



MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The 4th Academic Council Meeting of Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune held on Monday, 16th June 2025 at 11:00 am in the Board Room at Pimpri Chinchwad University. The minutes of the meeting are appended below.

Members Present

The following members were present.

Sr. No.	Designated Member	Designation	Attendance	Mode
1.	Dr. Govind N. Kulkarni (Vice-Chancellor (I/c))	Chairperson	Present	Offline
2.	Dr. Sudeep D. Thepade Pro-Vice Chancellor	Member	Present	Offline
3.	Dr. V N Patil –Professor & Head, SY, TY B.Tech, M.Tech, School of Engineering &Technology	Member [Ex-officio]	Present	Offline
4.	Dr. Ramdas Biradar – Professor & Head, FY B.Tech, School of Engineering &Technology	Member [Ex-officio]	Present	Offline
5.	Dr. Amit Patil-Professor, Head - MBA Agri, & Pharma School of Management	Member [Ex-officio]	Present	Offline
6.	Dr. Rajesh Patil – Head, School of Pharmacy	Member [Ex-officio]	Present	Offline
7.	Ms. Ruchu Kuthiala- Head, School of Sciences	Member [Ex-officio]	Present	Offline
8.	Dr. Kamlesh Meshram- Head, School of Computer Applications	Member [Ex-officio]	Present	Offline
9.	Mr. Nachiket Baviskar- In charge, Pune Design School	Member [Ex-officio]	Present	Offline
10.	Mr. Abhishek Choudhari – In charge, Pune School of Media & Communication	Member [Ex-officio]	Present	Offline
11.	Mr. Priyank Rana, Asst.Prof. In-charge, School of Law	Member [Ex-officio]	Absent	-
12.	Dr. Archana Rathore- Professor,	Member	Present	Offline

13.	Dr. Anju Bala, Associate Prof., SOE & T	Member	Present	Offline
14.	Dr.Arun Mohan Sherry	Member-Educationist	Absent	-
15.	Dr.Neerja Pande	Member-Educationist	Present	Online
16.	Dr.D.K.Agrawal	Member-Educationist	Present	Offline
17.	Dr. Prashant Bartakke	Member-Educationist	Present	Offline
18.	Dr. Sagar Tikar	Member-Industry Expert	Absent	-
19.	Dr. Neha Sharma	Member-Educationist	Absent	-
20.	Dr. Safal Batra	Member-Educationist	Absent	-
21.	Dr. Sheetal Kumar Rawandale	Special Invitee	Present	Online
22.	Dr. Mukul Sutaone	Special Invitee	Present	Offline
23.	Mr. Amit Behl	Special Invitee, Actor (Media)	Present	Offline
24.	Dr. Shilpa Varma	Special Invitee, Nutritionist (SoS)	Present	Offline
25.	Mrs.Shalaka Sarode, Assistant Registrar	Member Secretary	Present	Offline

The meeting of the members was called upon to discuss and transact the following business:

To grant leave of absence, if any:

Dr. Safal Batra, Dr. Arun Mohan Sherry, Dr. Neha Sharma, and Dr. Sagar Tikar were absent from the meeting, and the Chairperson granted them leave of absence.

Item No. 01: Welcome note by Vice-Chancellor (I/c)

Dr Govind N. Kulkarni, Vice Chancellor (I/c) welcomed all the members and experts from academics and industry present for the meeting.

It was briefed to Academic Council that all the Course Structure & detailed syllabi are NEP compliant and approved by respective BoS and are forwarded to Academic Council for Approval.

Item No. 02: To consider and approve the minutes of the 3rd Academic council meeting held on 27.12.2024 and to take note of the action taken Report.

Discussion: Dr. Sudeep D. Thepade, Pro-Vice-Chancellor discussed the MoM of 3rd Academic Council meeting and briefed the members about Action taken with request to confirm the MoM.

