

MINUTES OF THE 15<sup>TH</sup> ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2015

The 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council was held on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 at 10 AM in the Council Hall of the University.

The following members attended the meeting:

01	Prof. Tamo Mibang, Vice-Chancellor, RGU	Chairman (Ex-Officio)
02	Prof. Sushanta Kumar Nayak, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, RGU	Member (Ex-Officio)
03	Prof. Tomo Riba, Dean, Faculty of Environmental Sciences, RGU	Member (Ex-Officio)
04	Prof. Jayadeba Sahoo, Dean, Faculty of Education, RGU	Member (Ex-Officio)
05	Prof. (Mrs.) Jharna Chakravorty, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, RGU	Member (Ex-Officio)
06	Prof. Rama Chandra Parida, Dean, Faculty of Commerce & Mangt., RGU	Member (Ex-Officio)
07	Prof. A. R. Parhi, Dean, Faculty of Languages, RGU	Member (Ex-Officio)
08	Prof. Utpal Bhattacharjee, Dean, Fcty. of Basic Sc., IT & Eng. & Tech., RGU	Member (Ex-Officio)
09	Prof. P.R. Alapati, Dept. of Physics, NERIST, Nirjuli	Member
10	Prof. Prashna Kumar Panigrahi, Department of Political Science, RGU	Member
11	Prof. Tana Showren, Head, Department of History, RGU	Member
12	Prof. (Mrs.) Sarah Hilaly, Dept. of History, RGU	Member
13	Prof. (Mrs.) Elizabeth Hangsing, Dept. of Education, RGU	Member
14	Dr. Shyam Shankar Singh, Dept. of Hindi, RGU	Member
15	Dr. Hui Tag, Dept. of Hindi, RGU	Member
16	Mr. Tayek Talom, Principal, Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat	Member
17	Prof. Ashan Riddi, Director, IDE, RGU	Member
18	Dr. S. Simon John, Director i/c, AITS, RGU	Member
19	Dr. H. Vokendro Singh, Head, Dept. of Anthropology, RGU	Member
20	Dr. Md. Harunar Rashid, Head i/c, Dept. of Chemistry, RGU	Member
21	D. Tasi Kaye, Head, Dept. of Commerce, RGU	Member
22	Dr. (Ms) Vandana Upadhyay, Head, Dept. of Economics, RGU	Member
23	Prof. Thensei Kuki Lhungdim, Head, Dept. of Education, RGU	Member
24	Mr. Jagdeep Rahul, Head i/c, Dept. of Elec. & Comm. Engineering, RGU	Member
25	Prof. S.K. Patnaik, Head, Dept. of Geography, RGU	Member
26	Prof. Harish Kumar Sharma, Head, Dept. of Hindi, RGU	Member
27	Mr. Arindam Garg, Head i/c, Dept. of Management, RGU	Member
28	Mr. Sunil Koijam, Head i/c, Dept. of Mass Communication, RGU	Member
29	Dr. Sahin Ahmed, Head, Dept. of Mathematics & Computing, RGU	Member
30	Dr. Anil Mili, Head i/c, Dept. of Physical Education, RGU	Member
31	Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Head i/c, Dept. of Physics, RGU	Member
32	Dr. Nabam Nakha Hina, Head, Dept. of Political Science, RGU	Member
33	Ms. Chaphiak Lowang, Head i/c, Dept. of Social Work, RGU	Member
34	Dr. Soubhagya Ranjan Padhi, Head, Dept. of Sociology, RGU	Member
35	Prof. D. N. Das, Head, Dept. of Zoology, RGU	Member
36	Dr. Nani T. Jose, CoE i/c, RGU	Special Invitee
37	Dr. David Pertin, DR (Aca. & Conf.), RGU	Invitee
38	Prof. Rachob Taba, Registrar, RGU	Secretary (Ex-Officio)

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

AC: 15:01: To confirm the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2015

The minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting were circulated amongst the members. No comments have been received so far.

*The Council confirmed the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.*

AC: 15:02: To confirm the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council held 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.

In pursuance of the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015.*

AC: 15:03: To recognize Dr. Md. Asghar, Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology, RGU as a PhD Supervisor who has completed his Ph.D in year 2011 and has requisite research and teaching experience of three years.

