



RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY
Rono Hills, Doimukh-791112
Arunachal Pradesh

MINUTES OF THE 17TH ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

The 17th meeting of the Academic Council of the University was held on 14th October, 2016 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. Jayadeba Sahoo, Dean, Faculty of Education & Languages, RGU	:Member(Ex-Officio)
3. Prof. (Mrs) Jharna Chakravorty, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, RGU	: Member(Ex-Officio)
4. Prof. Rama Chandra Parida, Dean, Faculty of Commerce & Management, RGU	: Member(Ex-Officio)
5. Prof. Utpal Bhattacharjee, Dean, Fac. of Basic Sciences, IT & Eng. & tech., RGU	: Member(Ex-Officio)
6. Prof. P.R. Alapati, Dept. of Physics, NERIST, Nirjuli	: Member
7. Prof. Prashna Kumar Panigrahi, Dept. of Political Science, RGU	: Member
8. Prof. Tana Showren, Head, Dept. of History, RGU	: Member
9. Prof. (Mrs.) Elizabeth Hangsing, Head, Dept. of Education, RGU	: Member
10. Dr. Shyam Shankar Singh, Dept. of Hindi, RGU	: Member
11. Dr. Tayek Talom, Principal, Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat	: Member
12. Prof. Ashan Riddi, Director, IDE, RGU	: Member
13. Dr. S. Simon John, Director i/c, AITS, RGU	: Member
14. Dr. H. Vokandro Singh, Head, Dept. of Anthropology, RGU	: Member
15. Dr. Sumpam Tangjang, Head, Dept. of Botany, RGU	: Member
16. Dr. Rajesh Chakrabarty, Head, Dept. of Chemistry, RGU	: Member
17. Dr. Tasi Kaye, Head, Dept. of Commerce, RGU	: Member
18. Prof. N.C. Roy, Head, Dept. of Economics, RGU	: Member
19. Mr. Maibani Sanju Meitei, Head i/c, Dept. of Elec. & Comm. Engin., RGU	: Member
20. Dr. Miazi Nazam, Head i/c, Dept. of English, RGU	: Member
21. Prof. S.K. Patnaik, Head, Dept. of Geography, RGU	: Member
22. Dr. Oken Logo, Head, Dept. of Hindi, RGU	: Member
23. Dr. K.S. Chand, Head i/c, Dept. of Management, RGU	: Member
24. Dr. Kh. Kabi, Head, Dept. of Mass Communication, RGU	: Member
25. Dr. Saifur Rahman, Head i/c, Dept. of Mathematics & Computing, RGU	: Member
26. Ms. Tadang Minu, Head i/c, Dept. of Physical Education, RGU	: Member
27. Dr. Upamanyu Das, Head i/c, Dept. of Physics, RGU	: Member
28. Ms. Chaphlak Lowang, Head i/c, Dept. of Social Work, RGU	: Member
29. Mr. Bikash Bage, Head i/c, Dept. of Sociology, RGU	: Member
30. Prof. D.N. Das, Head, Dept. of Zoology, RGU	: Member
31. Prof. Ranjit Tamuli, CoE, RGU	: Invitee
32. Dr. David Pertin, Dy. Reg. (Aca. & Conf.), RGU	: Invitee
33. 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 decision(s) taken upon thereon.

- AC: 17:01: To confirm the minutes of the 16th meeting of the Academic Council held on 22nd April, 2016.
The minutes of the 16th meeting of Academic Council were circulated amongst the members and no comment(s) has been received so far.
The Academic Council confirmed the minutes of the 16th AC meeting held on 22nd April, 2016.

AC: 17:02: To confirm the Action Report Taken (ART) on the decision of the 15th meeting of Academic Council held on 22nd April, 2016.

The AC accepted the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decision(s) of the 16th AC meeting held on 22nd April, 2016.

