

34th MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL VSSUT, BURLA



MINUTES

Date: 16.05.2024, Thursday

Time: 10 A.M.

Venue: Golden Jubilee Hall, VSSUT Burla

1. Prof. B. Majhi, Hon'ble VC, Chairman	22. Dr. M. K. Jena, HoD, MATH
2. Prof. S. Agrawal, Dean, AC, Member Secretary	23. Prof. G. Nath, HoD, PHY
3. Prof. H.S. Behera, Dean, PGS&R & HoS, CS	24. Dr. J.P.Paramaguru, HoD, HUM
4. Prof. S. K. Patro, Dean, SW	25. Dr. A. K. Panda, CoE
5. Prof. R.K. Panigrahi, Dean, F&P & HoD, CE (I/c)	26. Prof. P. Nanda, Professor, T & P
6. Prof. S. Dash, Dean, SRIC	27. Prof. J.R.Mohanty, Professor, ME
7. Prof. S.K. Sarangi, Dean, CDCE	28. Prof. P. Mohapatra, Professor, CHEM
8. Prof. A. K. Kar, Dean, A & IR	29. Dr. Sucheta Panda, Asso. Professor, CA
9. Prof. J. Rana, HoS, C&BS	30. Dr. R.C. Prusty, Assistant Professor, EE
10. Prof. S. Panda, Dean, HoS, ES	31. Dr. S.K. Padhan, Assistant Professor, Math
11. Prof. J.P. Panda, HoS, H & BS	32. Dr. P.K. Sahu, Asso. Prof., IT, Invited Member
12. Prof. S.S. Das, HoS, I & P	33. Dr. L. Dora, Assistant Professor, EEE
13. Prof. Debadutta Mishra, HoS, MS	34. Prof. A.K. Turuk, Prof. CSE, NIT Rourkela (External Member)
14. Mr. A.K. Murmu, HoD (I/c), CH	
15. Dr. Papia Ray, HoD, EE	
16. Dr. Santi Behera, HoD, EEE	
17. Prof. H. K. Sahoo, HoD, ETC	
18. Dr. Sumanta Panda, HoD, ME	
19. Prof. S. K. Badjena, HoD, MME	
20. Dr. B. Mohapatra, HoD, Arch.	
21. Prof. T.Biswal, HoD, CHEM	


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PART- A

AC-2024-34.01	<p>To consider the proceedings of the 33rd Academic Council Meeting held on 18.12.2023 at 4.00 P.M. in the Golden Jubilee Seminar Hall (Annexure-A1) and report on Action Taken (Annexure-A2).</p> <p>Resolution: The AC approved the proceedings of the 33rd Academic Council.</p>
AC-2024-34.02	<p>To consider and approve one external member (from BPUT, Odisha) to be nominated for a period of two years as per Clause No.21 (2) (b) (iii) of VSSUT Act as the tenure of Prof. Tushar Kumar Nath, Professor & Head of Civil Engg. Department, IGIT, Sarang completed on February 2024. (Annexure-A3).</p> <p>Resolution: The AC nominated the name of Prof. B.B. Choudhury, Professor in Mechanical Engg. Department, IGIT, Sarang as the external member of the Academic Council for a period of two years. The proposal was recommended to Board of Management for approval.</p>
AC-2024-34.03	<p>To discuss the course structure of 3rd Semester onwards and freeze the details syllabus of 3rd & 4th Semester, B.Tech Programme as per NEP. (Annexure-A4)</p> <p>Resolution: The course structure (from 3rd to 8th semesters) of Circuit and Non-Circuit branches as per NEP was approved. The detail syllabus of 3rd and 4th semester was approved. The HoS, Electrical Sciences suggested to include Optimization and Soft Computing as Advanced Competency Course – 1 in 3rd Semester for all departments in the School of Electrical Sciences only.</p>
AC-2024-34.04	<p>To discuss regarding the withdrawal of Repeat Mid Semester. (Annexure-A5)</p> <p>Resolution: The AC deliberated and approved withdrawal of the provision of repeat mid-semester examinations effective from the next academic session: July 2024. Henceforth, repeat mid-semester examinations will not be conducted for any subject unless there are justifying circumstances, such as medical emergencies leading to prolonged hospitalization or other valid reasons (as mentioned in Academic Regulations). In cases where repeat mid-semester exams are permitted due to exceptional circumstances as mentioned above, a penalty of one grade less may be imposed in the respective subject, to be decided by the concerned committee.</p> <p>The 7th semester students who are allowed internship shall have to register for NPTEL / MOOCs courses similar to their subjects mentioned in the syllabus. If similar subjects are not available, then they must choose other subjects which have not been offered in any semester. All the subjects must be approved by HoS / HoD in consultation with the SPOC, NPTEL / MOOCs. The sessional subjects (if any) will be conducted in the department after the student joins the university after completing the internship.</p>
AC-2024-34.05	<p>To discuss regarding the caution money collection from all UG, PG & PhD students at the time of admission. The amount may be adjusted in the fee for issue of degree certificate and the membership fee of alumni association. (Annexure-A6)</p> <p>Resolution: The AC deliberated on the proposal and resolved to continue with the present practice of refund of caution money by the Accounts Section. The office of the Dean Academic Affairs will send a list of all passed out students with bank details to the Accounts Section, after the Convocation, for disbursement of caution money.</p>
AC-2024-34.06	<p>To consider and approve the faculty appraisal format for the evaluation of annual performance of Faculty Members. (Annexure-A7)</p> <p>Resolution: The AC deliberated on the format proposed and suggested modifications. After due deliberation and necessary modifications, the final format is approved. (Annexure-A8)</p>


