

**Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016**  
**at Barad Sadan Academic Block, Gangtok**

19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 at 11:00 am at Barad Sadan Conference Hall. Following members were present:

1. Prof. T.B.Subba, Vice-Chancellor - Chairperson
2. Prof. Deepak Kr. Srivastava, Deptt. of International Business, Institute of Management, Nirma University - Member
3. Prof. Rajesh Sharan, Department of Biochemistry, NEHU Shillong - Member
4. Prof. Ananda Mukhopadhyay, Deptt. of Zoology, North Bengal University - Member
5. Dr. Ganesh Ji Tiwari, Principal, Sikkim Govt. Law College, Burtuk - Member
6. Dr. Sandhya Rai, Principal, Loyola College of Education, Namchi - Member
7. Prof. Jyoti Prakash Tamang, Dean, School of Life Sciences - Member
8. Prof. Irshad Gulam Ahmed, Dean, School of Languages & Literature - Member
9. Prof. V. Rama Devi, Dean, School of Professional Studies - Member
10. Prof. Imtiaz Gulam Ahmed, Dean, School of Social Sciences - Member
11. Dr. Subir Mukhopadhyay, Dean, School of Physical Sciences - Member
12. Dr. S. Manivannan, Dean, Students' Welfare - Member
13. Dr. Debashis Chowdhury, Controller of Examinations - Member
14. Prof. Pratap Chandra Pradhan, Head, Deptt. of Nepali - Member
15. Dr. Nawal K. Paswan, Head, Deptt. of Peace & Conflict Studies & Management - Member

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| 16.Dr. V. Krishna Ananth,<br>Head, Deptt. of History                     | - | Member |
| 17.Dr. A.N. Shankar,<br>Head, Deptt. of Commerce                         | - | Member |
| 18.Dr. Dhaniraj Chettri,<br>Head, Deptt. of Botany                       | - | Member |
| 19.Dr. H.K. Tiwari,<br>Head, Deptt. of Microbiology                      | - | Member |
| 20.Dr. Laxuman Sharma,<br>Head, Deptt. of Horticulture                   | - | Member |
| 21.Dr. Komol Singha,<br>Head, Deptt. of Economics                        | - | Member |
| 22.Dr. Durga Prasad Chhetri,<br>Head, Deptt. of Political Science        | - | Member |
| 23.Dr. Kotra Rhine Rama Mohan,<br>Head, Deptt. of Anthropology           | - | Member |
| 24.Dr. Nutankumar S. Thingujam,<br>Head, Deptt. of Psychology            | - | Member |
| 25.Dr. Silajit Guha,<br>Head, Deptt. of Mass Communication               | - | Member |
| 26.Dr. Amitabha Bhattacharyya,<br>Head, Deptt. of Physics                | - | Member |
| 27.Dr. Krishnendu Dutta<br>Head, Deptt. of Music                         | - | Member |
| 28.Dr. Mohan Pratap Pradhan,<br>Head, Deptt. of Computer Applications    | - | Member |
| 29.Dr. T.M.S. Raju,<br>Head, Deptt. of Education                         | - | Member |
| 30.Prof. Abhijit Dutta,<br>Professor, Deptt. of Commerce                 | - | Member |
| 31.Dr. Vijay Kumar Thangellapali,<br>Assoc. Professor, Deptt. of History | - | Member |
| 32.Dr. Pushpa Sharma,<br>Assoc. Professor, Deptt. of Nepali              | - | Member |
| 33.Dr. S.S. Mahapatra,<br>Assoc. Professor, Deptt. of Commerce           | - | Member |

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| 34. Dr. N. Sathyanarayana,<br>Assoc. Professor, Deptt. of Botany | - | Member          |
| 35. Shri P.K. Singh,<br>Finance Officer                          | - | Special Invitee |
| 36. Shri T.K.Kaul,<br>Registrar                                  | - | Secretary       |

The following members could not attend the meeting because of their pre-occupation and sought leave of absence.

1. Prof. S.P.S. Rajput, Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology, Bhopal
2. Dr. Santanu Dey, Ramakrishna Mission Vidya Mandir, Belur Math, Howrah
3. Prof. Kamakhya Prasad, T.N.B. College, Bhagalpur
4. Dr. Tankanath Sharma Khatiwara, Presidency College, Motbung
5. Prof. A.S. Chandel, Librarian
6. Dr. Manish, Head, Deptt. of International Relations, and
7. Dr. Swati Akshay Sachdeva, Head, Deptt. of Sociology

Dr. S.K. Gurung, Joint Registrar (Acad.), Ms. Grace D. Chankapa, Assistant Registrar and Shri Satyam Rana, Assistant were present to assist the Council.

At the outset the Chairman welcomed all the members of the Council. He specifically welcomed the following members who were attending the Academic Council meeting for the first time.

