

# **St. Vincent Pallotti College of Engineering & Technology, Nagpur**

## **Academic Council Meeting**

Minutes of Meeting held on Friday, 20-02- 2026

10 AM – 12.30 PM

Conference Room 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Block A

### **Members:**

Dr. Vijay Wadhai

Dr.Prashant Maheshwary

Dr.Pradeep Karule

Mr.Sameer Bendre

Dr. Nitin Dhote

Dr. Pramod Lanjewar

Dr.Manish Jachak

Dr. Jyoti Rothe

Dr. Manoj Bramhe

Dr. Manish Gudadhe

Dr. Shabana Pathan

Dr.Smita Tolani

Dr. Sushant Satputaley

Dr. Abhay Hirekhan

Dr. Abhishek Pathak

Dr. Harish Rajurkar

Dr. Shriraghavan Madabhushi

Dr. Praveen Sen

Dr. Vikas Bhowate

### **Invitees:**

Dr.Swati Mirelekar

Dr.Sunil Wanjari

Mr.Dushyant Khadse

Dr. Homeshwar Nagpure, Dr Suresh Rangankar, Dr.K.M. Bhurchandi, Mr Rajesh Welekar, Dr. Krishnamurti, Dr. Meghana Hasamnis and Dr Abhay Shenole were granted a leave of absence.

Principal, Dr. Vijay Wadhai welcomed all the members and thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

### **Agenda 1: Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Academic Council Meeting**

Confirmation of Minutes:

Dr. Sunil Wanjari presented the minutes of the previous academic council meeting held on 19-04-2025. Dr. Nitin Dhote proposed the confirmation of the minutes, and Dr. Mrs. Jyoti Rothe seconded the motion. The minutes were confirmed.

### **Agenda 2: To ratify scheme of examination of B. Tech and B. Voc and syllabi of I and II semester B. Tech for academic year 2025-2026.**

Mr. Sameer Bendre enquired about the minimum and maximum credits specified in the curriculum per semester.

Dr. Prashant Maheshwary clarified that the credit structure has been incorporated in accordance with the provisions of the National Education Policy 2020.

Mr. Sameer Bendre also sought details regarding the Honors and Minors programmes offered, including the total number of students enrolled, as well as the multidisciplinary minor courses being offered by various departments.

Dr. Pramod Lanjewar provided the relevant details in this regard.

The Academic Council approved the ratification of the Scheme of Examination for B. Tech and B. Voc programs, as well as the syllabi for the I and II semesters for the academic year 2025–2026.

### **Agenda 3: To approve scheme of examination and syllabi of M. Tech for 2025-2026.**

Mr. Sameer Bendre enquired about the qualifying examination criteria for admission to the M. Tech programme, as well as the number of alumni who had secured admission to the programme.

He also enquired about the measures undertaken to fill the M. Tech seats for next academic year and further sought information regarding any Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) established in this regard

Dr. Pradeep Karule sought information regarding the total sanctioned intake and the number of admissions in the M. Tech programme.

The required details were shared by the respective Board of Studies (BoS) Chairmen.

Dr Vijay Wadhai informed the Council that the Institute is planning to commence Ph.D. research programmes in all other departments from the academic year 2026–2027, subject to obtaining the necessary approvals from the concerned statutory bodies of the RTM Nagpur University.

The Scheme of Examination and syllabi for the M. Tech programs for the academic year 2025–2026 were reviewed and approved by the Academic Council.

**Agenda 4: To approve syllabi of I, III, V and VII semester for 2026-27.**

Mr. Sameer Bendre emphasized the need to explore internship opportunities for students in reputed industries after the VII Semester.

Dr Prashant Maheshwary advised that the schemes and syllabi for all even semesters (II, IV, VI, and VIII) for the academic session 2026–2027 shall be finalized before April 2026.

All Board of Studies (BoS) Chairmen were requested to take the necessary action in this regard.