AC: 17:03: To approve the Academic Calendar for the session 2016-17 of the North East Nursing College of Health Science, Vivek Vihar, Itanagar, as per the guidelines of the Indian Nursing Council.

The AC approved the Academic Calendar for the session 2016-17 for the North East Nursing College of Health Science, Vivek Vihar, Itanagar.

AC: 17:04: Permission to introduce B.A Course from the current session 2016-17, at Donyi Polo B.Ed. College, Itanagar.

The Council noted that the College management of Donyi Polo B,Ed. College Itanagar is proposing for the start of offering BA conventional courses with six subjects to be offered under the NCTE's composite college ambit. The management has also obtained NOC from the State Government.

Accordingly, a screening committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. J. Sahoo, Dean, faculty of Education with three other members. The appointed committee had a sitting on 23rd May 2016 and submitted their report which was placed before the Council.

The AC perused the report and decided to constitute an inspection Committee to inspect the college and the report of the committee should be placed before the next AC for consideration to grant permission to start B.A programme at Donyi-Polo B.Ed. College, Itanagar from next Academic Session 2017-18.

AC: 17:05: Permission to introduce B.A Course in Education from the current session 2016-17, at Mahabodhi Lord Buddha College, Namsai.

The Council noted that the Principal MLBC, Namsai has submitted an application along with all documents and required fee towards starting of BA Education as per norms. Accordingly, a screening committee under Prof. J.C Soni as the Chairman with two other members was formed to scrutinize the application and documents.

The screening committee had its meeting on 8th July 2016 and submitted the report with the opinion that the college may be allowed to start the Education subject at BA level subject to physical verification of the institutional facts as submitted by the college authority.

The AC perused the report and approved the grant of permission to start B.A in Education subject at Mahabodhi Lord Buddha College, Namsai from the next Academic Session 2017-18.

AC: 17:06: Permission to introduce B.A Course from the current session 2016-17, at Siang Royal Academy, Pasighat.

The Council noted that the College Management of Siang Royal Academy, Pasighat is proposing for the start of offering BA conventional courses with six subjects to be offered under the NCTE's composite college structure. The management has also obtained NOC from the State Government.

Accordingly, a screening committee was constituted under the Chairpersonship of Prof. (Mrs.) E. Hangsing with three other members. The appointed committee had a sitting on 23rd May 2016 and submitted their report, which was placed before the AC.

The AC perused the report and decided to constitute an Inspection Committee to inspect the college and the report of the committee shall be placed before the next AC for consideration to grant permission to start B.A programme at Siang Royal Academy, Pasighat from next Academic Session 2017-18.

AC: 17:07: To approve the renewal of Temporary Affiliation to Govt. College Nyapin, Kurung Kumey district.

The Council noted that the Principal of Govt. College, Nyapin has applied for renewal of temporary affiliation to their college. Consequently a three member inspection committee was formed with Prof. Nani Bath as Chairman. The inspection committee inspected the college on 30th May, 2016 and recommended for renewal of the temporary affiliation to the College and placed report of the Committee before the AC.

The AC perused the report and approved the renewal of Temporary Affiliation to the college subject to fulfillment of observations of the committee. The University shall communicate the same to the Director of Higher Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh for necessary action.

AC: 17:08: To approve the renewal of temporary affiliation to Govt. Model College, Geku, Upper Siang district.

The Council noted that the Principal i/c of Govt. Model College, Geku has applied for renewal of temporary affiliation to their college. Consequently a three member inspection committee was formed with Prof. Sudhir Kr. Singh, Dean of Social Science as chairman. The inspection committee inspected the college on 3rd Oct., 2016 and recommended for renewal of the temporary affiliation to the College. The report of the committee was placed before the AC.

The AC perused the report and seriously observed that the report was not properly prepared and furnished by the committee, as it was expected from a duly constituted Committee by the University Authority. However, the AC decided to approve and grant the renewal of Temporary Affiliation in-principle subject to submission of a full-length report by the committee.

