# Central University of Punjab
# Bathinda

## MINUTES

# 34th Meeting
of the
# ACADEMIC COUNCIL

***24th July 2026***

# Minutes of
# 34th Meeting of the Academic Council
*(in hybrid mode)*

**The 34th Meeting of the Academic Council of the Central University of Punjab, was held on 24.07.2026 at 11:00 AM through hybrid mode.**

**Venue:** Seminar Hall, Aryabhata Academic Block, 3rd Floor, CU-Punjab.

The list of the members present during the meeting is annexed.

The Chairman of the Academic Council welcomed all the members present in the meeting, for making it possible to attend this meeting and spared time out of their extremely busy schedule to attend the meeting.

The Chairman of the Academic Council also welcomed the newly nominated external members, namely, Prof. Rajeev Ahuja (Director IIT, Ropar), Prof. Anil Kumar Tripathi (Director, IISER, Mohali) & Mr. Rajesh Singh (General Manager, HPCL - Mittal Energy Limited, Bathinda) and internal members namely, Prof. Anil Kumar Mantha, Dr. Sukhwinder Kaur, Dr. Sesadeba Pany & Dr. Krishna Kanta Haldar in the meeting.

A brief report was presented by the Chairman on the progress of the University in respect of Academics, Research and Infrastructural developments witnessed by the University since its previous 33rd meeting held on 28th May 2026. The members applauded the progress made by the University in the intervening period.

| ***Agenda Items for Confirmation*** | |
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| **Item.No:AC:34:2026:1**<br><br>**To confirm the minutes of the 33rd meeting of the Academic Council held on 28th May, 2026.** | **AGENDA NOTE:**<br><br>The meeting of 33rd Academic Council was held on 28th May, 2026 in hybrid mode.<br><br>The draft minutes were circulated through email to the members of the Committee and they have approved these minutes.<br><br>Subsequently, the approved minutes were circulated to all the members.<br><br>**The minutes of 33rd Meeting of Council is placed for confirmation.** |
| **RESOLVE** | **The Council unanimously resolved to confirm the minutes of 33rd Academic Council held on 28th May, 2026 in hybrid mode.** |
| **Item.No:AC:34:2026:2**<br><br>**To note the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions of** | **AGENDA NOTE:**<br><br>Subsequent to the circulation of approved minutes of 33rd meeting of the Council, the concerned Departments/ Officers/Officials/ Sections/Branch/Cells implemented the |

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| **33rd meeting of the Academic Council held on 28th May 2026.** | decisions taken thereby.<br><br>The details of the actions taken are placed at ***(Annexure-34.1).***<br><br>The ATR on the resolutions of 33rd Meeting of the Council is placed for perusal of the Council. |
| **RESOLVE** | **The Council after taking perusal, unanimously resolved to note the ATR on the resolutions of the 33rd meeting of the Academic Council and expressed satisfaction on timely actions thereon.** |
| ***Agenda Items for Ratification*** | |
| **Item.No:AC:34:2026:3**<br><br>**To ratify the approval of the University regarding revised Research Promotion Scheme for Non-NET Fellows.** | **AGENDA NOTE:**<br><br>The proposal regarding Research Promotion Scheme for Non-NET fellows was placed before the Academic Council vide Item.No:AC:33:2026:29(ii) for consideration, and the following was resolved:<br><br>*"The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to approve the recommendations of the Dean In-charge Academics and Director, IQAC regarding implementation of Research Promotion Scheme for Non-NET Fellows which would be performance-based incentive in the form of additional support to the Non-NET fellows based on criteria mentioned in the agenda note."*<br><br>The same was also placed in the Executive Council in its 73rd meeting held on 21.06.2026 vide item no. EC:73:2026:28, and the following was resolved:<br><br>"*The Executive Council, after detailed deliberations, unanimously resolved to approve the recommendations of the 33rd meeting of the Academic Council vide Item.No:AC:33:2026:29(ii) on the Research Promotion Scheme for Non-NET Fellows subject to the following amendments: -*<br>*a. In the department having up to 5 research scholars, the incentive may be awarded only to one research scholar.*<br>*b. In the department having 6 to 10 research scholars, the incentive may be awarded to maximum of two research scholars.*<br>*c. In the department having 11 to 15 research scholars, the incentive may be awarded to maximum of three research scholars."*<br><br>Accordingly, the revised recommendations of the Dean In-charge Academic and Director, IQAC are placed at ***(Annexure-34.2).***<br><br>In anticipation of approval of the Academic Council, the Vice Chancellor, being its Chairman has approved the revised |

