

MINUTES OF THE 16<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016

The 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Council was held on 26.05.2016 at Vice-Chancellor's chamber from 10.30 a.m. onwards.

The following members were in attendance:

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| 1. Prof. Tamo Mibang, Vice-Chancellor                     | - | Chairman (Ex-Officio)  |
| 2. Prof. R.C. Parida, Dean, Faculty of Commerce & Mgt.    | - | Member                 |
| 3. Prof. J. Sahoo, Dean, Faculty of Education & Languages | - | Member                 |
| 4. Prof. P.K. Panigrahi, Department of Political Science  | - | Member                 |
| 5. Prof. Pura Tado, Department of Political Science       | - | Member                 |
| 6. Dr. Tasi Kaye, Department of Commerce                  | - | Member                 |
| 7. Dr. (Ms) Vandana Upadhaya, Dept. of Economics          | - | Member                 |
| 8. Prof. Rachob Taba, Registrar                           | - | Secretary (Ex-Officio) |

At the outset the Chairman welcomed all the members. The agenda were then taken up for discussion and decisions taken:

EC 16:01: To confirm the Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Executive Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2016.

The EC noted that the minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Executive Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2016 were circulated amongst the Members of the Council and no comments received from any of the Members so far.

The Executive Council confirmed the minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> EC held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016.

EC 16:02: To consider the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions of the 15<sup>th</sup> Executive Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2016.

The Council noted that in pursuance of the 15<sup>th</sup> Executive Council meeting decisions, the University authority has implemented and executed the decisions of the Council, wherever possible.

The Executive Council accepted the Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 15<sup>th</sup> EC meeting held on 23.02.2016.

EC 16:03: To approve the recommendations of various Committees for Promotions to various teaching posts in the Stage-II and III categories under CAS held during the month of April-May 2016.

The EC noted that the Committee meetings for Promotions to various teaching posts in the Stage-II and III categories under CAS were held during the month of April-May 2016. The minutes with their recommendation(s) were placed before the Council in sealed envelopes for consideration.

STAGE I TO II				
Sl. No.	Name of the Teacher	Department	Present Position	Promotion Due Date/Position
1	Dr. Upamanyu Das	Physics	Assistant Professor (Stage I) 06.06.2012	Stage -II w.e.f. 06/06/16
2	Dr. Oyi Dai	Botany	Assistant Professor (Stage I) 01.06.2012	Stage -II w.e.f. 01/06/16
3	Dr. Md. Nawaz Khan	Mass Communication	Assistant Professor (Stage I) 08.06.2012	Stage -II w.e.f. 08/06/16
4	Mrs. BOMPI Riba	English	Assistant Professor (Stage I) 17.02.2010	Stage -II w.e.f. 17/02/16
5	Dr. Abhishek Yadav	Hindi	Assistant Professor (Stage I) 04.06.2012	Stage -II w.e.f. 04/06/16
6	Dr. C. Siva Sankar	Education	Assistant Professor (Stage I) 16.06.2012	Stage -II w.e.f. 16/06/16
7	Mr. Gautam Huidrom	Management	Assistant Professor (Stage I) 22.02.2010	Stage -II w.e.f. 22/02/16
8	Mr. Odang Tayeng	Management	Assistant Professor (Stage I) 01.02.2010	Stage -II w.e.f. 01/02/16
9	Ms. Lisa Lomdak	AITs	Assistant Professor (Stage I) 12.09.2008	Stage -II w.e.f. 12/09/13
10	Mr. Dhritiman Sarma	Anthropology	Assistant Professor (Stage I) 05.06.2012	Stage -II w.e.f. 05/06/16
11	Dr. Md. Asghar	Anthropology	Assistant Professor (Stage I) 11.06.2012	Stage -II w.e.f. 11/06/16
STAGE II TO III				
1	Dr. Daniel Mize	Zoology	Stage-II 26.09.11	Stage -III w.e.f. 26.09.16
2	Dr. M.K. Bharali	Zoology	Stage-II 12.09.11	Stage -III w.e.f. 12.09.16
3	Dr. Utpal Jyoti Das	Mathematics	Stage-II 12.07.11	Stage -III w.e.f. 12.07.16
4	Dr. Philip Modi	Commerce	Stage-II 09.09.11	Stage -III w.e.f. 09.09.16
5	Mrs. Devi Baruah	Commerce	Stage-II 19.09.11	Stage -III w.e.f. 19.09.16
6	Dr. Lijum Nochi	Economics	Stage-II 07.09.11	Stage -III w.e.f. 07.09.16
7	Dr. (Mrs.) Joram Yalam Nabam	Hindi	Stage-II 17.08.07	Stage -III w.e.f. 17.08.16
8	Dr. (Mrs) Boa Reena	Education	Stage-II 17.08.11	Stage -III w.e.f. 17.08.16

The Council approved the recommendations of the various Committee meetings as mentioned above for the promotion of teachers in the category of Assistant Professor Stage-II and III

Further, it was decided to conduct interview for promotion to the post of Associate Professor(s) and Professor(s) under CAS as per the UGC guidelines of 2010 since all the applications for the same have already been screened by various committees.

