



RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY
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Arunachal Pradesh

Minutes of the 28th meeting of the Academic Council (Special) held on 24.06.2020

The 28th meeting of Academic Council (Special) was held on 24.06.2020 at 11 a.m. in the Conference Hall of Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies (AITS) through online mode. 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. Oken Iego, Dean, Faculty of Languages, RGU	Member(Ex-Officio)
08	Prof. R.K. Singh, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, RGU	Member(Ex-Officio)
09	Prof. Tana Showren, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, RGU	Member(Ex-Officio)
10	Prof. Sudhir Kumar Singh, Dean, Academic Affairs, RGU	Member
11	Prof. R.S. Dubey, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar	Member
12	Prof. H.S. Yadav, Director, NERIST, Nirjuli	Member
13	Prof. Avinash C. Pandey, Director, Inter-University Accelerator Centre, Delhi	Member
14	Prof. R.C. Parida, Director, IQAC, RGU	Member
15	Prof. Nabam Nakha Hina, Director, College Development Council, RGU	Member
16	Prof. Harish Kr. Sharma, Dept. of Hindi, RGU	Member
17	Prof. Sumpam Tangjang, Dept. of Botany, RGU	Member
18	Prof. Sanjeeb Kr. Jena, Dept. of Commerce, RGU	Member
19	Prof. P.K. Acharya, Dept. of Education, RGU	Member
20	Dr. Satish Kumar, Dept. of Education, RGU	Member
21	Dr. Sailajananda Saikia, Dept. of Geography, RGU	Member
22	Dr. Marpe Sora, Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering, RGU	Member
23	Mrs. Teli Yami, Dept. of Mass Communication, RGU	Member
24	Dr. Rejir Karlo, Principal, Donyi Polo Govt. College, Kamki	Member
25	Dr. N.T. Rikam, Principal, Dera Natung Govt. College, Itanagar	Member
26	Dr. P. Jayakumar, Dean, TRIHMS, Naharlagun	Member
27	Prof. Ashan Riddi, Director, Institute of Distance Education, RGU	Member
28	Prof. S. Simon John, Director, Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies, RGU	Member
29	Prof. H. Vokendro S, Head, Dept. of Anthropology, RGU	Member
30	Dr. Hul Tag, Head, Dept. of Botany, RGU	Member
31	Dr. Lakhinath Saikia, Head i/c, Dept. of Chemistry, RGU	Member
32	Prof. Otem Padung, Head, Dept. of Commerce, RGU	Member
33	Prof. Utpal Bhattacharjee, Head, Dept. of Computer Sc. & Engineering, RGU	Member
34	Prof. Vandana Upadhyay, Head, Dept. of Economics, RGU	Member
35	Prof. (Mrs.) Kesang Degi, Head, Dept. of Education, RGU	Member
36	Mr. Jagdeep Rahul, Head i/c, Dept. of Elec. & Comm. Engrg., RGU	Member
37	Dr. K.C. Mishra, Head, Dept. of English, RGU	Member
38	Prof. (Mrs.) Kiran Kumari, Head, Dept. of Geography, RGU	Member
39	Dr. Anwarul Alam Laskar, Head i/c, Dept. of Geology, RGU	Member
40	Dr. Shyam Shankar Singh, Head, Dept. of Hindi, RGU	Member
41	Prof. (Mrs.) Sarah Hilaly, Head, Dept. of History, RGU	Member

42	Dr. Ordang Tayeng, Head i/c, Dept. of Management, RGU	Member
43	Prof. Kh. Kabi, Head, Dept. of Mass Communication, RGU	Member
44	Dr. Saifur Rahman, Head i/c, Dept. of Mathematics, RGU	Member
45	Mr. Ashok Barman, Head i/c, Dept. of Music, RGU	Member
46	Prof. Nani Bath, Coordinator, Dept. of National Security Studies, RGU	Member
47	Dr. Anil Mili, Head i/c, Dept. of Physical Education, RGU	Member
48	Prof. Sanjeev Kumar, Head, Dept. of Physics, RGU	Member
49	Prof. PK Panigrahi, Head, Dept. of Political Science, RGU	Member
50	Dr. (Mrs.) Kakali Goswami, Head i/c, Dept. of Psychology, RGU	Member
51	Dr. Kaushalendra Pratap Singh, Head i/c, Dept. of Social Work, RGU	Member
52	Mr. Bikash Bage, Head i/c, Dept. of Sociology, RGU	Member
53	Dr. Daniel Mize, Head i/c, Dept. of Zoology, RGU	Member
54	Dr. Nani Tamang Jose, Jt. Reg. (Exams.) cum CoE i/c, RGU	Invitee
55	Dr. David Pertin, Jt. Reg. (Acad. & Conf.), RGU	Invitee
56	Prof. Tomo Riba, Registrar (Acting), RGU	Secretary (Ex-Officio)