- i. Prof. Rajesh Sharan
- ii. Prof. Ananda Mukhopadhyay
- iii. Dr. Ganesh Ji Tiwari
- iv. Dr. Sandhya Rai
- v. Prof. Imtiaz Gulam Ahmed
- vi. Dr. Komol Singha
- vii. Dr. Amitabha Bhattacharya
- viii. Dr. Krishnendu Dutta
- ix. Dr. Mohan Pratap Pradhan
- x. Dr. T.M.S. Raju
- xi. Prof. Abhijit Dutta and
- xii. Dr. Vijay Kumar Thangellapali.

The Chairman also placed on record appreciation for the contribution to the Academic Council meetings by the following members who completed their tenure:

1. Prof. D.K. Nayak, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong
2. Prof. Sanjay Roy, Deptt. of Sociology, North Bengal University
3. Dr. (Mrs.) Lily Alley, Principal, Sikkim Govt. College, Gangtok
4. Dr.N.R. Bhuyan, Principal, Himalayan Pharmacy Institute, Majhitar

The Chairman also informed the Council about sad demise of Prof. Sameera Maiti, Dean School of Human Sciences on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and placed on record appreciation for her contribution to the meetings of the Academic Council. The Council observed two minutes' silence in memory of the departed soul. Thereafter, agenda items were taken up as under:

**SECTION 1**  
**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES & ACTION TAKEN REPORT**

**AC19.1.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2015**

Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2015 were circulated to all the members on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015. Dr. Subir Mukhopadhyay, Dean, School of Physical Sciences informed vide email that the School Board of Physical Sciences approved extension of submission of two (2) M.Phil dissertations by three (3) months. This was inadvertently not mentioned in the minutes.

The Council with the above mentioned modification confirmed the minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2015 as circulated to all the members.

**AC19.1.2: Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2015**

The Secretary presented the action taken report on the minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council. The Council noted the action taken by the University.

**SECTION 2**  
**REPORTING ITEMS**

**AC19.2.1: Establishment of Innovators' Club and Inspired Teachers' Network in the University**

The Council noted the establishment of Innovators' Club and Inspired Teachers' Network in Sikkim University as notified vide Notification No. – 101/2015 and 102/2015 dated 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 2015.

**AC19.2.2: Inclusion of foreign languages as optional subjects in the academic courses of the University**

The Council noted the recommendation of 10<sup>th</sup> World Hindi Conference held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015 "*Foreign languages should be included as optional subjects in the academic courses of Universities*". The Council also noted that the University was currently offering Chinese language as optional paper in some departments.

**AC19.2.3: Synopsis for M.Phil. /Ph.D. registration in the University**

The Council noted the approval by various School Boards' synopses for M.Phil/Ph.D registrations in the University as per the details given below:

| Sl. No. | Name of the School             | Name of the Department | No. of synopsis registered |       |                 |
|---------|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------|-----------------|
|         |                                |                        | M.Phil.                    | Ph.D. | Change of title |
| 1       | School of Life Sciences        | Botany                 |                            | 4     | 3 Ph.D.         |
|         |                                | Zoology                |                            | 3     |                 |
| 2       | School of Human Sciences       | Psychology             | 3                          | 1     |                 |
|         |                                | Anthropology           | 5                          | 2     |                 |
|         |                                | Geography              | 5                          |       |                 |
| 3       | School of Professional Studies | Commerce               |                            | 2     |                 |
|         |                                | Education              | 6                          | 2     |                 |
|         |                                | Management             |                            | 3     |                 |
|         |                                | Mass Communication     | 1                          | 3     | 1 M.Phil.       |

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| 4 | School of Social Sciences        | PCS&M                   | 4 | 4 |  |
|   |                                  | International Relations | 6 | 3 |  |
|   |                                  | History                 | 8 | 2 |  |
|   |                                  | Economics               | 6 | 4 |  |
|   |                                  | Political Science       | 8 | 2 |  |
|   |                                  | Law                     | 2 | 1 |  |
|   |                                  | Sociology               |   | 1 |  |
| 5 | School of Physical Sciences      | Physics                 | 1 |   |  |
|   |                                  | Chemistry               | 1 | 2 |  |
| 6 | School of Languages & Literature | English                 | 5 | 2 |  |
|   |                                  | Hindi                   | 2 | 0 |  |
|   |                                  | Nepali                  | 6 | 3 |  |

**AC19.2.4: Introduction of BA-LLB (Hons) Course in Sikkim Govt. Law College, Burtuk**

Sikkim Govt. Law College, Burtuk has requested the University to grant permission to start BA-LLB (Hons.) Course from academic session 2016-17. Syllabus for BA-LLB (Hons.) Course has already been approved by the Academic Council in its 16<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014. The University provided NOC to the College for starting BA-LLB (Hons.) Course from Academic Session 2016-17 subject to approval of the course by the Bar Council of India.

