-year dual degree program. He explained that the students of SNU could earn dual degrees, UG degree plus MBA degree, in five years. He said that the UG Students would spend the first three years doing UG courses across the Schools, and the last two years with the MBA batch in SoME. He further said that any unfinished classroom courses in the UG programs beyond three years would be allowed to spill over to the next two years. There would be an option to exit with a 4-year UG degree for the students who did not want to join the MBA program.

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The matter was discussed at length. The Chairperson expressed her satisfaction with the proposal and expressed that SNU is looking for such programs. She also urged to focus on further increasing the value of the MBA degree for our bright UG students to opt for such a dual-degree option.

The AC, in principle, approved the proposal. The proposal as approved by the AC is attached at **Annexure-09**.

**Item No. 21 To consider the academic programs of the new multidisciplinary center, “SNU-Dassault Systèmes Center of Excellence (SDC)” at SNU**

Dr. Ramesh Gupta, Associate Professor, and Head, SDC, presented a brief account of activities that the SDC will do and the certain requirements for the smooth functioning of the SDC.

The Chairperson remarked that the AC's domain in such Centers is to look at only the Academic Part. The budget and other requirements could be addressed to the leadership separately as per process. She said that the SDC is not limited to Science or Engineering programs, it has a high-profile facility, and more faculty should be involved in it from all interested Departments.

**Item No. 22 Any other item with the permission of the Chair**

**1. To report the term extensions of Ph.D. students beyond five years in Monsoon 2020 and Spring 2021 Semesters.**

Dr. Karthik Krishnan, Associate Dean-Graduate Studies, apprised the AC that some of the Ph.D. Scholars could not complete their Ph.D. within the stipulated time of 5 years since their registration - some due to the COVID-19 pandemic last year; hence, extensions were needed to be approved by the AC as per the process. The Chairperson insisted on a completion plan on record, vetted by their respective Doctoral Committees.

The AC took note of it and approved the same. The list of such Ph.D. students is attached at **Annexure-10**.

**2. To report semester-wise courses to be offered to the 2021-25 batch by Department of Computer Science and Engineering, SoE**

The Academic Council took note of the same.

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

**Dr. Rupamanjari Ghosh**  
Chairperson