Action Taken Report 3 rd Academic Council Meeting	ACTION TAKEN
12.a. To have MOOCs review, LOG books for each program to ensure handholding of students during self-learning.	Through Log Book of MOOCs: In proctored mode the certifications got completed by students with help of Mentors in all Schools
12. b. In some way students to be made aware about the 'Sustainable Development Goals' (SDGs)	SDG awareness got spread among students through the activities and events which got conducted in Tech Fest of respective Schools

The Members after due deliberations took a note of the same and passed the following resolution unanimously:

(Resolution No.: AC/2025/04/02): "RESOLVED THAT the members approved the Minutes of Meeting and ATR of 3rd Academic Council as annexed in **Annexure_A and Annexure_A.i**

Item No. 03: To consider and approve the modified Course Structures, syllabus of the programs with inclusion of MOOCs courses as approved by the respective BoS.

Discussion:

Dr. Sudeep D. Thepade Sir briefed about the modified course structures of the programs, elaborated the additional inclusion of MOOCs as three groups,

Pattern 2025	Pattern 2024	Pattern 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course Structure FY Detailed Syllabus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuation of Earlier Approved Structure Higher Year Detailed Curriculum Minor Modifications (if any) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuation of Earlier Approved Structure Higher Year Detailed Curriculum Minor Modifications (if any)

Dr. Sutaone Sir, our special invitee asked about the revised course structures pattern are gradual or incremental.

Dr. Sudeep D. Thepade Sir explained it's incremental as inclusion of MOOCs considering 2nd SEM onwards. Respective BoS proposes few certifications which students having unlimited access.

Dr.Sutaone Sir advised to adhere the academic ordinance.

Dr.D.K. Agrawal Sir suggested that all academic platform is to be set up in view of NAAC accreditation, target of NIRF ranking etc.

The Head of Schools presented their respective department's proposed course structures for all three syllabus patterns.

Dr. Amit Patil, HoS School of Management explained the changes whereas made in consultation of BoS. Total 06 PG programs were structured in view of industry requirements. Inclusion of MOOCs etc.

Dr.D.K.Agrawal Sir inquired whether the certification cost will be borne by the students or the University.

Dr. Amit Patil Sir replied that all certification cost borne by PCU only.

Dr.D.K. Agrawal Sir appreciated the initiative taken by PCU towards the all stakeholders.

Dr. Amit Patil Sir introduced new PG program MBA- Business Analytics and Artificial Intelligence from A.Y.2025-26.

Dr.Sutaone Sir explained the domain of analytics should be replaced by Informatics.

Dr.D.K.Agrawal Sir expressed that the particular terminology should be introduced in accordance to the market. He explained by given some examples of other management Institutes that in view of placement 'BUSINESS' word is important. Also suggested that under Personality Development program for Students helps to channelized the energy of the students in right direction.

Dr. Neerja Pande Madam expressed that as per IIM course curriculum it should be Business Analytics not Informatics.

Dr.D.K.Agrawal Sir expressed that the recipient should get the prerequisites, structured pedagogy, deliverable in the class and these are the main measurables while setting up any new program.

Also suggested to focus on the role of every institution after completion of any program.

To introduce MBA in Business Analytics and Artificial Intelligence he explained the parameters of Business Analytics in 3 ways i.e predictive, cognitive and prescriptive. Predictive is belongs to B.Tech Engineering-CSE Students, Cognitive and Prescriptive are the domain areas of Management.

Dr.D.K.Agrawal Sir suggested not to focus on predictive analysis under Management. Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Natural Language Processing (NLP) will be the integration of Management considering Statistics, Mathematics, Probability and Linear Algebra.

Dr.Prashant Bartakke Sir explained the structure of credit allocation as per AICTE guidelines. For Trimester 3 credits for each subject, for semester pattern 4 or 4.5 credit for each subject and total 104 credits required to award the degree to Management students.

Dr.Sutaone Sir Suggested coverage of the topics in regular or add on mode for MBA in Business

Analytics & Artificial Intelligence as advanced excel, R programming, introduction to python, statistics for managers, time series analysis in management.

