

MINUTES OF THE 25TH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF THE
GALGOTIAS UNIVERSITY, UTTAR PRADESH HELD ON
18TH & 19TH FEBRUARY 2025

The Twenty Fifth Meeting of the Academic Council of the Galgotias University, Uttar Pradesh was held as per the scheduled given below:

Schedule: 18th February 2025, 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM; 19th February 2025 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Venue: A-302, Galgotias University, Uttar Pradesh

The following were present:

Dr. K Mallikharjuna Babu, Vice Chancellor	Chairperson
Dr. Avadhesh Kumar, Pro Vice Chancellor	Member
Dr. Brijesh Singh, GCET	Member
Dr. Rama Komaragiri, Dean Academics	Member
Dr. Sudhir Kumar Singh, Dean Engg.	Member
Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Dean SBS	Member
Dr. Satyendra Gupta, Dean SOE	Member
Dr. Lekha Bisht, Dean SON	Member
Dr. A. Ram Pandey, HoD SOMC	Member
Dr. Deepak Kumar Soni, HoD DOCE	Member
Dr. Nitin Kumar Gaur, Registrar	Member Secretary
Leave of Absence:	
Dr. Nirupa Laxmi, GCET	Member
Invitees	
Dr. C R Muthukirshnan , IIT Chennai	Special Invitee
Dr. K. Rajani Kanth, IISc	Special Invitee
Dr. Renu Luthra, Advisor	Invitee
Dr. Anshul Sharma, Asso. Dean Academics Affairs	Invitee
Mr. Md. Shazli Al Haque, Asst. Director Academics Affairs	Invitee
Dr. Anupam Baliyan, Asso. Dean Research	Invitee
Dr. Dhiraj Kumar Singh, Asso. Dean Research	Invitee
Dr. Vinita Vishwakarma, Addl. Dean Research	Invitee
Dr. Krishna Kant Agarwal, Addl. Dean Research	Invitee
Dr. Amrita Tyagi, PhD Coordinator	Invitee
Dr. Amithabh Bhattacharya, COE	Invitee
Dr. Raghavendran Venugopal, Director Exam	Invitee
Dr. Sunita Yadav, Dean SCSE	Invitee
Dr. Vineeta Khemchandani,, Dean SCAT	Invitee
Dr. Jagannath Mohanty, Dean SOB	Invitee
Dr. SK Abdul Rahaman, Dean SMAS	Invitee
Dr. Aditya Tomar, Dean SOL	Invitee

Dr. Shagun Agarwal, Dean SAHS	Invitee
Dr. Anuradha Parasar, SOLE	Invitee
Dr. Abhimanyu Kumar Jha, Dean SBT	Invitee
Dr. Rajiv Mishra, Dean SOHT	Invitee
Dr. Anurag Kumar, Dean SFC	Invitee
Dr. Sarita Mallik, I/c. Dean SBLS	Invitee
Dr. Sahadeva Singh, Dean SOAG	Invitee
Dr. Anamika Pandey, Asso. Dean SOB	Invitee
Dr. Sunita Sharma, Asso. Dean SBS	Invitee
Dr. Dr. Meenakshi Awasthi, HoD DEECE	Invitee
Dr. Ranjana Saksena Patnaik, HoD DBMS	Invitee
Dr. Sarita Mallik, HoD DBLS	Invitee
Dr. Rajiv Kumar, HoD DOFS	Invitee
Dr. Gaurav Kumar, DOBT & In charge IIC	Invitee
Ar. Ruchi Arora, In Charge SOA	Invitee
Dr. Mohit Gahrwar, Vice Principal GU Polytechnic	Invitee
Ms. Shilpi Chandra, HR Director	Invitee
Dr. Meenakshi Sharma, Director IQAC	Invitee
Dr. Santosh Jha, Director GUOL	Invitee
Dr. Anurag Singh, ERP Director	Invitee
Mr. Kamal Kishor Malhotra, Director GIC-RISE	Invitee
Ms. Megha Varshney, Dy. Director Admissions	Invitee
Dr. Pawan Kumar Singh Nain, Dean DSW & Chief Proctor	Invitee
Dr. Debal Chandra Kar, Librarian	Invitee

ITEM NO (AC) 25.1:

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 24TH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 25TH JUNE 2024

The Minutes of the 24th Meeting of the Academic Council were read and confirmed.

