

RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY

Rono Hills, Doimukh-791112 Arunachal Pradesh

MINUTES OF THE 34thMEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL (BLENDED MODE) HELD ON 22.07.2021

The 34^{th} meeting of the Academic Council was held on 22.07.2021 at 11 a.m. in blended mode. The following members were present:

01	Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice-Chancellor, RGU	Chairman (Ex-Officio)
02	Prof. Amitava Mitra, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, RGU	Member (Ex-Officio)
03	Prof. R.C. Parida, Dean, Faculty of Commerce & Management, RGU	Member (Ex-Officio)
04	Prof. Oken Lego, Dean, Faculty of Languages, RGU	Member (Ex-Officio)
05	Prof. Nandini C. Singh, Dean, Faculty of Environmental Sc., RGU	Member (Ex-Officio)
06	Prof. Tana Showren, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, RGU	Member (Ex-Officio)
07	Prof. Sahin Ahmed, Dean, Faculty of Tech. Engineering, RGU	Member (Ex-Officio)
08	Prof. Kh. Kabi, Dean, Faculty of Info. Tech., RGU	Member (Ex-Officio)
09	Prof. Lhungdim, Dean, Faculty of Education, RGU	Member (Ex-Officio)
10	Prof. SumpamTangjang, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, RGU	Member (Ex-Officio)
11	Prof. Sanjeev Kumar, Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences, RGU	Member (Ex-Officio)
12	Prof. Sudhir Kumar Singh, Dean, Academic Affairs, RGU	Member
13	Prof. Sumpam Tangjang, Dept. of Botany, RGU	Member
14	Prof. Sanjeeb Kr. Jena, Dept. of Commerce, RGU	Member
15	Prof. P.K. Acharya, Dept. of Education, RGU	Member
16	Dr. Satish Kumar, Dept. of Education, RGU	Member
17	Dr. Sailajananda Saikia, Dept. of Geography, RGU	Member
18	Dr. Marpe Sora, Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering, RGU	Member
19	Mrs. Teli Yami, Dept. of Mass Communication, RGU	Member
20	Dr. Rejir Karlo, Principal, Govt. College, Yachuli	Member
21	Dr. Kangki Megu, Principal, IGGC, Tezu	Member
22	Prof. Ashok Dette, Dean i/c, TRIHMS, Naharlagun	Member
23	Prof. R.C. Parida, Director, IQAC, RGU	Member
24	Prof. Nabam Nakha Hina, Director, CDC, RGU	Member
25	Prof. Ashan Riddi, Director, Institute of Distance Edu., RGU	Member
26	Prof. Jumyir Basar, Director, AITS, RGU	Member
27	Prof. S.K. Chaudhuri, Head, Dept. of Anthropology, RGU	Member
28	Prof. RK. Singh, Head, Dept. of Botany, RGU	Member
29	Dr. Rajesh Chakrabarty, Head, Dept. of Chemistry, RGU	Member
30	Prof. S.K. Jena, Head, Dept. of Commerce, RGU	Member
31	Prof. Utpal Bhattacharjee, Head, Dept. of CSE, RGU	Member
32	Prof. Vandana Upadhyay, Head, Dept. of Economics, RGU	Member
33	Prof. (Mrs.) Kesang Degi, Head, Dept. of Education, RGU	Member
34	Mr. Maibam Sanju Meetei, Head i/c, Dept. of ECE, RGU	Member
35	Prof. Bhagabat Nayak, Head, Dept. of English, RGU	Member
36	Prof. Tomo Riba, Head, Dept. of Geography, RGU	Member
37	Dr. Chandra Sekaran. M, Head i/c, Dept. of Geology, RGU	Member
38	Prof. Ashan Riddi, Head, Dept. of History, RGU	Member

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39	Prof. Shyam Shankar Singh, Head, Dept. of Hindi, RGU	Member
40	Dr. Topi Basar, Head, Dept. of Law, RGU	Member
41	Dr. Sankar Thappa, Head, Dept. of Management, RGU	Member
42	Mr. Moji Riba, Head i/c, Dept. of Mass Communication, RGU	Member
43	Dr. Nipen Saikia, Head, Dept. of Mathematics, RGU	Member
44	Mr. Punyo Chobin, Head i/c, Dept. of Music, RGU	Member
45	Prof. P.K. Panigrahi, Head, Dept. of National Security Studies, RGU	Member
46	Dr. Tadang Minu, Head i/c, Dept. of Physical Education, RGU	Member
47	Prof. Pradip Kr. Kalita, Head, Dept. of Physics, RGU	Member
48	Prof. Nani Bath, Head, Dept. of Political Science, RGU	Member
49	Dr. (Mrs.) D. Lourembam, Head i/c, Dept. of Psychology, RGU	Member
50	Dr. Kaushalendra Pratap Singh, Head i/c, Dept. of Social Work, RGU	Member
51	Dr. Shashank Yadav, Head i/c, Dept. of Sociology, RGU	Member
52	Prof. D.N Das, Head, Dept. of Zoology, RGU	Member
53	Prof. Otem Padung, Finance Officer, RGU	Special Invitee
54	Dr. Bijay Raji, Controller of Examinations, RGU	Special Invitee
55	Dr. David Pertin, Jt. Reg. (Acad. & Conf.), RGU	Invitee
56	Dr. Nabam Tadar Rikam, Registrar, RGU	Secretary (Ex-Officio)

