



योजना तथा वास्तुकला विद्यालय, विजयवाड़ा
School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada
An Institute of National Importance, Ministry of Education Gov. of India

15th Meeting of the Senate

School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada

March 20th 2023, 11:00 Hrs
(through Hybrid Mode)

Minutes of the Meeting

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**Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Senate of SPAV
held on 20th March 2023 at 11:00Hrs (through Hybrid mode)**

The following members were present:

S.No.	Name	Designation
1	Prof. Dr. Ramesh Srikonda, Director, SPA Vijayawada	Chairperson
2	Shri. Paramjit Singh Ahuja Practicing Architect & Planner, CoA – Nominee	Member
3	Dr. Shikha Jain Director, DRONAH, Gurugram (Nominee of Chairperson BoG)	Member
4	Prof. Dr. K. S. Anantha Krishna Professor, NITTE, School of Architecture, Planning & Design, Bengaluru (Nominee of Chairperson BoG)	Member
5	Prof. Dr. P. S. Chani (<i>attended online</i>) Professor, IIT Roorkee, (Nominee of Chairperson BoG)	Member
6	Shri. Sujit Rodge (<i>attended online</i>) Practicing Architect & Planner, ITPI- Nominee	Member
7	Prof. Dr. Rajeev Shringi (<i>attended online</i>) Professor, Dept of Architecture, MNIT Jaipur, AICTE - Nominee	Member
8	Dr. Ayon Kumar Tarafdar, Dean Academic, SPA Vijayawada	Member
9	Prof. Dr. M Kailasa Rao, Dean Faculty Welfare, SPA Vijayawada	Member
10	Mr. Venkata Krishna Kumar Sadhu, Dean Student Affairs, SPA Vijayawada	Member
11	Dr. Janmejy Gupta, Dean Research, SPA Vijayawada & Head I/c, Dept of Architecture, SPA Vijayawada	Member
12	Dr. Adinarayanane R., Dean Planning & Development, SPA Vijayawada	Member
13	Prof. Dr. Abdul Razak Mohamed, Head, Dept of Planning, SPA Vijayawada	Member
14	Dr. Prasanth Vardhan, Assistant Professor, Department of Planning, SPAV	Member
15	Mr. Valliappan AL., Assistant Professor, Department of Planning, SPAV	Member
16	Dr. Srinivas Daketi, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture, SPAV	Member
17	Mr. Sanjay Bhandari, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture, SPAV	Member
18	Shri K. V. Uma Maheswara Rao, Registrar, SPAV	Secretary

The following members could not join the meeting due to prior commitments / unavoidable circumstances:

1. Prof. Dr. Bhanu Mohinder Marwaha, Professor and Head, Dept. of Architecture, National Institute of Technology (NIT) Hamirpur, (Nominee of Chairperson BoG)
2. Shri A Chenithung Lotha, Director, Directorate of Urban Development, Govt of Nagaland. (Nominee of Chairperson BoG)
3. Prof. Dr. Iyer Vijayalaxmi Kasinath, Head, Department of Architecture, SPAV



At the onset, the Chairperson-Senate Prof. Dr. Ramesh Srikonda, Director SPA Vijayawada welcomed all members representing organisation of CoA, AICTE and ITPI and from the industry and academics and particularly thanked all who came to SPA Vijayawada in person to be present in the meeting and also extended his gratitude to all others who joined online amidst their schedules.

Thereafter, the Secretary of the Senate, Registrar of SPA Vijayawada apprised the members about various agenda items for the meeting, with the initiation of discussions / deliberations and decisions as summarised below.

-	Confirmation of the Minutes of the 14th Senate meeting of SPA Vijayawada held on 14th December 2022
Decision	<i>As no comments have been received, the approved Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Senate of SPA Vijayawada held on 14.12.2022 as circulated on 23.12.22, is confirmed.</i>

Item 15.1	To present the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 14th Senate meeting of SPA Vijayawada held on 14th Dec 2022 at SPA Vijayawada (hybrid)
	The Secretary to the Senate, the Registrar of SPA Vijayawada presented the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 14 th Senate meeting of SPA Vijayawada held on 14 th Dec 2022 at SPA Vijayawada (hybrid mode), which was circulated as part of the Agenda Notes of the 15 th Senate Meeting.
Decision	<i>Senate noted the Action Taken on the Minutes of 14th Senate.</i>

Item # 15.2	Proposed PhD Academic Regulations of SPAV to be effective for students admitted in 2023-24 A.Y. onwards
Proceedings	<p>The Dean Academic apprised all members that an 'Empowered Inter-Departmental Committee' was constituted in November 2022, and in order to look into possibilities to streamline and synchronize SPAV's academic regulations with the other two SPAs in the country, and align with the ideologies of NEP, which has deliberated over 3 months and evolved "Volume I - Academic Ordinances for Doctoral (PhD) programmes (Rules and Regulations) at SPA Vijayawada 2023".</p> <p>Thereafter, the Dean Academics presented the salient features of each of the section of the said Ordinance for PhD in detail, bringing out the alignment with other SPAs and NEP and the new elements of innovation, as detailed in the Agenda Notes circulated for this meeting.</p> <p>After detailed deliberations, certain suggestions from Senate members emerged as below :</p> <p>a) It was decided that as part of compulsory course requirements for a PhD scholar, the option of doing a 'directed course' or taking up a 'PG level</p>