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| | recommendations.<br><br>The matter is placed before the Council for ratification. |
| **RESOLVE:** | **The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to ratify the decision of the University on the revised recommendations of the Dean In-charge Academics and Director, IQAC regarding implementation of Research Promotion Scheme for Non-NET Fellows.** |
| **Item.No:AC:34:2026:4**<br><br>**To ratify the approval of the University regarding the proposal to offer the Value Based Course (VBC) "Corporate Governance and Business Ethics" to the students under Option-III of M.Com Programme (Batch 2025).** | **AGENDA NOTE:**<br><br>The Department of Financial Administration is currently offering the M.Com. Programme to the students (Batch 2025) under following options:<br><br>1. Option II (3+1)<br>2. Option III (2+2)<br><br>The students under Option II have Value Based Course (VBC) in their curriculum and they will study "Corporate Governance and Business Ethics" as their Value Based Course (VBC) during the third semester.<br><br>However, the students studying under Option III of the M.Com Programme (Batch 2025) were not offered any VBC during their first year of study.<br><br>During the Curriculum Audit 2026, it was suggested that the department must ensure the offering of at least one VBC to the students belonging to Option III of the M.Com Programme (Batch 2025).<br><br>To comply with the audit recommendation and to maintain academic consistency, the department proposed to offer the course *"Corporate Governance and Business Ethics"* as a VBC in the 3rd semester for the Option III students of the M.Com Programme (Batch 2025). The recommendations of department are attached as ***Annexure-34.3***.<br><br>In anticipation of approval of the Academic Council, the Vice Chancellor, being its Chairman has approved the recommendations of the department.<br><br>The matter is placed before the Council for ratification. |
| **RESOLVE:** | **The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to ratify the approval of the University on the proposal to offer the Value Based Course (VBC) "Corporate Governance and Business Ethics" to the students under Option-III of M.Com Programme (Batch 2025).** |
| **Item.No:AC:34:2026:5**<br><br>**To ratify the approval** | **AGENDA NOTE:**<br><br>A Committee was constituted by the Competent Authority to revisit |

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| **of the University regarding the revised Ph.D rules in accordance with UGC Regulation, 2022.** | the Ph.D rules of the University.<br><br>The members thoroughly discussed the existing part-time Ph.D. & Ph.D. rules and revised them in accordance with the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulation, 2022 and addressed emerging issues faced by students and faculty.<br><br>The revised Ph.D rules were placed before the 33rd meeting of the Academic Council vide Item.No:AC:33:2026:22 for consideration, and the following was resolved:<br><br>*"The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to approve the revised Ph.D rules of University in accordance with UGC Regulation, 2022."*<br><br>An another agenda regarding permitting the conversion of regular Full-Time Ph.D. into Part Time Mode for scholars appointed in Government service was also placed before the Academic Council vide Item.No:AC:33:2026:28 for consideration, and the following was resolved:<br><br>*"The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to grant approval to the proposal submitted by Department of Physical Education for permitting the conversion of regular Full-Time Ph.D. into Part-Time Mode in respect of scholars who have joined Government service subject to strict compliance with the relevant UGC guidelines.*<br><br>*The Council further resolved unanimously that this be implemented across all departments of the University.*<br><br>*The Council also resolved unanimously that the Ph.D. rules of the University be amend accordingly and the Vice-Chancellor is authorized to approve the same."*<br><br>The revised Ph.D rules were placed before the Executive Council in its 73rd meeting held on 21.06.2026 vide item no. EC:73:2026:21 and the following was resolved:<br><br>*"The Council, after detailed deliberations, unanimously resolved to approve the recommendations of the 33rd meeting of the Academic Council, vide Item.No: AC:33:2026:22, on the revised Ph.D rules of University in accordance with UGC Regulation, 2022."*<br><br>The agenda regarding permitting the conversion of regular Full-Time Ph.D. into Part Time Mode for scholars appointed in Government service was also placed before the Executive Council in its 73rd meeting held on 21.06.2026 vide item No. |

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| | EC:73:2026:27 and the following was resolved:<br><br>*"The Council, after detailed deliberations, unanimously resolved to approve the following recommendations of the 33rd meeting of the Academic Council vide Item.No:AC:33:2026:28 on the proposal submitted by Department of Physical Education:*<br><br>*"The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to grant approval to the proposal submitted by Department of Physical Education for permitting the conversion of regular Full-Time Ph.D. into Part-Time Mode in respect of scholars who have joined Government service subject to strict compliance with the relevant UGC guidelines.*<br><br>*The Council further resolved unanimously that this be implemented across all departments of the University.*<br><br>*The Council also resolved unanimously that the Ph.D. rules of the University be amend accordingly and the Vice-Chancellor is authorized to approve the same."*<br><br>Accordingly, as per resolved of the Academic Council and Executive Council, the Ph.D rules of University have been amended and revised rules are attached as ***Annexure-34.4***.<br><br>In anticipation of approval of the Academic Council, the Vice Chancellor, being its Chairman, has approved the revised PhD rules.<br>The matter is placed before the Council for ratification. |
| **RESOLVE:** | **The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to ratify the approval of the University regarding the revised Ph.D rules in accordance with UGC Regulation, 2022.** |
| **Item.No:AC:34:2026:6**<br><br>**To ratify the approval of the University regarding the Prospectus for admission to various Ph.D. Programmes for the Academic Session 2025-26 (July- 2025 Intake).** | **AGENDA NOTE:**<br><br>The Examinations Branch has proposed the prospectus for admission to Ph.D Programmes for Academic Session 2025-26 (July- 2025 Intake) against 202 seats, which is placed as ***Annexure- 34.5.***<br><br>In anticipation of approval of the Academic Council, the Vice Chancellor, being its Chairman has approved the Prospectus for Ph.D Programmes for Academic Session 2025-26 (July- 2025 Intake).<br><br>The matter is placed before the Council for ratification. |
| **RESOLVE:** | **The Council after discussions unanimously resolved to ratify the approval of the University regarding the Prospectus for admission to various Ph.D. Programmes of the Academic** |

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| | **Session 2025-26 (July- 2025 Intake).** |
| **Item.No:AC:34:2026:7**<br><br>**To ratify the approval of the University regarding the Prospectus for admission to various Ph.D. Programmes for the Academic Session 2025-26 (Jan-2026 Intake).** | **AGENDA NOTE:**<br><br>The Examinations Branch has proposed the Prospectus for admission to Ph.D Programmes for Academic Session 2025-26 (Jan- 2026 Intake) against 216 seats, which is placed as ***Annexure- 34.6.***<br><br>In anticipation of approval of the Academic Council, the Vice Chancellor, being its Chairman has approved the Prospectus for Ph.D Programmes for Academic Session 2025-26 (Jan- 2026 Intake).<br><br>The matter is placed before the Council for ratification. |
| **RESOLVE:** | **The Council after discussions unanimously resolved to ratify the approval of the University regarding the Prospectus for admission to various Ph.D. Programmes of the Academic Session 2025-26 (Jan- 2026 Intake).** |
| ***Agenda Items for Consideration*** | |
| **Item.No:AC:34:2026:8**<br><br>**To consider the proposal regarding Introduction and adoption of two new Skill Development Courses under NCVET.** | **AGENDA NOTE:**<br><br>The Academic Council in its 33rd meeting vide item no. AC:33:2026:5 was informed that the Central University of Punjab has been granted Deemed Awarding Body–Dual status by the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, for a period of three years with effect from 02.09.2024.<br><br>Subsequently, the University submitted a proposal to NCVET for adoption of six (06) Skill Development Qualifications. In response, NCVET, vide its Order dated 20.02.2026, conveyed the Guidelines on Adoption of Qualifications and granted awarding rights to the University for the following qualifications:<br><br>1. Fundamentals of Computers<br>2. Essentials of Refrigeration and Air Conditioning<br>3. Helper Electrician<br>4. Introduction to Tally Operations & GST Calculations<br>5. Assistant Plumber – General<br>6. Biomedical Waste Management for Nursing and Paramedical Staff<br><br>In continuation of the above, the Central University of Punjab is ready to develop and implement its own skill-based courses to cater the needs of the surrounding rural and outreach communities. In this regard, Dr. Vijay Sharma, Registrar, has |

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| | developed the Curriculum for the following skill development courses:<br><br>1. Paper Recycling Technician.<br>2. Certificate course in Quality Assurance Inspector (CQAI).<br><br>The detailed proposal including its objectives, curriculum is attached as ***Annexure-34.7*** & ***Annexure-34.8*** respectively.<br><br>The introduction of these qualifications is expected to enhance students' employability, promote industry-relevant skills, and align the University's academic offerings with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the national skill development initiatives.<br><br>The proposal is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval to enable the University to impart training in the above skill courses and also to further get it approved through NCVET, so that the NCVET approved certification can be issued in future.<br><br>The matter is placed before the Council for consideration. |
| **RESOLVE:** | **The Council, during discussions observed that although the University had earlier been granted awarding rights by NCVET for six skill development courses, only two of these courses are presently running successfully. The Council expressed its concern over the limited implementation of the approved programmes and emphasized the need to fully utilize the opportunities available under the NCVET framework.**<br><br>**The Council after detailed deliberations unanimously resolved that before launching new skill development courses, the proposal should be preceded by a need assessment of regional demands, industry requirements, employment potential, and the socio-economic needs of the surrounding communities so as to ensure sustainability and effective implementation of the courses.**<br><br>**Accordingly, the Council further unanimously resolved to authorize the Vice Chancellor to constitute a Committee for conducting a need assessment, feasibility study and to look into all other aspects deemed appropriate before the introduction of new skill development courses.**<br><br>**The Council also resolved to authorize the Vice Chancellor to approve the recommendations of Committee for offering new skill development courses by the University. The matter be placed before the Council for ratification in next meeting.** |

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| **Item.No:AC:34:2026:9**<br><br>**To consider the recommendations of the School Board of International Studies.** | **AGENDA NOTE:**<br><br>The School Board of International Studies through circulation considered the recommendations of the Board of Studies of the newly established Department of Public Policy and Governance under the School, which are as under:<br><br>1. To review and recommend the curriculum for the M.A. in Public Policy and Governance (Batch 2026–2028, 3+1 Programme).<br>2. To review and recommend the Ph.D. coursework curriculum for Public Policy and Governance.<br>3. To consider and recommend the adoption of the Dissertation for the M.A. in Public Policy and Governance (Batch 2026–2028).<br>4. To discuss and approve the panel of external examiners for the evaluation of M.A. Dissertations (Batch 2026–2028).<br><br>The recommendations of the School Board are placed at *(**Annexure-34.9)**.*<br><br>The recommendations of the School Board of International Studies is placed before the Council for consideration. |
| **RESOLVE:** | **The Council after thorough discussions, unanimously resolved to approve the recommendations of the School Board of International Studies.**<br><br>**The Council further resolved to approve other recommendations of the School Board of International Studies, provided that these are not having any financial implications, and are not in conflict with the UGC Regulations/University Ordinance, Rules and Regulations.** |
| **Item.No:AC:34:2026:10**<br><br>**To consider the recommendations of the School Board of Management.** | **AGENDA NOTE:**<br><br>The School Board of Management considered the recommendations of the Board of Studies of Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management.<br><br>The following agenda items from the School of Management are submitted for consideration:-<br><br>1. Curriculum of BBA (Hospitality and Tourism Management)<br>2. Curriculum of MBA (Hospitality and Tourism Management)<br>3. Curriculum of Ph.D. in Hospitality and Tourism Management |

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| | Further, the School of Management also submitted the Vision and Mission of the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management:-<br><br>**Vision**<br><br>"To be a leading Centre of Excellence in hospitality and tourism education, research, innovation, and industry engagement by nurturing socially responsible professionals capable of managing the dynamic global hospitality & tourism environment and contributing towards sustainable development & global citizenship in the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्)."<br><br>**Mission**<br><br>1. To develop competent hospitality and tourism professionals capable of meeting local, regional, national, and global industry requirements with the spirit of continuous learning and progress embodied in "Charaivati Charaivati (चरैवेति चरैवेति)".<br><br>2. To promote experiential learning, industry exposure, professional ethics, and hospitality values rooted in the Indian ethos of "Atithi Devo Bhava (अतिथि देवो भवः)".<br><br>3. To inculcate innovation, entrepreneurship, sustainability, leadership qualities, and Indian Knowledge System (IKS) perspectives among students in hospitality and tourism domains.<br><br>4. To encourage interdisciplinary learning, research, and industry collaboration focusing on emerging trends, digital transformation, and sustainable tourism development.<br><br>The detailed recommendations of the School Board are placed at *(**Annexure-34.10)**.*<br><br>The recommendations of the School Board of Management are placed before the Council for consideration. |
| **RESOLVE:** | **The Council after thorough discussions, unanimously resolved to approve the recommendations of the School Board of Management subject to condition that the programme structure, nomenclature, and degree titles are in conformity with the applicable UGC guidelines and other statutory provisions.**<br><br>**The Council further resolved to approve other recommendations of the School Board of Management, provided that these are not having any financial implications,** |

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| | **and are not in conflict with the University Ordinance, Rules and Regulations.** |
| **Item.No:AC:34:2026:11**<br><br>**To consider the recommendations of the School Board of Basic Sciences.** | **AGENDA NOTE:**<br><br>The School Board of Basic Sciences considered the recommendations of the Board of Studies of Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics and Ad-hoc BoS of BS-MS Integrated Programme in Biological Sciences, and Physical Sciences under the school.<br><br>**The following recommendations were made by the School Board for the departments under this school:**<br><br>**Item No. 1:** It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.<br>**Item No. 2:** It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Board of Studies of the Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics.<br>**Item No. 3:** It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Ad-hoc Board of Studies of BS-MS Integrated programme in Biological, Physical Sciences.<br>The recommendations of the School Board are placed at *(**Annexure-34.11)**.*<br><br>The recommendations of the School Board of Basic Sciences is placed before the Council for consideration. |
| **RESOLVE:** | **The Council after thorough discussions, unanimously resolved to approve the recommendations of the School Board of Basic Sciences, including the recommendation for the bifurcation of the existing Department of Mathematics and Statistics into two distinct departments, namely the Department of Mathematics and the Department of Statistics, considering it to be a forward-looking initiative that would enhance academic excellence and promote the growth of both disciplines.**<br><br>**The Council resolved that a proposal along with justification and Detailed Project Report (DPR) regarding the bifurcation of the existing Department of Mathematics and Statistics into two distinct departments, namely the Department of Mathematics and the Department of Statistics, be prepared by the concerned department for its onward submission by the University to the UGC/MoE for consideration.**<br><br>**The Council further resolved to approve other recommendations of the School Board of Basic Sciences, provided that these are not having any financial implications, and are not in conflict with the UGC Regulations/University Ordinance, Rules and Regulations.** |

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| **Item.No:AC:34:2026:12**<br><br>**To consider the recommendations of the School Board of Health Sciences.** | **AGENDA NOTE:**<br><br>The School Board of Health Sciences considered the recommendations of the Board of Studies of the newly established i.e. Department of Community Health and Medicine.<br><br>All the items discussed in the Board of Studies were found to be in order. The School Board appreciated the draft of the syllabus and the inclusion of additional topics in the syllabus.<br><br>The recommendations of the School Board are placed at (***Annexure-34.12)***.<br><br>The recommendations of the School Board of Health Sciences is placed before the Council for consideration. |
| **RESOLVE:** | **The Council after thorough discussions, unanimously resolved to approve the recommendations of the School Board of Health Sciences.**<br><br>**The Council further resolved to approve other recommendations of the School Board of Health Sciences, provided that these are not having any financial implications, and are not in conflict with the UGC Regulations/University Ordinance, Rules and Regulations.** |
| **Item.No:AC:34:2026:13**<br><br>**To consider the recommendations of the School Board of Engineering & Technology.** | **AGENDA NOTE:**<br><br>The 15th Meeting of School Board of Engineering and Technology was held in circulation mode.<br><br>The School Board considered the recommendations of the Board of Studies, Department of Artificial intelligence and Machine Learning under the School and the Agendas are as follows:-<br><br>1. To consider and finalize the syllabus structure and course contents for the first two semesters of the B.Tech–M.Tech Integrated (Dual Degree) Programme in the Department of Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning.<br><br>2. To consider and finalize the syllabus structure and course contents for the Ph.D. Coursework of the Department of Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning.<br><br>The recommendations of the School Board are placed at ***(Annexure-34.13)***.<br><br>The recommendations of the School Board of Engineering & Technology is placed before the Council for consideration. |
| **RESOLVE:** | **The Council after thorough discussions, unanimously resolved** |