At the outset, the Vice Chancellor and also the Ex-Officio Chairman of the Academic Council Prof. Saket Kushwaha welcomed all the members to the 28th meeting of Academic Council, especially the external members who have attended the meeting despite their busy schedules.

The Chairman while informing the house about the re-constitution of 5th Academic Council of Rajiv Gandhi University, pointed out that this is the first meeting of the Fifth Academic Council which was conducted through online mode in view of COVID-19 Pandemic and subsequent lockdowns. The agenda items were then taken up for discussion/deliberation and following decisions were taken accordingly;

AC:28:01 To decide on the promotion of students of Intermediate Semesters without any examinations:

The AC noted that Rajiv Gandhi University shall exercise promotion of students of all Intermediate Semesters (Students in semester 2nd for a 2 year course, semester 2 & 4 for a 3 year course and semesters 2, 4 & 6 for a 4 year course). There shall be no examination for them. Their 'Grading' shall be based on 50:25:25 ratios. Students shall be awarded with 50% weight-age on the basis of the last semester examination marks. 25% weight-age shall be drawn from the internal sessional marks and rest of the 25% weight-age shall be calculated from the assignment marks. In case, if any student is having backlog papers in previous semester, the weight-age of 50% shall be considered from the previous Semester average marks. The UGC guidelines in this regard was perused by the AC as Annexure-1.

In case of Law students, the promotions shall be based on the BCI released press communication dated 9th June, 2020. As per it, all students except Final year students will be promoted to the higher class on the basis of performance of previous year's mark and the marks obtained in the internal examinations of the current year. However, it is clarified that after reopening, the university shall conduct the end semester examinations with respect to the year from which they have been promoted, within a reasonable period of time, though, such promoted student shall continue to study in the year to which they have been promoted, and in case, they are unable to pass/clear any such paper or such end semester examination of the year from which they have been promoted, they shall have to clear the same, before they are granted the degree. In the case of students who have been promoted to the final year as LLB students, they shall have to pass all papers in order to obtain their degree/s. BCI's Press communiqué was placed to AC as an Annexure.

**The Council deliberated the matter and approved the proposal. Moreover;
The Council decided that where there is no guideline for professional courses from national**

regulatory bodies, Rajiv Gandhi University will follow the advisory/guidelines of the UGC, New Delhi.

The word "without any examination" shall be replaced by "with cumulative assessment".

These decisions are exclusively for the current pandemic situation, and should not be cited as a precedent in future.

AC:28:02 To decide on the conduct of examination for Terminal semester students:

The Council noted that on the recommendation/advisory/guidelines of the UGC, RGU is proposing to conduct examination for all students of terminal semesters/years (4th for 2 year course, 6th for 3 year course & 8th for 4 year course and all final year examinations including that of distance education mode and LLB & BA-LLB students) while reducing the time from 3 hours to 2 hours, without compromising the quality of the examinations in the conventional mode (Physical appearance/writing), maintaining the norms of social distancing. The Examinations shall be conducted in the month of August/September, 2020.

After deliberations, the Council approved the same following due procedure, subject to (i) filling up of exam forms by the students ii) students have requisite percentage of attendance, iii) Fee will be reduced to 40% (exam handling charges only will be charged). 100% attendance shall be given to all the enrolled students against the lockdown period from 25/3/2020 to 18/5/2020 and further felt that a tentative timetable for final examinations keeping in view the best interest of all the stakeholders shall be prepared. The house authorized the Vice-Chancellor, if further decision is required in the examination related matter. The university will discuss the issue and shall come out with a decision for which a local AC meeting may be convened, if desired. The Exams shall however be for a period of 3 hours as usual and not 2 hours as proposed.

These decisions are exceptionally only for the current pandemic situation, and should not be cited as a precedent in future

AC:28:03 To decide on the conduct of examination for all semesters/years for the students of MBBS, BSc (Nursing) and BHMS:

The AC noted that as the examinations for the few professional courses are based on the academic calendars of their concerned recognizing bodies, the MBBS exams will be held in the month of September 2020 as per MCI, BSc. (Nursing) Supplementary and Final exams in August/September 2020 as per INC and BHMS exams in December 2020 as per CCH calendars. The Practical Examinations for BHMS Final Year shall be conducted within July 2020. In the situations where previous semester or previous year marks are not available, particularly in the first year of annual pattern of examinations, 100% evaluation shall be done on the basis of internal assessments.

The Council approved the same as per the academic calendar and guidelines of respective regulatory bodies, such as; MCI, INC, CCH, AICTE and NCTE.

These decisions are exclusively for the current pandemic situation, and should not be cited as a precedent in future.

AC:28:04 To decide on the proposal to Carry Forward in case student fails:

The AC noted that in case of failure in examinations, all such students would be allowed to Carry Forward (for the papers in which the student has failed) for current academic year and all the students would be promoted to next semester/year. Such students may then clear such examinations in the next semester or whenever the examination is held next.

The Council approved the proposal following due procedure, subject to (i) filling up of exam forms by the failed students.

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AC:28:05 To decide on the conduct of M. Phil Examinations.

The AC noted that there should be option for the conduct of M. Phil 2nd semester Examinations since there is less number of students in the course.

The Council approved the same.

AC:23:06 On Admission to examinations by filling up online examination form.

The AC noted that as decided in a meeting headed by Vice-Chancellor on 9th June, 2020, it is decided that both the intermediate and term end semester students shall have to fill up examinations form online. The minutes of the meeting was placed to AC as Annexure.

The Council perused and approved the proposal.

AC:23:07 To discuss on Admission in UG, PG, M. Phil and Ph. D.

The AC noted that as the online admission process is not possible to be introduced for admissions in UG, PG, M. Phil and Ph. D. Courses in the ensuing Academic Session, 2020-21 considering the remoteness and poor connectivity of the region.

In this regard, the Council decided that for this time the admission to all courses shall be on the basis of merit. For M.Phil/PhD admissions, the university will conduct Entrance Test mandatorily. Moreover, there are few courses such as Physical Education, Music & Fine Arts, etc which will need compulsory Practical tests for admission and the same shall be conducted as usual. In case of the courses in which national regulatory/supervisory bodies have their guidelines or national level test shall be governed by the same.

The Academic Council authorised the Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University to take further decision as and when needed with committee of Deans and / or Academic Council members available locally at Campus.

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AC:28:08 To recognize the eligible faculty members of RGU as PhD Supervisors

The AC noted that following faculty members of RGU have requisite research and teaching experiences to guide research scholars to PhD degrees. Their cases were vetted and forwarded by the University's Research Board for recognition;

Sl. No.	Name of the proposed supervisors	Designation	Department/ Institute
01	Dr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar	Assistant Professor	Social Work
02	Dr. Doyir Ete	Assistant Professor	English
03	Dr. Prachand Narayan Piraji	Assistant Professor	English
04	Dr. Akash Ranjan	Assistant Professor	Education

The Council perused and approved the proposal in effect from the date of notification.

AC:28:09 To approve the syllabus of Master of Law (LLM) course to be taught in Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh.

The AC noted that the constituted BPGS (Law) for LLM course under the chairmanship of Prof. R. C. Parida, Director IQAC, RGU has prepared the syllabus of Master of Law (LLM) and the same was placed to AC as Annexure.

The Council perused and approved the proposal and the same will be in effect from the date of notification for all the new batches in colleges.

AC:28:10 To discuss regarding conduct of Online Viva-Voce of M.Phil. and Ph.D. Scholars in view of COVID-19 Pandemic.

