

RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY

Rono Hills, Doimukh-791112

Arunachal Pradesh

MINUTES OF THE 12TH ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

The 12th Academic Council meeting of the University was held on 28th April, 2014 at 10.30 a.m in the Council Hall of the University. The following members attended the meeting;

1. Prof. Tamo Mibang, Vice-Chancellor, RGU : Chairman (Ex-Officio)
2. Prof. J.C. Soni, Dean, Education & Languages, RGU : Member (Ex-Officio)
3. Prof. S.K. Nayak, Dean, Social Science, RGU : Member (Ex-Officio)
4. Prof. R. Tamuli, Dean, Comm. & Management, RGU : Member (Ex-Officio)
5. Prof. Tomo Riba, Dean, Environmental Science, RGU : Member (Ex-Officio)
6. Prof. D. N. Das, Dean, Life Science, BS, IT, E&T, RGU : Member (Ex-Officio)
7. Prof. Joyanta Borbora, Dept. of Sociology, Dibrugarh University : Member
8. Prof. Amrendra Kr. Thakur, Dept. of History, NEHU, Shillong : Member
9. Prof. P.R. Alapati, Dept. of Physics, NERIST, Nirjuli : Member
10. Prof. Tana Showren, Dept. of History, RGU : Member
11. Prof. (Mrs.) Jharna Chakraborty, Dept. of Zoology, RGU : Member
12. Prof. (Mrs.) Sarah Hilaly, Dept. of History, RGU : Member
13. Dr. (Mrs.) Elizabeth Hangsing, Dept. of Education, RGU : Member
14. Dr. Hui Tag, Dept. of Botany, RGU : Member
15. Dr. B.K. Nath, Principal, IGGC, Tezu : Member
16. Mr. Tayek Talom, Principal, JNC, Pasighat : Member
17. Dr. Ashan Riddi, Director, IDE, RGU : Member
18. Dr. S. Simon John, Director i/c, AITS, RGU : Member
19. Ms. Radhe Amung, HoD i/c, Anthropology, RGU : Member
20. Prof. R.K. Singh, HoD, Botany, RGU : Member
21. Dr. Rajesh Chakraborty, HoD i/c, Chemistry, RGU : Member
22. Prof. R. C. Parida, HoD, Commerce, RGU : Member
23. Prof. Nirod Chandra Roy, HoD i/c, Economics, RGU : Member
24. Dr. Thensei. K. Lhungdim, HoD, Education, RGU : Member
25. Dr. Asima Ranjan Parhi, HoD, English, RGU : Member
26. Dr. Nishamani Kar, HoD, Geography, RGU : Member
27. Dr. Harish Kumar Sharma, HoD, Hindi, RGU : Member
28. Dr. Shyam Narayan Singh, HoD, History, RGU : Member
29. Mr. Moji Riba, HoD i/c, Mass Communication, RGU : Member
30. Dr. Saifur Rahman, HoD i/c, Mathematics, RGU : Member


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| 31. Dr. Upamanyu Das, HoD i/c, Physics, RGU | : Member |
| 32. Dr. Nani Bath, HoD, Political Science, RGU | : Member |
| 33. Prof. Maqitul Hussain, HoD, Sociology, RGU | : Member |
| 34. Prof. Hirendra Nath Sarma, HoD, Zoology, RGU | : Member |
| 35. Prof. Khem Chand Kapoor, Director, CDC, RGU | : Special Invitee |
| 36. Dr. Rachob Taba, Registrar, RGU | : Secretary (Ex-Officio) |

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members to the first meeting of the 3rd Academic Council. Then, he introduced the three new external members attending the Council meeting, namely, Prof. A.K. Thakur, Dept. of History, NEHU, Prof. J. Borbora, Dept. of Sociology, Dibrugarh University and Prof. P.R. Alapati, Dept. of Physics, NERIST. The Principals of JNC, Pasighat and IGGC, Tezu have also attended the meeting. The other external member of the Academic Council, Prof. M.P. Bezbaruah, Dept. of Economics, Gauhati University could not attend the meeting as he was preoccupied. Four other internal members also could not attend the meeting due to pre-occupations.

The following agenda were then taken up for discussion.

AC: 12:01: To confirm the minutes of the 11th meeting of Academic Council held on 20th September, 2013.

The Council noted that the minutes of the 11th meeting of Academic Council held on 20th September 2013 were circulated amongst the members and no comments received from any of the members so far.

The Council confirmed the minutes of the 11th meeting of Academic Council held on 20th September, 2013.

AC: 12:02: To consider the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes of the 11th meeting of the Academic Council held on 20th Sept., 2013.

The Council noted that in pursuance of the 11th Academic Council meeting decisions, University authority has implemented and executed the decisions of the Council, wherever possible.

The Council accepted the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes of the 11th meeting of Academic Council held on 20.09.2013.

AC: 12:03: To consider the approval of the teaching posts sanctioned for newly created departments under the XII Plan.

