

Minutes of the 23rd meeting of the Academic Council held on 12th June 2018
at Barad Sadan Academic Block, Gangtok

23rd meeting of the Academic Council was held on 12th June 2018 at 11:00 am at Barad Sadan Conference Hall. Following members were present:

1. Prof. J.P. Tamang, - Chairperson
Vice-Chancellor (Off)
2. Dr. Debashis Chowdhury, - Member
Controller of Examinations
3. Prof. A.S. Chandel, - Member
Librarian
4. Prof. Irshad Gulam Ahmed, - Member
Dean, School of Languages & Literature
5. Prof. V. Rama Devi, - Member
Dean, School of Professional Studies
6. Dr. Subir Mukhopadhyay, - Member
Dean, School of Physical Sciences
7. Dr. S. Manivannan, - Member
Dean, Students' Welfare
8. Prof. Shanti S. Sharma - Member
Professor
Department of Botany
9. Prof. Jeta Sankritayana - Member
Professor
Department of Economics
10. Prof. Sanjoy Bandopadhyay - Member
Professor
Department of Music
11. Prof. Pratap Chandra Pradhan, - Member
Head, Department of Nepali
12. Prof. Abhijit Dutta - Member
Head, Department of Commerce
13. Prof. Imtiaz Gulam Ahmed - Member
Head, Department of Law
14. Prof. Mohammad Yasin - Member
Head, Deptt. of Political Science
15. Prof. Silajit Guha - Member
Head, Department of Mass Communication

16. Dr. Vijay Kumar Thangellapali Head, Department of History	-	Member
17. Dr. Dhaniraj Chettri Head, Department of Botany	-	Member
18. Dr. H.K. Tiwari Head, Department of Microbiology	-	Member
19. Dr. Laxuman Sharma Head, Department of Horticulture	-	Member
20. Dr. Komal Singha Head, Deptt. of Economics	-	Member
21. Dr. Sandhya Thapa Head, Department of Sociology	-	Member
22. Dr. Amitabha Bhattacharya Head, Department of Physics	-	Member
23. Dr. Krishnendu Dutta Head, Department of Music	-	Member
24. Dr. Mohan Pratap Pradhan Head, Department of Computer Applications	-	Member
25. Dr. T.M.S. Raju Head, Department of Education	-	Member
26. Dr. Rosy Chamling Head, Deptt. of English	-	Member
27. Dr. Krishna Murari Head, Department of Management	-	Member
28. Dr. Vimal Khawas Head, Department of PCS&M	-	Member
29. Dr. Brijesh Kumar Pandey Head, Department of Hindi	-	Member
30. Dr. K. Birla Singh Head, Department of Zoology	-	Member
31. Dr. Anil Kumar Misra Head, Department of Geology	-	Member
32. Dr. Satyananda Panda Head, Department of Psychology	-	Member
33. Dr. Suchishmita Datta Principal, Sikkim Govt. College, Burtuk	-	Member

34. Dr. N.R. Bhuyan Principal, Himalayan Pharmacy Institute, Majitar, East Sikkim	-	Member
35. Dr. Kabita Lama Associate Professor, Deptt. of Nepali	-	Member
36. Dr. A.N. Shankar Associate Professor, Deptt. of Commerce	-	Member
37. Dr. Niladri Bag Associate Professor, Deptt. of Horticulture	-	Member
38. Dr. Swarup Roy Associate Professor, Deptt. of Computer Applications	-	Member
39. Dr. Rajesh Raj S. N Associate Professor, Deptt. of Economics	-	Member
40. Shri Debasish Pal Finance Officer	-	Special Invitee
41. Shri T.K. Kaul Registrar	-	Secretary

The following members could not attend the meeting because of their pre-occupation and sought leave of absence.

1. Prof. Nawal K. Paswan, Dean School of Social Sciences
2. Dr. K.R. Rama Mohan, Dean, School of Human Sciences

Dr. S.K. Gurung, Joint Registrar (Acad.) and Shri Satyam Rana, Assistant were present to assist the Council.

At the outset the Chairperson welcomed all members especially new members i.e., Dr. Suchishmita Datta, Dr. N.R. Bhuyan, Prof. Mohammad Yasin, Dr Rosy Chamling, Dr. Krishna Murari, Dr. Vimal Khawas, Dr. Brijesh Kumar Pandey, Dr. K. Birla Singh, Dr. Anil Kumar Misra and Dr. Satyananda Panda who were attending the Academic Council meeting for the first time.

