

SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE : VIJAYAWADA

MINUTES OF FIRST MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF THE SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE, VIJAYAWADA HELD ON THURSDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 2010 AT 10.30 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SCHOOL.

Members Present:

1. Dr. Shovan. K.Saha, Director-Chairman (AC)
2. Shri Jasbir Sawhney, Member
3. Shri Abhijit Ray, Member
4. Shri Sushant Baliga, Member
5. Shri Vidhyadhar Wodeyar, Member
6. Ms Ambika Ananth, Member
7. Dr. P.S.N Rao, Member
8. Dr. K.R.K. Prasad, Member
9. Prof. Rajiv Mishra, Member
10. Prof. M.V. Rama Seshu, Member
11. Prof. Ramesh Srikonda, Member
12. Shri V. Krishna Kumar Sadhu, Member
13. Shri Vijayanand. Udaykumar, Member
14. Shri Nagaraju Kaja, Member
15. Shri Bhaskar Gowd Sudagani, Member

Dr. Ashok Kumar regretted his

inability to attend the meeting due to pre occupation.

The meeting was called to session.

The Director-Chairman of the Council welcomed the members and thanked them for having spared their valuable time and for having come all the way to Vijayawada to attend the meeting. He briefly explained about the School, its inception, about the Departments and the current status of the ongoing academic programs. Further he requested the members of the Academic Council for their continued assistance in all the academic programs of the School.

Item No.1: To consider and recommend to the BoG (Board of Governors), the proposed new Academic Regulations for all undergraduate programs in the School of Planning and Architecture-Vijayawada

Prof. Seshu V. Musunuri explained that the Academic Regulations, Course Structure and detailed Syllabus as prevailing in SPA New Delhi, with the understanding that a new set of comprehensive Academic Regulations (common for all the under-graduate programs in the School), Course Structure and detailed Syllabus would be formulated and presented to the Academic Council after the recruitment of Core Faculty.

It was further explained that two Expert Committees (one each for Architecture and Planning) were constituted by the Director to consider and recommend new academic regulations, course structure and syllabi for undergraduate programs in architecture and planning. Subsequently after elaborate discussions over a series of meetings held during December, 2009 and January 2010, Expert Committee recommended the draft Academic Regulations (annexure I) for consideration by the Academic Council.

After elaborate discussions, the Council recommended the following change:-

Practical Training for the B.Arch. may be undertaken during IX semester instead of VII semester.

The Council after detailed discussion recommends the Academic regulations with the above changes for the consideration and approval by the Board of Governors as per enclosed Annexure-I.

Item No.2: To consider and recommend to the BoG, the proposed Course Structure for the five-year undergraduate program in Architecture (Bachelor of Architecture Program)

Prof. Ramesh Srikonda explained that the Expert Committee formulated and recommended the Course Structure for the five year B.Arch program. He further explained about the salient features of the Course structure for the entire course as recommended by the Expert Committee for the B.Arch program. After elaborate discussions, members of the Council suggested the following changes in the course structure:

- (i) Practical Training for B.Arch programme may be undertaken during IX semester as proposed in the earlier item instead of VII semester.
- ii) Introduction of two short term training programmes during the summer vacations, one as Clerk of Works on a construction site under an Architect at the end of IV semester and the second as Site Architect to work with an NGO/Social Organisation at the end of VI semester.

- iii) In view of the Practical Training being shifted to IX semester from VII semester, all the subjects of VIII semester stand transferred to VII semester, subjects of IX semester may be transferred to VIII semester and course code numbers of the new VII, VIII and IX semesters stand amended accordingly.

After detailed discussion, the council recommends the following change in the clause 13.2 of the Academic regulations as approved in the Item No.1 and which shall stand amended as following :

The Curricula for B.Arch. would include compulsory practical Training during the ninth semester.

The Practical Training shall be for a minimum of 18 weeks duration excluding the time taken for end evaluation.

In addition, two short term practical training programmes one during the summer vacation after IV semester as clerk of works and the other with an NGO/Social Organization during the summer vacation after VI semester may be introduced.

Each short term practical training programme shall be for a minimum of 4 weeks duration.

After incorporating the above changes, The Council recommends the same for the consideration and approval by the Board of Governors as per enclosed Annexure-II.

Item No.3: To consider and recommend to the BOG, the detailed Syllabus formulated for first and second semesters (i.e., 1 year) of the five-year Bachelor of Architecture program.

Prof. Ramesh explained the salient features of the syllabus for the first two semesters of the B.Arch. Programme which were formulated after carefully examining the current syllabus of SPA, New Delhi and the Expert Committee suggestions for the B.Arch program of SPA, Vijayawada.

After detailed discussions, members of the Council suggested the following changes in the course structure and detailed syllabus:

- i) As suggested by Dr. K.R.K Prasad the names of the subjects may be changed as per the main content of the subject instead of giving no's as I, II etc. in different semesters.
- ii) Subject like Economics, Sociology may be introduced.
- iii) Practical Training for B.Arch. programme may be shifted to IX semester instead of VII semester as proposed in the earlier item.

