

**METHODIST****COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY****(AUTONOMOUS INSTITUTION)**

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Minutes of the meeting of the 7 th Governing Body held on 3rd November 2025

The 7 th Governing Body meeting under Autonomous status is held on 3rd November 2025 at 11:00 am in the Board Room. The following members have attended the meeting:

S.No	Name	Category	Nature
1	Bishop A. Simeon Resident Bishop of the Executive Board of Methodist Church in India	Management	Chairperson
2	Prof. R. Rajendra Dean, College Development Council & Professor of Mechanical Engineering OU.	University Nominee	Nominated by the Osmania University
3	Prof. S. Viswanadha Raju Senior Professor & Principal Department of CSE, JNTU, Sultanpur	State Government nominee	Nominated by Government of Telangana
4	Prof. Sriram Venkatesh Prof of Mechanical Engg. Secretary, Telangana State Council of Higher Education, Hyd.	Educationalist	Nominated by the Management
5	Sri. K. Krishna Rao Correspondent	Management	Nominated by the Management
6	Sri. William R Kumar Asst. General Secretary, Methodist Church in India	Management	Special Invitee
7	Sri. T. Rakesh Reddy Director, Infrastructure	Management	Nominated by the Management
8	Dr. M. Lakshmipathi Rao Director	Management	Nominated by the Management
9	Dr. S. Venkateswar Dean, Examination	Management	Nominated by the Management
10	Dr. A. Rajasekhar Prof. of ME, MCET	Teacher Nominee	Nominated by the Principal
11	Dr. P. Lavanya Prof. of CSE, MCET	Teacher Nominee	Nominated by the Principal
12	Mr. A. Sachendranath Administrative Officer	Administration Nominee	Nominated by Principal
13	Dr. Prabhu G Benakop Prof. of EEE	Principal	Member Secretary (Ex-officio)

One of the Special Invitees Rev. A. Steven, Executive Secretary, HRC- could not attend the meeting.



Following is the agenda for the meeting:

1. Welcome by Correspondent
2. Opening remarks by Chair person
3. Annual report on the activities of the College for the year 2024-25 by the Principal
4. Approval of Minutes of meeting of Academic Council held on 19th July, 2025
5. Approval of minutes of meeting of the Finance Committee held on 29th July 2025
6. Discussion on Institutional Development Plan
7. Discussion on the status of NAAC & NBA accreditation
8. Presentation of the Examination Results of 1st batch of students under Autonomy
9. Conduction of Advanced Supplementary Examinations for detained students
10. Approval for submission of proposal for Deemed to be University status to UGC.
11. Any other matter with the permission of Chair
12. Vote of thanks

1. Welcome by Correspondent

The meeting commenced with the Welcome Address and Introduction of Members by the Correspondent, Sri K. Krishna Rao.

Sri K. Krishna Rao extended a warm welcome to Bishop A. Simeon, Resident Bishop of the Executive Board of the Methodist Church in India and Chairperson of the Governing Body, on the occasion of his first meeting.

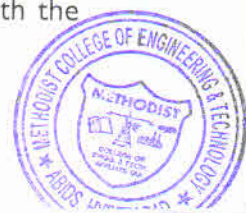
He also extended a cordial welcome to the other new members i) University Nominee, Prof. R. Rajendra, Dean, College Development Council & Professor of Mechanical Engineering, and ii) Prof. Sriram Venkatesh, Professor of Mechanical Engineering & Secretary, Telangana State Council of Higher Education, Hyderabad. He further welcomed all the other distinguished members present.

The Correspondent expressed that the presence of all the esteemed members and their valuable guidance would serve as a source of inspiration and strength for the institution. He opined that with the collective wisdom and experience of the members, the institution would continue to progress in its pursuit of academic excellence, innovation, and holistic development. He also conveyed his sincere appreciation and gratitude to the members for their continuous encouragement and constructive suggestions toward enhancing the quality and overall growth of the institution.

2. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson

The Chairperson, Bishop A. Simeon, in his opening remarks, expressed his pleasure at the distinguished presence of eminent academicians, senior administrators, and representatives from the Methodist Church in India, Osmania University, the Government of Telangana, and other esteemed organizations who had assembled to guide the institution towards further excellence.

He conveyed his confidence that the day's deliberations would reaffirm the collective commitment of all members to uphold the core values of Methodist education—Excellence, Integrity, and Service—while strengthening the institutional ecosystem in alignment with the



National Education Policy (NEP 2020), the UGC Autonomous Framework, and the expectations of all stakeholders.

The Chairperson expressed sincere appreciation to all members of the Governing Body for their time, support, and constructive contributions. He emphasized that, through shared vision and collective effort, Methodist College of Engineering and Technology would continue its trajectory towards becoming an institution of national prominence and global relevance.

3. Annual Report on the Activities of the College for the Year 2024–2025

The Principal, Dr. Prabhu G. Benakop, presented the Annual Report for the academic year 2024–2025, highlighting the significant academic, administrative, and developmental initiatives undertaken during the year.

He informed the members that the institution had achieved notable progress across multiple domains, including academics, research, student development, infrastructure augmentation, and community engagement. All departments had actively organized Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs), workshops, seminars, and guest lectures to promote continuous faculty enrichment and enhance student competencies.

The Principal further reported that faculty members were encouraged to participate in FDPs and advanced training programmes offered by premier institutions such as IITs, NITs, and national universities, thereby strengthening expertise in emerging and interdisciplinary domains. In the context of student development, he highlighted the enthusiastic participation of students in hackathons, innovation competitions, research projects, patent filings, publications, and co-curricular events, resulting in achievements at both state and national levels.

