



योजना तथा वास्तुकला विद्यालय, विजयवाड़ा
School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada
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12th Meeting of the Senate

School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada

January 21st 2022, 11:00 Hrs
(through Virtual Mode)

Minutes of the Meeting

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**Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the Senate of SPAV
held on 21st January 2022 at 11.00Hrs. through Virtual mode**

The following members were present:

S.No.	Name	Designation
1	Prof. Dr. N. V. Ramana Rao, Director I/c, SPAV	Chairperson
2	Ms. Poonam Verma Mascarenhas (Nominee of Chairperson, BoG)	Member
3	Prof. P M Rawal (AICTE Nominee)	Member
4	Dr. Uma Sankar B, Dean Academic, SPAV	Member
5	Dr. Amitava Sarkar, Dean Student Affairs, SPAV	Member
6	Dr. Adinarayanane R, Dean Planning and Development, SPAV	Member
7	Dr. Shanmuga Priya G, Dean Faculty Welfare, SPAV	Member
8	Dr. Janmejoy Gupta, Dean Research, SPAV	Member
9	Prof. Dr. Abdul Razak Mohamed, Head, Department of Planning, SPAV	Member
10	Prof. Dr. Iyer Vijayalaxmi Kasinath, Head, Department of Architecture, SPAV	Member
11	Prof. Dr. S Ramesh, Professor, Department of Architecture, SPAV	Member
12	Prof. Dr. M Kailasa Rao, Professor, Department of Architecture, SPAV	Member
13	Dr. Ayon Kumar Tarafdar, Associate Professor, Department of Planning, SPAV	Member
14	Ms. Naina Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Planning, SPAV	Member
15	Dr. Prashanti Rao, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture, SPAV	Member
16	Dr. Faiz Ahmed C, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture, SPAV	Member
17	Shri K. V. Uma Maheswara Rao, Registrar, SPAV	Member & Secretary

The Chairperson-Senate welcomed all the members present in the meeting. The Chairperson-Senate and the members extended their gratitude to the outgoing members Prof. Dr. Minakshi Jain, Former Director, SPAV, Sh. Dean Gabriel D`Cruz (Nominee of Chairperson, BoG), Dr. P.S. Harimohan Pillai (CoA Nominee) and Dr. Lilly Rose A, Former Dean Academic, SPAV of the Senate for their valuable suggestions and support. Further, the Member Secretary of the Senate apprised the members about various agenda items.

The details of discussions / deliberations are as below:

1	To present the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the Eleventh Senate meeting of SPA Vijayawada held on 20th July 2021 at SPA Vijayawada.
	Senate noted the Action Taken on the Minutes of 11 th Senate.

Item # 12.1	Amendment of the Clause 5.5 of Academic Ordinance for PG & PhD (2019) on the Academic Requirements for M.Plan./ M.Arch. / MBEM, sub-clause 1.
Decision	<i>The Senate, after verification of the existing clauses and detailed deliberations, approved the proposed amendment to the Clause 5.5, sub-clause 1 of Academic Ordinance for PG & PhD (2019) on Academic Requirements for the award of M.Arch./M.Plan. /MBEM Post-graduate Degree.</i>
Item # 12.2	Amendment of the Clause 5.9 and Clause 6.5 (11) of Academic Ordinance for PG & PhD (2019) regarding Academic requirements for PhD Students.
Discussion	<p><i>Dr. Amitava Sarkar, Dean Student Affairs, expressed that in the event of change in the credits of Course-work from the existing 3 credits, the proposed maximum 14 credits that a PhD student can register during the residential period may be limiting the choice of PhD students. It was clarified by the Dean Academic that, considering the teaching-load (18 hours/week) of In-house PhD candidates, lecture-hours for two courses of PhD Course-work (06 hours/week) in a semester, the remaining 16 hours/week of available time per week is equivalent to 08 credits of Research work only. Further, Full-time PhD candidates are also required to perform academic duties in addition to their Course-work and Research-work.</i></p> <p><i>Considering these aspects, during the residential period of PhD candidates, (for Full-time and In-house/Off-campus/Part-time), 14 credits per semester (06 credits of Course-work plus 08 credits of research-work) is proposed as the maximum number of credits that a PhD candidate can register for per semester.</i></p> <p><i>There is no change in the existing clause that "A PhD candidate full-time can register for maximum of 16 credits per semester. However, part-time candidate can register for 8 credits per semester", after completion of the course-work and residential period.</i></p>
Decision	<p><i>The Senate, after detailed deliberations, approved the proposed amendment to the Clause 5.9 of Academic Ordinance for PG & PhD (2019) on 'Academic requirements for PhD'.</i></p> <p><i>The Senate, after careful examination and detailed deliberations on the acceptable criteria for the award of Grade 'S' to PhD Research work, approved the proposed amendment to the existing Clause 6.5 sub-clause 11 on 'The guidelines for the Award of Grades', of Academic Ordinance for PG & PhD (2019).</i></p>
Item # 12.3	Fee Structure for the PhD (In-House Part-time) Students.
Decision	<i>The Senate noted the same and approved the proposed Fee Structure for Internal Faculty (In House Scholars) pursuing 1st year PhD at SPAV.</i>

