

## Minutes

Minutes of the second meeting of the Academic Council held on July 31, 2020 through the Zoom App from 11.00 a.m. onwards.

The following members were present

1. Dr. Narendra P. Tendolkar – Chairman and Principal
2. Principal Dr. Siddheshwar Gadade – VC Nominee
3. Principal Dr. Atul Salunkhe - VC Nominee
4. Principal Dr. Rajpal Hande
5. Mr. Sanjay Karkhanis – Industry Expert
6. Mr. Rutindersing Negi - Industry Expert
7. Mr. Prashant Kamat - Industry Expert
8. Mr. Rahul.V.thoke
9. Dr.(Mrs.) Varsha. S. Phatak
10. Mr. Vikas. P. Shrungare
11. Dr. Pratap V. Naikwadē
12. Dr. Madhukar H. Magdum
13. Mrs. Snehalata S. Pujari
14. Dr. Sardar A. Patil
15. Dr. Sagar T. Sankpal
16. Dr. Laxman B. Patil
17. Mr. Ajinkya K. Naphade
18. Mr. Arvind M. Kulkarni – IQAC Coordinator

At the commencement of the meeting, the IQAC Coordinator Mr. A. M. Kulkarni welcomed the members of the academic council and expressed his sense of gratitude for their presence. He, also, explored the need of conducting an online meeting in this pandemic situation.

The chairman of the meeting Hon'ble Principal Dr. N. P. Tendolkar expressed satisfaction for the presence of all the members for the meeting. He, then, introduced the industrial, university, and college representatives. He, also, briefed about the progress of the college after securing the Autonomy. Dr. Tendolkar observed that some of the documents related to the points of the agenda have already been enclosed along with invitation letter like minutes of the meeting held on May 04, 2019, the Curricular, Co-curricular, and Extra-curricular activities conducted during the Academic Year 2019-20, percentage Change in the syllabus if any with the outcome, the academic performance of the students, etc. With a view to initiate very focus deliberation and conclude in a specific time frame.

The following things were discussed in the meeting and, consequently, the resolutions were passed.

### Agenda-

#### 1. Reading and finalization of minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2019

Hon'ble chairman Principal Dr. N. P. Tendolkar appealed all the members to finalize the minutes of the meeting of the last academic council held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019 if they agreed upon.

Hon'ble Dr. S. T. Gadade expressed satisfaction about the minutes of the last meeting and seconded the proposal to pass on the resolution to finalize it.

**Resolution No.: 1**

**It is unanimously resolved that the minutes of the first meeting of the academic council held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019 be passed.**

Proposed by Hon'ble chairman Dr. N. P. Tendolkar Seconded by Dr. S. T. Gadade

2. **Review of the Curricular, Co-curricular, and Extra-curricular activities during the Academic Year 2019-20**

Hon'ble Principal Dr. N. P. Tendolkar took a brief review of the Curricular, Co-curricular, and Extracurricular activities during the academic year 2019-20. Dr. Tendolkar informed that already the detailed report of the activities was sent with the agenda of the meeting and hoped about their glance to be kept on.

Hon'ble Principal S. T. Gadade expressed satisfaction about the activities undertaken, programs, and certificate courses implemented during the year. He endorsed that the organization of these activities and programs will help the students and teachers to enrich themselves and, also, be useful in securing employment.

Hon'ble Rajpal Hande expressed his sense of pleasure in organizing such nice programs and activities. He, also, congratulated the Hon'ble principal for his right decisions in the right direction in acquiring and implementing the autonomy prudently. He said that the college is doing the pioneer ship well and is a torchbearer for the rest of the colleges in this region.

He seconded the proposal put by the principal to resolve to acknowledge the curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities during the Academic Year 2019-20.

**Resolution No.: 2**

**It is unanimously resolved that the curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities during the Academic Year 2019-20 are acknowledged.**

Proposed by Principal Dr. N. P. Tendolkar Seconded by Dr. Rajpal Hande

3. **Discussion on Evaluation system and declaration of results for the Academic Year 2019-20**

Principal Dr. Tendolkar briefed the meeting about I, III, and V semester results of UG and semesters I and III of PG. He said that these results were declared as per the norms accepted by the academic council of the college. For the semesters II, IV, and VI of UG and semesters II and IV of PG, examination, and results, considering the Covid-19 pandemic, the Federation of Principals of Autonomous Colleges has decided to follow the rules and regulations given by the UGC/Govt. of Maharashtra and the University of Mumbai. Hon'ble Principal appealed the members to ratify the procedure adopted.

