

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**44<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting (ACM)**

Held on: 20-01-2026 (Tuesday) at 11.00 am.

Venue: Senate Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Founder's Block, HITS Campus.

**Hon'ble Chancellor Dr. Anand Jacob Verghese presided over the meeting.**

**Members Present:**

S. No.	Name of member	Designation	Position
1.	Dr. Ashok George Verghese	Pro-Chancellor	Patron
2.	Dr. Aby Sam	Executive Director	Educationist
3.	Dr. Vikas Misra	Vice-Chancellor	<i>Chairperson</i>
4.	Dr. A. K. Ghosh	Former Professor, Aerospace Engineering, IIT-Kanpur.	Academic Expert Member
5.	Dr. John Varghese	Principal, St. Stephen's College, New Delhi	Academic Expert Member
6.	Capt. Hemant Kumar	Vice President & Chief of Flight Safety, Indigo	Industry Expert Member
7.	Dr. G. Prabhakaran	Dean, Academics, K.C.G. College of Technology, Chennai	Academic Expert Member
8.	Dr. N. Manoharan	Director, Projects & International Affairs	Educationist
9.	Dr. C. Kezi Selva Vijila	Controller of Examinations	Member
10.	Dr. Angelina Geetha	Dean, Academics	Member
11.	Dr. M. Murali Krishna	Director, IQAC & Dean E & T	Member
12.	Mr. Salim Mahmood	Deputy Director (Admissions)	Member
13.	Dr. R. Asokan	Dean, Aero	Member
14.	Dr. S. Ganesan	Dean SBAS	Member
15.	Dr. M. K. Badri Narayanan	Associate Dean, SoM	Member
16.	Dr. T. Sudalai Muthu	Professor & HoD, CSE	Member
17.	Ms. P. C. Devisree	ASP & HoD, SPADE	Member
18.	Dr. Dennis Amirtharaj	ASP, HoD BBA	Member
19.	Dr. S. Marcelin Pushpa	Head, SLiCA	Member

S. No.	Name of member	Designation	Position
20.	Dr. S. Radha Rammohan	Program Head, CODE	Member
21.	Dr. R. Christu Paul	Professor, Automobile Engg.	Member
22.	Dr. S. Mariyappan	Professor, Physics	Member
23.	Dr. S. Priya	Director, SoM	Special Invitee
24.	Dr. D. John Aravindhar	Dean, Admissions	Special Invitee
25.	Dr. V. R. Dinkar	Dean (i/c), School of Law	Special Invitee
26.	Dr. A.L. Vallikannu	Asso. Dean, Sponsored Research	Special Invitee
27.	Dr. P. Jayanthi	Principal, Nursing	Special Invitee
28.	Dr. T. N. K. Suryaprakash	Head SoHS	Special Invitee
29.	Dr. S. Muttan	Director (Research)	Special Invitee
30.	Dr. Muthukumar Subramanian	Registrar	Ex-officio Secretary

**Members (online) – Departmental New Programmes representatives**

S. No.	Name of member	Designation	Position
1.	Dr. J. Thangakumar	Associate Dean, CS	Special Invitee
2.	Dr. Usha S	Professor & HoD, SoM	Special Invitee
3.	Dr. P Ranjana	Professor & HoD, IT	Special Invitee
4.	Dr. J Samuel	Head (i/c), Food Technology	Special Invitee
5.	Ms. Sreeja BG	HoD (i/c) School of Law	Special Invitee
6.	Dr. T Aathy Kannan	Head (i/c), Economics	Special Invitee
7.	Dr. K N Kavitha	Head (i/c), Political Science	Special Invitee
8.	Dr. M Prabakaran	Professor, Chemistry	Special Invitee
9.	Dr. S Hemalatha	Professor, Commerce	Special Invitee
10.	Dr. Samuel James	ASP, Civil	Special Invitee
11.	Dr. Rajeswari YN,	AP, Physics	Special Invitee

**Leave of absence (LoA) granted to the following members:**

S.No.	Name of member	Designation
1.	Dr. Annie Jacob	Director, KCG College of Technology, Chennai.
2.	Mr. Enid Verghese Jacob	Deputy Director
3.	Mr. Samarjeet Gupta	Head Customer Support, Pratt & Whitney Engines & Vice President, Aeronautical Society of India
4.	Dr. J. Sakthidasan	ASP, Biotechnology

**1. Welcome Note by the Registrar.**

The Registrar, Dr. Muthukumar Subramanian, welcomed the members to the 44<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting and introduced the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Vikas Misra.

