



MINUTES

OF

167TH MEETING

OF THE

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

HELD ON
14th MAY 2024 AT 11.00 AM
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

**Minutes of 167th Meeting of the Executive Council
held on 14th May 2024 at 11.00 A.M. in the Hemanga Biswas
Committee Room of the Vice-Chancellor's Secretariat,
Assam University, Silchar.**

The following Members were present :

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| 1. Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant, Vice-Chancellor | : Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Alok Sen, Dean, School of Economics & Commerce | : Member |
| 3. Prof. Baby Pushpa Sinha, Dean of English & Foreign Lang. Studies | : Member |
| 4. Prof. Rashmi Ranjan Mishra, Dean, School of Legal Studies | : Member |
| 5. Prof. Parthankar Choudhury, Dean, School of Environmental Sc. | : Member |
| 6. Prof. Asoke K Sen, Senior most Professor | : Member |
| 7. Dr. Narendra T., Senior most Associate Professor | : Member |
| 8. Prof. Piyush Pandey, Director, IQAC, | : Special Invitee |
| 9. Dr. Subhadeep Dhar, Finance Officer i/c. | : Permanent Invitee |
| 10. Dr. Pradosh Kiran Nath, Registrar | : Ex-officio Secretary |

Members participated through online in the meeting :

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| 1. Prof. Sivasish Biswas, Pro-Vice Chancellor, AUDC | : Member |
| 2. Dr. Anil Ch. Das, Principal, Eastern Karbi Anglong College | : Member |

Members absent :

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| 1. Prof. Krishna Pal Singh, Visitor's Nominee | : Member |
| 2. Prof. Kashi Nath Jena, Visitor's Nominee | : Member |
| 3. Dr. Sarat C. Kakaty, Visitor's Nominee | : Member |
| 4. Prof. Buno Zetsuvi, Visitor's Nominee | : Member |
| 5. Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Principal, Nilambazar College, Nilambazar | : Member |
| 6. Mr. B. S. Kar, Principal, A. L. Choudhury College, Algapur | : Member |

At the outset the Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman of the Executive Council welcomed all the members for attending the meeting offline and online.

Thereafter the meeting formally started with following agenda items which were taken up for discussion and resolutions were adopted accordingly.

(A) Agenda item for confirmation:

Item No. 1 : Confirmation of the minutes of the 162nd, 163rd, 164th, 165th & 166th meeting of the Executive Council :

EC:167:05-24:01 : The minutes of the 162nd Meeting, 163rd Meeting (Emergent), 164th Meeting (Emergent), 165th Meeting (Special) and 166th Meeting (Emergent) of the Executive Council held on 23rd November 2023, 21st December 2023, 8th February 2024, 21st March 2024 and 22nd April 2024 respectively are placed in the meeting for consideration and confirmation. Action taken reports of the above meetings were also placed in the meeting for consideration.

Resolution : The minutes of the 162nd Meeting, 163rd Meeting (Emergent), 164th Meeting (Emergent), 165th Meeting (Special) and 166th Meeting (Emergent) of the Executive Council along with Action Taken Report of the meetings were circulated and perused by the members and having no observations, the Council confirmed the same.

(B) Agenda item for approval/decision :

Item No. 2 : Minutes of 96th meeting of the Academic Council :

EC:167:05-24:02 : The minutes of 96th meeting of the Academic Council held on 12th April 2024 was placed in the meeting and the **item No. 2 to 17, 21, 22 to 30, 35.1 to 35.3, 35.5 to 35.9, 35.12, 35.16 & 35.17** of the said minutes were placed before the Executive Council for approval.

