

Minutes
of the
25th Executive Council Meeting
held
On
18th April 2019



RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY

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Arunachal Pradesh, India

MINUTES OF 25TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON 18.04.2019

The 25th meeting of Executive Council was held on 18.04.2019 at the Council of the University.

The following members were present:

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| 1. Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice Chancellor | Chairman Ex-Officio |
| 2. Prof. H.K. Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Languages | Member |
| 3. Prof. Tasi Kaye, Dean, Faculty of Commerce and Management | Member |
| 4. Prof. S.K. Nayak, Department of Economics | Member |
| 5. Prof. Tomo Riba, Department of Geography | Member |
| 6. Dr. S.S. Singh, Department of Hindi | Member |
| 7. Dr. Rajesh Chakrabarty, Department of Chemistry | Member |
| 8. Dr. B.C. Das Purkayastha, Retd. Principal, Pandu College, Guwahati | Member |
| 9. Dr. (Mrs.) Amiya Rajbongshi, Retd. Principal, North Lakhimpur College, Assam | Member |
| 10. Dr. David Pertin, Joint Registrar, Academic & Conference | Special Invitee |
| 11. Prof. Tomo Riba, Registrar i/c | Secretary Ex-Officio |

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the Members. In his opening remarks, the Chairman informed the EC members that **Rajiv Gandhi University** was placed at **99th position** in the **NIRF Rankings 2019** of the Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India. He further informed that for this achievement, the University received an Appreciation Message from the Hon'ble Governor of Arunachal Pradesh and Chief Rector of RGU, congratulating the University fraternity in achieving this success. In his message, Hon'ble Governor pointed out that – **“This is a brilliant accomplishment and it reflects well on your leadership and good work of your faculty and the students of the University. As a premier institute of Higher Education in Arunachal Pradesh, you have set a good benchmark. Now, let us focus on our strengths and further improve the environment and come to single digit. I am sanguine that with honesty, transparency, vision and team spirit, we will be able to achieve this”**.

The following agenda items were then taken up for discussion and decisions taken.

EC:25:01 To approve the draft Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

The EC members noted that the University is in the final stage of entering into a revised Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the MHRD and UGC. The draft of the same has been already perused by MHRD and UGC and they have also extended their suggestions for modifications and incorporations therein. The draft was prepared by a committee chaired by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University Prof. Saket Kushwaha with (2) Registrar i/c Prof. Tomo Riba, (3) Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences Prof. S.K. Singh, (4) Dean, Faculty of Life Science Prof. R.K. Singh, (5) Director Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Prof. Amitava Mitra, (6) Head, Department of Economics Prof. S.K. Nayak, (7) Joint Registrar (Academic & Conference) Dr. David Pertin, (8) Asst. Professor (Physical Education) Dr. Sambhu Prasad and (9) Section Officer (Academic) Mr. S. Paul as other members. The draft MoU along with Appendix and the first copy of the MoU signed earlier was placed to the EC. The EC further noted that as per the requirement of the MoU, the MHRD and UGC desired that the draft MoU be placed, vetted and approved by the Executive Council for further course of action at the Ministry's level.

The EC perused and approved the Draft Tripartite MoU between MHRD, UGC and Rajiv Gandhi University.


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University

EC:25:02 To ratify the establishment of a Placement Cell and appointment of Professor in-charge.

The EC noted that the University has constituted a Placement Cell comprising of 16 members with Vice Chancellor as its Ex-Officio Chairman and Professor Tasi Kaye, Dean, Faculty of Commerce and Management has been appointed as Professor in-charge of the Cell with Coordinator of Career Counselling Cell and Joint Registrar (Academic) as the Member Coordinator and Convenor of the said Cell respectively.

The EC noted that the Chief Rector of the University and the Hon'ble Governor of Arunachal Pradesh has keenly initiated the establishment of such Cells for overall improvement of Placement of University graduates.

The EC ratified the action taken by the University authority.

EC:25:03 To ratify the appointment of Dean of Academic Affairs

The EC noted that Prof. Sudhir Kumar Singh, Former Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences has been appointed as the Dean of Academic Affairs for a period of 3 years to oversee the matters pertaining to academic affairs in RGU.

The EC ratified the action taken by the University authority.