Dr. D.K. Agrawal Sir expressed concern that the credit structure of IIM appears to be lower compared to other management institutes across India. He emphasized the need to review and possibly align the credit system to national benchmarks to ensure competitiveness and academic rigor.

After due deliberations the members took a note of the proposed NEP compliant and NCRF curriculum of School of Management same as annexed in Annexure_B

Next, Mr. Abhishek Choudhary Sir took the floor to present the course structure of the Pune School of Media and Communication.

He provided a detailed overview covering Program objectives, Semester-wise course distribution, Credit hours, Industry relevance and practical components etc.

The presentation was well received, and valuable suggestions were provided by attendees for further refinement and alignment with industry standards.

Dr.Prashant Bartakke Sir pointed of a acroymym mistake of ability enhancement course (AEC) for B.Sc Animation & VFX Design curriculum.

Also suggested to mention reference derived from which curriculum as per UGC norms.

Mr. Amit Behl, renowned actor and external special invitee, graciously attended the meeting and shared his expert insights under the Media and Communication domain.

He emphasized the importance of Integrating practical, industry-driven components into the curriculum, fostering creativity alongside technical skills, Strengthening student exposure to real-world media practices through workshops, internships, and guest lectures.

He suggested to cover the topics like content creation & media management in BBA Media and Video Game development in B.Sc Animation & VFX Design curriculum.

He focused on today's growing trend 'Video Gaming' which is rapidly evolving into a central force across various industries. His attention was particularly drawn to how video gaming is driving innovation in game development, virtual production, and other emerging technologies. With gaming becoming a hub for creativity, storytelling, and real-time rendering, it is now influencing not just entertainment, but also film, education, and even virtual collaboration.

His presence and contribution added significant value to the discussion, and the committee expressed sincere appreciation for his valuable input.

Dr. Govind N. Kulkarni Sir appreciated the valuable suggestions provided by Mr. Behl and assured that these recommendations and additions would be considered for inclusion in the syllabus.

After due deliberations the members took a note of the proposed curriculum of Pune School of Media and Communication same as annexed in Annexure_C

Ms. Ruchu Kuthiala, Head School of Sciences proceeded to present the curriculum framework of the School.

She began her presentation by outlining the five pillars of Psychology i.e. Biological, Cognitive, Developmental, Social & Personality, and Mental & Physical Health. She highlighted these as the major domains, each carrying a weightage of 20–22 credits, and went on to discuss key thrust areas, the integration of MOOCs, and other structural elements of the curriculum.

As a part of Field work, she emphasized the importance of fieldwork, particularly initiatives aimed at educating parents at the CRPF about the role of nutrition and mental health in early childhood growth and development. She highlighted key components of the Community Engagement Program, including field projects and work conducted at a rehabilitation school for children with special needs.

Dr. Sutaone Sir suggested encouraging students to become content creators in the fields of nutrition and psychology, thereby promoting active learning and creative engagement with the subjects.

Ms. Ruchu Kuthiala madam highlighted the implementation of SWAYAM-offered courses, seasonal examinations, and the integration of Coursera, emphasizing the flexibility these platforms provide to learners.

Dr. Shilpa Varma, our external special invitee, elaborated on the Nutrition Mapping System, which encompasses the entire life cycle. She discussed its relevance in clinical research, its benefits in healthcare, and its role in promoting self-directed learning. She also emphasized the growing industry demand for expertise in this domain, noting that it is increasingly essential across various fields.

Dr. Sudeep D. Thepade Sir requested guidance from Dr. Shilpa Varma regarding RCI recognition for the B.Sc. Clinical Psychology program.

Dr. Shilpa Varma madam clarified that RCI (Rehabilitation Council of India) recognition is not mandatory for offering this program. She further explained that Universities are permitted to run B.Sc. Clinical Psychology as an academic program independently, without requiring RCI approval.