ITEM NO (AC) 25.2:

ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF THE 24TH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 25TH JUNE 2024

Academic Council took note of the Action Taken Report

ITEM NO (AC) 25.3:

STATUS PRESENTATION BY SCHOOLS

The Deans prepared presentation on the actions taken following the Resolutions made during the 24th Academic Council meeting, various educational initiatives that had been implemented, and the progress made in adhering to the recommendations from the Board of Studies (BOS) and Academic Council during the academic Session Summer 2024-25.

First Day (February 18, 2025): The meeting initiated with presentation by Dean of schools. On the first day of the meeting, 12 schools presented comprehensive reports on the status of their respective schools. School of Computer Application, School of Computer Science and Engineering, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, School of Business, School of Basic Sciences, School of Biotechnology, School of Media and Communication studies, School of Allied Health Sciences, School of Medical and Allied Science, School of Liberal Education, School of Nursing, School of Agriculture presented the status of the activities of the schools. Discussions were further enriched by valuable insights provided by external expert Dr. C R Muthukirshnan, who offered detailed feedback and recommendations as below.

- **School of Computer Applications:** The School of Computer Applications was commended for its efforts towards student portfolios, where each student creates their own website and updates their portfolios.
- **School of Computer Science and Engineering:** The School of Computer Science and Engineering was congratulated for its successful admissions and employability enhancement activities, including coding practices, BootCamps, and intermittent testing for feedback.
- **School of Basic Science:** It was recommended for the School of Basic Science to offer hands-on courses to schools offering professional degrees and to start programs in emerging technologies such as data science and quantum computing.
- **School of Biotechnology:** The School of Biotechnology was appreciated for its recent procurement of instruments with university funding and was encouraged to seek external funding for lab upgrades.
- **School of Medical and Allied Sciences:** The School of Medical and Allied Sciences was recognized for its focus on research and consultancy, which has yielded significant outcomes in terms of faculty accolades and funding.
- **School of Nursing:** The external expert recommended increasing the student intake at the School of Nursing due to the high number of applications, successful student outcomes, and positive placement statistics. The Dean of the School of Nursing responded, noting that the school currently offers only one program and that expanding the intake would require meeting the Nursing Council's mandatory requirements, including the association with an aligned hospital.
- **School of Finance and Commerce:** The School of Finance and Commerce was congratulated on its program with ACCA, and it was suggested to include more professional certifications to diversify student skillsets and to initiate a program on financial literacy for all graduates.

Adjournment of the First Day:

- The first day of the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Second Day Commencement:

On 19.02.2025, the second day of the Academic Council meeting commenced at 9:30 AM and was officially opened by the Chairperson, Dr. K. Mallikharjuna Babu, Vice Chancellor, who then invited the Schools of Studies to proceed with their presentations.

The Dean/HoD of the School of Law, School of Polytechnic, School of Engineering, School of Hospitality & Tourism, School of Finance & Commerce, School of Education, School of Design presented the status of the activities of the schools.

Subsequent to the presentations, the discussions were significantly enriched by the expert insights of Dr. C. R. Muthukirshnan, an external specialist, who offered comprehensive feedback and detailed recommendations as outlined below.

- All schools should include specific periods for the statistics presented to enhance clarity and accuracy in reporting.
- Schools were encouraged to showcase trends in information shared on admissions, placement, student success, research, and consultancy.
- It was also suggested to refer to the IIT Guwahati website as a benchmark for effectively highlighting the salient features of each school or program.

