



No. F/AC/1/ MT/25-26/57

24.01.2026

## Minutes of Meeting

### Meeting Details:

**Objective:** Meeting of Academic Council (AC) No. **AC.2526.1**

**Date:** Saturday, December 27, 2025

**Time:** 11:00 am

**Location:** Board Room, Nr. Principal's Office, Ground Floor, A.M.Naik Block

### Attendees:

1. Dr. V. J. Patel	Principal & Chairman Academic Council; Chairman, BoS, Mechanical Engineering
2. Er. Vrajlal Senjaliya	Member – BoG Nominee
3. Dr. Nilesh M. Bhatt	Member – GTU Nominee
4. Dr. M. M. Vegad	Member Secretary & Dean, Academics
5. Dr. M. S. Holia	Associate Dean, Academics–Special Invitee
6. Dr. S. D. Dhiman	Chairman, BoS, Civil Engineering
7. Dr. D. G. Thakore	Chairman, BoS, Computer Engineering
8. Dr. R. P. Mehta	Chairman, BoS, Electrical Engineering
9. Dr. T. D. Pawar	Chairman, BoS, Electronics Engineering
10. Prof. K. D. Bhatt	I/c. Chairman, BoS, Production Engineering
11. Dr. D. A. Sinha	I/c. Chairman, BoS, Structural Engineering
12. Dr. K. N. Brahmabhatt	Chairman, BoS, Information & Technology
13. Dr. B. C. Goradiya	Chairman, BoS, Electronics & Communication Engineering
14. Dr. M. E. Shimpi	Chairman, BoS, Mathematics
15. Dr. S. V. Mevada	Member – Controller of Examinations
16. Dr. H. S. Berawala	Member – Professor In-charge Academic Section (PIAS)
17. Dr. N. M. Patel	Member – Asso. Professor, Computer Engg. Dept.
18. Dr. Darshan Dalwadi	Member – Asso. Professor, Electronics & Comm. Engg. Dept.
19. Dr. Y. R. Prajapati	Member – Asst. Professor, Electrical Engg. Dept.
20. Dr. S. R. Unadkat	Jt. Controller of Examinations–Special Invitee

### Following member(s) attended in online mode:

1. Prof. (Dr.) Mukesh A. Zaveri	Member - BoG Nominee
2. Er. Darshan K. Patel	Member – BoG Nominee
3. Er. Jaimin T. Desai	Member – BoG Nominee
4. Prof. (Dr.) C. D. Modhera	Member – BoG Nominee
5. Dr. Saurabh Pandya	Member – GTU Nominee
6. Dr. Sweta P. Dave	Member – GTU Nominee





**Following member(s) could not attend:**

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| 1. Dr. Urmila Patil     | Member – BoG Nominee                  |
| 2. Dr. Ajitkumar Shukla | Member – BoG Nominee                  |
| 3. Dr. J. R. Pitroda    | Member – Professor, Civil Engg. Dept. |

The meeting commenced with a welcome address by Prof. (Dr.) Vinay J. Patel, Principal and Chairman of the Academic Council, who warmly welcomed all members to the meeting. In his opening remarks, he introduced the newly constituted Academic Council and briefed the members on the academic structure and governance under the autonomous status of the institute, highlighting curriculum design, assessment reforms, and alignment with NEP-2020.

Subsequently, the Academic Council felicitated Prof. (Dr.) S. D. Dhiman, Head, Department of Civil Engineering, on the occasion of his upcoming superannuation, in recognition of his 39 years of valuable academic and administrative contributions to the institute. He was honoured by the Principal and members of the Academic Council.

As it was the first meeting of the newly formed Academic Council, all the present members introduced themselves in brief.

Thereafter, the Chairman handed over the proceedings to the Member Secretary who then took up the agenda items in order as follows:

**AC.2526.1.1.** Approve the Minutes of Academic Council meeting AC.2425.1 held on 10.05.2025 (Refer Annexure – I)

**Decisions:**

The minutes were approved unanimously.

**AC.2526.1.2.** Discuss Course Structures of 3<sup>rd</sup> level courses of **B. Tech. in Civil Engineering**

**Decisions:**

Course Structures of 3<sup>rd</sup> level courses of B. Tech. in Civil Engineering were discussed and approved with minor corrections. The same is attached herewith in Annexure – II.

**AC.2526.1.3.** Discuss revised Programme Structure and Course Structures of 3<sup>rd</sup> level courses of **B. Tech. in Computer Engineering**

**Decisions:**

Programme Structure and Course Structures of 3<sup>rd</sup> level courses of B. Tech. in Computer Engineering were discussed and approved with minor corrections. The same is attached herewith in Annexure – III.