AC:96:04-24:2 : Degree to be awarded in the 21st Convocation 2024 :

AC:96:04-24:3 : Duration for submission of RTI application by students :

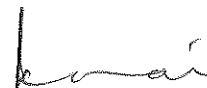
AC:96:04-24:4 : Proposal submitted by the Dean, School of Social Sciences :

AC:96:04-24:5 : FYUG Syllabus as per NEP - 2020 guidelines :

AC:96:04-24:6 : Proposal from the Dean, School of Physical Sciences :

AC:96:04-24:7 : Minor modification in PG syllabus :

AC:96:04-24:8 : Proposal from School of Management Studies :



AC:96:04-24:9 : UGC Public notice regarding Draft Curriculum and Credit Frame Work for Post Graduate Programme :

AC:96:04-24:10 : Proposal for opening of a new Diploma course on "Climate change adaptation and Disaster Risk Mitigation" (CCA & DRM) under the Dept. of Ecology and Environmental Science :

AC:96:04-24:11 : Adoption of National Eligibility Test (NET) as an Entrance Test for Admission to Ph.D :

AC:96:04-24:12 : Online P G diploma in Data Science :

AC:96:04-24:13 : Mode of conducting Ph.D. viva - reg. :

AC:96:04-24:14 : Replacement of B.Sc. B.Ed. (Integrated Programme) by ITEP (Integrated Teacher Education Programme) in the Dept. of Education, AUS :

AC:96:04-24:15 : Proposal of Dean, School of Library Sciences on Panel of Subject Experts :

AC:96:04-24:16 : Proposals of Dean, School of Triguna Sen School of Technology :

AC:96:04-24:17 : Proposals of Dean, School of Creative Arts & Communication Studies :

AC:96:04-24:21 : Introduction of MOOCs Courses as provided by Infosys Springboard in FYUGP :

AC:96:04-24:22 : Minutes of the 56th meeting of the BRS (Science) & BRS (SSH), held on 2nd April 2024 & 3rd April 2024 respectively.

AC:96:04-24:23 : Panel of the paper setter, moderator and evaluators of TDC (CBCS) & Non-CBCS :

AC:96:04-24:24 : Panel of paper setter, moderator and evaluator of PG/UG/Integrated courses

AC:96:04-24:25 : Minutes of Examination Discipline Committee (EDC) :

AC:96:04-24:26 : Special Chance Examination :

AC:96:04-24:27 : Permission for appearing two courses simultaneously :

AC:96:04-24:28 : Regulation for implementation of Assam University Ordinance on PhD Degrees :



AC:96:04-24:29 : Mark Distribution of Value Added Courses (VAC) of FYUG programme under NEP 2020 :

AC:96:04-24:30 : Final Examination question pattern of M. Pharm :

AC:96:04-24:35.1 : Reschedule of Summer Vacation of the University :

AC:96:04-24:35.2 : Admission through SAMARTH Portal from the session 2024-25 :

AC:96:04-24:35.3 : Syllabus of BT 556 (VBC) Value-Based Course in Biotechnology Dept. for PG 2nd Sem. :

AC:96:04-24:35.5 : Proposal for instituting an Endowment Award in memory of Late Har Govind Pant of Nainital :

AC:96:04-24:35.6 : Supplementary Examination for PG courses :

AC:96:04-24:35.7 : MA syllabus for the Dept. of Education under NEP 2020 :

AC:96:04-24:35.8 : Committee report on separate School Board and BPGS for AU Diphu Campus :

AC:96:04-24:35.9 : Proposal to offer Business Analytics as one of the specializations in the MBA Programme :

AC:96:04-24:35.12 : Matter related to examination norms of NPTEL SWAYAM platform

AC:96:04-24:35.16 : Modification of FYUG Syllabus of Hindi :

AC:96:04-24:35.17 : Authorization of B.Voc under School :

Resolution : The Council approved the minutes of the 96th meeting of the Academic Council with the following observations in the following resolutions :

AC:96:04-24:3 : Duration for submission of RTI application by students :

The Council discussed the matter and resolved that the student shall apply in plain paper within one month after declaration of result.

AC:96:04-24:5 : FYUG Syllabus as per NEP - 2020 guidelines :

The proposal for correction of typographical mistake was considered and resolved that the word AUDC shall be removed from the resolution.



