# Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University

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## Minutes of the 37<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council of SMVD University

The 37<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) was held on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 3:30 P.M. in the AB Committee Room, Administrative Block SMVDU Campus.

The following were present in the meeting:

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| i) | Prof. Pragati Kumar<br>Vice Chancellor, SMVDU | In-Chair |
| ii) | Prof Sandeep Sancheti,<br>Vice President - Research Relations & Academic Ambassador, Elsevier India | External Member |
| iii) | Prof. Anju Bhasin,<br>Department of Physics, University of Jammu | External Member |
| iv) | Sh. Pranavant<br>Ex-Partner, Deloitte India (in Virtual Mode) | External Member |
| v) | Dr. Rina Surana<br>Associate Professor, Dept. of Architecture and Planning, MNIT, Jaipur (in Virtual Mode) | External Member |
| vi) | Prof. Majid Jamil<br>Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi (in Virtual Mode) | External Member |
| vii) | Prof. S.K.Verma<br>Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani. (in Virtual Mode) | External Member |
| viii) | Prof. Madhusudan Singh<br>Professor, DTU, New Delhi | External Member |
| ix) | Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma, JKAS,<br>Registrar | Secretary |
| x) | Prof. Kumud Ranjan Jha<br>Dean Faculty of Engineering & Head School of Electrical Engineering | Member |
| xi) | Prof. Balbir Singh<br>Dean Academic Affairs | Member |

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| xii) | Prof. Ashutosh Vashishtha<br>Dean, Faculty of Management | Member |
| xiii) | Dr. Shailla Cannie<br>Dean, Faculty of Nursing | Member |
| xiv) | Prof. Raghvendra Kumar Mishra<br>Dean of Students Welfare | Member |
| xv) | Prof. Supran Sharma<br>Director, Directorate of Quality Insurance | Member |
| xvi) | Dr. Sunil Kumar Wanchoo<br>Dean, Faculty of Sciences | Member |
| xvii) | Prof. A. K. Das<br>Dean, Research & Development | Member |
| xviii) | Dr. Amitabh Vikram Dwivedi<br>Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Social Science | Member |
| xix) | Prof. Ratna Chandra<br>Head, School of Biotechnology &<br>Faculty In-charge, Central Library, SMVDU | Member |
| xx) | Prof. Jyoti Sharma<br>Head, School of Business | Member |
| xxi) | Dr. Yatheshth Anand<br>Head, School of Mechanical Engineering | Member |
| xxii) | Dr. Ram Prakash<br>Head, School of Physics | Member |
| xxiii) | Ar. Abhiney Gupta<br>Head, School of Architecture & Landscape Design | Member |
| xxiv) | Dr. Vineet Veer Tyagi<br>Head, School of Energy Management | Member |
| xxv) | Dr. V.K. Dogra<br>Head, School of Civil Engineering | Member |

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| xxvi) | Dr. Kuldip Raj<br>Head, School of Mathematics | Member |
| xxvii) | Dr. Anil Kumar Bhardwaj,<br>Head School of Electronics & Communication<br>Engineering | Member |
| xxviii) | Dr. Roop Lal Sharma<br>Head, School of Economics | Member |
| xxix) | Dr. Sunanda<br>Head, School of Computer Science & Engineering | Member |
| xxx) | Dr. Madhu Mangal Chaturvedi<br>Head, School of Philosophy & Culture | Member |
| xxxi) | Dr. Anurag Kumar<br>Head of Department, School of Languages and<br>Literature | Member |
| xxxii) | Dr. Sanjay Mohan Sharma,<br>CEO SMVDU-TBIC | Member |
| xxxiii) | Sh. Neeraj Gupta<br>Finance Officer (JKAS) | Special Invitee |
| xxxiv) | Prof. Sumeet Gupta<br>FIC Examinations | Special Invitee |
| xxxv) | Dr. Yashpal Sharma<br>Executive Director/ Principal, SMVDIME-Medical<br>College & Associated Hospital | Special Invitee |
| xxxvi) | Prof. Ankush Anand<br>Coordinator-B.Design Program | Special Invitee |
| xxxvii) | Prof. Sharada M. Potukuchi<br>Coordinator- Design Your Degree Program | Special Invitee |

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor SMVD University accorded a warm welcome to all the members. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor highlighted the achievements of the University in a brief presentation during the past one year and informed the house about the successful conduct of the 10$^{th}$ Convocation conducted by SMVD University on 15$^{th}$ Feb. 2025. It was also informed to the

August House that 35 faculty members (out of 38 selected) have joined SMVD University, at the position of Assistant Professor & Associate Professor, during AY 2024-25.

During the meeting, the August House was informed that as per the direction of Executive Council, the Academic Rules & Regulations, Minimum Standards and Procedures for award of Ph.D. degree regulations, 2022 with amendments in Ph.D. Ordinances of SMVDU and Closure of Schools that have been approved earlier by the Executive Council but yet not operational and Rationalization of faculty strength in the School of Business have been reviewed by the Committee constituted by Executive Council for the purpose and recommendations of the Committee have now been approved by the Hon'ble Chancellor. It was desired that the revised the Academic Rules & Regulations be shared with the Academic Council members.

Thereafter, the following agenda items were discussed and decisions were taken:

| Item No.37.1 | Confirmation of the Minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 |
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| Resolution | Academic Council confirmed the minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2025. |

**Action Taken report on the decisions taken in the 36<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

| Agenda Item No.36.04 | Withdrawal of degree and issuance of revised / fresh degree certificate for recommendation of the Academic Council. |
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| | The Academic Council approved the proposal and recommended that the matter shall be placed before Executive Council for consideration and approval. |
| Resolution | The matter shall be placed before Executive Council in its next meeting by the Examination Section. |
| Agenda Item No.36.05 | Course Structure of NCC (Value Added Course) (Course Code NSP VA102) |
| | The Academic Council approved the Course Structure of NCC (Value Added Course) (course code NSP VA102) |
| Resolution | During the discussion held regarding the matter, it was suggested that NCC and NSS courses shall be offered as general elective credit courses under the category of VAC. |

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| **Agenda Item No. 37.02** | **Consideration of recommendations of the Board of Studies of School of Philosophy & Culture** |
| | Meeting of Board of Studies of Philosophy & Culture was held on 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2025 and has made its recommendations w.r.t. following points: **(refer AnnexureA1)**<br><br>• Course Structure of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Semester of B.A. Philosophy Batch 2022 and later Batches of Four Year Undergraduate Program;<br><br>• Syllabus for Under Graduate Course (2 Credit) titled "Decision Making and Teamwork" (2-0-0) for B.A. Philosophy (5<sup>th</sup> Semester) of Four Year Undergraduate Program;<br><br>• Syllabus for Under Graduate Course (4 Credit) titled "Living Well and Doing Right" (2-0-4) for Design Your Degree Program (2<sup>nd</sup> Semester);<br><br>• Addition of UHV-II as a non-credit course (3-0-0) in the 4<sup>th</sup> Semester of M.A. Philosophy Program;<br><br>• Suggestion regarding addition of new course 'AI Expansion and Alignment' on recent trends and developments.<br><br>The review meeting under the Chairmanship of Dean, FoHSS for various Schools falling under Faculty of Humanities & Social Science was held on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2025 and during the meeting nomenclature of "Four Year Undergraduate Program" offered by SoP&C (Batch 2022) was deliberated and it was recommended that the nomenclature of the degrees to be awarded to the passing out students after completion of 3 years/4 years/5 years should be finalized immediately.<br><br>The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. |
| **Resolution** | The Academic Council deliberated upon the recommendation of Board of Studies meeting of School of Philosophy & Culture held on 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2025 duly reviewed by Dean, FoHSS and approved the recommendations of BoS of School of Philosophy & Culture w.r.t. the following:<br><br>• Course Structure of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Semester of B.A. Philosophy Batch 2022 and later Batches of Four Year Undergraduate Program;<br><br>• Syllabus for Under Graduate Course (2 Credit) titled "Decision Making and Teamwork" (2-0-0) for B.A. Philosophy (5<sup>th</sup> Semester) of Four Year Undergraduate Program;<br><br>• Syllabus for Under Graduate Course (4 Credit) titled "Living Well and Doing Right" (2-0-4) for Design Your Degree Program (2<sup>nd</sup> Semester);<br><br>• Addition of UHV-II as a non-credit course (3-0-0) in the 4<sup>th</sup> Semester of M.A. |