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| | **to approve the recommendations of the School Board of Engineering and Technology.**<br><br>**The Council further resolved to approve other recommendations of the School Board of Engineering and Technology, provided that these are not having any financial implications, and are not in conflict with the UGC Regulations/University Ordinance, Rules and Regulations.** |
| **Item.No:AC:34:2026:14**<br><br>**To consider the recommendations of the School Board of Social Sciences.** | **AGENDA NOTE:**<br><br>The School Board considered the recommendations of the Board of Studies of all the departments under the School.<br><br>The following recommendations were made by the School Board for the departments under the School:<br><br>1. The minutes for expert list for M.A Dissertation evaluation of Board of Studies of the Department of Economic Studies are recommended.<br>2. The minutes of Board of Studies of the Centre for Partition and Inclusion Studies are recommended with following modifications:<br>• The global perspective on Partition has been incorporated into Course code CPAS 705 and 706.<br>• The concept of Akhand Bharat and the History of Partition has been incorporated into course code CPAS 705.<br>• CPAS 702 has been revised and incorporated Computer Application and Statistical Analysis as Compulsory Core Course in the Ph.D. curriculum.<br>• In the name of the Centre, In the place of Atrocities the term inclusion is proposed for approval to academic council.<br><br>3. The minutes of Board of Studies of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Centre of Studies in Indic Civilization and Religious Traditions are recommended with following modifications:<br><br>• The Board recommended to SGTB that in the syllabi of M.A. Bharatiya Civilisation, adequate space be provided for the indigenous belief systems in India (such as Northeast India spiritual practices) which are not based on sacred texts or scriptures; India's centuries-old Gurukul system; and a separate paper on Indian Sants ranging from ancient to modern times and their contributions to shaping Bharatiya civilisation. The Board also recommended the inclusion of a Unit on Shodasha Samskaras (16 Samskaras) at any feasible |

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| | place in the syllabus. These suggestions have been incorporated into the syllabi of the M.A. in Bharatiya Civilisation.<br><br>• The Board advised that the proposed syllabi of the M.A. Programme in Religious Studies be updated to bring them in line with global standards. The Centre agreed to the suggestion and has already incorporated many of the experts' recommendations. The remaining updates will be carried out in due course with the assistance of the external members of the Board.<br><br>The recommendations of the School Board are placed at ***(Annexure-34.14).***<br><br>The recommendations of the School Board of Social Sciences is placed before the Council for consideration. |
| **RESOLVE:** | **The Council after thorough discussions, unanimously resolved to approve the recommendations of the School Board of Social Sciences except the proposal to change the nomenclature of the Centre by replacing the term "Atrocities" with "Inclusion". The Council directed that since the name of the Centre is approved by the UGC/Ministry of Education, any change thereto would require the prior approval of the UGC/Ministry of Education through the prescribed process. However, name of Ph.D. programme can be Partition and Inclusion Studies.**<br><br>**The Council further resolved to approve other recommendations of the School Board of Social Sciences, provided that these are not having any financial implications, and are not in conflict with the UGC Regulations/University Ordinance, Rules and Regulations.** |
| **Item.No:AC:34:2026:15**<br><br>**To consider the proposal of the Department of Performing and Fine Arts for exemption from the mandatory requirement of an international examiner for the evaluation of PhD thesis in Hindustani music, Indian Theatre and traditional Indian Fine Arts.** | **AGENDA NOTE:**<br><br>The proposal of the Department of Performing and Fine Arts regarding exemption from mandatory international examiner for Ph.D. Thesis Evaluation was placed before the Academic Council vide **Item.No:AC:33:2026:25** for consideration, and the following was resolved:<br><br>*"The Council after discussions, unanimously resolved to authorize the Vice Chancellor to constitute a Committee to examine the proposal of Department of Performing and Fine Arts for exemption from the mandatory requirement of an international examiner for the evaluation of PhD thesis in Hindustani music, Indian Theatre and traditional Indian Fine Arts, and to make appropriate recommendations.*<br><br>*The Council further resolved that the recommendations of* |