The AC noted that as per the decision taken in previous Academic Council, a provision was made to conduct Online Viva-Voce of M.Phil and Ph.D Scholars. In view of the extra-ordinary situation due to COVID-19 Pandemic, additional provision may be made allowing the candidates to present their open Viva-Voce from place of residence as it would be difficult for them to be present physically in the department due to compulsory quarantine imposed for persons coming from outside of the state. In view of the above, the AC may like to exempt the candidates from physical presence for delivering open Viva-Voce. The department will record the online Viva-Voce in such cases.

The Council perused and approved the proposal.

The Council further observed that;

- (a) Departments which are capable to conduct the viva-voce physically can conduct the same.
- (b) In view of pandemic situation, the viva-voce can be conducted online in the following cases;
 - (i) Where the external examiner is online, and HoD, Dean, examiner with other members of DRC and Supervisor(s) are offline and at the Department. Research Scholar may join the viva voce off/online.
 - (ii) Where external examiner/supervisor/scholar is online and HoD/Dean and other members are offline and at the department. The Research Scholars may join the Viva

Voce off/online.

- (iii) Complete recording of the process of Viva-Voce shall be made.
- (iv) Approval may be sought individually from the Vice-Chancellor.
- (v) HoD has to prepare the minutes of the Viva-Voce examination and the report for further submission

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AC:28:11 To intimate about the signing of mandatory annual Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the Financial Year 2020-21 with Ministry of Human Resource Development, University Grants Commission and Rajiv Gandhi University.

The AC noted that on being advised by the ministry of HRD through an email dated 30 April, 2020 the University prepared the MoU and submitted it to the MHRD. The drafted MoU was vetted and approved by the Executive Council of the university in the first week of May, 2020 through emails and WhatsApp due to the on-going Pandemic situation. On their approval the same was submitted to the Ministry of HRD on 3rd May, 2020 positively.

This is an annual mandatory requirement for the University to sign the tripartite MoU with MHRD & UGC.

The Council noted the same.

AC:28:12 Intimation regarding RGU's participation in the Himalayan Project by NITI Aayog along with the Consortium of the Central Universities of the Himalayan States

The AC noted that Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog had a Video Conference meeting with the Vice Chancellors of Central Universities in Himalayan States on 27th May, 2020, wherein the five thematic areas by the Consortium of the Central Universities of the Himalayan States were launched formally.

RGU has been actively taking part in the Himalayan Project having five Research Theme in the areas of (i) Enumeration and Valuation of the Economic Impact of Female Labour in the Hills, (ii) Agro-Ecology in Himalayan States with Special Emphasis on Marketing, (iii) Development of Eco-Friendly and Cost Effective Tourism in Hills, (iv) Opportunities of Livelihood to Check Migration from Hills, and (v) Water Conservation and Harvesting Strategies.

RGU's Prof. Vanadana Upadhyay, Dept. of Economics is the National Coordinator for the theme Enumeration and Valuation of the Economic Impact of Female Labour in the Hills, while Prof. Amitava Mitra, Prof. R. C. Parida, Prof. Nishamani Kar, Prof. S.K. Jena, Dr. Gibji Nimasow, Dr. Sailajananda Saikia, Dr. Maila Lama, Dr. Dil Bahadur Gurung, Dr. K.P. Singh, Dr. A. A. Laskar and Mr. Arindam Chakrabarti besides others are the Theme Level Coordinators from the University.

The Council noted the same.

AC:28:13 Intimation about RGU being chosen for establishment of Atal Community Innovation Centre (ACIC) under NITI Aayog

The AC noted that RGU is the only government funded university from the North-East India which stood out among 24 organizations of the entire country selected for receiving grant-in aid under Atal Innovation Mission of NITI Aayog for establishment of Atal Community Innovation Centre (ACIC).

The Council noted the same.

AC:28:14 To intimate about the review works on Ordinances and Guidelines

The AC noted that the university is carrying out review works on (i) Implementation of CBCS in all the undergraduate courses, (ii) PhD/M.Phil Ordinances, (iii) Academic Ordinances, and (iv) Guidelines for college affiliations by Committees chaired by senior faculty members and officers.

The Council noted and was informed on the same.

