

Academic Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Academic Council Meeting of the Centurion University of Technology and Management, held on 16, December 2023 at 11 am, Board Room, Vizianagaram.

The following members were present:

Sno	Name	Designation in Council	
1	Prof Prasanta Kumar Mohanty	Chairman	Vice Chancellor
2	Prof Kunjam Nageswara Rao	Member	Professor of CSE, AUCE,
3	Dr T Samuel SK Patro	Member	Principal Scientist Plant Pathology
4	Dr P S Tagore	Member	Vice President, HR, Bio-Pharma
5	Prof P Mallikarjuna Rao	Member	Professor, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, A.U. College
6	Dr P Krishna Prasad	Member	Shankar Foundation,
7	Dr K Chandra Bhusan Rao	Member	Professor & Head, Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering, JNTUK-University College of Engineering, VZM
8	Dr P A. Sunny Dayal	Member	Dean, SoET
9	Dr M L N Acharyulu	Member	Dean SOPHAHS
10	Dr G Pushpalatha	Member	Dean Research & Development, SOPAHS
11	Mr. K Madahava Rao	Member	Dean Examinations
12	Dr P S V Ramana Rao	Member	Dean, IQAC

13	Dr P Pallavi	Member	Registrar
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Agenda for GB Meeting

The following agenda items were discussed in the meeting:

- Degree Recipients of current batch for the Year 2023
 - Results of old Batch Students
 - Gold medal List for the Year 2023
 - Merit List for the Year 2023
 - New Examination & Evaluation Scheme
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- Welcome Address by the Chairman of the Governing Board

The Vice Chancellor welcomed the members, underscoring the paramount importance of the Academic Council in academics. In the introductory address, he emphasized on the university's unwavering commitment to Industry-lined Education and outlined key objectives centered on fostering opportunities in job placements, entrepreneurship, and pursuit of higher education. The institution's dedication to provide a comprehensive and purposeful academic experience for its students was highlighted.

- Academic Achievements and Initiatives
 - Centurion University prepares its students for a dynamic professional landscape through a strategic blend of education with hands on experience to up skill the students. The institution has a forward thinking prior to National Education Policy (NEP) adopting to Choice Based Credit System (CBCS).
 - Centurion University has a diversified curriculum with courses in cutting-edge fields - IoT and Robotics, fostering interdisciplinary learning across 50 domains. University fosters connections with industry partners, aiming to explore additional opportunities for collaborations and placements, thereby enhancing the practical relevance of education. Centurion bridges academia and industry, collaborating with AWS and DASSAULT. In addition encourages learning from global platforms like NPTEL and Coursera, giving credit recognition, highlights University's commitment to a holistic education.
 - University's examinations and evaluations align closely with course outcomes, emphasizing a results-driven approach. The essential objective is to emphasize on honing essential skills,

including language skills like reading, writing, and listening, through a combination of theoretical and laboratory learning records.

- The institution adheres to a 'Build, Train, and Transfer of Technology' approach, fostering a practical understanding of concepts. The success story of organizing a Hackathon with 50 project-based learning groups showcases CU's dedication to hands-on learning.
- Further attesting to University's commitment to produce industry-ready graduates, a notable achievement includes a student being shortlisted in Flipkart and currently advancing through the semi-final stage—a testament to the university's effective blend of education and real-world applicability.

Approvals

- Significant syllabus changes were presented faculty members during the meeting. Dr. P. A. Sunny Dayal Dean SOET, Dr. M. L. N. Acharyulu Dean SOPHAS, and Dr. G. Puspha Latha Dean Research & Development, SOPAHS presented the proposed alterations to the curriculum.
- Mr. K. Madhava Rao, the Dean Examination, presented the amendment of examination policy, curriculum, inclusive of the Examination and Evaluation system, and Results. The culmination was accepted with unanimous approval from the members for all syllabus changes and newly introduced courses, reflecting a consensus on the institution's commitment to academic evolution and excellence.

Queries and Discussions

- During the session, Dr. P. S. Tagore raised inquiries regarding University's alignment with Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). In response, the Vice Chancellor affirmed the institution's commitment, highlighting the application for SDG ranking specifically in goals 1, 4, 5, and 17. There was a notable emphasis on the introduction of courses such as Plant Nutrition, Pharma D, and Rural Community Service to further contribute to these goals. Both the Vice Chancellor and Dr. Pusphalatha expressed positive responses to these initiatives.
- The discussion further delved into strategies for enhancing student exposure to the evolving world through industry placements, with a specific recommendation for more Faculty Development Programs (FDPs). Dr. Sunny acknowledged the importance of this suggestion. Dr. P. Krishna Prasad inquired about internships and projects for paramedics' students in Optometry, adding a practical dimension to the conversation.
- Dr. Mallikarjuna Rao raised questions regarding the fee structure and proposed the implementation of a variable fee structure. Additionally, suggestions were made to enrich the library resources with two valid textbooks and reference books. The proposal extended to introducing M. Tech courses in advanced technologies and incorporating skill courses into the curriculum. Dr. Sunny assured the implementation of skill sets and expressed a commitment to exploring M. Tech courses. The institution is in the process of formulating a timeline for the implementation of M. Tech courses in advanced technologies, aligning with identified skill sets to meet evolving industry demands

- Inquiries about the availability of faculty for advanced courses in Agriculture were addressed by Dr. Puspha, who assured that Centurion University recruits faculty from diverse regions in India, capable of handling such advanced courses.
- Dr. KCB Rao raised inquiries about the implementation of RUBICS. The Dean confirmed the adoption of RUBICS, underscoring its potential to attract more students towards research, particularly through a skill-oriented M. Tech program. In response, the Vice Chancellor
- suggested planning for the integration of RUBICS in the upcoming academic year, fostering a research-oriented educational environment.
- Addressing another concern, Dr. K. Nageswara Rao highlighted the absence of basic computer training in BBA and MBA courses. The Vice Chancellor assured the implementation of basic computer training in these courses and proposed the introduction of MBA programs with the latest applications, demonstrating a proactive approach to aligning the curriculum with contemporary industry requirements

Conclusion:

- The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor extended heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Chancellor, President, Vice President, and all the governing body members, for their invaluable contributions to the meeting's success.
- Hon'bleThe meeting adjourned with a comprehensive plan for advancing academic initiatives and ensuring continuous improvement, aligning with the university's commitment to excellence and relevance in education.