The AC noted that 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 a PhD scholar.

The 27<sup>th</sup> Research Board meeting held on 27/08/2015 has recommended for approval of the proposal of recognition by the Academic Council with retrospective effect from 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2015.

*The Council approved the proposal to recognize Dr. Md. Asghar, Department of Anthropology as PhD supervisor with retrospective effect from 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2015.*

AC: 15:04: To recognize Dr. Dhritiman Sarma, Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology, RGU as a PhD Supervisor who has done his PhD in year 2011 and has requisite research and teaching experience of three years.

The AC noted the 27<sup>th</sup> Research Board meeting held on 27/08/2015 has recommended for approval of the proposal of recognition by the Academic Council with retrospective effect from 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.

*The Council approved the proposal to recognize Dr. Dhritiman Sarma, Department of Anthropology as PhD supervisor with retrospective effect from 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.*

AC: 15:05: To recognize Dr. Oyi Dai (Nimasow), Assistant Professor in the Department of Botany, RGU as a PhD Supervisor. (Reference: Letter No. Nil, dated: 18/02/2015).

The AC noted the 26<sup>th</sup> Research Board meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 has recommended for approval of the proposal of recognition by the Academic Council with retrospective effect from 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2015.

*The Council approved the proposal to recognize Dr. Oyi Dai (Nimasow), Department of Botany as PhD Supervisor with retrospective effect from 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2015.*

AC: 15:06: To recognize Dr. Miazi Hazam, Assistant Professor in the Department of English, RGU as a PhD Supervisor who has done his Ph.D in year 2012 and has requisite research and teaching experience of three years.

The AC noted that the 27<sup>th</sup> Research Board meeting held on 27/08/2015 has recommended for approval of the proposal of recognition by the Academic Council with retrospective effect from March, 2015.

*The Council approved the proposal to recognize Dr. Miazi Hazam, Department of English as PhD supervisor with retrospective effect from 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015.*

AC: 15:07: To recognize Dr. Samanta Sahu, Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science, RGU as a PhD Supervisor who has done his Ph.D in year 2010 and has requisite research and teaching experience of three years.

The AC noted that the 27<sup>th</sup> Research Board meeting held on 27/08/2015 has recommended for approval of the proposal of recognition by the Academic Council with retrospective effect from 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.

*The Council approved the proposal to recognize Dr. Samanta Sahu; Department of Political Science as PhD supervisor with retrospective effect from 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.*

AC: 15:08: To recognize Dr. Nawaz Khan, Assistant Professor in the Department of Mass Communication, RGU as a PhD Supervisor who has done his PhD in the year 17/08/2012 and has requisite research and teaching experience of three years.

The AC noted that the 27<sup>th</sup> Research Board meeting held on 27/08/2015 has recommended for approval of the proposal of recognition by the Academic Council with retrospective effect from 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

*The Council approved the proposal to recognize Dr. Nawaz Khan, Department of Mass Communication as PhD supervisor with retrospective effect from 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015.*



AC: 15:09: To recognize Dr. Daniel Mize, Assistant Professor in the Department of Zoology, RGU as a PhD Supervisor who has completed PhD in year 28/05/2012 and has requisite research and teaching experience of three years.

The AC noted that the 27<sup>th</sup> Research Board meeting held on 27/08/2015 has recommended for approval of the proposal of recognition by the Academic Council with effect from 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

*The Council approved the proposal to recognize Dr. Daniel Mize, Department of Zoology, as PhD supervisor with effect from 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.*

AC: 15:10: To recognize Dr. Utpal Jyoti Das, Assistant Professor in the Department of Mathematics, RGU as a PhD Supervisor who has completed PhD in year 02/04/2012 and has requisite research and teaching experience of three years.

The AC noted that the 27<sup>th</sup> Research Board meeting held on 27/08/2015 has recommended for approval of the proposal of recognition by the Academic Council with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015.

*The AC approved the proposal to recognize Dr. Utpal Jyoti Das, Department of Mathematics as PhD supervisor with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015.*

AC: 15:11: To recognize Dr. Saifur Rahman, Assistant Professor in the Department of Mathematics, RGU as a PhD Supervisor who has completed PhD in year 03/09/2012 and has requisite research and teaching experience of three years.

