Minutes

OF

91ST MEETING (SPECIAL) OF THE

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

HELD ON
18th APRIL 2022 AT 12.00 NOON
AT BIPIN CHANDRA PAUL AUDITORIUM

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Members present :

1. Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant, **Vice-Chancellor**	: Chairman
2. Prof. G.P. Pandey, Dean of Creative Arts & Comm. Studies	: Member
3. Prof. Bela Das, Dean of Indian Languages & Cultural Studies	: Member
4. Prof. Snigdha Das Roy, Head, Dept. of Sanskrit	: Member
5. Prof. M. Dutta Choudhury, Dept. of Life Science	: Member
6. Prof. A. L. Ghosh, Dean, School of Management Studies	: Member
7. Prof. C. R. Bhattacharjee, Dean, School of Physical Sciences	: Member
8. Prof. Jayashree Rout, Dean, School of Environmental Sciences	: Member
9. Prof. Sajal Nag, Dean, School of Social Sciences & HOD, History	: Member
10. Prof. Alok Sen, Professor, Dept. of Economics	: Member
11. Prof. Subhra Nag, Professor, Dept. of Philosophy	: Member
12. Prof. Abdul Razak T., Head, Dept. of Arabic	: Member
13. Prof. Suman Gun, Dept. of Indian Comparative Literature	: Member
14. Prof. B. Ruma Sharma, Dept. of Visual Arts	: Member
15. Prof. H. Nani Kumar Singha, Head, Dept. of Manipuri	: Member
16. Prof. Projit Kumar Palit, Professor, Dept. of History	: Member
17. Prof. Sudipto Roy, Head, Dept. of Computer Sc. & Engineering	: Member
18. Prof. Piyush Pandey, Head, Dept. of Microbiology	: Member
19. Prof. Joyati Bhattacharya, Dept. of Political Science	: Member
20. Prof. Supriyo Chakraborty, Head, Dept. of Biotechnology	: Member
21. Prof. Geetika Bagchi, Dean, School of Educational Sciences	: Member
22. Prof. Bhagirathi Biswas, Professor, Dept. of Sanskrit	: Member
23. Prof. Krishna Mohan Jha, Head, Dept. of Hindi	: Member