**AC19.2.5: Vice-Chancellor's Presentation**

In his power point presentation Vice-Chancellor gave updates to the Academic Council members on some academic and administrative achievements of the University.

**SECTION 3  
RATIFICATION MATTERS**

**AC19.3.1: Re-allocation of the faculty post from the department of Law with the decision of discontinuation of BA-LLB course from the academic session 2016-17**

Based on the decision of the Academic Council in its 18<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016 vacant positions of the Department of Law to other departments requiring increase in faculty strength were re-allocated vide Office Order No. – 8/2016 dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 as under:

1. Hindi - 1 Associate Professor, 1 Assistant Professor
2. Mass Communication – 1 Associate Professor

With this re-allocation the faculty strength of Hindi Deptt. will increase to 6 and that of Mass Communication Deptt. to 7.

The Council ratified the action of the University in re-allocating 3 vacant faculty positions from the Department of Law to Department of Hindi and Mass Communication Department.

The Council also approved appointment of 2 Guest Faculty in Deptt. of Law till BA-LLB course remains in existence.

**AC19.3.2: Re-allocation of one faculty post from department of Horticulture to Peace & Conflict Studies & Management**

The Chairman pointed out that in agenda papers re-allocation of 1 faculty post from Department of Horticulture to Deptt. of Peace & Conflict studies & Management has been inadvertently mentioned as Deptt. of Mass Communication. The Council ratified the action of the University in re-allocation of one position of Assistant Professor from Department of Horticulture to Department of Peace & Conflict Studies & Management. With this re-allocation the faculty position in Horticulture Department would be 9 (1 Professor, 4 Associate Professor and 4 Assistant Professor) and 6 in Department of Peace & Conflict Studies & Management (1 Professor, 2 Associate Professor and 3 Assistant Professor).

**AC19.3.3: Minor changes in LLM Syllabus**

The Council ratified the action in interchanging “Banking Law” listed in IV<sup>th</sup> Semester but taught in III<sup>rd</sup> Semester 2015 to the students and offering “International Trade Law & Development” listed in III<sup>rd</sup> Semester to be taught in IV<sup>th</sup> Semester students’. “International Trade Law & Development” will be compulsory paper. Also, “Dissertation” paper will be compulsory.

**SECTION 4  
MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL**

**A) SELECTION COMMITTEE MATTERS**

**AC19.4.A1: Experts in the Selection Committee**

Based on the decision of the Academic Council in its 18<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2015 a panel of 10 experts was obtained from each Department for Selection Committees for teaching posts for next 3 years. The University is also having existing panel of experts for teaching posts of all Departments.

The Council after deliberations recommended for approval of wider panel of experts consisting of panel of 10 experts sent by each Department and already available panel of experts with the University for Selection Committees for teachers.

**B) PANEL OF EXAMINERS ETC.**

**AC19.4.B1: Panel of External Examiners**

The Council approved the panel of external examiners as per the details given below as recommended by the concerned School Boards for the purpose as mentioned in the table.

**1. School of Life Sciences**

| <b>Sl. No.</b> | <b>Name of the Department</b> | <b>External Examiners</b>                   |
|----------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 1.             | Botany                        | M.Sc. Practical Exam                        |
| 2.             | Microbiology                  | M.Sc. Practical Exam                        |
| 3.             | Horticulture                  | B.Sc./M.Sc. Practical Exam/ Ph.D Practicals |
| 4.             | Zoology                       | M.Sc. Practical Exam                        |

**2. School of Human Sciences**

| <b>Sl. No.</b> | <b>Name of the Department</b> | <b>External Examiners</b>   |
|----------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 1.             | Anthropology                  | Physical Anthropology practical exam and MA/M.Sc./M.Phil dissertation |
| 2.             | Geography                     | MA/M.Sc practical Exam and Dissertation                               |

### 3. School of Professional Studies

| <b>Sl. No.</b> | <b>Name of the Department</b> | <b>External Examiners</b>                          |
|----------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 1.             | Management                    | MBA project work, internship reports and viva-voce |

### 4. School of Social Sciences

| <b>Sl. No.</b> | <b>Name of the Department</b> | <b>External Examiners</b>                       |
|----------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 1.             | Law                           | LL.M Dissertation and viva-voce                 |
| 2.             | Economics                     | Ph.D. Examiner                                  |
| 3.             | History                       | MA & M.Phil, dissertation                       |
| 4.             | PCS&M                         | Viva-voce of MA dissertations and Ph.D Examiner |
| 5.             | Political Science             | MA dissertation and viva-voce                   |