EC: 16:04: To approve the appointment of an adjunct Professor

The EC noted that the University authority proposes to appoint Prof. Franz Bairlien, Professor of Zoology from the University of Oldenberg, Germany as an Adjunct Faculty for a period of 3 months in the academic session 2016-17.

In respect of an Adjunct Faculty member, the University shall pay him/her the salary of a Professor as per rule and free accommodation in the university's Guest House.

The Executive Council approved the proposal to appoint Prof. Franz Bairlien, Professor of Zoology, University of Oldenberg, Germany as an Adjunct Faculty for a period of 3 months in the academic session 2016-17.

EC: 16:05: To approve the appointment of Visiting Professor

The EC noted that Prof. Jibon Kotoky, Retired Professor, IASST, Guwahati, desires to serve this University as a visiting Professor at the Department of Chemistry on long term basis. It is a fact that this University is advertising every year to fill up the post of Professor along with other posts since 2011. But so far due to some reason or the other regular appointments could not be materialized. Hence, like it has been done in the Dept. of Sociology, Prof. Kotoky may be appointed for a period of one year as visiting Professor in the Department of Chemistry as per present norms of the University.

Prof. Kotoky, a former Head of the Biological and Chemical Sciences department in the Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST), Guwahati is a well experienced teacher and thus, may be appointed as a Visiting Professor to the Dept. of Chemistry, RGU with a monthly honorarium of Rs.70,000/- only with free accommodation in the University Guest House.

The Executive Council approved the proposal to appoint Prof. Jibon Kotoky, Retired Professor, IASST, Guwahati for a period of one year as Visiting Professor in the Department of Chemistry.

EC 16:06: To ratify the decision regarding extension of services of Prof. M. Hussain (Retd.) in the Department of Sociology as Visiting Professor.

The EC noted that in consideration of the need of valuable services rendered by Prof. M. Hussain (Retd.) as Visiting Professor to the Department of Sociology, the University authority has extended his service for one more year w.e.f. 01.06.2016, with a monthly honorarium of Rs.70,000/- only with free accommodation in the University Guest House.

The Executive Council ratified the action taken by the University authority.

EC: 16:07: Regarding forwarding of applications in respect of faculty members to other Universities/Institutes.

The EC noted that a good number of teachers particularly Assistant Professors are applying for forwarding of their applications for equivalent posts to various Universities/Institutes in the last couple of years which is not at all a healthy sign or practice for the University. Some senior teachers within few years after joining are also doing the same. In this way, they are not going to contribute much towards teaching, research and over-all growth of the University. They should render at least minimum period of service as expected for which they were selected/appointed for. Hence, it is proposed that an Assistant Professor should complete, at least 6 years, and 4 years of regular service be fixed for Associate Professors and Professors and thereafter only one should apply for forwarding of their applications.

The EC discussed the matter and resolved to continue the existing system.

EC: 16:08: Approval for extension of deputation to Prof. Rachob Taba, Professor in Education, RGU to continue as the Registrar of RGU

The EC noted that Prof. Rachob Taba, Professor, Department of Education has applied for extension of Deputation for a period of 1 more year w.e.f. 04<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 to continue in the post of Registrar on standard terms of deputation.

The EC approved extension of deputation to Prof. Rachob Taba, Registrar for a period of 1 year w.e.f. 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016 to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017.

EC16:09: To ratify the action taken by the University Authority on the grant of EOL to faculty member and official.

(a) Dr. Amit Tripathi, Asstt. Professor, Dept. of Zoology of this University has been granted EOL for a period of 1 (one) year w.e.f. 29.03.16 (F/N) to enable him to join as Assistant Professor in the Department of Zoology at University of Lucknow, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.



(b) Ms. Rini Pertin, Laboratory Attendant of this University has been granted EOL for a period of 1 (one) year w.e.f. 12.04.2016 to 11.04.2017 enabling her to join as Laboratory Assistant College of Horticulture and Forestry, Pasighat.

The EC ratified the action taken by the University authority for item No. (a) and (b) above.

EC 16:10: To ratify the action taken by the University Authority on the grant of Study Leave to the faculty member.

(a) Dr. Hui Tag, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Botany of this University has been granted study leave of 3 (three) months w.e.f. 05.04.16 to 08.07.16 for his post doctoral training programme at Mississippi State University, USA.

