

GOA UNIVERSITY
Taleigao Plateau, Goa 403 206

MINUTES

**of the Sixth (Special) Meeting of the
XI ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

Day & Date

Monday, 14th July 2025

Time

4.00 p.m.

**Conference Hall
Administrative Block
Goa University**

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A list of members who attended the Sixth (Special) Meeting of the XI Academic Council and those who sought leave of absence is appended.

The Chairperson (Vice-Chancellor) welcomed the members to the Sixth (Special) meeting of the XI Academic Council and informed that since there were three important items needed to be discussed and deliberated upon, this special meeting of the XI Academic Council was being called for.

Thereafter, the agenda was taken up for discussion.

D	DISCUSSION ITEMS
D 7	OTHER ITEMS
D 7.1	<p>To review the Detention Policy applicable for General Education Programmes.</p> <p>The Chairperson (Vice-Chancellor) briefed the House on the Agenda.</p> <p>After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council unanimously resolved the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To permit students of the UG General Education Programmes to be promoted to Semester V irrespective of the number of backlogs in preceding semesters, effective from the Academic Year 2025–2026. This amendment is proposed in alignment with the core principles of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which advocate flexibility in academic progression, a credit-based learning structure, and inclusivity.2. To maintain academic rigour, it was further resolved that promotion to Semester VII shall be permitted only upon successful completion of all courses from Semesters I to VI.3. The matter to be referred to the Directorate of Higher Education (DHE) to confirm and accord approval for any additional financial liability that may be incurred by the Government as a result of implementing this amendment, particularly in light of a possible increase in the number of students progressing to the third year of the programme.

	<p>4. In the event that any such financial implications are identified, prior approval of the Directorate of Higher Education shall be sought for implementation.</p> <p>5. In view of the urgency to communicate the decision for implementation in the Academic Year 2025–2026, the Vice-Chancellor was authorised to approve the amendment on behalf of the Academic Council.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Action: Assistant Registrar Academic - Colleges)</p>
D 7.2	<p>Regarding clarification on change of Ability Enhancement Course as English after First Year of the Programme.</p> <p>The Member Secretary (Registrar) highlighted the following:</p> <p>As per the provisions of Ordinance OA-38, which governs the Undergraduate General Education Programmes, students are required to opt for Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC) in Semester I and II. The structure mandates the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semester I & II: AEC shall consist of courses in English Language. • Semester III and IV: Students are expected to achieve competency in a Modern Indian Language (MIL). <p>Additionally, students classified as Foreign Nationals, Persons of Indian Origin (PIO), Non-Resident Indians (NRI), or those from Foreign Boards are permitted to opt for additional English Language courses or any other Foreign Language course in lieu of MIL.</p> <p>The University has received multiple representations from College Principals, enclosing requests from students who do not fall under the above special categories, seeking permission to continue English Language as their AEC in Semester III and IV, in place of the prescribed MIL courses.</p> <p>The reasons cited include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Academic Difficulty: Students are experiencing challenges in understanding or progressing in MIL subjects. 2. Non-availability of Language Offerings: Some students have opted for MIL subjects (e.g., Assamese, Bengali, or other regional languages) that are not offered within the State of Goa. 3. Special Needs Cases: Certain students facing intellectual disabilities or documented writing difficulties have requested to continue with English on compassionate and academic grounds. <p>After detailed discussion, the Academic Council did not accept the requests/representations received from the College Principals seeking permission to continue English Language as their Ability Enhancement Course in Semester III and IV, in place of the prescribed MIL courses.</p> <p>The Chairperson (Vice-Chancellor) informed the house that the Ordinance must be strictly followed/implemented across all the Colleges. No relaxation shall be granted.</p>

