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Date: 03.06.2021

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 3rd MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL (ONLINE MODE)**  
**KAMARAJ COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, HELD AT 02.30 P.M.**  
**ON 03.06.2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Thiruvalargal	
Dr.AnantAchary	Chairman
Dr. M.Vasanthi	Member Secretary
Dr. A.Meenakshi	Member
Dr. R.SureshBabu	Member
Dr. S.Jeyadevi	Member
Dr. S.Gandhi	Member
Dr. P.Subathra	Member
Dr. D.Prince Winston	Member
Dr. S.Senthil	Member
Dr. P.Kathirvel	Member
Dr. K.Kannan	Member
Dr. K.Geetha	Member
Dr. N.Pratheeba	Member
Dr. T.Dhanalakshmi	Member
Dr. A.Yeli l Arasi	Member
Dr. K.Thana lakshmi	Member
Prof C.T.Vijayakumar	Member
Dr. M.Hema	Member
Dr. E.Vakaimalar	Member
Er. A.N.Lakshmanan	Expert Member – GB Nominee
Dr. S.A.Sannasiraj	Expert Member – GB Nominee
Dr. G. Arthanareeswaran	Expert Member – GB Nominee
Prof. N.C.Shivaprakash	Expert Member – GB Nominee
Prof. S.Ramakrishnan	Expert Member – AU Nominee
Dr. Hema Gopal	Expert Member – AU Nominee
The following member had expressed his inability to attend the meeting due to his preoccupation.	
Dr.N.Ammasai Gounden	Expert Member – AU Nominee

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Agenda of the Meeting

1. To consider the business brought forward by the Board of Studies and the Standing Committee of the Academic Council.
2. To discuss any other matter pertaining to the academic activities of the Institution.

003.01.00	<b>KCET – ACT, STATUES, RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATED INFORMATION</b>	
003.01.01	To approve the Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Academic Council as given in Annexure 1.	Resolved to confirm the minutes of the second Academic Council Meeting held on 18.09.2020 as there were no comments on the minutes.
003.01.02	Action Taken Report	Member Secretary presented the action taken on the suggestions made during the second Academic Council Meeting. The council resolved to ratify the action taken as presented.
003.01.03	To approve the Second BoS Meeting Minutes (of various boards) as given in Annexure 2 A – 2P.	Resolved to approve the minutes of the second meeting of various boards of studies.
003.01.04	To inform about AU, Registrar letter: conduct of examination for students enrolled during grant of autonomy – important aspects of the letter as given in Annexure 3.	Read and Ratified the following <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exams to be conducted for students enrolled on board during the grant of autonomy.</li> <li>2. Guidelines prescribed by the Affiliating University that process followed for conduct of exams, passing requirements and weightage of internal assessments should be on par with the standards prescribed by the University or more than that should be adhered to.</li> </ol>
003.01.05	To consider and approve the A. Executive Council for examination system as given in Annexure 4. B. Policy framework in conduct of examinations as given in Annexure 5. C. First Executive Council Meeting Minutes as given in Annexure 6. D. Examination Manual as given in Annexure 7.	Resolved to approve the following <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Constitution of Executive Council for examination process</li> <li>2. The policy framework recommended by the Executive Council</li> <li>3. Minutes of the First Executive Council Meeting held on 07.10.2020</li> <li>4. Examination Manual prepared and presented</li> </ol>
003.01.06	To inform the NBA Accreditation Status as given in Annexure 8.	The council opined that efforts should be taken at the Institution level towards Accreditation of all eligible programmes.
003.01.07	To inform the NAAC Accreditation Status as given in Annexure 9.	The council suggested that efforts should be taken to attain A+ grade during the next Accreditation Cycle.
003.01.08	To inform the NIRF Status as given in Annexure 10.	The council lauded the Institution for securing a rank in the National Institutional Ranking Framework process.

