



## ACHARYA INSTITUTE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

(NAAC Re-Accredited 'A+' and Affiliated to Bengaluru City University)

Soladevanahalli, Bengaluru-560107

### 20<sup>th</sup> GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

#### Minutes of Meeting Held on 04-02-2025

##### Members Present

<b>Mr. Krishna K. Basani Reddy</b> Managing Director, AI	Chairman
<b>Dr. Ramesh B Kudenatti</b> Professor, Dept of Mathematics, BCU	BCU Nominee
<b>Mr. Mahanandeesha Hallur</b> Associate Director, Jubilant Biosys	Member
<b>Mr. Madhu Prasad N</b> Vice-President, Corporate Affairs, Sobha Ltd.	Member
<b>Mr. B.K Nagaraj</b> GM-Operation Defense & Homeland Security, Dynamitic Technologies Ltd	Member
<b>Mrs. Soumya Ningappa</b> Manager, CSR – Daimler Truck India	Member
<b>Dr. Vibinchandar</b> HoD, Department of Computer Applications	Member
<b>Dr. Madhavi Kappagantula</b> HoD, Department of Business Administration	Member
<b>Mr. Gururaj S</b> Dean Academic, Acharya Institute of Graduate Studies	Member
<b>Prof. Gurunath Rao Vaidya</b> Principal, Acharya Institute of Graduate Studies	Member Secretary

##### Members Absent

<b>Mr. P R Venugopal</b> Ex-Project Director ADA, Ministry of Defense, Govt of INDIA Specialist Consultant, National Civil Aircraft Development Program Specialist Designer, Transport Aircraft Design Bureau.	Member
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## **WELCOME Address by Prof. Gurunath Rao Vaidya, Member Secretary**

Chair welcomed the Members of Governing Council for the 20<sup>th</sup> GC meeting. He also requested the members to give valuable suggestions for the growth and development of the institution. He presided over the meeting and conducted the proceedings.

### **Member Secretary's Presentation**

Dr. Gurunath Rao Vaidya, Principal, AIGS, briefed the report on activities and achievements of AIGS during the period.

### **Recording of Minutes of the 19th Governing Council meeting held on 04<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

The minutes of the previous Governing Council was presented before the committee along with details of progress achieved.	<b>The Members approved the same</b>
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## **AGENDA FOR 20<sup>TH</sup> GC MEETING**

### **ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Agenda Points</b>	<b>Abstract</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>5.1 Faculty &amp; Staff</b>			
1.	<b>Appointments of faculty and staff</b>	The Governing Council discussed the appointments made to address the faculty vacancies. Details of the new faculty, including their qualifications and areas of expertise, were presented for review.	<b>Members Approved the same</b>
2.	<b>Approval of Recent Faculty Resignations</b>	The resignations of faculty members were discussed in detail, with a focus on understanding the reasons and minimizing disruptions to academic operations.	<b>Members Approved the same</b>
3.	<b>Recent MoU by various departments</b>	The council reviewed the Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) signed by various departments with external	<b>Members Approved the same</b>

		organizations for academic collaborations, research partnerships, and industry tie-ups. The council recommended tracking outcomes of MoUs to ensure effective implementation.	
4	<b>NIRF and AQAR Submission</b>	The council reviewed the status of submissions for National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) and Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR). Member Secretary presented the AQAR and NIRF data submitted for the 203-24 Academic year.	<b>Members Approved the same</b>
5	<b>New course (BBA Sports Management)</b>	The proposal for launching a new undergraduate program, BBA in Sports Management with 30 seats, was presented.	<b>Members Approved the same</b>
6	<b>Reduction of Intake (BBA by 30)</b>	The Member Secretary presented that the reduction of 30 seats in the BBA program was due to the launch of BBA in Sports Management, in accordance with AICTE guidelines.	<b>Members Approved the same</b>
7	<b>Closure of Course – BSc FAD &amp; MSc Computer Science</b>	The closure of BSc in Fashion and Apparel Design (FAD) was proposed as the management decided to club the course with School of Design and the closure of MSc in Computer Science was proposed due to low enrollment and limited industry demand.	<b>Members Approved the same</b>
8	<b>Promotions</b>	The council reviewed the recommendations for promotions from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor based on academic credentials, research contributions, and teaching performance.	<b>Members Approved the same</b>

## **Discussion by the Council Members**

**Mr. Mahanandeesha Hallur** provided clarification on the nature of the BSc FAD course and suggested that similar programs could be introduced in the future.

**Mr. B.K. Nagaraj** recommended that instead of closing MSc Computer Science, the institution could introduce specialized courses in Data Management and Cloud Computing. The Member Secretary updated the council that two certificate courses have already been introduced in BCA and MCA. Mr. Nagaraj also emphasized the growing scope of Artificial Intelligence and Logistics & Supply Chain Management and suggested integrating them as add-on courses with the BBA program.

**Mr. Madhu Prasad N** inquired about the declining demand for the MSc Computer Science program. Other members also expressed that professional course like MCA, MSW, and similar programs currently have greater demand and scope. The Member Secretary provided insights into the 2024-25 academic year admissions for UG and PG courses and explained the reasons for lower enrollment in PG programs.

**Mrs. Soumya Ningappa** inquired about internships and placements. The Member Secretary presented the latest placement data and provided updates on the recent job fair conducted by the institution. He also informed the members that Infosys is scheduled to visit the college for a job fair in the coming month. Mrs. Soumya Ningappa further suggested introducing two certificate programs for BSW and MSW students on Diversity & Inclusion and Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG), which are provided by firms such as Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler (KPMG), Ernst & Young (EY), and PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC).

### **Concluding Remarks**

The Chair thanked the members for their valuable insights and contributions to the meeting. The council reiterated its commitment to academic excellence, faculty development, and institutional growth. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks.