

**Minutes of the 28th meeting of the Academic Council held on
10th December 2021 at Conference Hall, Barad Sadan, 5th Mile, Gangtok**

28th meeting of the Academic Council was held on 10th December 2021 at 11 AM at Conference Hall, Barad Sadan Academic Block. Following were present:

1. Prof. Avinash Khare
Vice-Chancellor - Chairperson
2. Dr. Sudhan Pradhan
Principal, Sikkim Government Science College
Chakung, West Sikkim - Member
3. Dr. Arati Chhetri
Principal, Harkamaya College of Education
Samdur, Tadong, East Sikkim - Member
4. Prof. N. Sathyanarayana
Dean, School of Life Sciences - Member
5. Prof. Manesh Choubey
Dean, School of Social Sciences - Member
6. Prof. S.S. Mahapatra
Dean, School of Professional Studies - Member
7. Prof. Sanjay Dahal
Dean, School of Physical Sciences - Member
8. Prof. Sohel Firdos
Dean, School of Human Sciences - Member
9. Dr. S. Murali Mohan
Controller of Examinations - Member
10. Dr. Shri Ram
Librarian - Member
11. Prof. Laxuman Sharma
Dean of Students' Welfare - Member
12. Prof. Shanti S. Sharma,
Head, Department of Botany - Member
13. Prof. Nawal K. Paswan
Head, Department of Peace & Conflict Studies
and Management - Member

14. Prof. Subir Mukhopadhyay
Head, Department of Physics - Member
15. Dr. Krishnendu Dutta
Head, Department of Music - Member
16. Dr. Praveen Mishra
Head, Department of Law - Member
17. Dr. Veenu Pant
Head, Department of History - Member
18. Dr. Durga Prasad Chhetri,
Head, Department of Political Science - Member
19. Dr. Niladri Bag,
Head, Department of Horticulture - Member
20. Dr. Swati A. Sachdeva,
Head, Department of Sociology - Member
21. Dr. Swarup Roy,
Head, Department of Computer Applications - Member
22. Dr. Yodida Bhutia,
Head, Department of Education - Member
23. Dr. Rosy Chamling,
Head, Department of English - Member
24. Dr. Krishna Murari,
Head, Department of Management - Member
25. Dr. Anil Kumar Misra,
Head, Department of Geology - Member
26. Dr. Satyananda Panda,
Head, Department of Psychology - Member
27. Dr. Hardeep Singh
Head, Department of Hindi - Member
28. Dr. Bhoj Kumar Acharya
Head, Department of Zoology - Member
29. Dr. Amit Chakraborty
Head, Department of Mathematics - Member

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| 30. | Dr. Nitish Mondal
Head, Department of Anthropology | - Member |
| 31. | Prof. Abhijit Dutta
Professor, Department of Commerce | - Member |
| 32. | Prof. Pushpa Sharma
Professor, Department of Nepali | - Member |
| 33. | Prof. Dhani Raj Chhetri
Professor, Department of Botany | - Member |
| 34. | Dr. Mohan Pratap Pradhan
Associate Professor
Department of Computer Applications | - Member |
| 35. | Dr. A.N. Shankar
Associate Professor, Department of Commerce | - Member |
| 36. | Dr. K.R. Rama Mohan
Associate Professor
Department of Anthropology | - Member |
| 37. | Shri K.V.S. Kameswara Rao
Registrar | - Secretary |

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

1. Prof. Kabita Lama, Dean, School of Languages & Literature
2. Prof. Jyoti Prakash Tamang, Head, Department of Microbiology
3. Dr. Rajesh Raj S.N., Head, Department of Economics
4. Prof. Mohammad Yasin, Professor, Department of Political Science
5. Dr. Vimal Khawas, Associate Professor, Department of Peace & Conflict Studies and Management

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

The Chairperson welcomed all members present in the 28th meeting of the Academic Council and especially welcomed the following members who were attending for the first time.

