



## RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY

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Arunachal Pradesh

### Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council (Special)

The 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council (Special) was held on 31.01.2020 at 3 p.m. in the Conference Hall of IDE. The following members were present:

Sl.No.	Name	Position
01	Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice-Chancellor, RGU	Chairman (Ex-Officio)
02	Prof. Amitava Mitra, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, RGU	Member (Ex-Officio)
03	Prof. Rachob Taba, Dean, Faculty of Education, RGU	Member(Ex-Officio)
04	Prof. Tasi Kaye, Dean, Faculty of Commerce & Management, RGU	Member(Ex-Officio)
05	Prof. Pradip Kr. Kalita, Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences, IT & E and Tech., RGU	Member(Ex-Officio)
06	Prof. Nandini C. Singh, Dean, Faculty of Environmental Sciences, RGU	Member(Ex-Officio)
07	Prof. Sudhir Kumar Singh, Dean, Academic Affairs, RGU	Member
08	Prof. Shyam Narayan Singh, Dept. of History, RGU	Member
09	Prof. T. Lhungdim, Dept. of Education, RGU	Member
10	Prof. P.K. Acharya, Dept. of Education, RGU	Member
11	Dr. P. Jayakumar, Dean, TRIHMS, Naharlagun	Member
12	Prof. Ashan Riddi, Director, Institute of Distance Edu., RGU	Member
13	Prof. S. Simon John, Director, Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies, RGU	Member
14	Prof. H. Vokendro S, Head, Dept. of Anthropology, RGU	Member
15	Dr. Hui Tag, Head, Dept. of Botany, RGU	Member
16	Dr. Rajesh Chakrabarty, Head, Dept. of Chemistry, RGU	Member
17	Prof. Otem Padung, Head, Dept. of Commerce, RGU	Member
18	Dr. Marpe Sora, Head i/c, Dept. of Computer Sc. & Engineering, RGU	Member
19	Dr. Lijum Nochi, Head i/c, Dept. of Economics, RGU	Member
20	Prof. (Mrs.) Kesang Degi, Head, Dept. of Education, RGU	Member
21	Mr. Jagdeep Rahul, Head i/c, Dept. of Elec. & Comm. Engin., RGU	Member
22	Dr. K.C. Mishra, Head, Dept. of English, RGU	Member
23	Prof. (Mrs.) Kiran Kumari, Head, Dept. of Geography, RGU	Member
24	Dr. Anwarul Alam Laskar, Head i/c, Dept. of Geology, RGU	Member
25	Prof. (Mrs.) Sarah Hilaly, Head, Dept. of History, RGU	Member
26	Mr. Arindam Garg, Head, Dept. of Management, RGU	Member
27	Prof. Sahin Ahmed, Head, Dept. of Mathematics, RGU	Member
28	Mr. Ashok Barman, Head i/c, Dept. of Music, RGU	Member
29	Dr. Anil Mili, Head i/c, Dept. of Physical Education, RGU	Member
30	Prof. Sanjeev Kumar, Head, Dept. of Physics, RGU	Member
31	Prof. PK Panigrahi, Head, Dept. of Political Science, RGU	Member
32	Dr. (Mrs.) Kakali Goswami, Head i/c, Dept. of Psychology, RGU	Member
33	Dr. Kaushalendra Pratap Singh, Head i/c, Dept. of Social Work, RGU	Member
34	Mr. Bikash Bage, Head i/c, Dept. of Sociology, RGU	Member
35	Prof. (Mrs.) Jharna Chakraborty, Head, Dept. of Zoology, RGU	Member
36	Prof. R.C. Parida, Director, IQAC, RGU	Special Invitee
37	Prof. Nabam Nakha Hina, Director, College Development Council, RGU	Special Invitee
38	Dr. David Pertin, Jt. Reg. (Acad. & Conf.), RGU cum Controller of Examinations i/c, RGU	Invitee
39	Prof. Otem Padung, Registrar i/c, RGU	Secretary (Ex-Officio)

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At the outset, the Vice Chancellor welcomed all the members and greeted the members on New Year 2020. The following agenda items were then taken up for discussion and decision(s) taken.

**AC:27:01** To consider the renewal of Temporary Affiliation and increase of intake capacity of Tomo Riba Institute of Health & Medical Sciences (TRIHMS), Naharlagun.

