Minutes of the Fourth Academic Council (AC) meeting of Shiv Nadar (Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University), held on Thursday, 9 November 2023, from 1100-1400 Hrs. in Conference Room no. D-330

The Fourth Meeting of the Academic Council (AC) of **'Shiv Nadar IoE',** was held on Thursday, 9 November 2023, from 1100-1400 Hrs. in Conference Room no. D-330. The following members were present in the meeting:

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Dr. Ananya Mukherjee	Vice-Chancellor, Chairperson
2.	Dr. Suneet Tuli	Dean & Professor, School of Engineering (SoE); Dean, Research & Partnerships
3.	Dr. Bibek Banerjee	Dean, School of Management and Entrepreneurship (SoME); Dean, Academy of Continuing Education; Director, Strategic Planning
4.	Dr. Rajat Kathuria	Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)
5.	Dr. Partha Chatterjee	Dean of Academics; Professor, Department of Economics
6.	Dr. Vinod Sharma	Professor & Head (Interim), Department of Electrical Engineering, SoE
7.	Dr. Harpreet Singh Arora	Professor & Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, SoE
8.	Dr. Dolly Sharma	Associate Professor & Head, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, SoE
9.	Dr. Ghanshyam Pal	Associate Professor & Head, Department of Civil Engineering, SoE
10.	Dr. Sudeepto Bhattacharya	Professor & Head, Department of Mathematics, SoNS
11.	Dr. Bimlesh Lochab	Professor & Head, Department of Chemistry, SoNS
12.	Dr. Susanta Sinha Roy	Professor & Head, Department of Physics, SoNS
13.	Dr. Yasmeen Arif	Professor & Head, Department of Sociology, SoHSS
14.	Dr. Vikram Kapur	Professor & Head, Department of English, SoHSS
15.	Dr. Ram Ranjan	Professor & Head (Interim), Department of Economics, SoHSS
16.	Prof. Atul Bhalla	Professor & Head, Department of Art, Media & Performance, SoHSS
17.	Dr. Siddharth Mallavarapu	Professor & Head, Department of IRGS, SoHSS
18.	Dr. Anubhuti Maurya	Associate Professor & Head, Department of History & Archaeology, SoHSS
19.	Mr. Sudhir Naudiyal	Registrar, Non- Member Secretary

The following members could not attend the meeting:

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Dr. Sanjeev Galande	Dean, School of Natural Sciences (SoNS); Head, Department of Life Sciences
2.	Dr. Sanjeev Yadav	Associate Professor & Head, Department of Chemical Engineering, SoE
3.	Dr. Sundaravaradhan Venkatesh	Associate Dean, Professor & Head, SoME

Special Invitees who have attended the meeting:

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Brig. Steve Ismail	Dean of Students
2.	Dr. Karthik Krishnan	Associate Dean, Research
3.	Dr. Rajeev Kumar Singh	Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science & Engineering
4.	Dr. Shabana Mitra	Assistant Dean, Office of Dean Academics; Associate Professor, Department of Economics, SoHSS
5.	Dr. Priyanka Pandit	Assistant Professor, Department of IRGS, SoHSS
6.	Dr. Kurt Horner	Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, SoHSS
7.	Dr. Ajit Kumar	Assistant Dean, Office of Dean Academics; Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, SoNS
8.	Prof. Pradeep Mehra	Professor, School of Management and Entrepreneurship (SoME)
9.	Dr. Partha Sarathi Roy	Assistant Professor, SoME
10.	Mr. Ziaur Rehman	Deputy Controller of Examinations
11.	Ms. Harshita Tripathi	Senior Manager, Office of Research and Partnerships

Item No. 1 **Confirmation of the minutes of the Third meeting of the Academic Council of the Shiv Nadar IoE held on 9 February 2023**

The minutes of the Third meeting of the Academic Council of the Shiv Nadar IoE held on 9 February 2023 were confirmed and attached as **Annexure-1**.

Item No. 2 **To report matters arising out of the minutes of the Third meeting of the Academic Council held on 9 February 2023 and action taken thereof on matters which needed action.**

The Registrar briefed the members regarding the action taken report on the matters arising out of the minutes of the third meeting of the Academic Council held on 9 February 2023. The AC noted the same. The action taken report is attached as **Annexure-2**.

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Item No. 3   **To report the Policy for Disability Support**

Brig. Steve Ismail, Dean of Students, has reported the Disability Support Policy to AC for ratification. He briefly discussed the objectives, committee composition, activities, nature of support in terms of academic and infrastructure, library provisions, types of disability, procedure, and ethical protocols of the "Disability Support Policy." The Policy is attached as **Annexure-3** for details.

Dr. Partha Chatterjee advised minimizing the procedure for availing disability support by the respective students. Dr. Bibek Banerjee emphasized having specific expertise to develop the academic curriculum for the 21 disability categories mentioned in the Policy. Dr. Suneet Tuli explained that it is only advisory to develop individual courses for these disability categories. The Dean of Students also emphasized having a policy where the students may not provide the certificate with 40% disability, but s/he may have some specific disability. There may be cases where, at the time of admission, a student may not fill in their disability details. Still, they have some disability, which will be reported later. The AC noted the same and approved the Policy with the suggestion to the DSA to align the same with the valuable suggestions given by the members.