1. Sh. K.V.S. Kameswara Rao, Registrar
2. Dr. S. Murali Mohan, Controller of Examinations
3. Dr. Shri Ram, Librarian
4. Dr. Sudhan Pradhan, Principal, Sikkim Government Science College, Chakung, West Sikkim
5. Dr. Arati Chhetri, Principal, Harkamaya College of Education
6. Prof. Sanjay Dahal, Dean, School of Physical Sciences
7. Dr. Swati A. Sachdeva, Head, Department of Sociology
8. Dr. Bhoj Kumar Acharya, Head, Department of Zoology
9. Dr. Amit Chakraborty, Head, Department of Mathematics
10. Dr. Nitish Mondal, Head, Department of Anthropology
11. Dr. Mohan Pratap Pradhan, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Applications
12. Dr. A.N. Shankar, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce

The Chairperson also put on record the contributions of the following who completed their tenure in the Academic Council:

1. Sh. T.K. Kaul, Former Registrar
2. Prof. A.S. Chandel, Former Librarian
3. Prof. Ranjit Verma, Vice-Chancellor, Munger University
4. Prof. (Dr.) Neelu Rohmetra, Director, Indian Institute of Management, Sirmaur, Himachal Pradesh
5. Prof. Payal Mago, Principal, Shaheed Rajguru College of Applied Sciences for Women, University of Delhi, Delhi
6. Prof. Manoj Khanna, Principal, Ramjas College, University of Delhi, Delhi
7. Prof. Sandhya Thapa, Former Head, Department of Sociology
8. Prof. Irshad Gulam Ahmed, Former Professor, Department of English, School of Languages & Literature
9. Dr. T.J.M.S. Raju, Associate Professor, Department of Education, School of Professional Studies
10. Dr. Komol Singha, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, School of Social Sciences
11. Dr. Amitabha Bhattacharyya, Associate Professor, Department of Physics, School of Physical Sciences

The Council observed a two-minute silence to pay homage and tribute to Late Gen. Bipin Rawat, Chief of Defence Staff, his wife and 11 others who all died in a helicopter crash in the state of Tamil Nadu, India.

Thereafter agenda items were taken up as under:

**SECTION-1
CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES & ACTION TAKEN REPORT**

AC 28.1.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 27th meeting of the Academic Council held on 28th August 2020

The Academic Council confirmed the minutes of 27th meeting of the Academic Council held on 28th August 2020 as circulated to all the members on 14th September 2020.

AC 28.1.2: Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 27th meeting of the Academic Council held on 28th August 2020

The Secretary presented the action taken report on the minutes of the 27th meeting held on 28th August 2020. The Academic Council noted the action taken report.

**SECTION-2
REPORTING ITEMS**

AC 28.2.1: Synopsis for M.Phil/Ph.D registrations in the University

The Council noted the number of synopsis for M.Phil/Ph.D registrations in the University under each School of Studies.

**SECTION-3
RATIFICATION MATTERS**

AC 28.3.1: Panel of External Examiners

The various School Boards in its meetings held from 26.11.2020 to 03.12.2020 recommended the panel of external examiners for approval of the Academic Council. However, in view of COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions imposed by the Government, the Academic Council meeting could not be held last year and the Vice-Chancellor approved the panel of external examiners for the following Departments to be invited for the purpose as mentioned in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the School	Name of the Department	External examiners for
1)	School of Human Sciences	Geography	2 PhD thesis; 4 MPhil dissertations
		Anthropology	2 PhD thesis; 2 MPhil dissertations
2)	School of Languages	English	5 PhD thesis; 6 MPhil

	& Literature		dissertations
		Nepali	4 PhD thesis
		Hindi	3 MPhil dissertations
3)	School of Physical Sciences	Mathematics	1 MPhil dissertation
		Chemistry	2 MPhil dissertations
		Geology	2 PhD thesis
4)	School of Professional Studies	Management	2 PhD thesis
		Tourism	3 MPhil dissertations
5)	School of Social Sciences	Economics	1 PhD thesis; 5 MPhil dissertations
		Political Science	1 PhD thesis
		History	1 PhD thesis; 8 MPhil dissertations
		PCSM	2 MPhil dissertations
		Sociology	3 MPhil dissertations
		Law	2 MPhil dissertations
		International Relations	1 MPhil dissertation

The Academic Council ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor in approving the above panel of external examiners.

AC 28.3.2: Guidelines for conduct of Even Semester Examinations 2021 in the University

In pursuance to the UGC Guidelines July 2021, the Committee for preparation of Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar in view of COVID-19 pandemic recommended the following guidelines for conduct of Even Semester Examination 2021 in the University:

1. Composite of Marks for Grading for Intermediate Semesters (2nd & 4th UG Semesters, 2nd PG Semester and Intermediate Semesters of various other UG/PG programmes) instead of Examinations to determine the result.
2. Terminal Semester Examinations, 2021 for Final UG (6th Semester); PG (4th Semester) and Final Semesters of other Professional Programmes (Regular and backlog) as well as Backlog Papers (Theory and Practical) of the Courses Completed Students (Even Semesters only) to be held by Take Home Examination mode.