EC:25:04 To ratify the establishment of a Consultancy Board

The EC noted that the University has constituted a Consultancy Board comprising of 12 members with Vice Chancellor as its Ex-Officio Chairman and Joint Registrar (Academic & Conference) as the OSD cum Member Secretary of the said board.

The EC ratified the action taken by the University authority.

EC:25:05 Any other item with the permission of the Chair

Reporting Items:

A On European Union (EU) delegation visit to Rajiv Gandhi University

The Chairman informed the members that a delegation from the European Union (EU) visited Rajiv Gandhi University on 4 April 20-19. Their mission is to explore opportunities of collaboration in areas of research and innovation. The members of the delegation extended their support towards activating instruments to internalize future research and innovation initiatives. They also emphasized on the need for a mix of stakeholders in the research initiatives and suggested having a multi-disciplinary approach in conceptualizing the proposals, where the focus could be on new technologies and also on how they impact society.

Fulbright Fellowship Programme

The Chairman apprised the members about the Fulbright Fellowship programme. He said the Department of Chemistry has already applied for Fulbright Fellowship and Anthropology is going to apply shortly. He expressed his hope that other related departments should also join and take advantage of the programme.

C Signing of MoU on Research Understanding between Indian Institute of Liver & Digestive Sciences (IILDS), a Unit of Liver Foundation, West Bengal and Rajiv Gandhi University

It was reported that a MoU has been signed on 18 April 2019 on Research Understanding between Indian Institute of Liver & Digestive Sciences (IILDS), A Unit of Liver Foundation, West Bengal and Rajiv Gandhi University on cooperation and implementation of the research project titled, "A Community based delivery of comprehensive HBV care in Arunachal Pradesh, India - Population Screening and Linkage to Care". The said project is being funded by John C. Martin Foundation Ltd. USA with

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LFWB/IILDS as the primary recipient of the grant and Rajiv Gandhi University, the sub recipient.

D VC's Tour to Sylhet, Bangladesh

Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University attended the First ever International Convention of Vice Chancellors which was held at Sylhet, Bangladesh on 6 April 2019.

Over 15 Vice Chancellors and Directors of various Universities/Institutions attended the Convention. The Chief Guest of the function was Dr. Dipu Moni, M.P., Minister, Ministry of Education, Govt. of the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh, Prof. Abdul Mannan, Chairman, UGC of Bangladesh was also attended the programme as the dignitary. The main objective of the Convention was Academic collaboration between Universities in Bangladesh and Universities in India's North East.

E Summer Internship

The members felt that there is an urgent need for organizing short term exchange programmes (internship programmes in the University). Towards this, a committee shall be constituted to work out the modalities. The University proposes Summer Internship Programme in Rajiv Gandhi University from the next academic session. The Academic Calendar Committee should adjust timings for Summer Internship accordingly and accommodation/hospitality of student should be taken care of.

F Annual Performance Appraisal Report (APAR)

It is mandatory to submit APAR in the proposed revised format. Those teachers who are already submitted APARs should also submit APAR as per the revised format. The Chairman informed that a Committee shall be constituted for the purpose.

G On a letter received from the Commissioner to Hon'ble Governor of A.P. and Chief Rector, RGU

It was reported by the Chairman that the University received a letter from Commissioner to Governor regarding Works Study for Review of Establishment and Personnel at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar. It has therefore, become expedient to review the workload and working hand matching/ratio to have optimum functional efficiency as expected of Raj Bhavan. Accordingly, the University was requested to assign a Work Study Team from the concerned Department of the University headed by a competent Faculty to study the Work Study of Raj Bhavan.

As Rajiv Gandhi University has been entrusted to undertake the task, it was decided to carry out the assignment through Consultancy Mode with due importance.

H RGU Online Entrance Examination for the Academic Session 2019-20

It was apprised to the EC members that the University received approval for conducting Entrance Examinations from the designated Centres such as; Cotton College, Guwahati, J.N. College, Pasighat, Govt. College, Bomdila and IGGC, Tezu.

I To conduct Orientation workshop/Training programme for children of Campus Contingency/Contract workers

The Chairman put forwarded a proposal that the children of RGU contingency/contract labourers be given orientation workshop/training programme for skill development at the weekends with arrangement of food/refreshment to them. The EC members noted and approved the proposal.

As there was no other item for discussion, the meeting came to an end with vote of thanks from the

Ex-Officio Secretary.


Registrar cum Secretary-Ex Officio
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