### 5. School of Physical Sciences

| <b>Sl. No.</b> | <b>Name of the Department</b> | <b>External Examiners</b>                |
|----------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 1.             | Chemistry                     | M.Sc. Practical Exam & dissertation      |
| 2.             | Computer Applications         | BCA & MCA Practical Exam & dissertation  |
| 3.             | Geology                       | B.Sc/M.Sc. Practical Exam & dissertation |
| 4.             | Physics                       | M.Sc. Practical Exam & dissertation      |

### 6. School of Languages & Literature

| <b>Sl. No.</b> | <b>Name of the Department</b> | <b>External Examiners</b> |
|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1.             | English                       | M.Phil dissertation       |
| 2.             | Hindi                         | M.Phil dissertation       |
| 3.             | Nepali                        | M.Phil dissertation       |
| 4.             | Zoology                       | M.Sc. Practical Exam      |

The Chairman informed the Council that it had come to the notice of the University that the affiliated colleges were conducting practical examinations of UG courses without any external expert. The University has taken it seriously and has proposed to collect examination and practical fee and send the external examiners to the colleges and make payments to them directly. The Council approved the proposal.

### C) AFFILIATION MATTERS

#### AC19.4.C1: Report of visit to 8 temporary affiliated colleges for renewal of affiliation

The Council considered the recommendation of the College Development Council in its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016 and recommended for approval by the Executive Council grant of temporary affiliation to the following colleges for the academic year 2016-17 subject to the compliance of the observations made for each college in the Inspection Report:

- i) Himalayan Pharmacy Institute, Majhitar, Rangpo
- ii) Damber Singh College, Tadong, Gangtok
- iii) Namchi Government College, Kamrang, Namchi
- iv) Pakim Palatine College, Pakyong
- v) Rhenock Government College, Rungdung, Rhenock

- vi) Sikkim Government B.Ed. College, Soreng
- vii) Sikkim Government College, Gyalshing
- viii) Sikkim Government College, Burtuk, Gangtok

**AC19.4.C2: Report of visit to 4 permanently affiliated colleges**

The Council considered the recommendations of the College Development Council in its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016 and recommended for continuation of permanent affiliation of the following 4 colleges:

- i) Sikkim Government College, Tadong, Gangtok
- ii) Harkamaya College of Education, 6<sup>th</sup> Mile, Tadong, Gangtok
- iii) Sikkim Government Law College, Burtuk, Gangtok
- iv) Loyola College of Education, Namchi

**AC19.4.C3: Proposal to start B.Ed (Part Time) programme at Harkamaya College of Education**

The Council considered the recommendations of the College Development Council in its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016 and approved grant of permission to start B.Ed. (Part Time) Programme in Harkamaya College of Education subject to NCTE approval with the following stipulations:

- i) Total intake capacity in B.Ed (Part Time) programme would be 100 (2units);
- ii) Syllabus for 3 years B.Ed. (Part Time) programme to be prepared urgently;
- iii) Admission for the programme to begin from June and commencement of classes to begin from July 2017 after NCTE approval;
- iv) Examination shall be conducted at the end of the academic year.

**AC19.4.C4: Proposal to start Ph.D Programme in Himalayan Pharmacy Institute and M.Phil/Ph.D. programme in Harkamaya College of Education**

The Council considered the recommendations of the College Development Council in its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016 based on the provisions contained in the UGC (Minimum standards and Procedure for Awards of M.Phi/Ph.D. Degree) Regulation, 2009 regretted grant of permission for Ph.D Programme in Himalayan Pharmacy Institute and M.Phil/Ph.D. programme in Harkamaya College.

**AC19.4.C5: Proposal to start PG courses in 5 subjects in Sikkim Government College, Tadong**

The Council considered the recommendations of the College Development Council in its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016 where in the College Development Council recommended for temporary affiliation of 5 PG subjects (Physics, Mathematics, English, History and Economics) in Sikkim Government College, Tadong subject to fulfillment of the observations made in the Inspection Report. The Council was informed that the Inspection Report was sent to Sikkim Government College, Tadong and also to Director, HRDD, Govt. of Sikkim for follow up. Only recently Principal Sikkim Government College, Tadong sent papers showing placement of orders for Library books, Lab equipment and sanctioning of faculty posts. The Council was not satisfied with the progress made by the college in this respect.



The Council after detailed deliberations did not recommend for temporary affiliation of 5 PG subjects in Sikkim Government College, Tadong but recommended that the tenure of Extension Centre of Sikkim University for above mentioned 5 PG subjects in Sikkim Government College, Tadong be extended for one more year on the same terms and conditions as was decided last year.

