



# AGENDA NOTES

OF

## 144<sup>TH</sup> MEETING (SPECIAL) OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

HELD ON

26<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021 AT 02.30 P.M.

IN THE HEMANGA BISWAS COMMITTEE ROOM  
OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SECRETARIAT

### ASSAM UNIVERSITY

(A CENTRAL UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHED BY AN ACT OF  
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# Assam University, Silchar

**Agenda item for 144<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Special) of the Executive Council to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 02.30 P.M. in the Hemanga Biswas Committee Room of the Vice-Chancellor's Secretariat, Assam University, Silchar.**

## **Item No. 1 : Reopening of University Campus for offline classes :**

As per the latest SoP issued by the State Government, Higher Educational Institutes are to gradually start functioning through offline mode from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021. In the light of state SoP, matter for reopening of offline classes of University is placed before the Council for discussion and direction.

## **Item No. 2 : Utilisation of Annual Course Fee Fund of self-financing course of the University :**

The validity of utilization of Annual Course Fee Fund for the department is for one year as per the decision of the 85<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council vide resolution No. AC:85:07-19:9. However, the University is also running several self-financing courses like B.Voc which are no more financially supported by UGC. In such courses, if the fund lapses after one year, it will become extremely difficult to run the courses smoothly. Therefore, for self financing courses, the validity of utilization of Annual Course Fee Fund may be raised from one year to 'n+1' year, where 'n' is the duration of the course. For example, in case of B.Voc, where course duration (n) is three years, the validity of utilization of Annual Course Fee Fund may be 'n+1' i.e, 3+1=4 years.

The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.

## **Item No. 3 : Issue of Pensioners Identity Card and Pension Book to Superannuated/Retired employees of the University :**

The University has received several requests for issue of Pensioners Identity Card and Pension Book to Superannuated/Retired employees of the University.

The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.

## **Item No. 4 : Research guideship by teachers of non-core departments :**

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vides resolution No. AC:88:07-21:30 adopted the recommendation of Prof. C. R. Bhattachajee Committee subject to further administrative scrutiny. The matter was referred to Controller of Examinations for administrative scrutiny. Report of COE shall be placed in the meeting for further discussion.

**Item No. 5 : Recommendations of DPC on service matter of Non-teaching staff :**

Recommendations of DPC held on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021 in respect to promotion, confirmation and other recruitment of Non-teaching Staff to Group B & C posts shall be placed in the meeting for perusal and approval.

**Item No. 6 : Reporting to Assam University Diphu Campus (AUDC) by Dr. Sudipto Sarkar, Associate Professor, Dept. of Agricultural Engineering:**

In pursuance of 143<sup>rd</sup> EC resolution vide No. EC:143:06-21:01 dtd. 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021 Dr. Sudipto Sarkar, Associate Professor, Dept. of Agricultural Engineering was asked to report to Pro-Vice Chancellor, AUDC through online/offline mode. Dr. Sarkar vide email dated 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021 has reported joining through online to PVC, AUDC.

However, University vide notification No. AUR/21-1/2020-21 dtd 13-08-2021 has made it mandatory for all outstation staffs/teachers to report to station physically by August 22, 2021. Dr. Sarkar has also been intimated by the Registrar vide email dtd 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021 to act accordingly.

The matter is reported before the Council for information and approval.

**Item No. 7 : Resolutions of the 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council of AUS held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021 :**

**(a) Panel of paper setter, moderator and evaluator of PG/UG/Integrated courses :**

Panel of paper setter, moderator and evaluator of PG/UG/Integrated courses of Odd & Even Semester examination, 2020, Even Semester Examination, 2021. List was submitted by the BPGS Chairman and accorded approval. The matter was placed before the Council for ratification.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:6 has ratified the same recommended to the Executive Council for information.

**(b) Panel of the paper setter, moderator and evaluations of TDC (CBCS) & Non-CBCS :**

Panel of the paper setter, moderator and evaluations of TDC (CBCS) & Non-CBCS Odd & Even Semester Examination, 2020 & Even Semester Examination, 2021. List was submitted by Chairman BUGS and was duly approved. The matter was placed before the Council for ratification.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:7 has ratified the same recommended to the Executive Council for information.



**(c) Matter related to the Approval of Panel of Paper Setters, Examiners, Moderators and Subject Experts :**

The Dean, School of Library Sciences has submitted the Panel of Paper Setters, Examiners, Moderators, and Subject Experts for PG Odd Semester Practical Examinations, December 2020 (Exam held in February 2021 & April 2021) for 1st and 3rd Semester respectively, in sealed cover for consideration/ratification.

