

Minutes of the 30th Meeting of the Academic Council

- The 30th Meeting of the Academic Council was held on 01.08.2024 at 10.00 am through Hybrid Mode in the Conference Hall in KCW campus.
- Dr. Shamitha Begum, Dean – Academic Affairs introduced Dr. P. B. Harathi as the Principal and also the new Chairman of the Academic Council from 2024-2025 and onwards.
- Principal, Dr. P. B. Harathi, welcomed the Council members, Deans and Directors of various capacities and Heads of the Departments and the Academic Council Team members.
- Principal sought approval and confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting of the Academic council which was held on 13th February 2024. It was accepted and approved.

ITEM I

To approve and consider the starting of new programmes M.Sc. Environmental Science, M.A. Applied Economics, B.Sc. Data Science and B.Com. (FinTech) from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. R. Rajendran, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, PSG College of Arts & Science, Coimbatore. He also insisted on the employability of the new programmes.

ITEM II

To approve the changes in the scheme of examinations, Question paper pattern and evaluation for both UG and PG programmes (excl. MBA) from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

Dr. Shamitha Begum, Dean Academics mentioned the following changes and sought approval

- a) Introduction of 'GEN AI' in semester III of all UG programmes of 2023-2024 batch in the Skill Enhancement Course category
- b) All the existing Skill Based Courses offered by various departments and the newly introduced Skill Based courses like Drone Technology, Gen AI courses and Coursera courses (45 hrs) are pooled together in the Skill Hub.
- c) Changes in the Attendance Mark Slab

The change in Attendance mark slab from the academic year 2024-2025 for all batches.

75 to 80% : 1 Mark, 81 to 90% : 2 Marks, 91 to 100% : 3 Marks

- d) Design Thinking Course is shifted from semester IV to semester III. Universal Human Values and Human Rights will be a self-study course with grade for 2023 - 2024 batch.
- e) To approve and ratify the introduction of Lions Club of Coimbatore – PSGR Krishnammal College for Women in Part V – Extension Activity from the academic year 2024-2025 onwards.
- f) As TNPSC is insisting on getting an equivalence certificate from TANSCHE for programmes with new nomenclature to facilitate the students to get into Public Services in Tamil Nadu, approval of the Council is requested to apply for the same.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Rajendran.

ITEM III

To approve the changes in the syllabi, curriculum, scheme of examinations and question paper pattern of part I language – Tamil of undergraduate and B.Voc. programmes for semesters III & IV from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. N. Ponpandian, Professor and Head, Department of Nanoscience and Technology, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore. Dr. Rajendran questioned the necessity of offering language courses to B.Voc.

students and it was justified that learning of language is necessary to make the students eligible for Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission exams and other competitive exams.

ITEM IV

To approve the changes in the syllabi, curriculum, scheme of examinations and question paper pattern of part I language – Hindi of undergraduate and B.Voc. programmes for semesters III & IV from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Ponpandian and Dr. Rajendran.

ITEM V

To approve the changes in the syllabi, curriculum, scheme of examinations and question paper pattern of part I language – French of undergraduate and B.Voc. programmes for semesters III & IV from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Rajendran. He confirmed the justification of revision of syllabus and it was justified by Dr. Jeevitha, Head, Department of French that the syllabus revision for II UG helps them to prepare for entrance exams for MA French.

ITEM VI

To approve the changes in the curriculum and syllabi of, part III courses of B.A. English Literature in semesters I, III and V & changes in the III semester courses of M.A. English Literature from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Rajendran. He also appreciated the regional inclusion of content in the syllabi.

ITEM VII

To approve the changes in the curriculum and syllabi of part III courses of B.A. Economics, for semesters I, III & V from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Rajendran.

ITEM VIII

To approve the changes in the curriculum and syllabi of part III courses of B.A. History, for semesters I, III & V and changes in the III semester course of M.A. History from 2024-25 batch and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Rajendran. He also confirmed the success stories of students clearing Civil Service Examinations. It was justified that one student from Economics Discipline has cleared the recent Group I Exam and also from Chemistry, Botany and Commerce discipline.

