



RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY
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Arunachal Pradesh

Minutes of 19th Academic Council Meeting held on 12th Oct., 2017

The meeting of 19th Academic Council was held on 12th October, 2017 at 10.30 a.m. 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. Sudhir Kumar Singh, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences	Member (Ex-Officio)
03	Prof. Nishamani Kar, Dean, Faculty of Env. Sciences, RGU	Member (Ex-Officio)
04	Prof. Jayadeba Sahoo, Dean, Faculty of Education, RGU	Member (Ex-Officio)
05	Prof. Tasi Kaye, Dean, Faculty of Commerce & Mngt., RGU	Member (Ex-Officio)
06	Prof. Utpal Bhattacharjee, Dean, Faculty of Basic Sc., IT & Eng. & Tech., RGU	Member (Ex-Officio)
07	Prof. Harish Kr. Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Languages, RGU	Member (Ex-Officio)
08	Prof. R.K. Singh, Dept. of Botany, RGU	Member
09	Prof. T. Lhungdim, Dept. of Education, RGU	Member
10	Prof. P.K. Acharya, Dept. of Education, RGU	Member
11	Mr. Mojl Riba, Dept. of Mass Communication, RGU	Member
12	Dr. Milorai Modi, Principal, JN College, Pasighat	Member
13	Mr. S. Khandu, Principal, Govt. College, Bomdila	Member
14	Prof. Ashan Riddi, Director, IDE, RGU	Member
15	Prof. S. Simon John, Director, AITS, RGU	Member
16	Prof. H. Vokendro Singh, Head, Dept. of Anthropology, RGU	Member
17	Prof. Sumpam Tangjang, Head, Dept. of Botany, RGU	Member
18	Dr. Rajesh Chakrabarty, Head, Dept. of Chemistry, RGU	Member
19	Mr. Ani Taggu, Head, Dept. of CSE, RGU	Member
20	Prof. Sushanta Kr. Nayak, Head, Dept. of Economics, RGU	Member
21	Prof. (Mrs.) Elizabeth Hangsing, Head, Dept. of Education	Member

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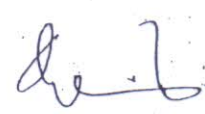
22	Mr. Jagdeep Rahul, Head i/c, Dept. of Elec. & Comm. Engin.	Member
23	Prof. Bhagabat Nayak, Head, Dept. of English, RGU	Member
24	Prof. S.K. Patnaik, Head, Dept. of Geography, RGU	Member
25	Dr. Anwarul Alam Laskar, Head i/c, Dept. of Geology, RGU	Member
26	Prof. Oken Lego, Head, Dept. of Hindi, RGU	Member
27	Mr. Arindam Garg, Head, Dept. of Management, RGU	Member
28	Prof. Sahin Ahmed, Head, Dept. of Mathematics, RGU	Member
29	Mr. Ashok Burman, Head i/c, Dept. of Music & Fine Arts	Member
30	Dr. Anil Mili, Head i/c, Dept. of Physical Education, RGU	Member
31	Prof. Sanjeev Kumar, Head, Dept. of Physics, RGU	Member
32	Prof. Nabam Nakha Hina, Head, Dept. of Political Sc., RGU	Member
33	Dr. (Mrs.) Kakali Goswami, Head i/c, Dept. of Psychology	Member
34	Ms. Chaphiak Lowang, Head i/c, Dept. of Social Work, RGU	Member
35	Mr. Bikash Bage, Head i/c, Dept. of Sociology, RGU	Member
36	Prof. D. N. Das, Head, Dept. of Zoology, RGU	Member
37	Prof. Amitava Mitra, Finance Officer i/c, RGU	Invitee
38	Dr. Nani Tamang Jose, Jt. Reg. (Examinations), RGU	Invitee
39	Dr. David Pertin, Jt. Reg. (Acad. & Conf.), RGU	Invitee
40	Prof. Tomo Riba, Registrar i/c, RGU	Secretary (Ex-Officio)

At the outset, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members to the 19th meeting of Academic Council. Agenda items were then taken up for discussion and decisions taken thereon.