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| | Philosophy Program; |
| | • Addition of new course 'AI Expansion and Alignment' on recent trends and developments. |
| **Agenda Item No. 37.03** | **Consideration of recommendations of the Board of Studies of School of Languages & Literature** |
| | Meeting of Board of Studies of School of Languages & Literature was held on 4th Feb., 2025 and has made its recommendations w.r.t. following points: **(refer AnnexureA2)** |
| | • Curriculum designing of the 7th & 8th Semester of the Four Year Undergraduate Program (FYUP) batch 2022 |
| | • Ratification of French I and French II (VAC) courses by BoS. |
| | • Feedback report from all stakeholders (Student/Teacher/Alumni/Employer) on Curriculum development of the program(s) offered by SoL&L. |
| | The review meeting under the Chairmanship of Dean, FoHSS for various schools falling under Faculty of Humanities & Social Science was held on 19th Feb., 2025 and during the meeting nomenclature of "Four Year Undergraduate Program" offered by SoL&L (Batch 2022) was deliberated and it was recommended that the nomenclature of the degrees to be awarded to the passing out students after completion of 3 years/4 years/5 years should be finalized immediately. |
| | The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. |
| **Resolution** | The Academic Council deliberated upon the recommendation of Board of Studies meeting of School of Languages & Literature held on 4th Feb., 2025 duly reviewed by Dean, FoHSS and approved the recommendations of BoS of School of Philosophy & Culture w.r.t. the following: |
| | • Curriculum designing of the 7th & 8th Semester of the Four Year Undergraduate Program (FYUP) Batch 2022 |
| | • Feedback report from all stakeholders (Student/Teacher/Alumni/Employer) on Curriculum development of the program(s) offered by SoL&L. |
| **Agenda Item No. 37.04** | **Consideration of recommendations of the Board of Studies of School of Physics** |
| | Meeting of Board of Studies of School of Physics was held on 23rd Feb., 2025 and has made its recommendations w.r.t. following points **(refer AnnexureA3):** |
| | • Approval of course codes of the courses for the semester I to VIII Semesters applicable for the Four Year Undergraduate Program (FYUP) in Physics for batch admitted in AY 2024-25 and onwards as per NEP; |
| | • Approval of course structure and detailed contents of a Skill Enhancement |

Course (SEC) introduced in Semester-III of 5 year Integrated B.Sc. (Hons.) Physics – M.Sc. Physics program for the batch admitted in 2023-24 & onwards;

- Approval of one AEC course and one SEC course and their course contents as per NEP-2020 for Four Year Undergraduate Program (FYUP) in Physics for 2nd Semester applicable for Batch admitted in AY 2024-2025 & onwards;

- Approval of the total credits for the courses in Sem.-IX and Sem.-X each for the 5 year Integrated B.Sc. (Hons.) Physics – M.Sc. Physics programs for the batch admitted in 2020-21 & 2021-22;

- Approval of the course structure, contents and code for minor course on "Basic Circuit Theory" for Semester VI students of 5 year Integrated B.Sc. (Hons.) Physics – M.Sc. Physics program applicable to the batches admitted in 2022-23 & 2023-24;

- Approval of modification in the Course Structure of 5th semester students of 5 year Integrated B.Sc. (Hons.) Physics – M.Sc. Physics program as applicable to students of 2022-23 & 2023-24 batches;

- Approval of course coding scheme followed by the University for 5 year Integrated B.Sc. (Hons.) Physics – M.Sc. Physics program as applicable to students of 2022-23 & 2023-24 batches;

- Approval w.r.t. introduction of discipline Specific Elective courses from the basket of DSE-I & -II to become the part of basket of DSE-III & -IV courses for 5 year Integrated B.Sc. (Hons.) Physics – M.Sc. Physics program as applicable to students of 2022-23 & 2023-24 batches.

- Approval w.r.t. course codes of courses for 5 year Integrated B.Sc. (Hons.) Physics – M.Sc. Physics program & (Lateral entry) M.Sc. Physics program

- Approval of modification in course code and credit structure of a multidisciplinary course in 5 year Integrated B.Sc. (Hons.) Physics – M.Sc. Physics program applicable to the students of 2023-24 batch

- Approval of offering of a discipline specific core course in semester-VI of Four Year Undergraduate Program (FYUP) in Physics as per NEP 2020 applicable to batch admitted in AY 2024-25 and onwards

- Feedback report from Students and Alumni of the School on Curriculum development by School of Physics.

The review meeting under the Chairmanship of Dean, FoS was held on 27th Feb.,

| | | 2025 and committee endorsed the recommendations of BoS of SoP. |
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| | | The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. |
| **Resolution** | | The Academic Council deliberated upon the recommendation of Board of Studies meeting of School of Physics was held on 23rd Feb., 2025 duly reviewed by Dean, FoS and approved the recommendations of BoS of School of Physics w.r.t. the following: |

- Course codes of the courses for the semester I to VIII Semesters applicable for the Four Year Undergraduate Program (FYUP) in Physics for batch admitted in AY 2024-25 and onwards as per NEP;

- Course structure and detailed contents of a Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) introduced in Semester-III of 5 year Integrated B.Sc. (Hons.) Physics – M.Sc. Physics program for the batch admitted in 2023-24 & onwards;

- One AEC course and one SEC course and their course contents as per NEP-2020 for Four Year Undergraduate Program (FYUP) in Physics for 2nd Semester applicable for Batch admitted in AY 2024-2025 & onwards;

- Total credits for the courses in Sem.-IX and Sem.-X each for the 5 year Integrated B.Sc. (Hons.) Physics – M.Sc. Physics programs for the batch admitted in 2020-21 & 2021-22;

- Course structure, contents and code for minor course on *"Basic Circuit Theory"* for Semester VI students of 5 year Integrated B.Sc. (Hons.) Physics – M.Sc. Physics program applicable to the batches admitted in 2022-23 & 2023-24;

- Modification in the Course Structure of 5th semester students of 5 year Integrated B.Sc. (Hons.) Physics – M.Sc. Physics program as applicable to students of 2022-23 & 2023-24 batches;

- Course coding scheme followed by the University for 5 year Integrated B.Sc. (Hons.) Physics – M.Sc. Physics program as applicable to students of 2022-23 & 2023-24 batches;

- Introduction of discipline Specific Elective courses from the basket of DSE-I & -II to become the part of basket of DSE-III & -IV courses for 5 year Integrated B.Sc. (Hons.) Physics – M.Sc. Physics program as applicable to students of 2022-23 & 2023-24 batches;

- Course codes of courses for 5 year Integrated B.Sc. (Hons.) Physics – M.Sc. Physics program & (Lateral entry) M.Sc. Physics program;

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| | • Modification in course code and credit structure of a multidisciplinary course in 5 year Integrated B.Sc. (Hons.) Physics – M.Sc. Physics program applicable to the students of 2023-24 batch; |
| | • Offering of a discipline specific core course in semester-VI of Four Year Undergraduate Program (FYUP) in Physics as per NEP 2020 applicable to batch admitted in AY 2024-25 and onwards; |
| | • Feedback report from Students and Alumni of the School on Curriculum development by School of Physics. |
| **Agenda Item No. 37.05** | **Consideration of recommendations of the Board of Studies of School of Mathematics** |
| | Meeting of Board of Studies of School of Mathematics was held on 5th Feb., 2025 and has made its recommendations w.r.t. following points **(refer AnnexureA4):** |
| | • New Core, AEC, VAC courses for existing FYUP and Integrated B.Sc.(Hons)-M.Sc. Mathematics; |
| | • Program structure and syllabus of B.Tech. (Mathematics and Computing); |
| | • Program structure and syllabus of FYUP (Batch 2024). |
| | The review meeting under the Chairmanship of Dean, FoS was held on 27th Feb., 2025 and committee observed the following: |
| | a. Four new Courses under Core/SEC/AEC head have been incorporated in FYUP 2024 program to make the same comprehensive in nature. |
| | b. Minor Changes have made in the contents of few courses offered by SoM in the B.Tech. (M&C) program. |
| | c. Minor Changes have been made in the contents of few courses offered by SoM in the FYUP program. |
| | The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. |
| | The Academic Council deliberated upon the recommendation of Board of Studies meeting of School of Mathematics was held on 5th Feb., 2025 duly reviewed by Dean, FoS and approved the recommendations of BoS of School of Mathematics w.r.t. the following: |
| | • New Core, AEC, VAC courses for existing FYUP and Integrated B.Sc.(Hons)-M.Sc. Mathematics; |
| | • Program structure and syllabus of B.Tech. (Mathematics and Computing); |
| | • Program structure and syllabus of FYUP (Batch 2024). |
| **Agenda Item No. 37.06** | **Consideration of recommendations of the Board of Studies of School of Biotechnology** |
| | Meeting of Board of Studies of School of Biotechnology was held on 17th Feb., 2025 and has made its recommendations w.r.t. following points **(refer AnnexureA5):** |

