

167th Meeting of the Executive Council

30th July 2022

Minutes of the Meeting



Visvesvaraya Technological University
“Jnana Sangama”
Belagavi-590 018, Karnataka State

SECTION -2: ACADEMIC MATTER

2.1: Affiliation Matters

Item No.2.1.1 of the Agenda of
167th meeting of the Executive
Council to be held on 30th July 2022

CONDUCTING ANNUAL INSPECTIONS OF THE AFFILIATED ENGINEERING COLLEGES, SCHOOLS OF ARCHITECTURE, AND RESEARCH CENTERS UNDER VTU, FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-23

As discussed previously, the annual inspections of affiliated engineering and architecture colleges of VTU, for granting Temporary / Permanent affiliation, Autonomous status and also for starting new colleges / new courses/ variation of intake / continuation / extension of affiliation, and recognition / extension of recognition of Research Centers, for the academic year 2022-23, have been conducted.

The action of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for constituting various Local Inquiry Committees for conducting the said inspections, has been placed before the Executive Council for ratification.

The subject is being placed before the Academic Senate and the recommendation of the Academic Senate will be placed on the table.

Resolution No.2.1.1

The Executive Council resolved to accept the recommendations of the Academic Senate which recommended to ratify the action of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to constitute various Local Enquiry Committees to inspect the affiliated Engineering Colleges, Schools of Architecture, and Research Centers under VTU, for the academic year 2022-23.

APPROVAL FOR THE PROGRESSIVE
DISAFFILIATION OF SJM INSTITUTE OF
TECHNOLOGY, CHITRADURGA, FROM VTU

The Registrar of Sri Jagadguru Murugharajendra University, Chitradurga, vide letter dt:02/06-07-2022, has requested the University to disaffiliate the SJM Institute of Technology, Chitradurga, from VTU system progressively w.e.f. the academic year 2022-23, as per the decision of SJM Vidyapeetha, to align the said College as an off-campus / constituent college of Sri Jagadguru Murugharajendra University.

The College is conducting following programmes under VTU:

Sl.No.	Courses	Intake
1	B.E. in computer Science & Engineering	120
2	B.E. in Civil Engineering	60
3	B.E. in Electronics & Communication Engineering	90
4	B.E. in Mechanical Engineering	30
5	B.E. in Electrical & Electronics Engineering	40
6	M.Tech. in Computer Science & Engineering	09
7	M.Tech. in Thermal Power Engineering	09
8	M.Tech. in Structural Engineering	18

Sl.No.	Research Centres
1	Mechanical Engineering
2	Civil Engineering
3	Electrical and Electronics Engineering

The Government vide Notification EO.No.ED/120/URC/2021, dt:13-06-2022, has accorded approval to commence as a Private University namely Sri Jagadguru Murugharajendra University, Chitradurga.

The subject along with a letter received from the Registrar, Sri Jagadguru Murugharajendra University, Chitradurga, and the Government Notification, is placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval for progressive disaffiliation of the College, with the conditions:

- a) To inform heads of the concerned sections to verify dues if any and to continuously monitor and collect the University fees from the college till the closure of last batch.
- b) To inform heads of the concerned sections to consider the same while sanctioning research grants, registration of Ph.D. scholars etc.

The subject is being placed before the Academic Senate and the recommendation of the Academic Senate will be placed on the table.

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Resolution No.2.1.2

The Executive Council resolved to accept the recommendation of the Academic Senate which recommended to grant approval for the progressive disaffiliation of SJM Institute of Technology, Chitradurga, from VTU system, with following conditions, as the college has opted to be a constituent college of Sri Jagadguru Murugharajendra University:

- a) To inform heads of the concerned sections to verify dues if any and to continuously monitor and collect the University fees from the college till the closure of last batch.**
- b) To inform heads of the concerned sections to consider the same while sanctioning research grants, registration of Ph.D. scholars etc.**
- c) The Institute to conduct classes and examination to the students admitted under VTU Scheme, till they pass out from the VTU system.**

CONSIDERATION OF THE RENEWAL OF MOU WITH AIR
FORCE TECHNICAL COLLEGE TO OFFER PGDAE, AND
REQUEST FOR DISCONTINUATION OF M.TECH IN
AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING

The Air Force Technical College(AFTC), Bangalore, Extension Centre under VTU, offers Post Graduate Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering (PGDAE) and has started M.Tech. in Aeronautical Engineering programme, during the academic year 2021-22.