Dr. Govind N. Kulkarni Sir requested the provision of quality industry resources to enhance teaching as Professor of Practice.

He also raised a concern regarding whether B.Sc. Clinical Psychology students are eligible to work at the clinical level.

Dr. Shilpa Varma madam suggested emphasizing the importance of first-year students writing an article and undertaking a thesis, which would contribute to their personality development.

This was concluded with appreciation for the efforts of the School of Sciences. It was agreed that ensuring consistency and clarity in course structure to moving forward.

After due deliberations the members took a note of the proposed curriculum of School of Sciences same as annexed in Annexure_D

Dr. Rajesh Patil, Head of the School of Pharmacy, then proceeded to present the curriculum framework of B.Pharm and D.Pharm.

Sir explained that the course curriculum structure is being developed in accordance with the guidelines of the Pharmacy Council of India and the National Education Policy (NEP). The Undergraduate program comprises a total of 211 credits and inclusion of MOOC courses.

Dr. Govind N. Kulkarni Sir suggested implementing MOOC courses in accordance with the guidelines and emphasized the need to ensure that students are genuinely engaging with the same.

Furthermore, Dr. Sutaone Sir advised to focusing on quality control.

After due deliberations the members took a note of the proposed curriculum of School of Pharmacy same as annexed in Annexure_E.

Following that, Mr. Nachiket Baviskar, Head of the Pune Design School stepped forward to present the the curriculum framework of B.Des and M.Des.

He explained the entire course structure across various B.Des domains within the credit system, emphasizing that the discipline is highly practice-oriented.

Mr. Behl Sir appreciated the program's collaboration with the media industry, noting its strong relevance to the field of visual communication.

After due deliberations the members took a note of the proposed curriculum of Pune Design School same as annexed in Annexure_F.

Mr. Pradeep Yadav, Assistant Professor of School of Law was the next speaker, presenting the course structure of the School of Law.

He was explained the changes in subject Name as suggested by BoS as annexed in Annexure_G

Dr. Sutaone Sir inquired about the rationale behind the changes made to the subject names. In response, Mr. Pradeep Yadav explained that the restructuring was done in accordance with the guidelines of the Bar Council of India.

Dr. Govind N. Kulkarni Sir expressed concern over the language barrier faced by current law students, particularly with regard to English. He suggested implementing a hybrid model for legal education to help address this issue. He also noted that final decisions regarding the law curriculum would be made after reviewing the guidelines of the Bar Council of India (BCI).

After due deliberations the members took a note of the proposed curriculum of School of Law as annexed in Annexure_G.

Dr. Kamlesh Meshram, Head School of Computer Applications proceeded to present the curriculum framework of the school.

He explained the integration of MOOC courses into the existing curriculum, highlighting their role in enhancing learning flexibility and exposure to diverse subjects.

Dr. Sutaone Sir asked for clarification on the difference between the terms "major" and "minor" within the curriculum structure.

Dr. Prashant Bartakke Sir inquired about the rationale for separating theory and lab courses in the curriculum structure.

In response, Dr. Kamlesh Meshram Sir explained that a 50-50 weightage has been allocated to both theory and lab components to ensure balanced learning.

After due deliberations the members took a note of the proposed curriculum of School of Computer Applications as annexed in Annexure_H.

Dr. Biradar, Head of the School of Engineering and Technology (First Year), highlighted that the course structure for First-Year Engineering will remain unchanged for the Academic Year 2025–26, as it was in AY 2024–25.

Furthermore, Dr. V. N. Patil, Head of the School of Engineering and Technology (Second Year onwards), took charge to explain the course structure, addition of MOOC and credit distribution.

Dr. Bartakke Sir raised a question regarding how the AI specialization offered is distinct from that of other universities, and which program—AIML or AIDS—is preferred by students.