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|  | <ul><li>Approval of the list of External Experts for evaluation of dissertation projects of M.Sc. (Biotechnology) students.</li><li>Course Contents of the First Two Years (Semester I — Semester IV) of B.Sc. (Honours) with Research in Biotechnology (FYUP) and B.Tech. (Biotechnology).</li><li>Course Contents of the fourth year of Integrated B.Sc./M.Sc. Biotechnology Batch 2022-2023 and Batch 2023-2024.</li><li>"Read Assigned Journals to Prepare for Seminars" in place of Internship/Research Work in summer vacation for evaluation, of course, IAPC (Internship/ Apprenticeship) BTI 3120 of B.Sc -M.Sc (Biotechnology) students (Batch 2022-23).</li><li>Change in Course credits from 3-0-0 to 4-0-0 (as per the University guidelines) and content revision for the courses (BTL MUI 103) Chemical Bonding and Transition Elements and (BTL MU104) Conceptual Organic Chemistry.</li><li>Content Revision for Course Chemistry for Biologist (BTL MI201).</li><li>Induction of a new elective course "Artificial Intelligence in Biology- Big Data and Machine Learning" for Post –Graduate Program.</li><li>The course contents for courses: Immunology (BTL MD204), Immunology Lab (BTP MD204) and Analytical Approaches in Biotechnology (BTL 3612).</li><li>Promotion of Mr. Amul Kumar Singh (Entry no. 21IBO002) to Semester VII as a onetime exemption to Academic Rules (Point 8) (as per notification no. SMVDU/AA/2024/653, dated: 27-08-2024).</li><li>Change in Nomenclature of Nanobiotechnology (BTLMI303) to Nanotechnology (BTL MI303)</li><li>Review of Feedback received from the Stake holders regarding the curriculum update for running programs.</li></ul>The review meeting under the Chairmanship of Dean, FoS was held on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2025 and committee endorsed the recommendations of BoS of SoBT.<br><br>The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. |
| **Resolution** | The Academic Council deliberated upon the recommendation of Board of Studies meeting of School of Biotechnology held on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2025 duly reviewed by Dean, FoS and approved the recommendations of BoS of School of Biotechnology w.r.t. the following:<br><ul><li>List of External Experts for evaluation of dissertation projects of M.Sc. (Biotechnology) students.</li></ul> |

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|  | • Course Contents of the First Two Years (Semester I – Semester IV) of B.Sc. (Honours) with Research in Biotechnology (FYUP) and B.Tech. (Biotechnology). |
|  | • Course Contents of the fourth year of Integrated B.Sc./M.Sc. Biotechnology Batch 2022-2023 and Batch 2023-2024. |
|  | • "Read Assigned Journals to Prepare for Seminars" in place of Internship/Research Work in summer vacation for evaluation, of course, IAPC (Internship/ Apprenticeship) BTI 3120 of B.Sc. -M.Sc. (Biotechnology) students (Batch 2022-23). |
|  | • Change in Course credits from 3-0-0 to 4-0-0 (as per the University guidelines) and content revision for the courses (BTL MUI 103) Chemical Bonding and Transition Elements and (BTL MU104) Conceptual Organic Chemistry. |
|  | • Content Revision for Course Chemistry for Biologist (BTL MI201). |
|  | • Induction of a new elective course "Artificial Intelligence in Biology- Big Data and Machine Learning" for Post –Graduate Program. |
|  | • The course contents for courses: Immunology (BTL MD204), Immunology Lab (BTP MD204) and Analytical Approaches in Biotechnology (BTL 3612). |
|  | • Promotion of Mr. Amul Kumar Singh (Entry no. 21IBO002) to Semester VII as a onetime exemption to Academic Rules (Point 8) (as per notification no. SMVDU/AA/2024/653, dated: 27-08-2024). |
|  | • Change in Nomenclature of Nanobiotechnology (BTLMI303) to Nanotechnology (BTL MI303) |
|  | • Review of Feedback received from the Stake holders regarding the curriculum update for running programs. |
| Agenda Item No. 37.07 | **Consideration of recommendations of the Board of Studies of School of Mechanical Engineering** |
|  | Meeting of Board of Studies of School of Mechanical Engineering was held on 20th Feb., 2025 and has made its recommendations w.r.t. following point **(refer AnnexureA6):** |
|  | • Proposal to initiate new course "B.Tech. in Mechatronics" with proposed intake 30 seats |
|  | The review meeting under the Chairmanship of Dean, FoE was held on 28th Feb., 2025 and committee endorsed the recommendations of BoS of SoME. |
|  | The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. |
| Resolution | The Academic Council was informed that the Board of Studies of the School of Mechanical Engineering has recommended for the starting of a new academic |

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| | program B.Tech. in Mechatronics. |
| | The Council was also informed that an agenda regarding Closure of schools that were approved earlier by the Executive Council but not yet operational and Rationalization of faculty strength in the School of Business was placed before Executive Council in its 35$^{th}$ meeting where by it was resolved that a committee be constituted to take a comprehensive view in respect of the Programs which have not started yet and submit a detailed proposal for rationalization of Schools and introduction of new Schools/ Programs such as Law and Architecture with specialization in Urban & Town Planning, considering the core strength of the University. |
| | Accordingly, the Committee met on 31$^{st}$ Dec. 2024 and submitted its recommendations for approval of the Hon'ble Chancellor, SMVDU whereby a new B.Tech. program in Mechatronics was proposed to be started. Also, it was recommended by the Committee that 03 positions of Assistant Professor and 01 position of Associate Professor be relocated from some of the Schools which are not yet functional to meet the initial requirements of the faculty. The recommendations of the Committee have also now been approved by the Hon'ble Chancellor. |
| | The Academic Council deliberated upon the recommendation of Board of Studies meeting of School Mechanical Engineering held on 20$^{th}$ Feb., 2025 duly reviewed by Dean, FoE in the above background and was of the opinion that only those courses which address the requirement and evolving needs of current times be started by the concerned Schools and approved the following: |
| | <ul><li>Starting of B.Tech. 'Robotics & AI' Program with intake of 60 seats instead of 'B.Tech. in Mechatronics' as proposed by BoS of by School of Mechanical Engineering. The program be started with effect from AY 2025-26. The faculty positions as already shifted/ sanctioned for proposed program of 'B.Tech. in Mechatronics' by the statutory authorities of the University shall now be utilized for the new program of B.Tech. 'Robotics & AI' which comprises of 01 position of Associate Professor and 03 Assistant Professors.</li><li>The SoME shall conduct workshop on development of curriculum for Robotics & AI'.</li></ul> |
| | The Academic Council authorized the Vice Chancellor (Chairman, Academic Council) to approve the curriculum based on the recommendations of the workshop. |
| Agenda Item No.37.08 | **Consideration of recommendations of the Board of Studies of School of Computer Science & Engineering** |
| | Meeting of Board of Studies of School of Computer Science & Engineering was |

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| | held on 20th Feb., 2025 and has made its recommendations w.r.t. following points **(refer AnnexureA7):**<br><br>• The Course Structure for M.Tech. Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Entry Batch 2025.<br>• The minor modifications in the Course Structure of B.Tech. Computer Science & Engineering Program (Entry Batch 2023);<br>• Changes in Course Structure of B.Tech. (CSE) program for Entry Batch 2024;<br>• The updates for the courses offered to Engineering and Non-Engineering students under the category of AEC/VAC/SEC courses;<br>• The updates of the course credits for the subject "Software Defined Networks"<br>• Course structure of B.Tech. CSE for Batch 2023 and Batch 2024<br>• The adoption of NEP 2020 Framework for B.Tech (Computer Science and Engineering) Honors and for Minor Specialization [w.e.f Entry Batch 2023]<br>• Approval of proposed syllabus for various courses, based on inputs on curriculum received via feedback from stakeholders;<br>• Change in name of the various courses being offered to 2nd Semester students of B.Tech. Mathematics & Computing.<br><br>The review meeting under the Chairmanship of Dean, FoE was held on 28th Feb., 2025 and committee endorsed the recommendations of BoS of SoCSE.<br><br>The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. |
| **Resolution** | The Academic Council deliberated upon the recommendation of Board of Studies meeting of School of Computer Science & Engineering held on 20th Feb., 2025 duly reviewed by Dean, FoE and approves the following:<br><br>• Course Structure for M.Tech. Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Entry Batch 2025.<br>• Changes in Course Structure of B.Tech. (CSE) program for Batch 2023 and Batch 2024;<br>• Updates in the courses offered to Engineering and Non-Engineering students under the category of AEC/VAC/SEC courses;<br>• Minor modification in course credits for the subject "Software Defined Networks";<br>• The adoption of NEP 2020 Framework for B.Tech (Computer Science and Engineering) Honors and for Minor Specialization [w.e.f Entry Batch 2023];<br>• Syllabus for various courses, based on inputs on curriculum received via feedback from stakeholders;<br>• Change in name of the various courses being offered to 2nd Semester |

