

## Minutes of the Meeting

### 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council (EC)

Held on: 14-09-2024 (Saturday) at 10 am.

Venue: Conference Hall, MGR Auditorium, HITS Campus.

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

**Members Present:**

| S.No. | Name of the Member            | Designation                                                                    | Position                           |
|-------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1.    | Dr. Ashok George Verghese     | Pro-Chancellor                                                                 | Patron                             |
| 2.    | Dr. Aby Sam                   | Executive Director                                                             | Member                             |
| 3.    | Col. (Hon) Dr. S. N. Sridhara | Vice-Chancellor                                                                | Chairperson                        |
| 4.    | Dr. R.W. Alexander Jesudasan  | Pro Vice-Chancellor                                                            | Member                             |
| 5.    | Dr. Rajeev Ahuja              | Director, IIT Ropar,<br>Rupnagar, Punjab.                                      | External Expert<br>Member          |
| 6.    | Dr. C. Emmanuel               | Director, Academic and<br>Research, Gleneagles Global<br>Health City, Chennai. | External Expert<br>Member          |
| 7.    | Dr. Annie Jacob               | Director,<br>KCG College of Technology,<br>Karapakkam, Chennai.                | Member                             |
| 8.    | Dr. Susan Verghese            | Director,<br>Hindustan College of Arts and<br>Science, Padur, Chennai.         | Member                             |
| 9.    | Mr. Enid Verghese Jacob       | Deputy Director                                                                | Member                             |
| 10.   | Dr. Sheeba Chander            | Dean – SPADE                                                                   | Member                             |
| 11.   | Dr. R. Asokan                 | Dean – School of<br>Aeronautical Sciences                                      | Member                             |
| 12.   | Dr. Muthukumar Subramanian    | Registrar                                                                      | Ex-officio Member<br>and Secretary |

**Leave of absence granted to the following members:**

| S.No. | Name of member        | Designation                                    |
|-------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1.    | Dr. S. P. Thyagarajan | Former Vice-Chancellor<br>University of Madras |
| 2.    | Dr. S. N. Hegde       | Former Vice-Chancellor<br>University of Mysuru |

**1. Welcome address by the Vice-Chancellor.**

The Vice-Chancellor Col. (Hon) Dr. S. N. Sridhara welcomed Hon'ble Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor, Management members, External Members Dr. Rajeeva Ahuja, Director IIT Ropar and Dr. C. Emmanuel, Director, Gleneagles Global Health City, Chennai and other council members to the 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council.

The Vice-Chancellor conveyed to the members that the Board of Management has been renamed as Executive Council as per the UGC Regulations 2023 and it was the first meeting after the change of nomenclature.

He informed the Mr. Nambi Narayanan, Former Aerospace Scientist and Dr. Veeramuthuvel Palanivel, Director of Chandrayan-3 mission, ISRO are to be honored with Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) in the 15<sup>th</sup> Convocation scheduled on the same day.

The Vice-Chancellor briefed the agenda of the meeting.

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

Hon'ble Chancellor extended a warm welcome to the members of the Executive Council (EC). He remembered the objectives of the great visionary and philanthropist Founder Dr. K. C. G. Verghese and Founder Chancellor Dr. (Mrs.) Elizabeth Verghese in establishing the Hindustan Group of Institutions.

The Chancellor informed that the Institution deems it a great honour to offer Doctor Honoris Causa (Honorary Doctorate) every year to renowned persons with National and International recognition. This year Mr. Nambi Narayanan, Former Aerospace Scientist and Dr. Veeramuthuvel Palanivel, Director of Chandrayan-3 mission, ISRO are to be honored with Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) in the 15<sup>th</sup> Convocation ceremony. He welcomed the council members to grace the 15<sup>th</sup> Convocation function.

**3. Confirmation of minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management held on 12-04-2024.**

The Registrar presented the minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management held on 12-04-2024 which was circulated to all the members.

