33rd MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Date: 17.12.2025   **Time: 10.00 am**

MINUTES

- The 33rd Meeting of the Academic Council was held on 17.12.2025 at 10.00 a.m. in hybrid mode at the Conference Hall, KCW Campus.

- The Principal, Dr. P. B. Harathi, welcomed the members of the Academic Council.

- The Principal sought approval and confirmation of the minutes of the 32nd Academic Council Meeting held on 3rd July 2025. The minutes were accepted and approved by the Council members.

- Dr. Shamitha Begum, Dean – Academic Affairs, presented an overview of the academic progress and developments of the institution.

ITEM No's

I. **To approve the credit pattern for study abroad programmes and the introduction of the IKS courses as an additional credit course for various Undergraduate & Postgraduate Programmes and ratification of the revised internal component pattern for the Skill-Based Course "Medical Coding" from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards.**

Dr. Shamitha Begum presented a proposal to introduce Indian Knowledge System (IKS) courses as additional credit courses.

Dr. Prashant R. Nair sought clarification on the two credits assigned for Study Abroad Programmes and recommended that the credit structure be aligned with the National Credit Framework, incorporating 15 hours of passive learning in addition to active learning.

Dr. R. Rajendran enquired about strategies to achieve a top-five position in the NIRF rankings and suggested integrating IKS-related components into research activities. He further proposed establishing a dedicated repository within the library to store institutional e-content and emphasized the need to motivate faculty members to strengthen their research contributions.

Dr. Prashant R. Nair also recommended circulating the institutional e-newsletter to all stakeholders and publishing it through social media platforms and the institutional website. Members further suggested developing a Research Compendium to document and promote key research achievements.

Dr. V. Thirunavukkarasu underscored the importance of fostering innovative research outcomes, including patents, start-ups, and technology transfers, and proposed identifying clear research roadmaps to support these objectives.

Prof. P. Chitramani recommended establishing additional Centres of Excellence in the basic sciences.

II. **To approve the changes in the syllabi of Part III courses of B.A English Literature in semester VI and the courses in semesters II & IV of M.A English Literature from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards.**
The resolution was passed and approved by Dr. Koushik Hatti.

III. **To approve the changes in the syllabi of Part III core courses of B.A Economics in semesters IV & VI and Allied courses in semester II for B.Com & BBA offered by the Department of Economics from the academic year 2025 - 2026 and onwards.**
The resolution was passed by Dr. R. Rajendran

IV. **To approve the syllabi of the courses of M.A Applied Economics in semester II & IV from the academic year 2025 - 2026 and onwards.**
The resolution was passed. Dr. R. Rajendran enquired about the eligibility criteria for M.A Applied Economics. Dr. Koushik Hatti suggested adding cryptocurrency-related topics to the syllabus to keep it aligned with current developments.

V. **To approve the changes in the syllabi of Part III courses of B.A History for semesters II and the courses in semester II & IV of M.A History from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards.**
The resolution was passed. Dr. R. Rajendran enquired about placements and preparation for UPSC and NET examinations.

VI. **To approve the changes in the syllabi of Part III core courses of B.Sc Mathematics in semesters II, IV & VI, allied course for B.Sc. Data Science and the courses in**

semesters II & IV of M.Sc Mathematics from the academic year 2025 - 2026 and onwards.

The resolution was passed. Dr. Prashant R. Nair enquired about Machine Learning tools such as Keras and Kaggle.

Dr. Raghunath O Ramabhadran asked about singular compositions and distribution analysis in advanced statistics.

VII. **To approve the changes in the syllabi of the courses in semester IV of M.Sc Physics from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards.**

The resolution was passed. Dr. R. Rajendran enquired about the practical exposure related to the newly introduced paper on material characterization, the products developed, patents, and the strength of UG and PG students.

VIII. **To approve the changes in the syllabi of the courses in semester II of M.Sc Chemistry from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards.**

The resolution was passed. Dr. R. Rajendran enquired about the practical implementation of characterization equipment and asked about microbiology-related courses.

Dr. V. Thirunavukkarasu suggested adding a course, such as Chemistry for Biology, to improve placements at pharmaceutical companies.

IX. **To approve the changes in the syllabi of Part III core courses in semester VI of B.Sc Botany, Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course – Environmental Science in semester IV for all UG Programmes offered by the department of Botany and the courses in semesters II & IV of M.Sc Botany from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards.**

The resolution was passed. Dr. R. Rajendran asked about the inclusion of plant exosomes and showcasing outcomes in DBT Builder.

Dr. Koushik Hatti suggested adding AlphaFold along with homology modelling.

X.   **To approve the changes in the syllabi of Part III courses of B.Sc Zoology in semesters II & VI, courses in semester II of M.Sc Zoology from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards.**

The resolution was passed. Dr. R. Rajendran suggested adding a practical course in medical laboratory techniques and chronobiology suitable for both UG and PG Zoology students.

