

SVU/R/O/2025-26/110A

November 29, 2025

**OFFICE ORDER**

**Sub: Re-constitution of Academic Council of the Somaia Vidyavihar University,  
Mumbai (SVU) – Order Issued**

**Ref:** 1. Office Order issued dated SVU/R/O/2023-24/166 dated 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
2. Maharashtra Private Universities (Establishment & Regulation) Act, 2023  
(Maharashtra Act No. VIII of 2024) - Clause 29  
3. First Statutes of Somaia Vidyavihar University, Mumbai – Clause 20 & 21

1. The Academic Council shall be the principal academic authority of the University and responsible for laying down the academic policies in regard to maintenance and improvement of standards of teaching research, extension and collaboration programmes in academic matters and evaluation of workload of the teachers.
2. The Academic Council of the University is constituted with the following Ex-Officio Members, Nominated Experts, and Invitee Members:  
The Academic Council shall consist of following persons, namely:

**I. Vice-Chancellor – Ex-officio Chairperson**

Dr. Ajay Kapoor, Vice Chancellor, Somaia Vidyavihar University, Mumbai

**II. All Deans of Faculties of the University**

- i) Dr. Satish Modh, Faculty of Commerce & Business Studies.
- ii) Dr. Raman Ramchandran, Faculty of Management Studies.
- iii) Dr. Suresh Ukarande, Faculty of Engineering and Technology.
- iv) Dr. Abhishek Ghosh, Faculty of Dharma Studies and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Yoga & Meditation, Indian Knowledge System and Hindu Studies.
- v) Dr. Neetin Desai, Faculty of Science and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Agricultural, Science and Technology.
- vi) Prof. Veena Sanekar, Faculty of Languages and Literature.
- vii) Shri. Niladri Kumar, Faculty of Music & Performing Arts and Chairperson in Board of Studies in Music & Performing Arts
- viii) Dr. Santosh Narayankhedkar, Academics.
- ix) Dr. Arun Nayak, Research.
- x) Dr. Achala Danait, Centre for Strategic Industry Partnership.
- xi) Dr. Hemangi Bhagwat, Faculty of Humanities & Social Science.
- xii) Dr. Urmi Thakkar, Students Welfare.

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### III. Chairpersons of the Boards of Studies

- i) Prof. (Dr.) Kiran Sharma, Professor & Area Chairperson, Department of Marketing & International Business, KJSIM and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Marketing & International Business.
- ii) Dr. Sanjivani Kumar, Associate Professor & Area Chairperson, Department of Business Analytics, KJSIM and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Business Analytics.
- iii) Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Soni, Professor & Area Chairperson, Department of Finance & Law, KJSIM and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Finance & Law.
- v) Prof. (Dr.) Shiji Lyndon, Associate Professor & Area Chairperson, Department of Human Resource & Organisation Behaviour, KJSIM and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Human Resource & Organisation Behaviour.
- vi) Prof. (Dr.) Manjari Srivastava, Associate Dean Academic Programmes & Area Chairperson, Department of Economics, KJSIM and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Economics.
- vii) Dr. Jaya Iyer, Associate Professor & Area Chairperson, Department of Data Science & Technology, KJSIM and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Data Science & Technology.
- viii) Dr. Poonam Chauhan, Associate Professor, Mktg. & Intl. Business & Area Chairperson, Department of Health Care Management, KJSIM and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Health Care Management.
- ix) Prof. (Dr.) Pramod Shetty, Emeritus Professor & Area Chairperson, Department of Operations & Supply Chain Management, KJSIM and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Operations & Supply Chain Management.
- x) Dr. Rushi A. Karichalil, Visiting Faculty & Area Chairperson, Department of General Management, KJSIM and Chairperson, Board of Studies in General Management.
- xi) Dr. Vandana Tripathi, Programme Director & Chairperson, Board of studies in Sports Management, KJSIM and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Sports Management.
- xii) Dr. Ramesh Lekurwale, Professor & Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, KJSSE and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Mechanical Engineering.
- xiii) Dr. Deepak Sharma, Professor & Head of the Department of Computer Engineering, KJSSE and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Computer Engineering.
- xiv) Dr. J.H. Nirmal, Professor & Head of the Department of Electronics & Computer Engineering, KJSSE and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Electronics and Computer Engineering.