The Academic Council, after considering the comprehensive reports presented by the Deans/HoDs of the respective schools/Departments and the valuable insights offered by external expert Dr. C. R. Muthukirshnan, resolved to adopt the recommendations.

ITEM NO (AC) 25.4:

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL

25.4.1 To approve the academic calendar for the session Winter 2024-25

The Academic Council after deliberation approved the Academic Calendar for the Winter session 2024-25 with provisions for necessary adjustments as attached as **Appendix A-1**.

25.4.2 To approve/ratify the award of Degrees to the students of various Diploma/Graduate/Postgraduate/Ph.D. Programmes qualified in the Year 2024

The Academic Council after due deliberations approved/ratified award of degree to the students who have qualified for award of degree by fulfilling the requirement laid down in the Regulations for the award of Degree in the year 2024 are as per the list attached as **Appendix A-2**.

The Academic Council also authorized the Vice Chancellor to make additions to the list to include students who qualify through supplementary exams, subject to fulfillment of the requirement laid down in the Regulations for the award of Degree

The Academic Council further resolved to approve/ratify the Award of Degrees in presence and absentia and list of Medal winners, Champions trophy award winners for the year 2024 for the upcoming Convocation

ITEM NO (AC) 25.5:

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL/RATIFICATION OF THE REPORT OF CENTER FOR DISTANCE AND ONLINE EDUCATION (CDOE)

- 25.5.1.** To appraised the Academic Council about the starting of 1st Batch of Centre for Distance and online education (CDOE), Galgotias University and which is Entitled by the UGC-DEB

Resolution: The Council took note of the same

- 25.5.2.** To consider and approve the Academic Calendar of AY 2024-25 (January 2025 batch)

Resolution: The Academic Council after deliberation approved the Academic Calendar of AY 2024-25 (January 2025 batch), attached as **Appendix A-3(a)**

- 25.5.3.** To consider and approve offering of the following programmes through Open and Distance Learning mode (ODL) under Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), Galgotias University.

1. Master of Business Administration (MBA)
2. Master of Computer Application (MCA)
3. Master of Commerce (M.COM)
4. Master of Arts (English)
5. Master of Arts (Economics)
6. Master of Arts (Political Science)
7. Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)
8. Bachelor of Computer Application (BCA)

Resolution: The Academic Council after deliberation approved the above 08 programmes through Open and Distance Learning mode (ODL) under Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), Galgotias University.

- 25.5.4.** To consider and approve Program Project Report (PPR) of the following programmes through Open and Distance Learning mode (ODL) under Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), Galgotias University.

1. Master of Business Administration (MBA)
2. Master of Computer Application (MCA)
3. Master of Commerce (M.COM)
4. Master of Arts (English)
5. Master of Arts (Economics)

6. Master of Arts (Political Science)
7. Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)
8. Bachelor of Computer Application (BCA)

Resolution: The Academic Council after deliberation approved the Program Project Report (PPR) of the above 08 programmes through Open and Distance Learning mode (ODL) under Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), Galgotias University, attached as **Appendix A-3(b)**

- 25.5.5.** To appraised the minutes of meeting (MOM) of Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) held on dated 12th September 2024.

Resolution: The Council took note of the same and resolved to approve the minutes of meeting (MOM) of Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) held on dated 12th September 2024, attached as **Appendix A-3 (c)**

- 25.5.6.** To consider and approve/Ratify the programme(s) of studies, their duration and eligibility conditions for the academic session 2024-25 (as dual mode University)

S.No.	Name of the School	Name of the Programme	Duration	Eligibility Criteria
1	School of Business	MBA	2 Years	Bachelor Degree
2	School of Computing Science & Engineering	MCA	2 Years	Bachelor Degree
3	School of Finance and Commerce	M.Com	2 Years	Bachelor Degree
4	School of Liberal Education	MA- Economics	2 Years	Bachelor Degree
5	School of Liberal Education	MA- English	2 Years	Bachelor Degree

Resolution: The Academic Council after deliberation resolved to approve/rarify the programme(s) of studies, their duration and eligibility conditions for the academic session 2024-25 (as dual mode University)

ITEM NO (AC) 25.6:

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE/RATIFY THE CLOSURE OF THE PROGRAMMES FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2024-25

The Council was apprised of the proposal regarding the closure of certain academic programmes for the academic session 2024–25.