Since the guidelines were required to be complied urgently, the Vice-Chancellor approved the guidelines for Notification, subject to the approval of the Academic Council.

The Academic Council ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor in approving the guidelines recommended by the committee as stated above.

AC 28.3.3: 2 Years MCA Curriculum and eligibility Criteria for the MCA Admission

With reference to AICTE letter vide F.No. AICTE/AB/MCA/2020-21 dated 03.07.2020, the duration of Master in Computer Applications (MCA) program has been changed from 3 years to 2 years alongwith the eligibility criteria for MCA admission. Accordingly, the Department of Computer Applications drafted the MCA curriculum for 2 years duration and submitted before the School Board of Physical Sciences for consideration. The School Board of Physical Sciences in its meeting held on 03.12.2020 considered the draft 2 years MCA curriculum and eligibility criteria for MCA admission and recommended for approval of the Academic Council.

In view of COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions imposed by the Government, the Academic Council meeting could not be held last year and the Vice-Chancellor approved the above proposal to be implemented from the academic year 2021-22.

The Academic Council ratified the above action of the Vice-Chancellor.

AC 28.3.4: Change of nomenclature of M.A courses at Namgyal Institute of Tibetology

The University had received a proposal dated 3rd Sept. 2020 requesting for change in the name of the course from “**M.A in Buddhism and Tibetan Studies**” to “**MA in Buddhist and Tibetan Studies**”. The rationale as provided in the minutes of the Meeting of the Departmental Committee of Courses held on 13th March 2020, behind the requirement to change the name of the course is to avoid the religious connotation of the word ‘Buddhism’, instead to retain its academic and secular expression as the course aims entirely at the study of Buddhist philosophy, psychology, epistemology, history and its impact on the society, both on individual and universal level.

The Vice-Chancellor accorded administrative approval for changing the name of the course as “**MA in Buddhist and Tibetan Studies**”.

The Academic Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

AC 28.3.5: Integration of Middle-Level Health Provider (MLHP) in Basic B.Sc Nursing Curriculum

The Indian Council of Nursing vide notification dated 29th May 2019 has notified for Integration of Middle-Level Health Provider (MLHP) in Basic B.Sc Nursing Curriculum and to incorporate 19 new topics as per details provided in the notification in the Community Health subject. In this regards Health Care, Human Service & Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim constituted a committee with two nominees from the University for the revision of B.Sc Nursing curriculum.

The Curriculum Revision Committee revised the syllabus of B.Sc Nursing course in the line of the notification of Indian Nursing Council and forwarded the same to the University for administrative approval.

The Vice-Chancellor accorded administrative approval to the revised curriculum of B.Sc Nursing course.

The Academic Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

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

A. PANEL OF EXAMINERS, ETC.

AC 28.4.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 Physical Sciences	Chemistry	4 PhD thesis
2)	School of Languages & Literature	English	6 MPhil dissertation
		Nepali	3 PhD thesis; 8 MPhil dissertation
		Chinese	1 PhD thesis
3)	School of Life Sciences	Zoology	BSc and MSc Practical examination
		Botany	3 PhD thesis
4)	School of Human Sciences	Anthropology	2 PhD thesis
		Geography	1 PhD thesis
		Psychology	2 PhD thesis
5)	School of Professional Studies	Commerce	2 PhD thesis
		Education	2 PhD thesis
		Mass Communication	3 PhD thesis
6)	School of Social Sciences	History	2 PhD thesis
		Sociology	3 PhD thesis
		Economics	1 PhD thesis

The Council also authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a committee for framing the Guidelines to determine the validity of the panel of examiners. Further, it was suggested to make the envelope containing confidential panel available in the meeting.

B. SYLLABUS MATTERS/COURSES ETC.

AC 28.4.B1: Introduction of course on Universal Human Values (UHV) in the curriculum of UG courses as CFC paper

The Council after deliberations decided to keep this item on hold in view of the implementation of NEP 2020 from the next academic session.

AC 28.4.B2: Inclusion of a paper “History of Indian Wars 1740-1945” (IV Semester) in MA History

Dr. Veenu Pant, Head, Deptt. of History presented this item. The Council after deliberations approved a new PG course (along with structure) for Modern Stream of History on “*History of Indian Wars 1740-1945*” (IV Semester) in MA History.