The syllabi for the I, III, V, and VII semesters of the B. Tech programme for the academic year 2026–2027 were approved by the Academic Council. It was decided to upload the same on the website by April 01, 2026.

**Agenda 5: To approve changes in the academic ordinances/regulations 2025-26.**

The proposed changes in the Academic Ordinances/Regulations for the academic year 2025–2026 were presented before the Academic Council.

**Regulation R 13.5 of 2024-25 which states the minimum 60% credits to be earned by students for promotion to higher semester/year is revised to 50% in R 11.5 of 2025-26.**

**Regulation R 17.4 of 2024-25 which states that the students having attendance below 75% are not allowed to appear for end semester examination is revised to the students having attendance below 75% will not be allowed to appear for end semester examination and subsequent make-up examination in R 15.4 of 2025-26.**

The same were reviewed and subsequently approved by the Academic Council.

**Agenda 6: Information of Department Audit, Faculty Audit and R&D Audit.**

Dr Nitin Dhote presented information regarding the department, faculty, and the Research & Development (R&D) Audit. He informed the Council that the audit was conducted to assess and strengthen the Institute's preparedness for NBA Tier-I accreditation.

Mr Sameer Bendre enquired about the major observations made by the expert committee during the Tier-I NBA audit and sought clarification on whether any performance

improvement programme had been initiated, along with details of its monitoring mechanism.

Dr Pradeep Karule further asked whether a formal report had been prepared outlining the observations, key areas requiring improvement, and the compliance status.

Dr. Nitin Dhote provided the required details in this regard.

Dr. Prashant Maheshwary informed that, in addition to the NBA Tier-I audit, a comprehensive faculty audit had also been conducted by external experts to assess faculty strengths, weaknesses, challenges, and opportunities. He further stated that periodic reviews of the same would be carried out.

Dr Vijay Wadhai informed about the Annual Research Target (ART) Audit and stated that faculty members would be provided with adequate time and resources to upgrade their knowledge and skills, enabling them to improve their research performance.

Dr Sameer Bendre enquired about the allocation of the research budget and emphasized the need for its effective utilization. He suggested that high-value equipment and purchases should be properly utilized, maintained, and regularly monitored. He further recommended highlighting noteworthy projects and specialized laboratory facilities to industries in order to foster collaboration and strengthen industry-institute partnerships.

Dr Pradeep Karule suggested initiating the process of inviting mini research proposals from various departments, which could be evaluated by subject experts, and based on the evaluation, the budget may be sanctioned to deserving research proposals. He further recommended highlighting and widely publicizing the extraordinary facilities available on the campus. He suggested to prepare the brochure indicating the facilities of consultancy, testing, training and circulate it to industries and institutions.

The Board of Studies (BoS) Chairmen presented, in brief, the outcomes/resolutions of their respective BoS meetings.

Mr Sameer Bendre urged all departments to align themselves with rapidly evolving technologies and encouraged faculty members to adopt AI tools vigorously in teaching-learning, assessment, and evaluation processes.

Dr Manoj Bramhe informed about the Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on AI tools in teaching and research that was conducted for the faculty members.

Dr Pradeep Karule suggested that the names of the BoS experts should also be included in the presentations along with the respective resolutions.

Uniform format to be maintained for the presentation of Chairman BoS.

**Agenda 7: Any other matter with the permission of chair.**

Mr Sameer Bendre informed the Council about the prospective opportunities that Mahindra & Mahindra is expected to provide for Electrical and Mechanical graduates by 2029. He also highlighted the facilities of Avaada Group at Butibori and emphasized the need to effectively leverage such opportunities for student placements by providing appropriate guidance and training to students.

**Conclusion:**

Dr Vijay Wadhai expressed his gratitude to all the members for their valuable inputs, appreciated the contributions made during the meeting, and expressed hope that the suggestions provided would be duly incorporated.

**Dr. Vijay Wadhai**

**Chairperson**