

Minutes of the 23rd meeting of the Academic Council held on 12th June 2018
at Barad Sadan Academic Block, Gangtok

23rd meeting of the Academic Council was held on 12th June 2018 at 11:00 am at Barad Sadan Conference Hall. Following members were present:

1. Prof. J.P. Tamang, - Chairperson
Vice-Chancellor (Off)
2. Dr. Debashis Chowdhury, - Member
Controller of Examinations
3. Prof. A.S. Chandel, - Member
Librarian
4. Prof. Irshad Gulam Ahmed, - Member
Dean, School of Languages & Literature
5. Prof. V. Rama Devi, - Member
Dean, School of Professional Studies
6. Dr. Subir Mukhopadhyay, - Member
Dean, School of Physical Sciences
7. Dr. S. Manivannan, - Member
Dean, Students' Welfare
8. Prof. Shanti S. Sharma - Member
Professor
Department of Botany
9. Prof. Jeta Sankritayana - Member
Professor
Department of Economics
10. Prof. Sanjoy Bandopadhyay - Member
Professor
Department of Music
11. Prof. Pratap Chandra Pradhan, - Member
Head, Department of Nepali
12. Prof. Abhijit Dutta - Member
Head, Department of Commerce
13. Prof. Imtiaz Gulam Ahmed - Member
Head, Department of Law
14. Prof. Mohammad Yasin - Member
Head, Deptt. of Political Science
15. Prof. Silajit Guha - Member
Head, Department of Mass Communication

16. Dr. Vijay Kumar Thangellapali Head, Department of History	-	Member
17. Dr. Dhaniraj Chettri Head, Department of Botany	-	Member
18. Dr. H.K. Tiwari Head, Department of Microbiology	-	Member
19. Dr. Laxuman Sharma Head, Department of Horticulture	-	Member
20. Dr. Komal Singha Head, Deptt. of Economics	-	Member
21. Dr. Sandhya Thapa Head, Department of Sociology	-	Member
22. Dr. Amitabha Bhattacharya Head, Department of Physics	-	Member
23. Dr. Krishnendu Dutta Head, Department of Music	-	Member
24. Dr. Mohan Pratap Pradhan Head, Department of Computer Applications	-	Member
25. Dr. T.M.S. Raju Head, Department of Education	-	Member
26. Dr. Rosy Chamling Head, Deptt. of English	-	Member
27. Dr. Krishna Murari Head, Department of Management	-	Member
28. Dr. Vimal Khawas Head, Department of PCS&M	-	Member
29. Dr. Brijesh Kumar Pandey Head, Department of Hindi	-	Member
30. Dr. K. Birla Singh Head, Department of Zoology	-	Member
31. Dr. Anil Kumar Misra Head, Department of Geology	-	Member
32. Dr. Satyananda Panda Head, Department of Psychology	-	Member
33. Dr. Suchishmita Datta Principal, Sikkim Govt. College, Burtuk	-	Member

34. Dr. N.R. Bhuyan Principal, Himalayan Pharmacy Institute, Majitar, East Sikkim	-	Member
35. Dr. Kabita Lama Associate Professor, Deptt. of Nepali	-	Member
36. Dr. A.N. Shankar Associate Professor, Deptt. of Commerce	-	Member
37. Dr. Niladri Bag Associate Professor, Deptt. of Horticulture	-	Member
38. Dr. Swarup Roy Associate Professor, Deptt. of Computer Applications	-	Member
39. Dr. Rajesh Raj S. N Associate Professor, Deptt. of Economics	-	Member
40. Shri Debasish Pal Finance Officer	-	Special Invitee
41. 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. Nawal K. Paswan, Dean School of Social Sciences
2. Dr. K.R. Rama Mohan, Dean, School of Human Sciences

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

At the outset the Chairperson welcomed all members especially new members i.e., Dr. Suchishmita Datta, Dr. N.R. Bhuyan, Prof. Mohammad Yasin, Dr Rosy Chamling, Dr. Krishna Murari, Dr. Vimal Khawas, Dr. Brijesh Kumar Pandey, Dr. K. Birla Singh, Dr. Anil Kumar Misra and Dr. Satyananda Panda who were attending the Academic Council meeting for the first time.