Item # 12.4	Conducting PhD admissions twice every Academic Year.
Discussion	The Chairman of Senate emphasize the need for research and increasing the institutional fellowship for PhD Scholars for 20 No. as against 01 No. currently. Advertisement to be published twice in a year to synchronize with Academic Semester i.e. beginning of the Academic Year - July and December in order to benefit the PhD student. He instructed the Registrar to place an agenda in the forthcoming BoG meeting.
Decision	<i>The Senate noted the same and approved the proposal to conduct admissions into PhD Program twice in each Academic Year, aligned with the conduct of the semesters. The timing of advertisement for admissions into PhD program should be selected accordingly.</i>
Item # 12.5	Guidelines for Grant of Scholarship to GATE qualified PG students admitted through CCMT or Direct admissions.
Discussion	<i>Prof. P. M. Rawal (AICTE Nominee), on the point 19 of the proposed guidelines expressed that, while releasing GATE scholarship to the first semester PG students on 100% basis, the academic quality should not be diluted. It has been clarified that the admissions into the PG programs are conducted as per the guidelines prescribed by the CCMT, thus ensuring the minimum quality of the students admitted.</i>
Decision	<i>The Senate, after careful examination, approved the proposed guidelines for the award of PG Scholarship to GATE qualified students.</i>
Item # 12.6	Conducting 6th Convocation of SPA Vijayawada.
Decision	<i>The Chairperson-Senate, after careful consideration of the feasibility, proposed 1st week of April as suitable time for the conduct of the 6th Convocation of SPAV. The Senate approved the proposal and requested for identifying the suitable date, time and mode of conduct of the 6th Convocation of SPAV.</i>
Item # 12.7	Award of degree to the Graduands at the 6 th Convocation of SPA Vijayawada.
Decision	<i>The Senate noted and approved the list of Graduands for awarding respective degrees during the 6th Convocation of SPA Vijayawada.</i>
Item #12.8	Inclusion of 'Traffic Awareness' as an elective subject as part of UG Programmes as mandated by the CoA.
Decision	<i>The Senate approved the proposal to offer the elective subject proposed by the CoA to the students of B.Arch. After careful scrutiny of the detailed syllabus of the elective subject "Traffic Awareness" proposed by CoA, the Senate suggested that the subject may be offered as a 3 credit elective subject, taught by suitable faculty from the Dept. of Planning.</i>
Item # 12.9	Grant of Special Leave to Postgraduate students on health and maternity grounds.
Decision	<i>The Senate noted the same and ratified the grant of special leave to the concerned PG students.</i>
Item #12.10	Extension of time for completion of In-house Ph.D student, Mr. Venkata Krishna Kumar S., Associate Professor, Department of Architecture(In-house regular-faculty date).

