

Minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Academic Council held on 14th November 2017
at Barad Sadan Academic Block, Gangtok

22nd meeting of the Academic Council was held on 14th Nov 2017 at 11:00 am at Barad Sadan Conference Hall. Following members were present:

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| 1. Prof. J.P. Tamang,
Vice-Chancellor (Off) | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Dr. Debashis Chowdhury,
Controller of Examinations | - | Member |
| 3. Prof. Ananda Mukhopadhyay,
Department of Zoology,
North Bengal University | - | Member |
| 4. Dr. Ganesh Ji Tiwari
Principal,
Sikkim Government Law College, Burtuk | - | Member |
| 5. Dr. Sandhya Rai
Principal,
Loyola College of Education, Namchi | - | Member |
| 6. Prof. V. Rama Devi,
Dean, School of Professional Studies | - | Member |
| 7. Prof. Irshad Gulam Ahmed,
Dean, School of Languages & Literature | - | Member |
| 8. Prof. Nawal K. Paswan,
Dean, School of Social Sciences | - | Member |
| 9. Prof. Nutankumar S. Thingujam,
Dean, School of Human Sciences | - | Member |
| 10. Dr. Subir Mukhopadhyay,
Dean, School of Physical Sciences | - | Member |
| 11. Dr. S. Manivannan,
Dean, Students' Welfare | - | Member |
| 12. Prof. Shanti S. Sharma
Professor
Department of Botany | - | Member |
| 13. Prof. Jeta Sankritayana
Professor
Department of Economics | - | Member |
| 14. Prof. Sanjoy Bandopadhyay
Professor
Department of Music | - | Member |

15.Prof. Pratap Chandra Pradhan, Head, Department of Nepali	-	Member
16.Prof. Abhijit Dutta Head, Department of Commerce	-	Member
17.Prof Imtiaz Gulam Ahmed Head, Department of Law	-	Member
18.Prof. Silajit Guha Head, Department of Mass Communication	-	Member
19.Dr. Vijay Kumar Thangellapali Head, Department of History	-	Member
20.Dr. Dhaniraj Chettri Head, Department of Botany	-	Member
21.Dr. H.K. Tiwari Head, Department of Microbiology	-	Member
22.Dr. Laxuman Sharma Head, Department of Horticulture	-	Member
23.Dr. Durga Prasad Chhetri Head, Department of Political Science	-	Member
24.Dr. Sandhya Thapa Head, Department of Sociology	-	Member
25.Dr. Amitabha Bhattacharya Head, Department of Physics	-	Member
26.Dr. Krishnendu Dutta Head, Department of Music	-	Member
27.Dr. Mohan Pratap Pradhan Head, Department of Computer Applications	-	Member
28.Dr. T.M.S. Raju Head, Department of Education	-	Member
29.Dr. Kabita Lama Associate Professor Department of Nepali	-	Member
30.Dr. A.N. Shankar Associate Professor Department of Commerce	-	Member
31.Dr. Niladri Bag Associate Professor	-	Member

Department of Horticulture

32. Dr. Swarup Roy Associate Professor Department of Computer Applications	-	Member
33. Shri Debasish Pal Finance Officer	-	Special Invitee
34. Shri T.K. Kaul Registrar	-	Secretary

The following members could not attend the meeting because of their pre-occupation and sought leave of absence.

1. Prof. Rajesh Sharan, Department of Biochemistry, NEHU
2. Prof. A.S. Chandel, Librarian
3. Dr. Komol Singha, Head, Department of Economics
4. Dr. Kotra Rhine Rama Mohan, Head, Department of Anthropology
5. Dr. Rajesh Raj S.N, Associate Professor, Department of Economics

Dr. S.K. Gurung, Joint Registrar (Acad.) and Shri Satyam Rana, Assistant were present to assist the Council.

At the outset the Secretary introduced Prof. J.P. Tamang, Vice-Chancellor (Off) as the Chairperson of the Council having taken over the charge from Prof. T.B. Subba who demitted office on 13th Oct 2017 (AN) on completion of his tenure.

The Chairman thereafter welcomed all members especially new members i.e., Prof. Shanti S. Sharma, Prof. Jeta Sankritayana, Prof. Sanjoy Bandopadhyay, Dr. Niladri Bag, Dr. Swarup Roy, Shri Debasish Pal who were attending the Academic Council meeting for the first time.

The Chairman placed on record valuable contributions of Prof. T.B. Subba, former Vice-Chancellor in the Academic Council by streamlining systems, introducing innovative ideas and above all in conducting the meetings in orderly manner during his five years term. A number of decisions were taken during his tenure which have positive impact on the standard and quality of higher education in Sikkim in general and the University in particular. Council resolved that a copy of minutes be sent to him.