AC:28:15 To discuss on the constituted committee's recommendations on the start of CBCS in undergraduate courses in both RGU and its affiliated colleges

The AC noted that a committee was constituted under the chairmanship of Prof. Amitava Mitra, PVC have recommended for the start of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in undergraduate courses in both RGU and its affiliated colleges. The 9 member committee in its meeting on 17th March, 2020 had recommended it. The committee has suggested for constitution of faculty-wise committees and also for the conduct of a sensitising workshop on it at the earliest.

The Council perused and approved the same. Further, the Council authorised Vice-Chancellor to look into the matter.

AC:28:16 To decide on the start of UG level courses in all the departments of the University.

The AC noted that there is discussion going on for transforming every central university as unitary ones, there is need for starting undergraduate courses, and hence, step should be taken to start UG in each department to cater to the demand of such learning in a university.

The Council deliberated on it and resolved to form a committee, which will suggest, make a road map and will decide the way forward and the report shall be placed in the next meeting of the Academic Council.

AC:28:17 Intake capacities in new departments:

The AC noted that the University authority proposes to have the following intake capacities in the departments, as under;

- (i) Dept. of Food Technology: 20 seats
- (ii) Dept. of Statistics: 20 seats
- (iii) Dept. of Law: 20 seats
- (iv) Department of Agronomy & Farm Management: 20 seats
- (v) Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry: 20 seats
- (vi) Department of Microbiology and Plant Pathology: 20 seats
- (vii) Department of Animal Husbandry: 20 seats
- (viii) Department of Entomology and Agricultural Zoology: 20 seats

While discussing the matter, the Council observed that this should be done as per the UGC guidelines. However, the Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to look into the matter.

AC:28:18 Proposal for shifting the Dept. of Psychology from faculty of Education to the faculty of Social Science

The AC noted that the faculty of Education was housing the dept. of Psychology academically and

administratively since its inception. However, keeping in view the actual area and domain of the Psychology studies, the dept. will be deemed fit to be included as one of the social science subjects and hence it is proposed to shift the dept. to the faculty of Social Sciences.

The Council approved the proposal.

AC:28:19 Intimation regarding the establishment of Alumni Affairs and External Relations cell of RGU

The AC noted that as reported in the 27th AC meeting, an Alumni Affairs and External Relations cell of RGU has been established with Prof. S. K. Chaudhari 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. The Council after deliberation on the matter and approved it and invited further suggestions from HoDs. No suggestions have been received so far.

The Council noted the same.

Further, the Council observed that;

- (a) The President and Secretary of the Alumni Association may not be included as Members of the Alumni Cell and hence, the Alumni Cell may be reconstituted. Constitution of Alumni Association is as per the Act and Statutes and hence the composition of the Cell should be accordingly modified.**
- (b) The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) of the cell is ready, which shall be circulated to the members for feedback.**
- (c) The University will invite members for discussion and guidelines shall be modified and drafted accordingly.**

AC:28:20 Intimation regarding the start of faculty of Sports Science

The AC noted that the university has recently got the approval for starting courses in Sports Anthropometry, Sports Biochemistry, Sports Biomechanics & Performance Analysis, Sports Nutrition and Sports Physiology under faculty of Sports Science & Sports Medicine from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports under MYAS scheme of National Centre of Sports Sciences and Research (NCSSR). However, the faculty positions at the ratio of 1:2:4 for Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors is being pursued from the relevant agencies. Bagging the Centre of Excellence on Sports Science Education & Research is a big score for RGU as this elite establishment on sports education and research will be the first of its kind in the entire northeast India. In this regard, the University has already constituted a Registrar led eight member team to execute the establishment. The committee has already furnished its positive reports and the present Physical Education Dept. is taking the lead in the establishment of these departments under the faculty of sports sciences. The departments will start functioning from the coming academic session i.e. 2020-21 on getting academic clearance by the academic council. The letter received from MYAS was placed as Annexure.

The Council resolved that the UGC may be informed that the university will put the above mentioned four departments under the Faculty of Sports Science. It will be under project mode for 3 years. A

recent email received from MHRD states that henceforth all the additional teaching positions will be considered as per the new regulation. And therefore, the university must obtain approval of the Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India.