**Resolution No.: 3**

**It is unanimously resolved that the procedure adopted and results declared during the Academic Year 2019-20 be ratified.**

Proposed by Dr. N. P. Tendolkar Seconded by Dr. Atul Salunkhe

4. **Approval for the syllabus designed and developed by various Boards of Studies**

The Hon'ble Chairman Dr. N. P. Tendolkar briefed the meeting about the vision behind the changes made in the syllabi. He appealed to members to critique the changes since the copies of the syllabi have already been sent along with the invitation. **He added that NCC was an elective for sports and yoga under the Ability Enhancement course for the year 2019-20. Considering the interest of the students, the college has decided to introduce the NCC as a separate paper for 2 credits per semester for 4 semesters w.e.f. the academic year 2020-21.**

Hon'ble Rajpal Hande expressed satisfaction over the changes taken place in the overall syllabi. He continued with the assertion that these changes will make the syllabi more student and employment-oriented. The practical touch given to the syllabi is very much useful in making it interesting. He continued that the reforms in the syllabi unfold the very essence of the New Education Policy 2020. Dr. Hande further said, in near future, only the performing colleges will be allowed to offer degrees since the affiliation system is at stake. He congratulated the college for making relevant changes to make the syllabi complete in its sense.

Hon'ble principal Dr. Atul Salunkhe expressed his contentment about the specific changes made in the syllabus of Economics.

The representative from the industry Shri. Sanjay Karkhanis emphasized a view and insisted that the syllabi of the course be limited within six months or a year as the industry demands changes in their expectations rapidly. He continued by saying that the students are not the customers of the college but the industry and the responsibility shouldered upon the academic institution is to make availed skilled and qualified manpower to the industry. China bloomed up with these changes since decade 80's and now comes up with fruits. Unfortunately in India, college education is constrained within the shackles of certificates and with theoretical bindings. He welcomed the potent and reforms of the New Education Policy 2020 but was sceptical about its implementation. He congratulated the college for designing short- term skill-based and vocational courses. He said that the student across the streams be allowed to opt for these courses. The problem prevailed in the society is not of employment but employability. These courses will be useful in increasing the employability of the students. He suggested add on skilled-based courses related to such as carpentry, plumbing, electrification, mobile repairing, etc. with securing high employability potential.

Hon'ble principal added that college goes frequently for the updation of the syllabi but it is within the framework by the UGC i.e. once in a year.

Hon'ble Ritinder Singh Negi endorsed his full agreement with views expressed by Hon'ble Sanjay Karkhanis and appreciated the courses run by the college and suggested that there should be an integrated approach while conducting these certificates skill-based courses. At present, students may feel challenging to adopt with changing situations but they have to go through this transition. Industry that demands skills should be inculcated.

Hon'ble Atul Salunkhe expressed satisfaction over the suggestions given by hon'ble Sanjay Karkhanis and requested the industry representatives to give constant feedback to the college about the requirements of the industry.

Hon'ble Principal proposed to pass the syllabi designed and developed by various Boards of Studies.

Resolution No.: 4

It is unanimously resolved that the syllabi designed and developed by various Boards of Studies and the NCC as a separate paper for the first and second-year students of degree college have been approved.

Proposed by Hon'ble chairman Dr. N. P. Tendolkar Seconded by Dr. Atul Salunkhe

5. Constitution of the Board of Studies for designing and developing Certificates/Diploma Skilled base Courses/Programmes.

Hon'ble Principal briefed about the applications sent to the UGC regarding B. Voc. Courses. He, also, explained the narrative, discourse, and vision in designing the courses. He continued that four courses under NSQF viz. Banking and Financial Services, Sustainable Agriculture, Applied Chemistry, and Geoinformatics have been proposed to UGC. Those courses have been designed in consultation with respective industry partners and executed MoU. The objective behind initiating these courses is to increase the employability of the locale students and reduce their migrations to the metropolitan cities. He briefed the courses, the constitution of BoS, and conveyed to the meeting that the proposal is pending to be sanctioned. Still, as a preliminary measure, the constitution of BoS of B.Voc. of these courses and approval from the academic council is needed.

Hon'ble Sanjay Karkhanis welcomed the step taken by the college to commence vocational courses in various trades under NSQF. He also suggested that apart from BoS (B.Voc.) college can also formulate a core committee separately for each trade comprising of members from academics and industry. He also insisted that the design of the curriculum of these courses should cater to the employment need of small-scale industries. Further, he suggested that college can initiate short-term courses, the duration maybe not more than six months and proper feedback from the industry is required while designing the curriculum. He added that 60% of the total industrial employment generate through the small-scale industries. At present, the present education system is unable to avail education to two crores students due to the massive growth of population and is able to cope-up five lakh students. It is a need of the hour to establish a nexus between small scale industry and educational institutions and reorganize the curriculum focusing on skills needed to the small scale industries. China has set an example of how it can be worked out and implemented. He prophesized about in the two upcoming decades 25% of employment will be from the manufacturing sector and 50% from the service sector. No white-collar jobs will be available.

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Rutinder Singh Negi added that the corporates are looking for specific skills like data analysis, simple basic coding, advanced skills in Java and Python, etc. At the same time, the students belong to the Commence and Arts have an opportunity of corporate jobs with a background in behavioral sciences, psychology, sociology, etc. This is a national perspective.

Hon'ble Atul Salunkhe appreciated the views expressed by the Hon'ble Karkhanis and Negi and asserted that the jumping on the service sector and ignoring the production and agriculture sector is a root cause of the inconsistent performance of the economy with reference to employment. The equitable sectorial development supported by the skill-based and demand-oriented education system is a panacea to the prevailing problems of unemployment.

