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Minutes of the **Third Academic council meeting held on 5th September 2026, Saturday at 10.30 AM** in the Board Room Conference Hall, under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. Malarkkan, Principal.

The following members were present.

1.	Dr.S.Sivasathya	Dean, School of Engineering & Technology, Pondicherry University
2.	Dr. C. Sivasankar	Professor and Head, Dept. of Chemistry, Pondicherry University
3.	Dr.A.Dinakararao	Professor, Dept. of Bioinformatics Pondicherry University
4.	Dr.R.Baskaran	Director, Center for Academic Courses, Anna University, Chennai
5.	Ms.R.Rajalakshmi	Sr. Manager, TCS – Head – ILP, AIP & Agile-IoTDE, Chennai
6.	Dr.R.Valli	Professor/ECE and Dean (R&D), MVIT
7.	Dr.A.Thenmozhi	Professor/ECE, MVIT
8.	Dr. R. Panneerdhass	Professor & Head, Dept. of Mech
9.	Dr. C.Shanmugasundaram	Professor & Head, Dept. of EEE/MVIT
10.	Dr.T.Manochandar	Associate Professor & Head(i/c), Dept. of ECE/MVIT
11.	Dr.S.Pariselvam	Professor & Head, Dept. of CSE/MVIT
12.	Dr.P.Sivakumar	Professor & Head, Dept.ofIT/MVIT
13.	Dr.V.Govindan	Associate Professor & Head(i/c)/,Dept. of RA/MVIT
14.	Dr.D.Tiroutchelvame	Associate Professor & Head(i/c,Dept.ofFT/MVIT
15.	Mr.R.RajBharath	Associate Professor& Head (i/c), Dept. of AIML/MVIT
16.	Dr.N. Palanivel	Professor & Head, Dept. of CSE (ICB)/MVIT
17.	Dr.P.Baskaran	Professor & Head, Dept. of Management Studies/MVIT
18.	Dr.A.Meiyappane	Professor and Head (i/c), Dept. of Computer Applications/MVIT
19.	Dr.M. Sumithra	Professor, First Year Coordinator/MVIT
20.	Dr. S. Vaidheeswaran	Controller of Examinations (i/c) /MVIT
21.	Ms.R.Priya	Asst. Professor(Sr. Grade), Dept. of EEE/MVIT
22.	Mr.R.Sathishkumar	Asst. Professor, Dept. of CSE/MVIT

The following members could not attend the meeting, due to their prior commitments.

Dr.R. Sarathi	Professor, Dept. of EE, IIT Madras, Chennai
Dr.G.S.Ayyappan	Sr.Principal Scientist, CSIR–Chennai

The Chairman of Academic council extended a warm welcome to all the members. The items of the agenda were deliberated and the following resolutions were passed in the meeting.

AC 2026.3.1

To confirm the **minutes of the second Academic Council** meeting held on 7th March 2026.	
Deliberation(s)	The minutes of the **second Academic Council** meeting with action taken report on the suggestions given by the members were presented and discussed.
Suggestion(s)	The members appreciated the action taken by the institution in effectively addressing and implementing the suggestions made during the previous Academic Council meeting.
Resolution	Noted and accepted the suggestions given by the members.

AC 2026.3.2

To approve the **minutes of 3rd BoS Meetings** of UG and PG programmes in Engineering, MBA, MCA and BCA Programmes.	
Deliberation(s)	The Minutes of 3rd BoS Meetings of UG, PG and Ph.D programmes in Engineering, MBA, MCA and BCA Programmes were presented and suggestions, recommendations by the BoS members were discussed.
Clarifications & Suggestion(s)	The Academic Council members suggested introducing at least one industry-oriented course in each programme, designed with the support of industry experts and incorporating emerging technologies, practical components and industry-based projects, to enhance students' employability and industry readiness
Response(s)	The suggestion was noted and accepted. The institution has established around 68 MoUs with industries and organizations and 16 Centres of Excellence (CoEs), which provide a strong platform for industry–academia collaboration. The departments were advised to leverage these collaborations to identify and introduce suitable industry-oriented courses, with industry support in curriculum design, practical training, projects, expert sessions and other experiential learning activities.
Resolution	Noted.