The members reviewed the programmes proposed for closure. It was noted that the decision to close these programmes was based on comprehensive academic and administrative considerations, including low enrolment trends, resource optimization, and strategic academic planning.

Resolution: The Academic Council considered and approved/ratified the closure of the programmes listed in **Appendix A-4** for the academic session 2024–25.

ITEM NO (AC) 25.7:**TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATIONS IN THE PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND CURRICULA OF SOME OF THE COURSES OF PROGRAMMES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE RESPECTIVE BOARD OF STUDIES**

The Academic Council after due deliberations approved/ratified the amendments/modifications in the programme structure and curricula of the programmes, and Examination Policy as mentioned below:

25.7.1 Curriculum Amendments in M. Tech Programs (SCSE):

Amendments to the curriculum of M. Tech. programs in Computer Science Engineering, Data Science, and Cybersecurity were discussed.

Resolution: The Council approved the proposed amendments to enhance the curriculum. **Appendix A-5**

25.7.2 Introduction of Pharmaceutical Instrumentation Course:

Proposal to introduce the Pharmaceutical Instrumentation course in the B.Tech. CSE program was presented.

Resolution: The Council ratified the introduction and aligned the credit structure accordingly. **Appendix A-6**

25.7.3 New Elective Courses for B.Tech. CSE:

Discussion on introducing new elective courses for the third-year B.Tech. CSE students.

Resolution: The Council approved the introduction of these new elective courses. **Appendix A-7**

25.7.4 Modifications to BBA Aviation Management Program:

Proposed modifications to the BBA Aviation Management program were discussed to better align with industry requirements.

Resolution: The Council ratified the modifications to the program structure. **Appendix A-8**

25.7.5 Introduction of "Design Thinking-II":

Proposal to introduce "Design Thinking-II" in B.Tech. Mechanical Engineering and B.Tech. Civil Engineering programs.

Resolution: The Council approved the introduction of the course. **Appendix A-9**

25.7.6 New Courses and Curriculum Modifications in Law Programs:

Introduction of new courses and modifications in the curriculum to align with changes in provisions of Indian Law for the Bachelor of Law program.

Resolution: The Council ratified these introductions and modifications.

Appendix A-10

25.7.7 Revised Curriculum Structure for Law Honors Programs:

Proposal to revise the curriculum structure of the B.A. LL.B. and B.B.A. LL.B. (Honours) programs to include Minor Degree programs.

Resolution: The Council ratified the revised curriculum structure.

Appendix A-11

25.7.8 Introduction of Value-Added Courses in Law:

Discussion on the introduction of value-added courses in the Bachelor of Law program to enhance practical legal skills.

Resolution: The Council approved the introduction of these courses.

Appendix A-12

25.7.9 Renaming of Master's Specialization in Physiotherapy:

Proposal to rename the Master's specialization in Physiotherapy from Cardiology to Cardiopulmonary.

Resolution: The Council approved the proposal, ensuring alignment with current medical practices. **Appendix A-13**

25.7.10 Amendments to Examination Policy:

The Council discussed amendments to the examination policy, specifically addressing students in the Debarred category based on not fulfilling the 75% attendance criteria and scoring less than 40% in combined internal and external examinations.

Resolution: The Council ratified the revised policy, which requires such students, along with regular semester students, to appear for internal assessments, mid-term, and end-term examinations. **Appendix A-14**

ITEM NO (AC) 25.8:

TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE SETTING UP OF THE GALGOTIAS MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT CELL (G-MRDC)

The Council was apprised of the establishment of the Galgotias Multidisciplinary Research & Development Cell (G-MRDC) as per the operational requirements and with the objective of enhancing the efficiency, coordination, and management of the University's Research & Development activities. The Competent Authority has approved the formation of this Cell to foster interdisciplinary research, promote innovation, and strengthen the overall research ecosystem at Galgotias University.

