

MINUTES OF MEETING - 9th ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

1. Meeting Details

Particulars	Details
Meeting No.	9 th Academic Council Meeting
Academic Year	2026-2027
Date	Friday, 10 th July 2026
Time	10:30 A.M.
Mode	Hybrid (In-Person & Online via Google Meet)
Venue (Physical)	Ramachandra College of Engineering (A), NH-16 Bypass Road, Vatluru, Eluru, Andhra Pradesh - 534007
Chaired by	Dr. M. Muralidhara Rao, Principal & Chairman of the Academic Council
Minutes Recorded by	Dr. B. Raghavaiah, Dean Academics & Member Secretary

2. Academic Council Members

The Academic Council of Ramachandra College of Engineering (A) comprises the following members as on the date of the 9th Academic Council Meeting:

2.1 Internal Members - Chairperson, Dean and Heads of Departments

S.No	Name	Qualification	Current Position	Council Role
1	Dr. M. Muralidhara Rao	M.E, Ph.D	Principal	Chairman
2	Dr. B. Raghavaiah	M.Tech, Ph.D	Dean Academics	Member Secretary
3	Dr. K. Sundara Kumar	M.Tech, Ph.D	HoD - Dept. of CE	Member
4	Dr. G.N.V. Sarath Babu	M.Tech, Ph.D	HoD - Dept. of EEE	Member
5	Dr. Bazani Shaik	M.Tech, Ph.D	HoD - Dept. of ME	Member
6	Dr. M V Srikanth	M.Tech, Ph.D	HoD - Dept. of ECE	Member
7	Dr. G. Chamundeswari	M.Tech, Ph.D	HoD - Dept. of CSE	Member
8	Dr. B. Sarada	M.Tech, Ph.D	HoD - Dept. of CSE (AI&ML)	Member
9	Dr. Shameena Begum	M.Tech, Ph.D	HoD - Dept. of CSE (CS)	Member
10	Dr. M L S N S Lakshmi	M.Tech, Ph.D	HoD - Dept. of CSE (IoT)	Member
11	Dr. P. Sudhakar	M.Tech, Ph.D	HoD - Dept. of AI & DS	Member
12	Dr. S. Naga Padma	MBA, Ph.D	HoD - Dept. of Management Studies	Member
13	Dr. P. Kalyani Swapna	M.A, Ph.D	HoD - Dept. of English	Member
14	Dr. S.V.B.S. Rao	M.Sc., Ph.D	HoD - Dept. of Mathematics	Member
15	Mrs. P. Valli Rani	M.Sc.	HoD - Dept. of Physics	Member
16	Ms. P. Geetha	M.Sc.	HoD - Dept. of Chemistry	Member

2.2 Faculty Nominees

S.No	Name	Qualification	Current Position	Council Role
1	Dr. Subramanya Sarma S	M.Tech, Ph.D	Dean Research, Professor, Dept. of EEE	Faculty Nominee
2	Dr. Raffi Mohammed	M.Tech, Ph.D	Professor, Dept. of ME	Faculty Nominee
3	Mr. K. Kiran	M.Tech, (Ph.D)	Associate Professor, Dept. of AI & DS	Faculty Nominee
4	Dr. S. Jagan Mohan Rao	M.Tech, Ph.D	Dean Planning, Professor, Dept. of ECE	Faculty Nominee
5	Dr. J. Ranga	M.Tech, Ph.D	Dean - Innovation & Startups, Professor, Dept. of CSE-CS	Faculty Nominee
6	Dr Ch.V.Aruna	Ph.D	Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics	Faculty Nominee

2.3 Governing Body Nominees (External Experts)

S.No	Name	Qualification	Current Position	Council Role
1	Dr. N.C. Shivaprakash	M.Tech, Ph.D	Professor, Dept. of Instrumentation, IISc Bangalore	Governing Body Nominee
2	Dr. C. Krishna Mohan	M.Tech, Ph.D	Professor, Dept. of CSE, IIT Hyderabad	Governing Body Nominee
3	Dr. Syed Muzamil Basha	M.Tech, Ph.D	Professor, School of CSE, Reva University, Bangalore	Governing Body Nominee
4	Sri. Sibanjan Debee Prasad Das	Master of IT in Business Analytics, Singapore Mgmt. Univ.	Director, AI Engineering, Service Now, Hyderabad.	Governing Body Nominee