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| | *Committee be placed before Council in its next meeting for consideration."*<br><br>The same was also placed in the Executive Council in its 73rd meeting held on 21.06.2026 vide **Item.No:EC:73:2026:24** and the following was resolved:<br><br>*"The Council, after detailed deliberations, unanimously resolved to approve the following recommendations of the 33rd meeting of the Academic Council, vide Item.No:AC:33:2026:25, on the matter:*<br><br>*"The Council after discussions, unanimously resolved to authorize the Vice Chancellor to constitute a Committee to examine the proposal of Department of Performing and Fine Arts for exemption from the mandatory requirement of an international examiner for the evaluation of PhD thesis in Hindustani music, Indian Theatre and traditional Indian Fine Arts and to make appropriate recommendations.*<br><br>*The Council further resolved that the recommendations of Committee constituted for the purpose be placed before Council in its next meeting for consideration."*<br><br>Accordingly, a Committee was constituted vide notification dated 06.07.2026 to examine the proposal of Department of Performing and Fine Arts for exemption from the mandatory requirement of an international examiner for the evaluation of PhD thesis in Hindustani music, Indian Theatre and traditional Indian Fine Arts, and to make appropriate recommendations.<br><br>The Committee after deliberations, resolved the following:<br><br>1. *Exemption of Evaluation of Ph.D. thesis in Music from abroad for Department of Performing and Fine Arts.*<br>2. *The third expert in place of expert from abroad may be replaced with an expert from within India i.e. within state or outside the state.*<br><br>The recommendations of the Committee are placed at ***(Annexure-34.15).***<br><br>The recommendations of the Committee are placed before the Council for consideration. |
| **RESOLVE:** | **The Council, after detailed deliberations, unanimously resolved to approve the recommendations of the Committee on the proposal of the Department of Performing and Fine Arts for granting exemption from the requirement of evaluation of Ph.D. theses in Music and Theatre by an examiner from abroad.** |

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| | **The Council further resolved that, in lieu of the examiner from abroad, the third examiner be appointed from within India, either from within the State or from outside the State.** |
| **Item.No:AC:34:2026:16**<br><br>**To consider the revised Academic Calendar for first semester of UG and integrated UG-PG programmes for Academic session 2026-27.** | **AGENDA NOTE:**<br><br>The agenda for ratification of Academic Calendar for PG & UG Programmes Batch 2024, 2025 and 2026 for Academic session 2026-27 was placed before the Academic Council vide **Item.No:AC:33:2026:8** for consideration, and the following was resolved:<br><br>*"The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to ratify the approval of the University regarding Academic Calendar for PG & UG Programmes Batch 2024, 2025 and 2026 for academic session 2026-27."*<br><br>Now, the Committee constituted to prepare the academic calendar of all UG-PG programmes has recommended to revise the Academic Calendar for first semester of UG and integrated UG-PG programmes for Academic session 2026-27 as the date from CUET was received recently on Samarth Portal and the admission process started few days back. The completion of few rounds of admission will take time and the students need time for necessary preparations for travel etc.<br><br>The revised Academic Calendar for first semester of UG and integrated UG-PG programmes for Academic session 2026-27 as recommended by Committee is as under: |

**UG and Integrated UG-PG Programmes**
**Semester-I (Batch-2026)**

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| **1.Registration** | 3rd August 2026 |
| **2.Commencement of classes** | 3rd August 2026 |
| **3.Orientation week** | 3rd August-10th August 2026 |
| **4.MST Examination along with Teaching** | 5th -12th October 2026 |
| **5.Practical Examinations/Teaching** | 8th- 10th December 2026 |
| **6.End Semester Examinations** | 11th-18th December 2026 |
| **7.Winter Break for Students** | 21st December 2026 - 3rd January 2027 |

**Semester-II (Batch-2026)**

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| **1.Commencement of classes** | 4th January 2027 |
| **2.MST Examination along with Teaching** | 8th-15th March 2027 |
| **3.Practical Examinations/Teaching** | 15th-18th May 2027 |
| **4.End Semester Examinations** | 20th-28th May 2027 |

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| | The minutes of meeting of Committee, detailed revised Academic Calendar along with the events for the Academic Year 2026-27 is attached at ***Annexure-34.16.***<br><br>The matter is placed before the Council for consideration. |
| **RESOLVE:** | **The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to approve the revised Academic Calendar for first semester of UG and integrated UG-PG programmes for Academic Session 2026-27.** |
| **Item.No:AC:34:2026:17**<br><br>**To consider the minor changes in Clause No. 13.13 of Master's Degree Rules of University.** | **AGENDA NOTE:**<br><br>The proposal regarding revised Master's Degree rules in accordance with UGC guidelines was placed before the Academic Council vide **Item.No:AC:33:2026:23** for consideration, and the following was resolved:<br><br>*"The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to approve the revised Master's rules of University in accordance with UGC Regulation, 2022."*<br><br>The same was also placed in the Executive Council in its 73rd meeting held on 21.06.2026 vide item no. EC:73:2026:22, and the following was resolved:<br><br>*"The Council, after detailed deliberations, unanimously resolved to approve the recommendations of the 33rd meeting of the Academic Council, vide Item.No:AC:33:2026:23, on the revised Master's rules of University in accordance with UGC guidelines."*<br><br>However, some minor changes are required in Clause no. 13.13 of Master's Degree rules of University. The Committee constituted for the purpose revisited the same and recommended minor change in Clause No. 13.13 of Master's Degree rules. The recommendations of Committee are placed as ***Annexure-34.17.***<br><br>The recommendations of the Committee are placed before the Council for consideration. |
| **RESOLVE:** | **The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to approve the minor changes in Clause No. 13.13 of Master's Degree rules of University.** |
| ***Other Agenda Items from IQAC:*** | |
| **Item.No:AC:34:2026:18**<br><br>**To consider the recommendations of Committee constituted** | **AGENDA NOTE:**<br><br>The Committee was constituted to streamline and allocate the program & Course codes of the Programmes under new Departments and Centers. |