AC:96:04-24:13 : Mode of conducting Ph.D. viva - reg. :

The Council discussed the matter and was of the opinion that the External Experts for conducting Ph. D. viva shall be invited on the basis of financial feasibility and with the approval of the competent authority. However, online viva-voce would continue to be an option.

AC:96:04-24:14 : Replacement of B.Sc. B.Ed. (Integrated Programme) by ITEP (Integrated Teacher Education Programme) in the Dept. of Education, AUS :

The Council discussed the matter and resolved that the change of nomenclature is approved and the same shall be applicable for the new entrants under ITEP.

AC:96:04-24:17 : Proposals of Dean, School of Creative Arts & Communication Studies :

The Registrar placed the communication received from the Dean, School of Creative Arts & Communication Studies in respect to modification of the minutes and on discussion on the issue the Council resolved that the course shall be on Self Financing basis. However, other minor corrections as proposed were considered by the Council as follows :

The mistake was highlighted in the items, 1, 2, 3, and 5 and **rectified as follows** ;

1. Matter related to introduction of PG Programme in the Department of Performing Arts was discussed in the School Board and resolved to forward the same to the Academic Council for final approval for opening the PG courses in the upcoming 2024-2025 session. The Department is also submitted the MPA syllabus (Vocal, Tabala, Dance and Theatre) for the Performing Arts for the approval of the same.
2. The matter on admission criteria for PG Programme of the Department of Performing Arts without CUET was discussed in the School Board and the members opined that the matter need to be taken up by the Head, Department of Performing Arts routed through Proper Channel to the competent authority.
3. The matter on the proposed intake capacity of 20 seats for PG admission along with 45% marks in admission criteria in the Department of Performing Arts was discussed in the School Board and the members resolved to forward the matter to Academic Council for its approval.
4. The matter on the recruitment of faculty members in the Department of Performing Arts was placed before the Board. After threadbare discussion in the School Board, the members opined that the Department needs to submit the proposal specialization wise to the competent authority through proper channel with proper justification and forward the same to the Academic Council for its approval.



5. Matter related to introduction of PhD Programme in the Department of Performing Arts was discussed in the School Board. Same was approved and forwarded to the Chairman, BRS and the Academic Council through the PhD Cell for the final approval. The Department is also submitted the PhD Course work syllabus for the Performing Arts for approval of the same.

AC:96:04-24:28 : Regulation for implementation of Assam University Ordinance on PhD Degrees :

The Council approved the said resolution of the AC with the direction that the CoE shall submit the same to Vice-Chancellor after obtaining necessary feedback and rectification there upon. A committee may be constituted by Vice-Chancellor to examine the same before final notification of the Regulation.

AC:96:04-24:35.17 : Authorization of B.Voc under School :

The Council approved the recommendation of the Academic Council and further advised that the DPR shall be prepared for having a full-fledged B. Voc. Department and to be forwarded to the concerned Ministry/UGC.

Additional resolution of AC:96:04-24:35.18 :

The Registrar placed the communication received from the Head, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Science for inclusion of the agenda on **Fee Structure of Dept. of Pharmaceutical Science** which was not reflected in the minutes of the 96th meeting of the Academic Council.

The Council discussed on the issue and approved the recommendation of the DAC and Fee Review Committee on fixation of Course Fee of B. Pharm course with Rs. 40,000/- from the academic session 2024-25.

Item No. 3 : Confirmation of Service of Teachers (Silchar Campus)

EC:167:05-24:03 : In pursuance of the provisions of Clause 11 of the UGC Regulations 2018, and on successful completion of one year of service, the following faculty members of Silchar Campus are found to be eligible for confirmation of service, as per the details given below:

Silchar Campus:					
Sl. No.	Name of the Teacher	Department	Designation	Date of joining	Date of completion of probation period
1	Dr. Debasish Roy	Comp. Sc.	Asstt. Prof.	27.10.2022	26.10.2023
2	Mr. Mohammad Ansar	Urdu	Asstt. Prof.	27.10.2022	26.10.2023

