

**Minutes of the 30th meeting of the Academic Council held on
25th August 2023 at Conference Hall, Barad Sadan Academic Block**

30th meeting of the Academic Council was held on 25th August 2023 at 11 AM at Conference Hall, Barad Sadan Academic Block. Following were present:

1. Prof. Avinash Khare
Vice-Chancellor - Chairperson
2. Prof. R. Ganesh
Senior Professor-H
Institute for Plasma Research - Member
3. Dr. Passang D. Phempu
Director
Namgyal Institute of Tibetology - Member
4. Dr. B.B. Pradhan
Principal
Sikkim Institute of Science & Technology
Chisopani, Namchi District, Sikkim - Member
5. Prof. Laxuman Sharma
Dean, School of Life Sciences - Member
6. Prof. Manesh Choubey
Dean, School of Social Sciences - Member
7. Prof. S.S. Mahapatra
Dean, School of Professional Studies - Member
8. Prof. Sanjay Dahal
Dean, School of Physical Sciences &
Dean, Students' Welfare - Member
9. Prof. Rosy Chamling
Dean, School of Languages & Literature - Member
10. Prof. Sohel Firdos
Dean, School of Human Sciences - Member
11. Dr. S. Murali Mohan
Controller of Examinations - Member
12. Dr. Shri Ram
Librarian - Member
13. Prof. Nawal K. Paswan
Head, Department of Peace & Conflict Studies - Member

and Management

14. Prof. Satyananda Panda,
Head, Department of Psychology - Member
15. Prof. Kabita Lama
Head, Department of Nepali - Member
16. Prof. Swati A. Sachdeva
Head, Department of Sociology - Member
17. Prof. Ambika Dhaka
Head, Department of History - Member
18. Prof. Dhani Raj Chhetri
Head, Department of Botany - Member
19. Prof. Durga Prasad Chhetri,
Head, Department of Political Science - Member
20. Prof. Praveen Mishra
Head, Department of Law - Member
21. Prof. Amit Chakraborty
Head, Department of Mathematics - Member
22. Prof. A.N. Shankar
Head, Department of Commerce - Member
23. Dr. Bilambita Banisudha
Head, Department of Music - Member
24. Dr. Dhriti Roy
Head, Department of Chinese - Member
25. Dr. Mohan Pratap Pradhan,
Head, Department of Computer Applications - Member
26. Dr. T.J.M.S. Raju,
Head, Department of Education - Member
27. Dr. Nipun Chaudhary,
Head, Department of English - Member
28. Dr. Rakesh Kumar Ranjan,
Head, Department of Geology - Member
29. Dr. Hardeep Singh
Head, Department of Hindi - Member

30. Dr. Nagendra Thakur
Head, Department of Microbiology - Member
31. Dr. Nitish Mondal
Head, Department of Anthropology - Member
32. Dr. Ajay Tripathi
Head, Department of Physics - Member
33. Prof. Jyoti Prakash Tamang
Senior Professor
Department of Microbiology - Member
34. Prof. Abhijit Dutta
Professor, Department of Commerce - Member
35. Prof. Swarup Roy
Professor, Department of Computer Applications - Member
36. Prof. Dhani Raj Chhetri
Professor, Department of Botany - Member
37. Prof. Sandhya Thapa
Professor, Department of Sociology - Member
38. Prof. Pradeep K. Sarma
Professor, Department of Hindi - Member
39. Dr. Vijay Kr. Thangellapali
Associate Professor
Department of History - Member
40. Dr. Akhilesh Kumar Gupta
Associate Professor
Department of Chemistry - Member
41. Dr. Krishnendu Dutta
Associate Professor
Department of Music - Member
42. Dr. Sujata Upadhyay
Associate Professor
Department of Horticulture - Member
43. Dr. Gorakh Nath Tiwari
Associate Professor
Department of Hindi - Member
44. Prof. Yodida Bhutia
Professor, Department of Education & - Special Invitee

Chairperson, NEPCSU

45. Dr. Amit Kumar Gupta - Special Invitee
Assistant Professor
Department of Political Science &
Member-Secretary, NEPCSU
46. Shri K.V.S. Kameswara Rao - Secretary
Registrar

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

1. Prof. Bhoj Kumar Acharya, Head, Department of Zoology
2. Prof. K.R. Rama Mohan, Professor, Department of Anthropology

Dr. S.K. Gurung, Joint Registrar (Acad.) was present to assist the Council.