The Council noted that the UGC had sanctioned few teaching posts for three newly constituted departments vide letter No. F.1-12013 (CU) dated 5.02.2014 as per details shown below:

| Sl. No. | Name of the Departments created | Teaching positions approved by UGC | | | |
|---------|---|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | | Professor | Associate Professor | Asst. Professor | No. of posts |
| 1. | Department of Social Work | 01 | 02 | 04 | 07 |
| 2. | Department of Electronics Communication | 01 | 02 | 04 | 07 |
| 3. | Department of Physical Education | 01 | 0 | 05 | 06 |
| 4. | Total | 03 | 04 | 13 | 20 |

The Council discussed the matter at length and approved to start the above programmes from the academic session 2014-15 subject to availability of basic infrastructure and appointment of required teaching staff. The item was recommended to Finance Committee.

AC: 12:04: To consider the approval of course and man power for the establishment of School of Education.

The Council noted that the University is in receipt of an approval for establishment of School of Education vide order No. 15-5/2012 (CU) dated 5.08.2013 with course and manpower as shown below:

| Sl. No. | Name of the Program | Teaching positions approved by UGC | | | |
|---------|---------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------|
| | | Professor | Assoc. Professor | Asst. Professor | Total |
| 1 | M.Ed | 01 | 01 | 02 | 04 |

The Council examined the item and approved to start the programme from the academic session 2014-15.

AC: 12:05: To ratify the Course Structure & Syllabi of Post-Graduate Diploma in Banking and Insurance (PGDBI)

The Council noted that the Course Structure & Syllabi for Paper 201-204 of the Post-Graduate Diploma in Banking and Insurance (PGDBI) II semester has been prepared by the BPGS in Commerce was approved for implementation in the academic session i.e. 2013-14 by the University Authority.

The Council ratified the action taken by the University Authority.

AC: 12:06: To Consider the introduction of Tribal Studies as a discipline in UG level

The Council deferred the item to the next meeting of Academic Council.

AC: 12:07: To consider the switching over from Certificate Course in GIS to Post Graduate Diploma in Remote Sensing & GIS.

The Council deferred the item to the next meeting of Academic Council. For now, the Certificate Course in GIS (CCGIS) will continue.

AC: 12:08: To consider the modalities on evaluation of answer scripts of UG courses & system conduct under semester system.

The Council noted that the 11th AC meeting suggested for constitution of a Committee to examine and suggest modalities to be followed on the evaluation of answer scripts of courses under semester programme. The reports of the committee were placed before the Council for consideration.

The members perused the reports of the Committee and deliberated the matter and approved the recommendations of the Committee in principle.

AC: 12:09: To consider mentioning of the Faculty name along with the Department in the Ph.D Award Notification.

The Council noted that Mr. Dinesh Chandra Kalita, a Research Scholar from the Dept. Geography was awarded Ph.D degree under the Faculty of Environmental Science as per RGU notification with a mention of the Faculty name and name of Department/subject in the Ph.D Award Notification as he was working under interdisciplinary area with Science background as per recommendation of the Departmental council meeting of the Dept. Geography. The item was placed to the Council meeting for ratification.

The Council ratified the action taken by the University authority.

AC: 12:10: To consider and approve the fee structure related to admission of foreign scholars/NRI students to Ph.D Programme in RGU.

The Council noted that the International Scholars Cell (ISC), RGU has prepared the Fee Structure for Admission to Ph.D Programme in RGU for Foreign/NRI students, as follows;

| Fee structure for admission to Ph.D. programme in RGU for foreign/NRI students | | Indian currency (Rs.) |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Synopsis Submission Fee | | 1000/- |
| 2. Registration Fee | a) Practical Oriented | 10,000/- |
| | b) Non Practical | 8,000/- |
| 3. Re-Registration | | 2,000/- |
| 4. Ph.D Evaluation and Submission Fee | a) Regular | 5,000/- |
| | b) Part- Time | 5,000/- |
| 5. Ph.D Application Form for Registration | a) Regular | 500/- |
| | b) Part – Time | 500/- |
| 6. Other Miscellaneous Fees (For Both Regular & Part – Time Research Scholars) | a) Practical Oriented | 7,000/- |
| | b) Non – Practical | 3,000/- |
| 7. Ph.D course work fee (for both Regular & Part – Time Research Scholars) | | 2,000/- |

It was further noted by the Council that unless the University have hostel for International Students/Scholars, provisions will have to be kept for accommodating them in University

Guest House: International students/scholars have to pay charges both for lodging and food as per the existing norms of the Guest House. Once International Students/Scholars hostel is in place, then new rate can be fixed.

The Council examined the Fee Structure for Foreign/NRI students prepared by the International Scholar Cell (ISC) for admission to Ph.D Programme and approved the same. The Council maintained that all the portions/columns in the Fee Structure where "Part-Time Research Scholars" is wrongly mentioned should be deleted from the above Table.

AC: 12:11: To consider and approve the increase of intake capacity in MA in Mass Communication
The Council noted that the Department of Mass Communication started functioning with running the Post graduate Diploma in Mass communication in the year 2004. It has also started the MA program from 2011 with an intake capacity of 15 students and M. Phil from 2013 with 5 students, as well as a Certificate Course in Graphics and Animation from September 2013 with an intake of 10 students.

It is now seen that with a huge turnout of Arunachalee students with graduate degrees in Mass Communication, coupled with the demand for qualified academic and professional media personnel, there is a need to offer more students access to opportunities in pursuing higher studies in Mass Communication.

Therefore, it was proposed to increase the intake in the MA programme in Mass Communication from the existing 15 seats to 20 seats.