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AC-2024-34.07	To discuss regarding the Circulation of BOS to all faculties by HoS. (Annexure-A9) Resolution: The AC approved the suggestion and recommended HoS to circulate the proceedings of BoS to all the concerned faculty members regarding question paper setting and answer sheet evaluation.
AC-2024-34.08	To discuss regarding the possession of mobile phone / smart watch during all examinations. Resolution: The AC resolved that, besides the existing regulations for malpractice cases, if a student is found possessing mobile phone or smart watch during all the examinations, his / her corresponding paper will be cancelled. This will be effective from the academic session 2024-25. The office of the Dean Academic Affairs will put up a notice for wide circulation among the staff and students.
<u>PART-B</u>	
AC-2024-34.09	To confirm the proceedings of 33 rd RPEC meeting held on 08.11.2023 at 11.00 A.M. (Annexure-B1) Resolution: The AC approved the proceedings of 33 rd RPEC.
AC-2024-34.10	To report the admission of the Ph.D. Scholars enrolled during Spring- 2024. (Annexure-B2) Resolution: The AC noted the admission of the Ph.D. Scholars enrolled during Spring- 2024.
AC-2024-34.11	To report the Course-work subjects of the Ph.D. Scholars enrolled during Spring- 2024. (Annexure-B3) Resolution: The AC noted the course-work subjects of the Ph.D. Scholars enrolled during Spring-2024.
AC-2024-34.12	To report the Presentation of Registration Seminar of Ph.D. Scholars. (Annexure-B4) Resolution: The AC noted the list of Ph.D. Scholars for Presentation of Registration Seminar.
AC-2024-34.13	To consider the inclusion of Supervisor/ Co-Supervisor. (Annexure-B5) Resolution: The AC noted the list of Supervisor/ Co-Supervisor.
AC-2024-34.14	To consider cancellation of Ph.D. Programme of Ph.D. Scholars. (Annexure-B6) Resolution: The AC noted the list of scholars whose Ph.D. Programme is cancelled.
AC-2024-34.15	To consider/ratify the extension of Ph.D. Programme of Ph.D. Scholars. (Annexure-B7) 1. To ratify the extension of Ph.D. Programme of Ph.D. Scholars. 2. To consider the extension of Ph.D. Programme beyond 9 years. Resolution: 1. The extension of the scholars is ratified and the AC recommends the scholars to submit their thesis within the extension period, failing of which may lead to the termination of their Ph.D Programme. 2. The AC recommends the extension in the Ph.D programme of the scholars till 31.12.2024. Under no circumstance, further extension will be provided to them and their Ph.D Programme stands cancel after 31.12.2024. The proposal was recommended to Board of Management for approval.
AC-2024-34.16	To consider the category change of PhD Programme. (Annexure-B8) Resolution: Ms. Pratibha Bhoi, bearing Regd. No. 2310130101, Department of Mathematics was not selected in DST Inspired-Fellowship. As per letter No. VSSUT/Math/352/24, Dated.18.03.2024, the HOD recommended to change her category from category – 2 to category – 3 (Full time student without fellowship). The AC approved the category change of the PhD programme.


