

**Minutes of the 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council (AC) held on 25 February 2022**

The 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council (AC) was held online through MS-Teams on 25 February 2022 (Friday) and the following members were present in the meeting:

1	Dr. Ananya Mukherjee	Vice-Chancellor - Chairperson
2	Col. (Retd.) Gopal Karunakaran	Executive Director
3	Dr. Rajat Kathuria	Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
4	Dr. Bibek Banerjee	Dean, School of Management and Entrepreneurship (SoME); Dean, Academy of Continuing Education (ACE); Director, Strategic Planning
5	Dr. Sandeep Sen	Dean, School of Engineering (SoE); Senior Professor, Computer Science & Engineering
6	Dr. Suneet Tuli	Dean, Research & Partnerships, Professor, Electrical Engineering
7	Dr. Amber Habib	Professor and Head, Department of Mathematics, SoNS
8	Dr. Sankar Dhar	Professor & Head, Department of Physics, SoNS
9	Dr. J.P. Gupta	Distinguished Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, SoE
10	Maj. General G. Jaishankar (Retd.)	Director, Student Affairs
11	Dr. Saroj Kaushik	Distinguished Professor & Head, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, SoE
12	Dr. Dr. Anubhuti Maurya	Associate Professor & Head, Department of History & Archaeology, SoHSS
13	Dr. Yasmeen Arif	Professor & Head, Department of Sociology, SoHSS
14	Dr. Dinkar Prasad	Professor & Head, Department of Electrical Engineering, SoE
15	Dr. Harpreet Singh	Associate Professor & Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, SoE
16	Dr. Ghanshyam Pal	Associate Professor & Head, Department of Civil Engineering, SoE
17	Dr. Partha Chatterjee	Professor & Head, Department of Economics, SoHSS
18	Dr. Parthapratim Munshi	Professor & Head, Department of Chemistry, SoNS
19	Prof. Atul Bhalla	Professor & Head, Department of Art & Performing Arts, SoHSS
20	Mr. Sudhir Naudiyal	Registrar - Non-Member Secretary

The following AC members did not attend the meeting due to their preoccupation.

1	Dr. Sanjeev Galande	Dean, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS), & Head, Department of Life Sciences, SoNS
2	Dr. Ajay Dandekar	Chairperson, Center for Public Affairs and Critical Theory (C-PACT)
3	Dr. Shahid Jamal	Professor & Head, Department of Communication, SoHSS
4	Dr. Shibashis Chatterjee	Professor & Head, Department of International Relations and Governance Studies, SoHSS
5	Dr. Sambudha Sen	Professor & Head, Department of English, SoHSS

Dr. Jaideep Ghosh, Professor, School of Management and Entrepreneurship, Dr. Karthik Krishan, Associate Dean-Research and Dr. Rajeev Kumar, Associate Dean-Academic attended the meeting as Special Invitees.

Before taking up the agenda, the Chairperson welcomed all the members and the Special Invitees to the 35 Academic Council meeting and expressed her thanks and gratitude to the Ex-Vice Chancellor Dr. Rupamanjari Ghosh for her valuable contribution to the university. She further requested the Registrar to proceed with the agenda items, and the meeting was called to session.

**Item No. 1 To report approval by circulation taken from the Academic Council members**

- (1) **Approval by the circulation dated 2 February 2022 on the proposal received from the Department of Electrical Engineering regarding the award of B. Tech. degree to Mr. Chimbili Harikrishna (Roll No. 1210110054), after the expiry of the prescribed duration**

The Registrar informed the members that approval by circulation was sought from the Academic Council members on 2 February 2022 on a proposal received from the Department of Electrical Engineering regarding the award of B. Tech. degree to Mr. Chimbili Harikrishna (Roll No. 1210110054) after the expiry of the prescribed duration as a special case, as he secured the stipulated number of credits as per AICTE. More than 50% of the members (15/24) have approved the proposal, thus the proposal stands approved.

The Registrar also informed the Council that the esteemed members of the AC made some valuable comments to deal with such cases and the same was discussed with the Associate Dean, Academic. A policy will be prepared and will be presented it in the next AC meeting for implementation.

The Academic Council ratified the proposal.

**Item No. 2**

To discuss and approve the proposal received from the School of Management and Entrepreneurship (SME) seeking approval of the Academic Council for two new programs: 1) Master of Science - Business Analytics (MSBA) and 2) Certificate Program in Cloud Computing

Dr. Jaideep Ghosh, Professor, School of Management and Entrepreneurship made a detailed presentation before the Academic Council on the proposed new program 'Master of Science - Business Analytics (MSBA)' and the 'Certificate Program in Cloud Computing'. He elaborated the need for new programs, benchmarking against similar programs, program curriculum, the learning and career outcomes and projected financials. He explained that MSBA program is focused on Business Analytics and is designed to cater to the rapidly increasing demand of analytics professionals in the market.