24. Prof. H. Ramananda Singh, Head of Business Administration : Member

25. Prof. Priya Kanta Nath, Head, Dept. of Bengali : Member

26. Prof. P.B. Mazumder, Professor, Dept. of Biotechnology : Member

27. Prof. Debasish Bhattacharya, Dept. of Bengali : Member

28. Prof. Atri Deshamukhya, Professor, Dept. of Physics : Member

29. Prof. B. Indrajit Sharma, Head, Dept. of Physics : Member

30. Prof. Supratim Ray, Dean of Medical & Pharmaceutical Science : Member

31. Prof. Ajit Kr. Das, Head, Dept. of Ecology & Env. Science : Member

32. Prof. Sk. Jasimuddin, Head, Dept. of Chemistry : Member

33. Prof. Paritosh Mondal, Dept. of Chemistry : Member

34. Prof. M. Tineshowri Devi, Head, Dept. of Social Work : Member

35. Prof. Gangabhushan M. Molankal, Professor, Dept. of Social Work: Member

36. Prof. Tripti Paul Choudhury, Professor, Dept. of Bengali : Member

37. Prof. Shanti Pokhrel, Professor, Dept. of Sanskrit : Member

38. Prof. Kh. Dhiren Singh, Head, Dept. of Linguistics : Member

39. Prof. S. Ganesh Bhaskaran, Dept. of Linguistics : Member

40. Prof. Humayun Bokth, Head, Dept. of Sociology : Member

41. Prof. Manoj Kumar Paul, Professor, Dept. of Chemistry : Member

42. Prof. Parag Shil, Head, Dept. of Commerce : Member

43. Prof. Ajay Kumar Singh, Head, Dept. of Education : Member

44. Prof. Baby Pushpa Sinha, Dean of English & Foreign Lang. St. : Member

45. Prof. P. K. Deva Sharma, Head, Dept. of Computer Science : Member

46. Prof. Sanjib Sengupta, Head, Dept. of Mathematics : Member

47. Prof. K. Mohammad Basheer, Professor, Dept. of Arabic : Member

48. Prof. Shahin Ara Begum, Professor, Dept. of Computer Sc. : Member

49. Prof. Tenepalli Hari, Head, Dept. of Political Science : Member

50. Prof. Nirmal Kanti Roy, Head, Dept. of Visual Arts : Member

51. Prof. Anindya Syam Choudhury, Head, Dept. of English : Member
    & Dean, Students Welfare

52. Prof. Partha Sarkar, Head, Dept. of Mass Communication : Member

53. Prof. Sivasish Biswas, Dept. of English (Diphu Campus) : Member

54. Prof. Jai Kaushal, HOD, Hindi (Diphu Campus)	: Member
55. Prof. Anup Kr. Dey, HOD, English (Diphu Campus)	: Member
56. Dr. Rama Shanker, Head, Dept. of Statistics	: Member
57. Dr. Soumendra Nath Biswas, Head, Dept. of Tourism & Hospitality Management	: Member
58. Dr. Pronobesh Rn. Chakraborty, Head i/c, Dept. of French	: Member
59. Dr. Jawaid Rahmani, Head i/c, Dept. of Urdu	: Member
60. Dr. Arijita Pradhan, HOD i/c, of Applied Sc. & Humanities	: Member
61. Mr. Pintu Saha, Head i/c, Dept. of Performing Arts	: Member
62. Dr. Ajit Kr. Tamuli, Head, Dept. of Life Science, AUDC	: Member
63. Dr. Subit Dutta, Head i/c, Dept. of Commerce, AUDC	: Member
64. Dr. Mukut Sarmah, Senior most Associate Professor, AUS	:Member
65. Principal, P. D. U. Adarsha Mahavidyalaya, Eraligool	: Member
66. Mr. Sudarshan Gupta, Radhamadhab College, Silchar	: Member
67. Akansha Das, Student of Commerce, AUS	: Member
68. Juli Das, Student of Ecology & Environmental Sc., AUS	: Member
69. Anindita Barman, Ph D Scholar of Sociology, AUS	: Member
70. Dr. Suprabir Dutta Roy, Controller of Examinations	: Spl. Invitee
71. Mr. Jayantha Bhattacharjee, Director i/c, C.D.C.	: Spl. Invitee
72. Dr. Devashish Sengupta, President, AUTA	: Spl. Invitee
73. Dr. Mahuya Sengupta, Vice President, AUTA	: Spl. Invitee
74. Mr. Chandan Paul Choudhury, President, ACTA, Cachar Zone	: Spl. Invitee
75. Mr. Hemanta Kumar Bora, Secretary, ACTA, Cachar Zone	: Spl. Invitee
76. Dr. Pradosh Kiran Nath, **Registrar**	: Ex-officio-Secretary

At the outset the Vice-Chancellor being the Chairman of the Council welcomed all the members for attending the meeting. Thereafter, agenda items were taken up for discussion and resolutions were adopted accordingly.

(A) Agenda item for ratification :

Item No. 1 : Panel of paper setter, moderator and evaluator of PG/UG/Integrated courses

AC:91:04-22:1 : Panel of paper setter, moderator and evaluator of PG/UG/Integrated courses of Odd & Even Semester examination, 2020 and Even Semester Examination, 2021. List was submitted by the Chairman, BPGS and approved by the University Authority.

The matter placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution : The item was ratified.

Item No. 2 : Panel of the paper setter, moderator and evaluators of TDC (CBCS) & Non-CBCS :

AC:91:04-22:2 : Panel of paper setter, moderator and evaluators of TDC (CBCS) & Non-CBCS Odd & Even Semester Examination, 2020& Even Semester Examination, 2021.List was submitted by the Chairman, BUGS.

The matter placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution : Ratified.

Item No. 3 : Ph.D. Course and syllabus in Hospitality and Tourism Management :

AC:91:04-22:3 : As approved by the University Authority, the dept. of Hospitality and Tourism Management has started the Ph.D. programme. The dept. will follow the syllabus of the Business Administration except specialisation part of the paper 503B, it has been changed and 'Hospitality and Tourism' portion added for 2 (two) credits under the School of Management Studies.

Copy of the same was placed in the meeting for kind ratification by the Council.

Resolution : Ratified.

Item No. 4 : Declaration of Rank Certificate :

AC:91:04-22:4 : Name of the Rank holders of different courses of the University has been prepared and declared as per PG, UG and Integrated CBCS Regulation 2015 and AUS, TDC CBCS Regulation 2018 from the session 2020 onwards. The matter is approved by the Vice-Chancellor and placed for ratification of the Council.

The details were placed by the COE in the meeting.

Resolution : The item was ratified.

(A) Agenda item for approval/decision :

Item No. 5 : Conferment of degrees in the 19th Convocation :

AC:91:04-22:5 : 19th Convocation of the University has rescheduled on 5-7 May 2022. The degrees proposed to be conferred in the 19th Convocation are as follows:

Name of degree	Year of passing 2020	Year of passing 2021
M. Sc.	237	316
M. A.	499	581
M. Com.	72	85
M.V.A.	15	28
M.S.W.	28	31
M. Lib.	21	24
Mass. Com.	28	17
M.B.A.	48	52
M. Tech.	11	15
B.V.A.	22	25
B. Tech.	53	79
B.. Pharma.	30	33
B.Sc. B.Ed	17	25
BA LLB(H)	30	41
M.Ed.	5	21
M. Phil.	49	40
Ph.D.	174	156
B. VOC. (U)	5	12
B. VOC. (IT)	6	-
B.A.	7787	-
B.Sc.	1799	-
B. Com	1747	-
B.B.A.	45	-
B.C.A.	31	-
B. Ed.	840	712
LL.B.	34	-
TOTAL	**13664**	**2336**

The above recommendation from the COE was placed before the Council for approval.