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| | students of B.Tech. Mathematics & Computing.<br><br>The Academic Council recommended that SoCSE shall review the eligibility criteria for M.Tech. Artificial Intelligence (AI) with respect to admitting student who have done B.Tech. in any stream and shall submit its recommendations to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for consideration and approval.<br><br>The Academic Council authorized the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (Chairman, Academic Council) to accept the recommendations of the School for consideration and approval. |
| **Agenda Item No.37.09** | **Consideration of recommendations of the Board of Studies of School of Electronics & Communication Engineering** |
| | Meeting of Board of Studies of School of Electronics & Communication Engineering was held on 30$^{th}$ Jan., 2025 and has made its recommendations w.r.t. following points **(refer AnnexureA8):**<br><br>• Interchange of the core subject of B.Tech. (ECE) syllabus: Electromagnetic Field Theory (3$^{rd}$ Sem) with Signals and Systems (4$^{th}$ Sem)<br><br>• Minimum number of weeks for summer training done by B.Tech. (ECE) students after second, fourth and sixth semester;<br><br>• Minimum number of weeks for the internship opted by B.Tech. (ECE) students in eighth semester;<br><br>• Approval of list of Evaluator for Major Project/Internship of B.Tech. (ECE) students in eighth semester.<br><br>The review meeting under the Chairmanship of Dean, FoE was held on 28$^{th}$ Feb., 2025 and it was recommended that w.r.t. agenda point regarding summer training, the duration of summer training and internship be standardized at the University Level.<br><br>The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. |
| **Resolution** | The Academic Council deliberated upon the recommendation of Board of Studies meeting of School of Electronics & Communication Engineering held on 30$^{th}$ Jan., 2025 duly reviewed by Dean, FoE and approves the following:<br><br>• Interchange of the core subject of B.Tech. (ECE) syllabus: Electromagnetic Field Theory (3$^{rd}$ Sem) with Signals and Systems (4$^{th}$ Sem)<br><br>• Minimum number of weeks for summer training done by B.Tech. (ECE) students after second, fourth and sixth semester;<br><br>• Minimum number of weeks for the internship opted by B.Tech. (ECE) students in eighth semester;<br><br>• Approval of list of Evaluator for Major Project/Internship of B.Tech. (ECE) students in eighth semester.<br><br>The matter regarding decrease in admission in PG & Ph.D. Programs were |

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| | discussed in details and it was recommended to review the eligibility to both programs at Entry Level. It was recommended that M.Sc. Physics, M.Sc. Electronics and M.Sc. Computer Science candidates shall be considered for admission to M.Tech. (ECE) program. <br><br> The External Members were of the opinion that Heads should try to convert SMVDU UG students to PG and PG to Ph.D. Scholars. <br><br> Regarding duration of summer training and internship, it was decided that both shall be offered for one full Semester and during last semester. |
| **Agenda Item No.37.10** | **Consideration of recommendations of the Board of Studies of School of Civil Engineering** |
| | Meeting of Board of Studies of School of Civil Engineering was held on 7th Feb., 2025 and has made its recommendations w.r.t. following points **(refer AnnexureA9):** <br><br> • The Syllabus of B.Tech.(CE) as per NEP 2020 for first to eighth semester including the syllabus of B.Tech. Honors (Environmental Engineering & Structural Engineering) and Minor Specialization in (Civil Engineering); <br><br> • The Course offering and syllabi of SEC, VAC and AEC courses in alignment with the NEP 2020; <br><br> • The approval of List of External Examiners for Major Project and Internship/ Industrial Training for final year of B.Tech.(CE) <br><br> The review meeting under the Chairmanship of Dean, FoE was held on 28th Feb., 2025 and committee endorsed the recommendations of BoS of SoCE. <br><br> The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. |
| **Resolution** | The Academic Council deliberated upon the recommendation of Board of Studies meeting of School of Civil Engineering held on 7th Feb., 2025 duly reviewed by Dean, FoE and approves the following: <br><br> • The Syllabus of B.Tech.(CE) as per NEP 2020 for first to eighth semester including the syllabus of B.Tech. Honors (Environmental Engineering & Structural Engineering) and Minor Specialization in (Civil Engineering); <br><br> • The Course offering and syllabi of SEC, VAC and AEC courses in alignment with the NEP 2020; <br><br> • The approval of List of External Examiners for Major Project and Internship/ Industrial Training for final year of B.Tech.(CE) |
| **Agenda Item No.37.11** | **Consideration of recommendations of the Board of Studies of School of Electrical Engineering** |

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| | Meeting of Board of Studies of School of Electrical Engineering was held on 25th Feb., 2025 and has made its recommendations w.r.t. following points **(refer AnnexureA10):**<br><br>• Curriculum based on NEP 2020 with specialization for B.Tech. (EE) Batch 2025-29<br><br>• Syllabus revision for the existing batches.<br><br>The review meeting under the Chairmanship of Dean, FoE was held on 28th Feb., 2025 and recommended the following:<br><br>• The syllabus of Mathematics-I (MTL BS101) and Mathematics-II (MTL BS102) of UG course proposed by the SoEE be adopted across all the branches under the FoE except the SoALD from 2025-26 batch onwards;<br><br>• The syllabus of ECLDC 104 (Network Analysis and Synthesis) proposed by the BoS, SoEE vetted by HoD, SoECE may be adopted in SoECE & SoEE. The same has been concurred by other review committee members.<br><br>The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. |
| **Resolution** | The Academic Council deliberated upon the recommendation of Board of Studies meeting of School of Electrical Engineering held on 25th Feb., 2025 duly reviewed by Dean, FoE and approves the following:<br><br>• Syllabus revision for the existing batches.<br><br>• Adoption of syllabus of ECLDC 104 (Network Analysis and Synthesis) proposed by the BoS, SoEE vetted by HoD, SoECE in SoECE & SoEE<br><br>Regarding UG courses Mathematics-I (MTL BS101) and Mathematics-II (MTL BS102) proposed by the SoEE to be adopted across all the branches under the Faculty of Engineering except the SoALD, it was recommended that the syllabus of these courses shall be designed as per need of the program where the courses are offered and shall be placed before Board of Studies meeting of SoCSE, SoECE, SoME & SoCE for its recommendations, in consultation with School of Mathematics. |
| **Agenda Item No.37.12** | **Consideration of recommendations of the Board of Studies of School of Architecture and Landscape Design** |
| | Meeting of Board of Studies of School of School of Architecture and Landscape Design was held on 17th Feb., 2025 and has made its recommendations w.r.t. following points **(refer AnnexureA11):**<br><br>• Courses of Study of B.Arch. program from AY 2023-24 onwards;<br><br>• Evaluation Matrix for B.Arch program from AY 2024-25 onwards as per new guidelines;<br><br>• Approval regarding start of PG program M.Arch. (General) & its syllabus for |

