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Meeting No. AC-01/2023 (Academic Council Meeting)

Minutes of the Meeting

Agenda Item - Academic Council

21th December, 2023 at 11.00 p.m.

Item No.	Description
1	Welcome note by Vice-Chancellor (I/c)
2	The Formal Introduction of Academic Council Members - All Members.
3	The Introduction of Academic Council Key Responsibilities and Role of Academic Council in University Operations
4	To consider and approve the Research Policy and recommend to BoM.
5	To consider and approve the Ph.D regulations.
6	To implement National Credit Framework, National Higher Education Qualification Framework and National Education Policy 2020.
7	To consider and approve proposal for introducing new programs in Law for AY - 2023 - 2024. (1. BA LLB & 2. LLB).
8	To approve the Academic Regulations and recommend to BoM for their approval.
9	To consider the Examination Regulations and Scheme of Evaluation drafted by Board of Examination.
10	To ratify the action taken by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor in respect of the following a) Academic calendar b) Curriculum drafted by Curriculum Development Committee [CDC], BoS, and the approval given by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (I/c) for Programmes offered by PCU for A.Y 2023-24.
11	Any other matter with permission of chair.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The 1st Academic Council Meeting of Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune held on Thursday, 21st December 2023 at 11:00 am in the board room at Pimpri Chinchwad University. The minutes of the meeting are appended below.

Members Present

The following members were present.

Sr. No.	Designated Member	Designation	Attendance	Mode
1	Dr. Manimala Puri (Vice-Chancellor (I/c))	Chairperson	Present	
2	Dr. Rajeev Bhardwaj - Pro-Vice Chancellor	Member	Present	
3	1. Dr. V N Patil - HoD (I/c) 2. Dr. Ramdas Biradar - HoD (I/c) 3. Dr. Ajay Sharma – HoD 4. Dr. Rajesh Patil – HoD (I/c) 5. Ms. Ruchu Kuthiala, HoD (I/c) 6. Mr. Ashish Nar - HoD	Member	Present	
4	1. Dr. Archana Rathore – Professor 2. Dr. Anju Bala – Asso. Professor	Member	Present	
5	1. Dr. Ajit Rajwade, Associate Professor, Computer Science & Engg., IIT Bombay 2. Dr. Arun Mohan Sherry, Director, IIIT, Lucknow 3. Dr. Neerja Pandey, Professor and Former Dean, IIM, Lucknow 4. Dr. D K Agarwal, Professor and Former Dean, IIM, Shillong 5. Dr. Prashant Bartakke, Dean School of Electrical & Communication Engg., COEP Tech. University, Pune	Member Member Member Member Member	Present Absent Present Present Present	Online Online Online
6	1. Dr. Sagar Tikar, Tata Motors, Pune 2. Dr. Neha Sharma, Consultant at TCS, Founder Secretary Society for Data Science 3. Dr. Safal Batra, Professor, IIM, Kashipur	Member Member Member	Absent Present Present	Online

7	Dr. Sudeep Thepade, Professor, Computer Engineering Dept., Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering	Special Invitee	Present	Online
8	Dr. Govind Kulkarni, Director, Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering	Special Invitee	Present	Online
9	Dr. Sheetal Kumar Rawandale - Dean Industry Institute	Special Invitee	Present	
10	Interaction - PCET	Member Secretary	Present	

Dr. Manimala Puri, Vice-Chancellor (I/c) was requested to chair the meeting.

The meeting of the members was called upon to discuss and transact the following business:

To grant leave of absence, if any:

Dr. Ajit Rajwade, Dr. Arun Mohan Sherry & Dr. Sagar Tikar had requested for Leave of absence and were granted a Leave of absence to them.

Item No.01: Welcome note by Vice-Chancellor (I/c)

Dr. Manimala Puri, Vice Chancellor (I/c) welcomed all the members and experts from academics and industry ,present for the meeting. In her brief talk, she informed the members about the vision and mission of the University along with the salient features. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (I/c) informed members about various corporate and industry tie ups of the University which is a unique feature of the University. These industries and corporates have helped to design the program structures and syllabus which are aligned with the industry standards. She also briefed about a broad future plan of the University.

Item No. 02: The Formal Introduction of Academic Council Members - All Members.

Since this was the first Academic Council meeting of Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune, Dr. Manimala Puri, Vice Chancellor (I/c) introduced each and every respected member to everyone.

Item No. 03: The Introduction of Academic Council Key Responsibilities and Role of Academic Council in University Operations.

Dr. Manimala Puri, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (I/c) briefed the profile of each members of Academic Council to the forum. She apprised the key responsibilities of Academic Council in University Academic & Evaluation structure. The Academic Council shall be the principal academic body of the University, responsible to institute degrees, diplomas, certificates and distinctions that may be awarded by the University, to control and regulate the maintenance of the standard of instructions, education and research carried on or imparted in the University, to advise the Board of Management on all academic matters including matters relating to examination conducted by the University.

The Members after due deliberations took note of the same and acknowledged the key responsibilities and role of members in University operations.

Item No. 04: To consider and approve the Research Policy and recommend to BoM.

The copy of Ph.D regulation is attached as **Annexure - A**

Dr. Manimala Puri, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (I/c) have presented the Research policy of the University to the members.

Dr. Safal Batra have advised University to pay 100% about of registration to the participants from the University for paper presentation. He added that the University may reimburse Rs. 1 Lacs to the candidates who are participating in international conferences, workshops etc.

Dr. Neerja Pandey have suggested to conduct the orientation programmes for the University faculty members to motivate them for Research and Publication. She also have suggested to consider the publications done by Faculty members in their annual appraisals, Dr. D. K. Agrawal has also supported this suggestion. He further added that ABDC journal should be considered for the management faculty.