**AC.2526.1.4.** Discuss revised Programme Structure and Course Structures of 3<sup>rd</sup> level courses of **B. Tech. in Electrical Engineering**

**Decisions:**

Programme Structure and Course Structures of 3<sup>rd</sup> level courses of B. Tech. in Electrical Engineering were discussed and approved with minor corrections. The same is attached herewith in Annexure – IV.

**AC.2526.1.5.** Discuss revised Programme Structure and Course Structures of 3<sup>rd</sup> level courses of **B. Tech. in Electronics Engineering** and revised Programme Structure of Honours in **Semiconductor Chip Design**

**Decisions:**

Programme Structure and Course Structures of 3<sup>rd</sup> level courses of B. Tech. in Electronics Engineering and Honours in Semiconductor Chip Design were discussed and approved with minor corrections. The same are attached herewith in Annexure – V and Annexure – VI.

**AC.2526.1.6.** Discuss revised Programme Structure and Course Structures of 3<sup>rd</sup> level courses of **B. Tech. in Mechanical Engineering**

**Decisions:**

Programme Structure and Course Structures of 3<sup>rd</sup> level courses of B. Tech. in Mechanical Engineering were discussed and approved with minor corrections. The same is attached herewith in Annexure – VII.

**AC.2526.1.7.** Discuss revised Programme Structure and Course Structures of 3<sup>rd</sup> level courses of **B. Tech. in Production Engineering**

**Decisions:**

Programme Structure and Course Structures of 3<sup>rd</sup> level courses of B. Tech. in Production Engineering were discussed and approved with minor corrections. The same is attached herewith in Annexure – VIII.

**AC.2526.1.8.** Discuss revised Programme Structure and Course Structures of 3<sup>rd</sup> level courses of **B. Tech. in Electronics & Communication Engineering**

**Decisions:**

Programme Structure and Course Structures of 3<sup>rd</sup> level courses of B. Tech. in Electronics & Communication Engineering were discussed and approved with minor corrections. The same is attached herewith in Annexure – IX.

**AC.2526.1.9.** Discuss revised Programme Structure and Course Structures of 3<sup>rd</sup> level courses of **B. Tech. in Information Technology**





**Decisions:**

Programme Structure and Course Structures of 3<sup>rd</sup> level courses of B. Tech. in Information Technology were discussed and approved with minor corrections. The same is attached herewith in Annexure – X.

**AC.2526.1.10.** Discuss on revision of grade boundaries for NPTEL credit transfer as proposed by AEC (AEC.2526.3)

**Decisions:**

The proposed revision of grade boundaries for NPTEL credit transfer was discussed and approved. The same is attached herewith in Annexure – XI. This revision in grade boundaries will be applicable with effect from AY: 2026-27.

**Actions:**

- Amend the rules of offering MOOCs for credit transfer

**Owner:**

- Dean, Academics

**AC.2526.1.11.** Discuss on keeping upper threshold of TWO programme electives and ONE open elective that can be opted for NPTEL credit transfer by any student during B. Tech. programme

**Decisions:**

The Academic Council discussed and approved the proposal to fix an upper limit of a maximum of two Programme Electives and one Open Elective that may be opted by a student for credit transfer through NPTEL courses during the B. Tech. programme. This provision shall be applicable to students admitted from AY 2024-25 onwards. Further, it was agreed upon that this upper threshold will not apply to Honours and Minor programmes.

**Actions:**

- Amend the Academic Regulations (AR)
- Convey this revision to the Institute NPTEL Coordinator
- Ensure implementation at the department level

**Owner:**

- Dean, Academics
- Associate Dean, Academics
- All Concerned Chairmen, Board of Studies

**AC.2526.1.12.** To consider the proposal received from the **Academic Executive Committee (AEC.2526.5.3)** for revision of **PG Regulation PG.19.24.4** related to paper presentation / publication requirement for the award of the M.Tech. degree.

**Decisions:**

The Academic Council discussed and approved, with immediate effect, the revision of PG Regulation PG.19.24.4, modifying the requirement of paper presentation / publication for the award of the M. Tech. degree, changing it from a 'mandatory requirement' to a 'desirable requirement', as recommended by the Academic





Executive Committee.

**Actions:**

- Amend the Academic Regulations (AR)
- Convey to the Institute PG Coordinator
- Convey to all concerned PG students through department PG coordinators

**Owner:**

- Dean, Academics
- Associate Dean, Academics
- All concerned Chairmen, Board of Studies

**AC.2526.1.13.** Discussion amending the AR (UG.24.12.2) on conducting remedial examination for graduating FA students

Existing AR

No student shall be allowed to appear in the end semester examination unless he/she has attended 75% of theory and tutorial/practical classes of each course and will be awarded letter grade 'FA' in a corresponding course on failing the attendance criteria. A student who is awarded 'FA' grade should appear in Mid Semester Examination and End Semester Examination (Theory and Practical) whenever the corresponding course is offered in successive semester/s and/or academic year/s.