2.4 University Nominees

S.No	Name	Qualification	Current Position	Council Role
1	Dr. G. Padmaja Rani	Ph.D	Professor of Physics & Director of Evaluation, JNTUK, Kakinada	University Nominee
2	Dr. M.H.M. Krishna Prasad	M.Tech, Ph.D	Professor of CSE & Director Academics, JNTUK, Kakinada	University Nominee
3	Dr. A.S.N. Chakravarthy	M.Tech, Ph.D	Professor of CSE, UCEK, JNTUK, Kakinada	University Nominee

2.5 Special Invitees / Office Bearers

S.No	Name	Qualification	Current Position	Council Role
1	Dr. A. Chiranjeevi	M.Tech, Ph.D	Associate Professor, Dept. of CSE	Dean TPO
2	Mr. Ashok Kumar B	M.Tech, (Ph.D)	Associate Professor, Dept. of EEE	IQAC
3	Dr. S K B Pradeep Kumar Ch	M.Tech, Ph.D	Associate Professor, Dept. of EEE, Addl. C.E	Member
4	Dr. K. Sri Ramulu	M.Sc., Ph.D	Professor, Controller of Examinations	Member
5	Mr. G. Hari Hara Kumar	M.Tech	Assistant Professor, Dept. of CSE, Addl. C.E	Member

3. Agenda

- Welcome and Opening Remarks by Chairman.
- Approval of Minutes of Previous Academic Council Meeting held on 30th April 2026.
- Review of Annual Report for the A.Y. 2025-2026.
- Academic Matters for Discussion & Approval
 - Academic Calendar & Schedules.
 - Curriculum Development.
 - Academic Policies and Procedures.
 - Accreditation Status.
 - Project & Internship Guidelines.
- Faculty & Student Achievements (R&D)
 - Research Publications & Funding Projects.
 - Update on PhD guidance policies.
- Any Other Discussion –
 - AICTE/University Guidelines adherence;
 - Infrastructure & Digital Initiatives.
- Next Meeting Date and Adjournment.

4. Minutes of Discussion and Resolutions

Agenda Point 1 - Welcome and Opening Remarks by Chairman

Dr. M. Muralidhara Rao, Principal & Chairman of the Academic Council, welcomed all members present in person and those joining online via Google Meet. The Chairman noted that the requisite quorum was present, briefed the Council on the purpose of the 9th Academic Council Meeting, and invited the Member Secretary to proceed with the agenda.

Resolution against Agenda Point: 1

The Academic Council noted the opening remarks of the Chairman and the confirmation of quorum.

Agenda Point 2 - Approval of Minutes of Previous Academic Council Meeting held on 30th April 2026
The Member Secretary has placed the Minutes of the 8th Academic Council held on 30th April 2026 before the council, along with the action taken Report (ATR) of the resolutions and action points recorded therein. The ATR was reviewed Point-wise, as summarised below:

S.No	8th AC Meeting Action Points	Responsible Person	Status as on 9th AC Meeting
1	Submission of corrective action plans of departments mentioned, Institutional pass-percentage benchmark (CE, ME)	Respective HoDs	Completed - Action plans submitted and reviewed.
2	Identify slow learners and enroll them in remedial coaching programmes	HoDs / Class Advisors	Completed - Remedial coaching conducted during the semester.
3	Issue of Provisional Certificates to Seven eligible MBA students of the 2023 admitted batch	Controller of Examinations	Completed - PCs numbers submitted to JNTUK.
4	Issue formal BoS appointment / nomination letters for AY 2026-27 (CSE-IoT, ECE, Mathematics, EEE)	Academic Section	Completed - Letters issued to new BoS members
5	Revised BoS Constitution Communicated to JNTUK, Kakinada	Academic Section	Completed
6	Conduct department-level meetings every semester	All HoDs	In Progress
7	Share faculty-wise performance analysis with respective HoDs	Examination Section.	Completed

The Council noted with satisfaction that the majority of the action Points from the 8th Meeting stand completed, with departmental review meetings to continue as a standing practice every semester.