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| | its commencement from session AY 2026-27 as per recommendation of External Experts; |
| | • Approval regarding start of PG program M.Arch. (Landscape) & its syllabus for its commencement from session AY 2026-27 as per recommendation of External Experts; |
| | • Approval regarding start of PG program M.Plan. (Urban & Regional) its syllabus for its commencement from session AY 2026-27 as per recommendation of External Experts; |
| | • Approval of External Examiners for session 2024-25 & 2025-26; |
| | The review meeting under the Chairmanship of Dean, FoE was held on 28th Feb., 2025 and committee endorsed the recommendations of BoS of SoALD. |
| | The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. |
| **Resolution** | The Academic Council deliberated upon the recommendation of Board of Studies meeting of School of Architecture and Landscape Design held on 17th Feb., 2025 duly reviewed by Dean, FoE and approves the following: |
| | • Courses of Study of B.Arch. program from AY 2023-24 onwards; |
| | • Evaluation Matrix for B.Arch program from AY 2024-25 onwards as per new guidelines; |
| | • External Examiners for session 2024-25 & 2025-26; |
| | • Starting of PG program in M.Arch. (Landscape) & its syllabus for its commencement from session AY 2026-27 as per recommendation of External Experts. |
| | The Head of the School was directed to submit a detailed proposal regarding faculty requirement, infrastructure etc. regarding start of M.Arch. (Landscape) from session AY 2026-27 for approval of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. |
| | Regarding starting of PG program M.Arch. (General) & M.Plan. (Urban Planning) it was recommended to consider the proposals at later stage. |
| | The proposal regarding starting of PG program in M.Arch. (Landscape) shall be placed before Executive Council in its next meeting for approval. |
| **Agenda Item No.37.13** | **Consideration of recommendations of the Board of Studies of School of Business** |
| | Meeting of Board of Studies of School of Business was held on 20th Feb., 2025 and has made its recommendations w.r.t. following points **(refer AnnexureA12):** |

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| | • Course Structure and Course Contents for Executive MBA 2025 |
| | • Course Structure and Course Contents for Two-Year MBA 2025 |
| | • Course structure and Course Contents for Five-year integrated BBA-MBA Batch-2023 per NEP 2020. |
| | • Course structure and Course Contents of Four Year under Graduate Program (FYUG)in Business Administration batch 2024 as per NEP 2020 |
| | The review meeting under the Chairmanship of Dean, FoM was held on 27th Feb., 2025 and committee endorsed the recommendations of BoS of SoB. |
| | The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. |
| **Resolution** | The Academic Council deliberated upon the recommendation of Board of Studies meeting of School of Business was held on 20th Feb., 2025 duly reviewed by Dean, FoM and approves the following: |
| | • Course structure and Course Contents for Five-year integrated BBA-MBA Batch-2023 per NEP 2020. |
| | • Course structure and Course Contents of Four Year under Graduate Program (FYUG)in Business Administration batch 2024 as per NEP 2020 |
| | After detailed discussion, it was decided that the Executive MBA shall run on self sustainable basis, no additional faculty shall be provided and the classes shall be conduct in evening hours & weekends. Further, it was also directed that a Committee under the chairmanship of Sh. Pranavant Ex-Partner, Deloitte India & External Member Academic Council shall be constituted to review the duration, Admission Criteria, Course Structure and Course Contents of Executive MBA Program. |
| | The Academic Council authorized the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (Chairman, Academic Council) to approve the recommendations of the above Committee. |
| **Agenda Item No.37.14** | **Consideration of recommendations of the Board of Studies of School of Economics** |
| | Meeting of Board of Studies of School of Economics was held on 13th December, 2024 and has made its recommendations w.r.t. following points **(refer AnnexureA13):** |
| | • The course structure of Four Year undergraduate program in Economics as per NEP-2020 |
| | • The Course Structure of M.A.(Economics) under Choice Based Credit System(CBSC) |
| | • List of Board of Examiners for Evaluation of Dissertation of Master Program. |

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| | The review meeting under the Chairmanship of Dean, FoM was held on 27$^{th}$ Feb., 2025 and committee endorsed the recommendations of BoS of SoB.<br><br>The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. |
| **Resolution** | The Academic Council deliberated upon the recommendations of Board of Studies meeting of School of Economics was held on 13$^{th}$ December, 2024 duly reviewed by Dean, FoM and approves the following:<br><br>• The course structure of Four Year undergraduate program in Economics as per NEP-2020<br><br>• The Course Structure of M.A.(Economics) under Choice Based Credit System(CBSC)<br><br>• List of Board of Examiners for Evaluation of Dissertation of Master Program. |
| **Agenda Item No.37.15** | **Consideration of recommendations of Core Committee of Bachelor of Design Program** |
| | Meeting of Core Committee of Bachelor of Design Program was held on 21$^{st}$ Feb. 2025 and has made its recommendations w.r.t. following points **(refer Annexure A14):**<br><br>• Review and finalization of Course Contents for B.Design. Program (First to Fourth Semester);<br><br>• Sequence of UI/UX Courses within the Existing Curriculum;<br><br>• Introduction of Psychology as a New Course;<br><br>• Strategy for the Admission Process for Academic Year 2025-26;<br><br>• Student Industry Visits and Design School Tour(s) in the Coming Months;<br><br>The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. |
| **Resolution** | The Academic Council deliberated upon the recommendations of Core Committee of Bachelor of Design Program and approves the following:<br><br>• Course Contents for B.Design. Program (First to Fourth Semester);<br><br>• Reorganizing of UI/UX Courses within the Existing Curriculum;<br><br>• Introduction of Psychology as a New Course;<br><br>• Strategy for the Admission Process for Academic Year 2025-26;<br><br>During the discussion held regarding admission process and intake, Coordinator Bachelor of Design Program was directed to consult External Experts, Bachelor of Design Program for their valuable inputs regarding admission improvement in said program. It was also recommended that wide range of design courses which can be taken as Electives Courses by the students shall be introduced. |
| **Agenda Item** | **Grant of permission for completing degree program beyond the permissible time period of the degree program completion by Saurav Kumar, Entry No.** |

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| **No.37.16** | **18BEC055**<br><br>Saurav Kumar has submitted a representation dated: 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2024 **(Annexure A15)**seeking grant of permission to allow him to complete his degree of B.Tech. (ECE) program by permitting him to continue his program of study from 5<sup>th</sup> Semester onwards.<br><br>Saurav Kumar Entry No.18BEC055 was admitted in B.Tech. (ECE) program in the year 2018. The student continued his studies till 5<sup>th</sup> Semester and left his studies due to his startup. Saurav Kumar Entry No.18BEC055 has already exhausted the time period of six years as permissible for completing the B.Tech. degree program in 2024. During the time period (maximum time for completion of a degree program); the student never applied for completion of his degree program and was therefore unable to complete the degree program upto the year 2024.<br><br>As per Academic Rules applicable to the student, the admission of student stands cancelled due to lapse of maximum time period for permissible for completion of his degree program.<br><br>The matter is placed before Academic Council with respect to restoration of admission of Saurav Kumar, Entry No. 18BEC055 and permitting him to appear in his backlog papers and complete his degree program beyond permissible time limit as a onetime exemption and not to be quoted as precedence for any similar cases in future. |
| **Resolution** | After detailed discussion regarding the matter, it was recommended that the matter shall be placed before Academic Council in its next meeting after detailed justification by the School of Electronics & Communication Engineering. |
| **Agenda Item No. 37.17** | **Grant of permission for completing degree program beyond the permissible time period of the degree program completion by Abhas Kumar, Entry No. 14BCS001** |
| | Abhas Kumar has submitted a representation **(Annexure A16)**dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 and via email dated: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024 seeking grant of permission to allow him to complete his degree of B.Tech. (CSE) program by permitting him to appear in his backlog papers and appear in 8<sup>th</sup> Semester. In his representation he has also mentioned that he was selected as Residential Incubatee at SMVDU-TBIC.<br><br>Abhas Kumar was enrolled in B.Tech. (CSE) program (04 years Degree Program) in 2014 has already exhausted the time period of six years as permissible for completing the degree program. During the time period (maximum time for completion of a degree program); the student never applied for completion of his degree program and was therefore unable to complete the degree program upto the year 2020.<br><br>As per Academic Rules applicable to the student, the admission of student stands |