#### **TABLE ITEM**

#### **AC19.4.C6: *Proposal to start UG Course in 5 Science subjects in the proposed Science College at Chakung***

Inspection Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor visited the proposed Science College at Chakung, West Sikkim on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 and submitted its report. The report was presented by Prof. J.P. Tamang, Chairman of Inspection Committee. The Committee made the following observations for the proposed Science College at Chakung for running UG courses in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Botany and Zoology:

1. Recruitment of permanent UGC prescribed qualified Principal or contractual appointment of retired University Professor or retired Principal of reputed college from any part of India with immediate effect.
2. Recruitment of permanent UGC prescribed qualified teachers (2 Assistant Professors) in each department to run the UG courses before the monsoon semester starts in July 2016
3. Appointment of Laboratory Assistant and Laboratory Technician in each department should be made with immediate effect.
4. Separate laboratory and classrooms with toilets, drinking water, computers, printers, LCD projectors, white board, etc. should be provided to all 5 departments.
5. Adequate books, journals, periodicals, etc. as per university syllabus should be provided in the College Library before the monsoon semester begins in July 2016.
6. Equipments and consumables to run practical courses in Physics, Chemistry, Botany and Zoology as prescribed in UG syllabus of Sikkim University should be procured and installed by 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016.
7. Inspection Committee of the University should assess the procurement and functioning of equipments after 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016 and submit a report to the Vice-Chancellor for further action.
8. The intake capacity in each department should not be more than 30.
9. The Committee suggests that HRDD should start a few non-conventional courses such as – UG courses in Organic Farming, Eco-Tourism, Medicinal Plants and Alternative Medicine, etc. If courses like organic farming and medicinal plants & Alternative Medicine will be started in this proposed Science College, Sikkim will be the first state to start such UG courses in India.
10. The Committee recommends to start the proposed Science College with effect from July 2016 provided the above conditions are fulfilled.

11. The Registrar may send copies of the report of Inspection Committee to Principal Secretary, HRDD, Govt. of Sikkim.

The Inspection Committee submitted undertaking dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 from Principal Secretary, HRDD, Govt. of Sikkim that views, suggestions of the Chairman Inspection team shall be adhered to. Also appointment of regular faculty will be done by July 2016 and lab equipment and library books will be procured by 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 2016.

The Council after taking into account the recommendations of the Inspection Team and the undertaking by the Principal Secretary, HRDD approved the temporary affiliation of 5 subjects (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Zoology, Botany) at proposed College at Chakung for the academic year 2016-17.

#### **D) ADMISSION MATTERS**

##### **AC19.4.D1: *One supernumerary seat for Ph.D for college and university faculty members/staff***

The Chairman informed the Council that during his visit along with the Controller of Examinations and Joint Registrar (Acad.) to the affiliated colleges in the months of February/March 2016 many college teachers put up the demand to open avenues for them for pursuing Ph.D at Sikkim University. Accordingly it is proposed to have 1 supernumerary seat per department per year for teacher fellows, to be guided only by the Professor or the senior most Associate Professor in the concerned department. The selected teacher fellow will, however, fulfill the conditions of leave (6 months for non-lab based and 2 years for lab-based departments) and coursework and they shall not be entitled to Non-NET fellowship.

After deliberations the Council approved the proposal to have 1 supernumerary seat per department per year for teacher fellows/staff. Only regular teachers/ staff of the University or the colleges shall be eligible. In case of multiple applications, screening has to be carried out. Detailed modalities need to be worked out.

#### **E) ACADEMIC CALENDAR ETC.**

##### **AC19.4.E1: *Common academic calendar***

The Council on the basis of recommendations of the College Development Council in 5<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016 approved to have common academic calendar for both the University and colleges from the end term examinations 2016.

#### **F) SYLLABUS MATTER/COURSES ETC.**

##### **AC19.4.F1: *Inclusion of module on ill-effects of fire works***

Based on the letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015 from the UGC regarding awareness about ill-effects of fireworks and upkeep of clean environment, the proposal to insert a module on ill-effects of fireworks under Unit III of the syllabus on Environmental Studies for Undergraduate course was approved by the Council.

##### **AC19.4.F2: *Ph.D. Programme in Computer Applications***

Based on the request of Department of Computer Applications, the Council approved to start Ph.D programme in the Department from the Odd Semester 2016.

Dean, School of Physical Sciences presented the syllabus for course work for Ph.D in Computer Applications which was approved in principle by the Council. However, syllabus may be sent to Prof. Deepak Kr. Srivastava for his input.

