



P.S.R. Engineering College
(An Autonomous Institution, Affiliated to Anna University)
Sevalpatti, Sivakasi -626 140
Virudhunagar District, Tamilnadu State



FOURTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF
P.S.R.ENGINEERING COLLEGE HELD ON 14TH FEBRUARY 2015
AT 10.35 AM IN BOARD ROOM

Date: 14th February 2015

Members Present:

External Members

S.No.	Name and Affiliation	Category	Signature
1.	Dr.D.Mohan Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering, Anna University, Guindy, Chennai – 600 025.	University Nominee	<i>D. Mohan</i> 14/2/15
2.	Dr.D.Sridharan Professor, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, College of Engineering, Anna University, Guindy, Chennai – 600 025.	University Nominee	<i>D. Sridharan</i> 14/2/15
3.	Dr.P. Malliga Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, College of Engineering, Anna University, Guindy, Chennai – 600 025.	University Nominee	<i>P. Malliga</i> 14/2/15
4.	Dr.S.Thamarai Selvi Dean, Madras Institute of Technology (MIT), Anna University, Chromepet, Chennai– 600 044.	Academic Expert	<i>S. Thamarai Selvi</i>
5.	Dr. K. Subramanian Professor and Head, Department of Civil Engineering, Coimbatore Institute of Technology, Coimbatore	Academic Expert	<i>K. Subramanian</i>
6.	Dr.G. Sakthinathan Dean, Anna University Tirunelveli Region, Government College of Engineering, Tirunelveli - 627 007	Academic Expert	<i>G. Sakthinathan</i> 14/2/15

7.	Dr. M. Saravanan Professor, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Thiagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai	Academic Expert	M. Saravanan
8.	Er. G. Srinivasan Managing Director, Srinivasan Associates Pvt. Ltd., Coimbatore	Industry Expert	G. Srinivasan
9.	Er.K.Srinivasan Senior General Manager, TVS Sons Ltd., Madurai.	Industry Expert	K. Srinivasan

Internal Members

Sl.No.	Name of the Internal Members	Designation	Signature
1.	Dr. B. G. Vishnuram	Principal & Chairman of the Academic Council	B. G. Vishnuram 14/02/2015
2.	Dr. K.R. Viswanathan	Director & Controller of Examinations	K.R. Viswanathan 14/02/15
3.	Dr. S. Ramesh	Dean (Acad) – i/c & HoD / Electrical and Electronics Engineering	S. Ramesh 14/2/15
4.	Mr. N. Uthaya Soorian	HoD / Humanities and Sciences	N. Uthaya Soorian
5.	Mr. C.K. Ramar	HoD / Electronics and Communication Engineering	C.K. Ramar
6.	Dr. K. Ruba Soundar	HoD / Computer Science and Engineering	K. Ruba Soundar
7.	Dr. K. Vimala Devi	HoD / Information Technology	K. Vimala Devi
8.	Dr. P. Pitchipoo	HoD / Mechanical Engineering	P. Pitchipoo
9.	Dr. S. Robert Ravi	HoD / Civil Engineering	S. Robert Ravi
10.	Dr. K. Subramanian	HoD / Bio-Technology	K. Subramanian
11.	Mr. S. Anantha Sivaprakasam	HoD / Master of Computer Applications	S. Anantha Sivaprakasam
12.	Dr. S. K. Rajamannar	HoD / Master of Business Administration	S. K. Rajamannar
13.	Dr. K. Valarmathi,	Professor / Electronics and Communication Engineering	K. Valarmathi
14.	Mrs. R. Banupriya	Associate Professor / Civil Engineering	R. Banupriya
15.	Mr. R. Mahendran	Assistant Professor / Electrical and Electronics Engineering	R. Mahendran
16.	Mrs. K. Rama Lakshmi	Member Secretary, Assistant Professor / Electronics and Communication Engineering	K. Rama Lakshmi

WELCOME ADDRESS AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Principal and Chairman of the Academic Council Dr.B.G.Vishnuram, welcomed all the members for the Fourth Meeting of the Academic Council. The chairman introduced external and internal members to the Academic Council. Then the chairman briefed about agenda to be discussed in the meeting.

ITEM 1: COMPLIANCE OF MINUTES OF THIRD MEETING OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Chairman briefed the compliance of minutes of third meeting of academic council. He informed the council that the resolutions of third academic council meeting were successfully implemented.

ITEM 2: RATIFICATION OF BOARD OF STUDIES MEMBERS

Chairman informed the council that the following Board of Studies have been formed with the composition of members as per the norms based on the recommendation of a committee constituted with Principal as the chairman and-all HODs. Each board has a member nominated by the Anna University, Chennai.

1. Board of Studies – ECE
2. Board of Studies - EEE
3. Board of Studies - MECH
4. Board of Studies - CSE & IT
5. Board of Studies - CIVIL
6. Board of Studies - Bio-Tech
7. Board of Studies - MBA

Chairman moved the council that the appointment of Board of Studies members be ratified.

The Academic Council resolved to ratify the appointment of members of Board of Studies for all Programmes.