The Chairperson welcomed all members present in the 30th meeting of the Academic Council and especially welcomed the following members who were attending for the first time.

1. Prof. R. Ganesh, Senior Professor-H, Institute of Plasma Research
2. Dr. Passang D. Phempu, Director, Namgyal Institute of Tibetology
3. Prof. Praveen Mishra, Head, Department of Law
4. Prof. Ambika Dhaka, Head, Department of History
5. Dr. Dhriti Roy, Head, Department of Chinese
6. Dr. Nipun Choudhary, Head, Department of English
7. Dr. Nagendra Thakur, Head, Department of Microbiology
8. Dr. Rakesh Kumar Ranjan, Head, Department of Geology
9. Dr. Bilambita Banisudha, Head, Department of Music
10. Prof. Sandhya Thapa, Professor, Department of Sociology
11. Prof. Pradeep K. Sarma, Professor, Department of Hindi
12. Dr. Vijay Kumar Thangellapali, Associate Professor, Department of History
13. Dr. Sujata Upadhyay, Associate Professor, Department of Horticulture
14. Dr. Gorakh Nath Tiwari, Associate Professor, Department of Hindi

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

1. Prof. N. Sathyanarayana, Former Dean, School of Life Sciences
2. Prof. Anil Kumar Misra, Former Head, Department of Geology

3. Prof. Veenu Pant, Former Head, Department of History
4. Prof. Krishna Murari, Former Head, Department of Management
5. Dr. Rajesh Raj S.N., Former Head, Department of Economics
6. Prof. Komol Singha, Former Professor, Department of Economics
7. Prof. Pushpa Sharma, Former Professor, Department of Nepali
8. Dr. Vimal Khawas, Former Associate Professor, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies & Management

The Chairperson also informed the House that this Academic Council meeting is being held after a period of almost one year since the last meeting and during this period, the University has made some landmark achievements as follows:

- i. Implementation of NEP, 2020
- ii. Preparation of various Regulations like MOOCs, MEME, ABC, Internationalization of SU, Professors of Practice, constitution of Research & Development Cell to facilitate smooth implementation of NEP 2020.
- iii. Implementation of 4 years UG programme
- iv. Revision of syllabus of all UG, PG and PhD programmes in alignment with NEP, 2020
- v. CUET participation
- vi. Establishment of Centre of High Performance Computing Centre
- vii. Sikkim University featured at rank No. 14 in the list of top 20 Central Universities as per Outlook ranking.

Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up as under:

SECTION-1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES & ACTION TAKEN REPORT

AC 30.1.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 29th meeting of the Academic Council held on 5th September 2022

The Academic Council confirmed the minutes of 29th meeting of the Academic Council held on 5th September 2022 as circulated to all the members on 30th September 2022.

AC 30.1.2: Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 29th meeting of the Academic Council held on 5th September 2022

The Secretary presented the action taken report on the minutes of the 29th meeting held on 5th September 2022. The Academic Council noted the action taken report.

SECTION-2 REPORTING ITEMS

AC 30.2.1: Synopses for M.Phil/Ph.D registrations in the University

The Council noted the number of synopses for Ph.D/MPhil registrations in the University under each School of Studies. The HoD, Department of Peace & Conflict Studies and Management (PCSM) informed the House that 3 PhD synopses have been registered in the Dept. of PCSM and the same was noted by the Council with correction in the Agenda item.

SECTION-3 RATIFICATION MATTERS

AC 30.3.1: Panel of External Examiners

The Council noted that the Vice-Chancellor had approved the modifications in the following clauses of the Guidelines on Intellectual Property Rights, 2020 as notified vide Notification – 89/2023 dated 07.08.2023:

- i) Under clause 6.1 specifying the composition of the IPR Cell, the provision of **“Two external members specializing in IPR related issues”** has been deleted in view of administrative requirement.
- ii) Under clause 7.1(a), the word **“IPM Cell”** in the first line has been replaced by **“The Innovator”** which is a simple correction of typographical error.

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

AC 30.3.2: Programme structure for a Four-Year UG (Honours) for Colleges

The Council noted that the University received a letter dated 06.06.2023 from the Additional Secretary informing preparation of Programme structure for UG Four Year (Honours) strictly in accordance with the curriculum & Credit Framework issued by the UGC in December, 2022 and requested for vetting and approval by the University.