Resolution : The Council approved the conferment of degrees mentioned above in the 19th Convocation. However, conferment of degree to B.S.W. pass outs was not recorded in agenda and was therefore, recorded in the meeting as follows :

B.S.W.   31   43

Item No. 6 : Selection of certificate template for National Academic Depository (NAD)

AC:91:04-22:6 : Ten(10) different certificate templates are available for National Academic Depository(NAD) under DigiLocker which are used by all academic institutions in our country including central universities as their certificate template for NAD. These certificate templates are not same as our existing certificate templates. For selection of certificate templates available in DigiLocker for various programmes of Assam University, a Committee has been constituted by the university authority. The Committee submitted its report that *to make any change in the certificate template for any degree awarded by the University, the decision needs to be taken by the Academic Council.* The certificate template supplied for National Academic Depository (NAD) under Digilocker shall be placed by the COE in the meeting.

The matter was placed before the council for consideration.

Resolution : The matter was discussed in detail and it was resolved to refer the issue before the Template Committee for the purpose.

Item No. 7 : Adoption of Digilocker service under NAD programme :

AC:91:04-22:7 : Communication received for consideration of adoption NAD programme by Assam University are :
UGC's D.O. No. F.1-46/2020(NAD/Digilocker) dated 3rd January, 2022
MeitY's Ref No. NeGD/01-05/2022 dated 19th January, 2022
E-Mail from President and CEO NeGD<ceo@digitalindia.gov.in>dated Feb, 03, 2022.

Ministry of Education, GoI has assigned the National Academic Depository(NAD) implementation to Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) under Digital India programme via DigiLocker to facilitate students to get authenticated documents/certificates in digital format directly from their original issuers anytime, anywhere without any physical interface. Under NAD programme, the Academic Institutions will issue digital awards to students through National Academic Depository. The Institution issuing the awards is the custodian of these awards and manages the lifecycle of the award. As of now, more than 9.3 crores people are using DigiLocker services and DigiLocker is hosting more than 475 crore documents issued by 1653 government and private organizations Vide MEITY's letter No. NeGD/01-05/2022 dated 19th January, 2022. The students' degree, mark-sheet and other documents into the issued documents section in an electronic form once uploaded through the DigiLocker-NAD platform by the original issuer are valid documents as per the provisions of the information Technology Act, 2000 Vide UGC's letter No. D.O. No.1-46/20209NAD/DigiLocker) dated 3rd January, 2022. Academic institutions and Universities across the country more than 1160 institutions have already been on-boarded on the National Academic Depository(NAD).
Both Secretary, UGC Vide D.O. No. 1-46/20209NAD/DigiLocker) dated 3rd January, 2022 and President & Chief Executive Officer, National e-Governance Division, MeitY vide Ref. No. NeGD/01-05/2022 dated 19th January, 2022 *requested to all Academic Institutions to accept Degree, Mark-sheet & other documents available in issued documents in DigiLocker account as valid documents.*

Clause 5 of MEITY's Ref. No. NeGD/01-05/2022 dated 19th January, 2022 further requested to all *Vice-chancellors of all Central Universities for kind intervention in initiating the process of accepting the academic documents from the DigiLocker for admission processes.*

As decided by the competent authority, the matter was placed before the Council for discussion and consideration.

Resolution : The Council approved the same.

Item No. 8 : Matter related to Diploma in Photography and Video Production of Assam University under Community College :

AC:91:04-22:8 : Applications received from the students for one year Diploma Course in Photography and Video Production under Community College. College Development Council, AUS shall issue course completion certificate and mark sheets.

The matter was placed before the council for consideration.

Resolution : The Council approved the item. However, Certificates/Mark sheet shall be issued by the COEs office as like other Diploma courses.

Item No. 9 : Matter related to Non-CBCS & Special Examination Centres :

AC:91:04-22:9 : For the backlog papers of TDC(Non CBCS) Examination and a Special Examinations may be held during May/June, 2022. As per information available in the examination section, number of students to be appeared will be very less. Accordingly, it is proposed by the COE to conduct TDC(Non-CBCS) exam & special exam in five examination centres (one exam centre in each district) in five districts.

The matter was placed before the Council for consideration.

Resolution : The COE placed before the Council the necessity of holding of examination as proposed and it was decided that the exam shall be held in 05 Colleges of 05 districts under jurisdiction of Assam University.

