



RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY

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Arunachal Pradesh

Minutes of the 25th Academic Council (Special) held on 28.10.2019

The 25th meeting of the Academic Council (Special) was held on October 28, 2019 at 11.30 a.m. in the Conference Hall of the Institute of Distance Education. The following members were present:

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| 1. Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice Chancellor | - | Chairman (Ex-Officio) |
| 2. Prof. Rachob Taba, Dean, Faculty of Education | - | Member (Ex-Officio) |
| 3. Prof. Tasi Kaye, Dean Faculty of Commerce & Mgt. | - | Member (Ex-Officio) |
| 4. Prof. Oken Lego, Dean, Faculty of Languages | - | Member (Ex-Officio) |
| 5. Prof. S.K. Singh, Dean, Academic Affairs | - | Member |
| 6. Prof. S.N. Singh, Dept. of History | - | Member |
| 7. Prof. Nani Bath, Dept. of Pol. Science | - | Member |
| 8. Prof. T. Lhungdim, Dept. of Education | - | Member |
| 9. Prof. P.K. Acharya, Dept. of Education | - | Member |
| 10. Prof. Ashan Rididi, Director, IDE | - | Member |
| 11. Prof. S. Simon John, Director, AITS | - | Member |
| 12. Dr. Dhritiman Sarma, HoD i/c, Anthropology | - | Member |
| 13. Md. Harunar Rashid, HoD i/c, Chemistry | - | Member |
| 14. Mr. Ani Taggu, HoD, CSE | - | Member |
| 15. Prof. S.K. Nayak, HoD, Economics | - | Member |
| 16. Prof. (Mrs.) Kesang Degi, HoD, Education | - | Member |
| 17. Mr. Jagdeep Rahul, HoD i/c, ECE | - | Member |
| 18. Dr. K.C. Mishra, HoD, English | - | Member |
| 19. Dr. Anwarul Alam Laskar, HoD i/c, Geology | - | Member |
| 20. Prof. (Mrs.) Sarah Hilaly, HoD, History | - | Member |
| 21. Dr. S.S. Singh, HoD, Hindi | - | Member |
| 22. Dr. Odang Tayeng, HoD i/c, Management | - | Member |
| 23. Prof. Kh. Kabi, HoD, Mass Communication | - | Member |
| 24. Prof. Sahin Ahmed, HoD, Mathematics | - | Member |
| 25. Mr. Ashok Barman, HoD i/c, Music & Fine Art | - | Member |
| 26. Dr. Anil Mili, HoD i/c, Physical Education | - | Member |
| 27. Prof. Sanjeev Kumar, HOD, Physics | - | Member |
| 28. Prof. P.K. Panigarhi, HoD, Political Science | - | Member |
| 29. Dr. (Mrs.) Kakali Goswami, HoD i/c, Psychology | - | Member |
| 30. Dr. Kaushalendra Pratap Singh, HoD i/c, Social Work | - | Member |
| 31. Mr. Bikash Bage, HoD i/c, Sociology | - | Member |
| 32. Dr. Nani Tamang Jose, CoE i/c | - | Special Invitee |
| 33. Dr. David Pertin, Jt. Reg. (Acad & Conf.) | - | Invitee |
| ✓ 34. Mr. Tsering D. Megeji, Joint Director (C.C) | - | Invitee |
| 35. Dr. Gijo George, Principal, ALA, Lekhi | - | Special Invitee |
| 36. Prof. Tomo Riba, Registrar i/c | - | Secretary (Ex-Officio) |

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

AC: 25:01: To discuss on the matter pertaining to conduct of Supplementary examination for Law and Teacher Education Courses.

The Supplementary Examinations as a special provision was extended to the PG & UG semester students (both conventional and professional courses) in the year 2015-16 academic session after a special request by the students and to enable the end semester students (i.e. 5th Semester for UG and PG 3rd Semester) to clear their backlogs before the end semester i.e. 6th and 4th of UG and PG respectively in continuation to the similar provision introduced earlier for the phasing out of annual mode students when RGU introduced semester system in all UG courses being offered in affiliated colleges in the year 2013-14. Further, the AC noted that this was introduced with the view that if a student fails the paper in 3rd semester of PG and 5th Semester of UG the same student has to wait for almost a year to clear the back paper in the respective semester examination even he or she has passed the 6th Semester and 4th Semester.

However, practically it became difficult to manage another examination within very short duration. It also hampered the normal academic programmes. In connection to this, many Principals of affiliated colleges requested for discontinuation of supplementary examination. Accordingly, the AC in its 24th meeting held on June 17, 2019, vide item No. AC:24:41(1), decided to discontinue the supplementary examination for UG and PG courses and further decided to follow rules and regulations envisaged in the RGU Examination Ordinance and NCTE, AICTE, BCI, MCI, HCI & INC, as the case may be.