In response, Dr. Sudeep D. Thepade Sir stated that students tend to prefer the AIDS program, all specialisation curriculum is designed in alignment with industry requirements. The course structure, inclusion of MOOCs, credit offerings, mini projects, and other related components are tailored to enhance student preparedness, as detailed in **Annexure I.**

After due deliberations the members took a note of the proposed curriculum of School of Computer Applications as annexed in Annexure_I.

(Resolution No.: AC/2025/04/3): "RESOLVED THAT the Academic Council hereby approves course structure, inclusion of MOOCs, Subject name Change for syllabus pattern 2025, syllabus pattern 2024 and syllabus pattern 2023 etc. as annexed in Annexure_B, Annexure_C, Annexure_D, Annexure_E, Annexure_F, Annexure_G, Annexure_H and Annexure_I.

Item No. 04: To consider and approve the new programs in AY.2025-26 with Course structures, syllabus, evaluation methodology, skill component, industry component, marking scheme and credit system by various schools of Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune

- i. B.Tech CSE (Semiconductor Design Technology)
- ii. MBA in Business Analytics & Artificial Intelligence
- iii. B.Voc – Fashion Designing
- iv. Diploma In Mechatronics Engineering
- v. Certification in
 - a. Lifestyle Management & Hypertension
 - b. Certification in Diabetes Care and Education

Discussion:

Dr. Sudeep D. Thepade Sir highlighted the names of new programs along with the course curriculum for each program.

Dr. Sutaone Sir advised removing the word "CSE" from "B.Tech CSE (Semiconductor Design Technology)," and recommended it be titled as "B.Tech – Semiconductor Design Technology."

Dr. Govind N. Kulkarni Sir suggested to discontinue the Diploma in Mechatronics Technology program, emphasizing that eligibility for university-level programs should meet certain minimum standards. However, certification programs would be acceptable.

The Members after due deliberations took note of the same and passed the following resolution unanimously:

(Resolution No.: AC/2025/04/4) : "RESOLVED THAT the Academic Council resolved as follows new programs from Academic Year 2025-26 as annexed in Annexure_J

Sr.No.	Program Name	Approved / Not Approved
i.	B.Tech - Semiconductor Design Technology	Approved
ii.	MBA in Business Analytics & Artificial Intelligence	Approved
iii.	B.Voc – Fashion Designing	Approved
iv.	Diploma In Mechatronics Engineering	Not Approved
v.	Certification in, a. Lifestyle Management & Hypertension b. Certification in Diabetes Care and Education	Approved

Item No. 05: To consider and approve Internal Academic Audit for AY 2024-25

Discussion:

Dr. Sudeep D. Thepade Sir explained that, in accordance with NEP guidelines, the Internal Academic Audit for AY 2024-25 has been conducted for both the ODD and EVEN semesters.

The Members took note of the same and passed the following resolution unanimously:

(Resolution No.: AC/2025/04/5) : "RESOLVED THAT the Academic Council approves the internal Academic Audit report for AY 2024-25 as annexed in **Annexure_K**

Item No. 06: To discuss Students feedback of respective Schools for EVEN SEM AY 2024-25.

Discussion:

Dr. Sudeep D. Thepade Sir briefed that faculty feedback was measured based on online responses collected from students in ERP system, conducted in two phases: Turn 1- after the first month of teaching, and Turn 2-at the end of the teaching period.

The Turn 1 feedback got shared with faculty members by Head of Schools. The summary of final student's feedback is tabulated below.

Sr.No.	School	Average % of Feedback Sem-I	Average % of Feedback Sem-II
1	School of Engineering and Technology (1st year)	82.24%	84.99%
2	School of Engineering and Technology (Higher Classes)	84.59%	85%
3	School of Computer Applications	83.19%	83.47%
4	School of Management	81.52%	81.37%
5	School of Science	84%	88%
6	School of Law	85.56%	83.12%
7	School of Media and Communication Studies	91%	91.15%
8	Pune Design School	74%	79%
9	School of Pharmacy	87.79%	86.63

The Members took note of the same.