AC: 17:09: To approve the renewal of 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, Lower Dibang Valley district has applied for renewal of Temporary Affiliation to their college. Consequently a three member inspection committee was formed with Prof. Sushanta Kr. Nayak as chairman. The inspection committee inspected the college on 7th Oct., 2016 and recommended for renewal of the temporary affiliation to the College.

The AC perused the report and approved renewal of Temporary Affiliation for one year to Kasturba Gandhi Institute of Higher Education (B.Ed.) College, Roing.

AC: 17:10: For grant of Temporary affiliation to Govt. Model Degree College, Jemi-Notko, Roing

The Council noted that the Principal, i/c, Govt. Model Degree College, Jemi-Notko, Roing in Lower Dibang Valley district has submitted an application for the grant of Temporary Affiliation to start a Govt. Model Degree College at Jemi-Notko, Roing, Lower Dibang Valley district, Arunachal Pradesh offering BA programme. Accordingly, a Screening committee to screen the application was constituted under Prof. Sudhir Kr. Singh, Dean, Faculty of Social Science as the chairman and an inspection committee for Physical Inspection under the chairmanship of Prof. Sushanta Kr. Nayak. The committee visited the college on 7th Oct., 2016, for 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 2016-17. The inspection committee report was placed before the AC.

The Academic Council deliberated on the report and decided to accord Temporary Affiliation for one year to Govt. Model Degree College, Jemi-Notko, Roing.

AC: 17:11: To consider the representation submitted by Arunachal Pradesh College Teachers' Association (APCTA) regarding restoration of summer vacation from 33 days to 47 days.

The Council noted that the APCTA in its representation to the university Authority has requested the University Authority to restore the total duration of summer vacation for 47 days instead of 33 days (reduced down in the current academic calendar 2016-17), with a plea that the working hours in Govt. colleges have increased by an hour keeping in view of the introduction of semester system in UG level. The representation was placed before the Council.

The calendar was prepared and passed in the last AC keeping in view the workload in a semester system and also to cover examinations and evaluation processes.

The AC deliberated on the matter and decided to constitute a three-member committee to examine the matter.

AC:17:12: To consider recognition of the 10+2 level pass certificates issued by the B.H.S.E., Delhi for admissions to the programmes in the University and affiliated colleges. The Council noted that a letter has been received from the Joint Secretary, Board of Higher Secondary Education, Delhi requesting for recognition of their 10+2 level pass certificates issued by them for being considered during admissions in Rajiv Gandhi University and its affiliated colleges.

The AC had threadbare discussion on it and authorized the University authority to examine the case and report to the next meeting of the Academic Council.

AC:17:13: To ratify the decision taken on age restriction for admissions to law courses in line with the decision of the Bar Council of India following the Honorable Supreme Court's verdict.

The Council noted that the Bar Council of India, New Delhi through a letter dated 17th September, 2016 has communicated the review of age restriction for admissions to LLB 3 year's course and integrated courses following the Honorable Supreme Court's verdict.

Accordingly, in pursuance to the verdict of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the University Authority issued a Notification taking cognizance of the same approving the restriction of age as per the relevant clause; i.e., clause 28 of Legal Education Rules, 2008, which restricts the age limit as under:

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| <p>I. BA/BSc/BCom/LLB (Integrated):</p> <p>a) Limited to 20 years for General candidates</p> <p>b) 22 years for SC,ST and OBC candidates</p> | <p>II. LLB:</p> <p>a) Limited to 30 years for General candidates</p> <p>b) 35 years for SC,ST or OBC candidates</p> |
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The Council ratified the action taken by the University Authority.

AC:17:14: To ratify the decision taken by University authority for enforcing provisions of relaxations to Women candidates and persons with disability(s) in pursuing MPhil and PhD as laid down in the UGC's (Minimum standards and procedure for award of MPhil/PhD degrees) regulations.