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| **to streamline and allocate the program & Course codes of the programs under new departments and centers.** | The recommendations of the Committee are as follows:-<br>1. There should be a uniformity in course codes university wide so that there no inconsistency on Samarth, DMC as well as in the degree.<br>2. The list of program & course codes for the new programs.<br>3. The program codes of a few PG and PhD programs which were under Life Sciences had a prefix of MS-LXX or PH-LXX but as the nomenclature of the degrees have been changed so the program codes of these courses should also be mapped as per the degree, which is now done in the updated list.<br>4. A complied list of program & course codes for all programmes (PhD, PG, UG, PG-Diploma and Certificate courses) may be prepared so that its well-documented for NAAC and other purposes.<br>The detailed recommendations of Committee are placed as ***Annexure-34.18.***<br>The recommendations of the Committee are placed before the Council for consideration. |
| **RESOLVE:** | **The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to approve the recommendations of Committee constituted to streamline and allocate the Program & Course Codes of the academic programmes offered under the newly established Departments and Centres.** |
| **Item.No:AC:34:2026:19**<br>**To consider the report of Curriculum Audit of the newly established Departments and Centers.** | **AGENDA NOTE:**<br>The IQAC held its meeting for the Curriculum Audit of the newly established Departments and Centers on 02.06.2026, 09.06.2026 and 02.07.2026.<br>The report of Curriculum Audit including recommendations is attached as ***Annexure-34.19***.<br>The matter is placed before the Council for consideration. |
| **RESOLVE:** | **The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to approve the report of Curriculum Audit of the newly established Departments and Centers submitted by IQAC of University.** |
| **Item.No:AC:34:2026:20**<br>**To consider the Proposal to set up UG Quantum Technology under project submitted to** | **AGENDA NOTE:**<br>A proposal to set up UG Quantum Technology under project submitted to Quantum Technology Cell (QTC) by the Dean, Department of Computer Science and Technology ***(Annexure-34.20)***. |

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| **Quantum Technology Cell (QTC).** | For funding, the Quantum Materials and Devices (QMD) Foundation, vide email dated 25.06.2026 informed to ensure that proposal includes necessary senate approvals, introduction of minor course in Quantum technologies, relevant commitment letters for min of 2000 sq ft lab space, and any additional contributions from the host institution ***(Annexure-34.21).***<br><br>The total budget of the project will not exceed Rs. 01 Crore, which will cover the period up to the financial year 2026-31 and the revised budget proposal as submitted by Dean of School, Prof. Amandeep Kaur is attached as ***Annexure-34.22*****.**<br><br>The approval of Academic Council is required by the Quantum Materials and Devices Foundation to finalize funding for the proposal. The University requires to start minor course in Quantum technologies and offer the required laboratory space.<br><br>The matter is placed before the Council for consideration. |
| **RESOLVE:** | **The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to approve the proposal to set up UG Quantum Technology Lab under project submitted to Quantum Technology Cell (QTC) of Quantum Materials and Devices (QMD) Foundation.**<br><br>**The Council also resolved unanimously to approve the introduction of minor course in Quantum Technologies.** |
| **Item.No:AC:34:2026:21** | **Supplementary/Table agenda, if any: - No item.** |
| **Item.No:AC:34:2026:22**<br><br>**Any other item with permission of the Chair** | **No item** |
| **Item.No:AC:34:2026:23**<br><br>**To fix the date of next meeting of the Academic Council** | **The Council authorized the Chairman, Academic Council to fix the next date of meeting.** |

The meeting of the Academic Council concluded with thanks from and to the Chair.

Sd/-
(Dr. Vijay Sharma)
Registrar &
Secretary, Academic Council

**Minutes Approved**

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(Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari)
Vice-Chancellor &
Chairman, Academic Council