Item No. 07: To consider and approve the Admission Policy and Admission round dates for AY 2025-26

Discussion:

Dr. Sudeep D. Thepade Sir provided a briefing on the Admission Policy for AY 2025–26, highlighting the addition of new programs along with their eligibility criteria and admission round dates.

The Members took note of the same.

(Resolution No.: AC/2025/04/7): “RESOLVED THAT the Academic Council approves the Admission Policy and admission round dates for AY 2025-26 as annexed in **Annexure_L**

Item No. 08: To consider and approve the Academic Calendar for all UG and PG programs for the Academic Year 2025-26

Discussion:

Dr. Sudeep D. Thepade Sir shared the Academic Calendar for all Undergraduate and Postgraduate programs for the Academic Year 2025–26.

Sr.No.	UG/PG	ODD SEMESTER Commencement	ODD SEM Examination	EVEN SEMESTER Commencement	EVEN Sem Examination	Summer Term / Internship
1	First Year	18 August 2025	11-20 December 2025	12 January 2026	20 April – 4 May 2026	12 May – 15 July 2026
2	Senior Classes	Design- 16 June 2025 Law- 7 July 2025 Pharmacy- 14 July 2025 SoET, SoCA, SoS, PSoM&C – 21 July 2025 SoM- 1 August 2025	8-20 December 2025	12 January 2026	20 April – 4 May 2026	12 May – 15 July 2026

The Members took note of the same.

(Resolution No.: AC/2025/04/8): “RESOLVED THAT the Academic Council approves the Academic Calendar for all UG and PG programs for AY 2025-26 as annexed in **Annexure_M**

Item No. 09: To consider the defaulters and result withheld students of term end examination held in April 2025

Discussion:

Dr. Sudeep D. Thepade Sir briefed about student defaulters who did not meet the minimum 75% attendance requirement, stating that their term-end examination results are being withheld.

Sr.No.	School	Number of Defaulters AY 2024-25
1	School of Engineering and Technology (1st year)	14
2	School of Engineering and Technology (Higher Classes)	5
3	School of Computer Applications	11
4	School of Management	2
5	School of Science	2
6	School of Law	6
7	School of Media and Communication Studies	1
8	Pune Design School	3
9	School of Pharmacy	1
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The Members took a note of the same.

Item No. 10: To note the Result Analysis of Term End Examination EVEN SEM AY 2024-25.

Discussion:

Dr. Sudeep D.Thepade Sir informed that the examination department had conducted the TERM END Examination for Academic Year 2024-25 and briefed the members on result analysis and all results are correlate with quality of the program and same is annexed in **Annexure_N**

The Members after due deliberations took a note of the same.

Item No. 11. Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

The Honourable Academic Council members reviewed and addressed all agenda points.

- A. Dr.Sudeep D.Thepade Sir shared the MOOC certifications completed till date details with all Academic council members as mentioned below,

Certifications in	Total Certification
Coursera	19022 by 2867 students
IIT Spoken Tutorials	1456
AICTE EduSkills	730 Internships
RedHat Academy	3706
NSE Academy	320

B. Additionally, Dr. Govind N. Kulkarni Sir suggested the initiation of a Department of Sports and Yoga, along with the introduction of Liberal Learner Courses as co-curricular and value-added programs.

C. Dr.Sutaone Sir suggested to get the Centre of continuing education established in University.

He recommended incorporating contributions toward social responsibility through education, and emphasized the need to focus on programs related to robotics and automation.

In response, Dr. Govind N. Kulkarni Sir stated that these initiatives would be implemented step by step, following an evaluation of the response to the newly introduced Semiconductor Design Technology program.

VOTE OF THANKS:

There being no other business to be transacted, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Dr. Sudeep D. Thepade)
Pro Vice-Chancellor



(Dr. Govind N. Kulkarni)
Chairperson

Date: 20th June, 2025.

Place: Pune