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DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE

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5.10.2023

Report on Alumni Feedback

The following suggestions are given by the alumni for the academic year 2022-2023

Suggestions Given:

- More practical subjects related to professional practice and constructability or feasibility of implementing the design, site execution and complexities, Specification and estimation.
- More hands-on workshop and lab-based courses exposing to teamwork, material and construction techniques, and to honing leadership qualities.
- More insights on allied architectural fields and career options before entering the job market through student club activities.
- Market Surveys, field studies of actual construction sites in addition to completed projects are suggested
- Analysis and simulation using BIM softwares and application of Virtual Reality and AI to be taught or introduced through workshops.
- Building Materials, Construction and Services should be lab-based courses.
- Design Illustration, Presentation, Management and communication skills are overwhelmingly suggested to be inculcated into the curriculum.
- Design problems should have much scope for form exploration, material study and structural explorations
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Action Taken:

- The new syllabus incorporated many of the suggestion given such as introduction of BIM software's from 1st year onwards.
- The Materials, Construction and Services are now either theory cum studio or incorporates workshops.
- More student club activities are now initiated to have more interaction among the students and to gain insights about architecture and allied fields.
- Specification and Estimation is offered in the new syllabus as a dedicated course.
- More and more interactive sessions and hands-on workshop are planned into the course delivery.

- Design syllabus has been revamped to give more scope for form explorations, material and structural exploration.
- Subjects assignments are made sure to include the market study on current trends relating to materials, techniques, etc.
- Monthly design expo is conducted in the department for more exposure to presentation, communication skills and to improve interaction among the students.

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Suggestions given:

More knowledge on software such as Rhino, Grasshopper integrated with Python, BIM softwares, etc

More workshops on tools, techniques and software can be organised.

Working and designing using feet and inches in addition to metric system will help in actual practice in field

More site visits to understand structures will be helpful

More exposure to communication skills to boost confidence

Provide the students with Architecture career guidance and higher studies possibilities.

Exposure to new trends in architecture such as zero energy buildings, carbon neutral or negative buildings, and latest sustainable materials.

Actions taken:

The new curriculum has been designed to include latest trends in architecture. Subjects have been revived to include latest technologies and materials

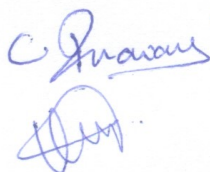
Also, software tools have been introduced into the new curriculum that relates to BIM

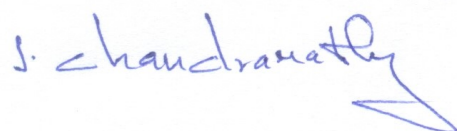
Seminar presentation will be incorporated into the assignments to improve communication skills.

Case study visits are always conducted in the program for design subjects. Staff are encouraged to conduct site visits for theory and theory cum studio subjects.

Workshops and webinars from higher learning institutions and industry professionals are promoted and staff are encouraged to organise such webinars and workshops

More number of theory cum Studio that are skill based has been included in the new curriculum.

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12.06.2019

Report on Alumni feedback:

Following suggestions are given by the Alumni for the Academic year 2018-2019

Suggestions given:

- Could be exposed to practical aspects of architecture and construction
- Need Exposure to issue based design approach
- Students could be allowed to take several online courses based on their interest

Action taken:

- The design projects are discussed with visiting faculty members before introduced to the class and real life issues are addressed.
- Inputs of service, structural consultants are given through workshops, lectures and design project reviews.
- Coursera courses sponsored through TCE have been encouraged among students.
- Students were allowed to take-up the online courses like Product Design & Innovation, Housing Policy and Planning, Structure form & Architecture and Culturally Responsive Built Environment offered by NPTEL

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14.02.2020

Report on Alumni feedback:

Following suggestions are given by the Alumni for the Academic year 2019-2020

Suggestions given:

- Require Management skills and communication skills (English and Entrepreneurial skills) could be part of curriculum.
- Knowledge about traditional as well as contemporary construction materials and techniques are required.
- Curriculum to reflect current trend in architecture
- Need exposure on Building automation, service integration, augmented reality and many other latest innovations in architecture.
- Curriculum should give more focus on practical training Internship period could be made into 1 year (2 Semesters).

Action taken:

- Above suggestions were taken for revamping the courses for the academic year 2021-22
- Workshop on Manual Drafting and Digital Presentation by Ar.P.R.S.Sivakumar (Prof.Des.Chair) was conducted
- Feedback from employers and visiting faculties are taken every year to make sure that the syllabus is reflective of what the industry demands from a young graduate.
- The department is now equipped with Virtual reality and 3d printing technology for the students to explore and have basic knowledge about latest innovations in Architecture.
- Internship duration is governed by COA regulations and cannot be implemented at the discretion of the department

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12.06.2021

Report on Alumni feedback:

Following suggestions are given by the Alumni for the Academic year 2020-2021

Suggestions given:

- Require client interaction/ teamwork insight/ presentation and site level survey
- Software's other than AutoCAD / 3D rendering techniques could be taught
- Hands-on workshops for engineering and civil subjects would lead to lesser arrears.
- Time problems could be given across the class in terms of design mela, where the senior junior interaction could be established and aid in knowledge sharing and peer coaching

Action taken:

- Above suggestions were taken for revamping the courses for the academic year 2021-22. New syllabus incorporates a stream of studio based courses focusing on Building Information Modelling from 2021 onwards.
- Hands-on approaches in civil subjects such as mechanics of structures, RCC, estimation specification and Project management need to be requested with the civil department. Usage of demo videos on experiments or case studies on project management can be requested for future deliveries
- Incorporation of Rhino and virtual reality can be part of computer application related subjects. Incorporation of these being done through syllabus revision starting from 2021 onwards
- Design mela with cross semester interaction will be encouraged in future after post pandemic recovery, when students are on campus.

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