The NEP Core Committee of the University in its meeting held on 19.06.2023 thoroughly deliberated on the UG (Four Year- Honours) programme structure submitted by the Department of Education, GoS and found the structure in compliance with the NEP-2020 guidelines and other UGC guidelines issued in this regard. Accordingly, in view of the urgency for preparation of syllabi, the Vice-Chancellor and Chairman granted administrative approval for implementation of the UG programme structure.

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

The Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman, Academic Council also appreciated and lauded the efforts put in by the NEP Implementation Committee for the successful implementation of revised syllabus of UG/PG programmes in line with NEP 2020 guidelines in Sikkim University from the academic session 2023-24. Also, the Chairman informed the House that the Principal of the affiliated colleges have been advised to frame the syllabus of the programmes taught in their respective colleges in line with NEP 2020 on a war footing manner and get the same implemented from the next academic year, i.e., 2024-25. Prof. R. Ganesh suggested that one or two affiliated colleges may be identified to implement the revised NEP syllabus as a pilot project.

SECTION-4
MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL

A. PANEL OF EXAMINERS, ETC.

AC 30.4.A1: Panel of External Examiners

The Council approved the panel of examiners as per the details given below as recommended by the concerned School Board for the purpose as mentioned in the table:

Sl. No.	Name of the School	Name of the Department	External examiners to be invited for
1)	School of Physical Sciences	Chemistry	2+2=4 PhD thesis
		Physics	2+3=5 PhD thesis
		Geology	2 PhD thesis
		Mathematics	3 PhD thesis
2)	School of Languages & Literature	English	2 PhD thesis
		Nepali	3+2=5 PhD thesis
		Chinese	1 PhD thesis; PG dissertation
		Hindi	1 PhD thesis
3)	School of Life Sciences	Zoology	3 PhD thesis
		Botany	1 PhD thesis; PG Practical examination
		Horticulture	2 PhD thesis; PG & PhD practical examination; PG dissertation & viva voce
		Microbiology	2 PhD thesis
4)	School of Human Sciences	Anthropology	2+1=3 PhD thesis; 3 MPhil dissertation
		Geography	PG dissertation & practical examination
		Psychology	1+2=3 PhD thesis
5)	School of Professional Studies	Commerce	3+4=7 PhD thesis
		Education	1 PhD thesis
		Mass Communication	4 PhD thesis
		Tourism	1 MPhil dissertation
		Library & Information Science	Practical examinations for two courses of MLIS programme
		Music	5+4=9 PhD thesis; 1 MPhil dissertation & UG/PG practical examination

		Management	6 PhD thesis
6)	School of Social Sciences	History	2+6=8 PhD thesis; 1+4=5 MPhil dissertation
		International Relations	1 MPhil dissertation
		Economics	5+5=10 PhD thesis
		Law	1 MPhil dissertation
		PCSM	2 PhD thesis; 1 MPhil dissertation

B. SYLLABUS MATTERS/COURSES ETC.

AC 30.4.B1: Certificate course on basic computer simulation in the Department of Physics

The Council noted that the School Board of Physical Sciences in its meeting held on 07.12.2022 recommended for introduction of a certificate course on basic computer simulation in the Department of Physics.

After deliberations, the Academic Council decided to keep this matter on hold and to place the elaborate proposal with all details after thorough discussion.

AC 30.4.B2: Revision of Syllabus in alignment with National Education Policy (NEP) 2020

The Council noted that the University had asked all the Departments to revise the UG/PG syllabus along with that of PhD Coursework incorporating some key provisions of NEP in order to implement it from the Odd semester of 2023. Accordingly, each of the Departments under the School constituted their respective Syllabus Review Committees (SRC) consisting of all faculty members of the concerned Department and external experts.

At the first stage, a draft of the revised syllabus was prepared with the help of the faculty members of the concerned Departments. At the second stage, respective Departments organized SRC meeting with the external experts in which the draft syllabus was discussed in minute detail. Subsequently, the syllabi of the courses at the different levels of programmes offered by each of the Departments was developed based on the feedback/comments received in the SRC meeting. At the third stage, the syllabi were sent to NEP Implementation Committee of Sikkim University for their comments on the structure and credit distribution across different categories of papers and semesters. Based on the feedback/comments received from this committee, each of the Departments under the School has revised the syllabus.