Hon'ble Principal proposed to constitute the BoS for designing and developing Certificates/Diploma Skilled base Courses/Programmes.

**Resolution No.: 5**

It is unanimously resolved that the BoS for skill courses for designing and developing Certificates/Diploma/Degree Skill-based Courses/Programmes be framed.

Proposed by Hon'ble Chairman Dr. N. P. Tendolkar  
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Seconded by Dr. Rajpal

**6. Discussion on Recommendations from BoS / Academic Council for Starting Academic Programs from the Academic Year 2020-21**

Dr. Tendolkar informed that Academic Council in its meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019, recommended various programs, like M.A in Geography, Ph.D. in Physics, chemistry, and few skill-based certificate courses. The college has started M. A. (Geography) and Ph.D. in Chemistry during the academic year 2019-20. Research-based programs may be initiated from this academic year 2020-21. Considering the request of students from the Chemistry department; the proposal has been submitted to the university for sanctioning an additional batch of M.Sc Analytical Chemistry. He added that the college has submitted the proposals to the UGC for the skill-based B. Voc. courses under NSQF in four trades viz. Applied Chemistry, Banking and Financial Services, Geoinformatics, and Sustainable Agriculture. If the UGC approves the courses, those will be initiated on priority.

Dr. Tendolkar informed that the Governing Body of the college in its meeting held on May 04, 2019, had suggested that, the college may think of to initiate sub-campus at some prominent places in Sangmeshwar taluka if University and Government policies allow doing so. After due deliberations on this following resolution is made

**Resolution No.: 6**

It is resolved that along with the research-based programs college is permitted to initiate skill-based B. Voc. programs. The college also can check the possibilities of establishing sub-campus at prominent place.

Proposed by Hon'ble chairman Dr. N. P. Tendolkar Seconded by Dr. Atul Salunkhe

**7. Discussion on Framing the Policy for Conducting Extra and Co-curricular Activities for the Academic Year 2020-21**

Hon'ble Principal Dr. N. P. Tendolkar briefed the meeting that the college conducts the extra and curricular activities through the online mode for this academic year. The college strictly follows guidelines given by the UGC, University of Mumbai, and Govt. of Maharashtra considering the pandemic outbreak and safety of students.

**8. Discussion on Admission Process for the year 2020-21**

Hon'ble Principal Dr. N. P. Tendolkar said that considering the pandemic outbreak and safety of students it is advisable to follow the rules, regulations, and instructions given by the UGC, University of Mumbai, and Govt. of Maharashtra for the admission of the undergraduate courses. The college followed the following system:

- The Examination Department formulated Google forms and asked the eligible students to fill them and submit them to the same.
- Those forms were sorted by the exam department and administrative wing of the college and eligible students were called in a college individually with a specific time-slot for offline admission, by strictly following all the norms related to social distancing.

**9. Advising the Governing Body on Suggestions Pertaining to Academic Affairs**

Hon'ble Principal Dr. N. P. Tendolkar discussed about the implications of the new education policy introduced in the year 2020. In the upcoming next fifteen years, the affiliated system will be disappeared and every individual college will be a degree-awarding institution. For the survival of these educational institutions, skills-based education with quality assurance needs to be given to locale students. For the said purpose, the college needs to initiate collaborative linkages with local small and medium scale industries and skilled individuals. The college may think about the establishment of skill centers in a non-formal way. At least for ten days, the students should be trained.

**Resolution No.: 7**

**It is unanimously resolved that the college should promote the discussion regarding the New Education Policy 2020 with a view to initiate a skill-based program on priority, in the governing body.**

Proposed by Hon'ble Chairman Dr. N. P. Tendolkar Seconded by Mr. Sanjay Karkhanis

**10. Discussion on the Academic Calendar for the Year 2020-21**

Hon'ble Principal Dr. N. P. Tendolkar set forth the tentative calendar for the academic year 2020-21. He added that considering the pandemic situation, the college is not in a position to conduct the activities like before. College is, hence, waiting for the specific guidelines from the UGC, University of Mumbai and the Govt. of Maharashtra.

**11. Any other subject with the prior permission of the Hon'ble chairman**

Hon'ble Principal Dr. N. P. Tendolkar suggested that Prof. R. V. Thoke be inducted in the academic council in place of Prof. S. V. Takalkar as Chairman, BoS in Economics and Prof. M. W. Jakhi as a senior faculty member.

**Resolution:**

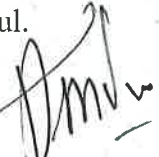
**It is unanimously resolved that Prof. R. V. Thoke and Prof. M. W. Jakhi be inducted into the Academic Council.**

Proposed by Hon'ble Chairman Dr. N. P. Tendolkar Seconded by Dr. Meera Kale

Dr. S. A. Patil, Chairman, BoS, Geography, extended sincere thanks to all present members for attending the meeting and making the discussion fruitful.

The meeting ended at 01.30 p.m.



  
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