



# St. John College of Humanities and Sciences

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## Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Academic Council held on Monday, 23rd March 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

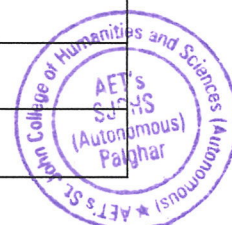
The Second Meeting of the Academic Council of AET's St. John College of Humanities and Sciences (Autonomous) was held on Monday, 23rd March 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in the Board Room, SJIPR, Palghar, in hybrid mode.

The following members and special invitees were present in the meeting (online mode):

| Members                                                                                                                 |                                                                                    |
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| Dr. Kiran Save, Principal, Sonopant Dandekar Shikshan's Mandals Arts, Commerce and Science Women's College, Palghar     | Dr.Parag Ajgaonkar, Narsee Monjee College of Commerce & Economics (Autonomous)     |
| Dr. Bhagwan Abhimansing Rajput, Principal, Godavari Shamrao Parulekar College of Arts, Commerce & Science, Talasari (E) | Dr. Arvind W.Ubale, Principal, Vidyavardhini's Annasaheb Vartak College, Vasai (W) |
| Dr.Anushree Lokur, Principal, Ramnarain Ruia Autonomous College                                                         | -                                                                                  |
| Special Invitees                                                                                                        |                                                                                    |
| Dr.Suhas Pednekar, Advisor, Aldel Education Trust                                                                       | -                                                                                  |

The following members were present physically in the meeting:

| Members                                                              |                                |
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| Dr.Muktha Manoj Jacob, Chairperson - Principal, SJCHS                | Dr.Harshal Poojari (HOD-B.Sc.) |
| Dr.Priya Chaurasiya, Member Secretary, Academic Council & HOD-B.Com. | Ms.Jigna Bhansali (HOD-DS)     |
| Mr.Sachin Gawali (HOD-BMS & Controller of Examination)               | Ms.Srusti Behera (HS)          |
| Ms.Anshu Tiwari (HOD-BAF)                                            | Dr.Vijay Songire, Member       |
| Dr.Ravi Shankar Mishra (HOD-BA)                                      | Mrs.Namrata Jha, Member        |





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| Ms.Jinal Shah (HOD-BBI & BFM)                                  | Ms.Treasa Francis, Member |
| Ms.Trupiti Bidaye (HOD-IT, CS)                                 | Dr.Akansha Thakur, Member |
| <b>Special Invitees</b>                                        |                           |
| Dr. Savita Tauro, Director-Academics,<br>Aldel Education Trust | -                         |

Members-Dr.Moushmi Datta and Anand Kapse, Special Invitees-Dr.Evans Coutinho were granted leave of absence.

The meeting commenced with the Campus Anthem, *The Universal Prayer of Peace*.

Member Secretary, Dr. Priya Chaurasiya, welcomed the members and highlighted the academic progress and achievements of the institution during the Academic Year 2025–2026. Notable achievements included student participation and recognition at UDAAN Fest, and academic excellence demonstrated through participation in national-level programmes such as the NIUS Training Programme.

The agenda items were then taken up for discussion.

**Agenda 1: To consider and approve the minutes of the First Meeting of the Academic Council held on 13th November 2025.**

#### **Discussions Held:**

The minutes of the First Academic Council Meeting had been circulated in advance to all members via email. As no comments or suggestions were received, the minutes were duly approved.

#### **Resolution No. 1:**

*Resolved that the minutes of the First Academic Council Meeting held on 13th November 2025 be approved.*

**Agenda 2: To consider and approve the Action Taken Report on the resolutions passed in the First Academic Council Meeting.**

#### **Discussions Held:**





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The Action Taken Report (ATR) was presented, highlighting the implementation status of various resolutions related to curriculum design, examination reforms, academic planning, and the introduction of new programmes (MSc. IT and MCom).