The Council approved the same.

The Council also decided to increase the intake capacity of following PG Programmes in the University and its affiliated college, as follows:

| Sl. No. | Course/Programme | Existing intake | Raised intake |
|---------|--|-----------------------|---------------|
| (A) | In RGU | | |
| 1. | M.Phil in History | 5 | 8 |
| 2 | M.Phil in Commerce | 8 | 10 |
| 3 | M.Sc. Botany | 24 | 25 |
| 4 | M.Sc. Zoology | 24 | 25 |
| (B) | In JNC, Pasighat | | |
| 1 | M.A./M.Sc. Geography | 12 | 15 |
| 2 | M.A. History | 20 | 25 |
| 3 | M.A. Hindi (being launched from 2014-15 session) | Approved for 20 seats | |

The Council unanimously felt that creation of basic infrastructure and appointment of sufficient teaching staff are the main hindrance towards increase of intake in UG/PG programmes and starting of new courses in the University as well as all its affiliated colleges under the semester system.

AC: 12:12: To consider and approve the proposal to discontinue the Post Graduate Diploma in IV. Communication (PGDMC).

The Council deferred the item to next AC.

AC: 12:13: To consider and approve the proposal to introduce various short term courses in M Communication

The Council deferred the item to next AC.

AC: 12:14: To consider and approve separation of Bridge Course Paper (MASCOM 0107- Computer Application for Mass Media) from overall aggregate in the Masters program

The Council noted that while designing the syllabus for the Masters degree in M Communication, the BPGS had recommended that a Bridge Course in Computer Application in Mass Media may be included in order that all students attain a basic minimum knowledge of computer media applications. This was felt necessary as it was observed that some students did not have a background in this aspect.

However, in the examination process there appeared a lack of clarity on whether the marks for the bridge course are to be included in the overall aggregate of the candidate.

It is proposed that since the paper is of a bridge course nature and intended mainly to create skills in media computer applications, the marks of the paper may not be counted in the overall aggregate. However, it would be compulsory for the candidate to clear the paper in order to be considered for promotion or for securing positions.

The council examined the matter and approved the separation of Bridge Course Paper, MASCOM -0107 (Computer Application for Mass Media) from overall aggregate in the Masters programme and at the same time changed its nomenclature to Audit Course instead of Bridge Course.

AC: 12:15: To ratify the establishment of Intellectual Property Right Cell, RGU.

It was noted that as per the provisions made by the Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, the University authority has approved the establishment of Intellectual Property Right (IPR) Cell in RGU consisting of following members:

1. Prof. D.N. Das, Dean, Faculty of Life Science : Coordinator
2. Mr. Ani Taggu, Associate Professor in CSE : Dy. Coordinator

The Cell shall coordinate towards documentation and protection of research work, creativity and intellectual output. The Cell shall work in tandem with the state's patent information Centre (PIC) and the Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India and shall update its report to the university authority from time to time.

The Council ratified the action taken by the University authority.

AC: 12:16: To consider in facilitating admission of deserving and eligible candidates facing financial constraint by MHRD, Govt. of India.

The Council noted that in the 12th Five Year Plan Document' para 21.232, it states that, 'the reach of scholarships and students loans with government guarantees would be universalized so that no student is deprived of Higher education opportunities for financial reasons. As such, all Centrally Funded higher educational institution may adopt the following course of action for admission of differently categories of students based on intelligible criteria:

- (i) No fees need be charged at the time of admission from those SC/ST students who are eligible for Post-matric Scholarships/Top Class Scholarships. At the time of admission they may be advised to deposit the fee with the Institute as soon as they receive the scholarship amount. An undertaking to this effect may be taken from them at the time of admission. However, the CFHEIs will be responsible for timely verification, etc. of documents and their submission to facilitate timely disbursement of scholarship.
- (ii) In other cases, if any SC/ST students failed to deposit the fee in the Institute then fees may be charged after making special efforts to get them requisite loan sanctioned, including facility of interest subsidy to those whose income is below Rs. 6 lacs where applicable.
- (iii) Special schemes under SCSP/TSP may also be drawn, in consultation with the target group in respective CFHEIs, for providing other facilities like books, equipment etc. essentially required for completion of course, which are not covered under these Scholarship Schemes, for SC/ST students.

The Council deliberated the matter and approved the same.

AC: 12:17: To consider the introduction of Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed.) from session 2014-15.

The Council noted the proposal to introduce two year D.El.Ed. programme in the Department of Education, either from the academic session 2014-15 or 2015-16, for which, the course structure of D.El.Ed. of the state government could be adopted for which a proposal to UGC shall be sent for granting additional faculty positions in line of M.Ed. programme.

The Council discussed the item and approved to start the Diploma programme in Elementary Education from the next academic session - 2014-15 and the course structure of D.El.Ed. of the State Government should be adopted with modification for the time being. In this connection, University should write to NCTE for consideration/approval of the programme.

AC: 12:18: To consider introducing and maintaining of Dress Code for various professional programmes run in the Dept. of Education.

It was noted that, since the Department of Education is running professional programmes, the Department is proposing to introduce dress codes for the trainees of Teacher Education Programmes.

The council discussed the matter and decided to leave the matter to the concerned Department subject to administrative approval.

