

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD AT 2 PM ON 17.02.2025
IN THE BOARD ROOM, ADMINISTRATIVE BLOCK,
SARALA BIRLA UNIVERSITY, RANCHI**

A meeting of the Academic Council was held on 17th February 2025 at 2 PM in the Board Room under the chairmanship of Prof.(Dr.) Jeganathan Chockalingam, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Sarala Birla University, Ranchi.

The following members were present in the meeting:

- **Prof.(Dr.) Jeganathan Chockalingam** - Chairman
- **Prof.(Dr.)Gopal Pathak**
- **Prof. Neelima Pathak**
- **Prof. V.K. Singh** - Member Secretary
- **Dr. Ashok Kumar Asthana-Dean Student Welfare**
- **Dr. P.K.Hota-University Librarian**
- **Mr. Rahul Vats-The Controller of Examination**
- **Dr. Pankaj Kumar Goswami**
- **Dr. Arabinda Bhandari**
- **Dr. Sailesh Narayan**
- **Prof. S.B.Dandin**
- **Dr. Manoj Pandey**
- **Dr. B.Samanta**
- **Dr. Goutam Tanty**
- **Dr. Abhishek Chauhan**
- **Dr. Priyanka Srivastava**
- **Dr. Rajeev Ranjan**
- **Dr. R.M.Jha**
- **Dr. Puja Mishra**
- **Mr. Aditya Swarup**
- **Dr. Vandana Bhattacharya, BIT, Mesra**

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor extended welcome to all the members of the Academic Council and requested Prof. V.K.Singh, Registrar to proceed with the meeting agenda-wise.

Agenda No 1: Confirmation of minutes of the meeting of Academic Council held on 20th August 2024.

Decision: All the decisions taken in the previous meeting dated 20th August 2024 were confirmed by the Academic Council.

Agenda No 2: Approval of decisions taken in the Examination Council meeting held on 5th September 2024, 5th October 2024, 11th December 2024 & 11th February 2025.

Decision: Mr. Rahul Vats, Controller of Examinations, presented the decisions taken in the Examination Council meetings held on 5th September 2024, 5th October 2024, 11th December 2024, and 11th February 2025. The council approved the decisions with below mentioned suggestions.

- a) It was decided to review the SBU Examination Manual for updation in accordance with UGC regulations.
- b) For practical and project courses, external examiners from outside university may be invited for final semester examinations. For the remaining semesters, external examiners from allied departments may be invited.
- c) It was decided that Ph. D cell will look into the modality of Ph. D course work examinations and put it in Research Council Meeting.
- d) The modalities for conducting certificate courses (French, Yoga, Fine Arts, Music, Dance) examinations to be decided by the concerned committee, notified vide Ref.No.SBU/R/468/24, dated 23rd August 2024

Agenda No 3: Proposal of 2nd Convocation.

Decision: It was resolved that 2nd Convocation will be held in the 2nd week of April 2025.

Agenda No 4: Approval of decisions taken in the Research Council meeting held on 31st December 2024.

Decision: All the decisions taken in the Research Council meeting dated 31st December 2024 were approved except Agenda No. 5 & 6. In Agenda no.5, it was decided that Ph. D Ordinance Review Committee will put its observations & recommendation to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

Furthermore, It was decided to notify Agenda No. 6.

Agenda No 5: Approval of syllabus & course structure of B.Sc. Integrated Physics (5 years.) and B.Sc. Chemistry (Hons.), M.Sc. Chemistry, M.Sc. Data Science & LL.M. (2years).

Decision: Dr. Pankaj Kumar Goswami presented the syllabus and course structure of B.Sc. Integrated Physics (5 years) for the academic session 2025-26 for approval. The council approved the syllabus and course structure for B.Sc. Integrated Physics (5 years) for the 2025-26 academic session.

Dr. Pankaj Kumar Goswami presented the syllabus and course structure of M.Sc. Data Science (2 years) for the academic session 2025-26. The council approved the same.

The approval of the syllabus and course structure for B.Sc. Chemistry (Hons.), M.Sc. Chemistry was not presented as the HoD was unavailable due to an accident.

The approval for LL.M. (2 years) was not considered due to non preparation. The council requested the respective Dean to present the proposal in the next Academic Council meeting.

Agenda No 6: Implementation of Credit Transfer through SWAYAM/NPTEL Platform.

Decision: Dr. Priyanka Srivastava, Dy. CoE, presented the minutes of the meeting related to MOOCs Courses for confirmation. The council confirmed the same. It was decided that all the departments will review and decide on integrating credit transfer through SWAYAM/NPTEL into their course structure.

Agenda No 7: Others (By the order of the chair).

- a) **Pre-Thesis Submission Viva:** The viva will be conducted through the Departmental Research Committee (DRC) only. External Examiners will not be invited.
- b) **Mechanical Engineering Syllabus:** Dr. Rajeev Ranjan presented the syllabus and course structure of Mechanical Engineering. The council deferred the proposal as course codes were not mentioned as well as comparative data of changes were missing.
- c) **Electronics & Communication Engineering Syllabus:** Dr. Manoj Pandey presented the syllabus and course structure of ECE. The council deferred the proposal due to discrepancies in the course code, old and new syllabus, and module details. There were no comparative sheets of changes in old & new structure & syllabus.
- d) **Civil Engineering Syllabus:** Dr. Pankaj Kumar Goswami presented the syllabus and course structure of Civil Engineering. The council deferred the proposal due to lack of clarity regarding the course structure.
- e) **Business Management Syllabus:** Dr. Arabinda Bhandari presented the syllabus and course structure of Business Management. The council deferred the proposal and suggested to review and rename Research Ethics as “Research Case Studies.”
- f) **Certificate Courses Syllabus:** Dr. Neelima Pathak presented the syllabus and course structure of certificate courses of Accupressure, Marma Therapy and Naturopathy. The council deferred the proposal and recommended for restructuring the course to merge related subjects into a single course. It was suggested to merge Accupressure, Marma Therapy and Naturopathy into one certificate course.
- g) **Certificate Courses in Performing Arts:** Dr. Neelima Pathak presented the syllabus and course structure of Certificate Courses in Performing Arts. The council deferred the proposal

due to doubts regarding the nomenclature of the department and the lack of clarity in the defined areas of interest. The council suggested to merge the eleven certificate courses into two certificate courses.

- h) **Certificate Course in Soft Skills with IELTS & TOEFL Preparation:** Dr. Neelima Pathak presented the syllabus and course structure of Certificate Course in Soft Skills with IELTS & TOEFL Preparation. The council deferred the proposal and suggested to change the name of programme and propose with a budget in the next Academic Council Meeting..

Recommendation: The council suggested that the Minutes of Meeting (MoM) of the Board of Studies (BoS) for the respective departments as above mentioned in Others: Agenda No. (7) be presented with more clarity in the next Academic Council meeting.

At the end of the meeting, Prof. V.K. Singh, Registrar (Member Secretary) proposed vote of thanks to all the members. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm with the permission of the chair.

17/12/2017
Prof. (Dr.) V. K. Singh
Registrar