AC 2026.3.3

To apprise the Academic Council about the **Programmes offered in the academic year 2026-27, Faculty recruitment** for the **Existing and New Programmes** in the Academic Year 2026 - 27.	
Deliberation(s)	The Chairman of the Academic Council presented the details of the programmes offered during the Academic Year 2026–27 and apprised the members of the faculty recruitment undertaken for the existing and newly introduced programmes.

Clarifications & Suggestion(s)	The status of admission during the A.Y2026-27 was enquired by the members. The eligibility criteria and required qualifications of faculty members for the Robotics and Automation programme were discussed, and the applicable eligibility requirements were clarified to the Academic Council members.
Response(s)	The admission process for the **Academic Year 2026–27** is currently in progress. Hence, the final list of students admitted during the Academic Year 2026–27 will be placed before the Academic Council for approval in the subsequent meeting.
Resolution	Noted and accepted the suggestions given by the members.

AC 2026.3.4

To apprise the Academic Calendar for the **Odd semester** of the **Academic Year 2026 - 27** for various programmes.	
Deliberation(s)	The Chairman of the Academic council presented the academic calendar for the academic year 2026-27 (Odd Sem) which outlines a comprehensive schedule of academic activities, including the commencement and End of semesters, internal assessment and end-semester examination schedules.
Suggestion(s)	The members suggested that the Continuous Assessment Test (CAT) I and CAT II schedules be indicated with start date and end date, similar to the schedule provided for CAT III, in the Academic Calendar. The Academic Council members sought clarification regarding the Student Induction program and Bridge Courses offered for B.Tech. programmes, including their purpose, course content, duration and mode of conduct. The details of the Courses and their implementation were clarified to the members.
Response(s)	Noted and accepted the suggestions given by the members.

AC 2026.3.5

To apprise the Academic Council about the **End Semester Examination** conducted and the **Publication of results for UG and PG programmes in Engineering, BCA, MCA and MBA programmes** for the **Even semester of the academic year 2025-26 as per the Autonomous Regulations (R2025)** and **list of Examiners** involved in Question paper setting and Evaluation.	
Deliberation(s)	The details of the **End Semester Examinations conducted and the results published for the UG and PG programmes in Engineering, BCA, MCA and MBA for the Even Semester of the Academic Year 2025–26**, as per the **Autonomous Regulations (R2025)**, along with the list of examiners involved in question paper setting and evaluation, were presented to the Academic Council.
Clarifications & Suggestion(s)	The members noted that the **overall pass percentage of the B.Tech. programmes was 57.85%** and enquired about the reasons for the comparatively lower pass percentage.

Response(s)	The factors contributing to the overall performance were discussed in detail. It was clarified that the **overall B.Tech. pass percentage of 57.85%** was influenced by the relatively lower performance in certain **core engineering programmes and core courses**. It was also observed that **201 students had not cleared the Mathematics course**, which had a notable impact on the overall pass percentage. The **Principal explained the academic remedial measures** initiated by the institution, including focused remedial classes, additional tutorial and problem-solving sessions, mentoring, identification of students requiring academic support, and continuous monitoring of their progress.
Resolution	Noted.

AC 2026.3.6

To approve the **minutes of IQAC meeting** held on 24.06.2026	
Deliberation(s)	The minutes of the 23nd Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Meeting, conducted on 24th June 2026 at 2.30 p.m. with external members were placed before the Academic Council for consideration and ratification.
Suggestion(s)	The members sought clarification on the **Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA) process and its follow-up mechanism**. The procedures followed and the **Action Taken Report (ATR)** process were clarified by the IQAC. The members appreciated the efforts taken by the IQAC.
Resolution	The minutes of the IQAC meeting was ratified.