The Council noted that in pursuance with the UGC notification No.F.1-2/2009 (EC/PS) V(I) Vol.II, dated 5th May, 2016, the University authority enforced the provisions of relaxations laid down in the UGC's (Minimum standards and procedure for award of MPhil/PhD degrees) regulations, 2016 under clause 4.4 in respect of the Women candidates and persons with disabilities in pursuing PhD/MPhil programme, as under:

- i. The women candidates and persons with disability (s) (more than 40% disability) shall be allowed a relaxation of 1 (one) year for MPhil and 2 (two) years for PhD in addition to the maximum duration.
- ii. The Women candidates shall be provided maternity leave/ child care leave once in the entire duration of M.Phil/PhD for upto a maximum of 240 days.

The AC ratified the action taken by the University authority.

AC:17:15: To recognize Dr. Lijun Niochi, Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics, RGU as a PhD Supervisor who has requisite research and three years teaching experience after obtaining his PhD.

The Council noted that the 29th Research Board meeting held on 14/09/2016 has recommended for approval of the proposal of recognition by the Academic Council.

The AC approved the proposal to recognize Dr. Lijun Niochi, Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics, RGU as PhD Supervisor.

AC:17:16: To recognize Dr. Satish Kumar Kalhotra, Associate Professor in the Department of Education, RGU as a PhD Supervisor.

The Council noted that the 29th Research Board meeting held on 14/09/2016 has recommended for approval of the proposal of recognition by the Academic Council.

The AC approved the proposal to recognize Dr. Satish Kumar Kalhotra, Associate Professor in the Department of Education, RGU as PhD Supervisor.

AC:17:17: To recognize Dr. Hariwas Pandey, Associate Professor in the Department of Hindi, J.N College Pasighat, as a PhD Co-Supervisor.

The Council noted that the 29th Research Board meeting held on 14/09/2016 has recommended for approval of the proposal of recognition by the Academic Council.

The AC approved the proposal to recognize Dr. Hariwas Pandey, Associate Professor in the Department of Hindi, J.N College Pasighat as PhD Co-Supervisor.

AC:17:18: To recognize Dr. Ram Krishna Mandal, Associate Professor in the Department of Economics, BNG College Itanagar, as a PhD Co-Supervisor of Mr. Kumar Tok.

The Council noted that the 29th Research Board meeting held on 14/09/2016 has recommended for approval of the proposal of recognition by the Academic Council.

In view of the above, the AC may like to consider and decide on the proposal to recognize Dr. Ram Krishna Mandal, Associate Professor in the Department of Economics, BNG College Itanagar, to act as a PhD Co-Supervisor of Mr. Kumar Tok, a PhD scholar in the Department of Commerce, RGU.

The AC after a threadbare discussion noted that Dr. Mandal had already been approved as a Co-Supervisor in the Department of Economics, RGU. However, the Council authorized the University Authority to examine the matter administratively.

AC:17:19: To recognize Dr. J.C Borah, Principal Scientist and Head, Scientist-in-Charge of CSIR-NEIST, Arunachal Pradesh Branch as PhD Co-Supervisor in the Department of Chemistry.

The Council noted that the 29th Research Board meeting held on 14/09/2016 has recommended for approval of the proposal of recognition by the Academic Council.

The AC approved the proposal to recognize Dr. J.C Borah, as PhD Co-Supervisor in the Department of Chemistry.

AC:17:20: To recognize Dr. C. Siva Sankar, Assistant Professor in the Department of Education, RGU, as a PhD Co-Supervisor of Mrs. Sonali Gogoi Konwar

The Council noted that the 29th Research Board meeting held on 14/09/2016 has recommended for approval of the proposal of recognition by the Academic Council.