**2. Introductory address by the Vice Chancellor.**

Dr. Vikas Misra, Vice Chancellor, welcomed has been by the Management members. He introduced the newly inducted members to the council.

**3. Address by the Hon'ble Chancellor.**

Hon'ble Chancellor extended a warm welcome to the members of the 44<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting.

The Chancellor welcomed Dr. Vikas Misra, the new Vice Chancellor.

Also, the Chancellor welcomed all the members to the 44<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting, and conveyed his New Year wishes and Season's Greetings.

The Chancellor thanked Dr. S Ganesan (interim VC) for his contribution during that interim period and managed efficiently till the new VC took over charge. Further, he thanked the Search Committee members, which includes the UGC nominee, External Academic Experts, for identifying the new Vice Chancellor.

The Chancellor congratulated the Faculty, Officials, and Students on the **2025 NIRF Rankings**, as our Institution, the **University Rank Band 101-150; Engineering Rank Band 101-150; Management Rank Band 101-125**, and the current year rankings are in the midst of processing, and hope HITS might be in a better position for the next academic year. Requested everyone to take care of the rankings across the categories and related areas that need to improve year on year.

On the Academic Awards and Rankings part, the Chancellor indicated that more analysis and visibility are required for betterment. Suggested to be more professional, as it showcases where the University is and where we are heading.

Suggested that our students must be trained in at **least two industry-ready skills** where a lot of avenues of placements are available, so that they can perform well during their Campus Interviews.

Presently, most of the students are not able to project/present themselves well. Hence, the Chancellor suggested that HITS must concentrate more on *training/soft skills development* and groom our students for Industry readiness to face the campus interviews in a much better way. These focus areas need to be concentrated on more.

The Chancellor recollected the recent *Nobel Laureate speech on Quantum Horizons 2025: Materials, Intelligent Technologies and Sustainable Futures*. Need to discuss the outcome of the conference, how the *Quantum Technologies* will impact our internal departments (*CSE, IT, EEE*, etc.)

The Chancellor advised to utilize our *Labs* and other *Equipment & Facilities* are available for the benefit of the students, as theoretical knowledge alone will not help students to grow further.

### **Introduction of New Members:**

The Registrar introduced the new members, *Dr. S Priya, Director, SoM*, and *Dr. S. Muttan, Director, Research*, and requested them to introduce themselves to the council.

- *Dr. S. Muttan* - An accomplished academic and researcher, previously served as a Professor and Head of the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) and in the Centre for Medical Electronics at the College of Engineering, Guindy (CEG), Anna University.
- *Dr. S Priya* - Having more than 15 years of experience in the Government & Corporates. Before joining Hindustan, had served at Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) as Vice President.

### **3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Academic Council Meeting.**

- i. The Registrar placed the Minutes of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Academic Council Meeting held on 21-06-2025 for approval, which covers the new programmes.

*The members confirmed the minutes of the meeting.*

### **4. Confirmation of the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Academic Council Meeting.**

The Registrar placed the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Academic Council Meeting held on 21-06-2025 for approval.

- a. Under the Amendments in the clauses of *Academic Regulations – Internal Assessment* - category “RA” and RI.

*Dean of Academics* clarified that the RA & RI has been replaced as **RA (Repeat the Course for want of Attendance/Internal Assessment)**, and is followed up due to ERP implementation. Hence, RA refers to both cases, namely RA due to Lack of Attendance and RA due to missing of Internal Assessments.

*The members confirmed the ATR.*

**Items for approval: Resolutions brought forward by the Chairpersons of the Board of Studies.**

**I. School of Engineering and Technology (SET)** - presided by Dr. M. Murali Krishna, Director, IQAC & Dean E & T.

S. NO.	ITEM	DECISION TAKEN
1.	Under CSE, both courses are in collaboration with Google: (60 seats each): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ B. Tech Computer Science and Engineering with <b>specialization</b> in <b>Gen AI</b>.</li> <li>a. B. Tech Computer Science and Engineering with <b>Specialization</b> in <b>Cloud Security</b>.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Approved by the members with suggestions.</i></p> <p><i>To implement with the students effectively in AY 2025-26, 1st year, as this will be taken up in the 3rd Semester, and applicable for new admissions in AY 2026-27 onwards.</i></p> <p><i>The fees of Rs. 28,000 per year need to be revised for students opting for these specializations.</i></p>
2.	Under IT – B. Tech Information Technology with <b>Specialization</b> in Full Stack Development. (30 seats)	<i>Approved by the members applicable for new admissions in AY 2026-27 onwards.</i>
3.	Under <b>B. Tech ECE</b> <b>B. Tech Minor Course on Quantum Computing</b>	<p><i>Approved by the members with suggestions to implement from AY 2026-27.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>To add Chemistry &amp; Mathematics relevant to Quantum Technologies to form a full-fledged content for the course.</i></li> <li>- <i>To add Minor courses in the degree certificates.</i></li> </ul>