The AC noted that an inspection committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. R. K. Singh, Dean Faculty of Life Sciences for conducting physical verification covering all requirements as per UGC (affiliation of Colleges by University) Regulation in connection with renewal of Temporary affiliation and increase of intake capacity in MBBS course from 50 to 100 from Academic session 2020-21 to Tomo Riba Institute of Health & Medical Science (TRIHMS) Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh. The committee inspected the college on 18 December, 2019. The report of the Inspection committee was placed to AC.

The AC perused and approved the proposal of renewal of Temporary Affiliation and increase of intake capacity in MBBS Course of TRIHMS from 50 to 100 from Academic Session 2020-21.

The AC recommended the item to next EC for ratification.

**AC:27:02** To approve the syllabus prepared by BPGS (Psychology.)

The AC noted that the syllabus has been prepared by the BPGS Psychology for Ph.D course and the same was placed before the Academic Council for its approval and consideration of implementation.

It was observed by the Council that;

- i) Each Paper should have 2-3 line objectives, which should be incorporated in the syllabus.
- ii) Each page of the syllabus must be signed by the HoD.
- iii) Paper Code should be done systematically.

Subject to fulfillment of the above conditions, the Academic Council approved the syllabus for PhD Course prepared by BPGS, Psychology.

**AC:27:03** Introduction of M. Tech and M.Sc. in the area of Biotechnology.

The AC noted that Honorable Vice-Chancellor proposes introduction of M.Tech and M.Sc. programme in the area of biotechnology in Rajiv Gandhi University.

The Academic Council perused and approved establishment of Biotechnology Department which will run two courses simultaneously, i.e. M.Tech and M.Sc. in Bio Technology. The word Professional for M.Tech and General for M.Sc was be deleted.

**AC:27:04** To discuss on the letter for Research and Publication Ethics (RPE) received from UGC.

The AC noted that a Letter was received from UGC vide D.O. No. F.1-1/2018 (Journal/CARE) dated December 2019 approved two Credit Courses to be made compulsory for all Ph.D students for pre-registration course work.

The Academic Council perused and approved switch over to CBCS mode in M.Phil and Ph.D in all the Departments by including the aforesaid two Credit Courses mandatory for all Ph.D students for pre-registration course work from the academic session 2020-21.

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**Agenda items from Examination Branch.**

The AC noted that;

1. Apart from the hard copies, additionally two soft copies of the Ph.D thesis (in Pen Drive in PDF Format) is to be submitted by the candidate to the office of the Controller of Examination. The referred copies of the Ph.D of the Ph.D thesis may also be submitted to the official email of Controller of Examination.
2. Only the soft copy (PDF format) of the Ph.D thesis has to be sent to the examiners for evaluation.
3. The Examiner's report has to be sought in soft copy only.
4. Viva-Voce Examination be held through video conferencing using conventional internet tools such as; video conferencing, Skype, Google-Duo, WhatsApp etc. Physical presence of examiners need not be required.
5. Remuneration for Ph.D thesis evaluation be paid as per University Rule.
6. While sending the thesis, the examiners be requested to send the examiner's report preferably within a week. An E-mail reminder to be issued after 15(Fifteen) days. If the Examiner fails to submit the report within 30 days, it may be presumed that he is not interested in evaluating the thesis and the next examiner from the panel be contacted.
7. The Vice-Chancellor to administratively approve the consolidated report of all the unanimous recommendations of the examiners and the successful conduct of Viva-Voce examination, for the award of the provisional Ph.D Degree.

The Council discussed the matter at length and resolved as follows:

Regarding proposal No. 4: The Council made it clear that this new system/criteria is an additional option to the existing system. The selection of viable option would be up to the HoDs.

Regarding proposal No.5: The Council felt that the remuneration of examiners for Ph.D thesis evaluation may be enhanced as per the rates shown hereunder:

	existing	/enhanced
1. External Examiner:	Rs. 2000	Rs. 5000
2. Internal Examiner:	Rs. 2000	Rs. 3000

Resolved that the proposal of enhancement shall be routed through F.C.

Regarding proposal No. 6: The Council discussed and unanimously decided that the thesis evaluation process time in the following manner:

Both soft and hardcopy of the thesis will be sent to examiner(s) with a request to submit the evaluation report within a period of 2 months. If the report of the thesis is not received by the University within the first month, then a reminder (first) will be sent to the examiner concerned for sending the report and second reminder if not received within 2 months. However, it was resolved that the whole exercise must be completed within 3 months.