- AC: 12:19: To consider introduction of common entrance test system for B.Ed. & M.Ed. programme
The Council deliberated on it and authorized the department of Education to do preliminary exercises on modalities for entrance test system.
Further, the Council authorized the Chairman to constitute a three-member committee work out the probability of conducting separate Common Entrance Test for admission B.Ed. and M.Ed. programmes in the University and its affiliated teachers training colleges.
- AC: 12:20: To consider allocating funds to the dept. of Education from the revenue generated from B.Ed. & M.Ed. paid seats.
The Council noted that the B.Ed and M.Ed. professional courses are being run in the Department of Education having some number of paid seats. That, there was a proposal from the Department for funding it with at least 50% of the revenue collected from the paid seats annually, for the procurement of TTIMs and other equipments required for the professional programmes.
The Council after deliberation, decided to examine the proposal administratively.
- AC: 12:21: To consider enhancement of admission fee in the Department of Anthropology.
The Council noted that the admission fee to the MA 2nd Semester Anthropology is proposed to be enhanced by Rs.500/- only to facilitate short-term fieldwork in Archaeological Anthropology for the students.
The Council perused and approved it for incorporation in the fee structure to be printed in the Prospectus.
- AC: 12:22: To consider levying/fixing a fee on application towards renewal of temporary affiliation of the applicants:
It was noted that the university charges a fee of Rs. 5000/- only from the applicants through DD or challan, who intends to apply for obtaining affiliation from the university with an additional amount of Rs. 1000/- only for the affiliation application format, making it a total of Rs. 6000/-.
But, so far the university is not charging a penny for the temporarily affiliated colleges when they apply for renewal of their Temporary Affiliations to RGU on the expiry of temporary affiliation period. Temporary affiliation is granted for a period of one year only which is subject to extension on being applied for renewal of the same by a temporarily affiliated college at the end of every one year period. This way, undoubtedly the university is losing its source of revenue. Moreover, since, the labour and efforts in terms of official procedure involved in extending the temporary affiliations i.e. renewal of temporary affiliation is exactly as same as that of granting temporary affiliations, it was proposed to levy a fixed fee of Rs. 2,500/- only as renewal fee while applying for the renewal of temporary affiliations by the affiliated colleges/institutes under this varsity, with immediate effect.
The Council examined the matter and approved it.

AC: 12:23: Temporary Affiliation to Kasturba Gandhi Institute of Higher Education (B.Ed.) College, Roing

The Council noted that, the Secretary, Kasturba Gandhi Institute of Higher Education (B.Ed.) College, Roing, had submitted a representation for temporary affiliation for conducting B.Ed. Programme under the aegis of the Abralow Multipurpose (Memorial) Society, Roing. He has requested the University to accord temporary affiliation of the proposed B.Ed. College from the academic session 2014-15.

The Society has already conducted series of interviews for the selection of principal, faculty members, Librarian and other staffs for the College during Sept./Oct., 2013 at Itanagar Guwahati & Bhubhaneshwar with a representative from the University on getting the NCTE's letter of intent. The said college has obtained formal recognition from the NCTE on 7.8.13 for running the B.Ed. Course.

The Council further noted that, the University constituted Committee to study the request and feasibility had also furnished its reports. The committee report states, that, since, the college fulfills all the basic criteria as per UGC, NCTE and RGU norms; recommends for the grant of Temporary Affiliation to the College by the Academic Council of RGU from the academic session 2014-15.

The Council examined the reports of the Committee and approved the temporary affiliation of the college.

AC: 12:24: To consider and approve the Revised Fee Structure of various courses.

It was noted that the constituted committee under the chairmanship of Prof. S.K. Nayak had submitted a revised fee structure for various courses offered in the university and recommended for implementation from academic session 2015-16.

The Council thoroughly perused the revised fee structure of various courses prepared by the Committee thoroughly and approved the same with minor incorporations and modifications.

AC: 12:25: To consider discontinuation of Re-Evaluation System in RGU

It was noted that the matter was placed in the 11th AC meeting, wherein the Council suggested for constitution of a Committee to examine the issue of re-evaluation and its recommendation to be placed in the next meeting of A.C for a final decision. The committee has submitted its reports on the matter.

The Council perused the reports and recommendation of the Committee to examine the issue of re-evaluation and it was decided that re-evaluation should be allowed for the 1st Year students of B.A., who are appearing in the examinations currently i.e. in the month of April/May 2014. However, the minimum percentage of marks, i.e., at least 20% in the failed paper should be considered as criteria for applying for re-evaluation in a particular paper.

AC: 12:26: To Consider the extension of Temporary affiliation to Teacher Training College (B.Ed), Aalo. The Council noted that, the Managing Director, T.T.C (B.Ed.), Aalo has submitted representation for extension of temporary affiliation to their college, under the aegis of the Marjum Welfare Society, Aalo. The Temporary affiliation was given to this college for a

period of one year w.e.f 30/8/2012, which expired on 29/08/2013.

Accordingly, the constituted College Inspection committee visited the said college 7/03/2013 and submitted its report with a positive recommendation to accord an extension of temporary affiliation.

The Council examined the reports of the Inspection Committee and approved extension temporary affiliation to Teacher Training College (B.Ed), Aalo for a period of one year.