The supplementary system has hampered the smooth conduct of examination especially in the arrangement of Question Papers, moderation and evaluation as it is done in the middle of the academic session. As per feedback from colleges it has disturbed the routine academic classes of the college and caused inconveniences.

Now, a group of students from Arunachal Law Academy, Naharlagun and administrators of few Teacher Education colleges have represented with the requests to conduct one time supplementary examination for those candidates who have back papers in last semester examinations as a very special case.

An emergency meeting for the same was also held involving the Deans of Faculties, DAA, Director of CDC, Coordinators of Law faculty and two Principals of affiliated Law Colleges on October 21, 2019 at VC's Secretariat.

The Council discussed the matter at length and resolved that courses like Law and Teacher Education are professional courses and its regulatory bodies are BCI & NCTE respectively. As there is no provision of conducting supplementary examination for back paper(s) in the respective guidelines of BCI and NCTE, hence, the Council decided that students of these two professional courses shall be given one time chance to clear their backlog papers for current academic session (2019-20) only and no Supplementary Examination shall be conducted from next academic session 2020-21.

AC: 25:02: Rectification on Mark distribution in B.Sc. Nursing and corrections to be made in Marksheets.

The AC noted that it has been brought to the notice of the University that there is a need for rectification of mark distribution for both theory and practical examinations of few papers of BSc. Nursing in the ordinance of B.Sc Nursing (Basic) scheme of examination, in tandem with the guidelines of the Indian Nursing Council (INC). The total practical marks mentioned should be 200 marks instead of 100 shown in the marksheets. A batch of three students have already passed out from NENCHS, Lekhi, Nirjuli, this year under RGU and it is reported that they are now finding difficulties in getting themselves enrolled for further studies.

The matter was placed to AC for consideration and rectification in RGU's BSc. Nursing Ordinance and eventually for carrying out corrections in the already issued marksheets to three students.

The Council perused and decided to follow the scheme of qualifying marks distribution as framed and prescribed by Indian Nursing Council (INC) in its Ordinance of B.Sc. Nursing (Basic) to ensure certificate validation which would in turn facilitate the passed out students for pursuing higher studies/job and accordingly necessary correction be made in the Mark sheets of three passed out students of BSc. Nursing from NENCHS, Lekhi. Further, the Council resolved that necessary amendments be made in RGU Ordinance in line with INC guidelines.

AC: 25:03: Bifurcation of Department of Education and change of Nomenclature.

The AC noted that the Department of Education is running courses such as; MA (Education), Ph.D along with teacher Education programme such as B.Ed & M.Ed (kept abeyance temporarily).

The teacher education is a separate professional programme which involves various practical activities and regular liaisoning with the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE). The Department has been running both the Programmes; i.e. MA education and teacher education since the inception of the Department in the University, where as the new NCTE guidelines demanded specific qualification and other requirement for teacher education programme. Therefore, the Department proposes bifurcation of the Department of Education into (1) Department of Education and (2) Department of Teacher Education. Modalities for distribution of faculty members for the two programme shall be as per the requirement of the course and qualification provided by UGC/NCTE guidelines. Further, it is proposed to change the nomenclature from faculty of education to school of Education keeping in view the provision for establishment of new centers and getting more financial grants under the scheme of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Training (PMMNMTT) from MHRD.

In this regard, a departmental meeting was held on October 16, 2019 and it was endorsed unanimously and the same was apprised to the University Authority recently.

The Council perused and approved bifurcation of Department of Education into (i) Department of Education and (2) Department of Teacher Education. Further, it was resolved to constitute a Deans' committee to explore the feasibility of the proposal to change nomenclature from Faculty of Education to School of Education by collecting analogy from neighboring Central Universities.

AC: 25:04: To consider the recommendations of the Board of Management of the Institute of Distance Education (IDE).

The AC noted that extract of the minutes of the 33rd and 34th Board of Management, IDE was placed to AC for perusal and consideration/approval. The following proposals were endorsed to AC by BoM, IDE;

- a) Introduction/Inspection of online admission process.
- b) Adoption of Semester System in Distance mode of studies.
- c) To introduce certificate course under IDE.

The Council perused and approved the proposals of IDE as mentioned at Sl. No. a), b) and c) above. Further, it was decided that feasibility may be explored to introduce Certificate Course in Library Science in addition to the above proposals.

AC: 25:05: Implementation of E-Waste management in Rajiv Gandhi University

The AC noted that e-waste (management and handling) Rules, 2011 which was notified by Govt. of India vide gazette notification dated 12 May, 2011 which had come into effect from 1st May 2012. Rajiv Gandhi University also comes under the category of "Bulk Consumers" which means bulk user of electrical and electronic equipments comprising of mainframes, minicomputers, personal computers, laptops printers including cartridges, telephones, cellular telephones etc. as per Chapter –II, Rule No.6, every bulk consumer shall have to maintain records of E-waste generated by them in form-2 and shall

have to submit the Annual Returns to the state pollution control Board in form-3 on or before the 30th day of June following the financial year to which that return relates.