Now, the Group Captain / Chief Instructor of AFTC, vide his letter No. AFTC/1819/2/Trg(BM II), dt:09-07-2022, has requested to discontinue the M.Tech. programme from the academic year 2022-23, and no further registration to be made for this programme. However, the first batch will complete the course.

Further, Air Force Technical College, has also requested to renew its Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with VTU, the validity of which is expiring on 31-03-2022, to conduct the PG Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering.

Hence, the matter is placed before the Executive Council for consideration and further approval:

- i. To discontinue the M.Tech. in Aeronautical Engineering programme w.e.f. 2022-23
- ii. Permit to conduct classes for the candidates admitted during A.Y. 2021-22, till the completion of the course
- iii. To renew the MoU to conduct PGDAE, for a further period of five years.

The subject is placed before the Academic Senate and the recommendations of the Academic Senate will be placed on the table.

Resolution No.2.1.3

The Executive Council resolved to accept the recommendations of the Academic Senate, which recommended to accept the request of the Air Force Technical College, as under:

- i. To discontinue the M.Tech. in Aeronautical Engineering programme w.e.f. 2022-23***
- ii. Permit to conduct classes for the candidates admitted during A.Y. 2021-22 for the said M.Tech. programme, till their completion of the course***
- iii. To renew the MoU with the College to conduct Post Graduate Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering, for a further period of five years w.e.f. 2022-23.***

CONSIDERATION OF GRANTING TEMPORARY /
PERMANENT AFFILIATION TO LISTED ENGINEERING /
ARCHITECTURE COLLEGES AND GRANT OF VARIATION
IN INTAKE, STARTING OF NEW COURSES AND NEW
COLLEGES FOR THE YEAR 2022-23

The Affiliated Colleges have applied for grant of Temporary / Permanent Affiliation, Variation in Intake and Starting of New Courses for the year 2022-23. Some of the Trusts/Societies have applied for starting of new Colleges. Government intends to start two new engineering Colleges.

The Local Inquiry Committees have been constituted and physical inspections of these colleges have been conducted.

The Inspection Reports of the colleges listed below have been placed before the LIC Reports Review Committee(LIC RRC), in its meeting organised on 22-07-2022 and 28-07-2022 in the VTU Head Quarters and the recommendations of the LIC RRC have been placed on the table.

This list includes some of the colleges for which still AICTE approval letters have not been received.

The subject is placed before the Executive Council for consideration and further directions.

The subject is placed before the Academic Senate and the recommendations of the Academic Senate will be placed on the table.

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Resolution No.2.1.4

The Executive Council resolved to accept the recommendations of the Academic Senate which recommended to accept the LIC Report Review Committee(LIC RRC) recommendations, for the academic year 2022-23, w.r.t.:

- i. 194 engineering / architecture colleges inspected for continuation of Temporary affiliation**
- ii. 04 new Engineering / Architecture Colleges**
- iii. 10 Colleges inspected for grant of Permanent Affiliation**

Further, the Executive Council resolved to accept the recommendations of the Academic Senate which recommended to accept the recommendation of the LIC RRC to

- i. issue warning letter to 15 listed colleges, as serious observations have been made by LIC against them and to conduct mid-term re-inspection during this academic year, for these colleges. If these colleges do not comply the deficiencies during the mid-term inspection (which will be conducted after 06 months), the grant of affiliation for 2023-24 will be affected adversely. (List enclosed)**
- ii. 'zero' intake for first year admission for listed 04 colleges (List enclosed)**

Further, the Executive Council also resolved to accept the recommendation of the Academic Senate, which recommended to authorise the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, to accept the LIC recommendations for the Engineering / Architecture Colleges for whom Approval letter from AICTE or from Council of Architecture, is still awaited.