Regarding proposal No. 7: The current practice shall continue for now.

The AC approved the above proposals received from Examination Branch from Sl. No. 1 to 7.



AC:27:06 Disclosure of Semester Examination Answer script under RTI Act

The AC noted that in pursuant to an order received from, CIC New Delhi directing RGU to rectify the decision taken by EC in connection with disclosure of answer sheets as per RTI act. Referring to this case, a hearing was held on dated. 22.11.2019 where Hon'ble Court has directed to supply a copy of the answer sheet as sought for by the appellant within a period of 15 days from the date of the receipt. But, due to a standing decision in the EC, it may not allow supplying the copy of answer sheet.

The Academic Council perused and decided that;

1. Resolved to main the status quo
2. A committee will be constituted to look into the matter in details in which one legal expert will be included as member.

The Council recommended the item to place in next EC for discussion/decision.

AC:27:07 Regarding registration Performa for students.

The AC noted that a circular issued by Dr. Ashok Sharma, Placement Officer regarding details of students towards submission to the placement cell as per Performa attached herewith.

The Academic Council perused and decided that computer centre will prepare a new Performa in excel sheet and upload it on website. The HoDs should arrange for filling up the format from the students of the concerned Departments and send those to Placement Cell.

AC:27:08 Proposal to start New Departments:-

The AC noted that the UGC vide Letter F.No.1-1/2013 (CU) Vol-XVIII dated 14.11.2019 has approved starting of the following 5 (five) new Departments under the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences.

1. Department of Agronomy & Farm Management
2. Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry
3. Department of Microbiology and Plant Pathology
4. Department of Animal Husbandry
5. Department of Entomology and Agricultural Zoology

Further, it was proposed that the Department of Food Technology and Department of Statistics may also be included under the same Faculty.

The Academic Council perused and approved the proposal to start the new Departments as mentioned above under Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. The Council also approved inclusion of Department of Food Technology and Department of Statistics under the same Faculty and this may be an interim arrangement.

The AC recommended the item to EC for ratification.



27:09

To consider the renewal of temporary affiliation to North East Nursing college of Health Science, Nirjuli, Naharlagun.

The AC noted that an inspection committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. H. N. Sarma, Department of Zoology, for conducting Physical verification covering all requirements as per UGC (affiliation of Colleges by University) Regulation in connection with renewal of Temporary affiliation. The committee inspected the college on 17 December, 2019. The report of the Inspection committee was placed to AC.

The Academic Council perused and approved the proposal.

AC:27:10 Reporting Item.

**(1) Functioning of AARGU:**

As envisaged in the Clause No. 39 of the RGL Act, 2006, an Alumni Association by name AARGU is functioning in the varsity. Recently, the Competent Authority has approved the establishment of Alumni Affairs and External Relations cell of RGU with Prof. S. K. Chaudhuri as the Chairman of the Cell besides Dr. Nani T. Jose, Dr. David Pertin, Dr. Tage Rupa Sora, Mr. Gomar Basar and Mr. Solung Sonam as its members.

The duration of the committee shall be for three years. The cell shall act as an administrative backbone of Alumni of the University. It shall support Alumni Association in taking up various activities related to Alumni. Maintenance of alumni Database, Alumni Portal, Public relations with Alumni, maintenance and accountability of Alumni Funding and support Alumni association in various annual events will be some important responsibilities of the cell. All alumni matters addressed to the Competent Authority of the University will be directed to Alumni Cell for Usual office procedures. There shall be meeting of the committee at least twice in a year.

The Council deliberated the matter and approved the committee and resolved to invite suggestions from HoDs, if any.

AC:27:11 Any other item

**Starting of new Department of Disaster Management and Climate Change**

- a) Prof. N.C. Singh, Dean, Faculty of Environmental Science has submitted a proposal to start new Department of Disaster Management and Climate Change and briefed the members about the objectives of starting the department with justification.

The AC deliberated the matter and resolved to constitute another committee to look into it in details.

- b) **Starting of new Department of Information and Library Science**

The AC discussed and approved to start the department under self-financing mode.

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

Registrar i/c cum Secretary (Ex-Officio)