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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
JAWAHARLAL NEHRU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY ANANTAPUR
(Established by Govt. of A.P., ACT No.30 of 2008)
ANANTHAPURAMU – 515 002 (A.P) INDIA
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Procs.No.DAAO/A2/ViswamEC-W5-Autonomy/2024

Date:26/02/2024

Sub:- JNTUA – Academic Audit – Conferment of fresh Autonomous Status to
“**Viswam Engineering College, Angallu, Madanapalle, Annamaya Dist**” for a
period of ten years from the academic years 2024-25 to 2033-34 - Orders Issued.

Read:- 1. Lr.No.F.2-10/2023(AC-Policy), dated:19-01-2024 of the Deputy Secretary, UGC,
New Delhi.
2. Govt. Act.No.30 of 2008, dated:18-08-2008.
3. Letters to Registrars by the Secretary, APSCHE, Hyderabad, dated:28-04-2010.
4. University Order No.238/RP/JNTUA/6th E.C/2017-18, dated:01-07-2017

ORDER:

In pursuance of the instructions issued by UGC in its letter (1) read above, the Vice-Chancellor, JNTUA is pleased to confer the status of autonomy to Viswam Engineering College, Angallu, Madanapalle, Annamaya Dist subject to the following terms and conditions and such other conditions as may be imposed by the Executive Council of the University from time to time.

1. The College is conferred the status of autonomy for a period of ten years, in the first instance, commencing from the academic year 2024-25 (2024-25 to 2033-34).

Autonomy granted to the Institution is institutional and covers all the courses at UG and PG level which are being run by the Institution at the time of conferment of autonomous status. Also all courses introduced by the institution after the conferment of autonomous status shall automatically come under the purview of autonomy.

Starting of any UG and PG courses (which are not instituted in the University) shall be with the prior approval of the University since, the Degree certificates are to be issued under the seal of the University. However, for starting a new Diploma / Certificate / Degree etc., courses that are instituted by the University, the Autonomous college should obtain the recognition / affiliation of the University by sending the proposals complete in all respects at least six months in advance for obtaining the prior approval of the University before the commencement of such courses.

The college shall have autonomy in the matter of

- i) Framing syllabus / course content adopting the University's general pattern.
- ii) Arranging for instruction to students.
- iii) Devising methods of evaluation, examinations, and tests pertaining to the award of the degree by the University.

The college shall have power to make rules or bye-laws, not inconsistent with the JNT University Anantapur Act, for the purpose of securing the objectives of the status of autonomy granted to the college.

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2. The College shall set up the following statutory bodies:

The College shall have the following committees to ensure proper management of academic, financial and general administrative affairs.

- a) Governing Body
- b) Academic Council
- c) Board of Studies
- d) Finance Committee

a) **Governing Body:**

The constitution of this body shall be according to the structure given below:

Number	Category	Nature
5 members one of them to be Chairperson	Management	Nominated by the Parent body as per its constitution or bye-laws
2 members	Teachers of the college	Nominated by the Principal based on seniority by rotation
1 member	Administrative Staff of the College	Administrative Officer / Senior Administrative Staff
1 member	Educationist or industrialist	Nominated by the management
1 member	State government nominee	Academician not below the rank of Professor or state government official of Directorate of Higher Education / State Council of Higher Education
1 member	University nominee	Nominated by the University
1 member	Principal of the college	Member Secretary

The Term of the Governing Body shall be reconstituted every five years. The meetings shall be held at least once every six months.

b) **Academic Council:**

The Academic Council shall be solely responsible for all academic matters, such as, framing of academic policy, approval of courses, regulations and syllabi, etc. The council shall involve faculty at all levels and also experts from outside, including representatives of the University and the government. The decisions taken by the Academic Council shall not be subject to any further ratification by the Academic Council or other statutory bodies of the University. The composition and functions of the academic council are given below:

1. The Principal (Chairman)
2. All the Heads of Department in the Autonomous college.
3. Four teachers of the Autonomous college representing different categories of teaching staff by rotation on the basis of seniority of service in the college.
4. Not less than four experts/Academicians from outside the Autonomous college representing such areas as Industry, Commerce, Law, Education, Medicine, Engineering, Sciences etc. to be nominated by the Governing body.
5. Three nominees of the University not less than the cadre of Professor.
6. The Controller of Examination of the Autonomous college
7. A faculty member nominated by the Principal (Member Secretary).

Terms of Members:

The term of the nominated members shall be three years.

Meetings:

The Principal shall convene a meeting of the Academic Council at least once every six months.

Functions:

Without prejudice to the generality of functions mentioned, the Academic Council shall have powers to:

- a) Scrutinise and approve the proposals with or without modification of the Boards of Studies with regard to courses of study, academic regulations, Curricula, syllabi and modifications thereof, instructional and evaluation arrangements, methods, procedures relevant thereto etc., provided that where the Academic Council differs on any proposal, it will have the right to return the matter for reconsideration to the Board of Studies concerned or reject it, after giving reasons to do so.
- b) Make regulations regarding the admission of students to different programmes of study in the college keeping in view the policy of the Government.
- c) Make regulations for sports, extra-curricular activities, and proper maintenance and functioning of the play grounds and hostels.
- d) Recommend to the Governing Body, proposals for institution of new programmes of study.
- e) Recommend to the Governing Body, institution of scholarships, studentships, fellowships, prizes and medals, and to frame regulations for the award of the same.
- f) Advise the Governing Body on suggestions(s) pertaining to academic affairs made by it.
- g) Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the governing body.

c) Board of Studies:

The Board of Studies is the basic constituent of the academic system of an autonomous college. Its functions shall include framing the syllabi for various courses, reviewing and updating syllabi from time to time, introducing new courses of study, determining details of continuous assessment, recommending panels of examiners under the semester system etc. The composition and functions of the Board of Studies are given below:

1. Head of the Department concerned (Chairman).
2. All faculty members of the Department.
3. Two subject experts from outside the Parent University are to be nominated by the Academic Council.
4. One expert to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from a panel of six recommended by the Autonomous college principal.
5. One representative from industry / corporate sector / allied areas to be nominated by the Principal.
6. One member of the college alumni to be nominated by the Principal.
7. Experts from outside the Autonomous college, whenever special courses of studies are to be formulated, to be nominated by the Principal.

