



**MINUTES OF THE 106TH EMERGENT MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 26.05.2015
(TUESDAY) AT 11-00 A.M. IN THE NEW CONFERENCE HALL, DIBRUGARH UNIVERSITY.**

Members present in the meeting:

1. Prof. A. K. Buragohain, Vice-Chancellor, Dibrugarh University -Chairperson
2. Prof. (Ms) K.D. Hazarika, Department of Assamese, D.U. -Member
3. Prof. (Ms) N.M. Bezborah, Head, Department of Assamese, D.U. -Member
4. Prof. N.K. Handique, Department of Assamese, D.U. -Member
5. Prof. D.K. Chakraborty, Head, Department of Economics, D.U. -Member
6. Dr. M. Bordoloi, Head, Department of English, D.U. -Member
7. Prof. D. Nath, Department of History, Dibrugarh University -Member
8. Prof. (Ms) J.G. Nath, Department of History, Dibrugarh University -Member
9. Prof. B. Baruah, Department of History, Dibrugarh University -Member
10. Dr.(Ms) A. Borgohain, Head, Dept. of Political-Science, D.U. -Member
11. Prof. J. Borbora, Dept. of Sociology, D.U. -Member
12. Prof. (Ms) S.V. Borbora, Dept. of Sociology, D.U. -Member
13. Prof. P. Bezborah, Dept. of Commerce, D.U. -Member
14. Prof. (Ms) S.S. Singha, Dept. of Commerce, D.U. -Member
15. Prof. (Ms) A.B. Rajkonwar, Dept. of Commerce, D.U. -Member
16. Prof. K.C. Goswami, Dept. of Commerce, D.U. -Member
17. Dr. P.K. Gogoi, Head, Dept. of Education, D.U. -Member
18. Prof. (Ms) D. B. Talukdar, Dept. of Education, D.U. -Member
19. Prof. P. Bhattacharyya, Dept. of Applied-Geology, D.U. -Member
20. Prof. D. Majumdar, Dept. of Applied-Geology, D.U. -Member
21. Prof. R.K. Sharma, Head, Dept. of Applied-Geology, D.U. -Member
22. Prof. N.K. Gogoi, Head, Dept. of Anthropology, D.U. -Member
23. Prof. S. Sengupta, Dept. of Anthropology, D.U. -Member
24. Prof. R.N.S Yadav, Dept. of Life-Sciences, D.U. -Member
25. Prof. R.Samanta, Dept. of Life-Sciences, D.U. -Member
26. Prof. P.K. Borua, Dept. of Life-Sciences, D.U. -Member
27. Prof. A.K. Baruah, Dept. of Mathematics, D.U. -Member
28. Prof. T. Ali, Dept. of Mathematics, D.U. -Member
29. Prof. G.C. Hazarika, Dept. of Mathematics, D.U. -Member
30. Prof. B.R. Sharma, Head, Dept. of Mathematics, D.U. -Member
31. Prof. D. Chetia, Dept. of Pharmaceutical-Sciences, -Member
32. Prof. S.K. Ghosh, Head, Dept. of Pharmaceutical-Sciences, D.U. -Member
33. Dr. K. Bhuyan, Head, Dept. of Physics, D.U. -Member
34. Prof. S.C. Kakaty, Dept. of Statistics, D.U. -Member
35. Prof. J. Hazarika, Dept. of Statistics, D.U. -Member
36. Prof. S. Chakraborty, Dept. of Statistics, D.U. -Member
37. Prof. B. Gogoi, Dept. of Statistics, D.U. -Member
38. Dr. P. Borah, Moridhal College, Moridhal -Member
39. Dr. H. Chutia, Bihpuria College, Bihpuria -Member
40. Sri B.M. Dutta, Machkhowa Degree College -Member
41. Dr. B. K. Borah, J.H.N.S. College -Member
42. Sri A. Bora, Madhabdev College, -Member
43. Sri G. Tamuli, Simen Chapori College -Member
44. Dr. R. Baruah, Jorhat Engineering College, Jorhat -Member
45. Dr. P.B. Sarma, Principal, Tinsukia Law College, Tinsukia -Member