The Chairperson placed on record appreciation for contribution in the Academic Council meetings by Prof. Rajesh Sharan, Dr. Ganesh Ji Tiwari, Dr. Sandhya Rai who completed their tenure as members of the Academic Council and also to Prof. Nutankumar S. Thingujam who was relieved by the University on lien. Thereafter, agenda items were taken up as under:

SECTION-1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES & ACTION TAKEN REPORT

AC 23.1.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Academic Council held on 14th November 2017

Minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Academic Council held on 14th November 2018 were circulated to all the members by email on 24th

November 2017 and by hard copy on 5th December 2017. No comments have been received from any of the members of the Council.

The Council confirmed the minutes of 22nd meeting of the Academic Council held on 14th November 2017 as circulated to all the members by email on 24th November 2017 and by hard copy on 5th December 2017.

AC 23.1.2: Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Academic Council held on 14th November 2017

The Secretary presented the action taken report on the minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Council. The Council noted the action taken by the University.

**SECTION-2
REPORTING ITEMS**

AC 23.2.1: Synopses for M.Phil/Ph.D registrations in the University

The Council noted the number of synopses for M.Phil/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	Chinese	MA dissertation
		Hindi	
		Nepali	
2)	School of Life Sciences	Botany	MSc practical
		Zoology	
		Microbiology	
		Horticulture	B.Sc/MSc practical
3)	School of Professional Studies	Management	Ph.D thesis evaluation
		Music	BPA & MPA practical exams & dissertation
		Mass Communication	M.Phil viva-voce/ dissertation

4)	School of Physical Sciences	Mathematics	MPhil dissertation
		Chemistry	M.Sc practical & dissertation
5)	School of Social Sciences	PCS&M	Ph.D thesis & MA dissertation
		Economics	Ph.D thesis
		International Relations	Ph.D thesis & MA dissertation
		Sociology	MA dissertation
		History	
		Political Science	
		Law	LLM dissertation

B. SYLLABUS MATTERS/COURSES ETC.

AC 23.4.B1: *Modification of the syllabus of English for BA-LLB course*

On request of the Dean, School of Languages and Literature and Head, Department of English this item was withdrawn.

AC 23.4.B2: *Introduction of a Certificate Course (6 months) in Hindi for non- Hindi speakers*

HoD, Department of Hindi presented the item for introduction of certificate course in Hindi for six months duration for non-Hindi speakers which has been recommended by the Board of Studies and the School Boards of Languages and Literature subject to submission of syllabus of the course in the next meeting.

The Council after deliberations approved the proposal. However, the viability part as per the Regulations on Certificate courses may be examined by the Deptt. before launch of the course.

AC 23.4.B3: *Introduction of a BA course in Hindi*

HoD, Department of Hindi presented the item. The syllabus for the course is already in place as it is on offer in many of the affiliated colleges.

The Council after deliberations approved introduction of BA (Hons) course in Hindi.

AC 23.4.B4: *Draft syllabus of Nepali in UG course as one of the compulsory Foundation paper*

HoD, Department of Nepali presented this item. The Council was informed that the Academic Council in earlier meeting approved inclusion of Nepali as one of the compulsory Foundation paper in the UG course and advised

to prepare the syllabus for submission in the next meeting of the Council through Board of Studies and the School Board.

The Vice-Chancellor constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of Head, Deptt. of Nepali with three members from Sikkim Government Colleges and three internal members to draft the syllabus for Nepali as a Foundation paper.

The Council after deliberations approved the syllabus of Nepali as a Foundation paper in UG course.

AC 23.4.B5: Revised syllabus for M.Phil course in Microbiology

HoD, Department of Microbiology presented the item. The Council after deliberations approved the revised syllabus of M.Phil course in Microbiology.