AC: 12:27: To consider the extension of Temporary affiliation to Mudo Tamo Memorial College (B. Ed) Ziro

The Council noted that, the Chairperson, N.H.W.S. Ziro has submitted representation extension of temporary affiliation of Mudo Tamo Memorial College (B.Ed), Ziro under aegis of the New Heritage Welfare Society, Ziro. The Temporary affiliation was given to college for a period 1 year w.e.f. 23/8/2012, which expired on 22/08/2013.

Accordingly, the constituted College Inspection committee visited the said college 7/03/2013 and submitted its report with a positive recommendation to accord annual extension of temporary affiliation.

The Council examined the reports of the Inspection Committee and approved extension temporary affiliation to Mudo Tamo Memorial College (B.Ed), Ziro for a period of one year.

AC: 12:28: To consider increase in supernumerary seats in various professional courses:

It was noted that the existing seat limit of one as 'Supernumerary seat' is insufficient to meet the ever increasing applications in this category. With the university expanding and number of employees increasing, their spouses and children's number is also increasing and thereby causing heartbreaks and dissatisfaction at the time of seeking admissions through seat quota, which has strength of only one seat per course at present.

In the given condition, it was proposed to increase the Supernumerary seat to at least three seats in all the professional courses offered by the university, such as B.Ed., PG Diploma, etc.

The council discussed the item at length. It was decided to constitute a three member committee, which will examine the matter in detail and report accordingly to be placed at the next meeting of AC for consideration.

AC: 12:29: To consider introduction of Online Admission procedure by RGU:

The Council noted that in today's fast moving world of IT age, it is expected that a central university like RGU keep in place the provisions of "applying online" while seeking admissions to various courses of RGU by intending applicants, including students, scholars and researchers from across the state and beyond. It is since last year only, this university is providing the prospectus and forms in downloadable format in its website, and it has proved to be of immense help so far. To go a step further, it was proposed to introduce online admission system, where applicants can apply online through a set mechanism in the university website, making ease the way for many students even from far flung districts of the state as well as from across the nation and beyond to apply for the admissions to various courses of RGU.

The Council discussed on the pros and cons of the item and approved the proposal in principle. The Council also authorized the Chairman to constitute an Advisory Committee associating V-SAT officials in this regard.

AC: 12:30: To approve the revised syllabi as prepared by various BUGS and BPGS

The following syllabi have been revised by the BUGS and BPGS concerned, and were tabled before the AC for its approval and consideration for implementation;

- i) B.Sc. Physics
- ii) M.Tech. in CSE
- iii) M.Sc. in Botany

The Council perused the syllabi prepared by various BUGS and BPGS and approved the same.

AC: 12:31: To approve the syllabuses and course structures as prepared by various BUGS and BPGS of RGU

The following syllabuses have been prepared by the BUGS and BPGS concerned, and were tabled before the AC for its approval and consideration for implementation;

(a) Syllabi prepared for Under-Graduate Programmes to be implemented under Semester Mode.

- i) B.A. English
- ii) B.A. Sociology
- iii) B.A. Anthropology
- iv) B.A. Economics
- v) B.A. Geography
- vi) B.A. Hindi
- vii) B.A. Education
- viii) B.P.Ed. Programme
- ix) BA Political Science
- x) BA History

(b) Syllabi prepared for Post-Graduate Programmes to be implemented under Semester Mode.

- i) M.Tech. in Electronics and Telecommunication
- ii) M.Ed.
- iii) Masters in Social Work (MSW)
- iv) M.Phil. in Sociology
- ~~v)~~ Bachelor in Physical Education (BPEd.)

The Council perused the syllabi prepared by various BUGS and BPGS and approved the same.

AC: 12:32: On approval by UGC for Up-gradation of RGU's Department of Hindi
The Council noted that the university is in receipt of an approval letter for up-gradation of department of Hindi, RGU under the UGC's scheme for non-Hindi spoken areas vide letter No.14-7/2014 (official language), Dated 4th Feb., 2014. The detail is as under;

| Sl. No. | Purpose, regarding which the grant is approved | Sanctioned post/items | Sanctioned grant |
|---------|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Opening / Up-gradation of Hindi Department | 1. Professor (1) | Actual pay as per UGC rule |
| | | 2. Reader (0) | |
| | | 3. Lecturer (2) | |
| | | 4. Books & Journals/Magazines | Rs.1,00,000/- |
| | | 5. Seminars, Conferences & Symposiums | Rs: 1,00,000/- |

The Council noted and approved the same.

AC: 12:33: To approve the proposal for recognition of Rajiv Gandhi University Museum of Fishes (RGUMF) as Departmental fish repository

The Council noted that the office of the Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences has proposed recognition of Rajiv Gandhi University Museum of Fishes (RGUMF) as Departmental Fish Repository.

It is to make mention that the museum is an outcome of fish collections and maintenance activities initiated way back in the year 2001 through several collaboratively sponsored projects. The collections were later housed in the fish diversity laboratory of Centre for Biodiversity in 2007, and its resources have so far earned global fame as an endemic fish repository of eastern Himalayan biodiversity hotspot. Such academic asset of the University needs further boosts for maintaining its standard and brand which in turn will cater to the need of biodiversity conservationists and fishery scientists nationally and globally. It also proposes for creation of the post for museum curatorial services and financial allocation for its maintenance.