The Executive Council resolved to adopt following guidelines for the academic year 2022-23, w.r.t. grant of affiliation:

- i. Colleges who have performed good in previous years and the LIC while inspecting, has not observed any grave deficiencies in them, for such institutions VTU shall consider AICTE recommended intake, new courses and variation in intake.**
- ii. Further, if such institutions have recruited teachers recently, for increased intake or introduction of new courses, the same shall be accepted at VTU. However, such teachers must comply the norms of the University with reference to TAAS.**
- iii. It has been observed that few institutions have got approval from AICTE for Variation in intake, but have not applied to VTU, for the same. It shall be considered for the academic year 2022-23, however, the colleges must get these intakes ratified by applying to the University with requisite fees and shall be inspected during the next LIC.**
- iv. For the Colleges who have got approval for intake from AICTE, but VTU LIC has observed deficiency in the said Colleges and reduced the intake. In such cases, the recommendation of LIC RRC, approved by the Executive Council will be binding.**

CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION OF AUTONOMY PERIOD
FOR PDACE, KALABURAGI AND BEC, BAGALKOT

The PDA College of Engineering, Kalaburagi and Basaveshwar Engineering College, Bagalkot, have applied for the extension of Autonomous Status from the year 2019-20.

VTU has recommended for the extension of Autonomous Status to these colleges subject to the approval from UGC and forwarded their applications to UGC. However, till date these colleges have not received approval for extension of Autonomous Status from UGC. Further, these colleges have admitted the students under Autonomous scheme during the years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22.

University has sent letters to these colleges directing them to obtain the extension of Autonomous Status, Further, the validity period of NBA accreditation for PDACE, Kalaburagi, has expired on 30-06-2022 and validity period of NAAC accreditation for BEC, Bagalkot will be over by 26-11-2022.

As the State Government admission process for the year 2022-23 have been started, the subject is placed before the Executive Council for consideration and further directions, with regard to the Autonomous Status of these colleges.

The subject is placed before the Academic Senate and the recommendations of the Academic Senate will be placed on the table.

Resolution No.2.1.5

The Executive Council resolved to accept the recommendations of the Academic Senate which recommended as under w.r.t. Extension of Autonomous Status to PDA College of Engineering, Kalaburagi and Basaveshwar Engineering College, Bagalkot,

- i. To write a warning letters to the said Colleges to process for the Extension of Autonomy which is pending since 2019-20, and to take the follow-up with UGC in this regard.***
- ii. To write a letter to University Grants Commission on the status of the said Colleges and express the concern of the University in this regard.***

CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF
LIC RRC W.R.T. TO GRANTING APPROVAL FOR
FRESH RESEARCH CENTERS, FOR EXTENSION OF
CONTINUATION / CLOSURE OF THE EXISTING
RESEARCH CENTRES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR
2022-23

Applications were invited for recognition of fresh Research Centres / and continuation / closure of Research Centre for the academic year 2022-23. Expert Committees were constituted and visits were organised for applied departments.

The Expert Committee Reports of Fresh Research Departments, Continuation / Closure of the Existing Research Departments are placed before the Reports Review Committee in its meeting held on 22-07-2022 and 28-07-2022. And the recommendations of Report Review Committee are placed before the Executive Council for consideration and further approval

The subject is placed before the Academic Senate and the recommendations of the Academic Senate are placed on the table.

Resolution No.2.1.6

The Executive Council resolved to accept the recommendation of the Academic Senate which recommended to approve the recommendations of LIC Report Review Committee for granting approval to Fresh Research Centers, for extension of continuation / closure of the existing research centres for the academic year 2022-23, as placed in the meeting (List enclosed).