AC 23.4.B6: Discontinuation of B.Sc course in Horticulture from the session 2019-20

HoD, Department of Horticulture presented this item. The Council was informed as under:

- i) that ICAR has revised guidelines and syllabus for Agriculture and Horticulture courses. As per revised norms prescribed by ICAR there is lot of diversion in credit allocation to the subjects in the revised syllabus.
- ii) College of Horticulture imparting B.Sc. (Horticulture) degree has already been established two years back under Central Agriculture University in Sikkim which is sufficient to cater the needs of aspirants for seeking the postgraduate degree from our University.
- iii) Sikkim government sends approximately 5 students for B.Sc. (Hort) each year to ICAR recognized Universities across the country.
- iv) Faculty strength is not sufficient to cover all subjects as per ICAR guidelines.
- v) Insufficient infrastructure for laying out the demonstration and field activities for practical and experiential learning activities.

The Council also noted the recommendations of School Board of Life Sciences. The Council after deliberations approved discontinuation of B.Sc course in Horticulture from the session 2019-20.

AC 23.4.B7: Introduction of new papers in the Department of Mathematics

Dean, School of Physical Sciences presented the item for introduction of new papers in Deptt. of Mathematics for M.Phil/Ph.D course work and M.Sc students as under:

M.Phil/Ph.D Course Work:

- i) Linear Algebra II
- ii) Advanced Functional Analysis

- iii) Matrix Computations
- iv) Value Distribution Theory

M.Sc:

- i) Advanced Complex Analysis

The Council after deliberations approved introduction of new papers as given above in the Deptt. of Mathematics.

AC 23.4.B8: Revision of B.Ed. and M.Ed. syllabi

HoD, Department of Education presented the item and informed the Council that a few minor changes have been suggested in the syllabus of B.Ed and M.Ed. The Council was informed about that the modifications are in optional papers like Elementary Education, Secondary Education etc.

The Council after deliberations approved revision of B.Ed. and M.Ed. syllabi.

AC 23.4.B9: Revision of MTTM syllabus

The Deptt. of Tourism has proposed the revision of MTTM syllabus and structure in order to enrich the programme. School Board of Professional Studies in its meeting held on 23rd May 2018 has recommended revision of MTTM syllabus for approval by the Academic Council. It is also being observed that the department at present have sufficient faculty to offer more courses.

The Council was informed that some more credits have been introduced in the course. Instead of 64 credits, the course has been proposed for 96 credit. There were 4 courses per semester which has been changed to 6 courses per semester.

The Council after deliberations approved revision of MTTM syllabus.

AC 23.4.B10: Syllabus for 1st year B.Tech course at Sikkim Institute of Science and Technology, Chisopani, South Sikkim

Dr. Mohan Pratap Pradhan, Head Deptt. of Computer Application presented this item as he was a member of Curriculum Drafting Committee.

The Council after deliberation approved the draft syllabus for first year B.Tech Engineering programmes which is common for Civil Engineering and Computer Engineering.

C. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

AC 23.4.C1: Proposal of campus interview of MA graduates in Chinese

The Council appreciated the efforts of the Chinese Department in placement of their students.

After deliberations the Council suggested that In-charge, Chinese Department can consult Campus Placement Cell which is already in existence in the University for organizing placement of the students of Chinese Department.

AC 23.4.C2: *Proposal for starting the research journal “Purvottar Prabha”*

Head, Deptt. of Hindi presented the item. The Council appreciated effort of Hindi Department for starting a journal and advised the department to work out sustainability of journal and generation of funds for it. Head, Dept. of Hindi informed that Central Hindi Institute generally gives grant for such type of journals and the Department will apply for such grant to the Institute. Some members suggested to start e-journal and also to prescribe the time limit for publication of the journal. It was also suggested that there should be strong networking for getting article etc of standard quality.

The Council after deliberations decided that the Vice-Chancellor may constitute a committee to look into the sustainability, users and contributors for the proposed journal.

AC 23.4.C3: *Extension of date of submission of M.Phil Dissertations/Ph.D theses under School of Physical Sciences*

The Council noted grant of extension of dates of the submission of M.Phil Dissertations/Ph.D theses by School Board of Physical Sciences.