Accordingly, after deliberations, the following syllabi of all the programmes in the University as aligned with NEP 2020 guidelines were approved by the Academic Council:

1. **Anthropology:** MA/MSc and PhD coursework
2. **Geography:** MA/MSc and PhD coursework
3. **Psychology:** BA/BSc, MA/MSc and PhD coursework
4. **Bhutia:** MA and PhD coursework
5. **Chinese:** BA, MA and PhD coursework
6. **English:** MA and PhD coursework
7. **Hindi:** BA, MA and PhD coursework
8. **Lepcha:** MA and PhD coursework
9. **Limbu:** MA and PhD coursework
10. **Nepali:** MA and PhD coursework
11. **Botany:** MSc and PhD coursework
12. **Horticulture:** MSc and PhD coursework
13. **Microbiology:** MSc and PhD coursework
14. **Zoology:** MSc and PhD coursework
15. **Chemistry:** MSc and PhD coursework
16. **Computer Applications:** MCA and PhD coursework
17. **Geology:** MSc, MSc (Environmental Science) and PhD coursework
18. **Mathematics:** MSc and PhD coursework
19. **Physics:** MSc and PhD coursework
20. **Commerce:** M.Com. and PhD coursework
21. **Education:** B.Ed, MA, M.Ed and PhD coursework
22. **Management:** MBA and PhD coursework
23. **Mass Communication:** MA and PhD coursework
24. **Music:** BPA, MPA and PhD coursework
25. **Tourism:** MTTM and PhD coursework
26. **Library & Information Science:** M.Lib.I.Sc
27. **Economics:** MA and PhD coursework
28. **History:** MA and PhD coursework
29. **International Relations:** MA and PhD coursework
30. **Law:** LLM and PhD coursework
31. **Peace and Conflict Studies & Management:** MA and PhD coursework
32. **Political Science:** MA and PhD coursework
33. **Sociology:** MA and PhD coursework
34. **Buddhist Studies:** MA
35. **Buddhist and Tibetan Studies:** MA

The Chairman, Academic Council commended the NEP Implementation Committee Chairperson and her team for the successful implementation of revised syllabus of UG/PG programmes in line with NEP 2020 guidelines.

AC 29.4.B3: Establishment of Buddhist Research Centre and starting MA programme in “Buddhist Studies” with the academic support of the NIT, Deorali

The Council noted that the University received a letter dated 06.08.2022 from the Additional Secretary, Education Department, Government of Sikkim informing the meeting of the member of the National Commission for Minorities from 3rd to 8th February, 2022 at the Zilla Bhawan, Gangtok. During the meeting with the stakeholders it was felt for the need of Buddhist Research Centre in Sikkim University and inclusion of Buddhism as one of the religious subjects in the NEP curriculum.

The matter was discussed in the 23rd meeting of the Deans’ Committee held on 1st September, 2022 wherein it was resolved that University will establish a Centre for Buddhist Studies in the upcoming University campus for the promotion and prosperity of Buddhist Studies. It was also resolved to write to the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology (NIT), Deorali, affiliated to Sikkim University, for entering into a MoU for starting an MA programme in Buddhist Studies initially with the academic support of the NIT, Deorali at NIT campus while SU will admit students to the programme.

NIT, Deorali vide letter dated 16.12.2022 agreed to start MA programme in Buddhist Studies at NIT with the academic support from their own teaching staff and sign the MoU.

The 24th Deans’ Committee meeting held on 25th April, 2023 approved the draft MoU and also considered the following:

- (a) Establishment of a Centre for Buddhist Studies shall wait till the University and its department concerned moves to its campus at Yangang.
- (b) Department of History has been identified for starting a programme on Buddhist Studies
- (c) Dr. Sangmu Thendup, Assistant Professor, Department of History has been identified as the Co-ordinator for the programme.
- (d) A PG programme in Buddhist Studies (MA) will be started from the academic session 2023-24 and the advertisement for admission will be separately published.
- (e) Entrance test will be conducted by the Department of History for the selection of the candidates. However, the programme will be registered in CUET from next year (i.e. 2024-25)
- (f) BoS of the History Department shall be notified about the starting of the MA programme in Buddhist Studies.
- (g) Signing of the MoU with the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology (NIT), Deorali for teaching the course in NIT premises.