AC 2026.3.7

To apprise the Academic Council about the various **professional and skill development activities** and **Placement achievements** for the Academic Year 2025 - 26	
Deliberation(s)	The placement status of the 2026 batch was presented to the members. It was reported that the institution had achieved a placement percentage of 80.09% (till date), with 77 companies participating in the campus recruitment process.
Suggestion(s)	The members sought clarifications about the structured Training and Placement followed.
Response(s)	The systematic approach followed for **skill development, placement training, industry readiness, assessment and continuous monitoring of student performance** was explained to the members.
Resolution	Noted.

AC 2026.3.8

To apprise the Academic Council about the **Research and Development Activities** such as **Publications, Patents applied, Published, Granted** etc. for the Academic Year 2025 - 26.	
Deliberation(s)	The R&D activities and research outcomes of the institution for the Academic Year 2025–26 were presented to the Academic Council. The conduct and outcomes of ICSCAN'26 and CIBMSD'26 were presented. The research publication status for the Academic Year 2025–26 was also presented, comprising 80 journal publications, 89 international conference presentations and 14 book chapters.
Clarification(s) & Suggestion(s)	The members suggested encouraging faculty to seek funding for interdisciplinary and inter-institutional collaborative projects and explore minor research grants from various funding agencies. The members also enquired about the commercialization of patents and suggested strengthening efforts towards technology transfer and commercialization of potential patents.
Response(s)	The Principal explained the publication targets assigned to faculty members to strengthen research outcomes. The members also appreciated the efforts taken by the institution to promote and increase Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) activities and filings.
Resolution	Noted and accepted the suggestion given by the members.

AC 2026.3.9

To apprise about the **funds received** from various agencies such as AICTE, DST etc., in the academic year 2025 - 26.	
Deliberation(s)	The details of funding received from AICTE under VAANI scheme, ATAL FDP, CSIR seminar were presented.
Suggestion(s)	The members suggested for applying proposals under various schemes to research agencies.
Resolution	Noted and accepted the suggestion given by the members.

AC 2026.3.10

To apprise the various **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** executed with the Industrial Sectors/Academic Institutions in the Academic year 2025 - 26 and the activities carried out under various MoUs.	
Deliberation(s)	The details of the **MoUs signed with industries and international universities** and the activities conducted under the MoUs were presented to the members. It was reported that the institution had **68 MoUs till the Academic Year 2025–26**, of which **18 MoUs were signed during 2025–26**, and **38 activities** were conducted under the MoUs during the year.
Resolution	Members appreciated and ratified.

AC 2026.3.11

To apprise the Academic Council about the major events planned and scheduled in the Academic Year 2026 - 27, Odd semester.	
Deliberation(s)	The **major events planned for the Odd Semester of A.Y. 2026–27**, including **Induction Day, SIP, SDG Conclave 3.0 and IQAC Day**, were presented to the members.
Resolution	Noted and Appreciated.

AC 2026.3.12

Any other item with the permission of the Chairperson.	
Deliberation(s)	The chairman of IQAC presented the following items, • **The institute has applied for 12B Status.** • **The Institute was selected for the final round and has given its presentation in the final evaluation under ANRF Catalytic Partnership Program for the project titled "Sagar Sanjeevini", with a funding of ₹150 crore.** • Creating **additional infrastructure with smart class rooms and advanced computing facilities.** • Working out strategy for improving **R&D Eco-system.** • Offering periodic training on to make our faculty and students to use **AI Tools effectively** through IQAC Cell. • Principal presented the proposal for merging of the **B.Ed programme** offered in Venkateswara College of Education sponsored by our Trust, with our Manakula Vinayagar Institute of Technology to offer **Integrated Teacher Education Programme** which is a 4 years programme. Our management has given approval for proceeding further and Venkateswara college of Education has prepared a **proposal for submission to Govt. Of Puducherry for NOC and NCTE for grant of approval. Once this proposal is approved MVIT can offer the integrated programme such as B.com, B. Ed/ Bsc.B.Ed. Ed/ B.A.Ed. etc.**
Suggestion(s)	The members suggested further strengthening collaborative research initiatives with industries, research institutions and other academic institutions to enhance opportunities for large-scale funded projects.
Resolution	Noted.

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