

St. Xavier's Catholic College of Engineering

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Chunkankadai, Nagercoil – 629003.

Seventh Academic Council Meeting

30.01.2026, 10:00 am

Minutes of the Meeting

The Seventh Academic Council Meeting of St. Xavier's Catholic College of Engineering was conducted on 30.01.2026 (Sunday) at 10:00 am at Einstein Hall.

Members present: enclosed.

The Faculty Nominee Dr. J. Arul King offered a prayer to open the gathering.

The Chairman of the Academic Council Dr. J. Maheswaran (Principal) welcomed the gathering and delivered the Introductory Talk by highlighting the recent Institutional achievements.

AC.07.01: Confirmation of the minutes of Sixth Academic Council meeting which was held on 21.06.2025 and Decision/Action Taken report.

The Chairman of the Academic Council Dr. J. Maheswaran (Principal) presented the minutes of the Sixth Academic Council meeting and the action taken report.

Suggestions / Recommendations related to Curriculum and Syllabi by the members during VI Academic Council Meeting	Decisions / Actions taken
The Academic Council recommended the mark distribution and the Assessment Rubrics presented for the 8th semester course "Project Work" of all UG Programmes.	Implemented
The content of the course "Research Tools Laboratory" may be revised with the latest tools in the next regulation.	Considered
In the syllabus generic names should be used for the hardwares / Softwares / Tools instead of company specific names.	Considered

AC.07.02: Discussion on the Suggestions / Recommendations offered by the members of the Governing Body in the Sixth Governing Body Meeting which was held on 05.07.2025.

Suggestions / Recommendations related to Curriculum and Syllabi by the members during VI Governing Body Meeting	Decisions / Actions taken
It is suggested to include the rubrics like Beyond Technology, cost consumer usage, product development, etc.	Considered
It is suggested to invite officials from TNSDC for giving awareness workshop on 'Projects'	Considered
It is also suggested to focus on converting Project to Patents	Considered
It is suggested to give focus on Design Thinking	Considered

AC.07.03: To consider and approve the following Regulations 2026 forwarded by Dean(Academics)

- i. R 2026 – B.E/B.Tech
- ii. R 2026 – M.E , M.C.A & MBA

The Dean(Academics) Dr. R. P. Anto Kumar presented the salient features of the proposed Regulation for both UG and PG Programmes. The members accepted the proposal with the following suggestions.

- 1) The duration of the 4th semester summer vacation internship may be extended from 2 weeks to 6 or 8 weeks, with appropriate monitoring mechanisms to ensure effective implementation.
- 2) The reasons like family marriage, death in family, admission in hospital due to sudden sickness also be considered for 10 % exemption in attendance.
- 3) Clear implementation guidelines shall be formulated for credit transfer, especially for off-campus and online courses, to ensure uniformity.
- 4) Project Work Assessment
 - Introduce explicit rubrics for innovation, societal relevance, and sustainability.
 - Mandate plagiarism checks and industry/alumni reviews for final-year projects.
- 5) Attendance and Evaluation Policies
 - Review the practice of awarding attendance marks to ensure academic rigor is not diluted.
 - Consider flexibility mechanisms for genuine cases, supported by a formal approval process.
- 6) Provision for International Internships may be included

AC.07.04: To consider and approve the minutes of the VII B.O.S. meetings forwarded by the Chairmen of

- Faculty of Civil Engineering[Annexure : 07.02.A]
- Faculty of Mechanical Engineering[Annexure : 07.02.B]
- Faculty of Electronics and Communication Engineering[Annexure : 07.02.C]
- Faculty of Electrical Engineering[Annexure : 07.02.D]
- Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering and Information Technology[Annexure : 07.02.E]
- Faculty of Science and Humanities[Annexure : 07.02.F]
- Faculty of Management Studies[Annexure : 07.02.G]

The Chairmen of the following board of studies presented the minutes of the VII B.O.S. meetings

- Faculty of Civil Engineering
- Faculty of Mechanical Engineering
- Faculty of Electronics and Communication Engineering

- Faculty of Electrical Engineering
- Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering and Information Technology
- Faculty of Science and Humanities
- Faculty of Management Studies

After discussion, the Academic Council approved the minutes of the VII B.O.S. meetings forwarded by the Chairmen of various faculty.