**AC19.4.F3: From Integrated Courses to Standalone Courses**

The Chairman informed the Council that the University is facing problems as given under relating to integrated courses:

- i) Provision for lateral exit and entry were made in 2014 resulting two sets of syllabi at Master's level, one for integrated students and the other for direct/lateral entry students.
- ii) The number of seats allotted to UG course was more than the seats allotted to PG course, but once admitted to UG level the students were eligible to move to PG classes, which created problems of congestion and quality at the PG level.
- iii) Pass marks of UG (integrated) is 40% whereas for non-integrated it is 33% in aggregate and 30% in each subject, which is a matter of serious concern for the students.
- iv) M.Phil-Ph.D (Integrated) Programme was discontinued from 2013-14 because:
  - a. The number of students admitted to M.Phil was much larger than the UGC stipulations of 8, 6 and 4 for Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor allowed at Ph.D level.
  - b. Since all the M.Phil students could move to the Ph.D level automatically on successful completion of their M.Phil courses, the above UGC stipulations had to be breached.
  - c. Ph.D programme had to be suspended for some years in some department because of huge backlog of Ph.D students who cleared their M.Phil degrees.

The Council after detailed discussion ratified the following decisions incorporated in the Prospectus for 2016-17 as under:

1. To withdraw the word "Integrated" from the Prospectus for 2016-17;
2. To run both UG and PG programmes as standalone courses from 2016-17
3. Exit from integrated courses after UG level and take readmission to PG programme;
4. To have single PG syllabus for both integrated and direct/ lateral entry students till the integrated course is phased out.

**AC19.4.F4: Closing of PG Diploma Course in Tea Management**

The Council was informed that the University could attract not more than two students in PG Diploma Course in Tea Management. In 2013 fee was also drastically reduced but did not help in admission to the course.

In view of lack of interest among students to take this course, the Council approved the proposal to close the course and utilize the service of the faculty members for teaching other Horticulture papers. It was also decided that the relations with Tea Board should continue for:

- a. Tea Research Extension and Development
- b. Extension Programme for Tea Garden Managers etc

**AC19.4.F5: Coursework of Horticulture Department**

The Council after deliberation pointed out Section – 2 of Ordinance OC-7 states “Coursework of minimum one semester and 12 credits, out of which one shall be on research methodology, is compulsory except for those who have completed M.Phil degree”. As such the coursework can be more than one semester also. However, it was decided to compress the syllabus in one semester from 2016-17 so that they can register themselves within 18 months.

**AC19.4.F6: Introduction of Diploma/Certificate course in Deptt. of Psychology**

The Council after deliberations regretted allotment of additional faculty members to Department of Psychology for starting of Diploma/Certificate course. It was decided that for add-on courses, no additional faculty members can be provided. However, it was suggested that the Deptt. should approach UGC which provides funds for add-on courses.

**AC19.4.F7: Structure and syllabus revision of M.Com programme**

Dean, School of Professional Studies made a presentation on the revision of syllabus for M.Com courses with 90 credits. The Council approved the revised syllabus of M.Com course for implementation from 2017-18.

**AC19.4.F8: Revision of credits of M.Pharma programme**

In the syllabus for M.Pharma course, credits for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Semester were not accounted for. The Council, thereafter, approved the syllabus of M.Pharma programme with revision of credits. M.Pharma programme now will have 72 credits.

**AC19.4.F9: Correction of the course titles in the programme structure of B.Pharma**

The Council after deliberations approved the course title of B. Pharma as given in the course contents below:

| Semester | Code No.    | Course title mentioned in the structure | Course title mentioned in the course contents |
|----------|-------------|---|---|
| VI       | PHA-UC-T601 | Pharmaceutical Regulatory affairs – I   | Pharmaceutical Jurisprudence                  |
| VI       | PHA-UC-T604 | Pharmaceutics – IV                      | Pharmaceutics – VII                           |
| VII      | PHA-UC-T701 | Pharmaceutical Regulatory affairs – II  | Project Report                                |

**AC19.4.F10: Syllabus revision of MA History programme & Coursework Syllabus for M.Phil/Ph.D History**

Dr. V. Krishna Ananth, HoD, History Department presented revision of MA History syllabus and M.Phil/Ph.D coursework to be implemented from 2016-17 academic session.

The Council approved the syllabus revision of MA History programme and M.Phil/Ph.D Coursework in History.

## TABLE ITEMS

### **AC19.4.F11: Coursework syllabus for M.Phil/Ph.D in Computer Applications**

The School Board of Physical Sciences in its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016 recommended the coursework syllabus for M.Phil/Ph.D in Computer Applications. The Council after deliberations approved the syllabus of M.Phil/Ph.D coursework in Computer Applications.

### **AC19.4.F12: Proposal for admission of Indian Army personnel in M.A. Chinese through lateral entry and allotment of 5 seats to them**

The Council considered the recommendations of the School Board of Languages & Literature in its 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 for allowing army personnel who do not possess B.A. degree in Chinese be admitted in M.A. Chinese programme through lateral entry subject to some conditions.

The Council after deliberations regretted to accept the recommendation of School Boards of Languages & Literature.

### **AC19.4.F13: Proposal for starting an academic journal in the Deptt. of English**

The Council approved the proposal in principle to start as an e-journal. However, if it succeeds then print copies will also be issued later.

