Minutes of the 7th Academic Council (AC) meeting of Shiv Nadar (Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University), held on Monday, 29 July 2024, from 1100-1330 Hrs. (Online MS Team)

The 7th Meeting of the Academic Council (AC) of Shiv Nadar (Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University) was held on Monday, 29 July 2024, from 1100-1330 Hrs. (Online MS Team). The following members were present in the meeting:

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Dr. Ananya Mukherjee	Vice-Chancellor
2.	Dr. Suneet Tuli	Dean & Professor, School of Engineering (SE); Dean, Research & Partnerships
3.	Dr. Rajat Kathuria	Dean & Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS)
4.	Dr. Sanjeev Galande	Dean & Professor, School of Natural Sciences (SNS)
5.	Dr. Partha Chatterjee	Dean of Academics; Professor, Department of Economics
6.	Dr. Divya Shrivastava	Associate Professor & Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, SE
7.	Dr. Susanta Sinha Roy	Professor & Head, Department of Physics, SNS
8.	Prof. Colin Christopher Jamora	Senior Professor & Head, Department of Life Sciences, SNS
9.	Dr. Yasmeen Arif	Professor & Head, Department of Sociology, SHSS
10.	Dr. Vikram Kapur	Professor & Head, Department of English, SHSS
11.	Dr. Mandar Prafullachandra Oak	Professor & Head, Department of Economics, SHSS
12.	Prof. Atul Bhalla	Professor & Head, Department of Art, Media & Performance, SHSS
13.	Dr. Atul Mishra	Associate Professor & Head, Department of IRGS, SHSS
14.	Dr. Anubhuti Maurya	Associate Professor & Head, Department of History & Archaeology, SHSS
15.	Mr. Sudhir Naudiyal	Registrar, Non- Member Secretary

The following members could not attend the meeting:

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Dr. Sundaravaradhan Venkatesh	Dean & Professor, School of Management and Entrepreneurship (SME)
2.	Dr. Vijay Kumar Chakka	Professor & Head, Department of Electrical Engineering, SE
3.	Dr. Sanjeev Yadav	Associate Professor & Head, Department of Chemical Engineering, SE
4.	Dr. Dolly Sharma	Associate Professor & Head, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, SE
5.	Dr. Gyan Vikash	Associate Professor & Head, Department of Civil Engineering, SE
6.	Dr. Sudeepto Bhattacharya	Professor & Head, Department of Mathematics, SNS
7.	Dr. Bimlesh Lochab	Professor & Head, Department of Chemistry, SNS

Special Invitees who have attended the meeting:

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Dr. Partha Sarathi Roy	Program Chair, BMS & Associate Professor, SME
2.	Dr. Pradeep Mehra	Program Chair, MBA & Professor, SME
3.	Dr. Debarati Basu	Program Chair, B.Sc. (Research) - Economics and Finance & Associate Professor, SME
4.	Dr. Shalu Kalra	Program Chair, MBA (Online) & Associate Professor, SME
5.	Prof. Asish Kumar Bhattacharyya	Distinguished Professor, SME
6.	Dr. Harender Sinhmar	Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, SE
7.	Dr. Karthik Krishnan	Associate Dean, Research
8.	Mr. Ziaur Rehman	Deputy Controller of Examinations
9.	Dr. Rakesh Ganguly	Associate Director, Office of Accreditation and Regulatory Affairs

Item No. 1   **Confirmation of the minutes of the Sixth meeting of the Academic Council of the Shiv Nadar IoE held on 24 May 2024**

The minutes of the Sixth meeting of the Academic Council of the Shiv Nadar IoE held on 24 May 2024, which were posted on the SNU Link https://snulinks.snu.edu.in/snuPolicies/ACM on 02 July 2024, were confirmed and attached as **Annexure-1.**

The Chairperson advised the Registrar to post the minutes on the SNU link within two weeks of the meeting so that the stakeholders may track the follow-up actions needed, and take necessary actions on the matters discussed in the meeting.