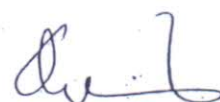
AC:19:01	<p>To confirm the minutes of the 18th meeting of Academic Council held on 27TH April, 2017.</p> <p>The AC noted that the minutes of the 18th meeting of Academic Council were circulated amongst the members. No comment has been received so far.</p> <p>The AC confirmed the minutes of 18th meeting of Academic Council held on 27TH April, 2017.</p>
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<p>AC:19:02</p>	<p>To confirm the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions of the 18th meeting of Academic Council held on 27th April, 2017.</p> <p>The AC accepted the Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 18th meeting of AC held on 27th April 2017.</p> <p>However, regarding item No. AC:18:13: 'Conversion of APGDDM regular programme to a Minor Research Cell/Centre for M.Phil leading to PhD along annual training programme', it was decided that in the 18th AC to constitute a five-member committee to work out its Plan perspective and submit report within a period of two months.</p> <p>The Chairman informed the members that the report of the committee will be placed in the next Academic Council proposed to be held in March 2018.</p>
<p>AC:19:03</p>	<p>To approve the syllabus prepared by BUGS In Fine Arts for BFA course</p> <p>The AC noted that the syllabus prepared by the BUGS in Fine Arts for Bachelor in Fine Arts (BFA) I to VI Semester.</p> <p>The AC perused and approved the syllabus prepared by BUGS in Fine Arts for BFA course.</p>
<p>AC:19:04</p>	<p>To approve the revised syllabus of BMUS course</p> <p>The AC noted that the syllabus for Bachelor in Music (BMUS) has been partially revised/modified at Departmental level.</p> <p>The AC perused and approved the revised syllabus of BMUS course.</p>
<p>AC:19:05</p>	<p>Permission to introduce BA in Education subject and B.Com. with Commerce subject from the current session 2017-18, at Wangcha Rajkumar Govt. College, Deomali.</p> <p>The AC noted that a three-member inspection committee under the Chairmanship Prof. R.C. Parida, Dean, Faculty of Commerce and Management inspected the college on 29th May, 2017 and submitted the report, which was placed to AC.</p> <p>The AC perused and approved introduction of BA in Education and B.Com. at Wangcha Rajkumar Govt. College, Deomali from the current session 2017-18.</p>
<p>AC:19:06</p>	<p>To ratify the MoU signed between AITS, RGU and University of South Florida, USA</p> <p>The AC noted that AITS in collaboration with University of South Florida (USF), USA have been awarded 'An Indigenous Studies Field School for Global Exchange in Northeast India: Fostering Educational and Public Health Initiative' under the scheme of Indo-U.S. 21st Century Knowledge Initiative awards (formerly known as the Obama-Singh 21st Century Knowledge Initiative).</p> <p>In this regard, an MOU and sub agreement has been signed by the competent authority of RGU and USF on 7th August, 2017 under INDO- US COLLABORATION.</p>



	<p><u>The highlights of the award are as follows:</u> Total amount of award : \$ 190,000 Period of Award: Three years: i.e up to 2019 Total amount of Award for Five AITS faculties i.e. stipends and coordination fees (Excluding Travel, visa fee, insurance etc.) : \$ 61,110 (For three years). Mode of Payment: USF will do the payment to RGU on <u>reimbursement</u> basis of.</p> <p><u>Important Activities under the scheme:</u> FIRST YEAR: Formulating the course of action, drafting MOU and agreement, signing of MOU and planning and documentation of AITS faculties for USA visit.</p> <p>SECOND YEAR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit of Five AITS faculties to USF, USA for a period of two weeks during January 2018 in order to formulate the curriculum. The cost of the trip will be borne by USF. • Conducting a workshop in a suitable place during mid 2018 in which selected RGU and USF students and faculties will take part. <p>THIRD YEAR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting a field research on public health in Roing along with USF and RIWATCH • The formality of obtaining VISA for AITS faculties is under progress. <p>The AC ratified the action taken by the University authority.</p>
<p>AC:19:07</p>	<p>To ratify the MoU signed between the Dept. of Botany, RGU and Dept. of Forestry, NERIST, Nirjuli.</p> <p>The AC noted that the Dept. of Botany, RGU and Dept. of Forestry, NERIST have entered into a MOU signed by the RGU and NERIST on 10th October, 2017.</p> <p>The MOU is aimed at closed linkage and functional coordination between RGU and NERIST towards considering the qualified teachers for collaborative research and to obtain funding for research by submitting joint project proposals for research, development, training and consultancy in India and abroad.</p> <p>The AC ratified the action taken by the University.</p>
<p>AC:19:08</p>	<p>To approve the setting up of Communication Resources Centre in the Department of Mass Communication, RGU</p> <p>The AC noted that the Department of Mass Communication is proposing to set up a Communication Resources Centre in the Department of Mass Communication with the backdrop of RGU's unique socio-economic location as a key contributor to the development of Arunachal Pradesh. The proposed centre aims for it to grow as a communication resource hub providing to its students, faculty as well as to the State government and civil society access to the best in action research, capacity building and consultancy services in communication.</p>