Term:

The term of the nominated members shall be three years. The Board of Studies shall be held at least once every six months.

Meetings:

The Principal of the college shall draw the schedule for meeting of the Board of Studies for different Departments. The meeting may be scheduled as and when necessary, but at least twice a year.

Functions:

The Board of Studies of a Department in the college shall:

- a) prepare syllabi for various courses keeping in view the objectives of the college, interest of the stakeholders and National requirement for consideration and approval of the Academic Council;
- b) suggest methodologies for innovative teaching and evaluation techniques;
- c) suggest panel of names to the Academic Council for appointment of examiners;
- d) coordinate research, teaching, extension and other academic activities in the Department / college.

d) **Finance Committee:**

The Finance Committee shall advise the Governing Body on financial matters and shall meet at least twice a year. The constitution and functions of the Finance committee are given below:

Composition:

- a) The Principal (Chairman).
- b) One person to be nominated by the Governing Body of the Autonomous college for a period of two years.
- c) One senior-most faculty member of the Autonomous college to be nominated in rotation by the Principal for two years.
- d) Finance Officer/Officer in-charge of Finance and Accounts of the Autonomous College (Member Secretary).

The term of the Finance Committee shall be three years.

The Finance Committee will be an advisory body to the Governing Body, and will meet at least twice a year to consider:

- i) Budget estimates relating to the grant received / receivable from UGC, and income from fees etc., collected for the activities to undertake the scheme of autonomy and
- ii) Audited accounts for the above.

3. The College shall also set up other Committees viz.,

- a) Grievance Redressal Committee
- b) Planning and Evaluation Committee
- c) Examination Committee
- d) Admission Committee
- e) Studies, Welfare & Extra-Curricular Activities Committee
- f) Library Committee and
- g) Anti-Ragging Committee and function as per the **"Revised Guidelines on the scheme of Autonomous Colleges of the University Grants Commission"**.

4. Admission of students to courses of studies offered by the Autonomous College shall conform to guidelines stipulated by the University and the State Government from time to time. It is a State policy [ref.(3)] that admissions into all professional courses including MBA, MCA in all Universities and colleges in the State are made through Common Entrance test by a State level body. The fee structure for all professional courses is regulated by AFRC (Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee), a body constituted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh as per the directions of the Supreme Court. This policy of Admissions and Fee structure for professional courses is therefore applicable to all autonomous colleges as well.

5. The University shall have power to confer degrees, titles, diplomas and other academic distinctions on persons who shall have pursued an approved course of study in an Autonomous College. The University shall have power to conduct inspection/surprise inspections at any point of time to assess the status of Autonomous institution.

6. The Executive Council of the University shall have power to revoke the autonomy conferred at any time after giving due notice of such intention to the college before the expiry of the period mentioned in 1 above, in case of deteriorating or declining standards or for any other cause deemed fit by the University.
7. The Autonomous Colleges shall pay 65% of the total affiliation fee calculated for ten years (period of autonomy) for the intake at the time of sanctioning autonomy, as one time affiliation fees.
8. The Autonomous College shall continue to pay Additional Affiliation Fees, University Common Services Fees, University Tournament Fees, Inspection fees if any and such other fees as the University may deem fit to impose on the college from time to time.
9. Notwithstanding the conferment of the autonomous status, all provisions of the Act, the Statutes, the Ordinances and the Regulations of the University shall be applicable to the college except those relating to matters specified in these terms and conditions. The University shall continue to exercise its general power of supervision over the college.

The autonomy conferred is subject to the acceptance of the prescribed conditions mentioned above and such other conditions as may be imposed by the Executive Council of the University from time to time.


for REGISTRAR

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- The Chairman/Secretary, Viswam Educational Society, DNo.III-146-9-2-58, 4th cross, Prasanth Nagar, Madanapalle, Annamaya Dist.-517325.
- The Secretary, University Grants Commission, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002.
- The Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002.
- The Joint Secretary & Head, Southern Regional Office, University Grants Commission (UGC), Andhra Pradesh State Finance Corporation (APSFC) Building, (4th floor), 5-9-194, Chirag Ali Lane, Hyderabad-500001.
- The Member Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi, Delhi-110070.
- The Secretary, A.P. State Council of Higher Education, 3rd, 4th & 5th floors, Neeladri Towers, Sri Ram Nagar, 6th Battalion Road, Atmakur (V), Mangalagiri (M), Guntur-522503.
- The Commissioner of Technical Education, Prasadampadu, Vijayawada.
- The Director of Evaluation, JNTUA.
- The Controller of Examinations, JNTUA.
- The Director of Admissions, JNTUA.
- PA to the Vice-Chancellor, PA to Rector, PA to the Registrar.