The Council further noted that for successful implementation of the E-waste management and handling, the following action plan is being proposed;

1. The Estate Officer shall act as the Nodal officer for E-waste management and handling. The office of the estate Officer shall act as the "Collection Centre" for the University.
2. All the departments and branch and shall maintain records of E-waste generated by them in form-2 and submit it to the Estate Officer by 30th April every year.
3. The Estate Officer shall maintain the records of E-waste as per the Form-2 received from all the departments and branch and shall submit the Annual Returns to the state pollution control board in Form-3 on or before the 30th day of June following the financial year to which that returns relates.
4. Subsequently, Estate Officer shall arrange to collect all the E-waste as per Form-2 and dispose them off as per relevant rules of disposing e-waste to a dismantler or collection center registered under state pollution Control board.

The Council perused and approved the proposal. Further, it was resolved that all the Departments/Branches should have a write-off committee to maintain records in the register for e-waste. University will follow due procedure as per the directives/Gazetteers notified by Govt. of India in this regard.

AC: 25:06: Grant of Temporary Affiliation to Government Model College, Palin.

The AC noted that on receipt of positive recommendation by the 3 member screening committee to screen the application submitted by the Directorate of higher and Technical Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar, a 3-Member inspection committee was subsequently constituted under the chairmanship of Prof. R.C. Parida. The committee inspected the college on 16 & 17 October, 2019. The report of the inspection committee was placed to the Council for perusal. It may be mentioned that, the college has already started functioning with admission of more than 100 students from the current academic session. The proposal was placed to AC for consideration. On the basis of positive recommendation, the Council may like to grant temporary affiliation to the college for a period of 1 year.

The Council perused and approved the grant of Temporary Affiliation to Govt. Model College, Palin.

AC: 25:07: To approve the introduction of MA English course at Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat.

The AC noted that on receipt of positive recommendation of the 3 member Screening Committee to screen the application submitted by the Directorate of Higher and Technical Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar. Subsequently, a 3-Member Inspection Committee was constituted under the chairmanship of Prof. Utpal Bhattacharjee. The committee inspected the college on 19 September, 2019.

The report of the Inspection Committee was placed before the Council for perusal and approval for starting of MA (English) programme in J.N College, Pasighat, subject to adhering to the suggestions and observations of the committee.

It was resolved that;

- i) The recommendations of the Inspection Committee may be communicated to Secretary (Education) and Director, Higher & Technical Education with a copy to be made available to the Principal of the said College for fulfillment of suggestions/requirement put forwarded by the Inspection Committee and put up again for reconsideration of the case.

- ii) In the case of starting PG course(s) in the affiliated colleges of RGU, whether they are government or private run, a letter shall be written to them to fulfill/adhere to the laid down provisions with a copy made available to Director, Higher and Technical Education and Secretary, Education with the condition that University would send inspection teams to the College(s) to review the status of the College(s) and report(s) will be placed in AC for consideration. As such, the decision will be followed in the instant case also.

AC: 25:08: To ratify the introduction of BA B.Ed four year integrated course.

The AC noted that on the basis of the directives of the AC through its resolution taken during the 24th meeting held on June 17, 2019 vide item no. AC:24:42 (7), physical inspections of the colleges were carried out under the Chairmanship of Prof. T. Lhungdim & Prof. E. Hangsing and under the convenorship of Prof. Nabam Nakha Hina, Director of College Development Council. On the basis of positive recommendations by the committee, the University authority has administratively granted the start of the said program from the session 2019-20 subject to ratification by next Academic council. The following Colleges were allowed to start the BA B.Ed Four Year integrated programme:-

- (i) Donyi Polo B.Ed College, Itanagar
- (ii) Mudo Tamo Memorial (BEd) College, Ziro

The Council ratified the action taken by the University Authority.

AC: 25:09: Ratification of the conduct of practical examination for M.B.B.S (Batch 2018-19)

The AC noted that on the basis of a letter received from Dean and Principal TRIHMs, Naharlâgun in connection with the conduct of practical examination for three students who failed in certain papers involving practical components in 1st year MBBS (batch 2018-19) whose practical examination were needed to be re-conducted, the University Authority has approved the proposal subject to ratification in the next Academic Council.

The Council ratified the action taken by the University Authority.

AC:25:10 To review the matter pertaining to the grant of Permanent affiliation to Govt. College, Doimukh, Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh.

