

MINUTES OF THE 14TH ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27TH APRIL, 2015

The 14th Meeting of the Academic Council of RGU was held on 27th April 2015 at 10 a.m. in the Council Hall of the University. The following members attended the meeting:

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| 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. Tomo Riba, Dean, Environmental Science, RGU | : Member (Ex-Officio) |
| 5. Prof. D. N. Das, Dean, Life Science, BS, IT, E&T, RGU | : Member (Ex-Officio) |
| 6. Prof. R. C. Parida, Dean, Commerce & Management, RGU | : Member (Ex-Officio) |
| 7. Prof. A.K. Thakur, Dept. of History, NEHU, Shillong | : Member |
| 8. Prof. P.R. Alapati, Dept. of Physics, NERIST, Nirjuli | : Member |
| 9. Prof. (Mrs.) Sarah Hilaly, Dept. of History, RGU | : Member |
| 10. Prof. (Mrs.) Nandini C. Singh, Dept. of Geography, RGU | : Member |
| 11. Prof. (Mrs.) Elizabeth Hangsing, Dept. of Education, RGU | : Member |
| 12. Dr. Hui Tag, Dept. of Botany, RGU | : Member |
| 13. Mr. Tayek Talom, Principal, JNC, Pasighat | : Member |
| 14. Prof. Ashan Riddi, Director, IDE, RGU | : Member |
| 15. Dr. S. Simon John, Director i/c, AITS, RGU | : Member |
| 16. Dr. H. Vokendro Singh, HoD, Anthropology, RGU | : Member |
| 17. Prof. A.K. Das, HoDi/c, Botany, RGU | : Member |
| 18. Dr. Md. Harunar Rashid, HoD i/c, Chemistry, RGU | : Member |
| 19. Prof. Utpal Bhattacharjee, HoD, C.Sc. & Engineering, RGU | : Member |
| 20. Dr. Tasi Kaye, HoD, Commerce, RGU | : Member |
| 21. Dr. (Ms) Vandana Upadhyay, HoD, Economics, RGU | : Member |
| 22. Prof. Thensei Lhungdim, HoD, Education, RGU | : Member |
| 23. Prof. A.R. Parhi, HoD, English, RGU | : Member |
| 24. Prof. S.K. Patnaik, HoD, Geography, RGU | : Member |
| 25. Dr. Oken Lego, HoDi/c, Hindi, RGU | : Member |
| 26. Prof. Sudhir K. Singh, HoD i/c, History, RGU | : Member |
| 27. Mr. Bhaskar Pratim S. Baruah, HoD i/c, Management, RGU | : Member |
| 28. Dr. Kh. Kabi, HoD, Mass Communication, RGU | : Member |
| 29. Dr. Sahin Ahmed, HoD, Mathematics & Computing, RGU | : Member |
| 30. Dr. Upamanyu Das, HoD i/c, Physics, RGU | : Member |
| 31. Dr. Nabam Nakha Hina, HoD, Political Science, RGU | : Member |
| 32. Dr. Soubhagya Ranjan Padhi, HoD, Sociology, RGU | : Member |
| 33. Prof. H.N. Sarma, HoD, Zoology, RGU | : Member |
| 34. Prof. R. Tamuli, Controller of Examinations, RGU | : Special Invitee |
| 35. Dr. David Pertin, Dy. Reg. (Aca. & Conf.), RGU | : Invitee |
| 36. Prof. A. Mitra, Registrar i/c, RGU | : Secretary (Ex-Officio) |

At the outset the Chairman welcomed all the members. The following agenda items were then taken up for discussion and decision(s) thereon.



AC: 14:01: To confirm the minutes of the 13th meeting of Academic Council held on 31st October, 2014

The minutes of the 13th meeting of Academic Council were circulated amongst the members. No comments were received.

The Council confirmed the minutes of the 13th meeting of Academic Council held on 31st October 2014.

AC: 14:02: To confirm the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decision(s) of the 13th meeting of Academic Council held on 31st October, 2014.

The Council noted that in pursuance of the 13th Academic Council meeting decisions, the University authority has implemented and executed the decisions of the Council, wherever possible.

The Council accepted the Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 13th meeting of Academic Council held on 31st October 2014.

AC: 14:03: To approve the Academic Calendar of the university for the Session 2015-16.