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- xv) Dr. Bharati Singh, Professor & Head of the Department of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering, KJSSE and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering.
- xvi) Dr. Sonali Patil, Professor & Associate Dean, Academic Programmes, Department of Information Technology, KJSSE and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Information Technology and Artificial Intelligence & Data Science (IT and AI & DS).
- xvii) Dr. Vaibhav Narwane, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Robotics & Artificial Intelligence, KJSSE
- xviii) Dr. Soumyadeb Ghosh, Senior Professor and Head of the Department of SciSER, SVU and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Integrated Science Education & Research.
- xix) Dr. Aparna Jain, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Commerce & Business Studies, SKSSCBS and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Business Studies
- xx) Dr. Nilesh Wagh, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Environmental Science, SSBAS and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Environmental Science
- xxi) Dr. Pushpendra Rai, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Chemistry, KJSSE and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Chemistry.
- xxii) Dr. Suren Patwardhan, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Physics, KJSSE and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Physics.
- xxiii) Dr. Seema Sambrani, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Life Science, and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Biotechnology.
- xxiv) Dr. Swati Maurya, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Computer Science & Information Technology, SSBAS and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Data Science and Computer Science and Information Technology.
- xxv) Dr. Harshali Patil, Associate Professor of the Department of Computer Science & Information Technology, SSBAS and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Computer Applications.
- xxvi) CA Muskan Kukreja, Assistant Professor and Assistant Director, Department of Accounting & Finance, SKSSCBS and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Accounting and Finance.
- xxvii) Dr. Bhavana Jangale, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Commerce, SKSSCBS and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Commerce.
- xxviii) Dr. Vandana Jamdar, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Polymer Science, SSBAS and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Polymer Science.

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- xxix) Dr. Aarti Nayak, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Mathematics & Statistics and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Applied Statistics & Analytics and Mathematics and Computational Science, SSBAS.
- xxx) Dr. Madhura Janve, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Life Science, SSBAS and Chairperson in Board of Studies in Food Science and Nutraceuticals.
- xxxi) Mr. Aazaz Khan, Director, Somaiya Sports Academy and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Sports and Exercise Science.
- xxxii) Dr. Nirupama Warriar, I/c. University Librarian, SVU and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Department of Library & Information Science.
- xxxiii) Dr. Pooja Birwatkar, I/c. Director, K J Somaiya School of Education and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Education.
- xxxiv) Mr. Siddharth Somaiya, Co-Creator IMMERSE Artist and Curator Residency, SVU and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Art History & Art Writing/Criticism, SKSSA.
- xxxv) Prof. Narayan Parasuram, Professor & Director, Somaiya Dhvani Chitram and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Story-telling and Cinematic Craft.
- xxxvi) Prof. Veena Sanekar, Dean and Director, K. J. Somaiya School of Languages and Literature and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Indian and Foreign Languages.
- xxxvii) Dr. Gaurav Gadgil, I/c. Director, Somaiya School of Civilisation Studies and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Liberal Arts and Head of Centre of Asian Studies.
- xxxviii) Ms. Richa Chaudhary, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, SSHSS and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Mass Communication and Journalism
- xxxix) Ms. Saheli Chattaraj, Assistant Professor and Coordinator, Department of China Studies, SSHSS and Chairperson, Board of Studies in China Studies
- xl) Dr. Sanjay Rode, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Economics SSHSS and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Economics.
- xli) Dr. Dinoj Upadhyay, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of International Studies, SSHSS and Chairperson, Board of Studies in International Studies.
- xl ii) Dr. Satishchandra Kumar, Former Professor and Head, Department of Psychology, University of Mumbai and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Psychology, Somaiya School of Humanities and Social Science.
- xl iii) Dr. Prasad Bhide, Associate Professor and Assistant Director, MSSMPA and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Dance – Kathak and Bharat Natyam, MSSMPA.