The AC also noted that it is projected that with the support to be made available to the University for establishing a Communication Resources Centre, it will be able to remedy the acute lapses in communication services that confront the State and the University and to provide adequate opportunities to a larger target community, even outside of the campus.

The broad objective of the proposed Centre is to *develop a critical mass in professional communication services and impart training to build skills in use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in education and in the development process.* In doing so, the Centre would also *contribute to the University's expanding base of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives.* The centre will mobilize for funds through UGC and other funding agencies. *The concept note prepared by the Department was placed before the AC.*

The AC discussed the matter and approved the proposal to set up Communication Resources Centre in the Department of Mass Communication.

AC:19:09

To decide on the Eligibility criteria for PhD Supervisorship as per UGC (Minimum standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree) Regulation, 2016

The AC noted that Research Board in its 30th meeting held on 19th December, 2016 vide item No. 4. RB: 30: D: noted that a representation was received from Dr. Lakhinath Saikia, Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry; requesting the University Authority to consider revisiting the existing guidelines for PhD guideship in RGU and to evaluate the eligibility on the basis of new set of eligibility criteria as published in The Gazette of India on 5th July, 2016. The Board further noted that the Dean, faculty of Basic Science, IT & ET also submitted a similar representation and informed about receiving applications from the faculty members of Basic Science and Engineering & Technology departments, and that they are eligible for supervisorship under the new criteria as issued by UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of M.Phil/PhD Degrees) Regulation, 2016, which says that, *"Any regular Professor of the University/Institution deemed to be a University/College with at least five research publications in referred journals and any regular Associate/Assistant professor of the University/Institution deemed to be a University/College with a PhD degree and at least two research publications in refereed journals may be recognized as Research Supervisor"*.

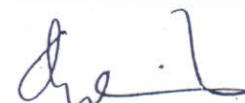
The RB also noted that, the RGU Ordinance [US 32 (1) RGU Act, 2006, Section 10 (10.2)] says, *"An Assistant Professor with PhD degree and three years of PG teaching (after PhD) and research experience at the University level with three research papers published in referred research Journals may guide PhD scholars"*.

The RB after a threadbare recommended the matter to the Academic Council for consideration.

The AC deliberated the matter. It was decided that an Assistant Professor with 2 years teaching experience and required publications in RGU is approved as research supervisor.