**II. School of Liberal and Creative Arts (SLiCA)**

S. NO.	ITEM	DECISION TAKEN
1.	<b>B. Com – Business Analytics (Specialization).</b>	<i>Approved by the members with suggestions to engage Industry Experts, so that our students get trained on the practical exposure and industry readiness, as well as AI predictions.</i>

S. NO.	ITEM	DECISION TAKEN
2.	<b>BA – Politics and International Relations</b> (Change in nomenclature & course changes)	Approved by the members with suggestions to reconstitute the BoS Members list, Collaboration with St. Stephen's College on International Relations, and as well bundling of HPCA.

### III. School of Basic and Applied Sciences (SBAS)

S. NO.	ITEM	DECISION TAKEN
1.	<b>B. Sc Catering Science and Food Processing</b> (3 yrs.) (New Program)	Approved by the members with suggestions to engage experts from the Hotel / Hospitality industry, FSSAI nominees, and collaboration with Bush Boake Allen to explore.
2.	<b>B. Sc in Chemistry</b> (3 yrs.) (New Program)	Approved by the members

### IV. School of Health Science (SoHS)

S. NO.	ITEM	DECISION TAKEN
1.	<b>B. Sc Neuroelectro Physiology</b> – 4 years	Approved by the members with the suggestions. To have a list of Doctors/Faculty teaching the programme for each semester, and to monitor students' attendance.
2.	<b>B.Sc. Clinical Nutrition (Hons.)</b> – 4 years	
3.	<b>M.Sc. Physician Associate (Medicine)</b> – 2 years	
4.	<b>M.Sc. Physician Associate (Surgery)</b> – 2 years	
5.	<b>M.Sc. Clinical Nutrition</b> – 2 years	
6.	<b>M.Sc. Counselling Psychology</b> – 2 years	
7.	<b>PG Diploma in Marital Counselling</b> – 1 year	
8.	<b>PG Diploma in Child and Adolescent Counselling</b> - 1 year	

### V. School of Management (SoM)

S. NO.	ITEM	DECISION TAKEN
1.	<b>MBA – 2 years for <i>Executives / Working Professionals</i></b>	Approved by the members with the suggestions to have a separate set of faculty, marketing strategy, admission, and to collaborate with the companies for the Executive MBA, as well as framing of regulations, FAQ, provisions for breaks, and mobility.
2.	<b>MBA – 2 years (<i>Entrepreneurship</i>) - New Specialization</b>	
3.	<b>MBA – 2 years (<i>Retail and Franchise Management</i>) - New Specialization</b>	
4.	<b>BBA – 3 years (<i>Retail and Franchise Management</i>) (Internship Embedded) - New Specialization</b>	
5.	<b>MBA - 2 years <i>across specializations, modifications of existing courses</i></b>	
6.	<b>BBA – 3 years (<i>Hospital Management</i>) – modification of existing courses</b>	
7.	<b>BBA – 3 years (<i>Logistics</i>) – specialization modification of existing courses</b>	

### VI. Research

- ***Postdoctoral Fellowship Regulations (PDF)***, 2026, presented by the ***Associate Dean, (Sponsored Research)***
  - a. The Research Fellowship programme is a non-profit to attract major funding from the government and other agencies. It is a non-degree full time advance Research programme.
  - b. Duration is 1 year, and based on performance, project progress, and available funding, it may be extendable till 3 years max.
  - c. Externally funded fellows covering UGC, ANRF, CSIR, ISRO, DRDO, etc. Also, Self-Funded Research permitted adhering to HITS regulations.
  - d. Eligibility will be a PhD from a recognized university; 5 years of relaxation for women and persons with disabilities to promote inclusivity.
  - e. Applications are invited over the HITS website, and the Selection Committee consisting of the VC, Director & Dean (Research), HoD, Mentor, and External Experts.
  - f. The performance of the PDF will be assessed periodically by the Performance Assessment Committee, including the Director of Research as the Chairman, and Members are part of the Dean's Research, HoD, Collaborator, Mentor, and two faculty members from the respective area/specialization.

