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Minutes of the 8th Academic Council Meeting

Date: 23 June 2026

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Venue: Board Room, Methodist College of Engineering and Technology (MCET)

Members Present:

The Eighth Meeting of the Academic Council of Methodist College of Engineering and Technology was held on **23 June 2026 at 11:00 a.m.** in the Board Room of the College.

The following members attended the meeting:

S.No	Name	Category
1	Prof. Prabhu G Benakop Prof of EEE, MCET	Principal Chairman
2	Prof. A. Krishnaiah Senior Professor of Mechanical Engg., Dean, Faculty of Engineering, OU. Hyd.	University Nominee
3	Prof. P.V.Sudha Professor of CSE Dean, Faculty of Informatics, OU, Hyd.	University Nominee
4	Prof. V. Ramesh Kumar Senior Professor & Principal Osmania College of Technology, Dean, Faculty of Technology, OU, Hyd.	University Nominee
5	Prof. Sriram Venkatesh Senior Prof of Mechanical Engg. Secretary, Telangana State Council of Higher Education, Hyd.	Nominee of the Governing Body (Academician)
6	Prof. Atul Negi Professor and Dean, School of Computer & Information Science University of Hyderabad, Hyd.	Nominee of the Governing Body (Academician)
7	Dr. G. Mallikarjuna Rao, Scientist G Head, RFSDI/DRFSI RCI, Hyderabad	Nominee of the Governing Body (Industry Expert)
8	Prof. S Viswanadha Raju Senior Professor & Principal Department of CSE, JNTU, Jagityal	Nominee of the Governing Body (Academician)
9	Dr M Lakshmipathi Rao Prof. of Physics & Director	Teacher of the college
10	Prof. S. Venkateswar Dean, (Exams)	Teacher of the college
11	Dr. A. Rajasekhar	Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering
12	Dr. VSSN Srinivasa Baba	Head, Department of ECE
13	Dr. Bandita Naik	Head, Department of Civil Engg





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14	Dr. Y. Mastanamma	Head, Department of EEE
15	Dr. K. Anuradha Reddy	Head, Department of H&S
16	Dr. S. Sujatha	Head, Department of Business Management
17	Dr. T. Praveen Kumar	Head, Department of CSE(AI&ML)
18	Dr. Ravi M Yadahalli Prof. of ECE & Dean, QA&A	Teacher of the College
19	Dr. K. Prasanna Prof. of CSE & Dean, R&D	Teacher of the College
20	Mr. K. Sreekanth Asst. Prof. in H&S (Physics)	Controller of Examinations
21	Dr Diana Moses Associate Prof of CSE & Dean Assessment & Accreditation	Special Invitee
22	Dr. Sharada Varalakshmi Member Secretary	Head, Department of CSE(AI) & (AI&DS)

Leave of Absence

Dr. P. Lavanya, Head, Department of CSE and Dean of Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence, could not attend the meeting due to unavoidable circumstances.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks by the Chairman.
2. Confirmation of the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of the 7th Academic Council Meeting held on 19 July 2025.
3. Consideration and approval of the Minutes of the Board of Studies meetings, Programme Structures, Syllabi, and Panel of Examiners for V & VI Semester B.E. Programmes under M24 Regulations for all departments and AI&ML M23 regulations VII & VIII semesters.
4. Approval of Programme Structures for Honours and Minor Programmes under M24 Regulations.
5. Review of mandatory NPTEL Courses.
6. Review of Examination Moderation Rules and Promotion Policy.
7. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.
8. Vote of Thanks.

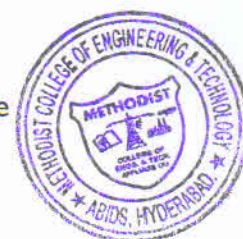
Proceedings:

Agenda Item No. I

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Prof. Prabhu G. Benakop, Principal and Chairman of the Academic Council, welcomed all the members to the Eighth Academic Council Meeting. He introduced the members and briefly outlined the agenda for discussion.

The Council noted the welcome remarks.





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Agenda Item No. 2:

Action Taken Report

Prof. M. Lakshmipathi Rao, Director, presented the Action Taken Report on the resolutions and recommendations of the Seventh Academic Council Meeting held on 19 July 2025.

After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council appreciated the actions taken and unanimously approved the Action Taken Report.

Agenda Item No. 3:

Approval of Programme Structure, Syllabi and Panel of Examiners under M24 Regulations

The Chairpersons of the respective Boards of Studies presented the Programme Structures, Course Syllabi, and Panels of Examiners for the V & VI Semester B.E. Programmes under the M24 Regulations and AI&ML M23 regulations VII & VIII semesters.

The Academic Council examined the proposals and made the following recommendations.

Department of Civil Engineering:

- Appropriate allocation of Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE) and Semester End Examination (SEE) marks shall be incorporated for the Environmental Science course in the Programme Structure.

Department of Computer Science & Engineering:

The Council recommended that:

- Artificial Intelligence should be integrated across all core engineering programmes.
- A Generative AI Open Elective may be introduced in Semester VII.
- A footnote should be added to indicate that the Summer Internship undertaken in Semester VI shall be evaluated during Semester VII.
- From the next regulation onwards, NPTEL courses may preferably be offered as Professional Electives rather than Core Courses.

Department of CSE(AI&ML):

The committee approved the Programme Structures, Course Syllabi, and Panels of Examiners for implementation under the M24 Regulations and M23 regulations VII & VIII semesters as presented.

Department of CSE(AI):

The committee approved the Programme Structures, Course Syllabi, and Panels of Examiners for implementation under the M24 Regulations as presented.

Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering:

The Council recommended that:





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- The Minor Programme in Internet of Things (IoT) be restructured in accordance with the prescribed guidelines.
- The Research Methodology course in the Minor Programme may be replaced with another relevant technical course.

Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering:

(BE. Working Professionals Programme)

The Council recommended that:

- The total number of credits in Semester VII be reduced by shifting suitable courses to Semester VIII.
- The Comprehensive Viva-Voce course carrying one credit may be removed and redistributed to other appropriate courses and MOOCS.

Department of Mechanical Engineering:

The Council recommended that:

- Finite Element Analysis (Theory and Laboratory) be shifted from Semester VII to earlier Semesters (V or VI)
- Employability Skills be introduced in earlier semesters.
- Operations Research be moved to earlier Semesters (V or VI).
- Automation and Production Systems be offered in an earlier semester.

Department of Humanities & Sciences:

The Council recommended that:

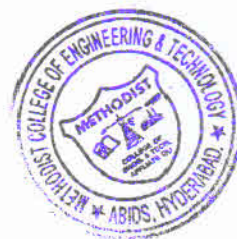
- The syllabus for Employability Skills should be aligned with the expectations of leading industries.
- The Constitution of India course should carry zero credits in accordance with AICTE guidelines.

Agenda Item No. 4:

Approval of Programme Structures for Honours and Minor Programmes under M24 Regulations.

- The committee recommended that the following structure shall be adopted uniformly for both Honours and Minor Programmes :

Component	Number of Courses	Credits
Theory Courses	5	15
Laboratory Course	1	1
Project Work	1	2
Total	7	18



Note: If necessary credits may be increased up to a maximum of 20



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- One or two courses in both Honours and Minor Programmes may be offered through the SWAYAM/NPTEL platform.

Agenda Item No. 5:

Review of mandatory NPTEL Courses.

Dr. K. Prasanna, Professor of CSE, Dean (R&D), and Nodal Officer for NPTEL Courses, briefly presented the performance of students in NPTEL certification courses. He informed the Council that, during the current academic year, a total of **669 students** successfully completed NPTEL certification courses. Among them, **28 students** secured **Topper** ranks, **294 students** achieved **Elite + Gold**, and **206 students** earned **Elite + Silver** certifications.

The members appreciated the efforts of the NPTEL mentors in motivating students to enrol in the courses and successfully complete them with outstanding performance.

The Council made the following recommendations:

- If NPTEL/SWAYAM courses are prescribed as part of the curriculum in a particular semester, students may be permitted to register for and complete such courses **one or two semesters in advance**, subject to the availability of the courses on the SWAYAM/NPTEL platform.
- However, the corresponding academic credits shall be awarded **only in the semester in which the courses are prescribed in the curriculum**.
- The scaling of marks for NPTEL/SWAYAM courses shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the provisions of the **M24 Regulations**

Agenda Item No. 6:

Review of Examination Moderation Rules and Promotion Policy

- **Mr. K. Srikanth**, Controller of Examinations, MCET, informed the members that Osmania University had communicated the revised rules for moderation of marks and the updated promotion (detention) policy. After detailed deliberations, the members resolved to adopt and implement the revised moderation and promotion rules in accordance with the University's directives.
- The Controller of Examinations further informed the members that a communication had been received from Osmania University directing all affiliated and autonomous institutions to strictly adhere to the University-prescribed grading system and obtain the necessary approvals from the competent statutory bodies before implementation.

After due deliberations, the members approved the **discontinuation of the letter grade S+ (95–100 marks)** and the adoption of a **single letter grade S (90–100 marks)**, in alignment with the grading system prescribed by the University. Since this was the only deviation between the College's existing grading system and that of the University, the members recommended implementing this change from the **new regulations onward**, taking into consideration the necessary technical and software modifications required for its implementation





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General Recommendations

After extensive deliberations, the Academic Council made the following general recommendations:

- Uniformity should be maintained in the credit allocation for Project Work and Internship across all B.E. programmes.
- Fractional credits in the First Year should be avoided. As far as practicable, each academic year should carry approximately forty credits.
- Proper sequencing of courses shall ensure that prerequisite courses are completed before advanced courses are introduced.
- The total credits for all B.E. programmes may be increased to 163–164 wherever necessary.
- As far as possible, only Project Work should be scheduled during Semester VIII. Where one or two theory courses are unavoidable, they may be offered through SWAYAM or in Self-Study mode.
- Train all faculty members in data visualization, Generative AI, and prompt engineering to equip them for AI-enabled data collection, analysis, and documentation required for the NAAC and NBA accreditation process.

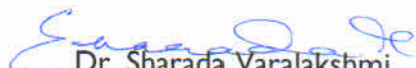
Resolution

The Academic Council, after considering the recommendations of the respective Boards of Studies and incorporating the modifications suggested during the meeting, unanimously approved the Programme Structures, Course Syllabi, and Panels of Examiners for implementation under the M24 Regulations.

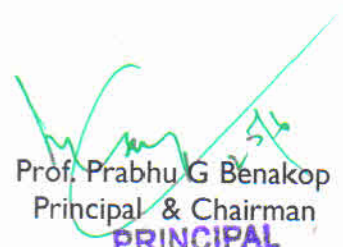
Vote of Thanks

The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Dr. Sharada Varalakshmi, Member Secretary. She thanked the Chairman and all the members of the Academic Council for their valuable suggestions, constructive deliberations, and active participation.

The meeting ended with the permission of the Chair.


Dr. Sharada Varalakshmi
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