After detailed discussions, the Academic Council recommends to the Board of Governors for its consideration and approval of the detailed syllabus for the first two semesters for the B.Arch programme with the above changes as per enclosed Annexure III.

Item No.4: To consider and recommend to the BoG, the title for the four-year undergraduate program in Planning [the Bachelor of Technology (Planning) program]

Prof. Seshu explained that at present, the under graduate program in Planning is being called Bachelor of Planning (B.Plng.) or B.Tech. (Plng.) in different institutions. The

UGC has formulated a list of acceptable nomenclature for various degrees at undergraduate and post-graduate levels. This list does not include B.Plng. Further, the AICTE in its model Curriculum has recommended the title of B. Tech. (Plng.). In view of these facts, the Expert Committee recommended the title of **B.Tech (Plng.)** for the four-year undergraduate program in Planning . Consequently Mr.Abhijit Ray proposed and Mr. Sushant Baliga seconded the following resolution which was unanimously approved by the Council.

After detailed discussions, the Academic Council recommends to the Board of Governors for its consideration and approval of the title of B.Tech(Plng.) for the four year undergraduate program in Planning.

Item No.5: To consider and recommend to the BoG, the conceptual framework and proposed Course Structure for the four-year undergraduate program in Planning [the Bachelor of Technology (Planning) program]

Prof. Seshu V Musunuri explained about the salient features of Course Structure for the proposed B. Tech (Planning) course as recommended by the Expert Committee. Consequently Ar.Vidhyadhar Wodeyar proposed and Dr. K.R.K Prasad seconded the recommendation of the Expert Committee.

The Academic Council recommends to the Board of Governors s for its consideration and approval of the course structure for the B.Tech (Planning.) course as per enclosed Annexure IV.

Item No.6: To consider and recommend to the BoG, detailed Syllabus formulated for first and second semesters (i.e., 1 year) of the four-year undergraduate program in Planning [the Bachelor of Technology (Planning) program]

Prof. Seshu V Musunuri explained about the detailed syllabus for the first two semesters of the proposed B.Tech(Planning) course as recommended by the Expert Committee. Consequently Ar.Vidhyadhar Wodeyar proposed and Dr. K.R.K Prasad seconded the recommendation of the Expert Committee.

The Academic Council recommends to the Board of Governors for its consideration and approval of the detailed syllabus for the first two semesters of the B.Tech(Planning) course as per enclosed Annexure- V.

Item No.7: To consider and recommend to the BoG, the composition of BoS Board of Studies) in the faculties of Architecture and Planning.

Prof.Seshu V Musunuri explained about the composition of Board of Studies in the faculties of Architecture and Planning.

Consequently Mr.Sushant Baliga proposed and Dr. KRK Prasad seconded the Composition of BOS.

The Academic Council recommends to the Board of Governors for its consideration and approval of the composition of BoS(Board of Studies) as per the enclosed Annexure- VI.

Item No.8: To consider and recommend to the BoG, the in-principle approval for commencement of Doctoral Programs and the proposed Admission Rules for Doctoral Programs in the School.

Prof. Seshu explained that at present the School does not have Admission Rules for Doctoral programs and further explained about the proposed Admission rules for the same.

After detailed discussions, Mr. Sushant Baliga proposed and Dr. K.R.K Prasad seconded the proposed admission rules for Doctoral Program.

The Academic Council recommends to the Board of Governors for its consideration and in principle approval for the commencement of Doctoral programs and admission rules for Doctoral programs in the School as per enclosed Annexure -VII.

Item No.9: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

In view of the fact that the School is established recently and is in the process of recruiting its full time faculty and also Vijayawada being the second tier city with limited pool of professional resources as visiting faculty, members suggested that the School should introduce various types of programmes that would attract academicians and professionals for short term duration assignments. In this case such resources can also participate in other academic activities in the School.

Dr. K.R.K Prasad suggested that in addition to Doctoral programme as recommended in the item No.8, a six months Post Doctoral program may be initiated. He also suggested to facilitate bringing eminent persons both retired or otherwise to share their valuable experience and knowledge with the students.

Consequently Mr.Jasbir Sawhney proposed and Ms. Ambika Ananth seconded the suggestions of the council members.

The Academic Council recommends to the Board of Governors for its consideration and in principle approval for the following programmes:

- i) A six months Post Doctoral program for which rules will be prepared subsequently.*
- ii) Provision to take eminent and experienced professionals or retired professors as Adjunct Professors to utilise their services for the development of the school for which regulations should be prepared subsequently.*
- iii) To conduct Workshops by the experts both from the academics and from the industry*
- iv) To continue Special lecture series with the eminent Architects and Planners which is initiated by the School recently.*

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.