## **Resolution No. 2:**

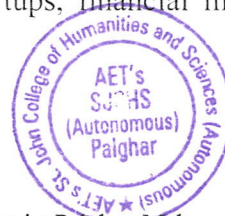
*Resolved that the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of the First Academic Council Meeting be accepted and approved.*

**Agenda 3: To consider and approve the recommendations of the Board of Studies (BoS) Meetings held on 11th February 2026 and 6th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 14th March 2026.**

## **Discussions Held:**

The recommendations of various Boards of Studies were presented in detail. Key highlights include:

- **Science Board:**
  - Additions and deletions in Physics and Botany syllabi to improve conceptual clarity and reduce content overload.
  - Introduction of advanced practical components such as active filters and laser beam analysis.
- **Chemistry Board:**
  - Enhancement of practical exposure through additional experiments and introduction of modern analytical techniques like HPLC/GC and ion-exchange chromatography.
- **Technology and Computing Board:**
  - Revision of credit structure aligning with NEP 2020.
  - Modification in the question paper pattern to increase flexibility.
- **Arts Board:**
  - Shift from the three-major system to a single major with minors.
  - Renaming of research courses for global relevance.
- **IKS Board:**
  - Structured module design and the recommendation was that specific components of Music and Dance be specified in the syllabus.
- **Commerce and Management Board:**
  - Revision and renaming of vocational and skill-based courses.
  - Introduction of industry-relevant subjects like startups, financial modelling, and digital literacy.
- **Open Elective Courses:**





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- Introduction of interdisciplinary and skill-based courses across all streams in alignment with NEP 2020.
- **Co-curricular Courses:**
  - Expansion to include diverse activities such as yoga, theatre, agriculture, and cinematography.
  - An **Ad-hoc Committee/Board for Co-curricular Courses (CC)** shall be constituted to review and standardise the course design of these courses, as these are very specialised fields of study.
  - Existing CC courses may be retained temporarily with necessary modifications, ensuring a smooth transition.

## **Resolution No. 3:**

- *Resolved the programmes of M.Com ( AdvancedAccountancy) and M.Sc. (Information Technology) shall follow the syllabus prescribed by the University under the NEP framework, ensuring alignment with established academic standards.*
- *It is also resolved that an Ad-hoc Committee/Board for Core Courses (CC) shall be constituted for the purpose of reviewing and standardizing course design. Existing Core Courses may be retained temporarily with necessary modifications to ensure a smooth and effective transition.*
- *Finally, it is resolved that all other recommendations made by the respective Boards of Studies in their meetings be accepted and implemented with effect from the Academic Year 2026–27.*

**Agenda 4: To consider and approve the Academic Calendar for the Academic Year 2026–27.**

## **Discussions Held:**

The proposed Academic Calendar was presented, ensuring alignment with NEP guidelines and institutional requirements.

## **Resolution No. 4:**

***Resolved that the Academic Calendar for the Academic Year 2026–27 be approved.***

**Agenda 5: To seek approval for the new NEP Allied Certificate Courses for the Academic Year 2026–27.**





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## Discussions Held:

A wide range of certificate courses across programmes were proposed, focusing on:

- Emerging technologies (AI, Data Analytics, Cyber Security, Blockchain)
- Finance and commerce (Stock Market, GST, Financial Modelling)
- Skill development (UI/UX, Entrepreneurship, Research Methodology)
- Interdisciplinary and social relevance (Psychology of Social Media, Sustainability)

## Resolution No. 5:

*Resolved that the proposed NEP Allied Certificate Courses be approved and implemented from the Academic Year 2026–27.*

## Agenda 6: To consider and review Examination and Assessment Methods.

## Discussions Held:

Revisions in examination patterns and assessment strategies were discussed to ensure flexibility, transparency, and alignment with NEP 2020.

## Resolution No. 6:

*Resolved that the recommendations regarding examination and assessment methods be approved and implemented.*

## Agenda 7: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

## Discussions Held:

No additional matters were raised.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Academic Council-Member Secretary



Approved By  
Dr. Muktha Manoj Jacob  
Principal & Chairperson-Academic Council