The AC noted that the 27<sup>th</sup> Research Board meeting held on 27/08/2015 has recommended for approval of the proposal of recognition by the Academic Council with effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2015.

*The AC approved the proposal to recognize Dr. Saifur Rahman, Department of Mathematics as PhD supervisor with effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2015.*

AC: 15:12: To recognize Dr. A.I. Singh, Dept. of Economics, DNGC College, Itanagar as Co-supervisor for guiding the PhD scholars.

The AC noted that the 27<sup>th</sup> Research Board meeting held on 27/08/2015 has recommended for approval of the proposal of recognition by the Academic Council.

*The Council authorized the university authority to examine the case in line with UGC circular/regulations and decide administratively.*



AC: 15:13: To recognize Dr. Debajit Mahanta, Joint Director/Scientist -D in the State Council for Science and Technology, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar as a PhD Co - Supervisor who has done his Ph.D in year 2009. (*Reference: Letter No.RGU/BOT/Sipend/13, dated 20/03/2014*)

The AC noted that the 26<sup>th</sup> RB noted that the DRC, Department of Botany has proposed and forwarded the name of Dr. Debajit Mahanta for Ph.D Co-supervisorship and recommended it to the A.C. for consideration, subject to submission of NOC from the employer. The NOC received from the Director cum Member Secretary Arunachal Pradesh State council for Science & Technology, Itanagar was placed before the AC.

*The Council authorized the university authority to examine the case in line with UGC circular/regulations and decide administratively.*

AC: 15:14: To consider the Re-registration of Mr. Pura Guth Tago PhD Scholar.

The AC noted that an application received from Mr. Pura Guth Tago, Associate Professor of Govt. College, Doimukh and PhD Scholar under Department of Political Science RGU for consideration of re-registration as a special case. He got registered as a fulltime PhD scholar under the supervision of Professor P.K. Panigrahi vide memo No. Regn. 4075/1994-95 Vol.XVIII/202 dated 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009, which got expired on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2012. After completion of three years he was given one year extension which got expired on 16/03/2013 vide order No AC-183/PhD (Vol-II) dated 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013, with effect from 24/08/2012.

As per the ordinance a PhD scholar has to apply for re-registration within one year from the date of lapse of registration. It is observed that the scholar has not applied in time for re-registration. The appropriate time for the same should have been in the month of January/February, 2013. But, for the same the scholar applied on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 only, after gap of more than two years.

The applicant have requested for giving him a onetime special consideration and grant him extension of at least one more year after regularizing his registration upto 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.

*The members deliberated on it and did not approve re-registration of Mr. Pura Guth Tago, PhD Scholar.*

AC: 15:15: To approve the renewal of temporary affiliation to North East Nursing College of Health Science, Vivek Vihar, Itanagar.

The AC noted that the Principal of North East Nursing College of Health Science, Vivek Vihar, Itanagar applied for renewal of temporary affiliation to their college. Consequently a four member inspection committee was formed vide notification no. AC-



1389/B.Sc.N.College/2013, dated 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2015. The inspection committee inspected the college on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 and recommended for renewal of the temporary affiliation to the College.

*The council perused the same and approved renewal of temporary affiliation to North-East Nursing College of Health Science, Vivek Vihar, Itanagar for a period of one year.*

AC: 15:16: To grant Temporary affiliation to Vivekananda Kendra College of Teacher Education Nirjuli, A.P.

The AC noted that the Secretary VKV, AP Trust, has submitted an application for the grant of Temporary affiliation to start Vivekananda Kendra College of Teacher Education at Nirjuli, A.P. offering B.Ed programme. The College authority has informed that they have obtained the recognition order from the NCTE, Bhubhaneshwar to start the programme from the session 2015-16. Accordingly, an Inspection Committee for Physical Inspection under the chairmanship of Prof. N.C. Roy was constituted. The team visited the college on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2015, and carried out the inspection towards the grant of Temporary Affiliation to the College from the current academic session and the committee submitted its report with recommendation for the grant of Temporary Affiliation to the college from the current academic session 2015-16.

