

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016 at 11:00 AM IN VC's OFFICE**

Fifth meeting of the College Development Council was held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016 at 11:00 AM in the office of the Vice-Chancellor. Following members were present in the meeting.

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| 1. Prof. T.B. Subba<br>Vice-Chancellor  | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. Jyoti Prakash Tamang,<br>Dean, School of Life Sciences                   | - | Member      |
| 3. Dr. S. Manivannan<br>Dean, Students' Affair                                    | - | Member      |
| 4. Dr. Lily Aley<br>Principal, Sikkim Govt. College, Tadong                       | - | Member      |
| 5. Dr. Sujata Basnet<br>Principal (In-Charge), Govt. College Rhenock              | - | Member      |
| 6. Dr. Rabindra Chettri<br>Principal (In-Charge), Sikkim Govt. College, Gyalshing | - | Member      |
| 7. Dr. P.K. Mishra<br>Principal, Damber Singh College, Tadong                     | - | Member      |
| 8. Dr. Sandhya Rai<br>Principal, Loyola College of Education, Namchi              | - | Member      |
| 9. Shri T.K. Kaul<br>Registrar  | - | Secretary   |

Prof. Irshad Gulam Ahmed, Dean of School of Languages and Literature could not attend the meeting as he was on leave. Dr. Debashish Chowdhury, Controller of Examinations attended the meeting as special invitee. Dr. Suresh Gurung, Joint Registrar (Acad.) was present to assist the Council.

The Chairman welcomed all the members of the College Development Council to the meeting. 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016 being Anti-Terrorism Day, the Chairperson along with members of the CDC took pledge to uphold and promote peace, social harmony and fight forces of disruption.

Thereafter agenda items were taken up.

## **SECTION - 1**

### **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES & ACTION TAKEN REPORT**

#### **CDC 5.1.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the College Development Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the College Development Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015 were circulated to all the members on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Since no comments were received from any member, the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the College Development Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015 were confirmed.

#### **CDC 5.1.2: Action taken Report on the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the College Development Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

The Chairman asked the Secretary to present the action taken report on the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the College Development Council. Action taken report was there after presented by the Secretary.

While commenting on the payment of honorarium to the external examiners as per norms of the university by the colleges, it was informed that six colleges had submitted the compliance report. It was also reported that some colleges were not inviting any external examiners for the past two years for various reasons, which was viewed seriously as it compromised with the quality of education.

In view of the above, it was decided that from the academic session starting from 2016-17 the CoE would appoint the external examiners for various colleges and pay for their TA/DA. The CoE would also pay for invigilation duties, etc. The colleges, on their part, shall pay the entire examination and practical fee to the University for meeting the expenses on examination, invigilation, flying squads, observers, etc. including appointment of external examiners.

## **SECTION - 2 REPORTING ITEMS**

Under this section, the Chairman informed about the decision of the Library Management Committee of Sikkim University to allow borrowing of books (5 at a time for 30 days) by the Principal/Librarian of affiliated colleges and given one IP address to each college for accessing the e-

resources of the University. It was also informed that the colleges could have access to about 6000 journals and 1,35,000 e-books through N-LIST free of cost. The Chairman also informed the Council that a new, more detailed, ranking format of NAAC would be applicable from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016. Finally, he informed the Council about the steps being taken to constitute BoS for 5 UG subjects (Physical Education, Lepcha, Bhutia, Limboo, and Pharmacy).

### **SECTION - 3 RATIFICATION MATTERS**

**NIL**

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

#### **CDC 5.4.1: Report of visit to 8 temporary affiliated colleges for renewal of affiliation**

The Chairman informed that a three member university team consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, Controller of Examinations and Joint Registrar (Academic) visited all 12 colleges affiliated to Sikkim University from 8<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016. During visit the team inspected the available infrastructure facilities, interacted with the students, Principal and the teaching staff separately.

Since the colleges were already visited by the University team, an administrative decision was taken not send the inspection committee to the colleges for renewal of affiliation for the academic session 2016-17.

The Council ratified the decision of the university and after considering the report of 8 temporarily affiliated colleges recommended for renewal of temporary affiliation to these colleges for the year 2016-17 subject to the observation made for each college for approval of the Academic Council. The Council further decided that the report would be sent to the GBs of colleges and Director of HRDD, Govt. of Sikkim for their information and necessary action.

#### **CDC 5.4.2: Report of visit to 4 permanently affiliated colleges**

The Chairman informed that a three member university team consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, Controller of Examinations and Joint Registrar (Academic) visited all 12 colleges affiliated to Sikkim University from 8<sup>th</sup>

to 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016. During visit the team inspected the available infrastructure facilities, interacted with the students, Principal and the teaching staff separately.

Since the colleges were already visited by the University team, an administrative decision was taken not send the inspection committee to at least three of the four permanently affiliated colleges whose inspection was due in 2016.

The Council ratified the decision of the university and after considering the report of 4 permanently affiliated colleges recommended for approval of the Academic Council.

**CD 5.4.3: Ph.D Programme in Himalayan Pharmacy Institute, Majhitar, Rangpo**

Consequent upon the decision of the Academic Council in its meeting held on 26.10.2015, the Vice-chancellor constituted a committee to give its recommendation for starting or otherwise PhD programme in Himalayan Pharmacy Institute, Majhitar. The four member committee headed by HOD, Microbiology as Chairman visited the college on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016. The report of the Committee was placed before the council for consideration.