Item No. 10 : Publication of Ph.D. Thesis :

AC:91:04-22:10 : Examination Section has received a good no. of applications from the Ph.D. degree awardees for providing evaluation report of the thesis for publication of Ph.D. thesis.

The matter placed before the Council for discussion and decision.

Resolution : The members deliberated on the issue and the Council was in the opinion that a Committee shall be formed to look into the issue and authorisied the Vice Chancellor to act accordingly.

Item No. 11 : **Guidelines and measures for monitoring and restricting unfair practices in the forthcoming online PG examinations :**

AC:91:04-22:11 : Any type of malpractices like use of identical language/detection of common mistakes or the identification of different handwritings in the manuscripts etc. on the part of candidates appearing for online examinations should lead to disqualification after scrutiny through a Moderation Committee.

Uniformity in the time limit allowed for submission of the pdf files (if any) and mode of online exams for all the departments is imperative. The very submission of AUTA was placed before the Council for consideration.

Resolution : In respect to guidelines and measures for monitoring and restricting unfair practices in the forthcoming online PG examinations, the members expressed their views and it was decided that the code of conduct for practicing unfair means during examination shall be as like offline examination.

Item No. 12 : **Implementation of the recommendations of the NIRF Committee :**

AC:91:04-22:12 : The AUTA has requested the competent authority of the University for implementation of the recommendations of the NIRF Committee. The recommendation of the NIRF Committee was displayed in the meeting for perusal and consideration by the Council.

Resolution : The members of the Council discussed the issue in detail with reference to NIRF issue and it was resolved that a meeting shall be convened soon by DIQAC with representatives of AUTA and the authorities for proper implementation of the recommendation.

Item No. 13 : **Matter related to the Promotion of Research - Reg :**

AC:91:04-22:13 : The Assam University Teachers' Association (AUTA) submitted a proposal for constitution of a Research Committee to monitor and address issues related to research. The Research Coordination Committee (RCC) of AUS is aimed to mandate policies to promote research and to resolve the issues related to research. Monitoring of the research activities can be done by the Office of the Director of Research and Development (DRD). This committee can have representation from all the relevant departments and may be headed by a senior Professor and Director R & D as member secretary.

Terms of Reference of the RCC and their impact :
  (i)   To encourage interdisciplinary research within the different departments of the University, within the different research institutions of the country and also internationally. Special Interest Groups (SIGs) can be encouraged to apply for projects related to national importance with high budgets over a few crores.
  (ii)   The running of an elaborate and detailed research website to monitor the progress and timely submissions of the UC etc., by a subcommittee formed to maintain and upgrade the contents of the website.

The matter was placed before the Council for consideration.

Resolution : The members of the Council discussed the issue in detail with reference to promotion of research and it was resolved that a meeting shall be convened soon by DIQAC with representatives of AUTA and the authorities for proper implementation of the recommendation of the Committee constituted for the purpose.

Item No. 14 : Inclusion of members in the School Board of Legal Studies :

AC:91:04-22:14 : The Dean, D. C. School of Legal Studies has forwarded a proposal for inclusion of members in the School Board of Legal Studies.
  (i)   Prof. K. M. Jha in place of Prof. S. P. Singh Chouhan who has superannuated.
  (ii)   Ms. Pompita Paul, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Law in place of Dr. Umesh
         Kumar who is on lien.
The matter was placed before the Council for approval.

Resolution : Approved.

Item No. 15 : Ph. D Eligibility Criteria (Social Work):

AC:91:04-22:15 : The Dean, School of Social Sciences has forwarded the proposal of the Head, Dept. of Social Work relating to eligibility criteria for admission of candidates to the Ph D programme in the Department. The matter routed through concerned BPGS & School Board.
  (i)   Minimum percentage at Post-graduate level will be followed as per UGC and
         GOI guidelines.
  (ii)   The applicants have to have a Post-graduate Degree in Social Work or allied
         discipline of Social Sciences for being eligible for admission to the Ph D course
         of the Department.
  (iii) No objection certificate from the employer of the applicant is required if he/she
         is employed.

The matter was placed before the Council for consideration.

Resolution : Approved.

Item No. 16 : Clarity on NOC for pursuing PhD by College teachers :

AC:91:04-22:16 : The Dean, School of Social Sciences has forwarded the following for placement before the Council :
Some members felt as per University Ordinance it is mandatory to submit a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Employer by Ph. D Candidate (Part-time) at the time of admission. The employer here means the Director, Department of Higher Education, Government of Assam for all college teachers. Hence, it is mandatory for college teachers to submit No Objection Certificate from the said authority.
However, others felt that No Objection Certificate from the Principal of the college is enough pre-requisite to admit college teachers in the Department. However, it has been

felt that it is better to place the matter before other statutory bodies for the sake of clarity and uniformity in implementing a provision.