*The Council perused the same and approved Temporary Affiliation to Vivekananda Kendra College of Teacher Education, Nirjuli for a period of one year and allowed the college to start the academic programme from the session 2016-17.*

AC: 15:17: To consider approval for granting Temporary Affiliation to Government Model College, Basar.

The AC noted that the Principal of Government Model College, Basar has submitted an application for the grant of Temporary affiliation to start the college. Accordingly, a three member screening committee cum Inspection Committee was constituted for screening the application and Physical Inspection under the Chairmanship of Prof. H.K. Singh was constituted. The team visited the college and the report with recommendation for the permission to start the new college was submitted.

*The members of the Council expressed their serious concern on the establishment of new colleges by the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh without any prior information and communication to the affiliating university i.e. RGU. The Council also noted that for the last few years, the Govt. agency has been applying for Temporary Affiliations only after opening of colleges, which does not fall under the existing university norms. In this regard, the Council authorized the university authority to take up the matter with the state government.*

*However, as for the instant college in question, the Council examined the application and approved for granting Temporary Affiliation to Government Model College, Basar for a period of one year as a very special case.*



AC: 15:18: To consider approval for granting Temporary Affiliation to National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), Itanagar Centre.

The AC noted that the Registrar of NIELIT, New Delhi, Shri B.N. Choudhury, has submitted an application for the grant of Temporary Affiliation for running BCA Course in their Itanagar centre. Accordingly, a screening committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. K.C. Kapoor was constituted to scrutinize the application along with documents. Consequently a three member inspection committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. U. Bhattacharjee. The Inspection team found the facilities at NIELIT to be satisfactory for running the BCA course and recommended for granting Temporary Affiliation for one year.

*The Council examined the same and approved for granting Temporary Affiliation to National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) for running BCA programme from the session 2016-17.*

AC: 15:19: To grant permission to start new training courses in the field of special education and disability rehabilitation at Hills College of Teacher Education.

The AC noted that the Principal of Hills College of Teachers Education, Lekhi village has submitted an application for the start of new training courses in the field of special education and disability rehabilitation. The College authority have informed that the inspection team of RCI, New Delhi after its visit and inspection on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015 has awarded approval to the college to start all the three (03) new training courses in the field of Special Education and Disability Rehabilitation (Locomotive Disability, Hearing Impaired & Visually Impaired) from current academic session -2015-16.

Accordingly, a four member Inspection committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. J. Sahoo, Dean, faculty of Education was constituted for physical inspection of the college. The team visited the college and the report with recommendation for the permission to start the new programmes was placed to AC for consideration.

*The Council deliberated on it and approved for granting permission to start new training courses in the field of Special Education and Disability Rehabilitation at Hills College of Teacher Education from the academic session 2016-17. The University will constitute its BPGS to frame the syllabus of the programme in tune with the syllabus of RCI.*

AC: 15:20: To effect consequential increase of Ph.D Seats:

The AC noted that the Academic Branch of the university is in applications of requests from few departments namely; 1) Hindi, 2) Botany, 3) Mass Communication, 4) Commerce, 5) Political Science, 6) Zoology and 7) Economics for considering causing of increase of PhD seats with the consequential resultant vacancies and on subsequent attaining of eligibility by the faculty members in their departments, with a view to exercise the optimum utilization of available resources in the university.



*The Council had threadbare discussion on the matter and decided to continue the existing system.*

AC: 15:21: To ratify the decision to allow final year student to appear in the M.Phil/PhD entrance test conducted by RGU (RGUMPET-2015).

The AC noted that during the RGUMPET-2015 lot of final year students who have appeared in the 4<sup>th</sup> semester exams also applied for M.Phil and PhD programmes which was slated to be held from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2015. However as per the guidelines as mentioned in the ordinance; all applicants having PG degree with 55% marks are eligible to appear for the entrance. But, it has been found that there were precedent of allowing such candidates in 2013 and 2014 RGUMPET exams. So the final year students were allowed to appear in the exam subject to ratification of the AC.

*The Council ratified the action taken by the university authority and at the same time felt that the clauses of ordinance related to same shall be looked into for modification.*

AC: 15:22: To consider holding of single entrance test for M.Phil and Ph.D from the academic session 2016-17.

It is found that question papers for M.Phil and PhD are repeated at times. In order to minimize such instances and to rationalize the entrance exam; a single test may be conducted for both M.Phil and PhD.