	<p>The Board of Studies in MIL Languages were requested to design basic/elementary level Courses which will be offered to the students who do not have any basic knowledge about the respective language.</p> <p>However, in view of the cases of Children with special needs (CwSN), all such cases will be examined and considered on a case-to-case basis.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Action: Assistant Registrar Academic - Colleges)</p>
D 7.3	<p>Proposed part amendment and addendum to SSA-7 and Forms A and H.</p> <p>Prof. Anthony A. A. Viegas, Director, Directorate of Students Welfare and Cultural Affairs (DSW) briefed the House on the proposed part amendment.</p> <p>The Academic Council approved the proposed part amendment to Statute schedule SSA-7 details regarding the functions and procedure for formation of the Goa University Students' Council (GUSC) along with amendment to Nomination form-A and form H with the suggestion to incorporate following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The term 'Combined head of passing' from the justification column of clause SSA-7(vi) to be removed. b) Clause SSA-7(xi) Code of Conduct, point d) to be properly specified. 10 days to be modified as '10 working days.' c) Under Form A, note to be indicated as below: 'In case, any information to the above points is Nil. The same is to be indicated as Nil.' <p>It was decided to place the part amendment to Statute SSA-7 before the Drafting and Vetting Committee and thereafter before the Executive Council for its approval.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Action: Director, DSW&CA/Assistant Registrar -Directorates)</p>

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair and all present.

Sd/-
(Prof. Sunder Dhuri)
Registrar and Member Secretary

Date: 22.07.2025

Sd/-
(Prof. H. B. Menon)
Vice-Chancellor and Chairperson

List of members who attended and sought leave for the meeting

Sr. No.	Names of Members	14.07.2025
1.	Vice-Chancellor, Goa University.	Present
2.	Dean, School of Physical & Applied Sciences, Goa University.	Present
3.	Dean, Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance & Public Policy, Goa University.	Present
4.	Dean, School of International and Area Studies, Goa University.	Present
5.	Dean, School of Earth, Ocean & Atmospheric Sciences, Goa University.	Present
6.	Dean, School of Chemical Sciences, Goa University.	Present
7.	Dean, Shenoi Goembab School of Languages & Literature, Goa University.	Present
8.	Dean, School of Biological Sciences & Biotechnology, Goa University.	Present
9.	Dean, DD Kosambi School of Social Sciences & Behavioural Studies, Goa University.	Present
10.	Dean, Goa Business School, Goa University.	Present
11.	Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Goa University.	Present
12.	Dean, Faculty of Performing, Fine Art & Music, Goa University.	Present
13.	Prof. Guntur Anjana Devi Raju Goa Business School, Goa University.	Present
14.	Prof. Nagendra Rao D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies, Goa University.	Present
15.	Prof. Sandeep Garg School of Biological Sciences & Biotechnology, Goa University.	Present
16.	Prof. K. G. Sankaranarayanan Goa Business School, Goa University.	Present
17.	Prof. Kaustubh R. S. Priolkar School of Physical & Applied Sciences, Goa University.	Present
18.	Prof. P. S. Ramu Murthy Dhempe College of Arts & Science, Miramar, Panaji.	Present
19.	Prof. (Dr.) Mahesh Pai Goa College of Home Science, Campal, Panaji.	Present
20.	Prof. Rajay Pawar Kala Academy Goa College of Theatre Arts, Campal, Panaji.	Present