At the outset, Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice-Chancellor who is also the Ex-Officio Chairman of the Academic Council, Rajiv Gandhi University, welcomed all the esteemed members to the 34th meeting of the Academic Council and appraised the importance of the meeting. He informed that this meeting has been called on short notice to discuss the recently notified "UGC Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar in view of the COVID-19 Pandemic –July 2021" and regarding an important ratification item with regard to the Vision, Mission & Objectives of RGU. The Registrar of RGU and Exofficio-Secretary of AC Dr. N.T. Rikam stated that a four member committee has been constituted to work on Academic Calendar keeping in view the latest guidelines issued by the UGC. The committee has prepared the Academic Calendar accordingly which is being placed in the AC for deliberations and approval thereof. Thereafter, the Vice-Chancellor requested Dr. David Pertin, Jt. Reg. (Acad. & Conf.) to place the agenda items in the meeting. The following agenda items were discussed and deliberated:

AC:34:01: To discuss on the UGC Guidelines on Examination and Academic Calendar in view of the COVID -19 Pandemic –July 2021 and for effecting necessary adaptations there in.

AC noted that, RGU like any other universities in the country is in receipt of the UGC guideline on Examination and Academic Calendar in view of the COVID-19 Pandemic-July 2021, and hence the matter was brought to the Academic Council for deliberations and to suggest for way forwards. The UGC notifications and copy of Guideline were placed as **Annexure-1**.

The AC also noted that, RGU is on right schedule as per the revised academic calendar issued on 10th June, 2021, as it is in tune with the UGC timelines. More so, it was clearly mentioned that the academic calendar is subject to confirmation with the UGC guidelines. As such, any issues arising hereinafter could be thought upon and partially modified as and where required. Incorporations as per prevailing situations will be the need of the hour. Towards this, the University had constituted a 4 member committee on 19th July, 2021 headed by Prof. Utpal Bhattacharjee to prepare the Academic

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Calendar based on the abovementioned UGC guidelines. The tentative Academic Calendar for the session 2021-22 prepared by the committee was placed as **Annexure 2**.

Meanwhile, the RGU vide a notification issued on 20th July, 2021, has postponed the RGU entrances till the first week of August, 2021, due to technical administrative reasons and dynamic situations of COVID-19 pandemic in the state in particular and the region in general. The RGUPET-2021 and RGUCET-2021 shall be held within 3rd August to 14th August, 2021. The schedule wise date sheet prepared by RGUCET committee was also placed in the AC.

After a threadbare discussion, the Academic Council unanimously approved the Academic Calendar for 2021-22 session of the Rajiv Gandhi University prepared by the committee which is in tuned with the timeline set for the coming Academic Year as per the UGC guidelines RGU received through Secretary UGC vide DO letter No.F.1-1/2021 (Secy), dated 16th July, 2021. The AC appreciated the University for being at least one month ahead of the set timeline of the UGC and for having completed the last Academic calendar with the UGC guidelines in right earnest. The AC also approved the RGUCET-2021 schedules in principle while expressing concern about the expected third wave of COVID Pandemic that might result in declaration of lockdown, micro-containment Zone and curfew in future. The AC further noted that COVID appropriate SOPs and other formalities needs to be followed by University community, so as to ensure completing of University activities smoothly within the specified timeframe. The AC members observed that if any department/faculty encounters any problem relating to compliance to examinations, the specific issue should be brought to the competent authority well in advance in order to ensure the timely completion and publication of results in accordance with the Academic Calendar 2021-22.

AC:34:02: Any other item, with the permission of the chair.

1: To ratify the Vision, Mission & Objectives of RGU.

The AC noted that the University vide a notification no. AC-1830/Vision/2017, dated 19th July, 2021, has gave to itself the Vision, Mission & Objectives while coping with evolving global academic/research scenario and consisting the local/national relevance, subject to ratification in the Academic Council and Executive Council of the university. The said notification was placed as Annexure-3. The same was placed to the Academic Council for ratification and for endorsing it to the Executive Council.

After threadbare deliberations, the AC decided that matter will be referred back to the Prof. S. K. Chaudhuri Committee for incorporations of suggestions and inputs by the Academic Council members for improvements.

As there was no other item for discussion, the meeting came to an end with the proposal of vote of thanks by the Finance Officer, RGU. He congratulated all the members of Academic Council and extended special thanks to the out stationed members (mostly on Summer Vacations) who have joined the meeting taking out their valuable time from busy schedule through virtual mode.

Registrar cum Ex-Officio-Secretary