The proposal, along with the details of the structure and objectives of the G-MRDC, was presented to the Council.

Resolution: After due deliberation, the Academic Council approved and ratified the establishment of the Galgotias Multidisciplinary Research & Development Cell (G-MRDC) as proposed.

ITEM NO (AC) 25.9:

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE/RATIFY THE STRATEGIC PLAN- "GU VISION 2030" OF THE GALGOTIAS UNIVERSITY

The Council was informed that the Strategic Plan "Galgotias University – Vision 2030" was earlier approved during the 24th Academic Council Meeting held on 25th June 2024. In continuation of that, an updated version of the Strategic Plan-2030 has been developed through a comprehensive process involving extensive consultations with internal and external stakeholders. The updated plan is designed to further align with the evolving mission, vision, and long-term objectives of the University and reflects the institution's commitment to excellence in academics, research, innovation, and global engagement. The updated Strategic Plan-2030 document was circulated to the Council Members as Appendix A-4 for review and consideration.

Resolution: After reviewing the proposal and discussing its significance, the Academic Council considered and unanimously approved/ratified the Updated Strategic Plan-2030 (Galgotias University – Vision 2030) as presented.

ITEM NO (AC) 25.10:

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PH.D. NORMS OF THE GALGOTIAS UNIVERSITY

Resolution: After reviewing the proposal and discussing its significance, the Academic Council approved the Updated Ph.D. revised Regulations.

ITEM NO (AC) 25.11:

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

Following Points were discussed:

25.11.1. TO RATIFY THE DIPLOMA PROGRAM IN INDUSTRY AUTOMATION FOR SAMSUNG INDIA PROFESSIONALS AS PER THE MoU

The Council was informed about the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Galgotias University and Samsung India Electronics Pvt. Ltd., under which Samsung working professionals will undergo a one-year Diploma program in Industry Automation at the University campus.

The program is structured into two semesters:

- Participants completing the first semester successfully and meeting University norms will be awarded a Certificate titled "Certification in Industry Automation."
- Upon successful completion of the second semester and fulfillment of all academic guidelines, participants will receive the Diploma titled "Diploma in Industry Automation."

This initiative is aimed at enhancing industry-academia collaboration and providing advanced skills development for professionals.

Resolution: After due consideration, the Academic Council ratified the implementation of the Diploma Program in Industry Automation for Samsung India professionals as per the MoU, and acknowledged that the certification and diploma will be awarded following the successful completion of the respective semesters in compliance with University norms.

25.11.2. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE POLICY ON MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION FOR Ph.D. PROGRAMME

The Council was presented with the proposal to allow Ph.D. candidates to pursue their research and submit their thesis either in **English or Hindi**, in accordance with the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D.) Regulations, 2022, and subsequent amendments.

Key points discussed included:

- The option for scholars to complete coursework, assignments, examinations, and evaluations in the chosen medium.
- Mandatory declaration of the preferred medium at admission via a signed undertaking approved by the University Research Committee (URC).
- The declared medium shall remain binding for the entire duration of the Ph.D. programme, with any change requiring URC approval.
- The policy will be effective from the Academic Session 2025–26 for all new admissions, with existing scholars continuing under previous norms unless otherwise permitted by URC.
- Necessary measures will be taken by the Dean (Research), Controller of Examinations, and academic departments to implement and support this bilingual medium policy.

Resolution: The Academic Council **approved** the policy on the medium of instruction for Ph.D. programmes as proposed. The policy shall be implemented from the Academic Session 2025–26, and all concerned departments and committees are directed to update their admission procedures, documentation, and academic support systems accordingly.