Regarding infrastructure, he apprised the members that several enhancements had been completed, including laboratory upgradations, establishment of smart classrooms, and improvements to ICT facilities.

He also underscored the institution's initiatives in fostering research and innovation, reflected through increased faculty publications, submission of externally funded project proposals, and collaborations with industry and research institutions.

The Principal expressed gratitude to the Management, Correspondent, Governing Body members, and faculty for their continued guidance and support in steering the institution towards sustained growth and excellence.

Comments and Suggestions of the Members on the Annual Report

The members appreciated the overall performance of the College during the academic year 2024–2025 and acknowledged the collective efforts of the management, faculty, and staff in upholding academic quality and driving institutional development.

- Prof. Rajendra, University Nominee, observed that the mentoring initiatives were appropriately highlighted in the Annual Report. However, he noted that the section on MoUs and collaborations with national and international organizations did not sufficiently articulate the scope and outcomes of these partnerships. He recommended that future reports be more comprehensive and outcome-oriented, covering major academic, co-curricular, and developmental activities.
- Prof. S. Viswanadha Raju, Department of CSE, JNTU Sultanpur, commended the College for organizing training and skill-development programmes aimed at enhancing student employability. He recommended the incorporation of appropriate assessment tools and feedback mechanisms to help students monitor progress, improve confidence, and strengthen performance in campus recruitment. He further suggested that the Placement Cell develop detailed student profiles capturing technical expertise, communication skills, and soft skills to attract reputed recruiting organizations.



4. Approval of Minutes of the Academic Council Meeting Held on 19 July 2025
The minutes of the Academic Council meeting held on 19 July 2025 were placed before the Governing Body for review. It was noted that two external members of the Governing Body—Prof. Sriram Venkatesh and Prof. S. Viswanadha Raju—also serve on the Academic Council. After due examination, the members approved the Minutes of the Academic Council Meeting as presented.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting Held on 29 July 2025
The Principal presented the minutes and resolutions of the Finance Committee meeting held on 29 July 2025 for consideration.
The members reviewed the proceedings, including discussions on budget allocations, proposed expenditures, and resource mobilization strategies for the forthcoming academic year. After deliberations, the Governing Body approved the resolutions and ratified the budget proposals for 2025–26. Members advised continued adherence to prudent financial management and periodic reviews of expenditure and revenue generation to ensure optimal utilization of resources.

6. Discussion on the Institutional Development Plan (IDP) 2025–2035
Based on the resolution of the Academic Council at its meeting on 19 July 2024, a draft Institutional Development Plan (IDP) for the period 2025–2035 was prepared. The Director, Dr. M. Lakshmipathi Rao, presented the draft for review and feedback.
Suggestions from Members:

- Prof. Rajendra emphasized the need to include the present status of the institution under key domains such as academics, research, infrastructure, faculty development, student achievements, and community outreach. He advised that the ten-year projections be defined clearly and supported with quantitative targets and measurable indicators, along with budgetary estimates for all strategic initiatives.
- Prof. Rajendra and Prof. Sriram Venkatesh jointly suggested the periodic monitoring of IDP implementation using Gantt Charts or similar tracking mechanisms to ensure timely achievement of milestones and identification of deviations.

After detailed discussion, the members appreciated the comprehensive nature of the draft IDP and suggested refinements to make it more outcome-oriented and aligned with the institutional vision and mission.

The Governing Body approved the IDP (2025–2035), subject to incorporation of the suggested modifications. It was further advised that the revised IDP be circulated to external members for comments before final adoption.

7. Discussion on the Status of NAAC & NBA Accreditation

The Principal informed the members of the current accreditation status. The NBA accreditation for all five eligible undergraduate programmes remains valid until June 2027, and the departments are preparing the Self-Assessment Reports (SARs) for submission by February 2027.

Regarding NAAC, the current accreditation is valid until February 2026, and all four AQARs have been duly submitted. As per the revised framework, the institution must apply for Maturity-Based Accreditation; however, the guidelines and manuals for SSR submission are yet to be released by NAAC. The institution will initiate necessary action upon their release. The members noted the update and advised close monitoring of NAAC notifications.

8. Presentation of Examination Results of the First Autonomous Batch

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The members appreciated the efforts of the faculty in effectively implementing the autonomous system. They also noted the scope for further improvements in student proficiency and higher distinctions.

9. Conduct of Advanced Supplementary Examinations for Detained Students

As this item had already been approved by the Academic Council, the Governing Body **ratified** the decision.

10. Approval for Submission of Proposal for Deemed-to-be University Status

The Director presented a proposal seeking approval to apply to the University Grants Commission (UGC) for Deemed-to-be University status under the Distinct Category.

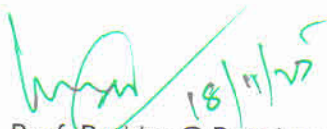
He highlighted the institution's readiness, citing ten years of autonomy (from 2021), NAAC A+ accreditation, and NBA accreditation for all eligible UG programmes. He emphasized the availability of adequate infrastructure and qualified faculty, a strong research culture with high-quality publications and 100+ patents, and the active role of the IQAC.

He also informed that in accordance with UGC's Distinct Category guidelines, the institution has identified five new academic programmes for launch, in addition to demonstrating established capacities in academic administration and examination processes.

After detailed deliberations, the Governing Body granted in-principle approval for submission of the proposal to UGC, as all eligibility conditions are fulfilled. It was further resolved that a Detailed Project Report (DPR) be prepared and circulated among members for observations and suggestions before final submission to UGC.

Conclusion:

The meeting concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks proposed by Prof. A. Rajasekhar, Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering.

 18/11/25

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