2.2: Matters Concerning Board of Studies

Item No.2.2.1 of the Agenda of 167th meeting of the Executive Council to be held on 30th July 2022

CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF JOINT BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING HELD ON 11-07-2022

The Joint Board of Studies meeting is held on 11-07-2022 and the following subjects were discussed during the said meeting:

01	Discussion and finalizing the template for the scheme (2022) of Teaching & Examination for PG programs.
02	Finalizing the schedule for submission of the scheme and draft syllabus for all PG programs
03	Approval of the Scheme and Syllabus for 2 nd to 4 th semesters of M.Tech., in Computer-Aided Structural Engineering program.
04	Fixing of common duration and same time slot for internship, for all Post Graduate programs for 2020 scheme of Teaching and Examination. (from the academic year 2022-23)
05	Ratification of the corrected typo error in the assessment of course, 21ARC25- Basic Design and Theory of Design.
06	Ratification of updates made in the syllabus of 18CB42-Design and Analysis of Algorithm, and 18CBL47- Design and Analysis of Algorithm Laboratory.
07	Any other matter with the permission of the chair

The recommendations of the Joint Board of Studies is placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

The subject is being placed before the Academic Senate and the recommendation of the Academic Senate will be placed on the table.

Resolution No.2.2.1

The Executive Council resolved to accept the recommendation of the Academic Senate which accepted to incorporate the directions received from National Quality Frame Work of UGC which recommended to have minimum 80 credits to M.Tech. and M.Plan. programmes for the Award of PG Degree.

Further, the Executive Council resolved to accept the recommendations of the Academic Senate which recommended to approve two different sets of curriculum for University PG Programmes and for the affiliated college PG Programme.

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Further, the Executive Council resolved to accept the recommendation of the Academic Senate which recommended for the introduction of M.Tech. Programme with following three options to the candidate:

- i. There will be an exit option for the students after completing one year (40 credits) and get PG Diploma Degree. Such students may join back to the programme after one year gap(with industry / professional experience) and continue to complete one more year and earn a total of 80 credits for the award of M.Tech. Degree. Such students will possess both the degrees, viz, PG Diploma and M.Tech.**
- ii. Regular M.Tech. Programmes of two years**
- iii. Here M.Tech. programme will be offered in two ways:**
 - (a) M.Tech. (Research) wherein the student will be completing coursework in first two semester and the dissertation with quality research work in next two. The student may continue further as a part of Integrated Ph.D. Programme.**
 - (b) M.Tech. wherein three semester of course work followed by the final semester of Project**

The Chairman expressed that a Detailed Regulation for these programmes will be brought out by VTU

2.5 : Award of Degrees

**Item No.2.5.1 of the Agenda of
167th meeting of the Executive
Council to be held on 30th July 2022**

CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF PH.D DEGREE TO THE ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES.

The listed candidates have completed all the prescribed requirement as per the regulations of VTU, for the award of Ph.D. Degree and have been recommended for the award of degree by the referees. Further consolidated reports of these candidates have been forwarded by the respective Guides for the considerations of award of degree specified against their names.

A detailed list of Ph.D. Degree candidates, as received from the Registrar(Evaluation), is placed in the Web link along with summary sheet, for consideration and recommendation for the award of degree.

Resolution No.2.5.1

The Executive Council resolved to accept the recommendations of the Academic Senate which recommend to approve the award of Ph.D. Degree to listed 118 Candidates, as placed in the meeting.

Section – 6 INFORMATION ITEMS

Item No. 6.1 NAAC Accreditation to VTU

The Chairman informed the members that, the University has successfully completed the first cycle of NAAC Assessment and received B+ grade. He also informed that, after a year or so, University could apply for reassessment and get the grade improved.

Item No. 6.2 NIRF Ranking to VTU

The Chairman expressed his happiness informing the positions secured by VTU in the NIRF Ranking for the year 2022, as announced by Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, New Delhi, on 15th July 2022:

Overall Category : 100th place
University Category: 72nd Rank
Engineering Category : 49th Rank
Management Category : 76th Rank

The Chairman expressed that the progress has been achieved in rankings as compared to the ranks secured during the previous year.

He also expressed that now VTU is eligible to apply for “Institute of Eminence” by UGC.

