

Proceedings of the 3rd Academic Council Meeting held on 28th March, 2026
@10.00 AM in the Board Room

Members Present:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Status in the Council
01	Dr.Pradipkumar Dixit	Principal-EPCET	Chairman
02	Dr.Vijay Kumar B P	Professor & Head, Dept of AI&DS, MSRIT, Bengaluru.	VTU Nominees
03	Dr.Sangappa S B	National Executive Council Member, ISTE, New Delhi, Professor & Dean, KSIT, Bengaluru	VTU Nominees
04	Dr.Venkatesh G S	Program Co-ordinator, VTU, Center for PG Studies, Muddenahalli, Chikkaballapur	VTU Nominees
05	Mr.Rajesh Nambiar	Academic Program Lead, Snowflake	Member
08	Prof.Animesh Giri	Dept of CSE & Placement Officer, PES University	Member
09	Dr.Yogesh G S	VP & HOD, ECE	Member
10	Dr.Maruthi G	HOD,PHY	Member
11	Dr.Doreswamy H S	HOD, MAT	Member
12	Dr.Shanthi M	HOD,ISE	Member
13	Dr.Emilin Shyni	HOD,CSE (AIML)	Member
14	Dr.Manimozhi Iyer	HOD,CSE	Member
15	Dr.Anand Reddy	HOD, CSE(DS)	Member
16	Dr. Nanda Ashwin	HOD, CSE (IoT & CSBT)	Member
17	Dr.Manjunath G	HOD, CHEM	Member
18	Dr.Sahadev	HOD,MECH	Member
19	Dr.Geena George	HOD - CV	Member
20	Prof.Vanishree V M	HOD, English	Member
21	Dr.Anita	Prof. ECE	Member
22	Prof.Kemparaju N	Prof. ISE	Member
23	Dr.Sudhanshu Saurabh	Prof. CSE(DS)	Member
24	Ms.Teena K B	Chief Mentor & Asst.Prof-ISE	Member
25	Ms..Anandhi G	CoE	Member
26	Prof.Ashok Herur	Director Academics, EPGI	Member Secretary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The absence of Dr.Pradeep Desai, CEO, Thales at Innovations Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore, Mr.Daniel Peter Francis, Alumni EPCET and Dr.Thippeswamy G, Principal, NCET, was recorded. 			

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1	<p>Welcoming the Hon'ble members of the Academic Council</p> <p>The chairman of the Academic Council, Dr.Pradipkumar Dixit gave a brief self-introduction and welcomed Hon'ble members of the Academic Council.</p>
<p>Agenda Overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting covered 18 key agenda points, grouped into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General ○ Approvals ○ Academics ○ Research ○ Accreditation/Ranking ○ Institutional Events & Students Achievements 	
2	<p>Introduction of the New Member of the Academic Council</p> <p>After the welcome, the newly inducted member were formally introduced and welcomed by the Chairman.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms.Teen K B – Chief Mentor & Asst.Prof –ISE Department.
3	<p>Approval of 2nd Academic Council Meeting Minutes held on 26th July 2025</p> <p>The Chairman mentioned that the minutes of the 2nd Academic Council Meeting held on 26th July 2025 and proceeding was sent to all the Hon'ble Members for suggestions and approval. Hon'ble members approved the minutes.</p>
4	<p>Action Taken/Plan for suggestions by Academic Council Members in 2nd Academic council meeting</p> <p>The following suggestions and corresponding actions have been presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benchmark for results: Has been set at 75% action taken and Improvement observed. • Proposal for new PG programs (Robotics, Cyber security, Additive Manufacturing): Discussed at the Governing Council meeting held on 28th Aug 2025, suggested to prioritize a new PG program in computer science and allied areas. • Placement training: Steps taken to provide company-specific training via external vendors. • Research methodology workshops: Q1 publications planned in May 2026. • Start-ups & Innovation: Support strengthened the Entrepreneurship via CSE department faculty who has industry-experience and will be reporting on 9th April 2026.
5	<p>Approval of the Academic Calendar 2025-26 (Tentative)- Even Semesters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Academic Calendar for the academic year 2025–26 was presented and discussed and asked Hon'ble member to approve the same. • The autonomous calendar has been prepared considering the summer semester commencement. • Tentative key dates for even semester 2nd semester and 4thsemester: AY 2025-26 was presented.