Some members strongly felt that the letter from College Principal should be enough otherwise it blocks College teachers from pursuing Ph. D programme and in securing and upgrading knowledge in times of life-long learning. It takes lot of time in securing No Objection Certificate from Department of Higher Education, Government of Assam. It grossly violates academic interests of the college teachers. Still, others felt that it is unnecessary to bureaucratise procedures for admission. It is highly desirable to facilitate academic pursuits of all college teachers in the interest of education. An academic department should think of just academic considerations and not bureaucratisation of procedures. It is against the spirit of free pursuit of knowledge.

The department has decided to put forward these diverse and important views to the Dean and the School Board where it was discussed and since it requires administrative scrutiny, it is now being forwarded to the Academic Council for clarification.

Resolution : The issue was discussed in detail and the Council was in the opinion that the University shall have no objection if the Principal of the concerned College issues NOC in compliance of DHEs letter dtd. 24-10-2018.

Item No. 17 : Matter related to Panel of Practical Paper Examiners :

AC:91:04-22:17 : The Dean, S. V. School of Library Sciences submitted the Panel of Practical Paper Examiners for Practical Examinations for 2nd and 4th Semester Examination, May 2022. The Panel of External Practical Examiners, as mentioned, handed over in SEALED COVER to the Chairman in the meeting.

The matter was placed before the Council for approval.

Resolution : Approved.

Item No. 18 : Matter related to Revision of Course Curriculum as per NEP-2020 guidelines with the provision of Lateral Entry and Lateral Exit. :

AC:91:04-22:18 : The Dean, S. V. School of Library Sciences submitted the following proposal for placement in the Academic Council.

(i) Dept. of Library and Information Science to revise the Course Curriculum as per the guidelines of NEP-2020 and format issued by CoE based on the discussion held in 89th Academic Council Meeting for introducing Certificate in Library and Information Science (C.Lib.I.Sc.) Course; Bachelor of Library and Information Science (B.Lib.I.Sc.) after qualifying two Semesters and M.Lib.I.Sc. after completing four Semester examinations with the provision of Lateral Entry and Lateral Exit will be introduced. Detailed guidelines need to be formulated.

The Syllabus has already been revised to include outcome-based learning objectives in each paper. Only minor modifications will be made by reshuffling the course content. Finally, the Revised Syllabus shall be submitted in the meeting.

(ii) Matter related to sanction of Teaching and Non-Teaching Positions for the Dept. of Library and Information Science (Detailed proposal shall be placed in the meeting).

(iii) Matter related to the requirement of furniture, equipment and need to develop new Computer / Practical Laboratory for accommodating classes and practical parallel in parallel session (Detailed proposal shall be placed in the meeting)

The matter was placed before the Council for consideration.

Resolution : On detail discussion over the issue it was resolved that the COE shall convene a meeting with Dean's and Head's of the departments to finalize a common guideline to be implemented from July 2022. Further the Vice Chancellor was authorized to constitute a Syllabus Implementation Committee to ensure that the syllabus framed is as per the requirement of NEP 2020.

Item No. 19 : Matter related to Panel of Question setters cum Examiners for Legal Studies :

AC:91:04-22:19 : The Dean, D.C.R. School of Legal Studies has submitted the Panel of Question Setters and Examiners for LL.M. 2nd Semester and LL.M. 4th Semester Examination, May 2022. The Panel of Question Setters and Examiners, as mentioned, handed over in SEALED COVER to the Chairman in the meeting.

The matter was placed before the Council for approval.

Resolution : Approved.

Item No. 20 : Matter related to the Dept. of Performing Arts :

AC:91:04-22:20 : The Head, Dept. of Performing Arts has submitted the following proposals of the Dept. of Performing Arts for placing in the 91st AC meeting.
  (i)   Change of the Course Title "Theatre to BPA in Theatre Arts" instead of "BPA Drama/Theatre"
  (ii)   To make the specialization entitled 'History of Arts' against the vacant post as per the need of the Department.
The above proposals were accepted by the School Board and concerned BUGS.

The matter was placed before the Council for consideration.

Resolution : (i) Not considered.
          (ii) Approved for advertisement accordingly.

Item No. 21 : Matter related to the School of Economics & Commerce :

AC:91:04-22:21 : The Dean, M.G. School of Economics & Commerce forwarded the following item (I to III) for placing before the Academic Council :

I) **Course Work revised syllabus of Paper 502 (School Level), 503 & 504 (Department Level)**

The Chairman placed the syllabus of School Level and Department Level Papers 503 & 504. The Members suggested minor modifications in the same which were accepted and

finally, the syllabus is recommended for forward transmission. The complete syllabus will be placed in the meeting.

The matter was placed before the Academic Council for approval.