The Registrar highlighted the following items approved by the members.

1. The list of Programmes & Specializations to be launched in the AY 2024-'25
  - New Programmes: 3-UG, 7-PG, 2-Integrated and 3- Diploma programmes.
  - New specializations: 6-UG and 4-PG programmes.

2. The Faculty Requirements for the AY 2024 - '25.
3. The Fee Structure for the AY 2024 -'25.
4. The issuance of 163 (One Hundred and Sixty-Three) degree certificates to the students those who have cleared in the Supplementary Exams.

*The Minutes was confirmed by the members with the following suggestions.*

- The Pro-Chancellor remarked that the Fee structure 2024-25 has been revised with 5% increase for all the programmes and a nominal reduction for Ph.D programmes in order to promote research activities.
  - Dr. Rajeev Ahuja enquired about the fee structure for the Ph. D programmes and also shared that the fee at IIT Ropar for Research Scholars per year as Rs.1,50,000/-.
4. **Confirmation of Action Taken Report on the 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management held on 12-04-2024.**

*The ATR was confirmed by the members with the following suggestions.*

- Dr. Rajeev Ahuja asked about the Trainers for the Hindustan Professional Career Academy. The Vice-Chancellor, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Registrar explained that IAS officers, retired officers and senior faculty members are offering appropriate training to the civil services aspirants.
  - Dr. Rajeev Ahuja suggested to include Training Courses on Drone technology. Dr. Aby Sam, the Executive Director added that the Drones can be applied for flood relief and surveillance activities. Dr. Annie Jacob, Director remarked that the DGCA certifications are essential to offer such programmes. Dr. R. Asokan, Dean – Aero informed that already few Short-term courses have been offered with the DGCA certifications and more will be included in the near future.
  - Dr. Rajeev Ahuja also encouraged to initiate more Innovation and Incubation centers in thrust areas to attract more Consultancy and research projects. More design patents can be filed and transformed into products / working models to serve the community.
5. **Items for approval:**
- a. **Award of Degrees at the 15<sup>th</sup> Convocation ceremony scheduled on 14-09-2024.**
    - i. The Registrar presented the list of Ph.D., P.G. and U.G. degrees under various faculties of the University.

| S.No.        | Programme                            | No. of candidates |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1.           | U.G. Engineering (B.Tech.)           | 562               |
| 2.           | U.G. Architecture (B.Arch. / B.Des.) | 101               |
| 3.           | U.G. Arts & Science                  | 415               |
| 4.           | U.G. Law                             | 65                |
| 5.           | P.G. (All disciplines)               | 359               |
| 6.           | Ph.D.                                | 45                |
| 7.           | CODE – PG                            | 16                |
| 8.           | Supplementary (E&T, SLAAS, SoL)      | 35                |
| <b>Total</b> |                                      | <b>1598</b>       |

*The Council members approved the issuance of degrees to 1,598 (One Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety-Eight) graduands.*

**ii. Award of *Honoris Causa* to eminent personalities.**

- The Vice-Chancellor moved the resolution to award Doctor of Science (*Honoris Causa*) to
  1. **Mr. S. Nambi Narayanan,**  
Former Aerospace Scientist, ISRO & recipient of Padma Bushan, and
  2. **Dr. Veeramuthuvel Palanivel,**  
Director of Chandrayaan 3 Mission, URSC, ISRO.

*The Council members approved it.*

**b. Faculty members appointed for various schools for the AY 2024-25.**

The Registrar presented the list of 86 (Eighty-Six) faculty members appointed for the current academic year 2024-25

*The Council members approved the faculty recruitments for the AY 2024-25.*

**c. Minutes of the Meeting**

- The Registrar presented the minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 13-07-2024.
- Highlighted the resolutions passed in the 41<sup>st</sup> ACM to,
  1. Introduce new programmes and specializations introduced in the current AY 2024-25
  2. **Cluster the Schools and Departments as follows.**
    1. School of Liberal Arts and Applied Sciences (SLAAS) has been divided into two schools as given below.
      - i. School of Liberal & Creative Arts (SLiCA)
        - Departments: Economics / Political Science / Languages / Fashion Design / Visual Communication / Fine Arts / Social Work / Christian Studies / Commerce.

ii. School of Basic and Applied Sciences (SBAS)

- Departments: Mathematics / Physics / Chemistry / Computer Science / Computer Applications / Food Technology / Psychology / Physical Education / Aviation Science.