A five member committee under the chairmanship of Prof. K.C. Kapoor, Director CDC was constituted for preparation of the Academic calendar for the session 2015-16. Accordingly the Academic calendar has been prepared and submitted on 20th April 2015.

The Council perused the academic calendar for the session 2015-16. The members deliberated on the matter and approved the same.

AC: 14:04: To approve the Guidelines on Choice Based Credit System

A five member committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. R.C. Parida, Dean, Faculty of Commerce and Management was constituted to prepare guidelines for time bound action plan for implementation of choice based credit system (CBCS) in the University. The Chairman of the committee submitted the report on 18th March, 2015.

The Council perused the report of the Committee and approved the same. The members suggested that if genuine problems occur in the implementation, university shall take care to amend it.

AC: 14:05: To approve the revised syllabuses prepared by various BUGS and BPGS

The following syllabuses have been revised by the BUGS and BPGS concerned before the Academic Council for its approval and consideration of implementation;

- i. M.Sc. in Physics
- ii. PhD. Course Work in Physics
- iii. M.Sc in Chemistry

- iv. M.A. in Mass Communication,
- v. M.B.A.
- vi. Post Graduate Diploma in Hotel & Tourism Management (PGDHTM)
- vii. M.A. in English
- viii. M.A./M.Sc. in Mathematics
- ix. M.Phil in Mathematics
- x. M.A. in Sociology
- xi. M.Tech. & MCA (CSE)
- xii. M.A. in Anthropology
- xiii. M.Sc. in Zoology
- xiv. M.Ed two years course syllabus
- xv. B.Ed two years course syllabus
- xvi. MA Education Course structure as per CBCS
- xvii. MA in Hindi
- xviii. M. Phil in Hindi
- xix. M.Sc Botany
- xx. MA in Economics
- xxi. M.A Geography
- xxii. M.Phil in Geography
- xxiii. PhD in Geography
- xxiv. Advance PG Diploma in Bio-diversity
- xxv. PGDFH
- xxvi. APGDDM
- xxvii. PGD in Geo-informatics
- xxviii. B.Sc. Chemistry syllabus for 5th & 6th semesters
- xxix. Diploma in Mass Communication
- xxx. Certificate Course in Animation
- xxxi. Yoga therapy, Nyishi and Adi languages under AITS
- xxxii. M.Com
- xxxiii. Bachelor of Physical Education (B.Ped.)

The council perused all the Departments have submitted revised syllabi prepared by the concerned BUGS/BPGS except the Departments of History and Political Science. The HoDs of the two departments whose syllabuses are yet to be furnished have assured that they would submit the syllabi by 15th of May, 2015.

Academic Council deliberated on it and approved the same. It was also resolved to introduce CBCS in the postgraduate level and Diploma/Certificate courses shall be Credit Based from the Session - 2015-16.

AC: 14:06: To consider and approve the agenda items submitted by the Dept. of Education

The following agenda items received from the Head, Dept. of Education were placed before the Academic Council:

- a) **Faculty requirement to run the B.Ed and M.Ed (two years) courses:** With increase in duration of the course, the Dept. will require more number of faculty members. The recruitment as per university norms may be initiated.

The Council noted the same and decided that the matter shall be taken up administratively.

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- b) **Intake capacity for B.Ed & M.Ed programmes:** The intake and distribution of seats for the two teacher training courses was proposed as follows;

Sl. No.	B.Ed (50 seats)	M.Ed (20 seats)
1	Open seats :10	Open seats :10
2	Paid seats : 30	Paid seats :10
3	Deputation seats :10	-

The Council examined the same and approved the distribution of intake capacity for B.Ed. & M.Ed. Programmes as follows:

Sl. No.	B.Ed (50 seats)	M.Ed (20 seats)
1	Open seats :20	Open seats :10
2	Paid seats : 15	Paid seats :10
3	Deputation seats :15	-

- c) **Revision in Fee structure for B.Ed and M.Ed Courses paid seats:** It was proposed to increase the fee from Rs. 25,000/- to Rs. 50,000/- for the paid seats of both the courses.

The Council decided to increase the fee from Rs. 25,000/- each in two instalments per Unit for the paid seats of both the courses. Two years' programme in B.Ed. and M.Ed. will start from next academic session 2015-16.