The AC approved the proposal to recognize Dr. C. Siva Sankar, Assistant Professor in the Department of Education, RGU, as PhD Co-Supervisor for Mrs. Sonali Gogoi Konwar as a special case keeping in view the situation that the supervisor of Mrs. Sonali, Prof. J.C. Soni is attaining superannuation in the month of November 2016.

AC:17:21: To recognize Dr. Hiren Gogoi, Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Zoology, RGU as a PhD Supervisor who has completed three years of PG teaching on 9th July 2016.

The Council noted that this case was deferred by the 16th AC held on 22nd April, 2016, as by that time Dr. Gogoi did not had the requisite PG teaching experience of three years post-PhD degree, although the 28th Research Board meeting held on 09/03/2016, had recommended for granting approval for recognition of Dr. Hiren Gogoi, Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Zoology, RGU as a PHD Supervisor with prospective effect from 09th July 2016.

The AC approved the proposal to recognize Dr. Hiren Gogoi, Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Zoology, RGU as Ph.D Supervisor with retrospective effect from 09th July 2016.

AC:17:22: To ratify the decision of recognizing Dr. K.C. Mishra, Associate Professor in the Department of English, RGU as supervisor for guiding PhD scholars in RGU.

The Council noted that 29th Research Board meeting held on 14/09/2016 approved the proposal of recognizing Dr. K.C. Mishra, Associate Professor in the Department of English, RGU as supervisor for guiding Ph.D scholars in the Dept. of English, RGU, subject to ratification by the Academic Council.

The AC ratified the action taken by the University authority.

AC:17:23: To ratify the decision of recognizing Prof. Pradip Kr. Kalita, Professor in the Department of Physics, RGU as supervisor for guiding PhD scholars in RGU.

The Council noted that the 29th Research Board meeting held on 14/09/2016 approved the proposal of recognizing Prof. Pradip Kr. Kalita, Professor in the Department of Physics, RGU as supervisor for guiding PhD scholars in RGU subject to ratification by the Academic Council.

The AC ratified the action taken by the University authority.

AC: 17:24: To consider the Committee Report for conducting Common Entrance Test for admission to all the programmes of RGU.

The Council noted that a five-member committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Sushanta Kr. Nayak, was constituted for working out the modalities for conducting Common Entrance Test for admission to all the programmes of RGU (a committee formed to work out the modalities for conducting a Common Entrance Test for admission to all the programmes of RGU as per a decision of the AC in its 15th meeting held on 14th Sept., 2015). The Chairman of the committee submitted the report on 26th May, 2016, with recommendations for consideration. The report was placed to the Council.

The Council approved the report of the committee in principle and decided to constitute a three-member committee to work out the detail regulation/ordinance in regard to Common Entrance Test (CET). The report of the committee shall be placed in the next meeting of the AC.

However, the AC also noted that introduction of CET may not be practicable to some departments in stipulated time due to some technical reasons.

AC: 17:25: To consider fixation of seat limit for the Open Elective Papers being offered in various departments under Choice Based Credit System in the University.

It has been observed that managing classes in some of the departments have become a problem for the Open Elective papers because of huge number of student enrolment for the paper. It has even led to conduct of classes in university's main and mini auditoriums to facilitate class room teaching atmosphere. It is therefore, proposed that a ceiling limit of seats be kept in each department as per the intake capacities of the concerned departments.

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

AC: 17:26: To consider establishment of Centre for Youth and Leadership Studies in RGU

The Council noted that a proposal has been received from Mr. Gomer Basar, Assistant Registrar (Academic) cum NSS Programme Officer for setting up of "Centre for Youth and Leadership Studies" for a systematic and dedicated research on youth and leadership development in the State in particular and North East region in general. The proposal being a follow up initiative of the recently held 3 days ToT programme organized by RGU in collaboration with NYKS, wherein the officials advocated for setting up of the same in RGU. The Centre will have a focused approach on understanding the youth dynamics of the region; so as to facilitate the efforts in channelizing the demographic dividend of high youth population in the country to a productive workforce for national development.