AC.07.05: To consider and approve the Curriculum all UG and PG Programmes and the Syllabus of First year of All UG and PG Programmes and other matters recommended by B.O.S. and forwarded by Chairmen of

- ◆ Faculty of Civil Engineering
- ◆ Faculty of Mechanical Engineering
- ◆ Faculty of Electronics and Communication Engineering
- ◆ Faculty of Electrical Engineering
- ◆ Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering and Information Technology
- ◆ Faculty of Science and Humanities
- ◆ Faculty of Management Studies

The members of the Academic Council offered the following suggestions

- 1) Credits may be aligned with the norms of Anna University.
- 2) Skill development courses can be structured according to the specific requirements of the programme.
- 3) Skill development courses may be classified into Communication Skill Development courses and Coding Skill Development courses.
- 4) Relevant tools may be incorporated as part of the course delivery.
- 5) Course Outcomes shall be framed at higher cognitive levels.
- 6) The CO-PO Mapping shall be thoroughly revamped.
- 7) For the M.E. Structural Engineering Programme:
 - It is recommended to retain any one of the following subjects instead of offering both:
 - 1) Structural Health Monitoring
 - 2) Maintenance and Rehabilitation of Structures
 - The following courses may be considered for removal:
 - 1) Prestressed Concrete Structures
 - 2) Design of Masonry Structures
 - The following new courses may be introduced:
 - 1) Design of Formwork
 - 2) Industrial Safety
 - 3) Design of Pre-Engineered Buildings
- 8) For Computer Science-related programmes, topics such as IT Infrastructure Services, basic AI tools, Prompt Engineering, Robotic Process Automation (RPA), low-code/no-code platforms, software testing, and automated testing may be included.
- 9) The duration of the MBA programme summer internship may be extended

from 4 weeks to 6–8 weeks.

AC.07.06: To consider and approve the report of the Academic Audit held on 26.11.2025 forwarded by the Dean(Academics).

The Chairman of the Academic Council Dr. J. Maheswaran (Principal) presented the summary of the academic audit which was held on 26.11.2026 by highlighting the strength of the Institution and the suggestions offered by the members for the improvement.

The Academic Council noted the conduct of Academic Audit and Appreciated it.

AC.07.07: To consider and approve the report of the Examination Audit held on 23.10.2025 forwarded by the Controller of Examinations.

A concise report on the Examination Audit for the examinations held on 23.10.2025 was presented by the Controller of Examinations Dr. A. Milton.

The Academic Council took notice of how the examination audit was conducted.

AC.07.08: Discussion on AICTE communication regarding

1. "Learn One More Bharatiya Bhasha" Initiative in Higher Education Institutions.

The Academic Council members recommended awaiting directions from Anna University before implementing the above initiative.

2. Introduction of Non-Credit Mandatory Course on "Disaster Management and Preparedness" from January 2026 Session in all AICTE approved Institutions'

The Academic Council members suggested incorporating it into the 2026 curriculum.

AC. 07.09: Other matters

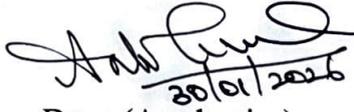
- 1) NPTEL Course Completion Status**
- 2) Graduation Rate 2025**
- 3) Placement 2025-2026**
- 4) MoU Signed**
- 5) Gate Achievement**
- 6) Achievements of Faculty and Students**

The Chairman of the Academic Council Dr. J. Maheswaran (Principal) presented the NPTEL Course Completion Status, Graduation Rate 2025, Placement 2025-2026, MoU Signed, Gate Achievement and Achievements of Faculty and Students

After discussion, the Academic Council noted down the NPTEL Course Completion Status, Graduation Rate 2025, Placement 2025-2026, MoU Signed, Gate Achievement and Achievements of Faculty and Students.

The Correspondent Rev. Fr. S. Godwin Selva Justus acknowledged the contribution of the expert members through their value suggestions during the discussions throughout the meeting and thanked everyone who participated.

The Principal concluded the meeting by thanking all of the participants and recognizing the valuable comments made by the expert members during the talks. The meeting ends at 1:30 pm.


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