Regarding Fee Structure/Fee Hike, academic programme etc. of Pvt. B.Ed. Colleges in the state, it was decided to constitute a 3-member Monitoring Committee to device mechanism for quality control. The Director, College Development Council (CDC) will be the Chairman of the Committee.

AC: 14:07: Approval for Introduction of following courses in the University:

- I. Introduction of Physical Education, Social work and Electronics & Communication from the Academic Session-2015-16.

The proposal has been approved in principle and authorized the Vice-Chancellor to decide students' intake capacity administratively.

- II. Introduction of M.Sc. Course in Geology (Earth Science) under faculty of Environmental Science.

Academic Council deliberated on it and approved the same. Further, the Council also approved two more courses, namely, Fine Arts & Music and Department of Psychology and authorized the university authority to take up the matter to MHRD/UGC for consideration.

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- III. 3 Months' Certificate course in communicative English under the Department of English.

The Council approved the introduction of three months' Certificate Course in the Department of English from the academic session 2015-16. Admission fee shall be decided administratively.

- IV. 3 Months' Certificate course in Myanmar (Burmese) language under the Department of Anthropology.

The Council approved the introduction of three months' Certificate Course in the Department of Anthropology from the academic session 2015-16. Admission fee shall be decided administratively.

AC: 14:08: To consider introduction of new programmes under following Departments:

Representations were received from two Heads for introduction of following programmes in their respective Departments;

- i. **Dept. of Mathematics:** Introduction of M.Phil programme in the Department of Mathematics from the session 2015-16. The Department is having adequate number of qualified faculty members.

The Council approved the proposal.

- ii. **Dept. of Mass Communication:** Introduction of PhD programme in the Department of Mass communication. The Dept. is having adequate number of qualified faculty members. They have also prepared the required syllabus after duly constituting the DRC.

The Council approved the proposal.

AC: 14:09: To consider and approve the recommendations of the action committee to study the module prescribed by UGC on environmental studies (EVS)

A five member committee under the chairmanship of Prof. Tomo Riba, Dean, Faculty of Environmental Science was formed to study the module prescribed by UGC on environmental studies (EVS) for undergraduate and also to explore the possibility to introduce the same in the post graduate level.

The committee has recommended and endorsed the module of EVS prescribed by UGC for under graduate level and suggested its acceptance in toto and made effective in all the affiliated colleges along with BCA course. The committee also recommended that the EVS should be introduced at PG level.

The Council approved the committee's recommendation to commence programme for introduction of EVS paper in colleges from next academic session 2015-16 in 3rd semester and the syllabus shall be circulated to all the colleges.

The council approved to introduce EVS paper as a compulsory paper and all colleges should start the programme from 3rd semester.

AC: 14:10: To ratify the intake capacity of M.Phil. in the Dept. of Hindi from 05 to 10, from the academic session 2015-16.

On the request of the Head, Dept. of Hindi the University authority had increased the Intake Capacity in M.Phil programme of the Department from five (5) to ten (10) Seats.

The Council ratified the action taken by the university authority.

AC: 14:11: To ratify the signing of MOU for Sodhganga/Shodhgangotri Project with INFLIBNET.

It was informed to the Council that RGU has signed a MOU on Shodhganga project (ETD -A Repository of Indian electronic Theses and Dissertations) with INFLIBNET.

*The Council noted that MoU Shodhganga project is signed by the University.
The Council ratified the action taken by the university authority.*

AC: 14:12: To approve the recommendations as submitted by fee revision Committee.

The five member fee revision committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. R.C. Parida was constituted for revision of existing fee structures relating to admission and examination fees of various UG, PG and research based courses being offered in RGU and its affiliated colleges.

The members perused the report and did not approve the same. However, modified/enhanced some fee of the existing fee structure as follows:

Sl. No.	Description	Existing (INR)	Enhanced to (INR)	Reduced to (INR)
1	Field Study Tour Fee	1,100/-	1,500/-	--
2	Students' Union Fee	220/-	300/-	--
3	Certificate Course in Graphics & Animation	22,000/-	--	10,000/-
4	Postgraduate Dip. in Geo-informatics (One Year)	--	10,000/- per Sem.	--
5	Mark sheet Fee	55/-	60/-	--
6	Practical Examinations/Project/Field Report fees	220/-	250/-	--
7	Prospectus Fee	100/-	200/-	--
8	Magazine Fee	83/-	90/-	--
9	NSS Fee	11/-	15/-	--

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AC: 14:13: To recognize Dr. Philip Mody, Assistant Professor in the Department of Commerce as a PhD Supervisor.