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Proceedings	<p>course taken from another university', may be allowed after the completion of first two semester of PhD studies. The same was updated in section 6.2 of the said ordinance.</p> <p>b) The minimum period for completion of PhD degree for part time scholars admitted with only UG degree can be changed to 05 years (instead of proposed 4.5 years). The same was updated in section 9.2 of the said ordinance.</p> <p>c) 'Research methodology' course taught as a compulsory course should include modules of 'research ethics'. The same has been noted for compliance.</p> <p>d) It was suggested to add the words "in the interpretations" before the word "of these regulations.." in clause 18.1 making sentence as – "<i>In the event of any ambiguity in the interpretations of these Regulations, decision of Chairman Senate will be final and binding</i>". The same is updated.</p> <p>e) The Senate appreciated the clause requiring plagiarism check of 15% or below. Senate members asked each Department to exercise strict quality control to ensure plagiarism of ideas and concepts are also not to be allowed.</p> <p>f) The Senate appreciated the inclusion of sponsored category candidates and the attempt to encourage them to apply.</p> <p>g) The Senate appreciated the introduction of DRC, JCDRC, CPP, possibilities of PhD scholar exchanges and various other features aligned with NEP and other two SPAs.</p> <p>The above suggestions were considered and appropriately incorporated into the Ordinances, (<i>placed as Annexure I to this Minutes</i>)</p>
Decision	<p><i>The Senate approves the "Volume I - Academic Ordinances for Doctoral (PhD) programmes (Rules and Regulations) at SPA Vijayawada 2023" to be effective for all students and batches admitted from 2023-24 A.Y. onwards (placed as Annexure I to this Minutes).</i></p>
Item # 15.3	<p>Proposed UG and PG Academic Ordinance of SPAV to be effective for students admitted in 2023-24 A.Y. onwards</p>
Proceedings	<p>The Dean Academic apprised all members that similar to item 15.2, the 'Empowered Inter-Departmental Committee' was constituted in November 2022, looked into possibilities of streamlining and synchronizing SPAV's academic regulations with the other 2 SPAs in the country, and aligning with the ideologies of NEP. The committee after 3 months of efforts has evolved the "Volume II - Academic Ordinances for UG and PG programmes (Rules and Regulations) at SPA Vijayawada 2023". Thereafter, the Dean Academics presented the salient features of each of the section of the said Ordinance in detail, bringing out the alignment with other SPAs and NEP and the new elements of innovation, as detailed in the Agenda Notes circulated for this meeting.</p> <p>After detailed deliberations, certain suggestions from Senate members emerged:</p> <p>a) The Senate appreciated the introduction of Departmental BOS, ASC, GMC for streamlining the decision making and day to day processes of academics.</p>

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Proceedings	<p>b) The Senate appreciated the entry and exit possibilities introduced in the UG PG ordinances with the award of Diploma if exiting after 3 years in Planning or 1 year in PG in Architecture or Planning. The re-entry process was also appreciated. It was suggested to have an entrance examination for re-entry of such candidates who have exited. It was also suggested to make the maximum gap permissible for a B.Arch and B.Plan candidate to be 05 years and 04 years from the time of exit. Accordingly, the section 7.7 and 7.10, are updated.</p> <p>c) It was suggested to add the words “or its interpretations” after the words “any provisions of these Examination Rules” in clause 32.1 making sentence read as – “<i>The Director may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax or supercede any provisions of these Examination Rules or its interpretations...</i>”. The same is updated.</p> <p>d) The Senate appreciated the inclusion of sponsored category candidates and the attempt to encourage them to apply.</p> <p>e) The Senate appreciated the introduction of ‘credit transfer course’ so that students can opt for MOOC courses and courses offered by other universities.</p> <p>f) The Senate appreciated the introduction of ‘zero year’ for students losing time due to unforeseen/extraordinary circumstances viz. maternity, child-care, prolonged illness or accident, death or critical illness or severe injury of immediate family members or natural disasters, etc.</p> <p>The above suggestions were considered and appropriately incorporated into the Ordinances, (<i>placed as Annexure II to this Minutes</i>)</p>
Decision	<p><i>The Senate approves the “Volume II - Academic Ordinances for UG and PG programmes (Rules and Regulations) at SPA Vijayawada 2023” to be effective for all students and batches admitted from 2023-24 A.Y. onwards (placed as Annexure II to this Minutes).</i></p>
Item # 15.4	<p>Orientation in Academic Ordinances/Regulations towards NEP of Govt of India</p>
Proceedings	<p>The Dean Academics apprised all members that the new Academic Ordinances (Vol I and II) as presented in Item 15.2 and 15.3 of this meeting are to be deemed as initial steps towards orienting SPAV’s regulations towards NEP. While there shall be many other gradual changes brought into the regulations eventually in future, the present Ordinances, as presented, achieved the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Multiple Entry and Exit Options, as per conditions prescribed;Credit Transfer Courses, as per conditions prescribed;Zero Year and special leaves, as per conditions prescribed;Wider Eligibility for PhD, as per conditions prescribed;Carry forward and Re-Assessment options, as per conditions prescribed. <p>Detailed deliberations on the same took place.</p>
Decision	<p><i>The Senate noted all the elements of state-of-the-art and flexibility and rigour in the new Academic Ordinances as approved in item 15.2 and 15.3 and appreciated the efforts of SPAV in taking the lead with proactive steps to evolve its Academic Ordinances in line with the latest industrial and pedagogical demands of the nation.</i></p>