The AC noted that the State Government run college was established in 2013-14 academic session. It has completed 6 years of its existence as temporary affiliated college of RGU. The college offers BA courses since then, and four batches have so far passed from the college. In the state context, the college has high enrolment of students, with the numbers recorded at 631 during the academic session 2018-19. The college has a regular Principal and 17 faculty members besides 14 administrative staff including Library staff.

Earlier, as per norms, the RGU authority had constituted a Screening Committee and subsequently on recommendation of the Screening Committee an Inspection Committee for physical verification was formed. The said committee under the chairmanship of Prof. Nishamani Kar, Dept. of Geography had visited the College on 10th June, 2019 and found that the college fulfills all the basic criteria. The committee has recommended the grant of Permanent Affiliation to the College by RGU.

However, based on the reports and keeping in view some anomalies found in the start of Geography subject without prior approval, the AC in its last meeting held on June 17, 2019 vide resolution No. AC:24:33, approved the proposal in principle from the academic session 2020-21. And it was further decided that, a University team shall re-visit the college during October, 2019

to review the status of the college. The Council however, approved the grant of renewal of Temporary Affiliation for the session 2019-20.

The Council also noted that in another agenda, involving the same college for grant of permission to introduce BA in Geography subject retrospectively from the session 2018-19, at Government College, Doimukh, vide item No. AC:24:38, the AC noted that an inspection committee was formed under the chairmanship of Prof. Nishamani Kar, Dept. of Geography to conduct physical verification covering all requirements as per UGC (affiliation of College's by University) Regulation in connection with introduction of BA in Geography subject with retrospective effect from the session 2018-19 at Government College, Doimukh. The committee has recommended for the introduction of BA in Geography Programme from the session 2018-19.

The AC perused and resolved that a show cause notice shall be issued to the Principal of the College and a fine shall be imposed on the college. The College should adhere to all the laid down rules/requirements followed for introducing new Course/Subject.

The report of the inspection committee and the resolution of were placed to AC for perusal as Annexure.

It is pertinent to record here that, still the matter pertaining to introduction of Geography subject is yet to be finalised by the AC, which perhaps could be regularised in the next meeting of Academic Council in November month on receipt of positive reports after the proposed revisit.

Meanwhile, the Director CDC Prof. Nabam Nakha Hina has recently requested the University Authority in writing to review the earlier decision in line and recommendation of the report furnished by the two men inspection committee and grant permanent affiliation to the college.

The Council perused and observed that in the 24th meeting of the AC held on 17.06.2019 vide item No. AC:24:33, it was decided that the proposal was approved in principle from the academic session 2020-21 and the University Inspection team will re-visit the college during October 2019 to review the status of the college. As such, the college shall be re-visited soon by the inspection team to review the status and proposal for permanent affiliation will be considered after receipt of the report by the University and will be placed to AC and EC for approval.

AC: 25:11: Proposal to start Department of Disaster Management and Climate Change.

The AC noted that in the light of current global and regional thrust in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and mitigating the impact of Climate Change (CC), it is imperative for RGU to contribute in creation of knowledge base, capacity building and take up collaborative research at national and international level in this field, hence, with this perspective the Vice-Chancellor of RGU proposes that the University may explore in establishing a new Department; with the name and style of the Department of Disaster Management and Climate Change. The detailed proposal was placed to AC.

The AC perused and resolved to constitute a committee to examine the viability of the proposal and the recommendation of the committee will be placed to AC and EC for approval and finally it will be sent to UGC for approval.

AC: 25:12: Proposal to start Faculty of Sports Science in RGU.

The AC noted that a proposal was submitted to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India, New Delhi for funding of the University for setting up of Faculty of Sports Sciences under NCSSR Scheme, MYAS.

The HoD i/c of Physical Education attended the meeting held at Delhi on 24.10.2019 and presented the proposal for establishment of Sports Science Faculty in the University through power point before the Expert Committee constituted for the purpose and the Committee agreed in principle to approve the proposal.

The AC perused and resolved to constitute a committee to examine the feasibility of the proposal and recommendation of the committee will be placed to AC and EC for approval and finally it will be sent to UGC for approval.

AC: 25:13: Any other item, with the permission of the Chair.

- i) An item was placed by Prof. S. Hilaly, HoD, History seeking information on whether superannuated teachers and those who were guiding the scholars are eligible to guide/continue to guide PhD scholars even after their retirement.

In this regard, the Chairman, AC made it clear that a superannuated/re-employed teacher can also supervise PhD/M.Phil scholars even after his/her retirement as per UGC guidelines.

- ii) The AC noted that the List of Experts for Selection Committee meetings for teacher's recruitment (Direct and CAS) were placed to AC in sealed envelope for approval.

The Council perused and approved the List of Experts for Selection Committees for recruitment of teachers (Direct and CAS).

As there was no other item for discussion, the meeting came to an end with the proposal of vote of thanks from the Joint Registrar (Academic/Conference).



Registrar-cum-Ex-Officio Secretary