ITEM IX

To approve the changes in the curriculum and syllabi of part III Allied Mathematics courses in semester I from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Rajendran. He enquired about the admission status for Mathematics courses and also suggested to enrich the syllabus with Computer applications and to have MoU with companies / industries of software connect. It was justified that the syllabus was already enriched with content including AI and its application in all courses of Mathematics wherever applicable.

ITEM X

To approve the changes in the curriculum and syllabi of part III - III semester course of B.Sc. Physics and changes in the III semester course of M.Sc. Physics from 2024-25 batch and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Rajendran. He also insisted on including courses on Bio - Material Science.

ITEM XI

To approve the changes in the syllabi of part III courses of B.Sc Botany, for semesters I, III & V and M.Sc Botany in semesters I & III from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Rajendran and Dr. R. Sathishkumar, Professor and head, Dept of Bio – Technology, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore.

ITEM XII

To approve the changes in the curriculum and syllabi of, part III courses of B.Sc. Zoology, in semesters III & V and for M.Sc. Zoology in semesters I & III from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Rajendran. He insisted on including at least a unit on Genetic diseases.

ITEM XIII

To approve the changes in the curriculum and syllabi of part III courses of B.Com. for semesters I & III from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Rajendran. He appreciated the introduction of AI in the Marketing course. He further applauded 33 students clearing CA – Intermediate Exam, 70 students clearing CA Final exam from 2009 to 2024.

ITEM XIV

To approve the changes in the curriculum and syllabi of part III courses of B.Com. CA, B.Com. (e-commerce), B.Com (Accounting & Finance), B.Com (Financial services), B.Com. (Professional accounting) for semesters I, III & V and I & III semesters courses of B.Com. (Actuarial management), B.Com. (Business analytics) and changes in semesters I & III courses of M. Com. from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Rajendran. He suggested changing the nomenclature of the board as Applied Commerce Course instead of Commerce SF.

ITEM XV

To approve the changes in the syllabi and curriculum for part III courses of BBA, BBA (BPM), BBA (IB), BBA (RM) and FPTM in semesters I, III & V from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Rajendran. He appreciated inclusion of recent topics like AR/VR/AI/ Reverse logistics in all the courses wherever applicable.

ITEM XVI

To approve the changes in the curriculum and syllabi for part III courses of B.Sc. Computer science, B.Sc. Information Technology, BCA and B.Sc. Computer Science with Cognitive systems in semesters I, III & V from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. M. Punithavalli, Professor, Department of Computer Applications, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore. She appreciated the introduction of Data Visualising and Gen AI. Dr. Rajendran and Dr. Punithavalli suggested using AI tools in the areas of Students' Group projects and research.

ITEM XVII

To approve the changes in the curriculum and syllabi of courses of semesters I & III of M.Sc. Computer Science from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Punithavalli. Dr. Rajendran enquired about the inclusion of ChatGPT in the curriculum and it was justified that it is included as a part of AI tools in curriculum.

ITEM XVIII

To approve the changes in the syllabi of courses in semesters I, III & V of B.Sc. Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence) from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. N. Ponpandian, Professor and Head, Department of Nanoscience and Technology, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore.

ITEM XIX

To approve the curriculum, syllabi and scheme of examination of courses of semester V and changes in the syllabi of semesters I & III courses of B.Sc. Computer Science with Cyber Security from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Punithavalli.

ITEM XX

To approve the changes in the curriculum and syllabi of courses of semesters I & III of M.Sc. Data Analytics from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Punithavalli.

ITEM XXI

To approve the changes in the curriculum and syllabi of courses of semester I, III & V of B.Sc., Biotechnology from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Rajendran.

ITEM XXII

To approve the changes in the curriculum and syllabi of courses in semesters I & III of M.Sc., Biotechnology from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Rajendran. He insisted on introducing specialization courses like Medical Biotech and Environmental Biotech and to enrich the curriculum with AI application. It was justified that change in nomenclature may fail to pass course approval and hence students may be suggested to do projects on these specialization areas which help them for employability.