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003.01.09	To inform the Revision in intake of seats of various programmes/change of names of programmes/start of new PG programme/closure of programmes	<p>Prof. N.C.Shivaprakash opined that though the decision to reduce the intake in few programmes and closure of programmes have been taken to ensure the continuance of the eligibility status of the Institution to apply for quality bench marking indicators like NBA Accreditation, NAAC Accreditation is justifiable at this point of time, the Institution should focus on improving the admission percentage.</p> <p>Dr.Hema Gopal suggested conduct of several programmes that would popularize the Institution amongst the higher secondary school students.</p> <p>Prof.S.A.Sannasiraj, opined that the decision to stop admission in a particular academic year for a programme could be explored rather than going for closure of the programme.</p> <p>Prof.S.Ramakrishnan sought clarification regarding the decision of closure of Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering and retaining Mechatronics Programme. Chairman of the council responded by stating that EIE programme has not been well received in this region and shared the admission status of the programme over the past 5 years. The council suggested to evaluate the prospects of restarting the closed programmes under new names in the near future so that the facilities and infrastructure created could be utilized.</p>
<b>003.02.00</b>	<b>DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF SYLLABUS</b>	
003.02.01	Approval of syllabus : III semester to VIII semester of B.E.Computer Science and Engineering as given in Annexure 11.	Resolved to approve the syllabus for the III semester & IV semester of B.E. Computer Science and Engineering Programme as recommended by the Board of Studies in its meeting held on 07.05.2021.
003.02.02	Approval of syllabus : III semester to VIII semester of B.E.Electronics and Communication Engineering as given in Annexure 11.	Resolved to approve the syllabus for the III semester & IV semester of B.E.Electronics and Communication Engineering Programme as recommended by the Board of Studies in its meeting held on 08.05.2021.
003.02.03	Approval of syllabus : III semester to VIII semester of B.E.Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering as given in Annexure 11.	Resolved to approve the syllabus for the III semester & IV semester of B.E. Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering Programme as recommended by the Board of Studies in its meeting held on 08.05.2021.
003.02.04	Approval of syllabus : III semester to VIII semester of B.E Electrical and Electronics Engineering as given in Annexure 11.	Resolved to approve the syllabus for the III semester & IV semester of B.E. Electrical and Electronics Engineering Programme as recommended by the Board of Studies in its meeting held on 08.05.2021.
003.02.05	Approval of syllabus : III semester to VIII semester of B.E Mechanical Engineering as given in Annexure 11.	<p>1.Resolved to approve the syllabus for the III and IV semester of B.E. Mechanical Engineering Programme as recommended by the Board of Studies in its meeting held on 07.05.2021.</p> <p>2.Resolved to approve the modification in syllabus (list of equipment) of M.E. Manufacturing Engineering programme as recommended by Board of Studies in its meeting held on 07.05.2021 (Ref: vide Annexure 2 (H) Discussion point no.24)</p>
003.02.06	Approval of syllabus : III semester to VIII semester of B.E Civil Engineering as given in Annexure 11.	Resolved to approve the syllabus for the III semester & IV semester of B.E. Civil Engineering Programme as recommended by the Board of Studies in its meeting held on 07.05.2021.
003.02.07	Approval of syllabus : III semester to VIII semester of B.E Mechatronics Engineering as given in Annexure 11.	Resolved to approve the syllabus for the III semester & IV semester of B.E. Mechatronics Engineering Programme as recommended by the Board of Studies in its meeting held on 07.05.2021.