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3	Dr. Sayak Das	Life Sc. & Bioinformatics	Asstt. Prof.	27.10.2022	26.10.2023
4	Dr. Joyashri Dey	Social Work	Asstt. Prof.	27.10.2022	26.10.2023
5	Dr. Hemlata Kerketta	Bengali	Asso. Prof.	31.10.2022	30.10.2023
6	Dr. Abimanyu S.	Pharm. Sc.	Asstt. Prof.	03.11.2022	02.11.2023
7	Dr. Sudip Das	Visual Arts	Asstt. Prof.	11.11.2022	10.11.2023
8	Dr. Rahul Kumar Chawda	Comp. Sc.	Asstt. Prof.	23.11.2022	22.11.2023
9	Dr. Beeralaguddada Srinavasa	Law	Asstt. Prof.	23.01.2023	22.01.2024
10	Dr. Sangharsh Mishra	Law	Asstt. Prof.	24.01.2023	23.01.2024
11	Dr. Rintu Das	Bengali	Professor	25.01.2023	24.01.2024
12	Dr. Widonlule Newme	Law	Asstt. Prof.	25.01.2023	24.01.2024

The matter was placed before the Council for approval.

Resolution : The Council approved the confirmation of Service of Teachers.

Item No. 4 : Grant of Transport allowance at double the normal rates to Dr. Pranesh Debnath :

EC:167:05-24:04 : Dr. Pranesh Debnath, has been appointed to the post of Asstt. Professor, Department of Commerce under the OBC category post. Accordingly, Dr. Debnath has joined in the University on 20-07-2021. Thereafter he has submitted his claim for payment of Transport Allowance at double the normal rates on 12-09-2023 as per provisions of GOI OM No.21/1/2018-E.IIB dtd.15-09-2022 along with the relevant disability certificate. The Copy of the aforesaid OM and the disability certificate & the Provisions contained in "THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 2016" is attached for kind perusal.

At the time of appointment, Dr. Debnath was not a PWD candidate as per appointment criteria, but subsequently he has attained the disability having overall disability of 43%. The matter is examined in the light of the O.M. Noted above & Sec. 2 (r) of RPWD Act-2016 which stipulates/indicates that he is eligible for the bench mark disability for claiming the benefit of Transport allowance at double the normal rates.

The matter was placed before the Council decision.

Resolution : After detail discussion on the grant of transport allowance at double the normal rates, the Council was of the opinion that the matter needs more clarification and as such decided that the issue shall be referred to the appropriate authority for clarification.



Item No. 5 : Change of nomenclature of Hindi Translator :

EC:167:05-24:05 : In reference to MOE letter No. 13035-5/2013-Rajbhasha dated 06/12/2019, UGC vide letter No. 5-1/2009 (Rajbhasha) dated 30/01/2020 has informed to implement the nomenclature of Rajbhasha officers of Central Universities at par with Rajbhasha officers of Central Secretariat Rajbhasha service. Letter of MOE and UGC are attached herewith for ready reference.

In the Hindi Cell of Assam University, there is one Hindi Translator having Level-6 named Shri Prithviraj Goala whose present designation may be considered for re-designating as "Hindi Anubad Adhikari" with no change of pay level.

The matter was placed before Executive Council for adoption.

Resolution : The Council approved the change of nomenclature, however, it was advised that the nomenclature shall have to be as per UGC's directives. The same shall also be incorporated in the Non Teaching Recruitment Rule of the University.

(C) Agenda item for ratification :**Item No. 6 : Grant of Special Child Care allowance :**

EC:167:05-24:06 : In compliance of the Ministry of Personnel, P.G. and Pensions, Govt. of India letter No. A-27012/03/2017-Estt (AL) dtd 16-08-2017 for implementation of decisions relating to Special Allowance for Child Care for women with disabilities and subject to ratification in the next meeting of the Executive Council Smt Sudevi Kanu, LDC, Dept. of Education is granted Special Allowance for Child Care for women with disabilities @ 3000/- p.m. for two years with effect from the date of birth of her child on 01/11/2022. The above amount shall be raised by 25% every time as and when the DA goes up by 50%. The matter was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution : The Council ratified the grant of Special Child Care allowance.