Item No. 6.3 Inauguration of ATAL IDEA Lab

The Chairman informed the members that ATAL IDEA Lab which has been established with the Financial assistance of AICTE, at VTU Campus, Muddenahalli, is being inaugurated on 3rd August 2022. The AICTE Chairman will be the Chief Guest for the Inaugural Programme. The Chairman requested the members to be present for the programme. This will be a largest Model IDEA Lab in entire South India. Series of FDP are being conducted here.

Item No. 6.4 Har Ghar Tiranga

The Chairman informed that on the occasion of 75th year celebration of Independence, information has been received from the UGC to hoist the Tiranga Flag on every house. University will write to colleges to follow the same and also, this will be followed across all the campuses of VTU, including Belagavi Head Quarters.

Item No. 6.5 **Exhibition hosted at VTU with the assistance of KSCST**

The Chairman informed the members that with the assistance of KSCST Project Exhibition has been organised at VTU 'Jnana Sangama' Camus on 12th and 13th August 2022. VTU funded projects will also be exhibited in this exhibition. Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education will be gracing the inaugural programme.

Item No. 6.6 **3rd Tech VCs' Conclave**

The Chairman brought to the notice of the Members that VTU is organizing 3rd Tech VC's Conclave, in association with LIS Academy, Bangalore and MAP Systems, Bangalore, and some of the affiliated college and industry partners. Programmes will also be organized here to commemorate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, Engineers' Day and the Silver Jubilee year of VTU. Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka the Chancellor of VTU is kind enough to be the Chief Guest for this programme which is being organized on 15th September 2022. The Chairman requested the members to be present for the programme.

Item No. 6.7 **Grievance Redressal Cell**

The Chairman expressed that University is planning to have VTU Grievance Redressal Cell with approved Regulations. Here the students, having any grievance, will have to approach to this Cell first and VTU will resolve their grievance as per University Regulations and Norms. It is felt that this approach will reduce the number of Court Cases. Hence, the Regulations to this effect are to be made at VTU.

The Executive Council approved the concept.

Item No. 6.8 **Role of University Nominees on various Committees of the Colleges**

The members opined that the College should give minimum 15 days meeting notice to the VTU Nominees on recruitment committees/ Governing Councils, which is not being followed in many of the Autonomous Institutions. The Chairman expressed that unless the college has VTU Nominee invited on the meeting, and norms of TAAS are followed, these appointments will not be approved and such faculty will be treated as ad hoc employees.

Item No. 6.9 **Inviting Shri Vaju Bhai R Vala ji, Former Chancellor of VTU, to the inauguration of South-end block**

The Chairman informed the members that the construction activities of South End Block of VTU Campus, which will be named as Silver Jubilee Block, is in its final stage and would be ready for inauguration shortly by the last week of August or little later. As informed earlier, University has extended invitation to Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modiji and other dignitaries of the State.

The members deliberated on the subject and suggested that the Former Governor of Karnataka, who was the then Chancellor, Shri Vajubhai R. Vala ji, who has guided VTU in several ways to take forward the said project, may be invited to the inaugural function.

The proposal was unanimously accepted at the Executive Council

**Granting benefit to the old students of
VTU who could not complete the degree**

The Chairman of the Executive Council informed the members that the Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education, has suggested the University to consider the possibility of extending some benefit to the old students who could not get the degree in spite of completing the course duration, on account of failure in few subjects.

The members suggested that the current year being the Silver Jubilee year of VTU, VTU may consider such gesture for such candidates as a one-time measure, by granting additional attempts to clear the subjects and get the eligibility for award of the degree. The members noted that similar concession have been extended by few other Universities during their Silver / Golden Jubilee years.

Resolution No.8.4

After detailed deliberations on the subject, the Executive Council resolved to constitute a Committee, with Registrar (Evaluation) as Member Secretary, to look into this matter, and get a detailed report about the old students of VTU who could not complete their degree, and explore the possibilities of extending them some benefit, in the form of additional attempts. The detailed report shall be submitted to the Executive Council for further consideration and decision.