The matter was discussed at length. The Chairman emphasized a special mention on the RGU Museum of Fishes for its globally acclaimed reputation. He added due recognition and every possible support will be provided to the Museum by University as per the norms. However, it was decided to revert back the matter to the Department of Zoology for detailed discussion as the proposal should be routed through proper channel as per norms.

AC: 12:34: To consider admission of Post graduate degree holders in allied subjects to M.Phil and Ph.D. courses in Botany

The Council noted that students having Admission of Post Graduate degree holders in allied subject in M.Phil and Ph.D courses in the department of Botany from 2001 to 2009 are many of them have been awarded Ph.D degrees. However, from 2010 onwards, the new Ph.D guidelines permitted only those students who have their degrees in concerned subjects, and as a result students from allied subjects are not being admitted in the course.

The Council discussed on the pros and cons of the item and approved the proposal in principle. The Council also authorized the Chairman to constitute an Advisory Committee associating V-SAT officials in this regard.

AC: 12:30: To approve the revised syllabi as prepared by various BUGS and BPGS

The following syllabi have been revised by the BUGS and BPGS concerned, and were tabled before the AC for its approval and consideration for implementation;

- i) B.Sc. Physics
- ii) M.Tech. in CSE
- iii) M.Sc. in Botany

The Council perused the syllabi prepared by various BUGS ad BPGS and approved the same.

AC: 12:31: To approve the syllabuses and course structures as prepared by various BUGS and BPGS of RGU

The following syllabuses have been prepared by the BUGS and BPGS concerned, and were tabled before the AC for its approval and consideration for implementation;

(a) Syllabi prepared for Under-Graduate Programmes to be implemented under Semester Mode.

- i) B.A. English
- ii) B.A. Sociology
- iii) B.A. Anthropology
- iv) B.A. Economics
- v) B.A. Geography
- vi) B.A. Hindi
- vii) B.A. Education
- viii) B.P.Ed. Programme
- ix) BA Political Science
- x) BA History

(b) Syllabi prepared for Post-Graduate Programmes to be implemented under Semester Mode.

- i) M.Tech. in Electronics and Telecommunication
- ii) M.Ed.
- iii) Masters in Social Work (MSW)
- iv) M.Phil. in Sociology
- ~~v)~~ Bachelor in Physical Education (BPEd.)

The Council perused the syllabi prepared by various BUGS and BPGS and approved the same.

It further noted that many Central/State Universities admit students from allied subjects in respective Ph.D course. Moreover, the faculty members of the department have research specialization related to allied subjects and are running externally funded interdisciplinary research project and scheme such as the Centre of Bioinformatics, the centre of Bio-diversity and the Biotech Hub in which students from allied subjects have been appointed as JRF.

Therefore, it was proposed to amend the existing provisions for facilitating admission of such students in the M.Phil/Ph.D courses of the department and disciplines like Microbiology, Plant Physiology, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Bioinformatics, Food Technology, and Environmental Sciences etc. be recognized as allied subject of Botany and be considered for admission to M.Phil and Ph.D. courses in Botany.

There was a lengthy deliberation on the matter. The Council decided that the proposal will be incorporated in the University Ordinances.

AC: 12:35: On the proposal for establishment of Centre for Endangered Languages in AITS, Rajiv Gandhi University

The Council noted that for establishment of Centre for Endangered Languages in AITS, RGU, the University has received fund support to the tune of Rs.1.8 crores from UGC, New Delhi vide Letter No. F.No.15-6/2012 (CU), dated the 3rd April, 2014.

The Council discussed the item and approved it.

AC: 12:36: To approve the Academic Calendar of the University for the session 2014-15.

The Council noted that the Academic Calendar of the University for the session 2014-15, for the University faculties and the Affiliated Colleges of the University have been reviewed and framed by the constituted committee, and was placed for perusal by the AC.

The Council examined the Academic Calendar framed by the Committee and approved with minor modification.

The Council observed that there needs some minor modification on the admission dates and commencement of classes, viz.;

2.3 iii) Commencement of classes for Third/Fifth Semester (MA/M.Sc.,M.Com, B.Ed./MBA/M.Tech/ all UG Courses based on Semester & other Diploma Courses) – Given date should be changed to 14th July 2014 (Monday) instead of 28th July, 2014 (Monday)

2.4 iii) Commencement of classes for Second/Fourth/Sixth Semester (MA/M.Sc.,M.Com, B.Ed./MBA/M.Tech/ all UG Courses based on Semester & other Diploma Courses) - Given date should be changed to 19th January 2015 (Monday) instead of 30th January, 2015 (Friday)

Further, the Council authorized the Academic Calendar Committee to review the Calendar of the affiliated colleges in tune with the Semester Programme to be introduced at B.A. Level from the academic session 2014-15.

AC: 12:37: Legal implications relating to the decision of 9th meeting of the A.C on extending weight-age in admission to P.G and B.Ed. programmes.