ITEM 3: DISCUSSION ON MINOR MODIFICATIONS IN REGULATIONS 2012

Chairman suggested the following minor modifications to be amended in the existing Regulations 2012:

1. To introduce supplementary examinations:

Chairman moved the discussion towards introducing Supplementary Examinations with immediate effect from Nov/Dec- 2014/Jan – 2015 examinations.

Chairman and Director explained the advantages of introducing Supplementary Examinations. Dr.D.Mohan, Dr.D.Sridharan and Dr. P. Malliga, University nominees appreciated the introduction of supplementary examination. Dr. S. Thamarai Selvi, and Dr. K. Subramanian, Academic experts felt that supplementary examinations would give great support to slow learners.

After discussion, the Academic Council resolved to approve the introduction of Supplementary Examinations with immediate effect from Nov/Dec-2014/Jan – 2015 Examinations.

2. Business English Certificate (BEC) examination as optional:

Chairman moved the discussion towards making BEC examination as optional; also he explained certain issues of conducting BEC examination as mandate.

Dr.D.Mohan insisted to conduct alternative communication skill development courses to enrich the students' communication skill.

After discussion, the Academic Council resolved to approve for making BEC as optional.

3. Considering validity of internal marks throughout the study:

Chairman stimulated the discussion for the validity of Internal Marks throughout the study. In the existing regulations 2012, internal marks are valid up to first 3 attempts. The members felt that it may be considered for the benefit of students.

After discussion, the Academic Council resolved to approve for extending internal marks validity throughout the study.

4. Considering weightage for model examination in the assessment of internal marks:

Chairman moved the discussion to give an equal weightage for the model examination in internal marks Assessment. The members of the Academic Council felt that the inclusion of Model Examination weightage in internal marks should improve students' performance in the end semester examination.

After discussion, the Academic Council resolved to approve an equal weightage for model examination marks in internal marks Assessment.

5. Introduction of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS):

Chairman invited discussion on the implementation of CBCS as per the intimation from UGC and possible inclusion in the Regulation-2012 itself, which is to be followed from 2015-16. To begin with, the members suggested that CBCS shall be followed for the elective courses. It is suggested to identify the elective courses of interdisciplinary nature as open electives in every programmes. The students of any programme shall enroll and study relevant open elective courses to be offered in other programmes. Concerned Board of Studies shall decide and approve the open elective courses.

After discussion, the Academic Council resolved to approve the introduction of CBCS in elective courses under Regulation-2012.

ITEM 4: DISCUSSIONS ON REGULATIONS 2016

The chairman discussed following key features to be introduced in the Regulations 2016 for the candidates to be admitted in the academic year 2016-17 onwards:

1. To increase the internal marks composition:

Chairman suggested for increasing the internal marks composition in the new Regulations 2016.

Dr.S.Thamarai Selvi and other expert members felt that 30% weightage may be considered for internal marks and 70% weightage may be considered for external marks.

The Composition of Internal Marks (30Marks) should be considered as follows:

Internal assessment tests including Model Exam - (60%)	: 18 Marks
Technical Seminar (10%)	: 3 Marks
Assign./Mini project (20%)	: 6 Marks
Attendance (10%)	: 3 Marks
Total	30 Marks

After discussion, the Academic Council resolved to approve an increase in the internal marks composition to 30 marks for Regulations 2016.

2. To Introduce community and professional practices:

The chairman invited discussions for introducing the following community and professional practices.

- I. Active participation in NSS/YRC/RRC/Sports / Fine Arts activities. (Minimum One activity during the first 2 Years)
- II. Technical Paper Presentation / Mini Project / Seminar presentation/Professional society activities/Conferences. (Minimum ONE participation)
- III. One Industrial training of Two Week duration / Two Industrial visits / Industry based project. (Minimum ONE activity)
- IV. Participation in One Value added certification course either International or National level.

All the members of the Academic council expressed their opinions and discussed the following points:

1. Er.G.Srinivasan, Industry expert suggested for inplant training, industrial visit, internship training for maintaining good industry – institute relationship. He also suggested that one week Industrial based residential awareness Programme may be organized by inviting HRs from leading industries. Er.K.Srinivasan, Industry expert, accepted to give internship for the pre-final year mechanical engineering students during the semester vacation.
2. Dr.D.Mohan suggested that more number of MoUs may help for industry institution collaboration.
3. Dr. S.Thamarai Selvi and Dr. G. Sakthinathan insisted students to undergo value added courses offered in MOOC, COURSERA and SPOKEN TUTORIALS –IIT-Bombay.
4. Dr. M. Saravanan, Academic expert suggested that in eighth semester 3 credit course may be divided into three single credits which can be handled by three industry experts with each 14 Hrs duration.

After discussion, the Academic Council resolved to approve for introducing Community and Professional practices as Non Credit courses.

ITEM 5: OTHER DISCUSSED MATTERS

- Er.K.Srinivasan and Er.G.Srinivasan, suggested that eighth semester theory courses can be fast tracked in sixth and seventh semesters, and the industrial project can be carried out in the eighth semester in reputed industries.

- Dr.S.Thamarai selvi suggested that the final year students of all programmes may do their projects in the relevant Industry.

The meeting was concluded at 1.30 pm.

Mrs. K. Rama Lakshmi
Member Secretary

Dr.B.G.Vishnuram
Principal & Chairman Academic Council

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