***Approved by the members.***

## 5. Items for Ratification:

- i. Inclusion of *Hindustan Centre for Future Skills (HCFS)* Courses into the Curriculum & Assessments.
  - a. *The Dean of Academics* presented the objective of starting the Hindustan Centre for Future Skills at the HITS campus. Under this centre, various skill enhancement courses will be offered for the students to improve their knowledge and enhance their employability opportunities. At present, HCFS is proposed to offer courses in collaboration with NSDC & Enthnotech Academic Solutions and also with the Tamil Nadu Centre of Excellence for Advanced Manufacturing (TANCAM).
  - b. Proposed to be offered from Even semester from AY 2025-26 onwards. For the existing 2<sup>nd</sup> year, 3<sup>rd</sup> year, this will be offered in place of Non-departmental Elective (NE) for the students of E&T (i.e., 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> semesters). Other programs, it will be offered as value-added courses over and above their curriculum.
  - c. In the forthcoming curriculum revision 2026, it is proposed to introduce skill enhancement courses that are compulsory from the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester to the 7<sup>th</sup> semester for all E&T programs, covering 6000 students. For other programs, it will be under skill enhancement courses from the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester to the 5<sup>th</sup> semester.
  - d. At present, all PG programs are exempted from this.
  - e. **Assessment Procedure:** Six days of hands-on sessions, followed by an online test after the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, and on the 6<sup>th</sup> day, a capstone project to be submitted for evaluation. At the end of the semester, a regular end-of-semester examination will be conducted, which includes project work & written exam. CA1 (MCQ) 20%; CA2 (Capstone project) 25%; Attendance 5%, and End-of-Semester Examination (project/written) 50%.

*Approved by the members.*

- ii. *School of Law – Undergraduate Programmes (In collaboration with CoEDF)*

- *B.Sc. Forensic Science*
- *B.Sc. Digital Forensics and Cyber Security*
- *B.Sc. Criminology and Police Administration*

*Dr. Dinkar*, Dean (i/c), SoL, shared the details related to the *Regional Skills in Semester 1*, replaced with *Tamil Arts & Culture*; and *Communication Skills in Semester 2*, replaced with *Personality Development & Soft skills*, and the Uniform Credit distribution of a total of 120 credits to be maintained across the programmes.

*Approved by the members.*

- iii. *School of Health Sciences – B. Sc Perfusion Technology*  
- *Change in Credits (total 166 credits) and Total Contact Hours (TCH - 91).*

*Approved by the members.*

- iv. **School of Basic and Applied Sciences – Department of Psychology – Include Psychopathology as an Elective for M Sc Applied Psychology in the III semester.**

*Approved by the members.*

## 6. Others.

### The Chancellor

- a. Raised a query on the B. Tech Minor course on Quantum Computing, whether the courses offered by the department of ECE and Physics are the same as those offered by the department of CSE.

It was clarified by the HoD, CSE, that the course Quantized States for Computing and Communication (renamed to Quantum Computing) is offered by ECE & Physics, and further clarified that these courses are different from the ones offered by the CSE with Specialization of Gen AI.

- b. Suggested gathering information on our faculty, students who are participating in Seminars, Hackathons, and other programmes outside of HITS. Necessary training to be carried out for our students outperform.
- c. Suggested to implement to have 50% hands on practical across the schools to meet the industry readiness.
- d. Shared the inputs on the Placement of our students is not competitive in comparison with the other institutions. To take necessary corrective steps to meet the competitiveness across.
- e. The details of the students who participated in the Project-Based Learning are to be shared with.
- f. Enquired about the Online forms for the students to be introduced at HITS, as this was implemented by the other Institutions 10 years ago. Plan of action to be submitted.
- g. Suggested that all the department heads visit our HITS website regularly, and ensure that the activities and updates are happening in real time. This might be related to Regulations or other key important information. This will help the students, parents, and regulatory authorities to see the real-time data on our website.

- h. Enquired about the Students' Project-Based Learning Assessments: -

Dean of Academics shared that with the Department of Mechatronics, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, Automation & Robotics, where there is a Project-Based Learning.

Start with the 1<sup>st</sup> cycle Concept & Design part; 2<sup>nd</sup> Execution & Demonstration.

Students have to showcase the relevant alternative product available in the market, and they need to justify how their product differs from others. Those documents are available with the Department for reference.

- i. Referred to the School of Health Science's recent notifications, which fall under NEET, and also the Regulatory Body has been formed. Suggested to check the notifications and comply.