The Chairperson placed on record appreciation for contribution in the Academic Council meetings by Prof. Rajesh Sharan, Dr. Ganesh Ji Tiwari, Dr. Sandhya Rai who completed their tenure as members of the Academic Council and also to Prof. Nutankumar S. Thingujam who was relieved by the University on lien. Thereafter, agenda items were taken up as under:

SECTION-1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES & ACTION TAKEN REPORT

AC 23.1.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Academic Council held on 14th November 2017

Minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Academic Council held on 14th November 2018 were circulated to all the members by email on 24th

November 2017 and by hard copy on 5th December 2017. No comments have been received from any of the members of the Council.

The Council confirmed the minutes of 22nd meeting of the Academic Council held on 14th November 2017 as circulated to all the members by email on 24th November 2017 and by hard copy on 5th December 2017.

AC 23.1.2: Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Academic Council held on 14th November 2017

The Secretary presented the action taken report on the minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Council. The Council noted the action taken by the University.

**SECTION-2
REPORTING ITEMS**

AC 23.2.1: Synopses for M.Phil/Ph.D registrations in the University

The Council noted the number of synopses for M.Phil/Ph.D registrations in each School.

**SECTION-3
RATIFICATION MATTERS**

Nil

**SECTION-4
MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL**

A. PANEL OF EXAMINERS, ETC.

AC 22.4.A1: Panel of External Examiners

The Council approved the panel of examiners as per the details given below as recommended by the concerned School Board for the purpose as mentioned in the table:

Sl. No.	Name of the School	Name of the Department	External examiners to be invited for
1)	School of Languages & Literature	Chinese	MA dissertation
		Hindi	
		Nepali	
2)	School of Life Sciences	Botany	MSc practical
		Zoology	
		Microbiology	
		Horticulture	B.Sc/MSc practical
3)	School of Professional Studies	Management	Ph.D thesis evaluation
		Music	BPA & MPA practical exams & dissertation
		Mass Communication	M.Phil viva-voce/ dissertation

4)	School of Physical Sciences	Mathematics	MPhil dissertation
		Chemistry	M.Sc practical & dissertation
5)	School of Social Sciences	PCS&M	Ph.D thesis & MA dissertation
		Economics	Ph.D thesis
		International Relations	Ph.D thesis & MA dissertation
		Sociology	MA dissertation
		History	
		Political Science	
		Law	LLM dissertation

B. SYLLABUS MATTERS/COURSES ETC.

AC 23.4.B1: *Modification of the syllabus of English for BA-LLB course*

On request of the Dean, School of Languages and Literature and Head, Department of English this item was withdrawn.

AC 23.4.B2: *Introduction of a Certificate Course (6 months) in Hindi for non- Hindi speakers*

HoD, Department of Hindi presented the item for introduction of certificate course in Hindi for six months duration for non-Hindi speakers which has been recommended by the Board of Studies and the School Boards of Languages and Literature subject to submission of syllabus of the course in the next meeting.

The Council after deliberations approved the proposal. However, the viability part as per the Regulations on Certificate courses may be examined by the Deptt. before launch of the course.

AC 23.4.B3: *Introduction of a BA course in Hindi*

HoD, Department of Hindi presented the item. The syllabus for the course is already in place as it is on offer in many of the affiliated colleges.

The Council after deliberations approved introduction of BA (Hons) course in Hindi.

AC 23.4.B4: *Draft syllabus of Nepali in UG course as one of the compulsory Foundation paper*

HoD, Department of Nepali presented this item. The Council was informed that the Academic Council in earlier meeting approved inclusion of Nepali as one of the compulsory Foundation paper in the UG course and advised

to prepare the syllabus for submission in the next meeting of the Council through Board of Studies and the School Board.

The Vice-Chancellor constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of Head, Deptt. of Nepali with three members from Sikkim Government Colleges and three internal members to draft the syllabus for Nepali as a Foundation paper.

The Council after deliberations approved the syllabus of Nepali as a Foundation paper in UG course.

AC 23.4.B5: Revised syllabus for M.Phil course in Microbiology

HoD, Department of Microbiology presented the item. The Council after deliberations approved the revised syllabus of M.Phil course in Microbiology.