AC 23.4.C4: *Setting up Departmental Library in the department of Mathematics*

The Council was informed that the University is having departmental libraries also in respective departments. The department of Mathematics can also set up a departmental library.

AC 23.4.C5: *Continuation of MA (Education) along with M.Ed programme from the Academic Session 2018-19*

The Council was informed that for the current year admission for both MA Education and M.Ed has been allowed for Department of Education. The Council was also informed that the NCTE Inspection Team which visited the University for M.Ed programme in February 2017 advised the Department of Education to discontinue M.A Education programme if permission for M.Ed is granted from 2018 and University agreed to the proposal during Exit meeting. Also, there would be constraint of space and faculty requirement for continuing both the courses.

The Council decided to defer admission of MA (Education) for next year.

AC 23.4.C6: *One supernumerary seat in UG and PG programme for wards of University employees under Vice-Chancellor’s discretion*

The Council was informed that there is provision of one seat in each department in UG and PG programme for the employees and their wards on Supernumerary basis under the Vice-Chancellor’s discretionary quota subject fulfillment of conditions given under:

- i) The applicant must fulfill minimum eligibility criteria for admission.

- ii) The applicant must possess sufficient merit in co-curriculum activities or belong to geographical/economically backward area to deserve consideration.
- iii) Only one candidate shall be considered for UG and PG in each department under this provision and the position shall be supernumerary.

The Council was also informed that the Central Admission Committee in its first meeting held on 21st March 2018 recommended for discontinuation of this quota.

The Council after deliberations decided to scrap the quota forthwith. Some of the members were of the opinion to scrap supernumerary seat in Ph.D also.

SECTION 5 MINUTES OF AUTHORITIES/COMMITTEES

AC 23.5.1: *Minutes of the 9^h meeting of the School Board of Languages and Literature held on 14th May 2018*

Noted.

AC 23.5.2: *Minutes of the 7th meeting of the School Board of Life Sciences held on 16th May 2018*

Noted.

AC 23.5.3: *Minutes of the 9th meeting of the School Board of Physical Sciences held on 21st May 2018*

Noted.

AC 23.5.4: *Minutes of the 8th meeting of the School Board of Professional Studies held on 23rd May 2018*

Noted.

AC 23.5.5: *Minutes of the 9th meeting of the School Board of Social Sciences held on 22nd May 2018*

Noted.

AC 23.5.6: *Minutes of the 9th meeting of the School Board of Human Sciences held on 25th May 2018*

Noted.

AC 23.5.7: *Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Deans' Committee held on 12th April 2018*

Noted. The Council ratified the action of the University in deciding the criteria for University Publication Award and University Research Fund Award as recommended by the Deans' Committee.

AC 23.5.8: Minutes of the 9th meeting of the College Development Council held on 28th May 2018

The Council noted the Minutes of the 9th meeting of the CDC held on 28th May 2018 and gave specific approval for the following:

- i) Non-renewal of Ph.D programme in Harkamaya College of Education for the academic year 2018-19.
- ii) Approved recommendations of the CDC regarding temporary affiliation of Sikkim Government College of Nursing, Gangtok, East Sikkim.
- iii) Approved recommendations of the CDC regarding temporary affiliation of Government Pharmacy College, Sajong, Rumtek, East Sikkim.
- iv) Approved recommendations of the CDC regarding temporary affiliation to Damber Singh College for the academic session 2019-20
- v) Approved the Syllabus on Disaster Management as one of the compulsory paper in the UG course.