Item No. 4   **To report one-year extension to 4 UG students who could not complete their degree requirements during the prescribed period of their studies**

The below-mentioned 4 UG students could not complete their degree requirements despite completing 6 years of studies. As per the Undergraduate handbook guidelines, the maximum time limit to complete the UG Degree is 6 years, and any extension beyond 6 years can be granted only by the Academic Council.

S. No.	Roll No.	Name of the student	Program	Major
1	1710110104	Devanshi Ghildiyal	BA (Research)	English
2	1710110147	Indraneel Gokhale	BA (Research)	English
3	1710110191	Lahari Kodali	BA (Research)	English
4	1710110230	Neelesh Roy	BA (Research)	English

The Office of Dean Academics earlier reported the matter to the Vice Chancellor, and she has extended, in principle, approval on 7 August 2023. The AC approved the extension sought.

Item No. 5   **To discuss and approve the following items pertaining to various departments of the School of Engineering (SoE)**

Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Dr. Dolly Sharma, Associate Professor and Head of the Department, briefed the following changes before the AC for ratification.

1. The L (lab)-T(tutorial)-P(practical) credit distribution for the following courses was changed from 2-0-1 to 3-0-0, where total credits would remain the same (equal to 3).
    i.   Machine Learning (CSD361)
    ii. Data Mining and Warehousing (CSD455)
    iii. Applied Cryptography (CSD451)
    iv. Computer Vision (CSD454)
    v.   Foundation of Information Security (CSD356)
    vi. Information Retrieval (CSD358)

2. The CSE undergraduate students are doing some courses offered by the Electrical Engineering (EE) Department. The course codes for these courses had EED prefix, but EE Department recently renamed these courses to ECE prefix. The CSE department needs to change the course codes for these courses in its documents.

The document containing the changes presented before the AC is attached as **Annexure-4**.

Department of Chemical Engineering

The proposal to change the credits of the course "**Introduction to Chemical and Biochemical Engineering**" from 2 (2:0:0) to 3 (2:1:0) was placed before the AC for ratification. The AC approved this change.

The document presented before the AC is attached as **Annexure-5**.

Department of Electrical Engineering

Professor and Head (Interim) Dr. Vinod Sharma briefed the following changes before the AC for ratification.

1. New postgraduate course "Mathematical Methods" with 5 credits and 4-1-0 (L-T-P) loading. This course is proposed to be compulsory for all incoming PhD students.

2. The Electrical Engineering Department proposed two new UG elective courses (for 3rd and 4th-year undergraduate students) as follows:
    i. "Information Theory" of 4 credits with L-T-P loading of (3-1-0). The proposed Course code is ECE369.
    ii. "Wireless Communication" of 3 credits with L-T-P loading of (3-0-0). The proposed Course code is ECE370.

The document presented before the AC is attached as **Annexure-6**.

All the above proposals were approved by the Board of Studies (BOS) of SoE vide circulation dated 27 October 2023. The AC took note and ratified the same.

| Item No. 6 | **To discuss and approve the following items pertaining to various departments of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS)** |

Department of Sociology

Dr. Yasmeen Arif, Professor & Head of the Department, briefed the following proposals before the AC for ratification.

1. Introduction of the following two new courses in its UG curriculum from Monsoon 2023
    i. SOC 417: Self and subject in modernity
    ii. SOC 329: The Social life of nomads

    The BOS has approved it vide circulation dated 24 July 2023. The document presented before the AC is attached as **Annexure-7**.

2. A proposal for a **Joint MA (Master of Arts) Degree in Global Urban Sociology (One-year program)** to be offered by SOAS, London, and Shiv Nadar IoE.

   The BOS of SoHSS approved the proposal in its meeting dated 19 October 2023. Dr. Yasmeen Arif briefly presented the Joint MA Degree in Global Urban Sociology, its academic, regulatory, and financial aspects, structure and duration, courses taught, potential student's profile including uniform fee structure with location-specific scaling in logistical costs, eligibility requirements and admission criteria, etc. She further informed that a validation meeting with all concerned SOAS, London, and Shiv Nadar IoE stakeholders is organized on 9 November 2023 to discuss all aspects of the program. She also explained the non-disclosure agreement signed by them with SOAS, London. The members discussed the regulatory requirements in detail to launch the program. The Vice-Chancellor suggested including outcomes of this program while presentation would be made to the Board of Management for its approval. The proposal, as presented before the AC, is attached as **Annexure-8**.

3. A proposal to start a new course titled "**Sociology of Art**" in its UG curriculum for the upcoming semester.

The BOS of SoHSS approved this vide circulation dated 3 November 2023. The proposal, as presented before the AC, is attached as **Annexure-9**.

The AC noted the above proposals and ratified/approved the school's BOS recommendation including the introduction of the new One-year joint Masters Program.