Item No. 2   **To discuss and approve the various proposals received from the School of Management and Entrepreneurship (SME)**

Before taking the agenda item, the Chairperson advised some important points for the information and action of all members, which are listed below:

- *A protocol and a timeline should be followed while the agenda is finalized. The Dean Academics Office will provide a timeline and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the agenda of the upcoming meeting and has to finalize the agenda with all necessary changes at least seven days before the meeting so that to get ample time to circulate the agenda and members to read.*

- *The process for reviewing and approving elective courses. Unless there are specific questions or concerns about particular elective courses, the elective courses are approved and recorded because the electives are specialized and discipline-specific and have the approval of the Board of Studies (BoS) of the school and only need to be recorded in the AC. The members agreed to the suggestion.*

- *Whenever any addition of elective courses in a series of electives is proposed, it must be taken into account that it does not create enrollment problems for your existing electives. The new electives enhance the curriculum without creating enrollment problems for existing courses. The Chairperson was desirous of knowing whether the proposed electives are replacing the current electives and if there are likely to be enrollment problems so that the same could be addressed during the proposed curriculum review meeting.*

- *The Board of Studies (BoS) preferable should have physical meetings rather than getting approval by circulation, and the minutes are to be recorded in order to submit it to NAAC or AQAR or other regulatory bodies.*

- *Since the curriculum review is in the pipeline, no new core course proposal would be approved and implemented until the curriculum review is over. This will ensure that changes are made thoughtfully and aligned with the curriculum review process.*

Accordingly, the members of School of Management and Entrepreneurship (SME) were agreeable to **withdraw** the following proposal (I & III);

i)   **Replacement of a core course in BMS curriculum for 3rd year students**

The School of Management and Entrepreneurship proposed to replace the course '**DOM306 Business Problem Solving in the Digital Economy**' with '**DOM301 Supply Chain Analytics for Business'** as a Core Course for 3rd year BMS students.

Dr. Partha Sarathi Roy, Program Chair, BMS & Associate Professor, SME, has withdrawn the proposal.

This was withdrawn.

ii)   **Changes in the credit structure of some courses in the MBA (Business Analytics) curriculum**

Dr. Pradeep Mehra, Program Chair, MBA & Professor, SME proposed to remove two courses of one credit each i.e., **"Social Media and Web Analytics" and "Data Governance and Security"** from the MBA (Business Analytics) curriculum and increase course credits for "Financial Analytics" from 2 credits to 4 credits. **The total credits for MBA (Business Analytics)** shall remain unchanged. This was approved by the BoS of the school vide circulation dated **8 April 2024**.

This was approved by the AC.

iii)   **Revision in MBA Curriculum**

The School of Management and Entrepreneurship proposed to revisit the existing MBA curriculum and develop a contemporary curriculum preparing students to succeed in their future working life and more immediately in their campus placements.

Dr. Pradeep Mehra, Program Chair, MBA & Professor, SME has withdrawn the proposal and informed the AC that the proposal will be placed before the AC in a subsequent meeting so that it could be offered in the next academic year.

This was withdrawn.

iv)   **Introduction of PhD (Executive) Programme**

Prof. Asish Kumar Bhattacharyya, Distinguished Professor, SME made a detailed presentation on the proposed Ph.D. (Executive) program. He informed that this is targeted to the working executives primarily and also to academicians and researchers with reasonable number of experience around 10 years. He briefed the objectives, selection criteria, program structure, proposed course structure, fee structure, challenges, etc.

The Registrar informed the AC that the approval of the BoS of the school is not yet obtained. The AC had a detailed discussion on the proposal and the Chairperson suggested that;

-       The AC approval depends on the approval of the BoS.

- This program launch can only happen after the full-time Ph.D. program is reviewed and the two are aligned.
- If the review of Ph.D. program brings more changes, the proposal should come back to AC for approval.

Item No. 3   **To discuss and approve the various proposals received from School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS)**

i)   Introduction of three new courses by the Department of Art, Media & Performance

Prof. Atul Bhalla, Professor & Head, Department of Art, Media & Performance proposed to introduce the following 3 new courses from the academic session 2024-25 onwards. He further informed the members that these are elective courses.
- ART 341: Interactive Media Art
- ART 622: Body, Performativity and Politics
- ART 623: Computational Arts

The proposals were approved by the BoS of SHSS vide circulation dated **1 May 2024**. Please refer to **Annexure–2** for details.

The AC approved the proposal. The Chairperson insisted that in the curriculum review it should be ensured that all the elective courses must meet the requirements.

ii)   Introduction of three new Courses by the Department of English

Dr. Vikram Kapur, Professor & Head, Department of English proposed to introduce the following 2 new elective courses and 1 core course from the academic session 2024-25 onwards.
- ENG144: Keywords for Literary and Cultural Studies (Core Course)
- ENG348: Literature and the Non-human (Elective Course)
- ENG448: Anthropocene Fictions (Elective Course)

The proposals were approved by the BoS of SHSS meeting held on **18 June 2024**. Please refer to **Annexure–3** for details.