The EC ratified the action taken by the University authority.

EC: 16:11: To ratify the grant of service regularization to Er. B.K. Shah, AE (Civil) by the University Authority.

The EC noted that consequent to the Order passed by the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court, Itanagar Permanent Bench, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh as per W.P (C) 307 (AP) 2014, Dated 17.06.2015 and subject to ratification of the EC in its meeting, the service of Er. B.K. Shah to the post of Assistant Engineer (Civil) was regularized w.e.f. 10.5.2003 with all financial benefits and service seniority to the post.

The EC ratified the action taken by the University authority.

EC: 16:12: To consider approval of courses and manpower for strengthening of School of Education.

The EC noted that UGC vide letter No. F.15-5/2012(CU) dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 approved for creation of 12 teaching positions to fill up the gap for B.Ed. and M.Ed. programme as per new norms prescribed in NCTE regulations, 2014 for strengthening of School of Education/Faculty of Education as per details below:-

Details of the courses approved by UGC	Details of the teaching staff approved by UGC	No. of posts	Remarks
For strengthening of B.Ed. and M.Ed. programme	Assistant Professor	12(Twelve)	Out of 12 teaching positions, 6 teaching positions may be filled up as Guest Faculty/contractual faculty

On being placed in the 16<sup>th</sup> AC meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016, the matter was noted and recommended to the next EC meeting.

The EC approved the same. However, it also felt that this may be placed to next Finance Committee as per norms.



EC: 16:13: To consider deduction of VAT/Labour Cess and Income Tax against Construction 1000 Seated Auditorium at Rajiv Gandhi University.

The EC noted that as per bill statement of above mentioned work, all the deduction viz; VAT (4%), Labour Cess (1%) and Income Tax (2%) has been deducted from the 4 Running Account Bill as per instruction of the Statutory Auditors, whereas the Tender Agreement for the said work has been signed before the implementation of the above taxes. Therefore, the rate of item in the schedule of Tender was quoted by the firm without including the VAT and Labour Cess. Moreover, the firm was also exempted from the Income Tax as per the certificate submitted by the firm during the preceding period. As a result, the taxes were not deducted from earlier 3(three) Running Account Bills.

The firm has submitted a representation mentioning that the deductions of taxes are not applicable in this case.

The EC discussed the matter and decided to take legal advice from Legal Adviser-cum Standing Counsel of the University and also from Chartered Accountant/Tax Consultant.

EC 16:14: To ratify the Ph.D degrees awarded to 7 Research scholars on having qualified for the award of Ph.D degree in the respective disciplines during the period 29.02.2016 to 12.05.2016

The EC noted that the university declared the following research scholars to have qualified for the award of Ph.D degree in their respective disciplines:

Sl. No	Candidate	Department/ Faculty	Supervisor/ Co-Supervisor	Title of the thesis	Date of notification
1	Ms. Modang Rita	Tribal Studies Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies	Prof. T. Mibang, Supervisor & Prof. A. R. Parhi, Co-Sup.	"A Study on Folk Narratives of the Apatanis of Arunachal Pradesh"	29-02-2016/ 01-03-2016
2	Mr. Brahma Kumar Yudhisthir	Education	Prof. Jayadeba Sahoo	"A Critical Study of the Meta-Cognitive (RAJAYOGIC), Value-Based Educational and Socio-Spiritual contributions of Brahma Kumaris movement for transforming society and establishing heavenly world"	11-03-2016
3	Mr. Pranab Das	Computer Science & Engineering	Prof. Utpal Bhattacharjee	"Design and Development of a Robust Speaker Verification System in Mobile Environment"	16-03-2016/ 21-03-2016
4	Ms. Doge Ngomdir	Hindi (Faculty of Languages)	Dr. Shyam Shankar Singh,	"Arunachal Pradesh ki Galo Janjati ke Lolgeeton ka Sanskritik Adhyayan"	06-04-2016/ 07-04-2016
5	Ms. Tage Yama	Education	Prof. K. C. Kapoor	"Status of Science Education at 10+2 Level in Arunachal Pradesh: A Study"	06-04-2016/ 07-04-2016



6	Ms. Penny Rose Chinir	Tribal Studies	Dr. Haobijam Vokendro S.	"Social Change Among the Moyon Tribe of Manipur"	15-04-16/ 21-04-2016
7	Ms. Goken Geyi	History (Social Science)	Prof. Tana Showren	"The Singpho of Arunachal Pradesh: A Study in Historical Perspective from-1800-1947"	11-05-2016/ 12-05-2016

The EC ratified the action taken by the University authority.