The Council noted that Dr. Philip Modi, Assistant Professor in Commerce obtained his PhD degree on 12/04/ 2012 from RGU, while in his regular service as an Assistant Professor in RGU. He joined RGU as an Assistant Professor in September 2005, and has requisite teaching and research experiences. He has got 3 books and more than 67 research papers published.

As per RGU Ordinance, an Assistant Professor with PhD degree having three years of postgraduate teaching (after PhD) and research experience at the University level with three research papers published in referred Research Journals can guide PhD scholar.

The 25th Research Board meeting held on 12/09/2014 has recommended for approval of the proposal of recognition by the Academic Council with prospective effect from 12th April, 2015.

The council approved the proposal and recognized Dr. Philip Mody, as a PhD Supervisor with retrospective effect from 12th April, 2015.

AC: 14:14: To recognize Dr. C. Siva Sankar, Assistant Professor in the Department of Education, RGU as a PhD Supervisor.

The Council noted that Dr. C. Siva Sankar has done his Ph.D in the year 2011.

The R.B in its 26th meeting has noted and recommended the same to AC for consideration subject to submission of required supporting documents as per PhD ordinance.

The required documents have been submitted.

The Academic Council approved the same and recognized Dr. C. Siva Sankar, as a PhD Supervisor with immediate effect.

AC: 14:15: To formally recognize Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Associate Professor in the Department of Physics as a PhD Supervisor.

The Council noted that Dr. Sanjeev Kumar has done his PhD in the year 2005. *The R.B in its 26th meeting has noted the same and recommended to AC for formal recognition as per PhD ordinance.*

The council formally recognized Dr. Sanjeev Kumar as a PhD Supervisor.



AC:14:16: To recognize Dr. Upamanyu Das, Assistant Professor in the Department of Physics as a PhD Supervisor

The Council noted that Dr. Das has done his Ph.D in the year 2011.

The R.B in its 26th meeting has noted the same and recommended to AC for consideration as per PhD ordinance.

The Council approved and recognized Dr. Upamanyu Das, as a PhD Supervisor with immediate effect.

AC:14:17: To recognize Dr. M.K. Bharali, Assistant Professor in the Department of Zoology as a PhD Supervisor

The Council noted that Dr. Bharali has obtained his PhD in the year 2011.

The R.B in its 26th meeting has noted the same and recommended to AC for consideration as per PhD ordinance.

The Council approved and recognized Dr. M.K. Bharali, as a PhD Supervisor with immediate effect.

AC:14:18: To consider and approve the items from IDE as endorsed by the Board of Management (BOM), IDE-RGU

- a) Closing of IDE Study Centre at Don Bosco College, Jollang from the next academic session i.e. 2015-16.

The Council approved closing of IDE Study Centre at Don Bosco College, Jollang from the academic session - 2015-16.

- b) Introduction of IDE Study Centre at Govt. College, Yachuli.

The Council approved the proposal.

- c) Introduction of IDE Study Centre at Govt. College Doimukh, Doimukh and at Govt. Women's College, Lekhi.

The Council approved the introduction of IDE Study Centres at Govt. College, Doimukh and Govt. Women's College, Lekhi.

- d) **Approval of syllabus for under-Graduate courses of IDE:** As per recommendations of the BoM, the syllabus of Under Graduate courses in Economics, Education, English, Hindi, History, Political Science, Sociology and Tribal Studies was placed before the Academic Council for approval.

The council approved the same.

- e) **Opening of M. A. (Post graduate) Examination Centers at Study Centers:** The XXII BoM of IDE has endorsed that Study Centers of the IDE across the state may be allowed to open Examination Centers facilitating the conduct and process of MA examinations under IDE, RGU. This will benefit more in-service learners in the respective catchments.

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The council perused the item and decided that for now only one IDE Examination Centre will be opened in addition to the one in RGU at JNC, Pasighat which will cover eastern zone of the state. The Director, IDE shall explore the feasibility for opening of more study centers. For the current session, Examinations will be conducted in the RGU centre as usual.