- (h) Teachers engaged by NIT for teaching Buddhist Studies shall be paid by the University as per the norms applicable for guest faculty/adjunct faculty.
- (i) Approval of the draft MOU to be signed between SU and NIT with minor modification.

The Academic Council, after deliberations, approved establishment of Centre for Buddhist Studies in the Yangang campus of SU and starting of MA programme in Buddhist Studies as per the decision of the 23rd Deans' Committee meeting. The Vice-Chancellor expressed his gratitude to the Director, Namgyal Institute of Tibetology for accepting the request of Sikkim University for academic assistance.

C. RULES AND POLICY MATTERS

AC 30.4.C1: Adoption of National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standard of Undergraduate Sowa-Rigpa Education) Regulations 2022

The Council noted that the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology offers Sowa-Rigpa course which is regulated by the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM). NCISM has issued the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standard of Undergraduate Sowa-Rigpa Education) Regulations 2022 with revised syllabus and Academic Calendar for the Sowa-Rigpa course from 2022-23 batch onwards.

The Academic Council, after deliberations, recommended the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standard of Undergraduate Sowa-Rigpa Education) Regulations 2022 for approval and adoption by the Executive Council.

AC 30.4.C2: Adoption of B.Pharm and M.Pharm Course Regulations, 2014

The Council noted that the Pharmacy courses at present are being conducted in the two affiliated colleges of the University, viz., Himalayan Pharmacy Institute, Majhitar and Government Pharmacy College Sajong. Himalayan Pharmacy Institute offers B.Pharm, M.Pharm and Ph.D. courses and Government Pharmacy College offers B.Pharm course. The course structure and syllabus of Pharmacy courses are regulated by the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI). The PCI has notified the B.Pharm and M.Pharm Course Regulations, 2014 which comprehensively prescribes the methodologies to be followed for successful completion of these courses from admission till the grant of degree.

The Academic Council, after deliberations, recommended to the Executive Council for approval and adoption of the B.Pharm and

M.Pharm Course Regulations, 2014 (and its subsequent amendments from time to time) by Sikkim University.

AC 30.4.C3: Revised Regulations on conduct of Ph.D programme & revised University Ordinance OC-7

The Academic Council, after deliberations, decided to defer the matter and advised the drafting committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Nawal K. Paswan to share the revised Regulations on conduct of Ph.D programme & revised University Ordinance OC-7 among all the stakeholders and the feedback/inputs received, if any, to be incorporated and placed after thorough discussion on the draft Regulations. The matter may be placed in next meeting of the Academic Council for consideration.

AC 30.4.C4: Amendment in Regulations on Conduct of Examinations in accordance with University Ordinance in connection with award of Gold and Silver medals

The Council noted that as per the provisions of the University Ordinance at OC-4 (para 3) for UG and OC-5 (para 11) for PG, the Gold and Silver medalists are determined as follows:

*“The top two scorers in terms of **absolute** score shall be awarded Gold and Silver medals respectively subject to the condition that such score, if below 60% shall not qualify for medal.”*

However, para 10 of the Regulations on Conduct of Examinations states that:

*“The students obtaining the highest and the second highest **CGPA** score at the Final Semester Examination in their respective subjects shall be awarded with Gold and Silver Medals in the subsequent Convocation held at the university post declaration of such results.”*

In view of the above discrepancy, which has been causing confusion and grievance among students, the para 10 of the Regulations on Conduct of Examinations may be amended in accordance with the University Ordinance as proposed below:

*“The students obtaining the highest and the second highest **CGPA absolute** score ~~at the Final Semester Examination~~ in their respective subjects shall be awarded with Gold and Silver Medals in the subsequent Convocation held at the university post declaration of such results.”*

The Academic Council recommended the above amendment in para 10 of the Regulations on Conduct of Examinations for approval of the Executive Council. The Council also advised that the proposed amendment may be explained citing adequate examples.