AC:19:10	<p>To recognize Dr. Dwipen Kakati, Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry, RGU as PhD Supervisor who has requisite research and three years teaching experience after obtaining PhD.</p> <p>The AC noted that the 32nd Research Board meeting held on 22/09/2017 recommended for approving the proposal of recognition by the Academic Council.</p> <p>The AC did not approve the proposal as he is yet to complete 2 years of teaching after obtaining his PhD.</p>
AC:19:11	<p>To recognize Dr. Marpe Sora, Assistant Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, RGU as a PhD Supervisor who has requisite research and three years teaching experience after obtaining his PhD.</p> <p>The AC noted that the 32nd Research Board meeting held on 22/09/2017 recommended for approving the proposal of recognition by the Academic Council.</p> <p>The AC approved the proposal to recognize Dr. Marpe Sora, Assistant Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, RGU as PhD Supervisor.</p>
AC:19:12	<p>To recognize Dr. K. Sotechand, Assistant Professor in the Department of Management, RGU as a PhD Supervisor who has requisite research and three years teaching experience after obtaining his PhD.</p> <p>The AC noted that the 32nd Research Board meeting held on 22/09/2017 recommended for approving the proposal of recognition by the Academic Council.</p> <p>The AC approved the proposal to recognize Dr. K. Sotechand, Assistant Professor in the Department of Management, RGU as PhD supervisor.</p>
AC:19:13	<p>To recognize Dr. Punyo Yarang, Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science, RGU as a PhD Supervisor who has requisite research and three years teaching experience after obtaining her PhD.</p> <p>The AC noted that the 32nd Research Board meeting held on 22/09/2017 recommended for approving the proposal of recognition by the Academic Council.</p> <p>The AC approved the proposal to recognize Dr. Punyo Yarang, Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science, RGU as PhD supervisor.</p>
AC:19:14	<p>To recognize Dr. Chandan Tamuly, Senior Scientist, CSIR-NEIST Branch, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh as a PhD Co-Supervisor in the Department of Chemistry, RGU who has requisite experience.</p> <p>The AC noted that the 32nd Research Board meeting held on 22/09/2017 recommended for approving the proposal of recognition by the Academic Council.</p> <p>The AC approved the proposal to recognize Dr. Chandan Tamuly, Senior Scientist, CSIR-NEIST Branch, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh as PhD Co-Supervisor.</p>



AC:19:15	<p>To recognize Dr. Arun Kr. Pandey, Associate Professor in W.R.G College Deomali, Arunachal Pradesh as a PhD Co-Supervisor in the Department of Hindi, RGU who has requisite experience.</p> <p>The AC noted that the 32nd Research Board meeting held on 22/09/2017 recommended for approving the proposal of recognition by the Academic Council.</p> <p>The AC approved the proposal to recognize Dr. Arun Kr. Pandey, Associate Professor, W.R.G College Deomali, as PhD Co-Supervisor.</p>
AC:19:16	<p>To approve adoption and implementation of MOOC Regulations under SWAYAM.</p> <p>The AC noted that the University is actively pursuing for the implementation of the Digital Initiatives for Higher Education and SWAYAM by the Govt. of India. The MHRD has issued directives to all the universities to take up various digital initiatives for furthering higher education. Some of the thrust areas being Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC), National Academic Depository (NAD), National Digital Library (NDL) etc.</p> <p>The MOOC Regulations as made available in the MHRD's website was placed for perusal by the AC for being adopted and implemented in totality by the University.</p> <p>The AC deliberated the matter and MOOC Regulations were approved in principle. However, it was decided to place the item in the next AC for detailed discussion on the syllabus to introduce the same in the University.</p>
AC:19:17	<p>To approve the draft 15 years' Vision Document of the University.</p> <p>The AC noted that as per UGC directives, there should be a clear-cut vision document for the university for the next 15 years and thus a draft vision has been prepared covering 15 years' action plan of RGU involving all the academic parameters. The establishment of constituent colleges, dissemination of courses and programmes through online mode, CIC, Animal Science & Food Technology departments, etc. were to be given priority and to be kept as major thrust areas for the next 15 years.</p> <p>The AC after deliberation approved the 15 years' Vision Document of RGU in principle. However, it was decided that all Deans, HoDs/Directors shall submit their inputs/comments on the Vision Document within a period of two weeks.</p>
AC:19:18	<p>To review the duration of vacation for the affiliated colleges.</p> <p>The AC noted that the University through its constituted committee has prepared the Academic Calendar following the UGC Regulation, 2010 and kept sufficient Vacation period when days of both Summer and Winter recess is taken together. If the days in both are taken together a total of 56 days was given i.e equal to 8 weeks. The UGC guideline is very clear that the working days are to be counted on day basis and not on hourly basis. And since, the govt. run colleges are now falling under 5 days a week pattern the present arrangement has been made with a view to give a balanced durations for both odd and even semester in an academic calendar year. With the total</p>