**SECTION - 6
ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR**

There was no item from the chair. However, some members informally raised some issues like:

- i) Implementation of revised syllabus of BA/B.Sc/B.Com courses. The Chairperson informed that some issues regarding implementation of revised syllabus for BA/B.Sc/B.Com were by the State Government, hence could not be implemented.
- ii) PIs of some Research projects requested to grant 5 to 6 days leave. The Chairman informed that Project Investigator may plan field study in such a way so that it does not clash with his/her normal academic work.
- iii) Some other issues like grant of lien, supervisor of Ph.D during lien and Regulations for Ph.D were also raised.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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

**Sd/-
(Prof. Jyoti Prakash Tamang)
Vice-Chancellor (Off) &
Chairman Academic Council**

Minutes of the 24th meeting of the Academic Council held on 16th Nov 2018
at Barad Sadan Academic Block, Gangtok

24th meeting of the Academic Council was held on 16th Nov 2018 at 11:00 am at Barad Sadan Conference Hall. Following members were present:

1. Prof. Avinash Khare - Chairperson
Vice-Chancellor
2. Prof. Nripendranath Mandal - Member
Professor, Bose Institute
Division of Molecular Medicine, Kolkata
3. Prof. Purabi Roy - Member
Former Professor
Department of International Relations
Jadavpur University, Kolkata
4. Dr. N.R. Bhuyan - Member
Principal, Himalayan Pharmacy Institute
Majitar, East Sikkim
5. Prof. Jyoti Praksh Tamang - Member
Dean, School of Life Sciences
6. Prof. Nawal Kishore Paswan - Member
Dean, School of Social Sciences
7. Prof. Abhijit Dutta - Member
Dean, School of Professional Studies
8. Dr. Subir Mukhopadhyay - Member
Dean, School of Physical Sciences
9. Dr. K.R. Rama Mohan - Member
Dean, School of Human Sciences
10. Dr. Kabita Lama - Member
Dean, School of Languages & Literature
11. Dr. S. Manivannan, - Member
Dean, Students' Welfare
12. Prof. Imtiaz Gulam Ahmed - Member
Head, Department of Law
13. Prof. Silajit Guha - Member
Head, Department of Mass Communication
14. Prof. Mohammad Yasin - Member
Head, Department of Political Science
15. Dr. Vijay Kumar Thangellapali - Member
Head, Department of History

16. Dr. Dhaniraj Chettri Head, Department of Botany	-	Member
17. Dr. H.K. Tiwari Head, Department of Microbiology	-	Member
18. Dr. Komal Singha Head, Deptt. of Economics	-	Member
19. Dr. Sandhya Thapa Head, Department of Sociology	-	Member
20. Dr. Amitabha Bhattacharya Head, Department of Physics	-	Member
21. Dr. Krishnendu Dutta Head, Department of Music	-	Member
22. Dr. Mohan Pratap Pradhan Head, Department of Computer Applications	-	Member
23. Dr. T.M.S. Raju Head, Department of Education	-	Member
24. Dr. Rosy Chamling Head, Deptt. of English	-	Member
25. Dr. Krishna Murari Head, Department of Management	-	Member
26. Dr. Vimal Khawas Head, Department of PCS&M	-	Member
27. Dr. Anil Kumar Misra Head, Department of Geology	-	Member
28. Dr. Satyananda Panda Head, Department of Psychology	-	Member
29. Prof. Shanti S. Sharma Professor, Department of Botany	-	Member
30. Prof. Jeta Sankritayana Professor, Department of Economics	-	Member
31. Prof. Sanjoy Bandopadhyay Professor, Department of Music	-	Member
32. Prof. Irshad Gulam Ahmed Professor, Department of English	-	Member
33. Dr. A.N. Shankar Associate Professor, Deptt. of Commerce	-	Member

34. Dr. Niladri Bag Associate Professor, Deptt. of Horticulture	-	Member
35. Dr. Swarup Roy Associate Professor, Deptt. of Computer Applications	-	Member
36. Dr. Rajesh Raj S. N Associate Professor, Deptt. of Economics	-	Member
37. Shri Debasish Pal Finance Officer	-	Special Invitee
38. 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. Saroj Kumar Pyne, HoD, Department of Animal Science, Institute of Agriculture, Visva-Bharati University
2. Dr. Suchishmita Datta, Principal, Sikkim Government College, Burtuk
3. Prof. A.S. Chandel, Librarian
4. Dr. Laxuman Sharma, Head, Department of Horticulture
5. Dr. K. Birla Singh, Head, Department of Zoology
6. Dr. Pushpa Sharma, Head, Department of Nepali

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

At the outset the Secretary introduced the Vice-Chancellor to the members of the Academic Council and requested Prof. Jyoti Prakash Tamang to formally welcome him with traditional Khada. Thereafter all members of the Academic Council introduced themselves.