The Council noted that with regard to extending weight-age to students for admission B.Ed. and P.G programmes, the 9th meeting of the Academic Council vide item No. AC: 9:7^c had decided as follows:

"The Council had a very lengthy deliberation on the matter and resolved that while preparing merit list for admission in Rajiv Gandhi University, the students of all categories passing out from Rajiv Gandhi University will be given a weight-age of 15% marks. Further, it was also resolved that a weight-age of 5% marks shall be given to the APST students passing out from other UGC recognized universities for the purpose. The same may be included in the University Prospectus for the academic session 2013-14."

The above decision of the Academic Council was incorporated in the University prospectus and admissions were given accordingly.

It also noted that the decision on being challenged in the Hon'ble High Court, the matter was placed in the 11th AC meeting held on 20th Sept., 2013, wherein the Council resolved to constitute a 5 (five) member Committee to look into the issue of weight-age in admission to P.G and B.Ed. programmes. Accordingly, the said committee had furnished its reports on the matter.

The Council perused the reports of the 5 (five) member committee and had threadbare discussion on it.

The Council resolved that a 10% point additional weightage shall be given to the students passing out from Rajiv Gandhi University and 5% point additional weightage shall be given to the APST students, who have done their graduation from other UGC recognized Universities for admission to PG and B.Ed. programmes.

AC: 12:38: Temporary Affiliation to Donyi Polo B.Ed. College, Itanagar

It was noted that the Executive Director of the Donyi Polo B.Ed. College, Itanagar, has submitted a representation for temporary affiliation of Donyi Polo B.Ed. College, Itanagar for conducting B.Ed. Programme under the aegis of the Society for Women Welfare Awareness & Training (SWWAT), Itanagar. He has requested the University to accord temporary affiliation of the proposed B.Ed. College from the academic session 2014-15. The Society has already conducted interview for the selection of principal, faculty members, Librarian and other staffs for the College during February, 2014 with a representative from the University on getting the NCTE's letter of intent.

The Council further noted that the Society had applied to the University for Temporary Affiliation to Donyi Polo B.Ed. College, Itanagar in the year 2010 and accordingly a Screening Committee was formed. After screening, an Inspection committee was constituted on recommendation of the screening committee. The college was physically inspected by the constituted committee recently. The committee had furnished its reports. The committee report states, that, since, the college fulfills all the basic criteria as per UGC, NCTE and RGU norms; recommends for the grant of Temporary Affiliation to the College by the Academic Council of RGU, with a condition that the academic program shall be started in the college only after obtaining of a formal Recognition Order/Letter from the NCTE.

The Council perused the reports of the Inspection Committee and approved temporary affiliation subject to formal approval of NCTE. The College should not start academic programme/course without formal approval of NCTE.

AC: 12:39: Formal introduction/start of semester system in BA programme from 2014-15 academic session

It was noted that in the 7th meeting of the AC held on 17th Feb., 2012 vide its resolution No. AC: 07: 03, the Council approved in principle the introduction of semester system in the UG courses of affiliated colleges from the year 2013. Subsequently, the semester related issues were discussed thoroughly in the next AC meetings. As a result, the system was introduced in a phased manner, and as a modest beginning, B.Com. & B.Sc. programmes were brought under the system in the current academic session 2013-14. Accordingly, the same is to be formally implemented for the BA programmes from the 2014-15 academic session.

The matter was again placed in the 11th AC meeting, wherein the Council suggested for the start of academic exercise. With regard to start of the academic programme from the next academic session, inputs were to be invited from the Principals of affiliated Colleges and representatives of Higher and Technical Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. The said input drawing meeting was convened on 18th Dec., 2013 and agreed in principle to start the BA programme under Semester system.

The exercises related to preparation of syllabi by the university have been done.

The Council after having a thorough deliberation on the item, approved to start BA programmes under semester system from the next academic session - 2014-15. The Council also suggested that workshop/orientation programmes should be organized for college teachers and administrators to get them oriented beforehand.

AC: 12:40: To consider for nominating RGU Representatives to the Governing/Management Bodies of each colleges affiliated to this University.

The Council noted that there are 26 colleges affiliated to this University as on date, of which baring very few have university representatives in their governing/management bodies. This perhaps is needed for more academic soundness of the college and for maintaining an indirect supervision of the development in the said college academically and functionally. Senior faculty members not below the rank of Associate Professors and eligible officers not below the rank of Deputy Registrars of the university are to be considered for being nominated by the Vice-Chancellor through the Academic Council resolutions as RGU Representatives to the governing bodies of the colleges. Such practices have been seen in NEHU also. These nominations could be made for a period of 2 academic years initially and may be renewed or revised biannually.

The Council deliberated on it and approved the same.

AC: 12:41: To consider making PG degrees as eligibility base for admission to B. Ed. programmes

The Council deferred the item to the next meeting of Academic Council.

/ C: 12:42: Continuation of Late College for B.Sc, B.Com failed students for 2013-14 session.

Already in practice as an outcome of a decision in the last AC meeting and hence need discussion. The item was withdrawn.

AC: 12:43: To ratify the introduction of Honours Course in History at Govt. College, Doimukh
It was noted by the Council, that, the university on receipt of a request from the Principal, Govt. College, Doimukh, for the approval of an already introduced Honours Course in History in the said College in November last year, viewed it seriously, keeping in view the undermining of the stand of RGU in its established norms and academic control and credibility. Accordingly, a letter of denial was issued to the college authorities. Recently a committee has been formed by the University to screen the application and documents submitted by the Principal.