25.11.3. Following were presented to apprise the Academic Council

25.11.3.1 The School of Applied Health Sciences informed the Council that they have submitted a proposal for a new B.Sc. program in Operation Theatre Technology to the National Council of Allied Health Professionals (NCAHP) for approval. The program will be offered by the university once the approval is granted.

25.11.3.2 The School of Medical and Allied Sciences reported to the Council that proposals for two new Master's programs, M. Pharmacy in Regulatory Affairs and M. Pharmacy in Pharmaceutical Analysis, have been submitted to the Pharmacy

Council of India for approval. The university will commence these programs upon receiving the necessary permissions.

25.11.3.3 Controller of Examinations (COE), Dr. Amitabh Bhattacharya, delivered a detailed report on the examination processes, including a statistical breakdown of examination outcomes, a discussion of the main challenges faced during the year, and insights into potential improvements. He emphasized the strategies implemented to enhance the integrity and efficiency of the examination system.

25.11.3.4 Director IQAC, Dr. Meenakshi Sharma, provided the annual report, which included a comprehensive review of the quality assurance mechanisms currently in place. She also introduced the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) intended for submission to NAAC. The AQAR highlighted significant achievements in quality enhancement, detailed research initiatives, the number of publications produced, the grants received, and the innovative projects undertaken within the university.

25.11.3.5 Mr. Kamal Kishore, CEO of Galgotias Incubation Centre for Research Innovation Startup & Entrepreneurs (GIC- RISE), presented an extensive report on the year's activities at the incubation center. He detailed the support structures and resources provided to startups, the total amount of funding secured by these enterprises, and the various investor summits that were either hosted by GIC - RISE or where GIC - RISE-participated, contributing significantly to the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

25.11.4 Dean of Student Welfare (DSW) & Chief Proctor, Dr. Pawan Singh Nain, provided updates to the Council on the extensive range of student activities and welfare initiatives for the academic year 2023-24:

- Dr. Nain celebrated significant sports achievements, noting that two university students won Olympic medals and received the prestigious Arjuna Award for sports excellence from the President of India. These accolades highlight the university's commitment to fostering exceptional talent in sports.
- He reported on the National Cadet Corps (NCC), where six students had the honor of participating in the Republic Day parade. This participation underscores the rigorous training and discipline instilled in the university's cadets and their contributions to national events.
- In terms of the National Service Scheme (NSS), Dr. Nain detailed the successful implementation of wellness drives in five villages adopted by the university. These drives significantly improved health and wellness in these communities, reflecting the university's strong commitment to social responsibility and community service.
- He also provided insights into the student clubs, which have seen robust participation and a diverse array of events throughout the year. These clubs play a crucial role in fostering skill development and enhancing community engagement among students, enriching their educational experience and personal growth.
- Further, Dr. Nain placed before the Council the updated **Code of Conduct and Regulations for Maintenance of Discipline among Students–2025**, which were considered, and ratified by the Council.

25.11.5 Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Avadhesh Kumar, provided a detailed update to the Council on various aspects of university operations for the academic year 2023-24:

- He discussed the admissions trends and statistics, highlighting an increase in applications, particularly from international students, and noted a growing interest in STEM fields. He detailed the acceptance rates, illustrating the university's expanding appeal and competitive standing.
- He shared significant achievements in international rankings, particularly improvements in QS and THE rankings. Prof. Kumar attributed these successes to factors such as enhanced academic reputation, increased citations per faculty, and stronger international collaborations.
- Prof. Kumar outlined the university's sustainability initiatives that have been integral over the past year. These initiatives align with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and include adopting green energy solutions, waste reduction programs, and integrating sustainability into the curriculum, demonstrating the university's commitment to environmental stewardship and social responsibility.
- He emphasized how the university's focus on sustainability and social impact has led to improved scores in university rankings assessing social and environmental impact. This recognition has helped position the university as a leader in promoting sustainable development and education, attracting more attention from prospective students and faculty globally.

The Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.



**Registrar
Member Secretary**