AC 23.4.B6: Discontinuation of B.Sc course in Horticulture from the session 2019-20

HoD, Department of Horticulture presented this item. The Council was informed as under:

- i) that ICAR has revised guidelines and syllabus for Agriculture and Horticulture courses. As per revised norms prescribed by ICAR there is lot of diversion in credit allocation to the subjects in the revised syllabus.
- ii) College of Horticulture imparting B.Sc. (Horticulture) degree has already been established two years back under Central Agriculture University in Sikkim which is sufficient to cater the needs of aspirants for seeking the postgraduate degree from our University.
- iii) Sikkim government sends approximately 5 students for B.Sc. (Hort) each year to ICAR recognized Universities across the country.
- iv) Faculty strength is not sufficient to cover all subjects as per ICAR guidelines.
- v) Insufficient infrastructure for laying out the demonstration and field activities for practical and experiential learning activities.

The Council also noted the recommendations of School Board of Life Sciences. The Council after deliberations approved discontinuation of B.Sc course in Horticulture from the session 2019-20.

AC 23.4.B7: Introduction of new papers in the Department of Mathematics

Dean, School of Physical Sciences presented the item for introduction of new papers in Deptt. of Mathematics for M.Phil/Ph.D course work and M.Sc students as under:

M.Phil/Ph.D Course Work:

- i) Linear Algebra II
- ii) Advanced Functional Analysis

- iii) Matrix Computations
- iv) Value Distribution Theory

M.Sc:

- i) Advanced Complex Analysis

The Council after deliberations approved introduction of new papers as given above in the Deptt. of Mathematics.

AC 23.4.B8: Revision of B.Ed. and M.Ed. syllabi

HoD, Department of Education presented the item and informed the Council that a few minor changes have been suggested in the syllabus of B.Ed and M.Ed. The Council was informed about that the modifications are in optional papers like Elementary Education, Secondary Education etc.

The Council after deliberations approved revision of B.Ed. and M.Ed. syllabi.

AC 23.4.B9: Revision of MTTM syllabus

The Deptt. of Tourism has proposed the revision of MTTM syllabus and structure in order to enrich the programme. School Board of Professional Studies in its meeting held on 23rd May 2018 has recommended revision of MTTM syllabus for approval by the Academic Council. It is also being observed that the department at present have sufficient faculty to offer more courses.

The Council was informed that some more credits have been introduced in the course. Instead of 64 credits, the course has been proposed for 96 credit. There were 4 courses per semester which has been changed to 6 courses per semester.

The Council after deliberations approved revision of MTTM syllabus.

AC 23.4.B10: Syllabus for 1st year B.Tech course at Sikkim Institute of Science and Technology, Chisopani, South Sikkim

Dr. Mohan Pratap Pradhan, Head Deptt. of Computer Application presented this item as he was a member of Curriculum Drafting Committee.

The Council after deliberation approved the draft syllabus for first year B.Tech Engineering programmes which is common for Civil Engineering and Computer Engineering.

C. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

AC 23.4.C1: Proposal of campus interview of MA graduates in Chinese

The Council appreciated the efforts of the Chinese Department in placement of their students.

After deliberations the Council suggested that In-charge, Chinese Department can consult Campus Placement Cell which is already in existence in the University for organizing placement of the students of Chinese Department.

AC 23.4.C2: *Proposal for starting the research journal “Purvottar Prabha”*

Head, Deptt. of Hindi presented the item. The Council appreciated effort of Hindi Department for starting a journal and advised the department to work out sustainability of journal and generation of funds for it. Head, Dept. of Hindi informed that Central Hindi Institute generally gives grant for such type of journals and the Department will apply for such grant to the Institute. Some members suggested to start e-journal and also to prescribe the time limit for publication of the journal. It was also suggested that there should be strong networking for getting article etc of standard quality.

The Council after deliberations decided that the Vice-Chancellor may constitute a committee to look into the sustainability, users and contributors for the proposed journal.

AC 23.4.C3: *Extension of date of submission of M.Phil Dissertations/Ph.D theses under School of Physical Sciences*

The Council noted grant of extension of dates of the submission of M.Phil Dissertations/Ph.D theses by School Board of Physical Sciences.