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Item # 15.5	Proposal for Exchange of Lectures, Elective Subjects, and Semester(s) as an operational plan for the MoU with IIT Tirupati
Proceedings	The Dean Research and Dean Academics apprised all members that with respect to the MoU with IIT Tirupati as executed in November 2022, an operational plan has been developed for detailed exchange of courses, lectures and research activities, as presented in the Agenda Notes. The exchange activities has been conceptualised as “short term” for this semester and upcoming semester and “long term” for forthcoming semesters. Lectures titles have been identified from SPAV’s side as special exchange lecture series, and subjects which can be offered as elective (online) in next semester has been identified. Similarly, titles and subjects are getting identified by IIT Tirupati.
Decision	<i>The Senate approves the concept behind the operational plan of exchange of lectures, elective (online), research and PhD scholars and authorises SPAV to discuss with IIT Tirupati and finalise the modalities so as to execute the same in due course of time.</i>
Item # 15.6	Proposed Admission Notification and Process to be initiated for PhD Admissions 2023, subsequent to approval of Item 15.2
Proceedings	The Dean Academic apprised the members that a draft notification for admission to PhD seats in SPA Vijayawada has been prepared in line with the proposed PhD Ordinances as presented as Item 15.2 of this meeting. Such admission notification needs to be advertised as soon as possible, so as to attract potential research applicants from across the nation for admission by July/August 2023.
Decision	<i>The Senate approves the release of admission notification for PhD and subsequent execution of procedures as necessary for the admission of candidates in PhD seats in SPAV for A.Y 2023-24 as per new approved Ordinances of PhD studies 2023.</i>
Item # 15.7	Ratification of Notification for Direct Admissions to Post Graduate Programmes and Process Initiated for AY 2023-24.
Proceedings	The Dean Academic apprised the members that as per prevailing academic ordinances and without any deviation from the proposed Vol II. Academic Ordinance for UG and PG programmes at SPA Vijayawada 2023 as placed as Item 15.3 in this minutes, SPA Vijayawada has already released admission notification for Direct PG admissions in its portal and national dailies on 08.03.2023 to initiate the admission process for A.Y. 2023-24 as per details circulated in the Agenda Notes. The admission notification is aligned with the academic calendar of SPA Vijayawada, it synchronized with the admission deadlines with other admissions of national institutions and is aimed to derive strong applications right at the initial phases of PG admissions across the nation.
Decision	<i>The Senate ratifies and approves admission notification already released on 08.03.2023 for the subsequent admission procedures to be executed of PG Direct Admissions in SPAV in 2023-24 A.Y. and appreciates the efforts of timely efforts to attract good potential applicants.</i>

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Item # 15.8	Reporting of Academic and Research events of significance since previous Senate
Proceedings	There have been certain achievements and events of significance of recent past, for the Institute as well as for both the Departments, which demonstrates how various students, faculty and the Institute is keeping up its endeavours to outreach, network and share its knowledge and research activities. These have been tabled during the meeting as is placed as <i>Annexure III</i> of this minutes.
Decision	<i>The Senate noted the achievements of students and faculty of SPAV in the last 3 months and applauded about the efforts. The Senate encouraged the School to take up more challenges in terms of research and development and industrial partnership and applications in the coming days.</i>
Item # 15.9	Update of activities undertaken under Design and Innovation Centre of SPA Vijayawada
Proceedings	The Design and Innovation Centre of SPA Vijayawada is funded under by the Government of India and has been undertaking several initiatives of significance in recent past. These have been tabled during the meeting as is placed as Annexure III of this minutes.
Decision	<i>The Senate noted the achievements of DIC and applauded about the efforts.</i>
Item # 15.10	Any Other Item with the permission of the Chair
	Senate members deliberated upon the role of AI in the fields of Architecture and Planning and how it can be taken up for further research or inclusion in curricula. After detailed deliberations where the existing provisions within the curricula to deal with AI was presented by the faculty members present, it was decided that experts in the field of AI and Architecture and Planning shall be identified in due course of time to advise, guide and deliver selected lectures to find the way forward on aspects of AI in Architecture and Planning

The external expert members of the Senate appreciated the efforts and progress of academics in the Departments. The external members encouraged the School to take up more research projects and publication works.

The Chairperson thanked all members for their valuable suggestions and with no other item for discussion, announced the closure of the meeting.

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