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Dated 10th May 2024

Minutes for 77th Academic Council meeting to be held on 10th May, 2024, Friday, at 11:30 a.m. at the Conference Hall, Sivasagar

Members Present

1. Prof. Debabrata Das, Vice Chancellor - Chairperson
2. Dr. Mridusmita Das - Dean (i/c) – Member Secy
3. Dr. Rashida T Noorain – HOD (i/c), SEM – Member
4. Dr. Deepom Baruah – HOD (i/c), SPL – Member
5. Dr. Ranjan Sarmah – HOD (i/c), SIT – Member

The Academic Council meeting was chaired by Prof. Debabrata Das, Vice Chancellor and he inaugurated the meeting with a positive note.

The Chairperson then handed over to the Member Secy to start the agenda of the 77th Meeting of Academic Council. The agenda of the meeting was discussed in detail, resolution was taken as follows:

Item no.	Agenda Item	Resolution no.	Resolutions taken
1	<p>Conduct of End Term Examination for the 1st and 2nd year students of the University which is due in the month of June 2024 (Annexure 1)</p> <p>The End Term Examination for the 1st and 2nd year students of the University is due to be held in the month of June 2024.</p> <p>However, as the process of merger of the University with Sivasagar University has not been completed yet, for the better interest of the students, it is proposed to conduct the end term examination, w.e.f 4th June 2024 as per the programme attached (Annexure 1).</p> <p>The matter was placed in the 6th Faculty meeting for discussion and decision regarding the conduct of end term examination. The resolution of the Faculty meeting is mentioned as;</p> <p><i>"The committee members of the Faculty meeting was of</i></p>	1/77	<p>The Committee has decided that the University will conduct the end term examination of the 2nd & 4th semester students of the three Schools w.e.f 8th June 2024 till 24th June 2024, for the better interest of the students.</p> <p>For the evaluation of the Project/Dissertation Viva & reports of the 4th semester PG students, the</p>

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	<p><i>the opinion that the University should conduct the end term examination for the better interest of the students.</i></p> <p><i>However, the Committee decided that the matter needs to be forwarded to the Academic Council for approval."</i></p> <p>Therefore, the matter is submitted to the Academic Council for approval</p>		<p>Committee has decided to invite external experts from the nearby Universities. The initial draft report submission for the 4th semester PG students has been decided as 25th May, followed by the final report submission on 5th June and Viva on 24th June 2024. The declaration of result has been finalized as 29th June 2024</p>
2	<p>Decision on fresh admission for the academic year 2024-2025 (Annexure 1)</p> <p>The procedure for starting the fresh admission process for the academic year 2024-2025, for all the three Schools of the University needs to be started urgently.</p> <p>However, as the process of merger of the University with Sivasagar University has not been completed yet, the process is on hold. A clear direction is sought from the committee members of Faculty meeting of the University. Therefore, the matter was placed in the 6th Faculty meeting for discussion and decision. The resolution of the Faculty meeting is mentioned as;</p> <p><i>"The committee members of the Faculty meeting was of the opinion that the University should start the admission process for the academic year 2024-2025 immediately and on an urgent basis.</i></p> <p><i>However, the Committee decided that the matter needs to be forwarded to the Academic Council for approval."</i></p> <p>As a clear direction is also sought from the Academic Council, therefore, the matter is placed in Academic Council for discussion and decision</p>	2/77	<p>The Committee has decided that, in view of the repealment of the Assam Rajiv Gandhi University of Cooperative Management Act, the admission for new batch is not legally tenable.</p> <p>The Committee has decided that the matter should be reported to the Office of the Hon'ble Chancellor for perusal.</p>
3	<p>Cancellation of PhD candidature of two PhD Scholars</p> <p><u>Sl No. 1: Shri Tapan K Bharali (Registration No. 18M61004) from the School of Entrepreneurship & Management (Annexure 2)</u></p> <p>Shri. Tapan K Bharali of 2018 batch did not appear in</p>	3/77	<p>The Committee has approved the decision of the Research Council, i.e., to cancel the PhD candidature of the mentioned scholars w.e.f. 10.05.2024.</p>

the PhD progress presentations held on 16.06.2023 and 04.12.2023 with no proper intimation to the department and have also not submitted the signed progress reports from the Supervisor. Even after the notification sent to him on 04.12.2023 from the concerned School regarding his absence for the second time in the PhD progress seminar, he has neither communicated from his side nor he has submitted any valid reason for his absence in the scheduled presentations. This signifies that he has violated the Clause 13 of the New PhD regulation Nov 2022 which says,

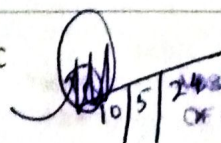
“On completion of the courses, allotted to him/her, or, satisfactory performance in the progress seminar, he/she will be promoted to the next semester. In case, the supervisor/RAC/SRC is not satisfied with the progress of the scholar, only one chance will be given to the scholar to present his/her progress in the next semester. If a research scholar fails to project satisfactory performance in the progress presentation for the second time, his/her candidature shall be discontinued. If any research scholar due to certain genuine cause like; illness, death of closed relative, etc., couldn't attend the progress seminar; on production of evidential documents, he/she may be considered for extension to the next semester by the SRC.”

In line with the above matter, an email has also been sent to his Supervisor, Prof. Munindra Kakati on 09.02.2024, mentioning his absence in the PhD progress presentations for two consecutive times and a report on the performance of Shri Tapan Bharali was also sought from him. But till date, a written response from Prof. Munindra Kakati has not been received.