Department of International Relations and Governance Studies (IRGS)

Dr. Priyanka Pandit, Assistant Professor, briefed the following changes before the AC for ratification.

1. Introduction of the new courses;
    i. Visualising International Relations
    ii. Politics in Contemporary China: Structure, Ideology, and Governance
    iii. Introduction to International Political Economy
    iv. Globalization in Critical Perspective
    v. The Making of the Global Nuclear Order

2. Revision of the credit scheme for the 'Mandarin Language Programme.'

The BOS of SoHSS approved this vide circulation dated 10 May 2023 and 3 November 2023. The document, as presented before the AC, is attached as **Annexure-10**.

The AC noted all the proposals and ratified them.

Department of History & Archaeology

Dr. Anubhuti Maurya, Associate Professor & Head of the Department, briefed the following proposals before the AC for ratification.

1. Proposal of Elective Courses
    i. Rethinking Global History: Approaches to a Connected World
    ii. Cities in Modern South Asia

2. Proposal of CCC Courses
    i. Conspiracy Theories: History's Wicked Twin
    ii. Whose Child is it Anyway? The Global Politics of Childhood

The BOS of SoHSS approved these vide circulation dated 1 & 2 November 2023. The document, as presented before the AC, is attached as **Annexure-11**.

AC ratified the above proposals.

Department of Art, Media and Performance (AMP)

Prof. Atul Bhalla, Professor and Head of the Department, briefed the introduction of the following two new courses before the AC for ratification.

    i. Communicating the Environment
    ii. Introduction to Artistic Research

The BOS of SoHSS approved this vide circulation dated 12 July 2023. The proposal, as presented before the AC, is attached as **Annexure-12**. AC ratified the same.

Department of Economics

Dr. Kurt Horner, Assistant Professor, briefed the following changes before the AC for ratification.

1. UG minor program
    i. Change in Minor in Economics
    ii. Change in course credits of ECO862 and ECO872 from 3 to 4 credits

The BOS of SoHSS approved this vide circulation dated 24 February 2023. Please refer to **Annexure-13** for details.

2. Introduction of the "International Trade" elective course in the Monsoon Semester 2023.

The BOS of SoHSS approved this vide circulation dated 14 May 2023. Please refer to **Annexure-14** for details.

3. Modifications to ENF and Eco programs

The BOS of SoHSS approved this vide circulation dated 30 October 2023. Please refer to **Annexure-15** for details.

4. A proposal to start a new course titled "**Economics of Social Identity and Discrimination**."

The BOS of SoHSS approved this vide circulation dated 3 November 2023. Please refer to **Annexure-16** for details.

The AC noted all the proposals and ratified them. The Vice-Chancellor suggested the feasibility of having a Centre for Mathematics and Statistics.

Item No. 7   **To discuss and approve the extension to be granted to Mr. Santanu Chatterjee for the completion of his pending MFA program**

Prof. Atul Bhalla briefed the AC about the following student, who could not complete his MFA final semester due to his medical condition.

Roll No.	Student's Name	Program
1610120120	Santanu Chatterjee	Master of Fine Arts

He has paid the pending fees in September. He was an exceptional student with a good CGPA of 9.13 (up to Monsoon 2017). He was from the batch 2016-18 when the credits needed to complete MFA were 48. He needs to complete only one course (4 credits) and one theory course, ART 604 (core). Since ART 604 is not being offered this semester, he was requested to complete the theory course by taking an elective ART 699 instead.

The AC took note of the above and approved the same.

Item No. 8   **To discuss and approve the recommendations received from the Office of Dean Research and Partnerships regarding some changes in the Doctoral Regulation**

Dr. Karthik Krishnan, Associate Dean, Research, proposed the removal of the requirement of submission of a hardcopy of the Doctoral thesis to the University after completion of the thesis Defense. An appropriately signed and submitted digital copy through the online Doctoral portal, would suffice.

The Vice-Chancellor also suggested applying the same for Masters and Undergraduate programs as well. The AC has approved this recommendation, in principle, and suggested seeing the feasibility of repository requirements, especially for Masters and Undergraduate programs.

Item No. 9   **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 the Monsoon 2023 session**

Dr. Karthik Krishnan, Associate Dean, Research, presented this item before the AC. He requested to approve the extension of Ph.D. registration of 26 scholars beyond five years for the Monsoon 2023 session as per the practice followed in this regard. The details of the scholars for whom the AC granted the extension are attached as **Annexure-17.**

Item No. 10   **To discuss the 'Grade Analysis' of the Shiv Nadar IoE results for Spring 2023**

Mr. Ziaur Rehman, Deputy Controller of Examinations, presented the Grade Analysis report for Spring 2023 before the AC. The members had a detailed discussion on the Grade Analysis report, and AC noted the same. The Vice-Chancellor suggested including data on completion time (how many years a student takes to complete their degree) for Undergraduates, Postgraduates, and Doctorate scholars next time.

The Grade Analysis report attached to **Annexure-18,** as presented before the AC, was taken on record.

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

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