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| | cancelled post permissible time period for completion of his degree program.<br><br>Abhas Kumar has earned 81 credits out of 170 credits required for completion of a degree program. (24 backlog courses from 1st to 7th semester) **(Annexure A16)**and to appear in 8th Semester {Major Project (14 credit) - not registered} of said Program.<br><br>The Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) **(Annexure A16)**of School of Computer Science & Engineering (SoCSE) recommended the case of Abhas Kumar, Entry No. 14BCS001 may be processed as per University rules.<br><br>The matter is placed before Academic Council with respect to restoration of admission of Abhas Kumar, Entry No. 14BCS001 and permitting him to appear in his backlog papers (24 backlog courses from 1st to 7th semester) and to appear in 8th Semester {Major Project (14 credit)} beyond permissible time limit as a onetime exemption and not to be quoted as precedence for any similar cases in future. |
| **Resolution** | The Academic Council after in-depth discussion on the matter did not accede the grant of permission in favour of Abhas Kumar, Entry No. 14BCS001 for completing degree program beyond the permissible time period of the degree program completion. |
| **Agenda Item No. 37.18** | Grant of permission for restoration of admission of Sarish Feria Entry No. 23MEN005 and grant of permission to re-register in 1st Semester during AY 2025-26 |
| | Sarish Feria Entry No. 23MEN005 was admitted to M.A. (English) Program in Academic Year 2023-24. Sarish Feria has successfully completed her first semester during Semester Aug-Dec 2023 but didn't register for her 2nd semester. The student neither applied for semester withdrawal nor applied for cancellation of her admission.<br><br>Sarish Feria Entry No. 23MEN005 submitted a representation **(Annexure A17)**dated: 26th Nov. 2024 requesting to allow her to complete her degree program by permitting her to register for 2nd semester. In her representation she has also mentioned that she was not able to continue her studies due to medical issues of her mother.<br><br>As per 'Section–2: Semester Registration & Attendance Rules @ SMVDU' of academic rules & regulation in vogue (part III, sub part f)<br><br>**III. Absence during the semester**<br>f) If a student is continuously absent from the institute for more than four weeks without notifying the Head of the school, his/her name will be removed from the university's rolls. It is the responsibility of the Head of the School to inform the |

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| | The Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) **(Annexure A16)** of School of Computer Science & Engineering (SoCSE) recommended the case of Abhas Kumar, Entry No. 14BCS001 may be processed as per University rules. |
| | The matter is placed before Academic Council with respect to restoration of admission of Abhas Kumar, Entry No. 14BCS001 and permitting him to appear in his backlog papers (24 backlog courses from 1st to 7th semester) and to appear in 8th Semester {Major Project (14 credit)} beyond permissible time limit as a onetime exemption and not to be quoted as precedence for any similar cases in future. |
| **Resolution** | The Academic Council after in-depth discussion on the matter did not accede the grant of permission in favour of Abhas Kumar, Entry No. 14BCS001 for completing degree program beyond the permissible time period of the degree program completion. |
| **Agenda Item No. 37.18** | **Grant of permission for restoration of admission of Sarish Feria Entry No. 23MEN005 and grant of permission to re-register in 1st Semester during AY 2025-26** |
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| **Agenda Item No.37.20** | **Ordinances governing grant of Affiliation; recognition to SMVDIME-Medical College & Associate Hospital or Course and Admissions, Evaluation, Faculty Selection, Academics for SMVDIME- Medical College & Associate Hospital** |
| | A Committee vide notification no. SMVDU/AA/24/532-538, dated: 2$^{nd}$ August 2024 was constituted to propose the Rules & Regulations for affiliating college Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence (SMVDIME)-Medical College.

A meeting of Committee members was held on 3$^{rd}$March, 2025 **(Annexure A18)**to discuss and deliberate the structure of Rules & Regulations for affiliating college SMVDIME-Medical College and recommended the following:

**Statutes Governing Grant of Affiliation & Recognition to a College or Program**

1. (i) These Statutes shall be called the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University Statutes governing Affiliation and Recognition to SMVDIME started and maintained by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Katra.

    (ii) These shall come into force from the Academic Session 2025-26.

2. The words and phrases used in these Statutes shall, unless expressly explained otherwise, have the same meaning as they have with reference to the Jammu & Kashmir Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University Act, 1999 (Act No. XII of 1999) herein after called "the Act".

3. The application for issue of letter of "Consent of Affiliation" for starting a Medical College or addition of any Program therein shall be submitted by the Executive Director/ Principal, SMVDIME-Medical College & Associated Hospital to the Registrar Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University with following documents:

    i. Resolution of the concerned Board for setting up a College and/or starting any new Program in the existing college.

    ii. Essentiality Certificate/NOC of the Government of J&K.

    iii. DPR/Proposal in details of infrastructure arrangements for the start of college/Program.

    iv. Document showing availability of infrastructure as per standard fixed by the concerned Regulatory body.

    v. Transaction ID/UTR No. for payment of Fee as prescribed by the SMVDU from time to time.

4. On receipt of the application with all required documents and prescribed fee, |

the letter of "Consent of Affiliation" shall be issued within 15 days after scrutiny of the proposal and documents. The "Consent of Affiliation" so issued shall be valid for one year from the date of approval accorded by the Competent Authority.

5. The SMVDIME-Medical College & Associated Hospital, after getting the "Consent of Affiliation" shall apply to the National Medical Commission (NMC)for obtaining necessary approval for starting of the college or the course, as the case may be.

6. After receiving Letter of Permission from the NMC, the Authorized Officer of the SMVDIME-Medical College & Associated Hospital shall again apply to the Registrar SMVDU in 'Form-I' to grant affiliation of the College/Institute or the Course for which " Consent of Affiliation" was issued earlier. On receipt of the duly filled application in Form-I, an Inspection Committee shall be constituted by the Competent Authority of the University to verify the infrastructural or other facilities and availability of the required Faculty in the proposed institute/college for starting of course.

7. The Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University after a detailed examination of the report of the Inspection Committee, if fully satisfied with the fulfillment of the required infrastructural facilities and availability of required faculty, shall issue "Consent of Affiliation" in Form-II annexed with these Statutes to the proposed institute/ college started or the new Program thereof, as the case may be.

8. Before granting "Consent of Affiliation" to the College or a Program, the University shall satisfy itself that the proposed institute:
   i. has all required Academic and Residential moveable/immovable infrastructure as per parameters and norms prescribed by the Regulatory Body i.e. NMC;

   ii. has sufficient budgetary provisions for the proposed institute or to run the Program;

   iii. has adequate availability of infrastructure as per Minimum Standard Requirements (MSR) of the NMC for starting of UG(MBBS) Course;

   iv. has the required number of Teaching Faculty/Non-Teaching staff available for running the College or the Program.

9. Governing Body:
   i. The affiliated institute/college shall have a duly constituted Governing Body by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) with representatives of the teaching staff, to advise the Principal in the internal affairs of the College. A record of proceedings of the said governing body of the

proposed institute/college shall be maintained by the Principal. Any change in the Governing Body of the College shall be reported to the University immediately.

ii. The Governing Body of the affiliated institute/college shall meet at least once every three months to consider the budget estimates and such other matters as may arise in its working including consideration of the Annual Report, the audited statement of accounts, changes in the staff, subjects or Programs/examination and fixation of fees etc. A copy of the minutes of the meeting shall also be sent to the Registrar of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, within 15 days of the meeting.

10. All other norms/guidelines as may be prescribed by the NMC from time to time and not covered by these Statutes shall also be fulfilled by the proposed Medical College.

11. Interpretation of Statutes:

If any question regarding the interpretation of these Statutes arises, the same shall be referred to the Vice Chancellor, SMVD University for final decision.

Provided further, wherever Statutes governing the Affiliation and Recognition of an affiliated College or a Program started and maintained by the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board are silent on any subject or require any modification/additions or relaxation, the Vice Chancellor, SMVD University may bring the same to the notice of the Executive Council through Academic Council for final decision.

Any amendment/repealing of the existing statutes proposed by the Medical College will be approved by the Executive Council through Academic Council.

**Statutes Governing Admissions, Evaluation, Faculty Selection, and Academics for SMVDIME-Medical College & Associated Hospital**

1. **Faculty:**
   A new faculty entitled "Faculty of Medical Sciences" may be created in the University to deal with the academic& research issues pertaining to the discipline of Medical Sciences. The Executive Director/ Principal of SMVDIME-Medical College & Associated Hospital will be the ex-officio Dean of Faculty and member of the Academic Council of SMVDU.

2. **Mode of admission for SMVDIME-Medical College:**
   The admission to MBBS program to be offered by SMVDIME-Medical College& Associated Hospital shall be made on the basis of merit secured in National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET)-UG a single-level national exam

carried out for medical aspirants and associated national-level counseling.

3. **Eligibility Criteria:**
   Eligibility criteria for admission shall be as prescribed by the National Testing Agency (NTA) from time to time.

   **Currently**

   A. He/ She is an Indian citizen

   B. Age: He/ She has attained or will attain the age of seventeen (17) years as on the 31st of December of the year of admission (for both General (UR)/ General (EWS) and SC/ST/OBC-NCL/PwBD category students) as per the norms of NMC (https://www.nmc.org.in/).