ITEM XXIII

To approve the changes in the curriculum and syllabi of part III courses of B.Voc Garment Designing, for semesters I, III &V and changes in the syllabi of few courses of Diploma and Advanced Diploma programmes of Community College – ‘Garment Designing’ from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Rajendran.

ITEM XXIV

To approve the curriculum and syllabi of part III courses of B.Sc. Beauty and Wellness for semesters I, III & V from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Rajendran.

ITEM XXV

To approve the changes in the curriculum and syllabi of part III courses of B.Sc. Costume Design and Fashion for semesters I, III &V from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Rajendran.

ITEM XXVI

To ratify and approve the change in the curriculum of part III course of B.Sc. Psychology in semester II for 2024-25 Batch and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Rajendran. He clarified in house counselling and it was justified that there's a separate club named Well Being and Gender Championship Club for the wellbeing of the students and faculty as well.

ITEM XXVII

To approve the changes in the syllabi of I semester courses and the curriculum, scheme of examination and syllabi of III semester courses of M.Sc. Applied Psychology from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Rajendran.

ITEM XXVIII

To approve the changes in the curriculum and syllabi of part III courses of B.Sc. Food Processing Technology and Management for semesters I, III & V from the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Rajendran. He appreciated the department for having industry collaborations.

ITEM XXIX

To approve the curriculum, scheme of examination and syllabi of III semester courses of M.Sc. Fashion and Apparel Design and changes in the syllabi of I semester courses for the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Rajendran. Dr. Shanthi Radhakrishnan, Dean, Costume and Apparel Design & Academic Co-ordinator elaborated about the funds and recognitions received by the college from AMHSC, New Delhi. The members well appreciated the infrastructure facilities.

ITEM XXX

To approve and ratify the curriculum, scheme of examination and syllabi of I & II semester courses for the 2023-24 Batch and to approve, the curriculum, scheme of examination and

syllabi of III semester courses and changes in the syllabi of I semester courses of Master of Social work (MSW) for the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Rajendran. He suggested approaching Madurai School of Social Work for better student industry/ community engagement.

ITEM XXXI

To approve the changes in the scheme of examinations, curriculum and syllabi of MBA in semesters I and III and Post Graduate diploma in Management of Financial Services (PGDMFS) Semester I for the academic year 2024-25 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Rajendran. He enquired on the leadership programmes organised that focus exclusively on Women Entrepreneurs and the same was justified.

ITEM XXXII

Approval of results of the End semester examinations for the academic programmes and career oriented Add – on course examinations held between Jan 2024 to June 2024.

The resolution was passed. It was seconded and approved by Dr. Punithavalli and Dr. R. Sundararaman, Former Principal, National College, Trichy.

Students Feedback:

- Ms. B. B. Midhu Bashini, III BCom SF expressed that the students are exposed to various online course platforms such as NPTEL, SWAYAM, COURSERA and so on that provides them with additional knowledge.
- Ms. S. G. Pavishna, II BSc CS felt that the students were able to practise tools like Data mining tools, IoT, AR, VR Tools, Data Visualization tools and RPA that are in-trend with the IT industry and also make them industry ready.

- Ms. K. C. Lakshme Priyaa, II MBA stated that the outbound training programme enhances their teamwork and leadership skills through various outdoor activities. She also added that MBA Plus is a unique initiative by GRG SMS where selected students were given training on various aspects of leadership and fosters holistic growth as well.

Other Comments:

- Dr. Rajendran appreciated the Benchmarking exercises, Best practices of the institute carried over in the past years and establishing ourselves as premier institute in the field of higher education. He also commented on the preparedness of the institute about the incorporation of SEP/NEP 2020. He further added that to increase employability, it is better to offer a specialisation course in the final year/ semester.
- The members appreciated the Copyright Certificate from Government of India received by Ms. G. Shanju, I M.Sc chemistry for her book on Science Concepts - A Cartoonistic Approach.
- All the members congratulated Dr. Harathi for being the new chairman of the Academic Council Meeting and her headship as new Principal.

The Academic Council meeting ended up with a vote of thanks by Dr. E. Kayalvizhy, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, PSGR Krishnammal College for Women, Coimbatore.