The Chairman also placed on record appreciation for contributions in the Academic council meetings by Prof. S.P.S. Rajput, Prof. Deepak Kr. Srivastava, Dr. Santanu Dey, Dr. Tankanath Sharma Khatiwara, Dr. Manish, Dr. Swati A. Sachdeva and Dr. N. Sathyanarayana who completed their term in the Academic Council. Thereafter, agenda items were taken up as under:

SECTION 1
CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES & ACTION TAKEN REPORT

AC 22.1.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 21st meeting of the Academic Council held on 31st May 2017

Minutes of the 21st meeting of the Academic Council held on 31st May 2017 were circulated to all the members on 7th June 2017. Four members submitted their comments on the minutes which are submitted below:

- i) Dr. Komol Singha has asked for inclusion of PhD coursework syllabus in Economics under item no. AC21.4.B1
- ii) Dr. Laxuman Sharma has asked for inclusion of B.Sc. Horticulture syllabus in the minutes under item no. AC21.4.B1.
- iii) Dr. H.K. Tiwari has asked for inclusion of M.Phil Microbiology courses under item No. AC21.4.B1. He has also stated that for Pharmay syllabus the Council advised not to follow 100% PCI guidelines while framing of B.Pharma and M.Pharma syllabus. Guidelines of the University are also to be followed.
- iv) Prof. Deepak Srivastava has stated that third paper (emerging issue in different domain) of PhD coursework syllabus in Management is to be reworked.

Points raised by Dr. Komal Singha, Dr. Laxuman Sharma, Dr. H.K. Tiwari regarding syllabi were checked with the minutes of respective School Boards. It was found that respective School Boards did not include Ph.D coursework syllabus in Economics, B.Sc Horticulture syllabus and M.Phil Microbiology coursework syllabus. Hence these cannot be included.

In so far as issue raised by Prof. Deepak Srivastava is concerned, Prof. Rama Devi informed the Council that as advised by the Council she forwarded Ph.D coursework syllabus to Prof. Deepak Srivastava for his suggestions. He sent his suggestions for the 2nd paper, not for the 3rd paper. His suggestion was incorporated.

The Council confirmed the minutes of 21st meeting of the Academic Council held on 31st May 2017 as circulated to all the members on 7th June 2017.

AC 22.1.2: Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 21st meeting of the Academic Council held on 31st May 2017

The Secretary presented the action taken report on the minutes of the 21st meeting of the Council. The Council noted the action taken by the University.

**SECTION 2
REPORTING ITEMS**

AC 22.2.1: Synopses for Ph.D registrations in the University

The Council noted the number of synopses for Ph.D registrations in each School.

**SECTION 3
RATIFICATION MATTERS
Nil**

**SECTION 4
MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL**

A. PANEL OF EXAMINERS, ETC

AC 22.4.A1: Panel of external examiners

The Council approved the panel of examiners as per the details given below as recommended by the concerned School Board for the purpose as mentioned in the table:

Sl. No.	Name of the School	Name of the Department	External examiners to be invited for
1)	School of Languages & Literature	English	MPhil viva-voce
		Hindi	
		Chinese	MA dissertation
		Nepali	MPhil & PhD viva-voce
2)	School of Human Sciences	Anthropology	M.Phil. dissertation/viva-voce
		Geography	MPhil & PhD viva-voce
		Psychology	
3)	School of Professional Studies	Education	MPhil & PhD viva-voce and MA dissertation
		Commerce	PhD viva-voce
		Mass Communication	MA practical examination
4)	School of Physical Sciences	Mathematics	MPhil viva-voce
		Physics	MPhil & PhD viva-voce

5)	School of Social Sciences	PCS&M	MPhil dissertation & Ph.D. thesis
		International Relations	
		History	
		Political Science	MPhil dissertation
		Law	
		Economics	PhD thesis

AC 21.4.A2: Proposal of a panel of subject area experts for invitation to the next Board of Studies (any one approved member) during the submission of Ph.D synopsis by the Ph.D candidate in Chinese.

The Council noted that the membership of Board of Studies is prescribed in the Ordinances. Head/In-charge of the department in his/her capacity as Chairman/Convenor of Board of Studies may like to invite any expert as Special Invitee to the meeting after seeking approval of the Vice-Chancellor by giving proper justification. The special invitee may give his/her opinion in the relevant area but will not have any voting right in the meeting. The suggestion of the department of Chinese forwarded through School Board of Languages and Literature to approve a panel of Senior Professor in subject/area expert was not, therefore, accepted by the Council.