21.	Prof. F. M. Nadaf Govt. College of Commerce & Economics, Borda, Margao.	Present
22.	Prof. Helic Barreto Rosary College of Commerce & Arts, Navelim.	Present
23.	Prof. Vikas Pissurlekar P.E.S's College of Arts & Science, Farmagudi, Ponda.	Present
24.	Prof. (Dr.) Shaikh Mohammad P. Al-Usmani Shri Gopal Gaonkar Memorial Multi faculty College, Dharbandora.	Present
25.	Prof. Santosh Patkar Sridora Caculo College of Commerce & Management Studies, Khorlim, Mapusa.	Present
26.	Dr. Arvind Haldankar D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences & Behavioural Studies, Goa University.	Present
27.	Dr. Hanumant Chopdekar Shenoi Goembab School of Languages & Literature, Goa University.	Present
28.	Dr. Siddhi Jalmi School of Biological Sciences & Biotechnology, Goa University.	Present
29.	Prof. Jude Rodrigues Department of General Surgery, Goa Medical College & Hospital, Bambolim.	Present
30.	Dr. Dattaprasad Samant Department of General Surgery, Goa Medical College & Hospital, Bambolim.	Present
31.	Dr. Annie Rajan DCT's Dhempe College of Arts & Science, Miramar, Panaji.	Present
32.	Prof. Cosma Fernandes MES College of Arts & Commerce, Zuarinagar.	Present
33.	Dr. Daniel Marven Coutinho Carmel College of Arts, Science & Commerce for Women, Nuvem.	Present
34.	Dr. Solley Thomas Carmel College of Arts, Science & Commerce for Women, Nuvem, Goa	Present
35.	Dr. Asha B. Gahlot Government College of Arts, Science & Commerce Khandola, Marcela.	Present
36.	Dr. Meera R. Mayekar GVM's G.G.P.R. College of Commerce & Economics, Farmagudi, Ponda.	Present
37.	Shri Shividatt Fati Shirodkar Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre, Assagao, Bardez, Goa.	Present
38.	Dr. Manoj Mukund Kothawale Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre, Assagao, Bardez	Present
39.	Dr. Rajesh Pednekar Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre, Assagao, Bardez	Present
40.	Shri Damodar Mauzo 57th Jnanpith Awardee Majorda, Near Railway Station, Margao Goa.	Present

41.	Controller of Examinations, Goa University.	Present
42.	Librarian, Goa University.	Present
43.	Registrar, Goa University.	Present
44.	Director, Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance, Goa University.	Present
45.	Mr. Vividh Pawaskar Shree Mallikarjun College of Arts & Commerce, Canacona.	Present
46.	Prof. Sandeep Lotlikar P.E.S's R.S.N. College of Arts and Science, Farmagudi, Ponda.	Sought leave of absence
47.	Ar. Suhas Gaonkar Goa College of Architecture, Altinho, Panaji.	Sought leave of absence
48.	Dr. Alaknananda Shringare Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance & Public, Goa University.	Sought leave of absence
49.	Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Goa University.	Sought leave of absence
50.	Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, Goa University.	Sought leave of absence.
51.	Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Veterinary, Fisheries and Allied Sciences, Goa University.	Sought leave of absence
52.	Dr. K.N. Madhusudanan Pillai Bharateeya Vichara Kendram Sanskriti Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram.	Sought leave of absence.
53.	Sr. Prof. (Dr.) A. M. Unnikrishnan Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Kerala.	Sought leave of absence.
54.	Dean, School of Sanskrit, Philosophy & Indic Studies, Goa University.	Sought leave of absence
55.	Dr. Suresh Babu Space Physics Lab Vikram Sarabai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India.	Sought leave of absence.
56.	President, Goa University Student's Council, Goa University.	-
57.	Dean, Faculty of Planning, Architecture & Design, Goa University.	Sought leave of absence.
58.	Dr. Nalini Chaturdas Naik D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences & Behavioural Studies, Goa University.	Sought leave of absence
59.	Dr. Aneesh Lotlikar, Scientist F and Divisional Head, Ocean Observation Network, Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), "Ocean Valley" Pragathi Nagar (BO), Nizampet (SO), Hyderabad.	Sought leave of absence.
60.	Prof. (Dr.) Sujata Kadamb All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Dhargal, Pernem, Mopa Airport Road, Goa.	Sought leave of absence.

61.	Dr. Niyati Gopinath Kalangutkar School of Earth, Ocean & Atmospheric Sciences, Goa University.	Sought leave of absence.
62.	President, Post-Graduate Students Union, Goa University.	-
63.	Director, National Institute of Oceanography, Dona Paula, Goa.	Absent
64.	Chairman, Goa Board of Secondary & Higher Secondary Examination, Porvorim, Goa.	Absent