Resolution against Agenda Point: 2

The Academic Council reviewed the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 8th Academic Council Meeting held on 30th April 2026 and confirmed the same. The Minutes of the 8th Academic Council Meeting were unanimously approved and confirmed without amendments.

Agenda Point 3 - Review of Annual Report for the A.Y. 2025-2026

The Dean Academics presented the consolidated Annual Report for the Academic Year 2025-26, covering academic performance of the programmes, research and publications, placement and internship statistics, accreditation and IQAC Activities, and Infrastructure development undertaken during the year.

Resolution against Agenda Point:3

The Academic Council reviewed and approved the Annual Report for the A.Y. 2025-26 as presented, and directed that the approved report be circulated to all departments and archived for record and submission to the affiliating University.

Agenda Point: 4 - Academic Matters for discussion & Approval**4.1 Academic Calendar & Schedule**

The Academic Section presented the Draft Academic Calendars for A.Y. 2026-27, Detailing Semester Commencement and Closing dates, Examination Schedules, and Vacation periods for all programmes.

Resolution against Agenda Point: 4.1

The Academic Council approved the Academic Calendars for A.Y. 2026-27 as presented, and directed the Academic Section to circulate the approved calendar to all departments within one week.

4.2 Curriculum Development

4.2.1 Review of Course Structures for R23 B.Tech VII & VIII Semesters of A.Y. 2026-27: The Dean Academics presented the proposed course structures. During discussion, members recommended that one NPTEL / MOOCs course may be made mandatory for all students under the R23 regulation, preferably introduced from the 3rd year 1st semester (3-1) onwards, and the number of open elective options be increased to provide students for wider choice.

4.2.2 Review of Course Structures for R24 BBA V & VI Semesters of A.Y. 2026-27: The proposed course structures were presented and reviewed by the Council.

4.2.3 Review of Course Structures for R25 M.Tech III & IV Semesters of A.Y. 2026-27: The proposed course structures were presented and reviewed by the Council.

Resolution against Agenda Point 4.2

The Academic Council approved the Course Structures for R23 B.Tech VII & VIII Semesters, R24 BBA V & VI Semesters, and R25 M.Tech III & IV Semesters for A.Y. 2026-27, subject to incorporation of one mandatory NPTEL / MOOCs course (to be introduced from the 3-1 semester under R23 regulation) and an increase in the number of open elective offerings. The concerned BoS Chairpersons are directed to finalize and circulate the revised structures before commencement of the odd semester for A.Y: 2026-27.

4.3 Academic Policies and Procedures

Members discussed the need of faculty members to maintain and continuously update their Vidwan ID profiles. It was further discussed that, upon completion of a Quality Improvement Programme (QIP), faculty should subsequently be assigned to teach basic / foundational subjects related to the domain of their QIP.

Resolution against Agenda Point 4.3

The Academic Council resolved that

- All faculty members shall create, maintain and continuously update their Vidwan ID profiles, to be monitored by respective HoDs and IQAC; and
- Faculty who have completed a QIP programme shall, wherever feasible, be assigned to teach at least one foundational subject aligned to their QIP domain, subject to departmental scheduling.

4.4 Accreditation Status

The Dean Academics briefed the Council on the current NAAC and NBA accreditation status of the Institution and its programmes, and preparatory activities required for upcoming renewal / extension applications.

Resolution against Agenda Point 4.4

The Academic Council noted the current accreditation status and directed all concerned departments to initiate preparation of documentation required for the forthcoming NBA renewal / extension applications, in coordination with IQAC.

4.5 Project & Internship Guidelines

Extensive discussion took place on strengthening project and internship processes. Members emphasised the need for proper assessment tools and rubrics for project evaluation, and recommended involvement of industry professionals in the assessment process. It was suggested that alumni from the concerned branch be engaged to assist with project guidance / assessment, and those successful project teams be supported by alumni for internship / placements. Members also recommended conducting hackathon programmes and inviting industry representatives to identify and select the promising students. Along with separately, the need for a clearly defined policy for the STRIDE project - specifying expectations from students - was highlighted.

