MINUTES OF MEETING

"Academic Advisory Board: Strategic Board for AI-Integrated Curriculum"

Date: 28th February 2026
Time: 02:00 PM
Venue: Online Zoom Meeting
Attendees: Honorable Chancellor Sir, Respected Pro Vice Chancellor Sir, Respected Dean Academics Sir, esteemed Dignitaries, Deans and Heads of Departments (HoDs), members of the Faculty AI Club and other faculty members.

Agenda-wise Discussion, Action Points, and Deliberations

1. Strategic AI Vision & Foundational Model Development

Speaker: Dr. Hala Faisal, Professor, Nayef Arab, University for Security Sciences, Riyadh, Soudi Arabia

AI integration must focus on developing institutional AI models and structured academic frameworks rather than mere tool adoption. A vision-driven foundational AI ecosystem supported by governance and ethical guidelines is essential. AI education should create future leaders and embed ethical considerations within curriculum design.

Action Points:

- Develop Institutional AI Vision Framework.
- Establish governance and ethical AI guidelines.
- Prepare foundational AI model development roadmap.

2. Curriculum Transformation & 360° Integration

Speaker: Ms. Hazel Shirish, Senior Manager, Nielsen

AI literacy should be introduced as a core component across disciplines. Specialized modules such as Agentic AI, Large Language Models (LLMs), and Human-Centric AI should be incorporated. A 360-degree multidisciplinary AI integration model is recommended.

Action Points:

- Introduce AI literacy modules across programs.
- Integrate emerging AI domains in curriculum.
- Promote multidisciplinary AI-based academic model.

3. Balancing Theoretical and Practical Learning

Speaker: Dr. Amod Bhat, Director, Asia Pacific, Aivancity School, France

Balanced emphasis on theoretical foundations and practical exposure is required. Formation of specialized AI schools or clusters may be explored. AI education must address user perspective, subject expertise, and policy/governance understanding, ensuring inclusive accessibility.

Action Points:

- Develop balanced theory-practice AI curriculum.
- Explore AI academic clusters.
- Ensure inclusive AI literacy.

4. Industry Collaboration & Skill Mapping

Speaker: Mr. Sunil Bhatambrekar, Advisor, C4i4 Lab, Samarth Udyog Technology Forum, Pune

Structured industry collaboration frameworks and skill mapping aligned with emerging trends are essential. Strong Mathematics, Statistics, ethical AI, sustainability, and internship pathways must be integrated to enhance employability.

Action Points:

- Develop industry collaboration framework.
- Implement AI skill mapping.
- Strengthen AI internship pathways.

5. Real-Time Industry Alignment & Tools Adoption

Speaker: Dr. Sadashib Padhee, Director Perennial Technology, Pune

Curriculum must reflect real-time industry demands. Adoption of smart AI tools and platforms is recommended. Students should be trained in industry-ready AI workflows.

Action Points:

- Integrate industry-aligned AI tools.
- Provide exposure to real-time AI workflows.
- Regular syllabus updates as per industry trends.

6. Micro-Credentialing & Certification Ecosystem

Speaker: Mr. Rajendra Giri, Database Specialist Solution Architect at Amazon Web Services (AWS), Singapore

Introduction of micro-certified programs and encouragement toward global certifications is recommended. A structured pathway from foundational AI to domain specialization should be implemented.

Action Points:

- Develop AI micro-credential programs.
- Align academic pathway with certifications.
- Promote certification culture.

7. AI Literacy for All

Speaker: Mr. Sameer Shukla, Vice President, NielsenIQ, Pune

Emphasis on how to integrate AI on different levels and in different domains and exploring all the different aspects of AI that are available nowadays like LLM, GenAI, AgencticAI etc.

Action Points:

- Exploring different dimensions and orientations like LLM, GenAI etc.
- Planning at different levels such as UG, PG, Research etc in all the courses.
- Strengthening the medium of our learning and development and how to use AI for education.
- Integrating AI not only in education but also from the University's standpoint such as in administration and operations to have 360-degree integration of AI.

8. Teaching-Learning Pedagogy Recommendations (Consensus)

Project-based learning, real-world case studies, measurable outcomes, skill-based assessment, and student-centric academic models are recommended.

Action Points:

- Implement project-based AI learning.
- Redesign skill-based assessment mechanisms.
- Strengthen experiential pedagogy.

9. Faculty Development & Academic Capacity Building

Regular FDPs for AI readiness and exposure to industry tools and ethical AI teaching practices are essential.

Action Points:

- Schedule periodic AI FDPs.
- Facilitate faculty industry exposure.
- Strengthen ethical AI teaching competencies.

10. Institutional Positioning

The University has a strategic opportunity to position itself as a leader in AI-integrated multidisciplinary education within Madhya Pradesh and beyond. A phased roadmap is recommended.

Action Points:

- Develop 3-5 year AI Integration Roadmap.
- Position University as AI-Integrated Academic Hub.
- Initiate branding and outreach for AI initiatives.

Concluding Remarks:

Respected Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. Atul Kumar summarized that AI integration must be strategic, ethical, inclusive, and industry-aligned. Immediate formation of working groups was recommended to translate deliberations into actionable implementation.