The AC approved the above two elective courses. The AC, after a detailed discussion on the new core courses, decided to put the proposed core courses on hold until the curriculum review process is finished. However, the Chairperson suggested that this course could be offered as an elective if required.

iii)   Introduction of one Major Elective Course by the Department of International Relations and Governance Studies

The AC took note of introducing **"INT364: War and Strategy in the Contemporary World"** as a major elective course from the academic session 2024-25 onwards.

The proposal was approved by the BoS of SHSS vide circulation dated **20 May 2024**. Please refer to **Annexure–4** for details.

This was approved by the AC.

iv)   Replacement of a core course in the B.Sc. Economics (Research) First Year by the Department of Economics

The AC took note of replacing the core course "**ECO108: Logic and Scientific Method**" with a new core course **"ECO104: Mathematical Methods for Economics and Finance"**, in the B.Sc. Economics (Research) First Year. As mentioned above, the AC decided to put the proposed core courses on hold until the curriculum review process is finished.

| Item No. 4 | **To report the recommendation received from the Department of Electrical Engineering, School of Engineering (SE) regarding the introduction of three major elective courses** |

The AC took note of reporting the following three new major elective courses in the UG Academic curriculum from the Spring 2024 Semester and ratified the same:
- ECE373: Wireless Network Security
- ECE374: Reconfigurable Computing
- ECE375: Quantum Computing

These major elective courses were approved by the BoS of the school vide circulation dated 17 May 2024. Please refer to **Annexure–5** for details.

| Item No. 5 | **To discuss and approve the recommendation received from the School of Engineering (SE) regarding the introduction of three new elective courses in the area of "Electric-Mobility"** |

The AC took note of the introduction of the following three new elective courses in the area of "Electric-Mobility" proposed by the Departments of Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and Engineering (SE) from the academic session 2024-25 onwards and approved the same.
- Electric Vehicle Technology
- EV Converters and Power Train
- Connected Car Technology

These elective courses were approved by the BoS of the school vide circulation dated 09 July 2024. Please refer to **Annexure–6** for details.

| Item No. 6 | **To discuss and approve the recommendations received from the Office of Dean Research and Partnerships regarding the extension of Ph.D. registration of Scholars beyond five years for Monsoon 2024 session** |

Dr. Karthik Krishnan, Associate Dean, Research, presented this item before the AC. He submitted a list of 49 scholars to approve their extension of Ph.D. registration beyond five years for the Monsoon 2024 session as per the practice followed in this regard. However, he requested to hold the extension for the following two students due to further review of their extension.
- Siddharth Jain (1910120155)
- Deepshikha Yadav (1910120152)

The details of the 47 scholars for whom the AC granted the extension are attached as **Annexure-7.**

He also notified AC that the number of extensions was not capped before changes made in 2022 PhD regulations. The same was capped at 4 after the changes made in 2022 PhD regulations. So there are only four extensions allowed for 2022 batch. Since there is no cap prior to the 2022 batch, extensions can be allowed indefinitely. The AC took note of the same.

| Item No. 7 | **To discuss and approve the recommendation from the Office of Dean Research and Partnerships regarding the re-registration of one Ph.D. Scholar for Monsoon 2024 session** |

Dr. Karthik Krishnan, Associate Dean, Research, presented this item before the AC that Mr. Atul Murlidhar Sudame enrolled in the Ph.D. program in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, SE on 1 August 2016, with Roll No. 1610120051. He suffered from Chronic Kidney Disease in December 2020 during COVID pandemic, resulting in double kidney failure. He was on medical leave as per policy but could not rejoin, resulting in a lapse of registration. He has nine publications in peer-reviewed Journals and three book chapters. He has undergone kidney transplantation and is keen to complete the thesis submission process. The Doctoral committee, Department, and School have reviewed his case and have recommended re-registration. The Doctoral committee review reports are attached as **Annexure-8** for the details.

The AC approved the case based on the medical Grounds.

Item No. 8   **To discuss the 'Grade Analysis' of the Shiv Nadar IoE results for Monsoon 2023 and Spring 2024 semesters**

Mr. Ziaur Rehman, Deputy Controller of Examinations, presented the Grade Analysis report for Monsoon 2023 and Spring 2024 semesters before the AC. The members had a detailed discussion on the Grade Analysis report, and AC noted the same.

The Grade Analysis reports attached to **Annexure-9**, as presented before the AC, were taken on record.

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

Dr. Ananya Mukherjee
Vice-Chancellor & Chairperson

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