   C. Candidates obtaining 50% marks in (PCBE) i.e. Physics, Chemistry, Biology/ Biotechnology & English (40% marks in case of students belonging to reserved category) in 12th Class and must have got a rank in the merit list of NEET (UG)-2024 for admission to MBBS Program.

   D. Candidates who have received education abroad and wish to seek admission in SMVDIME must have obtained 50% marks in (PCBE) i.e. Physics, Chemistry, Biology/ Biotechnology & English in 12th Class and must have got a rank in the merit list of NEET (UG) for current Academic Year for admission to MBBS Program (their equivalency determined by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) as per regulations of the NMC and SMVDIME.

   E. Candidate should be Medically Fit.

4. **Reservation:**
   SMVDIME shall follow the Reservation Policy mandated by the centralized counselling authorities from time to time.

5. **Norms of approving body:**
   As the NMC governs all medical colleges in India and is responsible for examining the quality of medical education in India, it was recommended that "All other norms/guidelines as may be prescribed by the NMC from time to time shall be fulfilled by the SMVDIME-Medical College".

6. **Seats:**
   50 for the first batch & subsequently as per approval obtained from NMC.

7. **Duration**
   As per NMC guidelines, the MBBS Program shall comprise four and a half

years, followed by a compulsory rotatory internship of one year.

8. **Examination Schedule:**
The examinations schedule shall be as defined by NMC. At the end of each professional year university examination will be conducted. If any student fails to clear the regular university examination, student will appear in supplementary examination.

9. **Fee:**
The Annual Fee-structure of MBBS program of the College must be reported to the Executive Council of the University which will contain the component of University Fee. The expenditure incurred on account of conduct of paper settings/ Evaluation/ Board of Studies meeting/ practical's examination/ any other academic activities will have to be borne by the affiliated College. The details of students who have cancelled their admission at the affiliated College must be forwarded to the University for records. Fee refund rules, as prescribed by various regulatory authorities shall apply.

10. **Board of Studies:**
The Board of Studies of Faculty of Medical Sciences shall be constituted having following members:

| 1. Dean of Faculty of Medical Sciences (Executive Director/ Principal, SMVDIME-Medical College & Associated Hospital) | - | **Chairman** (Ex-Officio) |
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| 2. Nominee of Vice Chancellor, SMVDU | - | **Member** |
| 3. 02 Faculty members of SMVDIME-Medical College on a seniority basis by rotation to be nominated by the Dean, Faculty of Medical Sciences | - | **Member** |
| 4. Two or three External Expert Members* | - | **Member Expert (External)** |

*The Chairman may nominate one of the Faculty Member of the College as the Member Secretary of the Board of Studies. Members at Sr. 3 & 4 shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of their nomination. The constitution of the BOS shall be approved by the Academic Council of the University. A minimum of two meetings of the BoS must be held in an Academic Session. A minimum of 04 members shall form the quorum.*

*\*The list of a panel of External Experts (As needed) shall be provided by the chairman for approval of the Competent Authority. However, only 2-3 experts, out of the approved panel, can be called for a meeting by the Dean, Faculty of*

*Medical Sciences, as needed, based on the agenda of the meeting.*

11. **Academic Calendar:**

Dean, Faculty of Medical Sciences, shall propose an Annual Academic Calendar to the Dean (AA) of the university, prior to the commencement of each academic session, which after approval of the competent authority, shall be notified and duly followed without any deviation.

12. **Methodology for Assigning Entry Number:**

A unique Entry Number (8 characters) at the time of joining a program of study and this will remain the main mode of identification of each student.

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| *Year of Joining* | *Degree Code* | *Program Code* | *Student's Distinctive Number* |

| Degree Codes (X) Code | Name of Program |
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| B | Bachelor's Degree |

| Program Codes (XX) Code | Program of Study |
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| BS | MBBS |

13. **Curriculum:**

The guidelines of NMC, as amended from time to time, shall be followed for the curriculum for MBBS program. The recommendations of Board of Studies of FoMS w.r.t. curriculum shall be placed before the Academic Council of the University for approval.

14. **Evaluation Procedure:**

Both, internal and external evaluation of the Programs will be done as per the program structure (As per NMC guidelines). The panel of the External Experts/Examiner shall be proposed by the Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences and approved by HVC, out of the approved panel of experts as recommended by BoS and approved by the Academic Council. The Dean of Faculty of Medical Sciences (FoMS) will coordinate the process of evaluation by the External Experts/Examiners and make necessary arrangements thereof.

Best practices with reference to the evaluation process, including paper setting, moderation of paper, evaluation of answer sheets (Table marking or otherwise), the conduct of lab examinations, choosing of examiners and paper-setters, maintaining secrecy wherever required, etc., in line with the guidelines of NMC and/or, as approved by the Academic Council of the university, shall be followed.

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| | **15. Requirements for Award of Degree:**<br>The degree shall be awarded by the University as per norms of NMC and as approved by the Academic Council of the university.<br><br>**16. Faculty Selection:**<br>It will be the responsibility of the authorities of the College of Medical Sciences to ensure that all faculty members appointed by the College meet the relevant guidelines of the NMC. The Selection Committee of the College will have at-least one nominee of the University, who will be nominated by the Vice Chancellor.<br><br>The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. |
| **Resolution** | The Academic Council recommended the Ordinances governing grant of Affiliation; recognition to SMVDIME-Medical College & Associate Hospital or Course and Admissions, Evaluation, Faculty Selection, Academics for SMVDIME-Medical College & Associate Hospital.<br><br>The recommendations of the Academic Council shall be placed before Executive Council for consideration and approval. |
| **Agenda Item No.37.21** | **Adoption of UGC's Curriculum and Credit Framework for Postgraduate Programmes as per NEP 2020** |
| | University Grants Commission has issued guidelines in June, 2024 **(Annexure A19)** w.r.t. Curriculum and Credit Framework for Postgraduate Programmes as per NEP 2020.<br><br>The SMVD University proposes the adoption of said guidelines from Academic Year 2025-26.<br><br>The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. |
| **Resolution** | The Academic Council recommended the proposal regarding adoption of UGC's Curriculum and Credit Framework for Postgraduate Programmes as per NEP 2020.<br><br>The recommendations of the Academic Council shall be placed before Executive Council for consideration and approval. |
| **Agenda Item No. 37.22** | **Merger of Schools** |
| | SMVDU proposes to merge the following Schools for seeking academic excellence, improve research capabilities, optimize resources, improving financial stability and to bring together expertise of these Schools: |

| Name of Schools to be merged | After merger School name |
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| Schools of Languages & Literature and School of Philosophy & Culture | School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies |
| School of Energy Management and School of Mechanical Engineering | School of Energy and Mechanical Engineering |

The merger of above Schools will increase the opportunities for collaboration, interdisciplinary research and expanded course offerings. Pooling of resources and infrastructure, potentially resulting in cost savings and increased efficiency.

The academic programs which are offered by the Schools which are now being merged shall continued to be offered under the ages of the new nomenclature of the Schools.

The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

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| **Resolution** | The matter was deferred by the Academic Council for the time being. |
| **Agenda Item No.37.23** | **Offering M.A. (Economics) & M.A. (Mathematics) Program from AY 2025-26 onwards as per UGC Guidelines in accordance with NEP 2020** |
| | SMVD University is offering Four Year Undergraduate Program (FYUP) from AY 2024-25 with below mentioned majors:<br>- Biotechnology<br>- Business Administration<br>- English<br>- Economics (B.Sc./ B.A.)<br>- Mathematics (B.Sc./ B.A.)<br>- Philosophy<br>- Physics<br><br>Students admitted under FYUP Economics (B.Sc./ B.A.) and FYUP Mathematics (B.Sc./ B.A.) are required to be awarded UG/ PG degree as per the choice of subject a student made at the time of admission to FYUP Economics and FYUP Mathematics Program.<br><br>Keeping in view the above fact, the proposal regarding starting of M.A. (Economics) & M.A. (Mathematics) Program with effect from AY 2025-26 is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. |
| **Resolution** | The Academic Council was informed that the matter regarding awarding of UG/ |