AC:28:21 To approve the setting up of Buddhist Study Centre, RGU

The AC noted that in the backdrop of RGU's unique socio-cultural location as a key contributor to the development of Arunachal Pradesh the Competent Authority of the university proposes the establishment of Buddhist Study Centre which will contribute towards the research and archival base of the said practice and belief. A concept note prepared by AITS in this regard may be seen as Annexure. As for the funds, the centre will mobilize for it through UGC and other funding agencies.

The Council approved the same and decided that the Centre shall be called 'Centre for Buddhist Studies'. It will be housed in Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies (AITS).

Further it was resolved that, an initial allocation of Rs. 2.00 lakh only shall be kept for the Centre.

AC:28:22 To decide on the proposal for the establishment of two additional university campuses in the state.

The AC noted that Rajiv Gandhi University since its inception has been steadily progressing and serving the State of Arunachal Pradesh as the lone premier Central University. The numbers of Departments, number of students, number of faculty and non-teaching staffs have been growing over the years. Many new Departments have been approved and several other Departments are under consideration at MHRD. As such there is growing pressure on the existing land in the University campus for further growth in a systematic manner. Significantly, the RGUSU also during orientation cum fresher social function 2019 invited Shri. Pema Khandu, Chief Minister of the State and submitted memorandum for having such campus for RGU.

As per the Rajiv Gandhi University Act, 2006 vide Article 7 clause (1) the jurisdiction of the University is extending to the whole of the State of Arunachal Pradesh. As such, more campuses can be set up within the State. There is also provision in the UGC Act, 1956 vide section 12 A (1) (b) Constituent College can be set up by the Universities.

Therefore, RGU proposes to establish two nos. of additional campuses in the state of Arunachal. The two new additional campuses will cater to the need of the huge number of students looking for admissions to various courses. The state being geographically very large and diverse in many aspects needs such campuses. Such campuses are also seen for NEHU, Shillong (2 campuses) and Nagaland University, Lumami (3 campuses). The campuses can have Centres/Departments concerned to particular area of the State.

The Council approved the proposal unanimously. Further, it was resolved that university will request for more centres/departments from MHRD/UGC.

AC:28:23 To discuss on having alternative parameters for the conduct of Field Works in various courses due to Pandemic

The AC noted that the Pandemic situation has halted many field work related exercises of the departments. Whereas, Field Works are an integral part of the course and is purely syllabus based, thus, there arises the need of having alternatives to it and to have some general guidelines to proceed on with.

The Council deliberated the matter and resolved that ;

- (i) Field study trip may be conducted through virtual visits to the Institutes or areas as done by the Dept. of Education.
- (ii) They may conduct field visits to nearby places as proposed by the Dept. of Geology.

The Council further resolved that the university will bear only the travel expenses of the teachers who escort the field trips.

AC:28:24 To approve the draft Rules and Regulations for the disclosure of Answer Scripts to the Examinees 2020 under RTI Act, 2005

The AC noted that a committee was constituted headed by Prof. S.K. Jena, Dept. of Commerce has submitted the draft Rules and Regulations for the disclosure of Answer Scripts to the Examinees under RTI Act 2005, which may be perused and deliberated upon. The matter was also brought to the notice of the esteemed EC members through emails and WhatsApp due to the on-going Pandemic situation. The members of EC have also given their approval for the same with comments and suggestions. The said 5 member committee had incorporated all the suggestions in the draft. The draft guidelines were placed as an Annexure.

The Council noted and approved the same and decided that the required infrastructure shall be provided.

AC:28:25 To approve the draft Guidelines and Regulation on Intellectual Property Rights, RGU, 2019

The AC noted that a committee was constituted and headed by Prof. D.N. Das, Dept. of Zoology and Chairman IPR Cell has submitted the draft Guidelines and Regulations on Intellectual Property Rights, RGU, 2019.

The Council perused and approved the proposal. Further, the AC suggested that, inputs shall be obtained from the members within a week's time. The AC expressed that IPR is important for growth in areas such as research, innovation and employment. Hence, IPR are worth protecting both domestically and internationally, especially in the area of Science and Technology, empanelling along the CSIR and TRIFED; RGU can go for monetization of patent filing and publication purposes. Option should be kept open for consultancy with some organisation in collaboration on utilization sharing and good governance. AC was informed that, RGU has a clear cut policy of consultancy. Some fund is allocated for filing of patents. The AC further suggested that RGU should monetize the successful patent filing.