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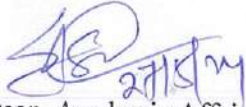

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AC-2024-34.17	To consider supervision of scholar by the faculty of VSSUT (as principal supervisor) during his / her lien period. (Annexure-B9) Resolution: The AC recommended that any faculty of VSSUT (acting as principal supervisor) on lien will continue to supervise his / her Ph.D Scholar till the end of lien period sanctioned by University / Government. The faculty before availing lien need to undertake that the scholar under his supervision will complete his/her PhD work within the lien duration. In case of single supervisor availing lien, a co-supervisor will be assigned by the DAC/SAC from a relevant department with a willingness from the supervisor and the scholar. In case of non-compliance, the usual rules/regulations mentioned in compiled and updated PhD regulations 2023, clause no. 4.5(A),4.5(B) and 4.6 will be followed. The proposal was recommended to Board of Management for approval.
AC-2024-34.18	To consider the publication criteria of Humanities & Social Science towards the submission of Ph.D. thesis. (Annexure-B10) Resolution: The AC approved that, only for the Department of Humanities / Social Sciences, publications in unpaid journals with indexing in Social Science Citation Index (SSCI), Arts & Humanities Citation Index, English Web of Science and unpaid UGC Care Journals, will be considered for submission of Ph.D thesis.
AC-2024-34.19	To consider the recommendation of Vice Chancellor regarding Ph.D Programme. (Annexure-B11) Resolution: The AC noted the recommendations of Vice Chancellor regarding Ph.D Programme and accepted as advisory to Dean, PGS & R.
AC-2024-34.20	To consider the Social Science Citation Index (SSCI) journal for PhD thesis submission (suggested by HoS, Civil and Infrastructure). (Annexure-B12) Resolution: The AC deliberated on the proposal to consider unpaid SSCI journals towards submission of Ph.D thesis for Engineering branches. The AC requested the Chairman to form a committee to take a decision to be placed in the next academic council.
<u>PART-C</u>	
AC-2024-34.21	To discuss regarding the appointment of examiners, issue of answer scripts. Resolution: The AC deliberated and resolved that the information from Board of Studies (BoS) will be referred and intimated by HoS regarding the appointment of examiners and issue of answer scripts. No separate intimation of appointment of examiners, issue of answer scripts will be sent by the Controller of Examinations.
AC-2024-34.22	To discuss regarding the Preparation of examination manual. Resolution: Need not be displayed in the website, as the content is already available in the academic regulations/Act and Statutes.
AC-2024-34.23	To discuss regarding giving one chance of examination for students. Resolution: The AC deliberated on the proposal and recommended to defer till the automation process is implemented.
<u>ANY OTHER ITEM</u>	
AC-2024-34.24	To include Director, IQAC as a member of Academic Council. Resolution: The AC accepted the proposal and recommended it to Board of Management for approval.

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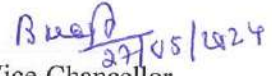
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AC-2024-34.25	<p>To ratify the HOS (Head of School), School of Computer Sciences to be the Chairman of all Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of all Ph.D scholars after restructuring of School of Computer Sciences in line with order No. SDTE/HTE-HTE-II-0015-2024/3571/SDTE, Dated. 30/04/2024 followed by VSSUT/OOR/357/2024, Dated 07/05/2024 and subsequent approval from Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. (Annexure-13)</p> <p>Resolution: The AC noted and approved the proposal.</p>
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