	<p>shifting of the university courses to semester system, the present balancing is justified. Meanwhile, it is pertinent to mention that the Summer Vacation Period for the current summers i.e. 5th June -7th July 2017 was passed in the 16th AC meeting held on 22nd April, 2016. Of course, there was resentment expressed by APCTA on it but it was placed in AC and with the direction of the AC a committee was constituted, which further nullified the request on the ground that as per UGC guidelines the Academic Calendar need further improvement and the request of APCTA held no water. The APCTA again expressed its resentment and demanded the university authority to review the vacation period. They even resorted to non-cooperation movements and even boycotted RGU examinations and evaluation works, despite the assurance from the Vice-Chancellor during his interaction with APCTA representatives that the issue of vacation period in respect of affiliated colleges shall be reviewed in the next Academic Council Meeting and till then status quo be maintained, while justifying the fact that a decision arrived at a statutory body meeting cannot be diverted or modified by a Vice-Chancellor in his personal official capacity and thereby needs to be placed again for deliberation and decision in the statutory meeting itself.</p> <p>The AC discussed the matter threadbare and it was resolved that a broad-based 5-Member Committee, consisting of two principals of government colleges will be constituted to work out the details of ways and means with regard to Summer Vacation and Winter Recess for both Colleges and the University. The Committee shall submit its report within a period of two months.</p>
<p>AC:19:19</p>	<p>To consider the grant of temporary affiliation to Govt. Model College, Tawang, Tawang District Arunachal Pradesh.</p> <p>The AC noted that Govt. Model College, Tawang has started functioning without affiliation from RGU. The college authority has however, applied through proper channel and thus a screening committee was constituted. The committee is yet to furnish its report. On a positive report from the screening committee an inspection committee is likely to conduct physical verification covering all requirements as per UGC (affiliation of College's by University) Regulation in connection with grant of Temporary affiliation.</p> <p>Since, the college has started functioning and hundreds of students already enrolled it was proposed that the University Authority may consider giving temporary affiliation subject to completion of all official formalities like screening and physical inspection of the college.</p> <p>The AC resolved to screen the application within a period of 3 days. It was decided to constitute a 3-Member Inspection Committee and authorized University authority to decide it administratively subject to ratification by next AC.</p>
<p>AC:19:20</p>	<p>To consider the grant of temporary affiliation to Govt. Law College, Jote, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.</p> <p>The AC noted that the University had recently issued NOC for onward submission to the BCI, New</p>



Delhi. The NOC could not suffice to the requirements as the BCI is asking for Temporary Affiliation Certificate from the affiliating body. And therefore, now the Govt. agency (DH&TE) is requesting the University for grant of affiliation to the college for furthering the BCI recognition processes. The college authority has applied through proper channel and thus a screening committee was constituted. The committee is yet to furnish its report. On a positive report from the screening committee an inspection committee is likely to conduct physical verification covering all requirements as per UGC (affiliation of College's by University) Regulation in connection with grant of Temporary affiliation.

Since, the college is a Govt. run one and professional in nature, it was proposed that the University Authority may consider giving temporary affiliation subject to completion of all official formalities like screening and physical inspection of the college.

The AC resolved to screen the application within a period of 3 days. It was decided to constitute a 3-Member Inspection Committee and authorized University authority to decide it administratively subject to ratification by next AC.

AC:19:21

To consider the renewal of temporary affiliation to Tadar Taniang Govt. College, Nyapin, Kurung Kumey District, Arunachal Pradesh.

The AC noted that an inspection committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. H.K. Sharma, Dean, faculty of Languages for conducting physical verification covering all requirements as per UGC (affiliation of College's by University) Regulation in connection with renewal of Temporary affiliation to Tadar Taniang Govt. College, Nyapin, Kurung Kumey District, Arunachal Pradesh. The committee visited the college on 17th May, 2017.