Proposed AR

No student shall be allowed to appear in the end semester examination unless he/she has attended 75% of theory and tutorial/practical classes of each course and will be awarded letter grade 'FA' in a corresponding course on failing the attendance criteria. A student who is awarded 'FA' grade should appear in Mid Semester Examination and End Semester Examination (Theory and Practical) whenever the corresponding course is offered in successive semester/s and/or academic year/s. However, for a graduating student having FA grade in 7th and / or 8th semester, Mid Semester as well as End Semester Examinations will specially be conducted in the subsequent semester, even if the course is not offered in that semester.

**Decisions:**

The Academic Council approved the revision in Academic Regulation UG.24.12.2 as proposed above.

**Actions:**

- To amend the approved provision in the Academic Regulations (AR)

**Owner:**

- Dean, Academics

**AC.2526.1.14.** Report the following resolutions passed in Academic Executive Committee (AEC) meetings held during 12.05.2025 to 26.12.2025 :

- To note the revision in some components of the course structures of 10B5





(Engineering Mechanics) (**Annexure – XII**)& 202BS (Strength of Materials) (**Annexure – XIII**) as proposed by the Chairman, Board of Studies (Structural Engineering) and 109SB (Experiential Learning I - Thermal Systems) (**Annexure – XIV**) & 208ME (Design of Machine Elements) (**Annexure – XV**) as proposed by the Chairman, Board of Studies (Mechanical Engineering)

- In Summer-2025 Examinations, for backlogged students (Remedial/Supplementary Exam), maximum gracing of 10 % was given calculated on the Total Marks of the particular course, instead of calculating on the ESE TH marks. (**AEC.2526.1.2**)
- The 24-credit backlog detention rule has been removed for students admitted prior to AY 2024–25, in line with such a decision already approved for students admitted from AY 2024–25 onwards vide AC.2324.2. However from next year, students will be allowed to appear in backlog examinations of **not** more than 24 credits, in addition to their regular course registrations. (**AEC.2526.2.2**)
- The restriction prohibiting students with 1<sup>st</sup>-level backlogs from registering for 4<sup>th</sup> -level courses was not enforced for the 4<sup>th</sup> level (Sem – VII) students in AY 2025-26. (**AEC.2526.2.2**)
- As per the revised rules (AC.2425.1) regarding Low Attendance (LA), the students who got FA grades in the Odd Semester of AY 2024-25 (i.e., Winter 2024 Examinations), were supposed to appear in the (1<sup>st</sup> as well as 2<sup>nd</sup>) mid semester examinations in the current semester. However, in AY 2025-26 Odd semester, somehow such students could not be notified timely and hence they might have missed to appear in the 1<sup>st</sup> mid exams. Therefore, it was decided to conduct Special Mid Semester exams for them in lieu of the 1<sup>st</sup> mid exams. They were notified timely to appear in the 2<sup>nd</sup> mid exams and average of the two is going to be considered as their final mid examination marks (**AEC.2526.3.5**)
- In Odd Semester of AY 2025-26, the UG and PG students admitted late (after 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2025) were allowed to appear for a special mid-semester examination from 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025, in place of the regular mid-semester examination scheduled from 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025. (**AEC.2526.5.3**)
- The Academic Council, vide AC item No. 2425.1, had approved the revised policy allowing FP-grade students to appear in the remedial mid-semester examination for improvement of their mid-semester component. This provision has been extended to all students, including those admitted from AY 2024–25 onwards (**AEC.2526.5.3**).

**Decisions:**

All the above mentioned decisions mentioned above were discussed and reported to





the Academic Council.

**AC.2526.1.15.** Report the Academic Calendars of (i) ODD Semester AY 2025-26 and (ii) EVEN Semester AY 2025-26 duly approved in Academic Executive Committee (AEC.2425.11 and AEC.2526.5) (Refer Annexure - XVI).

**Decisions:**

Above mentioned Academic Calendars, approved by the Academic Executive Committee, were reported to the Academic Council for information.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to all members and Chair.

**(Prof. (Dr.) Mayur M. Vegad)**  
**Member Secretary**

**Copy to:**

1. All Members of Academic Council of Birla Vishvakarma Mahavidyalaya
2. The Registrar, Gujarat Technological University for information

**Encl:** As above