Accordingly, the SRC minutes from the School of Entrepreneurship & Management (Annexure 2) dated 21.02.2024, proposes that, the matter may be taken as per University PhD regulation and therefore, as per Clause 13 of the New PhD regulation Nov 2022 , the PhD candidature of Shri. Tapan K Bharali may be cancelled with immediate effect.

Sl No. 2: Shri. Khirasindhu Saikia (Registration No. 19L61006) from the School of Public Policy & Law (Annexure 3)

The Committee has instructed that notification from the Office of the Registrar of the University to be issued to the concerned scholars with immediate effect.


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Shri. Khirasindhu Saikia of 2019 batch did not appear in the PhD progress presentations held on 26.06.2023 and 21.12.2023 with no proper intimation to the department and have also not submitted the signed progress reports from the Supervisor. Even after the notification sent to him on 22.12.2023 from the concerned School regarding his absence for the second time in the PhD progress seminar, he has neither communicated from his side nor he has submitted any valid reason for his absence in the scheduled presentations. This signifies that he has violated the Clause 13 of the New PhD regulation Nov 2022 which says,

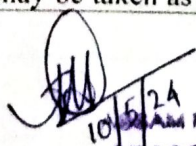
“On completion of the courses, allotted to him/her, or, satisfactory performance in the progress seminar, he/she will be promoted to the next semester. In case, the supervisor/RAC/SRC is not satisfied with the progress of the scholar, only one chance will be given to the scholar to present his/her progress in the next semester. If a research scholar fails to project satisfactory performance in the progress presentation for the second time, his/her candidature shall be discontinued. If any research scholar due to certain genuine cause like; illness, death of closed relative, etc., couldn't attend the progress seminar; on production of evidential documents, he/she may be considered for extension to the next semester by the SRC.”

Accordingly, the SRC minutes from the School of Public Policy & Law (Annexure 3) dated 21.12.2023, proposes that, the matter may be taken as per University PhD regulation and therefore, as per Clause 13 of the New PhD regulation Nov 2022, the PhD candidature of Shri. Khirasindhu Saikia may be cancelled with immediate effect.

Therefore, the matter was placed in Research Council for discussion and decision regarding the cancellation of the mentioned PhD scholars from SEM & SPPL. The resolution of RC is as below:

“In line with the New PhD Regulation, 2022, Point No 13 (Periodical Review Reports), the Committee was of the opinion that the matter be taken up as per the University PhD regulation and proposes the cancellation of the PhD candidature of Shri. Tapan K Bharali from SEM & Shri. Khirasindhu Saikia from SPPL.

	<p><i>In view of this, the Committee also advised to place the matter in the Academic Council for approval of the Cancellation of PhD candidature of the two PhD Scholars of the University”</i></p> <p>Therefore, the matter is placed in the Academic Council for approval.</p>		
4	<p>Discussion on retaining the candidature of Shri. Monishankar Dutta (Registration No. 19L61001) from the School of Public Policy & Law</p> <p>Shri. Monishankar Dutta of 2019 batch did not appear in the PhD progress presentations held on 26.06.2023 and 21.12.2023 with no proper intimation to the department and had also not submitted the signed progress reports from the Supervisor on the date of the second presentation, i.e., 21.12.2023. However, on issuing a notification from the concerned School on 22.12.2023, Shri. Monishankar Dutta had submitted an application on 22.12.2023 (next day after the PhD progress seminar), mentioning his reason of absence as ‘severe illness of wife’ and has also submitted the Medical Certificate for record. Along with it, he had also submitted the PhD Progress report.</p> <p>As per Clause 13 of the New PhD regulation Nov 2022,</p> <p><i>“On completion of the courses, allotted to him/her, or, satisfactory performance in the progress seminar, he/she will be promoted to the next semester. In case, the supervisor/RAC/SRC is not satisfied with the progress of the scholar, only one chance will be given to the scholar to present his/her progress in the next semester. If a research scholar fails to project satisfactory performance in the progress presentation for the second time, his/her candidature shall be discontinued. If any research scholar due to certain genuine cause like; illness, death of closed relative, etc., couldn't attend the progress seminar; on production of evidential documents, he/she may be considered for extension to the next semester by the SRC.”</i></p> <p>Accordingly, the SRC minutes from the School of Public Policy & Law (Annexure 2b) dated 21.12.2023, proposes that, the matter may be taken as per University</p>	4/77	<p>The Committee mentioned that, considering the illness of the wife of the mentioned scholar & his interest towards continuing with research, as well as considering the report from the Supervisor for giving the concerned scholar a last chance to present his progress seminar due to be held in the month of June 2024;</p> <p>the Committee has decided that, in line with the New PhD Regulation, 2022, Point No 13 (Periodical Review Reports), Shri. Monishankar Dutta shall be given a last chance for presenting his progress in the next progress presentation, i.e., in June 2024</p>



<p>PhD regulation and therefore, as per Clause 13 of the New PhD regulation Nov 2022, as the scholar has submitted medical documents for his reason of absence, Shri. Monishankar Dutta may be given a last chance for presenting his progress in the next progress presentation due in the next semester, i.e, in the month of June 2024. The resolution of RC is as below:</p> <p><i>“In line with the New PhD Regulation, 2022, Point No 13 (Periodical Review Reports), the Committee was of the opinion that the matter be taken up as per the University PhD regulation and proposes that Shri. Monishankar Dutta may be given a last chance for presenting his progress in the next progress presentation, i.e., in June 2024</i></p> <p><i>In view of this, the Committee also advised to place the matter in the Academic Council for approval of the mentioned decision by the Research Council.”</i></p> <p>Therefore, the matter is placed in the Academic Council for approval.</p>		
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As there was no other item to discuss, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.



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