The University have agreed to amend the points suggested by the members.

The Members after due deliberations took note of the same and passed the following resolution unanimously:

“RESOLVED THAT the Academic Council hereby approves the Research Policy as annexed in Annexure A.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT a certified copy of this resolution and copy of Research Policy shall be recommended to the Board of Management for their approval.”

Item No. 05: To consider and approve the Ph.D regulation.

The copy of Ph.D regulation is attached as **Annexure - B**

Dr. Manimala Puri, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (I/c) have presented the Ph. D regulations of the University to the members.

Dr. Neerja Pandey have suggested that the regulations shall be in-line with the NEP guidelines the Ph.D course work may be offered in online mode.

Dr. Kulkarni suggested that instead of post Ph.D experience of three years for recognition as Ph.D guide, post Ph.D experience of one year could be considered for candidates having Ph.D from institutes of national importance / IITs/ NITs / IIITs/ IISERs / Central Universities / Notable state universities / top 100 NIRF ranked universities. An exhaustive list of the same may be compiled at the university level yearly. In such case total minimum five publications by Ph.D guide should be in SCI Scopus / Web of Science / ABDC / UGC Care.

Mr. Prashant Bartakke suggested that the paper published in core ranking conferences may be considered.

The University has agreed to amend the points suggested by the members.

The Members after due deliberations took note of the same and passed the following resolution unanimously:

"RESOLVED THAT the Academic Council hereby approves the Ph.D Regulation as annexed in Annexure B.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT a certified copy of this resolution and copy of Ph. D Regulation shall be recommended to the Board of Management for their approval."

Item No. 06: To implement National Credit Framework, National Higher Education Qualification Framework and National Education Policy 2020.

Dr. Manimala Puri, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (I/c) has presented the National Credit Framework, National Higher Education Qualification Framework and National Education Policy 2020 to the members. She informed the members that the University is following these policies.

The Members have noted the same.

Item No. 07: To consider and approve proposal for introducing new programs in Law for AY 2024 - 2025. (1. BA LLB & 2. LLB).

Dr. Manimala Puri, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (I/c) apprised the members that the University is introducing the Law programmes from Academic year 2024-25. The University shall offer BA LLB & LLB programmes at the initial stage.

She also informed that the University have started the approval application procedure with Bar Council of India.

The Members after due deliberations took note of the same and passed the following resolution unanimously:

“RESOLVED THAT the Academic Council hereby approves to introduce the Law Programmes in the University form Academic Year 2024-25.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT a certified copy of this resolution and copy BAR Council Procedure of New Institution approval documents shall be forwarded to the Board of Management for their approval.”

Item No. 08: To approve the Academic Regulation and recommend to BoM for their approval.

The same is attached as **Annexure – C**.

Dr. Manimala Puri, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (I/c) has presented the Academic regulation of the University to the members. She apprised ,that the University has implemented the NEW 2020 policy while drafting the Academic Regulation.

Dr. Neerja Pandey suggested that the answer sheets of end term exams should be shown to the students. Pro-VC replied to her that the Answer sheets of end term can be shown to the students upon the request with certain fees as declared by the university from time to time.

Dr. Neerja Pandey suggested to incorporate the provision of shift from one branch to another in academic regulation.

The University have agreed to amend the points suggested by the members.

The Members after due deliberations took note of the same and passed the following resolution unanimously:

“RESOLVED THAT the Academic Council hereby approves the Academic Regulation as annexed in Annexure C.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT a certified copy of this resolution and copy of Academic Regulation shall be recommended to the Board of Management for their approval.”

Item No. 09: To consider the Examination Regulation and Scheme of Evaluation drafted by Board of Examination.

The same is attached as **Annexure – D**

Dr. Manimala Puri, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (I/c) has presented the Examination Regulation drafted by Board of Examination to the members. She apprised that the University has implemented the NEW 2020 policy while drafting the Examination Regulation with Multi Entry Multi Exit Scheme.

The Members after due deliberations took note of the same and passed the following resolution unanimously:

“RESOLVED THAT the Academic Council hereby approves the Examination Regulations as annexed in Annexure D.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT a certified copy of this resolution may be furnished to the concerned person(s) and/or authorities for giving effect to this resolution, under the hands of the I/C Vice Chancellor of the University.”

Item No. 10: To ratify the action taken by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor in respect of the following;

a) Academic calendar

b) Curriculum drafted by Curriculum Development Committee [CDC], BoS, and the approval given by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (I/c) for Programmes offered by PCU for A.Y 2023-24.

The same is attached as **Annexure – E & F**

Dr. Manimala Puri, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (I/c) apprised to the members that the University is following the Academic Calendar and Curriculum of each courses recommended by Curriculum Development Committee constituted under the Vice-Chancellors office.

She apprised to the members that the University approval was granted before beginning of the Academic Session and few statutory approvals were mandatory before starting the Academic Sessions. The University has taken the special approvals from the VC office such as Academic Calendar and Curriculum of each course and decided to ratify these decision in respective meetings.

The Members after due deliberations took note of the same and passed the following resolution unanimously:

“RESOLVED THAT the Academic Council hereby ratifies the Academic Calendar and Course Curriculum as annexed in Annexure E & F.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT a certified copy of this resolution may be furnished to the concerned person(s) and/or authorities for giving effect to this resolution, under the hands of the I/C Vice Chancellor of the University.”

VOTE OF THANKS:

There being no other business to be transacted, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Date: December 21, 2023

Place: Pune

**Chairperson
(Dr. Manimala Puri)**