XI.   **To approve the changes in the syllabi of Part III courses of B.Com in semesters II, IV & VI and the courses in semester II & IV of M.Com from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards.**

The resolution was passed. Dr. Koushik Hatti appreciated the inclusion of business communication and suggested incorporating cybersecurity aspects in Customer Relationship Management (CRM). He emphasized that third-party management is mandatory for CRM and suggested exploring tools such as Odoo in addition to Zoho.

Prof. P. Chitramani suggested focusing on process costing and job costing in Commerce, noting that industry requirements emphasize accounts and costing. She also highlighted the importance of CRM processes and suggested creating applications and e-commerce portals, collaborating with Zoho, and adding one unit on digital regulations for CRM. She further emphasized the significance of digital marketing.

XII.   **To approve the changes in the syllabi of Part III courses of B.Com (FinTech) in semester II & IV from the academic year 2025 - 2026 and onwards.**

The resolution was passed. Dr. Prashant R. Nair mentioned a basket of regulations related to MeitY and suggested updating the syllabus to include current developments on the Digital India Act, Cryptocurrency, and Blockchain technology.

XIII.   **To approve the changes in the syllabi of Part III courses of B.Com (Computer Applications) and B.Com (Business Analytics) in semesters II, IV & VI and semesters IV & VI courses of B.Com (e-commerce) and B.Com (Accounting & Finance) from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards.**

The resolution was passed. Dr. Koushik Hatti enquired about the coverage of OOPS concepts and Java programming tools.

XIV. **To approve the changes in the syllabi of Part III courses of B.Com (Professional Accounting) in semesters II, IV & VI, semesters II & VI courses of B.Com (Financial Services) and the courses in semester VI of B.Com (Actuarial Management) from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards.**

The resolution was passed. Prof. P. Chitramani suggested adding SDG-based sustainability reporting and auditing. Dr. Prashant R. Nair mentioned sustainability committees and suggested recording carbon credits and energy credits for ministry accounting.

XV. **To approve the changes in the syllabi of Part III courses of BBA, BBA (IB), BBA (RM) and BBA (BPM) in semesters II, IV & VI and the courses offered for B.Sc FPTM in semesters II & IV from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards.**

The resolution was passed. Dr. R. Rajendran enquired about logistics courses and the international immersion programme.

Dr. Prashant R. Nair enquired about logistics tools and suggested using R Studio for data visualization.

Prof. P. Chitramani suggested that, instead of implementing Big Data Analytics using R programming, the advanced tools such as Power BI and Copilot can be used. She also suggested using no-code or low-code tools, or Tableau, for retail analytics.

XVI. **To approve the changes in the syllabi of Part III courses of B.Sc Computer Science and B.Sc Computer Science with Cognitive Systems in semesters II, IV & VI from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards.**

The resolution was passed. Dr. Prashant R. Nair suggested mapping courses to the National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) for enhanced placement opportunities.

Prof. P. Chitramani suggested introducing sector skill-based courses and an ERP paper on data flow and emphasized the importance of ICT processes and policies.

Dr. Koushik Hatti suggested adding System Stacking, System Design, Docker, and Terraform for infrastructure services.

XVII. **To approve the changes in the syllabi of Part III courses of B.Sc. Information Technology in semesters II, IV & VI from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards.**

The resolution was passed and approved by the members.

XVIII. **To approve the changes in the syllabi of Part III courses of B.Sc. Computer Science with Cyber Security in semesters IV & VI from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards.**

The resolution was passed. Dr. Prashant R. Nair suggested adding Cyber Security Audits and Standards.

Dr. Koushik Hatti suggested introducing VAPT, including Dark Web concepts, to prevent malfunctions.

XIX. **To approve the changes in the syllabi of Part III courses of BCA and B.Sc Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence) in semester VI from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards.**

The resolution was passed. Dr. Koushik Hatti suggested introducing Cloud Agnostic technologies.

Dr. Prashant R. Nair mentioned the Bletchley Declarations as guiding principles for Frontier AI.

XX. **To approve the changes in the syllabi of the courses of B.Sc Data Science in semesters II & IV from the academic year 2025 - 2026 and onwards.**

The resolution was passed. Dr. Koushik Hatti suggested introducing industrial standard tools such as Apache Airflow and Ignite.

XXI. **To approve the changes in the syllabi of M.Sc. Computer Science in semester II from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards.**

The resolution was passed. Dr. R. Rajendran suggested correlating data with Wet-Lab techniques and using DBT databases for healthcare and real-world problems.

Prof. P. Chitramani suggested using regional health databases.

XXII. **To approve the changes in the syllabi of M.Sc. Data Analytics in semester IV from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards.**

The resolution was passed. Dr. Koushik Hatti suggested adding Ontologies and Knowledge Graphs.

Prof. P. Chitramani suggested adopting Scenario-Based Learning for 20% of the syllabus.

| XXIII. | To approve the changes in the syllabi of Part III courses of B.Sc Biotechnology in semesters II, IV & VI and the courses in semesters II & IV of M.Sc. Biotechnology from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards. |

The resolution was passed. Dr. V. Thirunavukkarasu enquired about the relationship between infection biology and human pathogenesis.