### **AC19.4.F14: Proposal for starting an out-reach programme by the Deptt. of Nepali**

This item was withdrawn with the permission of the Chair.

### **AC19.4.F15: Syllabus for BA Hindi programme**

The syllabus for BA Hindi programme was approved by the Council.

### **AC19.4.F16: Syllabi for MA Bhutia, Lepcha and Limboo subjects**

The Chairman presented this item. He informed the Council that Bhutia, Lepcha & Limboo are being taught at under graduate level and second batch of students will come out this year. Departments of Bhutia, Lepcha and Limboo are already approved for inclusion in the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan. Accordingly, the University requested the UGC for approval for starting MA Course in Bhutia, Lepcha and Limboo. In the meantime syllabus drafting committees for these subjects were formed. The drafting committees submitted the syllabus for MA in Bhutia, Lepcha and Limboo.

The Council approved the syllabi for MA in Bhutia, Lepcha and Limboo languages. These subjects can be started in 2016-17 on receipt of formal approval from the UGC.

## G) SERVICE MATTERS

### **AC19.4.G1: Counting of the period of active service spent on pursuing Ph.D**

The Council adopted the decision of the UGC communicated vide letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 “ *The period of active service spent on pursuing Research Degree i.e. for acquiring Ph.D. degree simultaneously without taking any kind of leave may be counted as teaching experience for the purpose of direct recruitment/promotion to the post of Associate Professor and above* ” . The Council recommended for approval by the Executive Council.

## H) STATUTES/ORDINANCES/REGULATIONS MATTERS

### AC19.4.H1: **Adoption of UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualification for Appointment of Teachers & Other Academic Staff, 2010**

The Chairman informed the Council that though the said UGC Regulation, 2010 was being followed in matter of faculty selection but was not formally adopted. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 5946-5647 of 2014 has held that "UGC Regulations 2010 are mandatory for appointment of teachers and other academic staff in all Central Universities and colleges thereunder and Institutions deemed to be Universities".

The Council after deliberations adopted UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualification for appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff, 2010 as amended from time to time for appointment of teachers and other academic staff in the University.

### AC19.4.H2: **Proposal for amendment in Ordinances**

#### a) **Amendment in Ordinance OC-6**

The Council recommended for approval by the Executive Council the following amendments as given under OC-6:

| Existing Provision   | Proposed Amendments   |
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| <p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <p><b>11.</b> The dissertation will be examined by two examiners (one of them being the Supervisor) to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from the panel approved by the Academic Council and the Executive Council. At least one of the examiners should be from outside the state where the University is located.</p> | <p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <p><b>11.</b> The dissertation will be examined by two examiners (one of them being the Supervisor) to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from the panel approved by the Academic Council and the Executive Council. At least one of the examiners should be from outside the state where the University is located.</p> <p><u>The grade point for dissertation (12 credits) shall be worked out by adding the grade points awarded by the internal (4 credits) and external (4 credits) examiners for the dissertation (8 credits/200 marks). The remaining 4 credits/100 marks shall be awarded by the external examiner as well as internal examiner on the basis of viva voce.)</u></p> |
| <p><b>Award of the Degree</b></p> <p><b>12.</b> i). The dissertation work shall be accepted for the award of the M.Phil. degree on the unanimous recommendation of both the examiners.</p> <p>v). All the reports of the examiners shall be submitted to</p>   | <p><b>Award of the Degree</b></p> <p><b>12.</b> i). The dissertation work shall be accepted for the award of the M.Phil. degree on the unanimous recommendation of both the examiners <u>and a viva-voce conducted by an external examiner, who shall preferably be the evaluator of his/her dissertation.</u></p> <p>v). <u>On receipt of the reports of the examiners, the Examination</u></p>  |

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| <p>the School Board, which, on being satisfied, may recommend to the Academic Council that the M. Phil. Degree may be awarded to the candidate. A copy of the recommendation of the School Board may be sent to the Controller of Examinations for declaration of the result.</p> | <p><u>Department shall compute the final grade point and present the same along with the compiled grade card of the candidates to the Vice-Chancellor for his approval. Once approved, the Controller of Examinations shall notify the award of the degree.</u></p> |
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**b) OC-7 and Ph.D programme in Horticulture**

The Council after deliberations authorized the Chairman to approve coursework of Ph.D in Horticulture spread over three semesters for previous two batches under “Removal of Difficulties”. However, from 2016-17 batch the coursework would be of one semester only.

**I) MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

**AC19.4.I1: Increase in the intake capacity of PG Courses**

The Chairman apprised the Council about the joint representation from students of Sikkim Government College, Tadong and Namchi Government College dated 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016 requesting to increase the intake capacity of PG Courses to accommodate passed out candidates. The Council was informed that as per the present infrastructure in the hired buildings it may not be possible to increase number of seats for PG Courses. The Council agreed that the present infrastructure does not allow to increase the intake capacity.