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- xliv) Prof. Venus Jain, Professor, Department of Jain Studies, KJSIDS and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Jainism and Prakrit.
- xliv) Dr. Pallavi Jambhale, Associate Professor, Department of Buddhist Studies & Pali, KJSIDS and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Buddhist Studies & Pali and Ancient Indian History, Culture & Archaeology.
- xlvi) Dr. Bhagyashree Bavare, Associate Professor, KJSIDS and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Sanskrit.

**IV. Directors of the constituent Institutes/Schools of SVU**

- i) Dr. Irfan Siddavatam, Director, Somaiya School of Design and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Product Design.
- ii) Mr. Abhay Sardesai, Director, Dr. Shantilal K Somaiya School of Art.

**V. Two Persons nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from the Industry**

- i) Dr. Deepthi Sasidharan, Director, Eka Archiving Services, Mumbai.
- ii) Nomination in process

**VI. Four Academicians/Scientist nominated by the President/Chancellor**

- i) Prof. Larry Walker, Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering Dept., Michigan State University, USA
- ii) Prof. Sendurai Mani, Anderson Cancer Centre, University of Texas, USA
- iii) Nomination in process.
- iv) Nomination in process.

**VII. Registrar – Member Secretary**

Prof. Nandkumar R. Gilke, Registrar, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai.

**VIII. Controller of Examinations – Permanent Invitee**

Prof. Ramesh G. Karandikar, Controller of Examinations, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai.

**Invitees**

- i) Lt. Gen. H. S. Kahlon, Secretary, SVV
- ii) CA Monica Lodha, CFO
- iii) Dr. Nandkumar Kunchge, Director, KIAAR
- iv) Dr. Preeti Rawat, Director, Faculty & Staff Development Centre
- v) Mr. Sovan Basu, Director HR
- vi) Dr. Satyendra Upadhyay, Director, International Relations, SVV
- vii) Dr. Yamini Shah, Assistant Director, Centre for Kachehh Studies
- viii) Dr. Kishan Pawar, Principal, K J Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce
- ix) Dr. Pradnya Prabhu, Principal, K J Somaiya College of Science and Commerce
- x) Dr. Purushottam Wadje, Principal, S K Somaiya College of Arts, Science and Commerce
- xi) Dr. Padmaja Bandaru, Principal, K J Somaiya Polytechnic

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- xii) Mr. Shaji Mathew, Principal, K J Somaiya Industrial Training Institute
- xiii) Ms. Jyoti Malhotra, Principal, The Somaiya School
- xiv) Mr. Anil Kumar C, Principal, K J Somaiya English Medium School, Sameerwadi.
- xv) Ms. Sunita Pare, Principal, Somaiya Vidyamandir, Sakarwadi
- xvi) Mr. Nishit Sangomla, Director, Somaiya Kala Vidya
- xvii) Mr. Gaurang Shetty, CEO, riidl.
- xviii) Dr. Vivek Sunnapwar, Principal, KJSIT
- xix) Ms. Snehal Phodase, Principal, S.K. Somaiya Junior College of Education.
- xx) Ms. Smita Bhosale, Principal, S.K. Somaiya Vinaymandir Secondary & Junior College
- xxi) Mr. Maruti Dhaytadak, Principal, Somaiya Vidyamandir, Laxmiwadi
- xxii) Mr. Kalyan Wakchaure, Principal, Shri Sharda English Medium School, Kopargaon.
- xxiii) Mr. Manoj D Vanmali, Principal, K J Somaiya Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Nareshwadi, Nareshwadi Learning Centre.
- xxiv) Mr. Basappa Shivappa Shilleen, Headmaster, Somaiya Shishu Niketan Primary School, Sameerwadi.
- xxv) Ms. Sonal Jhavar, Head-Pre-Primary, Somaiya Vidya Mandir, Bhopal Rehti.
- xxvi) Mr. Vivekanand H. Bhajantri, Headmaster, Somaiya Vinaymandir High School, Sameerwadi.

3. The Academic Council shall meet as often as may be necessary but not less than twice a year.
4. One third members shall constitute the quorum.

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Prof. Nandkumar Gilke  
Registrar

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