The Council approved the proposal to establish Centre for Youth and Leadership Studies in RGU and authorized the authority to constitute a three-member committee to work out the details of the Centre and report the same to next meeting of the AC.

AC:17:27: Agenda items from Institute of Distance Education (IDE), RGU.

As per recommendations of the Board of Management, Institute of Distance Education, Rajiv Gandhi University, the following agenda items are being placed before the AC:

Item No. 1: Revision of the minimum eligibility criteria for admission to MA as per DEC guidelines and IGNOU norms, i.e., 'Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University'.

The Council noted that as per the DEC guidelines, the ODL mode is to be flexible. The eligibility for admission to MA in IGNOU is 'Bachelor's degree'. There is no minimum eligibility criterion other than the same.

In IDE, it is as per RGU regular mode, i.e., minimum 40%. In the current year, many a students have applied for MA with under 40%. The students are both from regular and distance mode. Though many applicants are degree holder from IDE, RGU, they have submitted application to allow them admission.

The AC deliberated on the matter and did not approve the proposal for revision of minimum eligibility criteria for admission to MA in IDE keeping in view the non-availability of such provisions in the existing ordinance.

Item No. 2: Re-Structuring of IDE Marks Distribution for B. A. and M. A. for 'Assignment' and 'Term End Examination' marks.

The Council noted that, the existing marking pattern ratio for the annual assessment to internal assessment is as follows:

COURSES	STRUCTURE
BA	90:10
MA	80:20

It was proposed that the same may be re-structured as 70: 30 for annual assessment and internal assessment as was the pattern followed in IDE in its initial period. The revised pattern is proposed to be, as under:

COURSES	REVISED STRUCTURE
BA	70:30
MA	70:30

The IDE's Board of Management had approved the matter and recommended the same to be placed in the next meeting of the Academic Council for ratification.

The AC after a thorough perusal ratified the action taken by the University Authority.

Item No. 3: Adaptation of RGU Examination Ordinance OE 05:15 (Compartmental) into the IDE Examination pattern.

The clause states that *'if a student fails to complete his degree in the requisite time with a compartmental paper, he/she may be allowed to appear once to clear that paper as 'special compartment'*. It was placed before the IDE's Board of Management that the

same is adapted for IDE and the Board approved the matter and recommended it to be placed in the next meeting of the Academic Council for ratification.

The AC ratified the action taken by the University Authority.

AC: 17:28: Agenda Items from the Examination Branch

Item No. 1: Discontinuation of Inter College Migration

The Council noted that as per provision under Clause 29 of the Examination Ordinance, there is a provision of inter college migration though it was tenable under annual system of examination but with the introduction of semester system at UG level, it has become very difficult to prepare final results searching the semester wise result in different centres. Hence, it was proposed to discontinue the provision of inter college migration from the current academic year.

The AC deferred the Item to next Academic Council. The CoE was requested to submit a report on it to the University Authority.

Item No. 2: Retention of 30% Examination Fee by Affiliated Colleges

The Council noted that a resolution was adopted vide Item No. 13:24(e) of the 13th meeting of the Academic Council held on 31st October, 2014 that colleges will retain 30% of the collected Examination Fee to meet the centre expenses for conducting both theory and practical examinations. The University Authority has recently proposed to review the decision for private colleges.

The AC decided to continue the existing system till the review of the examination fee structure by the University. The matter thereafter shall be placed in the next AC for consideration.

Item No. 3 To conduct an online Viva-Voce for admission into M. Phil/Ph. D. Programmes

The Council noted that after declaration of the result of written examination for admission into M. Phil/Ph. D. 2015 (RGUMPET), a representation was received from Prof. J. Chakravorty, Dean, Faculty of Life Science to consider conducting online Viva-Voce of one candidate Ms. Jena Gollo. But the appeal could not be considered as there is no such provision in the existing ordinance for conducting online Viva-Voce and decided to refer the case to Academic Council for deliberation.