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003.02.08	Approval of syllabus : III semester to VIII semester of B.Tech.Polymer Technology as given in Annexure 11.	Resolved to approve the syllabus for the III semester & IV semester of B.Tech.Polymer Technology Programme as recommended by the Board of Studies in its meeting held on 08.05.2021.
003.02.09	Approval of syllabus : III semester to VIII semester of B.Tech.Information Technology as given in Annexure 11.	Resolved to approve the syllabus for the III semester & IV semester of B.Tech.Information Technology Programme as recommended by the Board of Studies in its meeting held on 03.05.2021.
003.02.10	Approval of syllabus : III semester to VIII semester of B.Tech.Biotechnology as given in Annexure 11.	Resolved to approve the syllabus for the III semester & IV semester of B.Tech.Biotechnology Programme as recommended by the Board of Studies in its meeting held on 11.05.2021.
003.02.11	Approval of syllabus : III semester to VIII semester of B.Tech.Artificial Intelligence & Data Science as given in Annexure 11.	Resolved to approve the syllabus for the III semester & IV semester of B.Tech. Artificial Intelligence and Data Science Programme as recommended by the Board of Studies in its meeting held on 10.05.2021.
003.02.12	Approval of syllabus of M.E.Computer Science Engineering as given in Annexure 11.	Resolved to approve the syllabus for the M.E.Computer Science and Engineering Programme as recommended by the Board of Studies in its meeting held on 16.04.2021. Dr. Hema Gopal suggested introducing of 2 credit courses in the third semester and /or fourth semester that could be completely taught by the industry personnel. This course could be a case study based approach
003.02.13	Approval of revision of I Year- II semester syllabus of Computer Science and Engineering as given in Annexure 11.	Resolved to approve the syllabus of second semester program specific papers (CS1201 & CS1211- Object Oriented Programming using Python Theory and Lab) in B.E.Computer Science and Engineering programme as recommended by the Board of Studies members of CSE Board.
003.02.14	Approval of revision of I Year- II semester syllabus of B.Tech. Artificial Intelligence & Data Science as given in Annexure 11.	Resolved to approve the syllabus of second semester specific papers (AD1201 & AD1211- Foundations for Data Science Theory and Lab ) in B.Tech.Artificial Intelligence & Data Science as recommended by the Board of Studies members of CSE Board.
003.02.15	Approval of syllabus framed by Department of English : III, IV & V semester, Audit Courses, Management Courses as given in Annexure 11.	Prof. N.C. Shivaprakash suggested that as per AICTE recommendations, the Audit course: Constitution of India should be made mandatory. This information needs to be disseminated to the students through an orientation programme.
003.02.16	Approval of syllabus framed by Department of Mathematics as given in Annexure 11.	Resolved to approve the syllabus for the Mathematics courses as recommended by the Board of Studies in its meeting held on 06.05.2021.
003.02.17	Approval of syllabus framed by Department of Physics as given in Annexure 11.	Resolved to approve the syllabus for the Physics courses as recommended by the Board of Studies in its meeting held on 08.05.2021.
003.02.18	Approval of syllabus framed by Department of Chemistry as given in Annexure 11.	Resolved to approve the syllabus for the Chemistry courses as recommended by the Board of Studies in its meeting held on 08.05.2021.
003.03.00	<b>AMENDMENTS IN REGULATION</b>	