AC 27.4.B3: 7 revised papers with course structure of MA History syllabus

Dr. Veenu Pant, Head, Deptt. of History presented this item. The Council after deliberations decided to keep this item on hold for further clarification on allocation of funds. The Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a committee to resolve the matter.

AC 28.4.B4: PhD coursework syllabus for Bhutia, Lepcha and Limbu subjects

Dr. Samar Sinha, Assistant Professor, Department of Nepali being the member of the syllabus revision committee presented the item. The Council after deliberations approved the PhD coursework syllabus for the Departments of Bhutia, Lepcha and Limbu.

AC 28.4.B5: Revised PhD coursework syllabus in Computer Applications

Dr. Swarup Roy, HoD, Department of Computer Applications presented this item. The Council after deliberation approved the revised PhD coursework syllabus in Computer Applications.

AC 28.4.B6: Adoption of new B.Sc. Nursing syllabus 2021

The Council noted that the Indian Nursing Council vide letter dated 13th July 2021 had informed about the revision of the syllabus of B.Sc Nursing in order to ensure uniform standard of Nursing Education in the Country. The revised B.Sc Nursing syllabus encompasses foundational, core and elective course with credit and semester system. This new syllabus is to be implemented from the academic year 2021-22. A Gazette notification dated 5th July 2021 has been issued in this regard.

Accordingly, the Council after deliberations approved for adoption of revised syllabus of B.Sc Nursing along with regulations and curriculum for B.Sc Nursing programme 2020 as notified in July 2021.

AC 28.4.B7: Syllabus of NCC as an elective subject in Colleges

The Council noted that UGC vide letter dated 15th April 2021 had issued an advisory to the Vice-Chancellors of all Universities to introduce NCC as an Elective Credit/subject under the CBCS in alignment with the New Education Policy. A letter in this regard was also sent to the Chief Secretary, Government of Sikkim by the Defence Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India dated 4th May 2021 stating introduction of NCC as an elective subject in colleges under State control.

The Council also noted that the syllabus of NCC is prepared by DGNCC, New Delhi and needs to be redesigned to fit in the requirement of the UG programme of the University. A committee constituted for the purpose met on 6th September 2021 and after thorough discussion, restructured the syllabus without changing the weightage to fit in the UG programme of the University.

The Council, after deliberations, approved the syllabus of NCC as an elective subject in UG programme in Colleges. The Council also noted the suggestion to explore the avenues for starting an NCC unit in the University.

C. RULES AND POLICY MATTERS

AC 28.4.C1: Implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in Sikkim University

The Council noted that the Government of India launched the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 on 29th July 2020. Accordingly, the UGC/Ministry of Education directed all Universities to initiate the measures for implementation of NEP 2020. The Vice-Chancellor constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. N. Sathyanarayana for implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in Sikkim University from the academic year 2022-23. The Committee has formed various Sub-Committees to work on the NEP model.

In observance of the direction of the UGC/Ministry of Education, the Council recommended for approval for implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in the University from the academic year 2022-23 by the Executive Council.

AC 28.4.C2: Proposals for amendment in Examination related Rules and Regulations

Dr. S. Murali Mohan, Controller of Examinations presented this item. The Council after a thorough deliberation on the matter recommended for approval by the Executive Council the following proposals for amendment in Examination related Rules and Regulations:

1. Amendment in Regulations for conduct of examinations regarding repeating backlog paper(s) on account of failing to achieve the minimum qualifying aggregate marks in a semester.

Proposal –

Following provision may be **added** in Clause 2.B.o of the Regulations on conduct of Examinations –

Clause 2.B.o

(Existing)

“A student unable to clear the end semester papers in one go shall be allowed to repeat the **failed** papers in the next relevant semester subject to the provisions of Clause (e) and Clause (f) above and shall be allowed to repeat one or more papers as the case may be during the relevant end semester examinations”

(*Addition)

* “Further, a student who passes all papers in a semester but fails to obtain the minimum aggregate qualifying marks to clear the semester, shall have to repeat the paper with the lowest total score, adding both sessional and end term scores, in the next relevant semester(s) in order to achieve the minimum aggregate score to clear the semester. The student may also choose to repeat additional paper(s), if desired, by applying to the CoE through proper channel, specifying the paper(s) and paying the prescribed fee within such period as is fixed by the CoE. In any case, the student has to repeat the paper with the lowest total score in the next relevant semester(s).”