Item No. 7 : Appointment of Heads of the Departments :

EC:167:05-24:07 : The competent authority has appointed the following faculty members as HODs/ HOD in-charges which were placed for ratification by the Executive Council:

Sl. No.	Name of the Faculty	Department	Effective Date	Order No.	Period
1.	Prof. Himadri Sekhar Das	Physics	21.03.2024	102/4/2020 - Estt/8993-97 dated. 12.03.2024	3 Years

Resolution : The Council ratified the same.

Item No. 8 : Advancement of date of effect of promotion under CAS in respect of Dr. Sreeparna Bhattacharjee :

EC:167:05-24:08 : As per the recommendation of the Standing Screening Committee for CAS and subject to the ratification of the Executive Council the Vice Chancellor, Assam University is pleased to approve the advancement of date of effect for promotion under Career Advancement Scheme in respect of the following faculty members as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Name of faculty member	Department	Stage of promotion	Date of promotion as per earlier notification	Advanced date of effect
1.	Dr. Sreeparna Bhattacharjee	Education	Stage I to Stage II	11/01/2016	22/12/2014
			Stage II to Stage III	11/1/2021	22/12/2019

This advancement of date of effect of promotion has been done in pursuance of the Public Notice No.2.16/2002 (PS) Pt.FI.II dated 16/10/2018 issued by the Secretary, University Grants Commission, New Delhi and subsequent notification issued by Assam University No.104/19/2022-Estt/1636-42 dated 4/7/2023.

The item was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution : The Council ratified the advancement of date of effect of promotion.

Item No. 9 : Advancement of date of effect of promotion under CAS in respect of Dr. Ayesha Tahera Rashid :

EC:167:05-24:09 : Subject to the ratification of the Executive Council the Vice Chancellor, Assam University is pleased to approve the advancement of date of effect for promotion under Career Advancement Scheme in respect of the following faculty member as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of faculty member	Department	Stage of promotion	Date of promotion as per earlier notification	Advanced date of effect
1.	Dr Ayesha Tahera Rashid	Mass Communication	Assistant Professor Stage III to Associate Professor	23/06/2020	03/06/2020

This advancement of date of effect of promotion has been done in pursuance of the Public Notice No.F.9-1/2020 (PS/Misc.) dated 3/2/2023 issued by the Secretary, University Grants Commission, New Delhi.

The item was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution : The Council ratified the advancement of date of effect of promotion.



Item No. 10 : Enhancement of age of superannuation in for the Medical Officers of the Health Centre of the University-reg.

EC:167:05-24:10 : In reference to UGC letter No.F.31-28/98 (JCRC) Pt. File dated 12/03/2024 to Under Secretary, MOE, DHE, GOI in regards to collection of data from remaining 5 central Universities for implementation of enhancement of age of superannuation for Medical Officer of the Health Centre of the University from 60 to 65 years. Information in this regard is to be sent to UGC. Copy of the aforesaid letter with relevant information for 35 Central Universities shall be placed in the meeting.

Assam University has two Medical officers whose enhancement of age of superannuation at par with other Central Universities may be considered.

The matter has been already approved by the Vice - Chancellor. Same was placed before the Executive Council for ratification.

Resolution : The Council approved the enhancement of age of superannuation for the Medical Officers of the Health Centres of the University. The Council also observed that there are three Medical Officers including one at AUDC. The Council opined that same shall be applicable for all the Medical officers of the University henceforth. The members were of the opinion that the 2nd para of the agenda needs rectification as it mentions only two Medical officers.


Item No 11 : Item from the Chair :

EC:167:05-24:11 : There is no item from the Chair.

There being no other agenda, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



(Dr. Pradosh Kiran Nath)
Registrar & Ex-officio-Secretary
Executive Council
Assam University, Silchar



(Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant)
Vice Chancellor & Chairman
Executive Council
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