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EXTENSION OF APPROVAL

Ref: CA/5/Academic-CH01
September 20, 2022

The Principal
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Sub: Extension of Approval for imparting **5-year Full-time Bachelor of Architecture Degree Course** from the academic session 2022-2023 onwards - reg.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that the Executive Committee of the Council of Architecture (COA) in its 241st Meeting considered the assessment report of the Inspection Committee that conducted inspection of your Institution (copy enclosed), duly scrutinised by the Scrutiny Committee of Experts, together with the information provided by institution, for extension of approval of **5-year full-time Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.) degree course**.

The Executive Committee, after consideration of the same, has decided to grant extension of approval to **5-year full-time Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.) degree course** at your institution as under:

DETAILS OF THE COURSE	INTAKE	PERIOD OF APPROVAL
5-year Full-Time Bachelor of Architecture	40	2022-2023

The approval accorded by the Council to your institution is subject to compliance of the Council Norms attached herewith as **Annexure-A** and also subject to appointment of adequate Faculty of Architecture and maintenance of physical infrastructure & facilities at your institution in terms of Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 2020, prior to commencement of academic session 2022-2023. The institution shall be required to appoint faculty to fill up any vacancy, as may be required, within 15 days in case of any faculty leaving the institution.

The Inspection Committee noticed the following serious issues affecting the working of the institution and proper studies of the students. The issues must be addressed in a time bound manner and compliance be submitted to the Council :

- Institution must recruit 1 Professor before the commencement of academic session.
- Adequate Infrastructure and cadre-wise qualified faculty as per COA Norms should be appointed/ maintained by the institution at all times.
- Not much of students' work was exhibited, either of Design or other technical and non-technical subjects. The objectives of the Design projects were not clearly spelt out resulting in an incomplete learning exercise. None of the issues like barrier free design, sustainability aspects, climate responsiveness, energy efficient design, etc. were addressed in the Design problems. Most of the solutions lacked completion and remained mainly conceptual.
- Seniority has been disregarded in the appointment of I/C Principal. Insecurity amongst faculty was observed because a regular principal has not been appointed.
- There has been little or no effort to amend the Recruitment rules and hence direct recruitment to positions has not been done for almost 2 decades.

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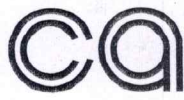
- No study tours and educational trips have been undertaken.
- Allotment of subjects to faculty ignoring their specialization and interest. Discriminating and overburdening some of them with administrative work hindering their personal and professional development. Lack of encouragement to attend FDPs, conferences, etc.
- None of the faculty members have been ratified by CoA nominee as required under COA Norms. The Institution needs to ensure that the appointments of the permanent and contractual faculty are ratified by the CoA nominee following the Minimum Standard of Architectural Education Regulations 2020.
- Contractual faculty feel threatened by the late or last-minute renewal of their contract. Delay in payment to visiting faculty (by a semester/ year) as a result the faculty are not able to approach architects with high professional and teaching caliber.
- Administrative functions/ responsibilities like Drawing and Disbursement officer, etc. are dumped onto the teaching faculty taking them away from their core academic work.
- Biased approach towards providing opportunities was observed for further (higher) studies and career enhancement.
- the faculty is extremely dissatisfied and disillusioned with the functioning of the Institution.
- There seems to be serious lack of communication between students and Principal and administration. They are not encouraged to participate in NASA and other competitions. No study tours and educational trips have been undertaken. Canteen and Gym are non-functional. Labs and studios were not open to the students beyond working hours. The Institute does not support the students in exam and administrative matters concerning the University
- Students were unaware about the CoA Inspection visit and therefore, were available in poor numbers on the campus. As a result, the inspection team were not able to meet the final year students especially, whose feedback was of utmost importance to the team.
- Students are not encouraged to participate in NASA and other competitions. There is little or no support from faculty and Principal I/c.
- Canteen and Gym are non-functional and a complete retrofit/ repair of the facility and its equipment is required.
- Labs, library and studios are not open to the students beyond working hours. As most students are staying in the hostel, they felt the need for extended working hours as the facilities were not available at the hostels.
- Studio furniture is very old and damaged making it difficult to work.
- The recruitment of permanent faculty as well as Principal should be done on a priority basis and recruitment henceforth be governed by the COA Minimum Standard of Architectural Education Regulations 2020.
- to constitute a Syllabus Committee to frame an appropriate syllabus considering the needs of future architectural practice that would address the issues of sustainability and climate change and digital design practices and technology, etc.
- Institution is encouraged to constitute a Board of Governors/ management/ advisors to oversee the running of the institution and take measures to improve the overall quality of the institute.

The institution shall initiate necessary remedial actions, based on the observations of the Executive Committee & Inspection Committee and shall submit its compliance/observations on the same for further consideration. The Council shall be at liberty to inspect the Institution at any point of time to verify the compliance made by the institution and to ascertain that the institution is imparting architectural course as per the Norms prescribed by the Council, from time to time.

Yours faithfully,

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Registrar

Encl. : as above.



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