B. SYLLABUS MATTERS/COURSES ETC.

AC 22.4.B1: Inclusion of MIL in UG syllabus as an Optional Paper

The School Board of Languages and Literature on the basis of recommendations of the Board of Studies of Nepali Department recommended inclusion of Nepali in the UG course as an optional paper. The matter was deliberated upon and HoD, Nepali Department corrected that Nepali be included in the UG course not an optional paper but as one of the compulsory Foundation Course along with others like Gender studies/ IPR etc. This suggestion was approved in principle.

For syllabus it was decided that Dean, School of Languages and Literature may suggest formation of a Committee to the Vice-Chancellor for approval. The syllabus may be submitted in the next meeting of the Council through Board of Studies and School Board.

AC 22.4.B2: Introduction of a Certificate Course on Human Rights in the Department of Political Science

HoD, Political Science made a presentation of the syllabus of Certificate Course in Human Rights. The syllabus was approved by the Council.

The Council afterwards deliberated on the viability and other issue of such courses under item AC22.4.D1.

C. AFFILIATION MATTERS

AC 22.4.C1: *Deregistration of Palatine College from the Academic Session 2018*

The Council noted that based on the decision of the Council a letter dated 12th July 2017 was sent by the University communicating the decision of de-affiliation of the college from the academic session 2018-19. Managing Director of the College in his letter dated 26th July 2017 requested to reconsider the decision to de-affiliate Palatine College by leveling allegations against the Chairman of the Inspection Committee stating that he did not visit the College during inspection and was never encouraging and positive towards improvement of the College.

The Council noted that there had been several Inspection teams which visited College year after year and had been giving observations which college did not fulfill. The Council after deliberations decided as under:

- i) Communication dated 12th July 2017 conveying the decision of the University to de-affiliate college from academic session 2018-19 will continue and the college may not carry out admission for the academic session 2018-19.
- ii) Palatine College may be asked to submit compliance report on the earlier observations of the Inspection Team within a stipulated time.
- iii) On receipt of favorable compliance report from the college, Vice-Chancellor may constitute another Inspection Team to visit the college and verify the compliance and its fitness for giving affiliation. Inspection Team which may visit the college may not include any of the members which had visited the college earlier.
- iv) On the basis of the Inspection report, the University may decide whether to allow Palatine College to go for admission in the academic year 2018-19 or not. In-case of de-affiliation old students may be

allowed to complete the course by making suitable arrangements by the college.

D. STATUES/ORDINANCES/REGULATIONS MATTERS

AC 22.4.D1: *Regulation for Certificate and Diploma Courses*

The Council after deliberations recommended for approval by the Executive Council draft Regulations as per **Annexure-1** for Certificate and Diploma Courses of the University. The Council further suggested that before launching any certificate or diploma course feasibility study need to be carried out so that course is need based, market oriented and is viable financially. It was also suggested that a committee may be constituted which may look into the implementation part like requirement of infrastructure, fee structure, honorarium to faculty members/guest faculty/experts etc.

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AC 22.4.D2: *Regulation on conduct OF Ph.D, M.Phil and B.Voc Programme in the University*

The Council after deliberations recommended the Regulations for approval by the Executive Council as under:

- i) Regulations under OC-7 for conduct of Ph.D Programme
- ii) Regulations under OC-6 for conduct of M.Phil Programme
- iii) Regulations under OC-4 and 5 for conduct of B.Voc Programme

Some members pointed out some duplication and contradictions in the Regulation. The Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to carry out corrections and to circulate to the members, the correct version before sending it to the Executive Council for approval.

E. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

AC 22.4.E1: *Proposal of a list of peer-reviewed/indexed journals for consideration in the university approved list of journals*

The Council noted that department of Chinese has submitted a list of peer-reviewed/indexed journals on Chinese Buddhism and Chinese politics and culture to the School Board of Languages and Literature for approval. The School Board recommended to the Academic Council for approval.

The Academic Council after deliberation decided that department of Chinese may submit a list of peer-reviewed/indexed journals with the requisite details to administration so that it can be sent to the UGC for incorporation in the UGC approved list of journals.

AC 22.4.E2: Extension of date of submission of M.Phil Dissertations/Ph.D Theses

The Council after deliberations approved the extension of date of submission of M.Phil dissertations/Ph.D theses as recommended by concerned School Board as under:

- i) Extension of date of submission of M.Phil dissertation by Ms. Bonita Rai in Department of English till 30th June 2018.
- ii) Extension of one semester to Ms. Ganga Chauhan and Mrs. Krishna Kumar Sah, Department of Hindi.
- iii) Extension in submission of M.Phil dissertations under School of Human Sciences by one semester i.e. till 30th June 2018 in respect of the following:
 - a) Mr. Avishek Biswakarma
 - b) Mr. Passang Wangdi Dukpa
 - c) Mr. Sagar Chettri
 - d) Mr. Surendra Mani Pradhan
- iv) Extension in submission of M.Phil dissertations by one semester i.e. 30th June 2018 under School of Professional Studies in respect of Mr. Daoud Mohammed Khan and Mr. Dipak Kumar Bagri.
- v) Extension of the date of submission of Ph.D theses under School of Physical Sciences by one year i.e. 31st July 2019 in respect of Ms. Chandrima Paul and Mr. Prajwal Chettri.