2. The School of Allied Health Sciences (SAHS) has been renamed as School of Health Sciences (SoHS) with the following Schools / Departments.

- College of Pharmacy
- College of Nursing
- Departments: Physiotherapy / Optometry / Allied Health Sciences.

*The Minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> ACM was approved the Executive Council with the following suggestions.*

- Dr. Rajeev Ahuja encouraged to commercialize the patents published by the Faculty.

d. **Student's Intake for the AY 2025 -'26.**

The Student's Intake for the AY 2025-'26 was placed for approval.

*The student intake details given was approved by the members.*

| Sl. No.                    | Level | Name of the Course                                | Intake 2024-'25 | Intake 2025-'26 | Remarks          |
|----------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <b>REDUCTION IN INTAKE</b> |       |                                                   |                 |                 |                  |
| 1.                         | UG    | B.Tech. Mechatronics                              | 60              | 30              | Reduction by 30  |
| 2.                         | UG    | B.Tech. Computer Science and Engineering          | 480             | 360             | Reduction by 120 |
| 3.                         | UG    | B.Tech. Electronics and Communication Engineering | 180             | 150             | Reduction by 30  |
| 4.                         | PG    | M.Tech. Mechanical Engineering                    | 18              | 12              | Reduction by 6   |
| 5.                         | PG    | M.Tech. Automobile Engineering                    | 18              | 12              | Reduction by 6   |
| 6.                         | PG    | M.Tech. Civil Engineering                         | 18              | 12              | Reduction by 6   |
| 7.                         | PG    | M.Tech. Computer Science and Engineering          | 18              | 12              | Reduction by 6   |
| 8.                         | PG    | M.Tech. Electronics and Communication Engineering | 18              | 12              | Reduction by 6   |
| 9.                         | PG    | M.Tech. Electrical and Electronics Engineering    | 18              | 12              | Reduction by 6   |
| 10.                        | PG    | M.Tech. Robotics and Mechatronics                 | 18              | 12              | Reduction by 6   |
| 11.                        | PG    | M.Tech. Defence Technology                        | 18              | 12              | Reduction by 6   |

|                           |            |                                                            |      |     |                |
|---------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----|----------------|
| 12.                       | PG         | M.Tech. Biotechnology                                      | 18   | 12  | Reduction by 6 |
| <b>INCREASE IN INTAKE</b> |            |                                                            |      |     |                |
| 13.                       | UG         | B.Tech. CSE (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning) | 60   | 120 | Increase by 60 |
| 14.                       | UG         | B.Tech. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Data Science.     | 120  | 180 | Increase by 60 |
| 15.                       | PG         | M.B.A.                                                     | 300  | 360 | Increase by 60 |
| 16.                       | PG         | M.B.A. (Aviation Management)                               | 30   | 60  | Increase by 30 |
| 17.                       | UG         | B.B.A.                                                     | 300  | 330 | Increase by 30 |
| 18.                       | UG         | B.C.A.                                                     | 300  | 330 | Increase by 30 |
| <b>NEW COURSES</b>        |            |                                                            |      |     |                |
| 19.                       | UG         | B.Tech. Biomedical Engineering                             | 0    | 30  | New Course     |
| 20.                       | UG         | B.Tech. Robotics and AI                                    | 0    | 30  | New Course     |
| 21.                       | PG         | M.Tech. Artificial Intelligence                            | 0    | 12  | New Course     |
| 22.                       | Diploma    | Diploma in Civil Engineering                               | 0    | 30  | New Course     |
| 23.                       | Diploma    | Diploma in Computer Engineering                            | 0    | 30  | New Course     |
| 24.                       | Diploma    | Diploma in Electronics and Communication Engineering       | 0    | 30  | New Course     |
| <b>CLOSURES</b>           |            |                                                            |      |     |                |
| 25.                       | PG         | M.Plan. Transportation Planning                            | 10   | 0   | Closure        |
| 26.                       | PG         | M.Des. (Fashion Technology)                                | 18   | 0   | Closure        |
| 27.                       | Integrated | B.B.A + M.B.A. Integrated                                  | 30   | 0   | Closure        |
| 28.                       | PG         | ODL – M.B.A.                                               | 1000 | 0   | Closure        |
| 29.                       | PG         | ODL – M.C.A.                                               | 1000 | 0   | Closure        |