- f) To approve the Academic Calendar, 2015-16 of IDE, RGU: As per recommendation of the Board, a committee was formed for drafting the Academic Calendar for IDE. The Academic Calendar, 2015-16 for IDE was placed before the Council for approval.

The Council approved the same.

AC: 14:19: To approve the grant of Permanent affiliation to St. Francis De Sales College, Aalo.

The Council noted that this privately run college was established in 2007 and run by the Saint Francis De Sales College Society, Aalo, Arunachal Pradesh. It has completed 8 years of its existence as temporary affiliated college of RGU. The college offers BA courses since then and five batches have so far passed from the college. It offers BA Pass and honours courses in the subjects like English, History, Political Science, Geography and Sociology. The total enrolment of the college in the current academic session is 352 students, with a regular Principal and 16 faculty members besides administrative staffs including Library staffs.

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 found that the college fulfills all the basic criteria. The committee has recommended for grant of Permanent Affiliation to the College by RGU from the coming academic session (2015-16). The report of the committee was placed before the Academic Council for perusal.

The council perused the inspection committee report and approved for permanent affiliation. It was observed that no University expert is associated in the selection process of teachers of said college since the last couple of years although VC's nominee is a must in selection committee.

AC: 14:20: To consider and approve the agenda items as submitted by Examination Branch

- i. Ratification of Action taken By the University Administration Regarding Amendment of Clause 20.6 of OE: 7, Clause 32 of OE: 8 and Clause 2.1(IV) of OE: 10:

As per Clause 20.6 of OE: 7, Clause 32 of OE: 8 and Clause 2.1(IV) of OE: 10 appearing in all theory/practical papers of the end semester examination are compulsory. But some students of different departments/courses could not appear

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in all theory papers on medical ground and appealed the University authorities to consider their absent papers as back paper.

Considering the grievances and for the interest of the students, the Vice-Chancellor approved to promote those students who remained absent in the end semester examinations maximum 1 (one) paper subject to ratification by the Academic council.

The Council ratified the action taken by the university.

ii. **Ratification of Action taken By the University Administration Regarding One Time Special Consideration for Extending Additional Chance to BA First Year Failed Students who availed 3 (three) Chances in the same Class:**

Due to failure to qualify the BA First year Examination including special examination the filled in examination form of such candidates were rejected by the Examination Branch. But including the failed students and different students organization appealed the University Authority to consider one more last chance to clear the BA First year course as a special case. The Vice-Chancellor approved the appeal of the students' community subject to ratification by the Academic Council.

The Council ratified the action taken by the university authority.

iii. **Amendment of Clause 21 of OE:1:**

A resolution was adopted vide Item No. AC: 09:07 of the 9th meeting of Academic Council held on April 2, 2013 that withheld result of all University Examinations shall be declared within 45 days of declaration of main results with effect from the academic session 2012-13 and accordingly examination branch is implementing the same.

But as per Sub-clause iii of Clause 21 of the OE: 1 of the amended ordinance effected from the session 2014-15, for those candidates passed out from outside state and unable to submit migration certificate before due date may submit an undertaking letter within prescribed time limit along with copy of application form for Migration Certificate submitted to last institute from where candidates passed out. They shall be provisionally registered. But failing to submit the original migration certificate, the result of final year (Annual/Sixth semester (UG)/Fourth semester (PG) (courses completion) examination shall be withheld up to 45 days from the date of declaration of result. Thereafter, the result shall stand cancelled. This provision of the ordinance will facilitate students to pursue double degree under two Universities.

This is also to mention that after declaration and issue of mark sheet of lower examinations withholding result of final year under Annual system and last semester under semester system of examination is not possible for examination branch. As soon as a student is allotted provisional registration number, the same number continues throughout his/her academic career under this University or till

the candidate withdraws migration certificate. Further, failing to submit the original migration certificate within given time and cancellation of final year result under Annual system of examinations and last semester result under semester system of examination, may create legal problems.

Hence, it was proposed to amend the Clause 21 of OE: 1 and incorporate the resolution adopted in the 13th AC.