The Academic Council discussed the matter in details. Members suggested to have more clarity on certain points;

1. Eligibility criteria as 50% may be too low for admission in SNU?
2. What particular subject background is required for admission?
3. What is Core Elective Curriculum? How much is compulsory and how much is choices?
4. Involvement of resources from other department? What percentage of programme taught by our faculty?
5. Do the credits assigned to the program consistent with the university norms?

The Chairperson directed that the above observations made by the members may be addressed and a revised document may be shared with the Registrar which can be circulated with the minutes. The revised document received from the SME is attached at **Annexure-1**.

Dr Jaideep Ghosh also presented the new certificate program '**Certificate Program in Cloud Computing**'. This short 8-month program, is mainly focused to help the working professional to upgrade their knowledge of Cloud architecture and applications. This certificate program is in support with Jigsaw initially and later will be completely taken over by SNU faculty.

The Academic Council approved the **Certificate Program in Cloud Computing**'.

**Item No.3**

To discuss and approve the proposal received from the Office of Dean Research and Partnership, regarding changes to SNU Doctoral Regulations

Dr. Karthik Krishnan, Associate Dean, Research presented before the AC the proposed changes to the SNU Doctoral Regulation.

The changes in the Doctoral Regulations were discussed in detail, and some members sought more clarification on the proposal and its implementation. The Chairperson approved the revised regulation in principal, with the suggestions to Dean Research & Partnership to address all the concerns raised by the members, and share the revised document with the Registrar before the minutes are circulated to the members. The changes as discussed in the AC have been made in SNU Doctoral Regulations by the Dean Research and Partnership, is attached at **Annexure-2** for the information of the AC members.



**Item No.4 To discuss and approve the proposal received from the Office of Dean Research and Partnership, regarding changes to Doctoral Assistantship and Thesis Honorarium**

Dr. Karthik Krishnan, Associate Dean, Research also presented a proposal to revise the stipend being paid for Doctoral Assistantship, the honorarium rate for External Examiners, fee for Sponsored programme, hostel fee etc. for the information of the Academic Council.

The AC discussed the proposal in details. Dr. Suneet Tuli, Dean Research and Partnership informed the members that the whole process of Ph.D. and Research grant system is going to be automated within this financial year.

Academic Council had a detailed discussion and approved the proposed revision in Doctoral Assistantship, the honorarium rate for External Examiners, fee for Sponsored programme, hostel fee etc. The VC said that the approval of the EC will be obtained on the same in due course of time.

**Item No.5 To discuss and approve the various matters related to planning for Monsoon 2022 semester as forwarded by the Associate Dean- Academic**

Dr. Rajeev Kumar, Associate Dean-Academic presented before the AC the following three items for discussion and approval by the Academic Council.

- a. To discuss and plan CCC/UWE seats offering for Monsoon 2022
- b. To discuss Masters' admission plan for monsoon 2022- Way forward
- c. To discuss Curriculum review of UG- Committee to be formed

Dr. Rajeev Kumar, Associate Dean-Academic, mentioned that an interim committee report of CCC, was discussed and circulated along-with the minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting held on 19 January 2019. The proposed changes were not implemented and requested the members to have a re-look on it and give their recommendations considering the current situation and student strength, so that the updated CCC policy could be implemented from the Monsoon 2022 semester onwards. He further explained that around 3000 students could opt for CCC courses hence we need provision for 3000 seats. Dr. Rajeev Kumar also presented the current status of UWE seats and informed all Deans and HODs to plan that department will need UWE seats, considering the increase in the number of seats in Monsoon 2022.

Dr. Rajeev further briefed the AC about the fee for PG programs and requested the heads of the departments to come up with the proposal regarding waivers they want to offer for the students.

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He further informed the members that the following programs will not be offered during the coming academic session 2022-23.

1. M.Sc. in Water Science and Policy (WSP)
2. Post Graduate Diploma in Water Science Policy
3. Master of Design (M.Des.)

The members discussed all the points in details and the Chairperson suggested to Dr. Rajeev Kumar to start meeting with all Deans and HoD's, come up with some strategies that could help in developing new courses/curriculum. The VC suggested that our curriculum structure should have further focus hybrid or blended learning to eventually achieve self-reliability, and sustainability thus reducing our dependence on other agencies.

The AC took a note of the above discussion. Please refer to **Annexure-3** for details.

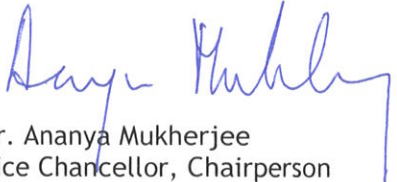
**Any other item with the permission of the Chair.**

1. To discuss and approve recommendations received from the Office of Dean of Research and Partnerships regarding the continuation of Ph.D. registration beyond five years for certain Ph.D. scholars

Dr. Karthik Krishnan presented to the AC a list of Ph.D. Scholars with a recommendation to extend their registration beyond five years.

The AC noted the same, and approved the proposal for extension of registration. The list is attached at **Annexure-4**.

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

  
Dr. Ananya Mukherjee  
Vice Chancellor, Chairperson