Discussion	<i>The Chairman of the Senate opined that all the In-house regular-faculty should be encouraged to pursue PhD programme for providing quality education to students and research purposes. However, for external candidates providing time extension needs to be examined on case to case basis.</i>
Decision	<i>The Senate, after careful consideration in light of National Education Policy, approved the request of the PhD student Mr. Venkata Krishna Kumar S, (In-house regular-faculty) for the extension of time of maximum one year as ONE TIME OPPORTUNITY and without setting PRECEDENCE for such relaxation in future, to enable him complete his PhD. However, the PhD student is required to fulfil the PhD requirements as per the latest PhD guidelines of SPAV.</i>
Item #12.11	Extension of time for completion of In-house Ph.D student Mr. Anil Kumar Ch., Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture.
Decision	<i>The Senate, after careful consideration in light of National Education Policy, approved the request of the PhD student Mr. Anil Kumar Ch. (In-house regular-faculty) for the extension of time of maximum one year as ONE TIME OPPORTUNITY and without setting PRECEDENCE for such relaxation in future, to enable him complete his PhD. However, the PhD student is required to fulfil the PhD requirements as per the latest PhD guidelines of SPAV.</i>
Item #12.12	Conduction of Teaching and Examinations for the Even Semester of the AY 2021-22 through Online mode due to pandemic situation.
Decision	<i>The Senate noted the same and considering the Covid-19 related pandemic situation, approved the conduct of Teaching and Examinations for the Even Semester of the AY 2021-22 through Online mode, until further orders.</i>
Item #12.13	Amendment to Clause 6.18 of Ordinance for PhD Programme with regard to the method of Allotment/Appointment of Thesis Supervisor to PhD students.
Decision	<i>The Senate, after careful review of the Clause 6.18.1 (b) of Ordinance for PhD Programme, approved the proposed amendment to this clause.</i>
Item #12.14	Constitution of SPGC (Senate Post Graduate Committee) and SUGC (Senate Under Graduate Committee).
Decision	<i>The Chairman of the Senate proposed that a combined 'Standing Committee for UG & PG Programmes' may be constituted comprising all present/former Deans, Sr.Professors and External Members. The Senate approved the proposal.</i>

ANY OTHER ITEM	
Item #12.15	Extension of time for completion of In-house Ph.D student Mr. A.L.Valliappan , Assistant Professor, Department of Planning.
Discussion	Mr.A.L.Valliappan, regular faculty working as Assistant Professor at SPA Vijayawada, got admitted into PhD (In-house Part-time) on 12.12.2012 in the Department of Planning, under 2011 PhD rules. The candidate fulfilled the norms and submitted the PhD Synopsis on 16.12.2019. The request of Mr.A.L.Valliappan to submit the Synopsis and deliver the Pre-PhD Seminar was not honored on 25.05.2020. Hence he requested for extension of time for three to six months vide his mail dt.21.01.2022.
Decision	<p><i>The Senate, after careful consideration in light of National Education Policy, approved the request of the PhD student Mr. Valliappan AL (In-house regular-faculty) for the extension of time of maximum one year as ONE TIME OPPORTUNITY and without setting PRECEDENCE for such relaxation in future, to enable him complete his PhD. However, the PhD student is required to fulfil the PhD requirements as per the latest PhD guidelines of SPAV.</i></p> <p><i>Further, the Senate approved extension of time to the following External Candidates</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms.Allu Revathi, Associate Professor, Dept. of Architecture, Andhra University 1969 Born 2. Mr.P.Thimma Reddy, Retd., Addl. Town Planning Officer, Chittoor

ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION	
Item #12.16	Special Exam conducted by the Department of Architecture in October 2021 and the results published.
Decision	<i>The Senate noted the same and ratified the conduct of the Special exam and the exam results. The students clearing the subject shall become eligible to register for the subsequent semesters.</i>

ITEMS FOR REPORTING	
Item #12.17	Conduct of Special examination for Ms. Geetika, B.Plan. VII Semester, after the End Semester Examinations.
Decision	<i>The Senate noted the reporting item on conduct of Special examination for Ms. Geetika, B.Plan. VII Semester, after the End-semester examinations, and approved the same.</i>
Item #12.18	Offer of the Architectural Design Studio subject of B.Arch. III Semester to Mr. K. Satya Bhaskar during the Even Semester of AY 2021-22
Decision	<i>The Senate noted the reporting item on allowing Mr. K. Satya Bhaskar to register for two studio subjects during supplementary exam, and approved the same.</i>

Item #12.19	Report various academic and co-curricular activities undertaken at SPA Vijayawada by the Departments of Architecture and Planning during the Odd Semester of AY 2021-22.
Decision	<i>The Senate noted the reporting item on various academic and co-curricular activities undertaken at SPA Vijayawada by the Departments of Architecture and Planning, and approved the same.</i>
Item #12.20	List of detained students failed to satisfy the Clause 6.13 (promotion to next semester) of Ordinance for PG and PhD Programmes, as per the Results for Supplementary/Special Examinations held in August 2021. The students have to re-register for the subjects, as and when these subjects are offered next time (by losing Academic Year).
Decision	<i>The Senate noted the reporting item on the Students who have to re-register for the subjects by losing academic year, and approved the same without quoting as precedence as a onetime measure due to COVID-19 situation.</i>
Item #12.21	Issuance of Semester-wise Grade Sheets to PhD Students
Decision	<i>The Senate noted the reporting item on the issuance of Semester-wise Grade sheets to PhD Students, and approved the same.</i>

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