It was decided to fine tune some clauses of the Ordinance as proposed.

iv: **Amendment of Clause 20 of OE. 07:**

In the university Examination ordinance under clause, 20.2 and 20.3, it is reflected regarding the internal assignment but it is not specified that how many times the student should appear the test or about qualifying marks. Therefore, confusion has been created amongst all affiliated colleges.

Hence, it was proposed that a candidate may be made to appear at least 2(two) Internal Tests out of 3 tests. The candidates should pass (Required Pass Mark is minimum of 8 out of 20 marks) the two tests mandatorily and the average of the two shall be taken into consideration for final compilations of the results.

The Council decided to maintain status quo and continue the existing system.

AC: 14:21: Approval of Panel of Experts:

The Council was informed that, the panel of experts for various Selection committees has been constituted as the university is planning to conduct interviews for various teaching positions during the year 2015-16. The sealed panel of experts as prepared and updated was placed before the AC.

The Council approved the same.

AC: 14:22: The conduct of the XIII Convocation of the University

The XIII Convocation of the University is proposed to be held in the month of November-2015. The item was also reported in the 13th AC meeting held on 31st Oct., 2014.

The Council noted the same.

AC: 14:23: The visit of the NAAC peer team to Rajiv Gandhi University

The Council was informed that a nine member NAAC peer team delegation is visiting the University during 11th to 15th May, 2015.

The Council noted the same.

AC: 14:24: Any other item:

- 1) Agenda items received from Principal, Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat

The following agenda items have been received from the Principal, Jawaharlal Nehru College Pasighat:

- i) Finalization of the syllabus of EVS for Undergraduate Studies under Bachelor of Arts Programme for the III Semester which is due to start from July 2015 (no syllabus for EVS under Semester system has been received till date).
The Council noted the same.
- ii) Finalization of the syllabus of Skill Based Papers of various subjects taught in the undergraduate studies under Bachelor of Arts Programme for the IV Semester which is due to start from January 2016 (no syllabus for Skill Based Papers under Semester system have been received till date).
The council noted that the Science Departments along with the Departments of English, Education, Sociology and Commerce have prepared the Skilled based papers and its syllabuses. Therefore, a notice may be issued from the Academic Branch to other Departments/BUGSes urging them to submit the pending syllabi of skill based papers in undergraduate course at the earliest.
- iii) Finalization of the syllabus of EVS for Undergraduate Studies under Bachelor of Science Programme for the II Semester which has already started. Presently in the B.Sc. II Semester the EVS (for science only) syllabus which was taught for the Certificate Course in the Annual System is being taught, which is insufficient. Hence, a new syllabus may be framed by a competent board.
The Council decided to constitute a 3-member committee to look into the matter. It was also decided to re-structure the syllabi for EVS II Semester B.Sc. course.
- iv) Criteria for selection of students for offering a subject as a Major in the V Semester are to be clearly laid down so that the students do not face any difficulty in choosing the same. Clarification was also sought on whether a student with a backlog in a particular subject will be allowed to opt for Major paper in the said subject in V Semester.
The council deliberated on it and authorized the Principals of affiliated colleges to decide on the criteria for selection. The issue of opting for major paper was also clarified. The student can opt for the majors from such subjects also.

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- v) The Skill Based Paper in Zoology IV Semester may be re-framed so as to remove the clinical aspects in the paper because the teachers are not trained to teach the clinical aspects of the paper.

The Council did not accepted the same. At the same time it was also decided to look for skill based optional papers. The CoE will examine and further initiate the matter.

2) *Agenda items from Principal, Govt. College, Doimukh*

A list of agenda items has been received from the Principal, Govt. College Doimukh as follows:

- i) **To shorten the duration of admission:** Citing that a very long duration of about one month for admission in the colleges was kept in the preceding academic calendar, hampering the normal academic classes and some courses could not be completed within the stipulated period, it was proposed to shorten the admission duration to a maximum of 7 (seven) working days.

It was decided to reduce the admission period to 15 days with a view to have more class room teaching.

- ii) **Abolition of giving separate date of admission for compartmental students:** Since last few years separate dates were given for admission of compartmental candidates (Class-XII) that too in the month of August. This creates lot of problems for those students as they could not cope up with the courses/syllabus already covered. Hence, it is imperative that the compartmental candidate may be allowed to take provisional admission during the normal admission period thereby enabling them to attend the classes from the very beginning of the session.