**EC 16:15:** To consider the recommendations/modification submitted by Ordinance Review Committee.

The EC noted that the report of the Ordinance Review Committee on being placed in the Academic Council's 16<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016 was approved in principle with anticipation of inputs if any from the esteemed AC members within 15 days. On non receipt of any inputs the Competent Authority felt that the same is to be further reviewed by an Interim committee comprising of 5 (five) members. The Interim Committee under the chairmanship of Prof. Utpal Bhattacharjee has reviewed the Examination Ordinances and furnished its report, and the same is placed herewith for consideration of perusal and acceptance.

The EC deliberated on the matter and decided to effect necessary amendment /modification in the Ordinance that University teachers shall be eligible after one (1) year instead of 3 years teaching, and shall be exempted from appearing in the written test of M.Phil/Ph.D Entrance Test.

**EC 16:16:** To consider/approve regulation/guidelines for Sabbatical leave.

The EC noted that the draft regulations/guidelines for Sabbatical Leave were placed to the Academic Council meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016 for consideration. After discussion Members decided to circulate it to all Deans/HoDs for garnering inputs within 15 days. Some inputs have been received and incorporated in the Regulations/Guidelines.

The EC deliberated on it and approved the draft regulations/guidelines for Sabbatical Leave.

**EC 16:17:** Regarding continuation of suspension of Prof. M.C. Behera and his subsequent representations to the University.

The EC noted that Prof. M.C. Behera was put under suspension by the University on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 and a Memorandum and Article of Charges were served to Prof. M.C. Behera. Subsequently, Prof. M. C. Behera (under suspension) applied for revoking of suspension.

It may be pertinent to mention that the EC in its 13<sup>th</sup> meeting constituted a One-Man Full Scale inquiry committee, whose report was placed to the 14<sup>th</sup> EC in its meeting

held on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2015. The 14<sup>th</sup> EC while deferring the item to next meeting of the Executive Council extended the period of suspension of Prof. M. C. Behera with retrospective effect from 18.9.2014 till next meeting of the EC.

In the meantime, Prof. M.C. Behera (under suspension) filed a petition in the Gauhati High Court against the Departmental proceedings of the University Authority, which was informed to the University through a Notice from the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2015, followed by an application on 15.02.2016 for revoking of his suspension and for reimbursing HRA for the period w.e.f. 13<sup>th</sup> Oct., 2013 and initiate steps for paying him full salary. Besides, he also requested for issuance of a NOC to further his candidature for appointments and engagements in other organizations.

Subsequently, the EC in its 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 23.02.2016 had a threadbare discussion on the matter and decided to honour the Gauhati High Court Notice/Order No. 11,363-64 dated 26.11.2015 not to proceed in pursuant to departmental proceedings against Prof. M.C. Behera (under suspension), and further felt that Prof. M.C. Behera should return to Rajiv Gandhi University campus and stay in his allotted quarter. Further, it was also decided to extend the period of suspension till the next meeting of the Executive Council and his subsistence allowance shall be as per rule.

The EC further noted that the University conveyed the decision of the EC to Prof. Behera vide Order No. 116/Estt/Teach-2000(Vol-II)/700, Dated 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2016 accordingly. In response to the University Order, Prof. Behera again requested the university authority to review the decision of EC directing him to return to university campus and instead allow him to stay at North Lakhimpur on security reasons. He also states that he surrendered his official quarters to university during the time of his shifting to North Lakhimpur earlier.

University authority, however, had issued a reply letter to him on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2016 reiterating him to return to the campus.

The EC had threadbare discussion on the matter and decided to defer the case of Prof. M.C. Behera till the final verdict of the Hon'ble High Court. However, the University shall continue the subsistence allowance to him as per rule applicable to officials/officers under suspension.

**EC 16:18: Reporting Item**

- a) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) inspected the Department of Computer Science and Engineering on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016. The Department has been awarded recognition for running M.Tech. in Computer Science and Engineering.

The Council noted the same.





- b) International Conference on 'Global Biodiversity, Climate Change and Sustainable Development 2016' shall be organized by Centre with Potential for Excellence in Biodiversity (CPEB) from 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.

The Council noted the same.

EC:16:19

Any other item

- a) Enhancement of honorarium/remuneration for Guest Assistant Professors/Contract teachers, etc.

The EC decided to continue the existing system of payment of honorarium/remuneration to Asst. Guest Professors as per UGC guidelines.

- b) Regarding invitation of Chief Guest for 14<sup>th</sup> University Convocation, the members felt that a prominent public figure or an academician should be invited as Chief Guest to grace the Convocation.

As there was no other item for discussion, the meeting came to an end with vote of thanks from the Secretary (Ex-Officio) of the Council.



Registrar