### The Pro-Chancellor

1. Suggested engaging Industry Experts for the course **B. Com – (Business Analytics – Specialization)**, so that our students get trained on the practical exposure and industry readiness, as well as AI (Analytics).
2. Suggested engaging the in-house IAS Academic trainers for the course **BA-Politics and International Relations**, and the Academic Expert Members. Need to reconstitute the BoS members and include those suggestions, as well as bundling with the HPCA, for better outcomes.
3. Suggested that engaging *Experts from the Hotel / Hospitality industry* related to **B. Sc Catering Science and Food Processing** can be incorporated to strengthen the course.
4. Suggested engaging *Gleneagles Hospitals*, with their expertise, as they are on our Executive Committee for the **MBA Hospital Management**.
5. Suggested having a separate group of faculty focusing on *marketing strategy, admission, and collaborating* with the companies to sponsor their Executives for a batch of 10/20 for the **Executive MBA course**.
6. Suggested updating the SoL CoDEF programmes on the website so that parents and students are aware of these courses. Also, the collaborative courses under *TANCAM Dassault Systèmes* have to be reflected on the HITS website to add more visibility to the stakeholders.

### ED

- a. Related to CA1 & CA2 for the students, and the Special CA Exams - Suggested that class teachers/HoDs need to check and validate the genuineness of the request, and an awareness needs to be created that only the real cases can be considered. His remarkable to note that the numbers and the results are getting improved.
- b. For B. Sc Catering Science and Food Processing, suggested checking with Bush Boake Allen, Chennai, for their participation/being part of the *collaboration for the course*.
- c. Requested to share the necessary Infrastructure requirements across the *new courses/specializations* that are approved and going to be implemented from the AY 2026-27. Also, to ensure the necessary faculty are available to take the unique courses.
- d. For SoHS courses, suggest having the classes in English at the HITS premises, as the students are visiting every Saturday for their Computer classes.

### CoE

Insisted on making it compulsory related to CA1 & CA2 for the students, and the Special CA can be removed, as some of the students who skip CA1 or CA2 or both want to utilize the Special CA. Nearly 536 applications for the Repeat Exams were sent by the departments, with their recommendations for consideration.

### Dean of Academics

- a. Suggested conducting the *Special exams/Repeat exams*, once the students' requests are genuine, then the exams must be completed within a week, instead of pushing it to the End of the Semester which will unnecessarily carry forward the burden on students.
- b. Shared that the Design Thinking courses for the 1st year UG across the sections. A senior professor from the Mechanical Department, Dr. M. Ramakrishnan, is the overall course coordinator of this Course and monitors the overall effective delivery of this course.
- c. Requested to share the Regulations exclusively for the *Executive MBA course*, with the FAQ to be prepared along with the brochures, which will address this in a better way. Provisions for breaks and mobility to be taken care of. Also, to check on the difference between Elective and Special Electives.
- d. Clarified on the *M Sc Counselling Psychology* and *Applied Psychology*.

HITS currently offer *General Psychology* related to understanding of psychological theories, research methodologies, and human behavior, whereas *Clinical/Hospital Psychology* involves Mental health assessment, Therapy and counseling, Treatment of anxiety, depression, trauma, and personality disorders, Rehabilitation, and crisis intervention.

Dr. AK Ghosh, *Academic Expert Member*, shared on *Quantum Computing* that students should be trained on the *Basics, Fundamentals & advanced levels* for effective implementation.

Dr. John Varghese, *Academic Expert Member*,

- i. Ready to collaborate with HITS for the course *BA-Politics and International Relations*, especially on the *International Relations subject*, as some of their faculty are good at IR, and some of them are retired bureaucrats.
- ii. Inquired about the *SoHS*, the engagement of students in programme collaborations, as HITS is the dominant academic partner for the *Allied Health Sciences* programmes conducted in collaboration with the IRED.

The Dean of Academics clarified that HITS is the dominant partner for all programmes conducted by the IRED Hospital, and the classrooms have our HITS logo, and every Saturday, the students visit HITS for their Computer classes. Also, their end-of-semester exams are conducted at the HITS campus.

*Dr. John Varghese* clarified that *M.Sc. Counselling Psychology* and *M.Sc. Applied Psychology* both builds on psychological foundations but differs in focus and applications.

*Dr. Murali Krishna*, *Director & IQAC and Dean E&T*, suggested including experts with the FSSAI nominees related to *B. Sc Catering Science and Food Processing*.

#### **7. Vote of Thanks by the Registrar.**

The Registrar proposed the vote of thanks. He thanked the Hon'ble Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor, external expert members, and all the members for participating in the 44<sup>th</sup> Academic Council and offering their valuable suggestions to improve the academic proceedings of the institution, and requested the members to take the suggestions forward for effective implementations.



**Dr. Muthukumar Subramanian**  
**Registrar**

Copy to All the Members.