Regarding admission time for compartmental students (Class XII), the members authorized university authority to decide the matter administratively.

- iii) **Uniformity and strict conduct of Examinations:** Expressing that there are few colleges where examinations including internal tests and main examinations are being casually conducted. These colleges are reported to be conducting only two sessional tests whereas three tests are mandatory. Needless to say that examinations are the crux of education system and if examinations are not conducted fairly and strictly, the whole system get spoiled. Hence, the university authority was urged to ensure the strict adherence of the examination norms through regular monitoring of the conduct of examinations in the colleges/institutions.

The CoE will examine the matter.

- iv) **Frequent meeting of College Development Council:** Since the College Development Council (CDC) is one of the statutory bodies of the University, it should be made functional. The meeting of CDC may be held at least once in an academic year preferably before the meeting of Academic Council so that the issues raised/discussed in the CDC may be taken up in the Academic Council for deliberations.

The council noted and endorsed the same.

The Council also perused few agenda items submitted by the Principal i/c, Indira Gandhi Govt. College, Tezu, and felt that most of the items were already covered with the issues raised by JNC Pasighat and GC Doimukh above and further resolved that these items shall be administratively dealt with after examining the merit of the cases.

- 3) **To consider for discussion on the suggestions for RGUMPET received from Prof. J. Chakravorty, Professor, Department of Zoology.**

- i. Results of the Ph.D entrance be assessed after taking into account of their average marks obtained in both the papers instead of making compulsory pass in both the papers separately.

The Council did not accepted the proposal as the two papers are entirely different. It felt that the 2nd paper is the most important paper as it is purely subject based.

- ii. Students already working in the research projects such as- UGC, DST, DBT etc, be given exemption from PhD entrance test or some preference in the selection.

The Council felt that selection criteria relating to the matter will be as per UGC guidelines.

- iii. RGUMPET be conducted twice a year.

The Council decided that present system will continue.

- 4) **To grant permission to start Geography subject from the Session 2015-16 at VUB College, Manmao, Namsai.**

The Council noted that the Principal Venerable Uktara Bethany College, Manmao, Namsai has submitted an application for grant of permission to start Geography as a subject in the BA course in the College. Accordingly, a screening committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Tomo Riba was constituted. As per report, the application and documents are found to be in order. The college has sufficient space (class rooms) and a well furnished Geography laboratory. The college should procure more books on Geography and equipments for Practical oriented classes. They need to appoint one more faculty member for the subject. In 2014 the chairman had physically inspected the college in connection with the grant of Temporary affiliation.

The committee has recommended for the start of the subject from the academic session 2015-16.

The Council perused the committee report and approved to start Geography subject from the Session 2015-16 at VUB College, Manmao, Namsai.

AC: 14:25: Miscellaneous Items:

- 1: A 5-member committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. J.C. Soni has submitted the reviewed draft REGULATIONS ON DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE COURSES UNDER RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY, to be passed UNDER SECTION 31(i) OF RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERISTY ACT, 2006 (NO. 8 OF 2007 DATED THE 10TH JANUARY, 2007) on 13th April 2015.

The committee has submitted the draft after thoroughly reviewing the earlier draft submitted to the 13th AC meeting held on 31st October, 2014, for being accepted and endorsed to the Executive Council of the University for approval.

The Council recommended the same to the Executive Council.

2. On the introduction of B.Com programme at St. Claret College, Ziro from the 2015-16 academic session:

After due screening of the documents an Inspection Committee was constituted. The committee inspected the college on 25th April, 2015, under the interim chairmanship of Dr. Tasi Kaye, HoD, Commerce. The report was placed before the Council for consideration.

The Council approved the proposal.

3. Regarding intake capacity in the University Teaching Departments:

The Chairman requested all the Heads of Departments to enhance the intake capacity in their departments. Some of the Heads of departments expressed their inability to enhance the intake capacity citing infrastructure crises and problems. After threadbare discussion, it was decided to enhance the intake capacities of the following departments from the next academic session i.e. 2015-16:-

Sl. No.	Department	Existing	increased	Total
1	Anthropology	24	02	26
2	Botany	25	02	27
3	Chemistry	16	02	18
4	Commerce	44	02	46

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


Registrar