II) **Revision of M. Com & PGDMM Annual Course Fee and seat Capacity : Department of Commerce :**

The matter has been accepted by the School Board with recommendation of BPGS (Commerce). The resolution of BPGS (Commerce) is submitted below.

Revision of M.Com and PGDMM course fee from the forthcoming session were routed through DAC (Commerce) AUS and DAC (Commerce), AUDC and BPGS found these revisions quite justified since revision has not been made for more than a decade and hence BPGS Commerce, AUS, approved, recommended and forwarded to the School Board for onward transmission to appropriate statutory bodies.

Revised Annual course fee for both Silchar and Diphu Campus are as follows:

Name of Course	Present Annual Course Fee	Revised Annual Course Fee
M.Com.	INR 1200/- PA	INR 3600/- PA
PGDMM	INR 10000/- PA	INR 12000/- PA

Seat capacity of M.Com for Silchar Campus :

Name of Course	Present intake capacity	Revised intake capacity
M.Com	81 Nos.	60 Nos.

It has been decided to **restrict the seat capacity of M.Com in Silchar to Sixty (60) only** keeping in view the size of the existing class room.

The matter has been recommended to the school Board for necessary action and transmission to appropriate bodies of the authority".

The matter was placed before the Council for consideration.

III) **Reduction in the intake capacity of Department of Economics in PG Course, Economics :**

The Chairman, School Board informed the members that HOD, Department of Economics requested the University authority in writing in the last admission period to reduce the intake capacity in PG Course from 96 to 77 seats in view of space and infrastructure limitations being faced by the department.

The members joined the discussion and observed that the intake capacity of the Department was 77 till 2021, but during 2021 admission time, it was suddenly increased to an unmanageable number of 96.

The members resolved that the seat capacity of the department can be at most 77 which the department can somehow manage.

Hence, it is resolved that the matter shall be sent to Academic Council meeting with recommendation to fix the intake capacity of the department at 77 seats from academic session 2022. The matter was placed before the Academic Council for approval.

Resolution : (I) Approved.

(II), (III) & (IV-Dept. of Bengali 100 to 80- placed in the meeting). The Council discussed in detail and the issue was provisionally agreed upon due to shortage facilities.

Item No. 22 : Course structure and fee structure of the proposed Certificate course titled 'CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH & COMMUNICATION SKILLS' (CPECS) in the Dept. of English :

AC:91:04-22:22 : The Dean, School of English & Foreign Languages Studies has forwarded a proposal of the Chairperson of BPGS in English. The course structure for the one-semester self-financing Certificate Course titled 'Certificate of Proficiency in English & Communication Skills' (CPECS), which was proposed by the Dept. of English (AUS). The School Board accepted the course structure and opined that the starting of the Certificate Course in the Department of English would be greatly beneficial to a cross-section of people.

The School Board accepted the Course Structure and Fee Structure proposed by the BPGS, English, and resolved to forward the same to the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution : The matter was approved in principle and the Exam Branch shall issue the Certificates for the course. However, it is decided that a small committee to be framed to look into the financial aspects in respect to the said course to ensure that all expenses appropriately met from the course.

Item No. 23 : Post Graduate Certificate Course in French for Hospitality and Tourism Management (PGCCFHTM) :

AC:91:04-22:23 : The Dean, School of English & Foreign Languages Studies has forwarded a proposal pertaining to the Post Graduate Certificate Course in French for Hospitality & Tourism Management **(PGCCFHTM)** proposed by the BPGS, French, and School Board accepted the proposed Course Structure and Fee Structure and forwarded the same to the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

Resolution : Approved.

Item No. 24 : P.G. Revised Syllabus in Linguistics under (CBCS) :

AC:91:04-22:24 : The Department of Linguistics, AUS has submitted the P.G. syllabus in Linguistics under (CBCS) duly revised by the concerned BPGS and accepted by the School Board held on 11/03/2022.

The matter was placed before the Council for consideration.

Resolution : Approved.

Item No. 25 : **Minor modification of syllabus for pre-PhD integrated course work related to Course no: 503 and 504 :**

AC:91:04-22:25 : The Department of Linguistics, AUS has submitted the syllabus of pre-PhD integrated course work related to Course: 503 and 504 in Linguistics duly made minor modification by the concerned BPGS and accepted by the School Board held on 11/03/2022.
The matter was placed before the Council for consideration.

Resolution : Approved.

Item No. 26 : Introduction of Manipuri Scripts :

AC:91:04-22:26 : The Chairman, BPGS, Manipuri & HOD, Manipuri forwarded a proposal regarding the introduction of Manipuri scripts along with Bengali scripts with effect from the academic session 2021-22 was accepted and resolved to forward the same to School Board and Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution : Dean of the concerned School was advised to submit a report to the Vice Chancellor in consultation with the COE on the feasibility of the matter. The Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to take action accordingly on the basis of the report.