The Chairman welcomed all members present in the meeting especially new members ie., Prof. Nripendranath Mandal, Professor, Bose Institute, Prof. Purabi Roy, Former Professor, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata and Dr. Pushpa Sharma, Head Department of Nepali (In absentia)

The Chairman also placed on record appreciation for contribution in the Academic Council meetings by Prof. Pratap Chandra Pradhan who superannuated and also those of Prof. V. Rama Devi, Dr. Debasish Choudhury, and Dr. Brijesh Kumar Pandey who resigned from the service of the University. Thereafter, agenda items were taken up as under:

SECTION-1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES & ACTION TAKEN REPORT

AC 24.1.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 23rd meeting of the Academic Council held on 12th June 2018

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AC 24.1.2: Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 23rd meeting of the Academic Council held on 12th June 2018

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

**SECTION-2
REPORTING ITEMS**

AC 24.2.1: Synopsis for M.Phil/Ph.D registrations in the University

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

**SECTION-3
RATIFICATION MATTERS
Nil**

**SECTION-4
MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL**

A. PANEL OF EXAMINERS, ETC.

AC 24.4.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	Hindi	MPhil dissertation
		Nepali	MPhil dissertation & PhD thesis
2)	School of Professional Studies	Education	PhD thesis
		Tourism	MPhil dissertation
		Mass Communication	PhD thesis & MA dissertation
3)	School of Physical Sciences	Physics	PhD thesis
		Chemistry	MPhil dissertation
		Geology	MSc practical & dissertation
4)	School of Human Sciences	Geography	PhD thesis & MPhil dissertation
		Psychology	PhD thesis
		Anthropology	MSc practical & dissertation
5)	School of Social Sciences	History	MPhil dissertation & PhD thesis
		Sociology	MPhil dissertation

		PCS&M	PhD thesis
		International Relations	PhD thesis
		Economics	PhD thesis

The Council noted that School Board of Life Sciences was not held due to lack of sufficient agenda items. However, Board of Studies of Department of Microbiology submitted panel of external examiner for Ph.D theses which was approved by the Dean, School of Life Sciences and Vice-Chancellor and forwarded to Controller of Examinations. Panel of examiner for Ph.D theses in Microbiology Department as approved by the Board of Studies of Department of Microbiology, Dean School of Life Sciences and Vice-Chancellor were ratified by the Council.

B. SYLLABUS MATTERS/COURSES ETC.

AC 24.4.B1: Revision of syllabus of MA course in Lepcha

Dean, School of Languages and Literature presented this item suggesting slight changes in paper titles and slight re-arrangement in the unitization of all sixteen papers.

The Council approved the revision of syllabus of MA course in Lepcha.

AC 24.4.B2: Revision of syllabus of MA course in Limbu

Dean, School of Languages and Literature presented this item suggesting inclusion of paper on Research Methodology in the Syllabus and transfer of some papers to other semester and re-arrangement in the unitization of all sixteen papers.

The Council approved the revision of syllabus of MA course in Limbu.

AC 24.4.B3: Minor modifications in MA syllabus of Mass Communication

HoD, Department of Mass Communication presented the item for minor changes in MA syllabus of Mass Communication.

The Council after deliberations approved the modifications in MA syllabus of Mass Communication.

AC 24.4.B4: Syllabus of four year B.Sc Nursing

Dr. Satyananda Panda, Chairman of Curriculum Development Committee (CDC) for B.Sc Nursing presented the item. He informed that in the meeting held on 24th Oct 2018 in the office of the Controller of Examination between the University and Principal and teaching faculty of Sikkim Government College of Nursing, it was decided to revise the syllabus of B.Sc Nursing in order to maintain almost equal credit distribution across semesters without disturbing the model curriculum given by the Nursing Council of India. He also informed that curriculum by the Nursing Council of India is given on yearly basis and efforts have been made to translate it into semesters.