*The Council approved the proposal in principle and decided to constitute a four-member committee to work out the modalities.*

AC: 15:23: Introduction of Entrance Test for admission to various PG courses:

The AC noted that the Academic Brach of the University is in receipt of applications from few departments namely; 1) History, 2) Political Science and 3) Mathematics for introducing Entrance test for admission to the PG courses. The collective argument put forwarded by these Departments is that the present system of taking admission is not scientific, to test and examine the quantum of knowledge and quality of students. The observations made by these departments indicate that those students who are admitted on the basis of their high percentage are seldom found to be able to complete the course as well as not able to perform in the class at desirable level. Apparently, the candidates who are admitted with average percentage are performing better despite of their low percentage obtained in their undergraduate qualifying examinations. As a result, the existing process of taking admission based on high percentage order of merit is virtually depriving the genuine deserving candidates coming from affiliated colleges/institutions

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for pursuing their higher education. Entrance test would instill sense of competition among the students.

*The Council deliberated on it and decided to constitute a five-member committee to work out the modalities.*

AC: 15:24: To add one more semester to M.Phil course:

The AC noted that Prof. Tana Showren, Head, Dept. of History has submitted a proposal for adding up one more semester and make M.Phil a four semester long duration course, particularly in History subject. He has put forwarded justification that the three semesters is not sufficient enough to prepare a proper dissertation in accordance with the canons of historical method. Thereby, every batch of the M.Phil Programme in History, the candidates could not complete the preparation of the dissertation on time and quite often requests for an extension of date for submission of the dissertation.

In the larger interest of the scholars the Department of History proposes to shift from three semesters to four semesters system of the M.Phil Programme in History from the academic session 2016-17.

*The Council deliberated on it and it was decided to continue the existing system. It was also felt that extension of date for submission of M.Phil dissertation should be considered administratively.*

AC: 15:25: To set up a Central Instrumentation Facility Centre in RGU campus.

The AC noted the agenda item received from Dr. Md. Harunar Rashid for setting up of a Central Instrumentation Facility Centre in RGU campus with the following reasons/justification:

- i. As the University has limited instrumental facilities, the faculty members have to depend on other institute to avail their facilities on payment basis. He opined that sometimes it becomes very difficult to get slot that delayed the research advancement.
- ii. Secondly, the university is currently allocating fund to each department for purchase of instruments. It is possible that a particular instrument is purchased by 2/3 department separately or even 2/3 research groups within the same department. So, instead of allocating funds to different departments for same instruments, that fund can be utilized for purchase of other important instrument. This will improve the overall infrastructure of the university. If the university set up the central Instrumental facility centre, faculty from all the departments can avail the facility. Even the instrumental facility can be extended to other institute on payment basis.



*The Council approved the same and decided to constitute a five-member committee to work out the details. The Committee shall be constituted with members from the Faculty of Basic Sciences, Life Sciences and Environmental Science.*

AC: 15:26: To ratify the increase in the number of seats from 24 to 48 in the Department of Sociology in the current academic session 2015-16.

The AC noted that on the request of the HoD Sociology, the University authority had increased the intake capacity in post graduate programme of the Department from 24 to 48 Seats.

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

AC: 15:27: To approve the syllabus of Master of Technology Program in Electronics and Communication.

The AC noted that the Head (i/c) of the Department of Electronics and Communication Mr. Jagdeep Rahul has submitted the syllabus of Master of Technology Program in Electronics and Communication after making necessary amendments through the meeting of Board of Postgraduate Studies.

*The Council approved the syllabus of Master of Technology (M.Tech) Program in Electronics and Communication.*

*The Council also suggested the Head i/c of the Department of Social work and the Director, AITS, who is overseeing the Department to modify the syllabus of Social Work in tune with CBCS course and submit to university authority for approval.*

AC: 15:28: To approve the syllabi prepared by various BPGS:

The following syllabi have been prepared by the concerned Departments and the same are placed before the AC for approval and consideration.

- a) Three month Certificate Course in Communicative English under Dept. of English.
- b) Three month Certificate Course in German Language under AITS
- c) Three month Certificate Course in Myanmar Language under Dept. of Anthropology.