AC 30.4.C5: Constitution of Board of Studies of the subjects that are only taught at the affiliated colleges and not at the University level and their assignment to the School Boards

The Council noted that there are some subjects that are only taught at the affiliated colleges and not at the University level. Hence, it is required to constitute the Board of Studies of these subjects and also assign them to the School Boards of the University. The Academic Council approved appointment of the Chairperson of the Board of Studies of those subjects and their assignment to the respective School Boards as mentioned below:

S. No.	Subject	BoS Chairperson	Assigned to the School Boards	Colleges where the subjects are taught
1.	Pharmacy	Dean, School of Professional Studies	School of Professional Studies	Himalayan Pharmacy Institute & Government Pharmacy College, Sajong
2.	Computer Engineering	Dean, School of Physical Sciences	School of Physical Sciences	Sikkim Government Institute of Science & Technology
3.	Civil Engineering	Dean, School of Physical Sciences	School of Physical Sciences	
4.	Nursing	Dean, School of Life Sciences	School of Life Sciences	Sikkim Government College of Nursing
5.	Sowa Rigpa	Dean, School of Professional Studies	School of Professional Studies	Namgyal Institute of Tibetology
6.	Buddhist & Tibetan Studies	HoD, Department of History	School of Social Sciences	

AC 30.4.C6: Report of the Committee for drafting rules for Maternity Leave for students of UG and PG programmes in Sikkim University and its affiliated colleges

The Academic Council, after deliberations, decided to defer the matter and advised the drafting committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. S.S. Mahapatra to share the draft rules/norms for Maternity Leave for students of UG and PG programmes in Sikkim University and its affiliated colleges among all the Members of the Academic Council and comments, if any, may be received after thorough deliberation by the Members of the Academic Council.

Vice-Chancellor is authorized to approve the said Rules for implementation and Academic Council may be informed later on.

AC 30.4.C7: Draft Regulations and Guidelines in alignment with National Educational Policy 2020

The Academic Council recommended the following draft Regulations and Guidelines in alignment with National Educational Policy 2020 drafted by the National Educational Policy Committee of Sikkim University (NEPCSU) under the Chairpersonship of Prof. Yodida Bhutia for approval of the Executive Council:

- i. Regulations for the Implementation of MOOCs through SWAYAM
- ii. Regulations for implementation of Multiple Entry and Exit
- iii. Regulations for operationalizing Academic Bank of Credits
- iv. Regulations on Internationalization of Sikkim University
- v. Regulations for engaging Professors of Practice
- vi. Guidelines for Research and Development Cell of Sikkim University

Prof. Jyoti Prakash Tamang, Director, Research and Development Cell informed the House that the first meeting of the Research Advisory Council of Research and Development Cell of Sikkim University under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor has been scheduled on 04.09.2023.

AC 30.4.C8: Adoption of Indian Nursing Council {Revised Regulations and Curriculum for B.Sc. (Nursing) Program - Corrigendum}, Regulations, 2022

The Academic Council noted that in its 28th meeting held on 10.12.2021, the Indian Nursing Council {Revised Regulations and Curriculum for B.Sc. (Nursing) Program, Regulations, 2020} as notified in July 2021 in the Official Gazette was adopted. With partial modifications, the Indian Nursing Council has brought amendments to this Regulation and the same has been notified as Indian Nursing Council {Revised Regulations and Curriculum for B.Sc. (Nursing) Program - Corrigendum}, Regulations, 2022 on 08.04.2022 in the Official Gazette.

The Academic Council recommended to the Executive Council for approval for adoption of the Indian Nursing Council {Revised Regulations and Curriculum for B.Sc. (Nursing) Program - Corrigendum}, Regulations, 2022 (and its subsequent amendments from time to time) by Sikkim University.

D. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

AC 30.4.D1: Approval for One Departmental Council (DC) for PhD programme of Education

After deliberation, the Academic Council approved the recommendation of the School Board of Professional Studies for having one Departmental Council for Ph.D. programme of Education

where all the eligible research supervisors of the University Department and its affiliated colleges will be the members of Departmental Council.

AC 30.4.D2: Transfer of Ms. Kranti Dewan to another University

The Council advised that the School Board is competent to take decision on this matter and need not be brought in the Academic Council. Hence, this agenda item was withdrawn.

**SECTION 5
MINUTES OF AUTHORITIES/COMMITTEES**

AC 30.6.1 Minutes of the 17th meeting of the School Board of Human Sciences held on 23rd November 2022

The Council noted the Minutes of the 17th meeting of the School Board of Human Sciences held on 23rd November 2022.