### Proposed list of Programmes - HITS OFF Campus for 2025-'26

| S. No. | Department                      | Program Code | UG / PG | Name of the programmes proposed                   | Intake Y1 |
|--------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1      | Department of Commerce          | 101          | UG      | B. Com<br>1. General<br>2. Accounting and Finance | 180       |
|        |                                 | 201          | PG      | M.Com. (General)                                  | 60        |
| 2      | Department of Computer Science  | 102          | UG      | B.Sc. Computer Science                            | 120       |
|        |                                 | 103          | UG      | B.Sc. Data Science                                | 120       |
|        |                                 | 104          | UG      | B.Sc. Cyber Security                              | 60        |
|        |                                 | 105          | UG      | B.Sc. Software Systems                            | 60        |
|        |                                 | 202          | PG      | M.Sc. (Computer Science)                          | 60        |
|        |                                 | 203          | PG      | M.Sc. (Data Science)                              | 60        |
|        |                                 |              |         |                                                   |           |
| 3      | Department of Aviation Sciences | 106          | UG      | B.Sc. (Avionics)                                  | 45        |
|        |                                 | 107          | UG      | B.Sc. (Aircraft Maintenance)                      | 45        |
| 4      | Department of Performing        | 108          | UG      | BVA – Bachelor of Visual                          | 60        |

|              |                      |     |    |                                   |             |
|--------------|----------------------|-----|----|-----------------------------------|-------------|
|              | and Fine Arts        |     |    | Arts                              |             |
|              |                      | 109 | UG | BPA – Bachelor of Performing Arts | 60          |
| 5            | Department of Design | 110 | UG | B.Sc. Fashion Design              | 60          |
|              |                      | 204 | PG | M.Sc. Fashion Design              | 30          |
| <b>Total</b> |                      |     |    |                                   | <b>1020</b> |

#### 7. Any other items with the permission of the Chair.

- The Vice-Chancellor informed the Executive Council that a Section 8 company has been registered under HITS Society in order to promote Industry Institutional Activities.
- Dr. C. Emmanuel encouraged the HITS team to visit Korea Research Institute of Bioscience and Biotechnology (KRIBB) which is a government research institute in Daejeon, South Korea. He remarked that collaboration with KRIBB would offer mutual benefits to the School of Health Sciences.

#### 8. Vote of thanks by the Pro Vice-Chancellor.

- Dr. R.W. Alexander Jesudasan, Pro Vice-Chancellor thanked Hon'ble Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor for being the pillars of support in introducing new programmes, expanding infrastructure to offer world class education to the students.
- He thanked Dr. Aby Sam, Executive Director, Dr. Annie Jacob, Director, Dr. Susan Verghese, Director and Mr. Enid Verghese Jacob, Deputy Director for their valuable suggestions and encouragements.
- The Pro Vice-Chancellor thanked the External members for their unwavering support and inputs towards the developments at HITS. He also thanked other Council Members for their presence and useful suggestions.



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

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