2. Amendment in ‘Payment Norms for Examination related work’ regarding Improvement & Backlog fee

Proposal -

It is proposed to amend the payment norms to read Improvement Fee as ‘Improvement/Backlog (repeat) paper’ fees as follows –

Existing -

Nature of work	Particulars	Unit	Rate in Rs
Miscellaneous	Fee for improvement	Per paper	500/-

Proposed amendment

Nature of work	Particulars	Unit	Rate in Rs
Miscellaneous	Fee for improvement/ backlog (repeat) paper	Per paper	500/-

3. Revision in the amount of honorarium for moderation duty

Proposal

It is proposed to revise the honorarium for moderation by amending the Payment norms as follows –

Nature of work	Particulars	Existing		Proposed	
		Unit	Rate in ₹	Unit	Rate in ₹
Question Paper Moderation	UG	Per subject/ per person	300/-	Per day/ per member	1000/-
	PG/Cert./PG Dip./M.Phil./Ph.D.	Per subject/ per person	500/-	Per day/ per member	1000/-

4. Clarifying the description of result grade ‘O’; the highest grade awarded

Proposal -

Grade ‘O’, awarded to students scoring the highest GPA range of **9.0 and above out of 10**, may be defined as “**Outstanding**” in all academic manuscripts issued by the University.

D. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

AC 28.4.D1: Discontinuation of M.Phil. program from the academic session 2022-23

The Council noted that the NEP 2020 has discontinued MPhil programs. Accordingly, the Council recommended discontinuation of MPhil program in the University from the academic session 2022-23 for approval by the Executive Council.

AC 28.4.D2: CA/CS/ICWA qualification to be treated equivalent to PG Degree

The Council noted that the UGC in its 550th meeting held on 18.02.2021 decided that “CA/CS/ICWA qualification be considered equivalent to PG Degree”. In effect to this, a Public Notice vide D.O. No. 9-35/2016(CPP-II) dated 15.04.2021 has been issued by the UGC.

In pursuant thereof, the Academic Council recommended adoption of the above decision of UGC and CA/CS/ICWA qualification be treated equivalent to PG Degree during admissions and recruitment in Sikkim University for approval by the Executive Council.

AC 28.4.D3: Setting-up of “Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Computational Intelligence”

Dr. Swarup Roy, Head, Department of Computer Applications presented this item. The Council after deliberations decided to keep on hold the proposal for establishment of “Center for Interdisciplinary

Research on Computational Intelligence” in the Department of Computer Applications. The Council observed that more inputs and clearer roadmap are needed for long term functioning of the Centre.

AC 28.4.D4: Strict adherence to Eligibility and Examination Criteria as per INC guidelines 2019 and Sikkim Nursing Council (SNC) 2021

The Council noted that the University received a letter dated 08.04.2019 from INC asking for a total compliance of Eligibility and Examination Criteria as per INC guidelines 2019. Further University also received a circular dated 08.09.2021 from Sikkim Nursing Council (SNC) for strict adherence to eligibility and examination criteria of INC without which registration of the students in the SNC will not be allowed.

The Council also noted that a committee was constituted to look into the matter and examine the impact of the INC directions in the existing B.Sc Nursing syllabus and schemes of examinations.

The Council after deliberations approved the minutes of the meeting of the committee dated 22.09.2021 wherein various decisions were taken to align the B.Sc Nursing syllabus and schemes of examinations as per the INC directions.

AC 28.4.D5: Supernumerary quota for B.Sc.(N) from the state of Jammu & Kashmir

The Council noted that the Indian Nursing Council has approved and allowed maximum of eight students of Jammu & Kashmir to be admitted under the supernumerary quota (above the approved annual intake) in all Centre/State Government/ Govt. University/ Selected Institutions. The tuition and hostel fee of each candidate shall be borne by AICTE. In this regard, a letter vide F.No. 22-10/PMSSS-J&K/2021 – INC dated 21.10.2021 has also been received from Indian Nursing Council.

The Council after deliberations approved admission of maximum of eight students nominated by ACITE from J&K under supernumerary quota in the Nursing Colleges/Institutes/Departments under the jurisdiction of the University.

AC 28.4.D6: Supervisor for PhD program in Bhutia, Lepcha and Limbu

The Council noted that the departments of Bhutia, Lepcha and Limbu are starting PhD program for the first time from the academic session 2021-22. Accordingly, under the provision of supernumerary seat, the three applicants one each from the above three departments require supervision by an Associate Professor or a Professor. Therefore, it was proposed that the above three supernumerary PhD candidates belonging to the departments of Lepcha, Bhutia and Limbu may be

supervised by Prof. Kabita Lama of the Department of Nepali and Dr. Rosy Chamling of the Department of English within the School of Languages & Literature. However, the PhD candidates allocated under supernumerary category will not be counted under quota of seats allowed under UGC norms.