AC:28:26 To approve the setting up of the dept. of Ancient History and Archaeology in RGU

The AC noted that over the last few years, the ASI has been sending communications for starting some projects with the dept. of History on Ancient India and Archaeology. There are many archaeological sites in the state have not been thoroughly excavated. A full-fledged dept. will yield manpower for the state and could help in unearthing the rich-sites present in Arunachal Pradesh especially in the area of ethno-Archaeology which is of great relevance these days. The departmental council of the dept. of History RGU has endorsed the same.

The Council deliberated the matter and approved the setting up of the same in the Department of History. However, the HoD, History shall convene a departmental meeting and discuss the matter on changing the nomenclature and also discuss on the proposal for appointment of Adjunct Professor / Visiting Professor / Guest Faculty in consultation with AITS. It was further decided that, efforts will be made to introduce Pali and Sanskrit language course in RGU.

AC:28:27 Intimation regarding conduct of online interview for CAS promotion

The Council authorized Vice-Chancellor to look into the matter.

AC:28:28 To discuss on B.Voc. course application

The Chairman briefed the members that to make the unemployed youth of the state skilled to be self-employed or to prepare them for the job market, Rajiv Gandhi University has planned to open the following 4 (four) vocational courses under National Vocational Education Qualification Framework (NVEQF), as augmented by UGC. In this regard, the University will sign a MoU with the State Government.

RGU has applied for 4 (four) B. Vocational Courses in the areas, namely; i) Tax Management and Consultancy, ii) Food Processing and Nutrition Management, iii) Micro Biology and Pathology and iv) Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning.

Signing of MoU with 5 Central Universities are under process They are; i) Central University of Gujarat (CUG), ii) Tezpur University, iii) NEHU, iv) BHU and v) Nagaland University.

The Council deliberated the matter and approved the same.

AC:28:29 Any other item, with the permission of the Chair.

A On the minutes of the Committee constituted to frame the modalities of promotion of students of intermediate semesters to next semester and preparation of tentative academic calendar.

The minutes were placed to Academic Council by Prof. Utpal Bhattacharjee. The Council perused and authorized the Vice Chancellor to look into it.

B Introduction and implementation of Learning Management System (LMS)

The Joint Director (CC) briefed the members about Learning Management System (LMS). In the present Covid-19 situation, University need to cope with the situation by introducing the LMS. This is an open solution where teaching aids are used by teachers and students.

Learning Management System as a vast repository where one can store and track information. Anyone with a login and password can access these online training resources whenever and wherever. For self-hosted Learning Management Systems, users must also have the LMS software installed on their hard drive or access to the company's server. Whatever the installation option, the thing to bear in mind is that LMS users fall into two categories: First, online learners who use the Learning Management System to participate in online training courses; second, the eLearning team who relies on the LMS platform to disburse information and update the online training content. Students will be monitored in a better way if University uses such solutions. It is one of the NAAC criterions also.

The Council approved the proposal in principle. In this line, the AC felt that the facilities for LMS/online teaching-learning process should be augmented. Faculty-wise committee should be formed to monitor. All the departments shall be provided with multi-media facilities to cope up with poor connectivity and every department shall be provided with partial Smart Class Rooms so that online classes are not affected in the absence of infrastructure.

The council was also informed that, Campus Wifi survey has been completed and there is a plan for setting up studios for Content generation, which will help in engaging students in making of videos and in post production process.

Receipt of Spurious Mails to Vice Chancellor's official mails

VC informed that there are several spurious emails being sent to Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice Chancellor, RGU from fake email ids. VC further informed that there are only 3 official email IDs of Prof. Saket Kushwaha, VC, RGU, which are; i) vc@rgu.ac.in, ii) saket.kushwaha@rgu.ac.in and iii) saket.kushwaha@bhu.ac.in. He further advised the RGU fraternity that there is no need to respond to such spurious mails and/or they must be deleted. Further, the RGU fraternity may report receipt of such spurious mails to Registrar so that an FIR could be lodged against the offender and could be booked under cyber-crime.

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


Registrar and Ex-Officio Member Secretary