AC 30.6.2 Minutes of the 18th meeting of the School Board of Human Sciences held on 25th July 2023

The Council noted the Minutes of the 18th meeting of the School Board of Human Sciences held on 25th July 2023.

AC 30.6.3 Minutes of the 17th meeting of the School Board of Languages & Literature held on 5th December 2022

The Council noted the Minutes of the 17th meeting of the School Board of Languages & Literature held on 5th December 2022.

AC 30.6.4 Minutes of the 18th meeting of the School Board of Languages & Literature held on 21st July 2023

The Council noted the Minutes of the 18th meeting of the School Board of Languages & Literature held on 21st July 2023.

The Dean, School of Languages & Literature apprised the House that the School Board in its 18th meeting resolved to enter into an MoU between Sikkim University and Tribhuwan University, Kathmandu, Nepal for academic collaboration and recommended for approval of the Academic Council. The Council approved the same in principle and advised the Dean of School to submit the draft MoU, through proper channel, for approval of the Academic Council.

AC 30.6.5 Minutes of the 17th meeting of the School Board of Physical Sciences held on 7th December 2022

The Council noted the Minutes of the 17th meeting of the School Board of Physical Sciences held on 7th December 2022.

AC 30.6.6 Minutes of the 18th meeting of the School Board of Physical Sciences held on 19th July 2023

The Council noted the Minutes of the 18th meeting of the School Board of Physical Sciences held on 19th July 2023.

AC 30.6.7 Minutes of the 16th meeting of the School Board of Professional Studies held on 28th November 2022

The Council noted the Minutes of the 16th meeting of the School Board of Professional Studies held on 28th November 2022

AC 30.6.8 Minutes of the 17th meeting of the School Board of Professional Studies held on 20th July 2023

The Council noted the Minutes of the 17th meeting of the School Board of Professional Studies held on 20th July 2023.

AC 30.6.9 Minutes of the 17th meeting of the School Board of Social Sciences held on 6th December 2022

The Council noted the Minutes of the 17th meeting of the School Board of Social Sciences held on 6th December 2022.

AC 30.6.10 Minutes of the 18th meeting of the School Board of Social Sciences held on 7th August 2023

The Council noted the Minutes of the 18th meeting of the School Board of Social Sciences held on 7th August 2023.

AC 30.6.11 Minutes of the 12th meeting of the School Board of Life Sciences held on 18th July 2023

The Council noted the Minutes of the 12th meeting of the School Board of Life Sciences held on 18th July 2023.

AC 30.6.12 Minutes of the 16th meeting of the College Development Council held on 8th August 2023

The Council noted the Minutes of the 16th meeting of the College Development Council held on 8th August 2023. The Council after deliberations recommended the following items for approval by the Executive Council:

- i) Permanent Affiliation to Sikkim Government College, Burtuk from the academic session 2023-24
- ii) Starting of PG programme in Pharmacy Practice and Pharmaceutical Chemistry at Government Pharmacy College, Sajong with an intake of 6 students each from the academic session 2023-24
- iii) Renewal of Temporary Affiliation of (14) Colleges/Institutions/Subjects/Courses for the Academic Session 2023-24

SECTION - 6
ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

AC 30.6.1 Creation of separate School of Studies for Computer Science programmes

Prof. Swarup Roy, Deptt. of Computer Applications stated that the Computer Science programmes are presently operating under the School Board of Physical Sciences. However, the Computer Science programmes do not align with the Physical Science programmes and thus requested for creation of a separate School of Studies for Computer Science programmes.

The Academic Council noted the matter and resolved for creation of relevant School of Studies after following due procedure when new Departments and programmes are introduced in the future and it is unmanageable to the present School of Studies.

AC 30.6.2 Induction of Hindi in Modern Indian Languages

Dr. Hardeep Singh, Head, Deptt. of Hindi requested the House for induction of Hindi in the Modern Indian Languages.

The Council noted the same and advised Dr. Hardeep Singh to bring a detailed proposal in the Academic Council through BoS and School Board after thorough deliberation.

AC 30.6.3 Specified holidays during Dusshera & Diwali festivals

Prof. Durga Prasad Chhetri, Deptt. of Political Science requested the House that the holidays for Dusshera & Diwali festivals may be increased by 2-3 days and to be mentioned in the Academic Calendar.

The Academic Council noted the same and decided to be discussed later.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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

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