The matter was placed before the Council for consideration.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:18 has ratified the same recommended to the Executive Council for information.

**(d) Special Course Work Examination :**

Minutes of the meeting of the committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor under the Chairmanship of Prof. S Giri, Dean School of Life Sciences on Special Course Work Examination and related matters as :

“The committee feels that the students may be given one more regular special course work examination in 2022 along with the Regular Course Work Examination in addition to special course work examination 2020 & 2021. Those who fail to qualify in the first attempt of special course work examination may be allowed to appear arrear paper. This is applicable only for those candidates who are covered under special Course Work Examination”.

As the notice (Ref. No. AUE/COE/CW-66/2017 (Vol-1), Dtd 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021) refers to students across the University the matter may be ratified in the next meeting of AC.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:8 has accepted the same and resolved that those scholars who are eligible to sit for special course work examinations {Ref. No. AUE/COE/CW-66/2017 (Vol-1), Dtd 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021} shall be allowed to submit their thesis for evaluation on completion of all other required formalities. However, her/his result shall be kept in abeyance until she/he qualifies the special Course Work examination (Old) with a minimum of 55% marks in aggregate. Scholars must qualify special course work examination within 2022, failing which their candidature for Ph.D. degree will stand cancelled.

Students may be given chance of clearing arrear papers (if any) in one more special course work examination (Old) in 2022 along with the Regular Course Work Examination in addition to special course work examination 2020 & 2021. Those who will fail to qualify in the first attempt of special course work examination, they may be allowed to appear for arrear paper(s) in the next arrear examination to be conducted by the University.

The matter is placed before the Council for final approval.



**(e) Minor change in marks of Education (TDC CBCS) :**

Minor changes in marks of Education (TDC CBCS) core practical paper was presented by the COE before the Council. The matter was placed before the Council for ratification.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:9 has ratified the same recommended to the Executive Council for information.

**(f) Distribution of papers of Honours students of Gr. - II, 6<sup>th</sup> semester Discipline Specific elective (DSE) courses of TDC syllabus, Economics**

The Chairman BUGS submitted the proposal accepted by the BUGS on distribution of papers of students of **Group II Sixth Semester Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) Courses of TDC Syllabus, the same is represented below.**

The distribution of Group I (Discipline Specific Elective [DSE] courses of V<sup>th</sup> Semester) that have been done just before the commencement of TDC 5<sup>th</sup> Semester Examination last time on an emergency basis by COE, Assam University in consultation with the Chairman, BUGS; the Members proposed the distribution of such 6<sup>th</sup> Semester papers in two subgroups as follows.

**ECODSE Group II (A):**

- (i) Applied Econometrics: 601
- (ii) Financial Economics:601
- (iii) International Economics:601

**ECODSE II (B)**

- (i) Political Economy-II: 602
- (ii) Comparative Economic Development(1850-1950): 602
- (iii) Dissertation/Project: 602

The distribution is proposed by BUGS subject to approval and scrutiny by appropriate higher authority, Assam University."

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:12 has accepted the same recommended to the Executive Council for final approval.

**(g) Modification of PG Syllabus of Dept. of Statistics :**

The Chairman & Dean, School of Physical Sciences has submitted the following recommendations of the School Board to the Academic Council for consideration. The proposal including the course structure and fees were discussed. Introduction of such a course is considered by the School Board.

- a) Modification of the PG (MA/M.Sc.) syllabus (CBCS) of the Dept. of Statistics.
- b) Proposal for one year P.G. Diploma Course in Data Science (self-financial mode to be offered online) to be offered by Dept. of Statistics.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:13 has accepted the syllabus under Sl. No (a) and advised that the same shall be effective from July 2021.

On perusal of the issue at Sl. No. (b), the AC was in the opinion that the detail proposal for the same is to be submitted along with fees structure and other related matter.

While approving the same in principle it was resolved that the matter be implemented after administrative scrutiny.

The matter is placed before the Council for final approval.

**(h) Revision of syllabus of BSW/MSW :**

The Dean, School of Social Sciences has submitted the recommendations of the School Board for revision of syllabus of BSW/MSW in Social Work for implementation w.e.f July 2021 for consideration and approval of the Academic Council.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:14 has accepted the same and recommended to the Executive Council for final approval.

**(i) Revision of PG syllabus of Sociology :**

The Dean, School of Social Sciences has submitted the recommendations of the School Board for revision of PG syllabus of Sociology for implementation w.e.f July 2021 for consideration and approval of the Academic Council.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:15 has accepted the same and recommended to the Executive Council for final approval.

**(j) Replacement of Research Dissertation Paper in 10th Semester :**

The Chairman BPGS, Social Work has submitted the following recommendations of the BPGS for replacement of Research Dissertation Paper in 10th Semester.