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003.03.01	Amendment in the Regulation : Passing Criteria Requirement	<p>Resolved and approved the amendment in regulation for UG programme (R 2020) . This will be followed for the students admitted in AY 2020-21</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3" style="text-align: center;">B.E./B.Tech. – Regulation R 2020</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;">Clause No.</th> <th style="width: 40%;">Existing R 2020 guidelines</th> <th style="width: 45%;">Proposed Amendment In R 2020 guidelines</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: center;">Passing Requirement</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R10.1</td> <td>A student who secures not less than 50% of total marks prescribed for the course [sum of Continuous Assessment marks and End semester Examination marks] shall be declared to have passed the course and acquired the relevant number of credits. Appearing for end semester examinations in theory courses, laboratory courses, theory courses integrated with Laboratory, Laboratory course integrated with theory project work is a mandatory requirement.</td> <td>A student, who secures not less than 50% of total marks prescribed for the course [sum of Continuous Assessment marks and End semester Examination marks] <b>with a minimum of 45% of the marks prescribed for the end-semester University Examination,</b> shall be declared to have passed the course and acquired the relevant number of credits. Appearing for end semester examinations in theory courses, laboratory courses, theory courses integrated with Laboratory, Laboratory course integrated with theory project work is a mandatory requirement.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	B.E./B.Tech. – Regulation R 2020			Clause No.	Existing R 2020 guidelines	Proposed Amendment In R 2020 guidelines	Passing Requirement			R10.1	A student who secures not less than 50% of total marks prescribed for the course [sum of Continuous Assessment marks and End semester Examination marks] shall be declared to have passed the course and acquired the relevant number of credits. Appearing for end semester examinations in theory courses, laboratory courses, theory courses integrated with Laboratory, Laboratory course integrated with theory project work is a mandatory requirement.	A student, who secures not less than 50% of total marks prescribed for the course [sum of Continuous Assessment marks and End semester Examination marks] <b>with a minimum of 45% of the marks prescribed for the end-semester University Examination,</b> shall be declared to have passed the course and acquired the relevant number of credits. Appearing for end semester examinations in theory courses, laboratory courses, theory courses integrated with Laboratory, Laboratory course integrated with theory project work is a mandatory requirement.
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003.03.02	Discussion on Relative Hybrid Grading System	<p>Detailed discussion was held on the concern expressed in the Governing Body meeting (held on 9<sup>th</sup> February,2021) regarding introduction of a new grading system during the initial phase of autonomy. However the council opined that this system is gaining popularity in Autonomous Institutions and considering the fact that Relative Hybrid Grading System does not compromise on the quality of minimum pass requirement and outstanding grade, the grading of intermediate marks will truly be beneficial for the student community and hence may be adopted as recommended by the Standing Committee of Academic Council.</p> <p>Resolved not to amend this clause in the regulation R 2020 for UG and PG programmes.</p>												
003.03.03	Mandatory Personality Development Training Attendance Requirement	<p>The council authorized the Chairman of the council to take appropriate decision on this aspect considering the situation during the pandemic period. Decision taken to be communicated to the students.</p>												
003.04.00	<b>AFFILIATING UNIVERSITY / DoTE / UGC / AICTE – LETTERS AND NOTIFICATIONS</b>													

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003.04.01	AU CoE letter: guidelines for online theory and laboratory exam as given in Annexure 12.	Read and noted
003.04.02	Nomination of AU nominee in Result Passing Board as given in Annexure 13.	Read and noted
<b>003.05.00</b>	<b>ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES</b>	
003.05.01	To consider and approve the starting of new UG / PG programmes in various departments during the next academic year	The council suggested that HoDs of the programmes that have expressed interest in starting of new UG programmes and PG programmes on emerging areas could prepare a dossier containing the following details 1. Colleges offering similar programme and the admission status 2. Employment scope for the course to be introduced. 3. Awareness about the proposed programme amongst prospective engineering students and other stake holders The members opined that the dossier prepared could be presented in the next meeting for deciding on the merits of starting the programme.
003.05.02	To consider and approve the three member committees formed in various departments for monitoring, implementation of value added programmes and reporting of grades to exam cell	Resolved and approved the formation of three member committee at the department level for monitoring, implementation of value added program and reporting of the grades obtained by students to the exam cell.
003.05.03	To consider and approve the three member committees formed in various departments for monitoring, evaluation of inplant training & industrial internships and reporting of grades to exam cell	Resolved and approved the formation of three member committee at the department level for monitoring, evaluation of inplant training and industrial internships and reporting of the grades obtained by students to the exam cell.
003.05.04	To consider and approve the three member committees formed in various departments for monitoring of online courses opted by students and reporting of grades to exam cell	Resolved and approved the formation of three member committee at the department level for monitoring, of online courses opted by the students, the progress made and reporting of the grades obtained by students to the exam cell.
003.05.05	To consider and approve committee (of science and humanities staff members) for successful implementation of audit courses at the institutional level and reporting of satisfactory / not satisfactory status to exam cell.	The council resolved and authorized Chairman of academic council to form the committee at the institute level for successful implementation of audit courses.
003.05.06	To inform the platforms used for conduct of Online Classes	Read and Noted
003.05.07	To inform the platforms used for the conduct of examination through proctored online mode	Read and Noted
003.05.08	To inform about setting up of Centre for Excellence in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning	Read and Noted
003.05.09	To inform about the Institutional Membership of spoken tutorial, IIT Bombay	Read and Noted