Item: No. 27 : Re-constituted Board of Under Graduate Studies (BUGS) in CSE.

AC:91:04-22:27 : The Head, Dept of Computer Science & Engineering has forwarded the panel for reconstitution of BUGS in Computer Science & Engineering :

1. Head, Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering, AUS : Chairman

2. Prof. Sudipta Roy, Professor of Computer Sc. & Engg, AUS : Member

3. Dr. Sunita Sarkar, Asso. Professor of Computer Sc. & Engg, AUS : Member

4. Dr. Tapodhir Acharjee, Asstt. Prof. of Computer Sc. & Engg, AU: Member

5. Dr. Rinku Rabidas, Dept. of Electronics & Computer EngG., AUS : Member

6. Dr. Avinash Kumar, Dept. of Agricultural Engineering, AUS : Member

7. Dr. Pranab Kr. Sarkar, Dept. of Applied Sc. & Humanities, AUS : Member

8. Dr. Debomalya Ghosh, Dept. of Business Administration, AUS : Member

9. Dr. Himadri Sekhar Das, Dept. of Physics, AUS : Member

10. Prof. Amlan Chakrabarti : Ext. Member
    Professor and Director, A.K.Choudhury School of Information
    Technology, Room No. 415, Academic Tower Technology Campus,
    University of Calcutta, JD-II, Sector-III, Saltlake, Kolkata-700106,

11. Dr. Mrinal Kanti Debbarma : Ext. Member
    Associate Professor, Department of CSE, NIT, Agartala.

The matter was placed before the Council for approval.

Resolution : Approved.

Item: No. 28 : Re-constituted Board of Post Graduate Studies (BPGS) in CSE :

AC:91:04-22:28 : The Head, Dept of Computer Science & Engineering has forwarded the panel for reconstitution of BPGS in Computer Science & Engineering

1. Head, Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering, AUS : Chairman
2. Prof. Sudipta Roy, Professor of Computer Sc. & Engg, AUS : Member
3. Dr. Sunita Sarkar, Associate Prof. of Computer Sc. & Engg, AUS : Member
4. Mr. Sourish Dhar, Asst. Professor of Computer Sc. & Engg, AUS: Member
5. Dr. Abhijit Biswas, Asst. Professor of Computer Sc. & Engg, AUS: Member
6. Prof. Debaprasad Das, Dept. of Electronics & Comm. Engg, AUS: Member
7. Dr. Ajita Tiwari, Dept. of Agricultural Engineering, AUS : Member
8. Dr. Pradip Debnath, Dept. of Applied Sc. and Humanities, AUS : Member
9. Prof. P. K. Deva Sarma, Dept. of Computer Science, AUS : Member
10. Prof. Sanjib Sengupta, Dept. of Mathematics, AUS : Member
11. Prof. Khumanthem Manglem Singh : Ext. Member
    Professor, Dept. of CSE, National Institute of Technology,
    Manipur, Langol, Imphal-795004,

12. Prof. Biplab K. Sikdar : Ext. Member
    Professor, Department of Computer Science & Engineering,
    Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur
    P.O. - Botanic Garden, Howrah - 711 103, West Bengal.

13. Prof. Diganta Goswami : Ext. Member
    Professor, Department of Computer Science & Engineering,
    Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati- 781039, Assam,

The matter was placed before the Council for approval.

Resolution : Approved.

Item No. 29 : Department specific policy for UG/IG admission with CUET score:

AC:91:04-22:29 : The duly constituted Admission Committee of the University in its meeting dtd. 11th April 2022 has framed the draft department specific policy for UG/IG admission with NTA-CUET score, implementation of the same needs approval of the Academic Council. Accordingly, the resolutions taken in the meeting was placed before the Council for consideration.

Resolution : Approved.

Item No. 30 : New syllabus for Dept. of Business Administration in the light of NEP :

AC:91:04-22:30 : The Head, Dept. of Business Administration has submitted new syllabus in the light of NEP for consideration and approval of the Academic Council. The matter is routed through the concerned BPGS & School Board. The syllabus was placed by the HOD in the meeting.

Resolution : The Council noted the same. However, final approval shall be accorded on the basis of the recommendation of the syllabus implementation committee.

Item No. 31 : Proposal for the implementation of Assam University brand manual :

AC:91:04-22:31 : Head, Dept of Visual Arts has forwarded a proposal for implementation of Assam University brand manual and in this regard a presentation will be made by the department before the Council for consideration.

Resolution : On detail discussion the Council was of the opinion that a Committee should be constituted by the competent authority to look into the issue.