Sl No	Existing Paper	Proposed Paper
1	Research Dissertation (1004)	Tribal Development (1004)

**Note:** The Tribal Development (1004) is proposed only for the forthcoming even semester examination. The matter was placed before the Council for consideration.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:16 has accepted the same and recommended to the Executive Council for final approval.

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**(k) Increase of minimum eligibility criteria to enter into BSW :**

The Chairman BPGS, Social Work has submitted the recommendations of the BPGS for increase of minimum eligibility criteria to enter into BSW from 40% to 55% at 10+2 level. The matter was placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:17 has accepted the same and recommended to the Executive Council for final approval.

**(l) Matter related to Revision of M.Lib.I.Sc. Syllabus :**

The Dean, School of Library Sciences has submitted the Revised Draft Syllabus of M.Lib.I.Sc. Course in view of UGC new guidelines for designing Outcome Based Curriculum as per the NEP-2020. The matter was placed before to the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:19 has accepted the same and recommended to the Executive Council for final approval.

**(m) Matter related to Revision of MA Syllabus in Arabic :**

The Dean, SKC School of English and Foreign Language Studies has submitted the proposal for revision of MA Syllabus in Arabic to be effective from the session 2021. The matter was placed before to the Council for consideration and approval.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:20 has accepted the same and recommended to the Executive Council for final approval.

**(n) Matter related to draft Syllabus of PG programme in Journalism and Mass Communication :**

The Dean, AT School of Creative Arts and Communication Studies has submitted the draft Syllabus of PG programme in Journalism and Mass Communication. The matter was placed before to the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:21 has accepted the same and recommended to the Executive Council for final approval.

**(o) Matter related to draft Syllabus of UG programme in Performing Arts**

The Dean, AT School of Creative Arts and Communication Studies has submitted the draft Syllabus of UG programme in Performing Arts. The matter was placed before to the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:22 has accepted the same recommended to the Executive Council for final approval.



**(p) Proposal for inclusion of draft syllabus of practical paper of Journalism and Mass Communication at TDC (CBCS) level :**

The Dean, AT School of Creative Arts and Communication Studies has submitted a proposal for inclusion of draft syllabus of practical paper of Journalism and Mass Communication at TDC (CBCS) level. The matter was placed before to the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:25 has accepted the same and recommended to the Executive Council for final approval.

**(q) Modified/corrected B.Sc. Physics TDC (CBCS) syllabus and PG revised syllabus in Physics :**

The Dean, School of Physical Sciences has submitted the following proposal for consideration :

- (i) Modified/corrected in some parts of the continuing B.Sc. TDC (CBCS) Physics syllabus.
- (ii) PG revised syllabus structure of M.Sc. (Physics) along with the contents of Semester - I and Semester - II to be implemented from 2021-22 session.

The matter was placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:26 has accepted the same and recommended to the Executive Council for final approval.

**(r) Minor modification in UG (TDC CBCS) syllabus in Bengali :**

The Head, Dept. of Bengali has submitted a proposal for minor modification in UG (TDC CBCS) syllabus of Bengali for consideration and approval of the Academic Council.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:27 has accepted the same and recommended to the Executive Council for final approval.

**(s) Modification of B.Sc. syllabus in Life Sciences :**

The Chairperson, BUGS-Botany has submitted a proposal for modification of B.Sc. Botany CBCS (Honours & Pass), Zoology CBCS (Honours & Pass) and B.Sc. (CBCS) Industrial Fish & Fisheries syllabus. The matter was placed before the Academic Council for approval.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:28 has accepted the same and recommended to the Executive Council for final approval.



**(t) Minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> meetings of the BRS (Science) & BRS (SSH), held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 & 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021 respectively.**

The minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> Meetings of Board of Research Studies (Science) & (SSH), held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 & 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021 respectively were placed in the meeting for consideration and approval by the Council.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:29 has accepted the same and recommended to the Executive Council for final approval.

**(u) PhD modalities for Law, SOT, Education, Pharmaceutical Sc. :**

A committee was constituted to frame the modalities regarding the research programme proposal of Department of Applied Science and Humanities, Department of Law, Department of Education and Department of Pharmaceutical Science under Chairmanship of Prof C. R. Bhattacharjee. The recommendation of the Committee is as follows :

The modalities regarding the PhD programme placed by the DAC of the Department Pharmaceutical is almost the same as in other core departments, under Assam University. However, the DRC and BPGS were suggested to be constituted as per the MPhil/PhD 2017 Assam University Ordinance and Regulation. The members agreed that faculties of the department of Applied Science and Humanities, Department of Law, Department of Education and Department of Pharmaceutical Science having minimum eligibility criteria to act as research supervisor as per the M.Phil./Ph.D. 2017 Assam University Ordinance and Regulation should get scope for research supervision as per the Academic Council resolution no: AC:87:09-20:21.2. Beside this, all the members reviewed in depth the proposal submitted by the Department of Applied Science and Humanities, Department of Law and Department of Education. The matter was placed before the Academic Council for approval.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:30 has accepted the same in principle subject to administrative scrutiny of the same.