The Council after deliberations approved the proposal that Prof. Kabita Lama of the Department of Nepali and Dr. Rosy Chamling of the Department of English may supervise the three supernumerary PhD candidates belonging to the departments of Lepcha, Bhutia and Limbu as a one-time relaxation.

AC 28.4.D7: Inclusion of name of the Guide/Supervisor in the front page of the PhD Thesis

The Council after deliberations approved to include the Supervisor's name on the cover page of PhD thesis to bring uniformity as practiced in most Universities.

**SECTION 5
MINUTES OF AUTHORITIES/COMMITTEES**

AC 28.5.1 Minutes of the 14th meeting of the School Board of Human Sciences held on 26th November 2020

The Council noted the Minutes of the 14th meeting of the School Board of Human Sciences held on 26th November 2020.

AC 28.5.2 Minutes of the 15th meeting of the School Board of Human Sciences held on 27th November 2021

The Council noted the Minutes of the 15th meeting of the School Board of Human Sciences held on 27th November 2021.

AC 28.5.3 Minutes of the 14th meeting of the School Board of Languages & Literature held on 21st January 2021

The Council noted the Minutes of the 14th meeting of the School Board of Languages & Literature held on 21st January 2021.

AC 28.5.4 Minutes of the 15th meeting of the School Board of Languages & Literature held on 2nd December 2021

The Council noted the Minutes of the 15th meeting of the School Board of Languages & Literature held on 2nd December 2021.

AC 28.5.5 Minutes of the 14th meeting of the School Board of Physical Sciences held on 3rd December 2020

The Council noted the Minutes of the 14th meeting of the School Board of Physical Sciences held on 3rd December 2020.

AC 28.5.6 Minutes of the 15th meeting of the School Board of Physical Sciences held on 30th November 2021

The Council noted the Minutes of the 15th meeting of the School Board of Physical Sciences held on 30th November 2021.

AC 28.5.7 Minutes of the 13th meeting of the School Board of Professional Studies held on 2nd December 2020

The Council noted the Minutes of the 13th meeting of the School Board of Professional Studies held on 2nd December 2020.

AC 28.5.8 Minutes of the 14th meeting of the School Board of Professional Studies held on 1st December 2021

The Council noted the Minutes of the 14th meeting of the School Board of Professional Studies held on 1st December 2021.

AC 28.5.9 Minutes of the 14th meeting of the School Board of Social Sciences held on 27th November 2020

The Council noted the Minutes of the 14th meeting of the School Board of Social Sciences held on 27th November 2020.

AC 28.5.10 Minutes of the 14th meeting of the College Development Council held on 7th December 2021.

The Council noted the Minutes of the 14th meeting of the College Development Council held on 7th December 2021. The Council after deliberations recommended the following items for approval by the Executive Council:

- i) To start B.Sc Microbiology course at Nar Bahadur Bhandari Degree College, Tadong and grant of temporary affiliation for the course from the academic session 2021-22 with an intake of 20 students subject to conditions mentioned in the report of the inspection team.
- ii) To start B.Com course at Sikkim Government College, Gyalshing and grant of temporary affiliation for the course with an intake of 50 students from the academic session 2021-22 subject to conditions mentioned in the report of the Inspection Team.
- iii) Renewal of temporary affiliation to the 12 colleges/subjects provided the conditions mentioned in the report of the inspection teams are complied.
- iv) Withdrawal of temporary affiliation of the university granted to Palatine College, Pakyong for inability to comply with the conditions mentioned by the inspection team in its report dated 15th February 2017.

- v) Amendment of Section 20 of OD-1 of the University Ordinance and insertion of the following sentence after “.....adoption of this Ordinance”

“However, Colleges affiliated permanently shall be inspected by the Inspection team once in three years as decided in the 15th meeting of the Academic Council held on 13th July 2014 and shall pay a fee of Rs. 50,000/- with 2 % non-cumulative enhancement as inspection fee”

**SECTION - 6
ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR**

Nil

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Sd/-
(K.V.S. Kameswara Rao)
Registrar & Secretary
Academic Council**

**Sd/-
(Prof. Avinash Khare)
Vice-Chancellor & Chairman
Academic Council**