The Council after deliberations approved the syllabus of four years B.Sc Nursing with modification as suggested above. It also approved the proposal to allow to students to re-appear either in theory or practical, in the relevant semester, when they fail in either of the two (Theory or Practical).

C. STATUES/ORDINANCES/REGULATIONS MATTERS

AC 24.4.C1: *Adoption of UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualification for Appointment of Teachers & Other Academic Staff, 2018*

The Council noted that the UGC Regulations on minimum qualification for appointment of teachers & other academic staff, 2010 was adopted by the Academic Council in its 19th meeting held on 3rd June 2016 On 18th July 2018, the University Grants Commission has notified revised Regulations on minimum qualification of appointment of teachers & other academic staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education.

The Council after deliberations recommended to the Executive Council for adoption of UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualification for Appointment of Teachers & Other Academic Staff, 2018.

AC 24.4.C2: *Adoption of UGC Regulations on Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions, 2018*

The Council noted that the UGC has notified Regulations on Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutional on 23rd July 2018. The Council also noted that the University is presently having policy of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in which we do not allow any thesis/dissertation to be submitted where the plagiarism exceeds 20% (excluding quoted work, references, bibliography, table of content, preface and acknowledgment etc). The Regulation notified by the UGC is having the tolerance limit of plagiarism only upto 10%. Also the Regulation of the UGC have prescribed Departmental Academic Integrated Panel (DAIP) and Institutional Academic Integrated Panel (IAIP) and prescribed penalties.

The Council after thorough deliberations decided to recommend to the Executive Council to adopt UGC Regulation on Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions, 2018 in principle with the plagiarism tolerance upto 10% which is exclusive of quoted work with all necessary permission and or attribution, references, bibliography, table of content, preface, acknowledgments, generic terms, laws, standard symbols and standard equations. It also recommended that the Vice-Chancellor may constitute a committee to consider the other aspects of the recommendations as to how those can be implemented in the University and also for use of software for plagiarism.

AC 24.4.C3: Guidelines for granting extension of Ph.D. thesis submission

Dean, School of Social Sciences presented this item. The Council noted that in the School Board of Social Sciences the Board have encountered certain issues regarding extension of time for submission of thesis and, therefore, prepared guidelines for such proposals of extension.

The Council had detailed deliberations on the proposed guidelines. The Council desired to have uniform guidelines for grant of extension for submission of Ph.D. theses and at the same time did not want the authority of Departmental Research Committee to be taken over by another committee.

The Council appreciated the efforts of Dean, School of Social Sciences for raising issues and suggesting guidelines. However, in view of observation of the Council in the preceding para, it decided that the Vice-Chancellor may constitute a Committee which may consider the issues involved in grant of extension of time for submission of Ph.D. theses and lay down in clear terms the Role and Responsibility of Departmental Research Committee.

D. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

AC 24.4.D1: Engaging Contractual Staff out of the overhead charges from projects

The Council noted that the University encourages teaching faculty to apply for extra mural research projects from any national/international funding agency and at present almost all University departments are having some research project at hand. University receives overhead charges which are generally 20% or as per the norms of funding agency. A part of the corpus of overhead charges are used for grant of University Research project and Publication Award to the faculty members. The Council also noted that there is shortage of administrative staff in the University as the UGC has not sanctioned administrative staff as per their policy of 1:1.1 for sanction of administrative staff for one faculty sanctioned. It is presently working with ratio of 0.70 against each faculty position sanctioned. The Council also noted that the School Board of Life Sciences and other Schools have suggested engaging contractual staff out of over-head charges from funding agency for hiring of manpower including secretarial assistance i.e. typing/ computer operator/accounting etc. under clause 5 (e) (Management of overhead charges of the Guidelines of Research Projects 2017).