The Council discussed the report of the Inspection Committee and regretted that the permission to start Ph.D programme in Pharmacy cannot be granted due to extant provision of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Awards of M.Phil / Ph.D. Degree), Regulation, 2009 which under section 4 stated that ***“All Universities, Institutions, Deemed to be Universities and Colleges / Institutions of National Importance shall be eligible for conducting M.Phil. and Ph.D Programmes.”*** It was found that Himalayan Pharmacy Institute was not the **Institute of National Importance** and, therefore, the permission to start Ph.D programme at Himalayan Pharmacy Institute, Majhitar, cannot be granted at present.

**CDC 5.4.4: Proposal to start B.Ed (Part Time) programme at Harkamaya College of Education**

The University received a proposal from the Principal, Harkamaya College of Education, Tadong, Gangtok for starting B.Ed. (Part Time) programme in the college. According to NCTE Regulation 2014, the said programme was meant for untrained in-service teachers at the Primary, Secondary and Senior Secondary levels and would be offered in a staggered manner during a period of 3 years combining face-to-face teaching with school internship and school based activities. This programme could be started only in NCTE recognized Teacher Education Institutions having NAAC accreditation with minimum 'B' grade and offering both B.Ed. and M.Ed.

programmes and at least 5 years old. Harkamaya College of Education fulfilled all eligibility conditions mentioned above.

Under section 10 of the OD-1 of the University Ordinance, a three member Inspection Committee was constituted. The Committee visited the college on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and submitted its report to the university.

The College Development Council considered the report and recommended for approval of the Academic Council with the following observations;

- i) The total intake capacity in B.Ed. (Part Time) Programme would be 100 (2 units);
- ii) Syllabus for 3 year B.Ed. (Part Time) programme to be prepared urgently;
- iii) Admission for the programme to begin from June and commencement of classes to begin from July 2016;
- iv) The examination shall be conducted at the end of the academic year.

**CDC 5.4.5: Proposal to start M.Phil. / Ph.D course in Harkamaya College of Education**

The University received a proposal from the Principal, Harkamaya College of Education, Tadong, Gangtok for starting M.Phil. / Ph.D programme in the college from the academic session 2016-17. Under section 10 of the OD-1 of the University Ordinance, a three member Inspection Committee was constituted. The Committee visited the college on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and submitted its report to the university. The committee recommended not granting permission in view of the extant provision of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Awards of M.Phil / Ph.D. Degree), Regulation, 2009 which under section 4 stated that ***“All Universities, Institutions, Deemed to Universities and Colleges / Institutions of National Importance shall be eligible for conducting M.Phil. and Ph.D Programmes.”*** It was found that Harkamaya College of Education was not an **Institution of National Importance** and, therefore, the permission to start M.Phil. / Ph.D programme at Harkamaya College of Education cannot be granted at present.

**CDC 5.4.6: Proposal to start PG courses in 5 subjects (Physics, Mathematics, English, History and Economics) in Sikkim Government College, Tadong**

The university received a proposal for starting PG programme in five subjects in Physics, Mathematics, English, History and Economics) in Sikkim Government College, Tadong. Vide section 4.6 of the UGC

(Affiliation of college by Universities) Regulations, 2009 and under section 10 of OD-1 of the University Ordinance, the Vice-Chancellor constituted a Committee for inspection. The Committee visited the college on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and submitted its report to the Vice-Chancellor.

The copy of the report containing observations was also made available to the Principal of the college and the Director (HE), Human Resources Development Department, Govt. of Sikkim.

The College Development Council considered the report submitted by the Committee and recommended for temporary affiliation of 5 PG subjects in Sikkim Government College, Tadong for approval to the Academic Council subject to fulfillment of the observations made in the Report.

The Council further decided that the Principal of SGC, Tadong would submit an ATR on the observations made by the Inspection Team at least three days before the AC meeting so that the AC could take its view on the matter accordingly.

**CDC 5.4.7: Establishment of Science College at Chakung, West Sikkim under the name and title “Sikkim Government Science College, Chakung” by the Govt. of Sikkim from Academic Session 2016-17**

An application vide letter no. 69/Dir (HE) /HRDD dated 17.05.2016 was received by the University from the Human Resources Development Department, Govt. of Sikkim for starting a new science college at Chakung, West Sikkim under the name and title “Sikkim Government Science College, Chakung” from the session 2016-17.

The Council decided to constitute an Inspection Committee and submit the report before Academic Council meeting to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016.

**SECTION – 5**

**ITEMS FROM CHAIR**

**CDC 5.5.1: B.El.Ed. Programme at Damber Singh College**

Damber Singh College requested to University to provide NOC for applying to NCTE for starting Bachelor of Elementary Education (B.El.Ed.) programme. Since the college fulfilled eligibility criteria for B.El.Ed. programme, it was decided to provide NOC. But Damber Singh College

now desires to have 4 years Integrated BA-BEd programme instead of B.El.Ed. programme. The Council sought apology from the College for changing its proposal from B.El.Ed to BA(Hons)-BEd on the day of the Council meeting without giving the university time to examine the new proposal. The Council therefore decided that the matter may be examined in detail and submitted in the next meeting.

**CDC 5.5.2:** The Council decided to recommend to AC/EC a common academic calendar for both the University and the Colleges from the end-term examination for 2016 itself.

**CDC 5.5.3:** It was agreed that the CDC should consider the need for higher education planning in Sikkim for at least the next 10 to 20 years in order to avoid adhocism, knee-jerk response to situations, and violation of the norms of regulatory bodies, etc. It was also considered necessary to ensure the survival of private/missionary colleges in Sikkim because the government colleges alone cannot take care of the growing need for higher educational institutions in the state.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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**(T.K. Kaul)**  
**Registrar & Secretary**  
**CDC**

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**(T.B. Subba)**  
**Vice-Chancellor & Chairperson**  
**CDC**