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003.05.10	To inform about the V labs in association with PALS as given in Annexure 14.	Read Dr. Arthanaareswaan opined that the V Labs platform has good collection of simulation lab exercises for different programs and the institution should try and adopt these tools for skill development
003.06.00	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES</b>	
003.06.01	To consider and approve the proposed constitution of Staff Selection Committees for various posts under various departments as given in Annexure 15.	Resolved and approved the list prepared and submitted by the Heads of the various departments and recommended by the Standing Committee of Academic Council.
003.06.02	To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the IQAC held during the academic year 2020 – 2021 as give in Annexure 16.	Read and Ratified. The council suggested compiling of best practices followed in the institution on various aspects of Teaching learning Process like 1. Introduction of program specific Mathematics Papers 2. Use of TEAMS platform as Learning management system
003.06.03	Change of HoDs, appointment of Associate Dean	Read and Ratified
003.07.00	<b>ADMISSIONS</b>	
003.07.01	To inform the Admission Status for the academic year 2020 – 2021	The members opined that the Institution needs to focus on this area during the AY 2021-2022. Strategic planning of reaching out to the prospective students and parents through alumni network, advertisements. The members opined that short videos could be prepared about the salient features of the institution and the departments and should be widely circulated through all available social media networks.
003.07.02	To consider and approve the procedure framed for admission/transfer of students into higher semesters from other Autonomous and Non Autonomous Institutions	Resolved and approved with the modification suggested. The committee suggested that once the process described is followed the “equivalence for course “ decision should be presented in the BoS and the approval obtained thereof should be documented
003.08.00	<b>EXAMINATIONS</b>	
003.08.01	To inform A. The conduct and results of end semester examination DEC 2020 / JAN 2021 as given in Annexure 17.	Read and Ratified
	B. The conduct and results of end semester examination APRIL 2021 / MAY 2021 as given in Annexure 17.	Read and Ratified
003.08.02	To consider and approve the panel of experts for A. QP setting B. QP scrutiny C. Answer script evaluation D. Examiner for laboratory exam / Project Viva Voce as given in Annexure 18.	Resolved and approved the panel of experts prepared and submitted by the various heads of the departments and recommended by the Standing Committee of the Academic Council.

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003.09.00	MISCELLANEOUS/ OTHER ITEMS	
003.09.01	Any other item with the consent of the Chairman	<p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discussions were held regarding Tamilnadu Government's decision to conduct reexamination to students who appeared for their end semester examination in MCQ pattern. The council also resolved and approved the conduct of reexamination to students who appeared for the end semester examination in MCQ pattern during /Dec//Jan 2021 and APR/MAY 2021 as one time measure during the pandemic situation considering the larger interest of the student community</li> <li>2. Chairman of the council brought it to the notice of members, that as per Anna University's suggestion, Dean (Examinations) designation needs to be designated as Controller of Examinations to enable signing of the grade sheets of students, that need to be forwarded to the AU, for award of degree. AU has given the guidelines to maintain uniformity across the institutions under its affiliation. The council approved the same</li> <li>3. Er. A N Lakshmanan opined that the departments should approach industries nearby and show case the infrastructure facilities available to improve the placement opportunities for the students. He opined that Placement record is the metrics with which parents and students evaluate the institution .</li> <li>4. He also suggested that students from Polymer Technology department could approach his organization for doing their project work. He also suggested that laboratory course experiments could be learnt using the equipment available in the industry and the staff members should explore such possibilities</li> <li>5. Staff members should involve themselves in extension activities. The institution should adopt schools in and around the region and staff members should periodically deliver lecture to school students on the importance of engineering and technology.</li> <li>6. Professor Shivaprakash suggested that agenda for future Academic council meetings could be as follows:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1, Confirmation of the minutes of the previous council meeting held on.....</li> <li>2, Action Taken Report on the previous council meeting held on..</li> <li>3. Discussion and Approval Items</li> <li>4. Ratification Items</li> <li>5 Reporting Items</li> <li>6. Any other items with the permission of then chair.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
	To fix the date for the Fourth Academic Council Meeting	It was decided to conduct the meeting after the completion of admissions for the AY 2021 -2022

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

  
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