The Council after deliberations recommended for approval by the Executive Council the proposal for engaging contractual staff out of corpus of overhead charges received from the funding agency for each project. It also recommended that the corpus may be used in ratio of 30:70 for hiring manpower and for research purposes.

SECTION 5
MINUTES OF AUTHORITIES/COMMITTEES

AC 24.5.1: Minutes of the 10th meeting of the School Board of Languages and Literature held on 26th October 2018

Noted.

AC 24.5.2: Minutes of the 10th meeting of the School Board of Physical Sciences held on 29th October 2018

Noted.

AC 24.5.3: Minutes of the 9th meeting of the School Board of Professional Studies held on 2nd November 2018

Noted.

AC 23.5.4: Minutes of the 10th meeting of the School Board of Human Sciences held on 22nd October 2018

Noted.

AC 24.5.5: Minutes of the 10th meeting of the School Board of Social Sciences held on 9th November 2018

Noted.

TABLE ITEM

AC 24.5.6: Minutes of the 10th meeting of the College Development Council held on 14th November 2018

The Council noted that 10th meeting of the College Development Council was held on 14th Nov 2014.

The Council recommended for ratification of the following action of the Vice-Chancellor by the Executive Council:

- i) in grant of temporary affiliation to Sikkim Institute of Science and Technology (SIST), Chisopani, South Sikkim from academic session 2018-19.
- ii) in grant of temporary affiliation to Sikkim Government College of Nursing, Gangtok for starting B.Sc (Nursing) with intake of 40 students.
- iii) in grant of temporary affiliation to Government Pharmacy College, Sajong, Rumtek for academic session 2018-19 for start of B.Pharm course with intake of 60 students.

The Council also recommended for approval by the Executive Council renewal of temporary affiliation of ten colleges /subjects as per details given below for the academic Session 2019-20.

Sl. No.	Names of the College	Date of visit by the Inspection Committee	Remarks by Inspection Team
1	Sikkim Govt. B.Ed College, Soreng, West Sikkim.	24.09.2018	Recommended for renewal of temporary affiliation for the session 2019-20.
2	Sikkim Government Science College, Chakung, West Sikkim	24.09.2018	Recommended for renewal of temporary affiliation for the session 2019-20 with conditions.
3	Sikkim Govt. College, Gyalshing, West Sikkim.	25.09.2018	Recommended for renewal of temporary affiliation for the session 2019-20 with conditions.
4	Government Vocational College, Dentam, West Sikkim.	25.09.2018	Recommended for renewal of temporary affiliation for the session 2019-20 with conditions
5	Himalayan Pharmacy Institute, Majhitar, East Sikkim.	26.09.2018	Recommended for renewal of temporary affiliation for the session 2019-20 with conditions.
6	Government College Rhenock, Rungdung, East Sikkim.	26.09.2018	Recommended for renewal of temporary affiliation for the session 2019-20 with conditions.
7	Sikkim Government. College, Burtuk, Gangtok, East Sikkim	27.09.2018	Recommended for renewal of temporary affiliation for the session 2019-20 with conditions.
8	Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, Gangtok, East Sikkim.	27.09.2018	Recommended for renewal of temporary affiliation for the session 2019-20 and for starting MA in Buddhist Studies.
9	Namchi Government College, Kamrang, Namchi, South Sikkim.	28.09.2018	Recommended for renewal of temporary affiliation for the session 2019-20.
10	Loyola College of Education, Namchi, South Sikkim	28.09.2018	Recommended for renewal of temporary affiliation of the subject / course for the session 2019-20.

SECTION 6
ITEMS FROM CHAIR

AC 24.6.1: Dr. Kabita Lama, Dean School of Languages and Literature pointed out that the UGC has removed some journals of Nepali Language and Literature from the list after incorporating those which has created confusion. It was informed that the UGC has kept some criteria for incorporation of research journals in the list. It may be possible that those journals may not be fulfilling those criteria

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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

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(Prof. Avinash Khare)
Vice-Chancellor & Chairman
Academic Council