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	Hon'ble members approved the Academic Calendar.
6	Approval of the proceedings of the BOS meetings for the AY-2026-27
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BoS Meetings Conducted: February 14th to 28th 2026 and enclosed in the Annexure-1 for approval from the Hon'ble members. • Scheme of Teaching & Examination for first year for AY: 2026-27 enclosed in the Annexure-2 for approval from the Hon'ble members. • Key Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ First-year scheme remains same as AY:2025-26 ➤ Will adopt VTU changes if any for AY: 2026-27 ➤ Common AI-based emerging technology course across branches ➤ Stream-specific Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry structure retained. <p>Hon'ble members approved the minutes of the BOS for all the programmes.</p>
7	Ratification of UG & PG Admission for the year 2025-26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admissions for AY: 2025-2026 include 870 sanctioned intakes and 925 UG admissions, including 15% over and above and 10 PG admissions have been ratified by the Hon'ble members.
8	Result of Autonomous 2024-28 and 2025-29 batch Autonomous batch result for 2024-28 & 2025-29; were reviewed and discussed at both the department and institute level. Autonomous Result (First Sem.):2024-25 and 2025-26: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant improvement has been observed from 56.17% to 73.22% • Improvement in the 2nd and 3rd semester results of 2024-28 batch have been observed. • Hon'ble members highlighted the Overall result is still below desired benchmark and needs more steps to improve the same. <p><u>Members Hon'ble Academic Suggested:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Increase benchmark to 85% to 90%
9	Report on Campus Placement Placement Status Overview: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placement data for the last three years (2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26) was presented. • For2025-26, the placement process is still on-going. • The placement data, the registration and placement percentages were reviewed and clarified. • Training sessions for third, fourth, fifth, and sixth semesters are planned, with a focus on global certification programs. • Details of the training programs, including tracks and certification costs, are discussed.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training sessions for sixth-semester students are planned, with two vendors SMAG J and NetCraftz Engineering for 70 to 90 hrs. NetCraftz focuses on global certification training and offers four specialized tracks, while SMAG J provides four tracks aimed at enhancing industry readiness and employability skills, the details projected and discussed. • Discussed that the East Point Industry Leadership Conclave 2026(EPILC), held at 'Taj Vivanta' on 27th February 2026, witnessed participation from 60 Industry leaders. The conclave aimed to understand industry expectations and to foster networking opportunities. <p><u>Suggestions/Recommendations: From AC Members:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placement training should be incorporated into the curriculum from the early stages (3rd/4thsem) of the program, instead of being introduced only in the 6th semester, to better prepare students throughout their academic journey. • Structured roadmap: Stage 1: Basics, Stage 2: Core skills, Stage 3: Advanced projects & Stage 4: Industry readiness. • Focus on Data Structure & Algorithms (DSA), Data Base Management System (DBMS), Operation System (OS) and Computer Network (CN). • Integrating laboratory session with classroom teaching to enhance practical understanding, Tools, Hand on-learning, Industry projects into regular courses. • Encourage use of AI-Tools (like ChatGPT) • A committee member emphasized that students should be made industry-deployable. • It was recommended to structure each course with three levels of difficulty: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Easy /Medium /Hard ➤ <u>The members also suggested:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Improving the quality of academic projects ➤ Incorporating more project-based learning ➤ Encouraging problem-solving activities aligned with Bloom's Taxonomy, particularly beyond Level 3 (Application), to enhance: ➤ Creativity and Higher-order thinking skills • Final year project Departments should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Assign projects instead of allowing students to choose randomly. ➤ Form student teams strategically. ➤ Promote interdisciplinary projects across departments. • Hospital Collaboration: Considering the institution has its own hospital, students can use hospital ecosystem for projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pharmacy AI-based inventory management. ➤ Operation Theatre (OT) scheduling system. ➤ Patient data analytics. ➤ AI-assisted diagnosis tools.

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10	<p>IQAC Internal Academic Audit</p> <p>The IQAC external was conducted on 19th December 2025, and the six-month IQAC internal audit for all departments for the odd semester of the Academic Year 2025–26 was conducted on 17th March 2026. The exit meeting was conducted on 24th March 2026; minor deviation will be rectifying by 20th March 2026.</p>
11	<p>Books/Journals added for the AY-2025-26</p> <p>Book chapters and journals publications for AY-2025-26 were reviewed and discussed. Library has added 234 titles and 869 volumes, with a total expenditure of 13, 03,007.</p>
12	<p>Research</p> <p>Consolidated Research Data (All Departments): <i>The Chairman presented the following data to the AC Members:</i></p> <p>Research data for all departments consolidated - Summary Covers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publications (Q1–Q4), Book Chapters, Funding, Patents (Granted/Published), Consultancy, Incentives to Faculty, PhDs awarded, and Research Scholars in progress for the period August 2025 to March 2026 were presented & discussed. • The status of sponsored on-going research project was reviewed. Faculty incentives for publications, patents and Certifications were presented and discussed. • The AC member appreciated the completion of certification courses through NPTEL, SWAYAM, and other MOOC platforms since January 2025, with a total of 116 certifications by faculty and 1607 by students. <p>Suggestions by the AC Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Increase consultancy projects. ➤ Encourage industry collaboration. ➤ Provide faculty support for conferences.
13	<p>Report on NBA Accreditation:</p> <p>CSE, ISE, and ECE were accredited for three year from 1stJuly 2023 to 30th June 2026. The Self-Assessment Report (SAR) initiated and will be submitted by July 2026.</p>
14	<p>Report on NAAC Accreditation:</p> <p>Scored 3.12 (Grade ‘A’) valid till 26th February 2030. The AQAR for AY;2024-25 is ready will be submitted shortly.</p>
15	<p>Report on AISHE & NIRF:</p> <p>The data for AISHE for year 2024-25 was submitted on 7th August 2025 and the NIRF Result for 2026 submission completed on 26th February 2026.</p>

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16	<p>Report on VTU LIC visit & AICTE EoA:</p> <p>VTU LIC visit was conducted on 17th February 2026 and relevant documents were submitted to the VTU.</p> <p>AICTE for Extension of Approval (EoA) was submitted on 18th Dec 2025 and received EoA on 16th March 2026 for the AY: 2026-27.</p>
17	<p>Institutional Events & Student Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FDPs/SDPs/Workshops/Conferences: conducted 33 programs. • Industry collaborations and support for faculty in conference planning and registration were discussed. • Students have participated in various hackathons, cultural, sports, and NSS activities. • South Zone Inter University cricket selections on 19th November 2025, Mr.Raunak Jaiswal represented EPCET.
18	<p>Other discussion : There were no other points to discuss</p>
<p>Conclusion:</p> <p>The Academic Council members appreciated the efforts of the institution and emphasized systematic curriculum reform, strong fundamentals, and industry alignment to improve placements, research quality, and student outcomes and need for strategic implementation of the approved suggestions.</p> <p>The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the academic council members and other Members present by Member Secretary, - Prof. Ashok Herur- Director Academics, EPGI</p>	

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