However, given the circumstances, that, the college, in anticipation of the approval from RGU is already running the course in the current academic session (2013-14), the competent authority of the university while exercising leniency had approved the running of the course i.e, Honours in History in Govt. College, Doimukh, subject to ratification by the Academic Council, on a condition that, in future, no such lapse shall be repeated by any affiliated colleges.

The Council while ratifying the action taken by the University authority reiterated that affiliated colleges are permitted to start Honours programme(s) in their colleges without obtaining prior permission from Rajiv Gandhi University.

AC: 12:44: To approve the grant of Temporary affiliation to Venerable Uktara Bethany College, Manmao, Namsai, for running B.A & B.Com. courses

The Council noted that Bethany Charitable Trust, Guwahati had submitted a proposal for setting up an Arts & Commerce College in the name and style of Venerable Uktara Bethany College, at Manmao, Namsai in the prescribed Forms and deposited the required fees towards the grant of Temporary affiliation to the new college.

As per norms, the RGU authority had constituted a Screening Committee and subsequently on recommendation of the Screening Committee an Inspection Committee for physical verification was formed. The said committee had visited the College, and recommended for the start of BA & B.Com. courses there by giving Temporary affiliation to the college.

The Council perused the reports of Inspection Committee and its recommendations and approved temporary affiliation to Venerable Uktara Bethany College, Manmao, Namsai, for running B.A & B.Com. courses from the academic session 2014-15.

AC: 12:45: Any other item, with the permission of the chair.

Under this item, the following agenda were taken up for discussion and resolved:

- 1) To consider exempting RGU MPhil degree holders from appearing/attending course work of PhD courses

It was noted that of late, this issue had remained a point of debate among the Ph.D scholars with M.Phil degree from Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) and the administrators. The former

are on their stand that, they should be exempted from attending Course Work classes and appearing examinations, as the course structure which is taught in the PhD course work and the M.Phil is almost similar and of same volume and depth, but the latter, in the absence of a clear-cut guidelines, did not endorsed it. The matter was therefore placed to the Council for perusal and deliberations.

The Council deliberated on the issue and decided to exempt M.Phil degree holders from attending Ph.D. Course Work.

- 2) To consider allocating and introducing supernumerary seats in MCA, MBA, M.Ed., M.Phil and PhD courses

The Council noted that as a step towards welfare measures for the RGU fraternity, it is proposed that, supernumerary seats be kept and introduced in MBA, BCA, MCA, M.Ed., M.Phil and PhD courses also for the eligible spouses and children of the regular employees of the university. Such a step, perhaps, could boost the spirit and morale of the employees and could also play a part towards retaining employees in this University.

The Council deliberated the matter and approved introducing/allocating supernumerary seats in professorial courses like, MCA, MBA and M.Ed. subject to fulfillment of requirements as per the existing system, however, turned down the proposal for introducing it in M.Phil and Ph.D courses.

- 3) On special examination for practical paper, i.e. Remote Sensing and GIS (Paper Code:528)

It was noted that a representation was received from Mr. Karan Kholie, IV Semester student in the Department of Geography, requesting for the conduct of special examination in the above cited practical based paper, stating that he appeared the examination in the month of December 2013 and failed to get through the paper. His case was examined as per the existing ordinance and was not considered. However, the student is repeatedly requesting to allow him to re-appear the paper alongwith the IV Semester examinations scheduled to be held in the month of May 2014. In this regard, comments from the subject teacher and HoD have been obtained. The HoD states that there is no explicit difference within practical and theory papers as per the existing practice. Three students under the same rule were found to be failed in the subject/paper, but on moderation, one of them has cleared the same paper. However, he suggested entertaining the case on the basis of progressive and lenient consideration.

The council had threadbare discussion on the subject and decided to facilitate special examination to be conducted as an exceptional case, although one member had given his dissent on the decision.

4) Regarding Collection of Sports Fee etc., from Colleges

It was noted that the University has been collecting Sports fee from the Under Graduate Students for the last many years. The amount collected is used for the conduct of Inter Collegiate Youth Festival in two years' interval at the cost of large expenditure which does not at all match with the fees collected from the students. It has almost become a regular affair in the University. To overcome the financial constraint and other logistic problem was proposed to do away with the existing system of fee collection for sports from the colleges effective from the upcoming 2014-2015 session.

The council discussed the matter and decided to do away with the existing system of sports fee collection from the colleges from the next academic session 2014-15.

5) Regarding conduct of the XIII Convocation of RGU

The Council noted that the XIII Convocation of the University is proposed to be held in the month of November-2014 tentatively. The time is fixed to be in the month of November 2014 as per the University calendar.

The Council noted and observed that Executive Council is the deciding body for Convocation.

6) To approve the draft syllabi and course structure for skill based papers for B.Sc. Botany submitted by the faculty council in Botany

The Council noted and approved the same.

7) To ratify the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between RGU and University of Madras, Chennai

The signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Centre with Potential for Excellence in Biodiversity, RGU and Centre of Advanced study in Crystallography and Biophysics, University of Madras, Guindy Campus, Chennai was placed before the Council for perusal and ratification.

The Council perused the item and ratified the action taken by the University authority.

As there was no other item for discussion, the meeting ended with proposal of vote of thanks from the Registrar.


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