*The Council approved the syllabi of three months' certificate course(s) in Communicative English, German and Myanmar Languages. The Council also felt that the RGU authorities may explore for introducing Diploma level programme in Yoga Therapy.*

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AC: 15:29: To ratify the syllabi prepared by various BPGS:

The AC noted that the syllabi under CBCS of History and Political Science were prepared by the respective BPGS and approved administratively subject to ratification by the Academic Council.

*The Council ratified the action taken by the university authority.*

AC: 15:30: To ratify the administrative approval for issuance of a revised circular on the mandatory conditions of Ph. D scholars.

Endorsing the UGC directives on the matter and in accordance with the decision in the 26<sup>th</sup> Research Board meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 vide item no. RB: 26:12 a circular was issued to be adhered as mandatory conditions for research scholars.

Since owing to practical problem in adhering to the directives of the circular especially the point no.3, wherein it is mentioned that, "That he/she (Research Scholar) should have at least 1 (one) research publication before submission of PhD thesis" was dropped in the revised circular as it became practically impossible for the research scholars who are in the verge of submission of their thesis to get their articles published. So administratively it was decided to drop item no.3 of the circular for time being subject to formal approval by the AC.

*The council ratified the action taken by the university authority.*

AC: 15:31: To approve the mandatory conditions for Ph.D scholars from the current academic session.

The AC noted that the university while endorsing the UGC directives and in accordance with the recommendation of the 26<sup>th</sup> Research Board meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 vide item No. RB: 26:12, it was decided to adhere to the mandatory conditions prescribed by UGC for research scholars, wherein it is mentioned that, "That he/she (Research Scholar) should have at least 1 (one) research publication before submission of PhD thesis".

*The Council examined the matter and noted that as per UGC norms the mandatory Research Publications in journal are kept at a minimum of one (1) publication, and approved the adherence to mandatory UGC guidelines for Ph.D scholars of the University in toto with prospective effect from the date of approval of the Academic Council.*

AC: 15:32: To approve the discontinuation of DPTE Programme in the Department of Education.

The AC noted that Prof. T. Lhungdim, Head, Dept. of Education has submitted a proposal of discontinuation of DPTE Programme in the Department of Education. The DRC meeting of Education has put on record that Diploma in Pre-Primary Teacher Education



did not fall under the domain of University system thus the DRC members unanimously proposed to discontinue DPSTE course from the next academic session.

*The Council did not approve the proposal. The council felt that there exists an obligation on the part of the university to sustain such courses for the greater interest of the aspiring candidates of the State.*

AC: 15:33: To consider the agenda items from Examination Branch.

- i. To approve the recommendation of the Ordinance Review Committee

A committee was constituted to modify/review the examination ordinances including M.Phil/PhD entrance test ordinance under the Chairmanship of Prof. A.K. Das. The committee has submitted its report which was placed to AC.

*The Council decided to circulate the Ordinance to all AC Members immediately. The members shall submit their comments/inputs within fifteen (15) days.*

- ii. To decide the recommendation of the Viva-Voce committee for M.Phil and Ph. D entrance test, Department of History.

The AC noted that as per notification vide No. AC.845/Ph.D Ent/08 (Vol-II)/167 dated May 26, 2015; one Ponung Darang had applied separately for M.Phil and Ph.D entrance test 2015 and appeared both the test bearing Roll No. 15/MET/HIST/035 and 15/PET/HIST/037 respectively. Though the candidate qualified the Ph. D entrance test but failed in M.Phil entrance test and he appealed the HoD, History to consider his case for admission into M.Phil course.

The Viva-Voce committee, Dept. of History took the Viva-Voce test of Ponung Darang along with other qualified candidates for Ph. D and consequent upon qualifying the Viva-Voce test, the committee recommended considering his admission into M.Phil programme if qualifies the pre-requisite admission process.

Since University conducts entrance test for admission into M.Phil and Ph. D programme separately, qualifying in the written test for each course is also a compulsory pre-requisite condition. Further, ordinance is also silent whether a scholar can join a course other than the course he qualified for.

*The Council did not approve the proposal as the proposal does not fall under the existing system as per norms.*

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iii. Phasing out the Private System Examination from 2015-16

In pursuant to UGC directives and guidelines and to set up national standard of education Rajiv Gandhi University has introduced Choice based Credit System (CBCS) from academic session 2015-16 in all PG/UG courses in the University.