The AC perused and approved renewal of temporary affiliation to Tadar Taniang Govt. College, Nyapin, Kurung Kumey District, Arunachal Pradesh.

AC:19:22

Permission to introduce BA-BEd & BSc-BEd. Integrated 4 years course from the session 2018-19 at Donyi Polo B.Ed College, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.

The AC noted that on request the college was issued NOC by the University for furthering their recognition with NCTE and accordingly the NCTE has given approval for running of the two integrated courses from the session 2017-18. As per UGC (affiliation of College's by University) Regulation the college could be permitted to run the courses only after a physical inspection by the affiliating university. The physical inspection committee has not been constituted so far as the competent authority desired that such matters need prior discussion in the statutory bodies first.

The AC perused and approved the introduction of course(s) subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:

- i) To appoint required number of qualified teachers as per NCTE Regulations with adequate infrastructure facility.
- ii) The College should start any one of the two, i.e. either B.A B.Ed. or B.Sc B.Ed course at a time.

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	The AC decided that the University shall review the progress of the programmes within a period of one year.								
AC:19:23	<p>Proposal to renew the Adjunct Professorship in respect of Prof. Franz Bairlein: The AC noted that the DBS in Zoology is proposing and requesting to renew the adjunct Professorship in respect of Prof. Franz Bairlein, Director Institute of Avian Research, Wilhelmshaven and Oldenberg University, Germany, as the Department need his expertise for some more time. Prof. Franz has given his service as an Adjunct Professor for three months vide order no RGU/UGC-21/EC/FC 2010 dated 22/07/2015 in the field of wildlife/ornithology.</p> <p>The AC did not approve the proposal to renew the Adjunct Professorship in r/o Prof. Franz Bairlein and decided that he can be invited as Visiting Professor.</p>								
AC:19:24	<p>To ratify the increase in intake capacity for PGDBI programme The AC noted that there has been an increase of seats for the PGDBI course being offered in the Dept. of Commerce from 15 seats to 20 seats by the Competent Authority.</p> <p>The AC ratified the action taken by the University authority.</p>								
AC:19:25	<p>To ratify the online Publication of Journal of Bio-resources under Centre with Potential of Excellence in Particular Area-(CPEPA)-Biodiversity Project.</p> <p>The AC noted that on receipt of a proposal from Prof. H.N Sarma, Co-ordinator, CPEPA – Biodiversity Project for online Publication of Journal of Bioresources under CPEPA- Biodiversity Project, the competent authority of the university constituted a 6 (Six) member technical committee under the chairmanship of Prof. A.K Das, Department of Botany to examine the proposal.</p> <p>The Committee examined the proposal along with the price quotes collected from website developers and accordingly the demonstration cum presentation made by M/s Tech Variable Guwahati found satisfactory and recommended for the award of contract to M/s. Tech Variable Guwahati at a cost of Rs. 55,000.00 with an annual maintenance charge and up gradation cost of Rs. 7,500/-</p> <p>The recommendations of the technical committee were approved by the competent authority and the work order was issued to the recommended firm.</p> <p>The AC ratified the action taken by the University authority.</p>								
AC:19:26	<p>To consider the proposal of starting six new departments in the University. The AC noted that the University proposes to start six new departments, as under:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="440 1602 1349 1757"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sl. No.</th> <th>Name of the Departments proposed to be created</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Department of Food Technology</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>Department of Health and Para-Medical Sciences</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.</td> <td>Department of Statistics</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Sl. No.	Name of the Departments proposed to be created	1.	Department of Food Technology	2.	Department of Health and Para-Medical Sciences	3.	Department of Statistics
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4.	Department of Bioinformatics
5.	Department of Animal Sciences
6.	Department of Law

The AC approved the proposal in principle and recommended for sending it to UGC for consideration/approval.

AC:19:27 Agenda items from Examination Branch

1 Discontinuation of Special and Supplementary Examination at both UG and PG Level

The AC noted that as recommended by the Academic Council in its 18th Meeting held on 27th April 2017 vide item No. AC:18:32(A), a three member committee was constituted to examine the proposal to discontinue the Special and Supplementary Examination at both UG and PG Level under the Chairmanship of Prof. Utpal Bhattacharjee.