The matter is placed before the Council for final approval.

**(v) Placement of Report of the Committee constituted to formulate guidelines and modalities for award of marks for the cancelled examinations (Theory papers) of TDC CBCS Odd Semester 2020-21 :**

The report of the Committee was placed in the meeting for decision and approval. The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:31 has accepted the report of the Committee and considered and approved the modalities as submitted by the committee.

The matter is placed before the Council for final approval.



**(w) Matter related to Course 501 (RPE) from the session 2020 onwards and exemption from Ph.D. Course Work regarding :**

The submission from COE for the students, who got admitted in the Ph.D. Courses of the university in the session 2020 and applied for exemption from Ph.D. Course Work, will need to clear the new 501 course on Research and Publication Ethics by 2022.

For the candidates who have completed the M.Phil. Course Work without the Research and Publication Ethics course, if admitted in Ph.D. Program of the university in the same department from the session 2020 onwards and seek exemption from Ph.D. Course Work will need to clear the course 501 (RPE) even if they are eligible otherwise for exemption from Ph.D. course work within one year failing which s/he shall not be allowed to go for title registration. The matter was placed for consideration by the Academic Council.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:32 has accepted the same and recommended to the Executive Council for final approval.

**(x) Modalities for mark awarding for Non CBCS :**

Modalities for CBCS mark awarding for Non CBCS Odd Semester Examination, 2020 offline examination of which was cancelled due to Covid 19 pandemic. Report of the Committee was placed by the COE in the meeting. The matter was placed before the Council for decision.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:34 has accepted the report of the committee constituted for the purpose. Necessary guidelines in this regard shall be issued by the Examination department in course of time.

The matter is placed before the Council for final approval.

**(y) Modification of syllabus proposed by BUGS, Commerce :**

Prof. Parag Shil, Chairman, BUGS has submitted proposal for modification of syllabus.

The Academic Council considered Commerce Syllabus for the course BCHCC 601( Indirect Tax Law) for TDC CBCS 6th Semester which will be effective from the current semester and also Grouping for Honours Course DSE papers in the following manner:

**For 5th Semester (Honours) :**

Group A (DSE 501)	Group B (DSE 502)
BCH-DSE-501(a) Management Accounting	BCH-DSE-502(a) Corporate Tax Planning
BCH-DSE- 501(b) - Advertising	BCH-DSE-502(a) Financial Markets, Institutions and Financial Services
BCH- DSE- 501(c) - Banking and Insurance	

**For 6th Semester (Honours) :**

Group A(DSE 601)	Group B(DSE 602)
BCH- DSE-601(a) Fundamentals of Investment	BCH-DSE-602(a)International Business
BCH- DSE-601(b) Consumer Affairs and Customer Care	BCH- DSE- 602(b) Industrial Relations and Labor Law
BCH-DSE-601(c) Business Tax Procedure and Management	BCH-DSE-602(c) Business Research Methods and Project Work

(Students will select one from each group)

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:32 has accepted the same and recommended to the Executive Council for final approval.

**(z) Representation of students for re-evaluation of answer scripts of online end semester examinations of Academic Department :**

On receipt of a few representations from the students of the University for consideration of re-evaluation of answer scripts of online semester end examinations of Academic Department, COE has briefed the matter before the Council.

The Academic Council heard the deliberation of COE in this regard and considering all pros and cons the Council resolved to adhere to the existing norms of not according provisions for re-evaluation of answer scripts of online end semester examinations of Academic Department.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:38.4 has accepted the same and recommended to the Executive Council for final approval.

**(z1) Matter related to New Education Policy (NEP) - 2020 :**

The Chairman placed the UGC letter for implementation of guidelines w.r.t NEP 2020.

The Academic Council perused the communication received from UGC and following points were resolved to be accepted.

- i) Now onwards no M.Phil admission shall take place in the University.
- ii) Feasibility for lateral entry and exit to be identified & determined.
- iii) All departments of the University to start Alumni Association.

The 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:88:07-21:38.5 has accepted the same and recommended to the Executive Council for final approval.

**Item No. 8 : Item from the Chair :**

  
Registrar