AC 22.4.E3: Elective Papers for B.Sc (Hons)

The Council after deliberations approved the recommendations of the School Board of Physical Sciences in having Mathematics as one of the Elective paper for B.Sc Geology (Hons).

AC 22.4.E4: Admission in Academic Session 2018-19 in B.Sc (Geology)

The Council after deliberations did not accept the proposal of School Board of Physical Sciences to keep admission in B.Sc (Geology) on hold from 2018-19.

AC 22.4.E5: Action Plan 17-by-17

The Council after celebrations, recommended for approval by the Executive Council 'Action plan 17-by17' as given at **Annexure-2**.

AC 22.4.E6: Prof. A. C. Sinha Gold Medal

The Council noted with gratitude donation by Prof. A.C. Sinha of his collection of valuable and rare books and doctoral theses on Northeast India to Sikkim University. The Council noted that these books have been

kept separately in the Library with caption 'Donated by Prof. A.C. Sinha'. The Council also noted that former Vice-Chancellors i.e. Prof. M.P. Lama and Prof. T.B. Subba also donated valuable books to the University which are also similarly placed in separate racks under caption in the Library. The Council after deliberation decided as under:

- i) University medal is unique in nature and position. In respect of naming any medal in name of any person there has to be an Endowment.
- ii) There should also be a uniform policy for donation of books to the University ie, keeping those books separately under caption in the Library.
- iii) The Council expressed thanks to those who donated their books to the University.

SECTION 5 MINUTES OF AUTHORITIES/COMMITTEES

AC 22.5.1: Minutes of the 8th meeting of the School Board of Languages and Literature held on 6th Nov 2017

Noted.

AC 22.5.2: Minutes of the 7th meeting of the School Board of Professional Studies held on 10th Nov 2017

Noted.

AC 22.5.3: Minutes of the 8th meeting of the School Board of Human Sciences held on 6th Nov 2017

Noted.

AC 22.5.4: Minutes of the 8th meeting of the School Board of Physical Sciences held on 8th Nov 2017

Noted.

AC 22.5.5: Minutes of the 8th meeting of the School Board of Social Sciences held on 10th Nov 2017

Noted.

AC 22.5.6: Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Deans' Committee held on 28th June 2017

Noted.

AC 22.5.7: Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Deans' Committee held on 31st August 2017

Noted.

AC 22.5.8: Minutes of the 10th meeting of the Deans' Committee held on 24th Oct 2017

Noted. The Council specifically approved modifications to Notification dated 23rd June 2017.

AC 22.5.9: Minutes of the 8th meeting of the College Development Council held on 8th Nov 2017

The Council approved the minutes of the 8th meeting of the College Development Council held on 8th Nov 2017 and give specific approval to the following items:

- i) Recommended to the Executive Council for grant of Institutional affiliation to Namgyal Institute of Science and Technology (NIT) Deorali, Gangtok. However, for starting any course NIT has to apply in the prescribed proforma and the course has to conform to the standards of Sikkim University.
- ii) To send a follow-up Inspection Team to Sikkim Institute of Science and Technology, Chisopani, South Sikkim.
- iii) Recommended to the Executive Council for renewal of temporary affiliation of nine (9) colleges for the academic session 2018-19.
- iv) Recommended to the Executive Council for temporary affiliation of MA in Education course at Loyola College of Education, Namchi w.e.f. academic session 2018-19.
- v) Inclusion of a full paper on Disaster Management as one of the compulsory paper alongside other compulsory papers like EHS/HR/PA/GS/IPR.

**SECTION - 6
ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR**

AC 22.6.1: Certificate course in English

The Council noted that in 21st meeting it has approved in principle introduction of certificate course in English for duration of one semester. However, for detailed syllabi it was decided that it may be presented in the next meeting of the Council.

Dean, School of Languages and Literature made a presentation on syllabus of Certificate course in English. The Council after deliberations approved the syllabus for Certificate course in English. However, before launching certificate courses in English, the recommendations of the Council as decided under AC22.4.D1 may be kept in view.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Sd/-
(T.K.Kaul)
Registrar & Secretary

Sd/-
(Prof. J.P. Tamang)
Vice-Chancellor (Off) & Chairman