And since, the prescribed syllabuses for all courses under CBCS are for regular courses only, hence, Private system of examination for few courses be phased out and discontinued with immediate effect.

*The Council had threadbare discussion on the matter and decided to phase out the Private System of examinations for M.Com., MA Sociology and MA Economics programmes from the current academic session 2015-16.*

iv. To ratify the onetime special consideration for rejected candidates to appear for Special Annual Exam.

A special consideration was granted to few students for appearing in the special exam for those students who have duration to complete the course and have appeared three times in lower exam (including special exam).

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

AC: 15:34: Any other item:

Under the item, the following points were discussed and decided:

i) Implementation of NSS as elective subject in the University regarding.

A letter has been received from Secretary UGC requesting for implementation of NSS as elective subject in University. The Ministry of Human Resource Development, as part of the discussion in the 62<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Central advisory Board of Education (CABE) held on 10.10.2013, has decided to consider making NSS as an elective subject in higher education. Now the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS), Government of India has designed a template of NSS curriculum for introduction of NSS as credit based elective subject in the Higher Education System.

*The Council noted and deferred the item to next Academic Council.*

ii) To allow Assistant Professor(s) to register for PhD Programme after completion of probation period.

The AC noted that as per the Ph.D Ordinance the Assistant Professors who have joined in the University and other affiliated colleges under RGU can pursue PhD only after completion of three years of service. However this system needs to be relooked



upon and the Assistant Professors joining RGU may be allowed to register for PhD programmes after completion of their probationary period.

*The Council approved that Assistant Professors from RGU can register for PhD programme after completion of their probationary period. Further, it was decided that the Assistant Professors from affiliated colleges should submit NOC from the State Government/employer, clearly stating that aspiring teacher(s) would be granted study leave to carry out his/her research work.*

- iii) To stop the affiliation of any new B.Ed Colleges from the next academic session except two/three cases already issued NOC from the University.

The AC noted that at present there are eight (08) B.Ed. colleges affiliated to Rajiv Gandhi University and another three Colleges have also applied for the same. Beside there is couple of Private Universities offering B.Ed and M.Ed courses in the State. It is pertinent to note that in a small State like Arunachal Pradesh; the number of institutions/colleges offering B.Ed. courses has proliferated quite rapidly. As such there is a need to have a concrete step to check such unrestraint growth of colleges with monolithic objectives. Exception may be exercised on the few cases which were already issued NOC from RGU as on date.

*The members had a detail discussion on it and also deliberate on quality control of existing B.Ed. Colleges. The Council deferred the item to next AC.*

- iv) To approve the Regulations and Course Curriculum for starting one year Diploma in Computerized Accounting Course.

The AC noted that Prof. R.C. Parida, Chairman of the BOS for developing course curriculum of Diploma in Computerized Accounting under the scheme of UGC Community College at Rajiv Gandhi University, had submitted the detail regulations and Course Curriculum of the proposed course which was placed to AC.

*The Council perused and approved the same.*

- v) To consider the mandatory Course Work for M.Phil scholars from other disciplines for pursuing PhD in Geography

Prof. S.K. Patnaik, HOD Geography has submitted a representation wherein he has put forwarded the decision of the DRC which states that M.Phil from other disciplines must go through course work as prescribed for scholars to pursue PhD in Geography.

*The Council noted and approved the same.*



- vi) To consider the case of Mrs. Yadi Nani, Asst. Prof. at Govt. College, Yachuli for allowing her to continue PhD work by permitting to do course work next year.

Mrs. Yadi Nani, Asst. Professor at Govt. College, Yachuli and a PhD scholar candidate admitted in the current 2015-16 session has applied for considering her case for pursuing PhD in Geography thereby allowing her to attend the course work next year; as her application for study leave has not been granted by Directorate of Higher and Technical Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.

*The Council noted that Mrs. Yadi Nani was a student of Geography and did her M.Phil from AITS with Geography as area of specialization and M.Phil scholars are exempted from Ph.D Course Work. However, option is open to willing candidates to attend Ph.D Course Work.*

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



Registrar