

Date: February 1, 2021

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Academic Council held on 23rd January 2021 at 03:00 PM through video conference (using zoom) as per the agenda given below.

1. Admission overview of the session 2020-2021
2. Approval to start following new M. Tech program from the Academic year 2021-22
 - i. Steel Technology (Department of Metallurgical Engineering)
 - ii. Manufacturing Technology & Automation (Department of Mechanical Engineering).
3. Approval to start Executive MBA program in line with IIMs.
4. To approve the reduction in intake in B. Tech Civil Engineering by 30 seats and increase intake by 30 seats in B. Tech CSE from the Academic year 2021-22.
5. Approval of Admission Notification 2021-22.
6. Approval of revised scheme of 5th and 6th semester B. Tech (CSE) applicable to 2019-23 batch.
7. Approval of revised scheme of 1st year B. Tech CSE applicable from the Academic year 2021-22.
8. Any other point by the permission of the Chair.

Following members attended the meeting:

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| 1. Dr. R. D. Patidar, Vice Chancellor, OPJU | : | Chairman |
| 2. Dr. Dheeraj Sanghi, Professor, IIT, Kanpur | : | Member |
| 3. Dr. Dheeraj K. Khatod, Assoc. Prof. IIT, Roorke | : | Member |
| 4. Mr. Dinesh Tripathi, President, JSPL | : | Member |
| 5. Dr. Kamal K. Mehta, Professor, SVKM'S NMIMS | : | Member |
| 6. Dr. Shesadev Nayak, Assoc. Dean, SOM, OPJU | : | Member |
| 7. Dr. Girish Chandra Mishra, Asst. Dean, OPJU | : | Member |
| 8. Mr. Anurag Vijaywargiya, Registrar (I/C), OPJU | : | Member Secretary |

Following proceedings were recorded in the meeting:

1. At the outset, the Member Secretary introduced new members to other members and welcomed all of them to the Academic Council meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Member Secretary requested the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to brief the members on the overall activities of the University.



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2. Dr. R. D. Patidar, presented comprehensive activities of the University for the Academic year 2019-20, which includes adoption of online teaching-learning process and conduction of entire examinations during the period of COVID-19, receipt of various awards from Govt. and Regulatory bodies for academic excellence, special mention by AICTE – CII 2020 award for the best industry-linked institution, best university of CG by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of CG, contribution of faculty members in publication of more than 40 research papers in Scopus/SCI-indexed journals, submission of 10+ research proposals to various funding agencies, placement of 80% of the students in reputed companies with an average package of 5.75 lacs, more than 75 students placed in different Jindal group companies like JSPL, JSW, JSL, JPL, establishment of Centre of excellence, organizing 150+ webinars, 10+ FDPS, 10+ workshop, 01 International Conference, 01 HR summit, recruitment of globally experienced and research-oriented faculties, aggressive marketing and branding of the university for getting quality students.
3. The Vice-Chancellor also appraised regarding the introduction of integrated B. Tech programs in collaboration with Siemens in the Mechanical Engineering and with Intel in the Computer Science and Engineering department, which was well appreciated by the members. Dr. Kamal K. Mehta, Professor, SVKM'S NMIMS has given valuable input in this respect and advise us to start more integrated programs with some of the new companies like IBM and Microsoft. Further, Dr. Dheeraj K. Khatod, Associate professor, IIT, Roorkee has also the valuable inputs in this respect.
4. The admission status of the University for the Period 2020-21 was reviewed. The Vice-Chancellor intimated to the members that this year the admission scenario is quite encouraging in comparison to last year's (2019-20) achievement irrespective of the countrywide adverse effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on all the sectors. This year the total number of admission is more than 526. The members appreciated the efforts of all the faculty and staff members for such achievement.
5. Dr. R. D. Patidar, Vice-Chancellor informed the members to start a new M. Tech program like Steel Technology in Metallurgical Engineering and Manufacturing Technology & Automation in Mechanical Engineering Department (18 seats in each branch) from the Academic year 2021-22 subject to the approval of the AICTE. The proposal was appreciated and got the approval of the members. Dr. Dheeraj Sanghi, Professor, IIT, Kanpur suggested increasing the batch size from 18 to 24 students. Dr. Dheeraj Khatod pointed out the mismatch in the credit and the same was rectified.

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6. The matter regarding the introduction of the Executive MBA program in line with IIMs was also discussed with the members of the Academic Council and all are unanimously agreed to start the same.
7. The proposal for reduction of intake in B. Tech Civil Engineering by 30 seats and increase intake by 30 seats in B. Tech CSE from the Academic year 2021-22 was discussed. Considering the present admission scenario in both the branches the proposal was suggested and got the approval of the members.
8. Admission notification for 2021-22 was presented before the Academic Council and after a thorough discussion, the members were pleased to accord their approval.
9. The members were intimated about the revised scheme of 5th and 6th semester B. Tech (CSE) applicable to 2019-23 batch and 1st year B. Tech CSE applicable from the Academic year 2021-22 in School of Engineering as per the need of the time. Both the schemes got the approval of the council.
10. Mr. Dinesh Tripathi, President JSPL suggested starting exploring the possibilities of a program for B. Tech students in Metallurgical and Materials Engineering in collaboration with JSPL. He also informed that companies like Amazon, Google, etc. are hiring students with Fintech background (Financial Technologies which combines the conceptual knowledge of finance with analytics) and was wondering if OPJU can launch a similar course for its students.

All the members were highly impressed by witnessing the continuous growth rate of the university under the able guidance of the Vice-Chancellor and at the same time anticipating many more achievements for OPJU in near future.

There being no other points for the discussion, the meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.

(Anurag Vijaywargiya)
Member Secretary