**AC19.4.I2: Commemoration of Late Prof. Sameera Maiti**

The Council recommended for approval by the Executive Council a corpus of Rs. 5.5 lakhs for setting up Prof. Sameera Maiti Gold Medal (Rs. 50,000/-) and Prof. Sameera Maiti Memorial Distinguished Lecture (Rs. 5,00,000/-). The lecture would be on some relevant topic in social sciences and humanities. The Academic Council also recommended for approaching family of Late Prof. Sameera Maiti for deposit of corpus and formation of Rules on Endowments.

**AC19.4.I3: Proposal for establishment of Study Centre of ICSI in Sikkim University**

The Council recommended for approval of Study Centre of ICSI in Sikkim University under the Departments of Commerce and Law with HoD, Department of Commerce/Law to act as Regional Director of the Study Centre of ICSI.

**AC19.4.I4: Vacation in Charge**

The Council approved to do away with the practice of compulsory in-charge of the various offices held by faculty members during vacation.

**AC19.4.I5: Research Project and Supervision by Contractual, Guest and DST-INSPIRE Faculty members**

The Council after deliberations recommended for approval as under:

- a. Supervision of Master’s thesis by contractual, Guest and DST-INSPIRE faculty members of the Department;
- b. Supervision of M.Phil and Ph.D thesis: Joint supervision by all the three category of faculty members provided they are eligible;

- c. DST-INSPIRE/Faculty Recharge members may guide Ph.D Scholars under joint supervisorship if they are otherwise eligible and their research budget provides for it.

After approval by the Executive Council, changes in the Ordinances may be proposed.

**TABLE ITEM**

**AC19.4.I6: Nomination of members to IQAC**

The Council approved the nomination by the Vice-Chancellor to the IQAC as per the details given below.

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| 2 | A few senior administrative officers                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Debasish Chowdhary, Controller of Examinations</li> <li>• Shri Chandan Talukdar, Joint Registrar (Finance)</li> </ul>  |
| 3 | Three to eight teachers  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Dhriti Roy, Assistant Professor, Department of Chinese</li> <li>• Dr. Manju Rana, Assistant Professor, Department of Horticulture</li> <li>• Dr. Sandhya Thapa, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology</li> <li>• Dr. A.N. Shankar, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce</li> <li>• Dr. S.N Chakraborty, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry</li> <li>• Dr. N.K Paswan, Associate Professor, Department of Peace &amp; Conflict Studies &amp; Management</li> <li>• Dr. Sebastian N. , Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations</li> </ul> |
| 4 | One member from the Management                                     | Dr. Suresh Kumar Gurung, Joint Registrar (Academics)  |
| 5 | One/two nominees from local society, Students and Alumni           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Preeti Sharma, Department of Law</li> <li>• Ms. Pankaj Rai, Department of Political Science</li> <li>• Ms. Lunishree Rai, Department of Horticulture</li> </ul>  |
| 6 | One/two nominees from Employers/Industrialists/s takeholders       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Akash Sharma, Department of Geology</li> </ul>   |
| 7 | One of the senior teachers as the coordinator/Director of the IQAC | Dr. Subir Mukhopadhyay, Director, IQAC  |



**SECTION 5**  
**MINUTES OF AUTHORITIES/COMMITTEES**

**AC19.5.1: *Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the College Development Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016***

The Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the College Development Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016 has been noted and approved at appropriate section, wherever required.

**AC19.5.2: *Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the School Board of Life Sciences, Sikkim University held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016***

Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the School Board of Life Sciences held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016 has been noted and approved at appropriate section, wherever required.

**AC19.5.3: *Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the School Board of Human Sciences Sikkim University held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016***

The Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the School Board of Human Sciences held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 has been noted and approved at appropriate Section, wherever required.

**AC19.5.4: *Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the School Board of Professional Studies, Sikkim University held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016***

The Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the School Board of Professional Studies held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016 has been noted and approved at appropriate Section, wherever required.

**AC19.5.5: *Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the School Board of Social Sciences, Sikkim University held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016***

The Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the School Board of Social Sciences held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016 has been noted and approved at appropriate Section, wherever required.

**AC19.5.6: *Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the School Board of Physical Sciences, Sikkim University held on 18<sup>h</sup> May 2016***

The Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the School Board of Professional Studies held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016 has been noted and approved at appropriate Section, wherever required.

**AC19.5.7: *Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the School Board of Languages & Literature, Sikkim University held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016***

The Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the School Board of Languages & Literature held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 has been noted and approved at appropriate Section, wherever required.

Sd/-  
**(T.K.Kaul)**  
**Registrar & Secretary**

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**(T.B.Subba)**  
**Vice-Chancellor & Chairman**