Item No. 32 : Recommendation of National Service Scheme (NSS) Advisory Committee of Assam University, Silchar :

AC:91:04-22:32 : The National Service Scheme (NSS) Advisory Committee of Assam University in its meeting dtd. 27/08/2021 has resolved the following for consideration of the Academic Council :
  (i)   Introduction of National Service Scheme (NSS) as optional paper at undergraduate level in the affiliated colleges of AU.
  (ii)   Incentives for the volunteers in admission to PG courses on successful completion of two years of NSS volunteer-ship along with a Special Camp.
The matter was placed before the Council for discussion and consideration.

Resolution : (i) Agreed in principle. However, the course structure and syllabus to be provided to the Colleges before notification of admission.
(ii) The issue was approved in principle and the same shall be taken up with the Admission Committee of the University.

Item No. 33 : Introduction of Digital Signature/Monogram in AU Certificate :

AC:91:04-22:33 : The 19th Convocation of the University is scheduled for 5-7 May 2022 and there are about **10,000** Certificates required to be issued to the candidates applied for the 19th Convocation. In view of signing of these huge number of certificates during a short span, it would be appropriate for the University to go for Digital Signature/ Monogram on the certificates to be issued during the Convocation. It is therefore placed before the Council for consideration of use of Digital Signature/Monogram.

Resolution : A detail discussion took place on the issue, however, considering the constraints brought to the notice of Council by the COE the Vice Chancellor agreed to put manual signature on the certificates and the Council gladly accepted the same.

Item No. 34 : Opening of Academic Departments/ Centres at AUDC :

AC:91:04-22:34 : The proposal of In-Charge, Diphu Campus for opening of Academic Departments/Centres at AUDC is received and placed before the Academic Council for discussion and consideration.

(i)   Department of Education Science
(ii)   Department of Business Economics
(iii)   Department of Mass Communication
(iv)   Department of Hospitality & Tourism Management
(v)   Centre for Northeast Studies
(vi)   Centre for Entrepreneurship Development

Resolution : The complete proposal of the in-charge Diphu Campus where it was proposed to open four departments and two centres were accepted in principle and it was advised that the in-charge Diphu Campus shall place the proposal in detail for onward placement to the UGC on approval of the Executive Council of the University.

Item No. 35 : Item from the Chair :

AC:91:04-22:35.1 : Non Core department faculties guiding/supervising Ph.D.

The Chairman was pleased to raise the issue regarding Non Core department faculties doing Ph.D. and after detail discussion the following resolution was taken.

Resolution : The Council referred the findings of the Committee constituted for the purpose whereas it was necessary to hold a discussion with the department concerned by the COE and accordingly the House was in the opinion that the COE shall write to concerned departments at the earliest to resolve the issue.

AC:91:04-22:35.2 : External Experts for Ph.D. Viva to be Subject Expert from outside University :

On the issue of inviting External Experts for Ph. D. Viva voce, the Chairman's observations on maintaining quality of Ph.D. work was considered and the Council resolved as follows.

Resolution : On being discussion on the issue the Council in the opinion that the External Experts should be changed as External Examiners in the agenda note. The Council approved the proposal to the effect that the External Examiner for Ph.D. Viva are to be the Subject Expert from outside University. However, the members were of the opinion that the utmost economy to be maintained on TA/DA expenses and wherever possible the Viva Voce to be held in blended mode with a view to restrict expenses on TA/DA.

AC:91:04-22:35.3 : Collaboration with Autonomous Council and FISS for skill development initiatives :

The Vice Chancellor, the In-Charge AUDC and the Registrar visited the ready infrastructure nearby Lanka in Dima Hasao District on invitation from the Autonomous

Council for collaboration with Autonomous Council and FISS for skill development initiatives. The matter was placed by the Vice Chancellor before the Council for consideration.

Resolution : On being heard the Vice Chancellor the Council approved the issue in principle to explore possibilities of collaboration with NCAC and FISS.

Item No. 36 : Any other matter with permission from the Chair :

AC:91:04-22:36.1 : Academic Calendar of the University :

One of the learned member of the Council raised the issue of Academic Calendar of the University and on discussion the issue was resolved as follows :

Resolution : The matter related to preparation of Academic Calendar of the University was discussed and it was decided that the Admission Committee of the University shall prepare the Academic Calendar for the session 2022-2023 of the University for placing before the Vice Chancellor for approval.

AC:91:04-22:36.2 : Dates of different examinations :

The COE has announced the following dates for various examinations and placed before the Council for approval :

(a) 1st Semester PG, UG and IG – from 20th May, 2022
(b) 4th Semester PG, UG and IG – from 3rd week of August, 2022.
(c) Ph. D Course Work – 2nd week of July, 2022.
(d) TDC examination - 3rd week of August, 2022.

Resolution : The Council approved the same.

There being no other item to discuss, the meeting ended with thanks to & from the Chair.

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Registrar & Ex-officio-Secretary
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