- i) The Council had a lengthy discussion on it and decided not to consider the request for online viva-voce for admission into Ph.D programme (RGUMPET) by the candidate.
- ii) The AC further turned down the request of the Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences and the candidate for extending validation of the RGUMPET-2015 written Test Result for a year.

Item No. 4 Ratification of Action taken by the University Authority on Declaring the Results of DCA

As per resolution adopted vide Item No. AC:14:05 of the 14th meeting of Academic Council held on 27th April, 2015, examinations of postgraduate level and Diploma/Certificate courses were all made credit based from the session 2015-16. Accordingly, all semester examinations of PG and Diploma courses were conducted on credit basis with minimum pass marks of 45%. On the other hand, as per USC guidelines

for Diploma in Computerized Accounting (DCA) under the Scheme of Community Colleges, performance of the students should be scaled in grades. But the evaluators scaled the performance of students in marks with 40% as minimum pass marks. To avoid delay in declaring the results, University Authority approved 40% minimum pass marks subject to ratification by the Academic Council.

The AC ratified the action taken by the University Authority.

Item No. 5 Promotion of BALLB IV semester (Part-I) students with backlog paper to V semester (Part-II)

The Council noted that as per provision under Clause 3 of the ordinance relating to BALLB (5 year course), which is comprised of two parts viz. Part-I deals and describe about the two year core programme of pre-law study and Part-II covering the three year programme aspects for professional training in law. Further, as per provision under Clause 14.4 of the said ordinance, a student shall not be admitted into Fifth semester classes (Part-II) unless he/she clears all the previous semesters of Part-I.

The AC further noted that, in this connection, the Principal of Arunachal Law Academy (ALA), Naharlagun (the lone law college affiliated to RGU), had collected ordinances of few neighboring universities, such as, (1) Gauhati University, Guwahati (2) National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam and (3) Swami Shukdevanand Law College, Shahjahanpur. Interestingly, there are provisions in the ordinances of the said Universities to promote the students to Fifth semester with back paper in lower semester of Part-I, and banking on these precedents has proposed for considering promotions of BALLB students to Part-II.

The AC decided to allow the students to move to Part-II and suggested that the provisions of the existing ordinance be amended accordingly.

AC: 17:29: Request for deferment of taking admission to PhD programme in the Department of Hindi in favour of one Ms. Yangkee Taggu while extending the validity of RGUMPET-2016 results.

The Council noted that one Ms. Yangkee Taggu, who is presently pursuing M.Phil in NEHU Shillong has passed the RGUMPET-2016 and got admitted in PhD programme in the month of August this year in the department of Hindi through open quota. But subsequently on being found that her M.Phil dissertation is still yet to be submitted in NEHU, her candidature was turned down on technical reason by the departmental admission committee. Ms. Taggu has requested the university authority through the Head, Department of Hindi to consider her a deferment of two semesters and enabling her to take admission in the next session while validating her RGUMPET-2016 results.

The AC noted and did not approve the request of the candidate.

AC: 17:30: To discuss on the adoption of the UGC Notification regarding UGC (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) (4th Amendment), Regulations, 2016.

The Council noted that a Gazette Notification vide No. F.1-2/2015(PS/Amendment), dated 11th July, 2016 is in receipt from the UGC, New Delhi. The matter is pertaining to a regulations notified by the UGC regarding the UGC (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) 14th Amendment), Regulations, 2016. The amended version of the same was placed before the Council for perusal and to accord approval of its adoption by the University.

The AC noted the same and recommended the matter to the Executive Council.

AC:17:31: Setting up of three (3) new Departments, viz. Department of Geology, Fine Arts & Music and Psychology under XI Plan period from the Academic Session – 2017-18.