The committee held its meeting on 6th October 2017 and submitted its recommendation (ANNEXURE-A). The committee has clearly stated that no neighboring Universities conduct supplementary examination and conducting such examinations in middle of a semester has more negative impact than its positive outcomes.

However, the committee recommended conducting supplementary examinations of odd semester back papers of both UG and PG with the even semester examinations and even semester back papers with the odd semester examination.

On one hand the committee stated that no neighboring universities conduct supplementary examinations and conducting such examination in the middle of a semester has more negative impacts and on the other hand the committee recommended to conduct supplementary examinations of odd semester back papers of both UG and PG with the even semester examinations and even semester back papers with the odd semester examination which will have more negative impact on the IV semester appearing students of PG and VI semester appearing students of UG.

However, the implementation of recommendation given by the committee may create problem to conduct the examination in proper way. Because as per recommendation of one committee if we are going to abolish three chances than there is no need to conduct special examination of different semester with the examination of odd semester as well as even semester. Therefore it is proposed that only one option should be extended to the students i.e. abolition of three chances and give fixed tenure to complete the degree or maximum three chances with special examination of different semester with examination of odd semester and even semesters. To avoid more complicacy, it is proposed to discontinue conducting supplementary examinations with immediate effect.

The AC deferred the item to next Academic Council.

2 Abolition of Three Chances to Clear Back Paper

The AC noted that as recommended by the Academic Council in its 18th Meeting held on 27th April 2017 vide item No. AC:18:32(D), a committee was constituted to examine the maximum 3(three) chances to clear a particular semester under the Chairmanship of Prof. R. C. Parida.

	<p>The committee held its meeting on 19th July 2017 and recommended to abolish the provision of 3(three) chances to clear back paper. The candidate(s) at UG level may be allowed to clear back paper(s) within 6 years (ANNEXURE-B). The committee also recommended that this shall not be applicable to PG and existing system shall be continued.</p> <p>The AC also noted that the period to complete all the paper/ degree should not be more than five years. This procedure is followed by the Dibrugarh University. In case of Gauhati University one has to clear all back paper before taking the admission in 5th semester. This should be applicable to the PG, UG, and LLB etc. The tenure should be normal time period with additional two years in all cases.</p> <p>The AC discussed the matter at length and approved to abolish three chances to clear back papers and allow to clear the course within a period of six (6) years.</p>
3	<p>Proposal to do away with the countersignature of HoD on PhD Thesis:</p> <p>The AC noted that the existing system of obtaining countersignature of the Head of the Department in the Ph.D. thesis needs to be deleted/ abolished from the Ph.D. Regulations. There are no such guidelines from UGC. Many universities do not follow this system.</p> <p>The AC decided to continue with the existing system.</p>
4	<p>On delay in declaration of PG results in time:</p> <p>The AC noted that there is representation of PG students that there is always delay in declaration of PG results. It has been observed that delay is basically due to non-submission of evaluated scripts by the faculty members in time. Therefore, it is proposed that the examiners/evaluators should evaluate the scripts within 10 days from the date of receipt of the script and submit the same to the examination branch so that results of PG can be declared in time.</p> <p>The AC discussed the matter and decided that the evaluation of answer scripts by the examiners should be completed within a period of 15 days after the receipt of answer scripts by the examiners. The CoE should obtain receipt from the concerned teacher(s) and the results will be declared within a period of 45 days after the last date of examination.</p>
5	<p>Evaluation of UG script in different Evaluation Centres:</p> <p>The AC noted that though there are four evaluation centres for evaluation of UG answer scripts except St. Claret College centre other three evaluation centres did not extend their co-operation for evaluation of the answer script in the months of May-June 2017 and for which the examination branch had to face lot of problem for declaration of results in time. The same thing also happened in the year 2013. Therefore, now the question arises whether such centres should be allowed to continue for evaluating the UG answer scripts or some other techniques should be adopted for the same. In this regard identification of experienced teachers in respective colleges and evaluation of the scripts with such teachers may be one of the solutions under the direct control of the Controller of Examinations, RGU.</p> <p>The AC decided to continue the existing four Zonal Evaluation Centres and more evaluation centres shall be set up in due course administratively. All the teachers should co-operate in this.</p>



evaluation process to facilitate the University to declare the results in time. The Council also noted that evaluation of answer scripts is mandatory for all the college teachers and deviation from this by way of boycotting/strike shall amount to jeopardizing the career of their own students.