Resolution against Agenda Point: 4.5

The Academic Council resolved to:

- Adopt standardised rubrics for project evaluation across all departments;
- Include, wherever feasible, at least one industry expert or alumnus in project assessment panels;
- Encourage alumni engagement in mentoring project teams and facilitating internships for successful projects;
- Organisation of hackathon programmes in each semester with industry participation for identification of talented students; and
- Direct the Dean R&D, in consultation with concerned HoDs, to formulate and circulate a formal STRIDE project policy clearly stating deliverables and expectations from students within three weeks.

Agenda Point: 5 - Faculty & Student Achievements (R&D)

5.1 Promotion of Research Publications & Funding Opportunities

The Council discussed the procedure for deputing faculty to Industry Immersion Programmes. It was recommended that, on completion of such programmes, faculty share the acquired knowledge with colleagues and to train a batch of students, with such training recognised as a value added course. It was further suggested that, where feasible, tools and equipment identified during the immersion programme be procured by the Institution for continued use.

Resolution against Agenda Point: 5.1

The Academic Council approved that faculty deputation for Industry Immersion Programmes and upon completion, to conduct knowledge-sharing sessions for faculty and train a batch of students under a recognised add-on course; and directed the Dean R&D and Purchase Committee to examine the feasibility of procuring relevant tools / equipment identified during such programmes.

5.2 Update on PhD Guidance Policies

Members discussed that faculty after completion of QIP programmes should be encouraged to build Research competency in the related domain, and that Trainer-Trainee programmes be conducted after QIP completion so that trained faculty can further train their peers.

Resolution against Agenda Point 5.2

The Academic Council resolved that faculty completing QIP programmes shall be encouraged to pursue Research aligned to the QIP domain and to conduct Trainer-Trainee sessions for peer faculty, the Dean R&D shall monitor implementation and report progress at the next meeting.

Agenda Point 6 - Any Other Discussion

6.1 AICTE / University Guidelines Adherence

The Chairman reminded all HoDs of the continuing need to ensure strict adherence to AICTE norms and University (JNTUK, Kakinada) guidelines in all academic and administrative processes.

Resolution against Agenda Point 6.1

The Academic Council directed all HoDs to ensure continued compliance with AICTE and University guidelines, and to report any deviations to the Academic section without delay.

Agenda Point 7 - Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The Chairman proposed that the 10th Academic Council Meeting be tentatively scheduled for the last week of August 2026, with the exact date and time to be communicated separately by the Academic Section. The Chairman thanked all members for their active participation and constructive deliberations.

Resolution against Agenda Point 7

The Academic Council noted that the 10th Academic Council Meeting is tentatively scheduled for the last week of August 2026, and the meeting was declared adjourned with vote of thanks.

5. Action Points Summary

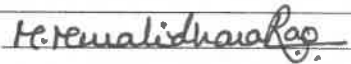
S.No	Action Points	Responsible	Timeline
1	Circulation of the Academic Calendars for AY 2026-27 to all departments	Academic Section	Within 1 week
2	Incorporate one mandatory NPTEL / MOOCs course from 3-1 semester and additional open electives in R23 B.Tech curriculum	Dean Academics / BoS Chairpersons	Before commencement of Classwork
3	Ensure continuous updation of Vidwan ID profiles by all faculty	HoDs / IQAC	Ongoing
4	Adopt standardized rubrics and involve industry experts / alumni in project evaluation panels	Dean R&D / HoDs	From next project review cycle
5	Formulate and circulate a formal STRIDE project policy specifying student deliverables and expectations	Dean R&D / Concerned HoDs	Within 3 weeks
6	Organize hackathon programmes with industry participation for talent identification	Dean R&D / Dean TPO	Every semester
7	Frame guidelines for post-Industry-Immersion knowledge sharing, student batch training (value added course) and related tool procurement.	Dean R&D	Within 1 month
8	Encourage faculty to complete QIP Programmes to pursue related research and conduct trainer-trainee sessions for peer faculty	Dean R&D / Respective HoDs	Ongoing

6. Closure

The Chairman thanked all the members for their participation and constructive deliberations. The meeting was formally concluded with vote of thanks.

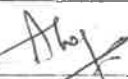
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7. Authentication

 Dr. B. Raghavaih Dean Academics <i>Minutes Prepared by</i>	 Dr. K. Sri Ramulu Controller of Examinations <i>Verified by</i>	 Dr. M. Muralidhara Rao Principal & Chairman Academic Council <i>Approved by</i>
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Members of Academic Council

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