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| | PG degree as per the choice of program a student made at the time of admission to FYUP Program has been resolved as per UGC admission guidelines by the Central Admission Committee constituted for AY 2025-26.<br><br>After detailed discussion regarding starting of M.A. (Economics) Program with effect from AY 2024-25, the Academic Council approved the starting of M.A. (Economics) Program with effect from AY 2024-25. |
| **Agenda Item No.37.24** | **Transfer of School of Economics to Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences** |
| | It is proposed to transfer the overall administrative and academic concerns of School of Economics to the Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences in place of Faculty of Management due to the reason that with the advent of the NEP 2020 guidelines, the School of Economics has diverged into an academic curriculum more in line with the Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences than having a course structure related to management domain and therefore in the larger interest of the programs being offered by the School of Economics, it would be more appropriate to consider placing of the School under the Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences. |
| **Resolution** | The matter was deferred by the Academic Council for the time being. |
| **Agenda Item No.37.25** | **Inclusion of charges for issuance of degree, provisional passing certificate and migration certificate in the fee charged at the time of admission from the Academic Session 2025-26 onwards.** |
| | The following charges are paid by students for issuance of their academic certificates after completion of their degree program:<br>1. Degree Certificate – Rs. 1000/-<br>2. Provisional passing certificate – Rs. 500/-<br>3. Migration certificate – Rs. 500/-<br><br>Most of the students opt for getting these certificates through post after passing out, for which they have to pay the required charges through online mode, which is then verified by the Examination Section from the receiving bank. The whole activity is time consuming, which results in delay in providing the certificates to the students. Since, these certificates are to be issued to all the passing out students, thus in order to streamline the activity of payment of required charges, it is proposed that an amount of Rs 2000/- may be included in the fee component to be paid by the students at the time of admission starting from the Academic Session 2025-26 onwards, so that the above certificates are issued by default to the successfully passing out students in their best interest.<br><br>The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. |

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| **Resolution** | The Academic Council approved the proposal for taking the charges for issuance of degree, provisional passing certificate and migration certificate at the time of admission from the Academic Session 2025-26 onwards. |
| **Agenda Item No37.26** | **Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) to be offered by SMVDU Skill Hub Centre for the students of B.Tech. Program** |
| | The SMVDU Skill Hub Centre has been officially recognized as a Skill Training Centre under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 4.0 Scheme by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). This recognition has enabled SMVD University to offer specialized skill development programs aligned with national initiatives aimed at enhancing vocational education and empowering the workforce.

SMVDU Skill Hub Centre proposes to offer Skill Training Courses (from Academic Session 2025-26 onward) is **(Annexure A20)**offered under PMKVY 4.0 as Skill Enhancement Courses (2 credits course) (SEC) for students of B.Tech. Program.

The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. |
| **Resolution** | The Academic Council approved the proposal regarding offering Skill Training Courses offered under PMKVY 4.0 at SMVDU as Skill Enhancement Courses (2 credits course) (SEC) for students of B.Tech. Program from Academic Session 2025-26 onward. |
| **Agenda Item No37.27** | **Starting of M.Sc. (Chemistry) Program from Academic Session 2025-26 by School of Biotechnology** |
| | The Academic Affairs Committee of School of Biotechnology has proposed that Academic Structure of the new program M.Sc. (Chemistry) two years full time which shall be offered by School of Biotechnology from Academic Session 2025-26.

The Course structure of the Program is enclosed as **Annexure A21**The Program was approved by Academic Council in its 32[nd]meeting held on 25th Sep. 2019.

The matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. |
| **Resolution** | The Academic Council noted that the Executive Council in its 32nd meeting had already approved a separate School of Chemistry and sanctioned 09 faculty positions vide its resolution no. 31.6.4. As the new academic block being constructed in the University is nearing completion, the council approved the M.Sc. Chemistry Program with an intake of 30 students with effect from AY 2025-26 by School of Biotechnology. A separate School of Chemistry will be started in due course of time. |
| **Agenda Item No37.28** | **Proposal for awarding credits to students participating in Sports activities and other co-curricular activities at SMVDU** |
| | SMVDU has successfully implemented the NEP framework for all the undergraduate programs. In view of the vision of the policy, emphasis is laid on |

the holistic development of students and a balanced curriculum has been developed to meet present-day challenges and make our students future-ready.

The following mechanism is proposed for the award of Credits to Students participating in Sports activities and other co-curricular activities at SMVDU.

**Extra-Curricular Credits (ECC)**

Extra-curricular credits (ECC) shall be awarded to students for participating in Sports and other co-curricular activities like NCC/NSS/Community Engagement under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), and University festivals. All undergraduate students of B. Tech and FYUP Programs registered for ECC can earn a maximum of 6 academic credits (180 hours) over four years. The extra credits earned will be counted for the evaluation of CGPA/SGPA of that particular semester or overall CGPA towards theend. A student can claim the award of credits in a particular semester and based on the performance of the student in that particular event a student will be awarded a Grade as per the mechanism to be adopted for evaluating these activities. The grade awarded will count towards the calculation of SGPA/CGPA after comparing the Grades of all other courses and the lower grade obtained in any other course will be replaced by the grade obtained in the Sports/extra-curricular activity. These credits can be earned by participating in sports, cultural activities, University festivals and forum activities, and also Inter university activities in the form of representing the University, etc. at National & International Levels. Hours can be earned by those who participate either as part of the group or individually. Students shall be evaluated based on their participation in voluntary services, performance in games and sports, performance in literary activities, performance in cultural activities and their participation in District/Regional/State/National and International level events. Detailed mechanism will be worked out for the award of credits in consultation with all the stakeholders and a committee will be constituted to look into the draft modalities for the award of extra-curricular activities

We have been offering Courses under the Value Addition Course (VAC) Category related to Sports, NSS, NCC, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, Music, and Dance to all undergraduate students in line with NEP 2020 by which students can directly earn credits as per below details:

| Name of the Course | Course Code | Credits | Offered to |
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| Sports & Fitness-I | NSP VA101 | 2.0 | All undergraduate students |
| Sports & Fitness-II | NSP VA108 | 2.0 | Only for |

| | | | | those undergraduate students who have completed Sports & Fitness-I |
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| | NSS-I | NSP VA103 | 2.0 | All undergraduate students |
| | NSS-II | NSP VA104 | 2.0 | Only for those undergraduate students who have completed |
| | NCC | NSP VA102 | 2.0 | All undergraduate students |
| | Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Community Engagement | NSP VA106 | 2.0 | All undergraduate students |
| | Music and Dance | NSM SE101 | 2.0 | All undergraduate students |

Students of all undergraduate programs have flexibility in choosing any of the above courses and may earn a total of 4-6 credits out of a total of 160 credits for the award of a degree.

The matter is placed before the Academic Council for deliberation.

| Resolution | After in-depth discussion regarding the matter, the Academic Council recommended the constitution of Committee working out the modalities for awarding credits to students regarding participating in sports activities and other |
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| | co-curricular activities at SMVDU and directed that recommendations of the Committee shall be placed before Academic Council in its next meeting for consideration and approval. |
| 37.43 | **Any other item with the permission of Chair** |
| | **A. Admission for AY 2024-25**<br>The Academic Council approved the admission held during AY 2024-25. |
| | **B. Approval of the nominees of Academic Council for faculty selection/ promotions**<br>The Academic Council approved the list of External Experts, as nominees of the Academic Council from the panel proposed by Heads of Schools and Vice Chancellor SMVDU. The Academic Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to nominate these External Experts to the various selection committees as constituted from time to time for faculty selection/ promotions. |
| | **C. Road Map of SMVDU**<br>Regarding the matter it was decided that a Committee with following members shall be constituted to identify the courses offered by various Schools at SMVDU which are not relevant and proposing the contemporary and relevant courses in their place: |

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| Prof. Sandeep Sancheti, Provost Vice Chancellor, Marwadi University, Rajkot, Gujarat & External Member Academic Council | - Chairman |
| Dean Academic Affairs | - Member Secretary |
| All Heads of the Schools | - Member |

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| | The committee shall submit its recommendations for the consideration of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (Chairman, Academic Council). |
| | **D. Inclusion of Scopus index journal publications as a minimum requirement for the award of PhD in School of Architecture and Landscape Design**<br>After detailed discussion on the matter the Academic Council approved the same. |
| | **E. Regarding approval of Course Codes.**<br>It was observed that the Board of Studies of various Schools has proposed |

| | Course Codes which have not been vetted by Examination Wing. |
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| | After detailed discussion regarding the matter, it was decided that the New course codes as proposed by various Schools may be considered approved provisionally subject till the time the course code are vetted and amended, if so required, by the Examination Wing. |

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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