AC:19:28 Any other item

1. Agenda items from the Department of History:
 - i) To bring PhD programme under Semester Mode:
The AC noted that in view of the problem arising out of Registered Ph.D. candidates not submitting progress report while some not registering after admission, it has been agreed that the Ph.D. programme must be semester based. This would help eliminate non-serious students. In such a case modalities have to be updated on the procedure required from part time scholars. It was resolved to continue the present system.
 - ii) To make PhD programme an Integrated one:
The AC noted that in accordance to the UGC (Minimum standard and procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree) Regulation 2016, 3.2. Ph.D. should be made into an integrated programme in the same institution, while retaining provision for JRF/SLET and in-Service teachers. Lateral entry may be totally discouraged. The AC noted the same.
 - iii) To review on exemption of entrance for M.Phil degree holders from other states:
The AC noted that in the interview for Ph.D. admissions, it was discovered in the Department of History that many of the in-service candidates from other states had been exempted from appearing in the entrance on the basis of their M.Phil degree. A majority of the degree were in distance mode without certificate for course work. The application form needs to be updated for filling in the details to avoid such discrepancy. It is also pertinent to point out that our University has a regulation which is clear about eligible in-service candidates to be from affiliating colleges. The AC decided that M.Phil degrees from other states obtained through Distance Education mode without course work certificate shall not be admitted for PhD (Direct entry). A Notification in this regard should be issued immediately.

2. Agenda items from the Department of Anthropology:
 - i) Regarding eligibility for admission to MA in Anthropology.
The AC noted that as per RGU Prospectus 2017-18, page No. 17, clause 5.5, wherein it is mentioned that for admission to MA in Anthropology 'candidate with a graduation either in Science or Social Sciences shall be eligible to apply'. Such statement has made many candidates who are from non-allied disciplines such as engineering, computer, commerce, agricultural science etc. which are not at all relevant to Anthropology are eligible to apply, as a result the quality teaching in Anthropology cannot be fulfilled. So, this may be modified to 'candidates with a graduation in allied disciplines shall be eligible to apply.'

In regard to allied disciplines for admission to MA course in Anthropology, the AC decided that

disciplines will be identified by the concerned Department for admission to Anthropology programmes.

ii)

Regarding question pattern of common entrance test for admission to MA In Anthropology. The AC noted that as per RGU Prospectus 2017-18, page No: 13, clause 3 & 4 of RGU Prospectus 2017-2018, it is mentioned that all the 100 multiple choice questions (MCQs) will examine language ability, reasoning, general awareness, mathematical aptitude/data interpretation and analytical skills. With a view to elevate the quality teaching of Anthropology in master's level, the Dept. of Anthropology is proposing to change it as "100 MCQs of which 25 MCQs shall examine language ability, reasoning, general awareness, mathematical aptitude/data interpretation and analytical skills and 75 MCQs from the domain subject."

The AC decided that the existing system will continue.

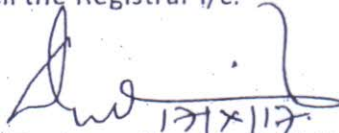
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RGUCET-2018 (for Faculty of Engineering & Technology)

The Department of CSE, RGU proposes to conduct RGUCET Examination for Department of CSE during April 2018. Also the final year students of relevant disciplines may be permitted to appear in RGUCET-2018 since it is the norm across all engineering examinations in India. The proposal was placed to AC for perusal and consideration.

The AC perused and approved the same.

As there was no any other item for discussion, the meeting came to an end with proposal of vote of thanks by the Secretary (Ex-officio) of the Academic Council the Registrar i/c.


Joint Registrar (Academic & Conference)