The Council noted that UGC vide Letter F. No. 1-1/2013 (CU) Vol.III dated 9th June 2016 approved setting up of three (3) new Departments viz. Department of Geology, Fine Arts & Music and Psychology under XII Plan period from the Academic Session – 2017-18 with following teaching positions:

Sl.No.	Name of Department(s)	Teaching positions approved			
		Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor	Total
1	Department of Geology (Earth Sciences)	1	1	2	4
2	Department of Fine Arts & Music	1	1	2	4
3	Department of Psychology	1	1	2	4
	Total	3	3	6	12

The University received the UGC letter on 20th June 2016 and could not prepare itself to start the programmes in the Academic Session 2016-17 due to certain constraints relating to infrastructure and framing of syllabi. It was proposed to start the Departments from the next academic session 2017-18.

The AC deliberated on it and decided to start the programmes from the next academic session 2017-18 and recommended the matter to the next meeting of the EC for approval. The AC further noted that the following departments viz; Geography, Arts and Education were assigned the task of preparing syllabi and course structures for Sl. No. 1, 2 and 3 above respectively.

AC:17:32: Any other items with permission of the Chair:

1) To approve the revised syllabi prepared by BPGS (Commerce) and BUGS (Law)

The following syllabi have been revised by the BPGS (Commerce) and BUGS (Law) and were tabled before the AC for its approval and consideration of implementations:

- a) PhD. Course Work in Commerce
- b) M.Phil Course Work in Commerce
- c) PGDBI (Syllabus converted to Choice Based mode)

- d) BALLB (5 Years integrated course) and
- e) LLB

The Council approved the revised syllabi prepared by BPGS (Commerce) and BUGS (Law). The syllabi shall be in force from the current session 2016-17.

2) To consider the proposal for starting B.Sc. (Geology) course:

The AC noted that, a conglomeration of five Departments viz. Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and English are contemplating to jointly start the B.Sc. (Geology) from 2017-18 academic session in the line of the BCA course module.

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

3) To consider the proposal for starting B.A. (Anthropology) course:

The St. Francis de Sales College, Aalo has proposed to start BA Anthropology from the academic session 2017-18, and a three member committee was constituted to screen the application under the chairmanship of Prof. S.K. Nayak. The committee has recommended the proposal.

The Council approved the proposal to start B.A. Anthropology at SFS College, Aalo from the academic session 2017-18.

4) Items received via email from JAWAHARLAL NEHRU COLLEGE, PASIGHAT:

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

1. The Subject of the Skill Based Paper offered by the students should be mentioned in the Mark Sheets of the B.A. IV Semester and B.Sc III and IV Semesters.
The CoE was requested to undertake the matter.
2. Students who have been placed under "No more chance" category may be allowed to appear for one more chance.
The University has already approved it.
3. Review of syllabuses of Science subjects is required to remove certain ambiguity and the College be consulted for the purpose.
The matter was deferred to next meeting of the AC.
4. Review of Skill Based Syllabuses of Arts streams in light of the fact that the syllabuses of different subjects do not clearly mention the marks allotted for end semester examinations and IN SEMESTER examinations. This needs to be rectified.

The AC felt that, various Boards of Under-Graduate Studies should be requested to look into the matter and a comprehensive report prepared by the CoE be placed to the next meeting of the Examination Committee for deliberation.

5. Results of Students absent in one or more paper/subject in examinations may be declared instead of the Remark "Withheld", so that the students can know their performances in the paper/subject that they have appeared.

Approved. The office of the CoE was requested to undertake the matter.


6. The AC was apprised that the expenditure for conducting practical examinations is very high which includes payment to externals and other lab costs. Therefore, permission was sought that the concerned colleges may be allowed to retain the "practical fees" to meet the escalating expenses.

The matter was deferred to next meeting of the AC.

7. On the proposal to enhance the invigilation remuneration to Rs. 200/- per shift.

The AC authorized the Examination Committee to review the matter in due course.

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


Registrar