AC 23.4.C4: *Setting up Departmental Library in the department of Mathematics*

The Council was informed that the University is having departmental libraries also in respective departments. The department of Mathematics can also set up a departmental library.

AC 23.4.C5: *Continuation of MA (Education) along with M.Ed programme from the Academic Session 2018-19*

The Council was informed that for the current year admission for both MA Education and M.Ed has been allowed for Department of Education. The Council was also informed that the NCTE Inspection Team which visited the University for M.Ed programme in February 2017 advised the Department of Education to discontinue M.A Education programme if permission for M.Ed is granted from 2018 and University agreed to the proposal during Exit meeting. Also, there would be constraint of space and faculty requirement for continuing both the courses.

The Council decided to defer admission of MA (Education) for next year.

AC 23.4.C6: *One supernumerary seat in UG and PG programme for wards of University employees under Vice-Chancellor’s discretion*

The Council was informed that there is provision of one seat in each department in UG and PG programme for the employees and their wards on Supernumerary basis under the Vice-Chancellor’s discretionary quota subject fulfillment of conditions given under:

- i) The applicant must fulfill minimum eligibility criteria for admission.

- ii) The applicant must possess sufficient merit in co-curriculum activities or belong to geographical/economically backward area to deserve consideration.
- iii) Only one candidate shall be considered for UG and PG in each department under this provision and the position shall be supernumerary.

The Council was also informed that the Central Admission Committee in its first meeting held on 21st March 2018 recommended for discontinuation of this quota.

The Council after deliberations decided to scrap the quota forthwith. Some of the members were of the opinion to scrap supernumerary seat in Ph.D also.

SECTION 5

MINUTES OF AUTHORITIES/COMMITTEES

AC 23.5.1: *Minutes of the 9^h meeting of the School Board of Languages and Literature held on 14th May 2018*

Noted.

AC 23.5.2: *Minutes of the 7th meeting of the School Board of Life Sciences held on 16th May 2018*

Noted.

AC 23.5.3: *Minutes of the 9th meeting of the School Board of Physical Sciences held on 21st May 2018*

Noted.

AC 23.5.4: *Minutes of the 8th meeting of the School Board of Professional Studies held on 23rd May 2018*

Noted.

AC 23.5.5: *Minutes of the 9th meeting of the School Board of Social Sciences held on 22nd May 2018*

Noted.

AC 23.5.6: *Minutes of the 9th meeting of the School Board of Human Sciences held on 25th May 2018*

Noted.

AC 23.5.7: *Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Deans' Committee held on 12th April 2018*

Noted. The Council ratified the action of the University in deciding the criteria for University Publication Award and University Research Fund Award as recommended by the Deans' Committee.

AC 23.5.8: Minutes of the 9th meeting of the College Development Council held on 28th May 2018

The Council noted the Minutes of the 9th meeting of the CDC held on 28th May 2018 and gave specific approval for the following:

- i) Non-renewal of Ph.D programme in Harkamaya College of Education for the academic year 2018-19.
- ii) Approved recommendations of the CDC regarding temporary affiliation of Sikkim Government College of Nursing, Gangtok, East Sikkim.
- iii) Approved recommendations of the CDC regarding temporary affiliation of Government Pharmacy College, Sajong, Rumtek, East Sikkim.
- iv) Approved recommendations of the CDC regarding temporary affiliation to Damber Singh College for the academic session 2019-20
- v) Approved the Syllabus on Disaster Management as one of the compulsory paper in the UG course.

**SECTION - 6
ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR**

There was no item from the chair. However, some members informally raised some issues like:

- i) Implementation of revised syllabus of BA/B.Sc/B.Com courses. The Chairperson informed that some issues regarding implementation of revised syllabus for BA/B.Sc/B.Com were by the State Government, hence could not be implemented.
- ii) PIs of some Research projects requested to grant 5 to 6 days leave. The Chairman informed that Project Investigator may plan field study in such a way so that it does not clash with his/her normal academic work.
- iii) Some other issues like grant of lien, supervisor of Ph.D during lien and Regulations for Ph.D were also raised.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

**Sd/-
(T.K.Kaul)
Registrar & Secretary
Academic Council**

**Sd/-
(Prof. Jyoti Prakash Tamang)
Vice-Chancellor (Off) &
Chairman Academic Council**