Dr. R. Rajendran suggested including the study of human diseases in addition to poultry diseases and recommended introducing Quantum Technologies and basic practicals in Forensic Biotechnology.

| XXIV. | To approve the changes in the syllabi of Part III courses of B.Sc Food Processing Technology and Management in semesters II, IV & VI from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards. |

The resolution was passed and approved.

| XXV. | To approve the changes in the syllabi of Part III courses of B.Voc Garment Designing in semesters II, IV & VI and the courses in semester II of Diploma in Garment Designing (Community College) from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards. |

The resolution was passed. Dr. V. Thirunavukkarasu enquired about sustainability techniques.

Dr. R. Rajendran suggested incorporating AI applications and adding Tribal Embroidery.

Dr. Prashant R. Nair enquired about placement opportunities.

Prof. P. Chitramani suggested including traditional clothing as part of IKS.

| XXVI. | To approve the changes in the syllabi of Part III courses of B.Sc. Beauty and Wellness in semesters IV & VI from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards. |

The resolution was passed and approved. Dr. R. Rajendran enquired about ethical issues involved in the preparation of beauty products.

| XXVII. | To approve the changes in the syllabi of Part III courses of B.Sc Costume Design and Fashion in semesters IV & VI from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards. |

The resolution was passed. Dr. R. Rajendran suggested implementing a new course in Bio Textiles to enhance employment opportunities.

XXVIII. **To approve the changes in the syllabi of M.Sc. Fashion and Apparel Design in semesters II & IV from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards.**
The resolution was passed.

XXIX. **To approve the changes in the syllabi of Master of Social Work in semesters II & IV from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards.**
The resolution was passed and approved. Dr. Koushik Hatti enquired about placement opportunities for students.

XXX. **To approve the changes in the syllabi of MBA in semesters II & IV from the academic year 2025-2026 and onwards.**
The resolution was passed. Dr. R. Rajendran suggested including Disaster Management and Healthcare Management in the syllabus.
Dr. Koushik Hatti suggested adding Data Storytelling to develop Emotional Quotient and Empathy.
Dr. Raghunath O Ramabhadran suggested incorporating Analytical Courses.

XXXI. **Approval of results of the end semester examinations for the academic programmes and community college examinations held during November 2025.**
The resolution was passed and approved. Members suggested implementing a barcode system for examination papers.
Dr. R. Rajendran enquired about the measures taken while students secure low internal marks and questioned about innovative evaluation methods.

Students' Feedback:

1. **Ms. Madhulika**, a student of B.Com (Professional Accounting) expressed satisfaction with the overall structure and effectiveness of the programme. The flexibility of the syllabus was highlighted as a significant strength, as it is designed to align with professional courses such as CA and CS, enabling students to pursue professional qualifications alongside their undergraduate studies. The student appreciated the student-friendly college timings, which allow adequate time for self-study, revision,

and attending professional coaching classes. The personality development programme classes offered by the institution were highly beneficial. According to the student, these courses enhance communication skills, confidence, leadership qualities, and professional etiquette, which are essential for both professional examinations and future careers in accounting and finance. Overall, the student acknowledged that the B.Com (PA) programme effectively combines academic flexibility, professional orientation, and skill development.

2. **Ms. Akshatha**, a student of M.Sc. Fashion and Apparel Designing expressed positive feedback on the learning experiences provided through the programme. The student highlighted that the sustainable design projects incorporated into the curriculum played a significant role in enhancing their understanding of eco-friendly practices, ethical fashion, and responsible material usage. The student appreciated the department's workshops, which provided hands-on exposure to contemporary design techniques, sustainable textiles, and industry-relevant practices. These workshops helped bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, thereby strengthening the students' technical and creative skills. The student noted that interactions with seniors, who shared their experiences, projects, and achievements, encouraged them to explore innovative ideas and set higher academic and professional goals. Events such as EVANZA were acknowledged as impactful platforms for learning and exposure. According to the student, participation in such events enhanced confidence, creativity, teamwork, and presentation skills. She also showcased an outfit designed by herself, which was duly appreciated by the council members.

3. A student from the MBA Department, **Ms Rithika** provided positive feedback on the overall quality and effectiveness of the programme. The student expressed satisfaction with the classroom teaching, stating that the sessions are well-structured, interactive, and focused on both conceptual clarity and practical application. The student appreciated the industry expert talks, which offer valuable insights into real-world business practices, current market trends, and managerial challenges. The soft skills development programmes were highlighted as a significant strength of the MBA curriculum. According to the student, these programmes enhance communication skills, leadership qualities, teamwork, decision-making abilities, and professional etiquette, which are essential for managerial roles. The simulation programme, in collaboration

with Harvard Business School, was identified as a unique and impactful learning experience. The student noted that the simulations provide exposure to real-life business scenarios, enabling them to apply theoretical knowledge in a competitive and dynamic environment.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. E. Kayalvizhy of PSGR Krishnammal College for Women, Coimbatore. The Principal, Dr. P. B. Harathi and the Dean, Dr. Shamitha Begum, formally expressed their appreciation for the exemplary coordination and dedicated efforts of the academic team members.