46. The Librarian, D.U. L.N.B. Library,	-Member
47. Deputy Controller of Examination (A), D.U.	-Member
48. Dr. H. Mahanta, Controller of Examinations, D.U.	-Spl Invitee
49. Prof. P.K. Bhuyan, Chairperson, DRC in Atmospheric Sciences, D.U.	-Spl Invitee
50. Prof. A.K. Rai, Chairperson, DRC in Bioinformatics, D.U.	-Spl Invitee
51. Dr. (Ms) K.D Kalita, Director i/c, Centre for Studies in Geography. D.U.	-Spl Invitee
52. Sri A. Hazarika, Academic Officer, D.U.	-Spl Invitee
53. Sri B. C. Borah, Deputy Registrar (Academic) D.U.	-Spl Invitee
54. Prof. M.N. Dutta, Registrar, D.U.	-Secretary

The Chairperson extended a warm welcome to the members and special invitees to the meeting and requested the Secretary to present the agenda items. The Deputy Registrar (Academic) on behalf of the Secretary apprised the Council that the meeting had to convene emergently mainly to consider the following matters:

- a) To consider the draft of the Regulations for the Research Council and for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), 2015
- b) To consider the report of the Committee constituted to examine the feasibility of another Special Chance in the BA, B.Sc. and B.Com Programmes to the unsuccessful students

The Chairperson requested to place the matters one by one.

Item No. 01: To consider the draft of the Regulation for the Research Council and for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), 2015

Discussion The Deputy Registrar (Academic) placed the new draft of the Dibrugarh University Regulations for the Research Council and for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), 2015 as recommended by the meeting of the Joint Research Council held on 18.02.2015 which was also subsequently circulated amongst the faculty members of the University through e-mail for their opinions and observations.

The Deputy Registrar (Academic) while presenting the draft submitted before the Council submitted that the proposed new regulations for Research Council has brought certain important changes in the existing system, such as-

- (a) amalgamation of the three Research Councils into one,
- (b) withdrawal of the Joint Research Council
- (c) structure and functioning of the School Boards in research matters
- (d) constitution of Doctoral Committee for each Ph.D. student
- (e) introduction of the provision for Ph.D. research without supervisor
- (f) increase of credit and number of courses in the Ph.D. pre-registration course work, etc.

He further informed that certain changes in the eligibility criteria for Ph.D. supervisorship have also been recommended in the new draft of the Regulations.

During the deliberations with the members of the Council, the Chairperson opined that the proposed modifications in the Regulation would encourage inter-disciplinary research and contribute in quality enhancement through an effective mechanism incorporated in it..

The Council discussed the draft and recommended for approval.

Resolution No 01 *Resolved that as recommended by the last meeting of the Joint Research Council held on 18.02.2015, the draft of the Dibrugarh University Regulations for the Research Councils and for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), 2015 (Annexure I) be considered for approval.*

Resolved further that the Dibrugarh University Regulations for the Research Councils and for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), 2015 (Annexure I) be brought into force with effect from 01.06.2015 without any retrospective effect.

Item No. 02 **To consider the report of the Committee constituted to examine the feasibility for granting another special chance in the BA, B.Sc. and B.Com Programmes along with some other related issues**

Discussion The Deputy Registrar (Academic) apprised the Council that the University constituted a Committee to examine the feasibility for another special chance in the BA, B.Sc. and B.Com Programmes for those candidates who have already exhausted the legitimate chances to clear their backlogs headed by the Prof. M. Hazarika, Dean, School of Education. The Chairperson apprised the Council that the matter has come for consideration of the University because, a good number of students have not been able to complete their degree programmes due to failing in the respective examinations even after availing all the legitimate chances permitted by the regulations concerned and they are appealing the University for another opportunity individually, institutionally and through different student organizations. He further added that the University needs revisit the working of the colleges including the delivery mechanism of the University for proper implementation of the semester system.

The following recommendations of the Committee were placed before the Council.

1. The students in the B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. programmes in the Semester System under Dibrugarh University may be allowed to complete the respective academic

programmes within six years from the date of admission. This provision should be created w.e.f. 2011-2012 session for benefit of all students.

2. All the academic programmes need to be conducted as per the Academic Calendar of the University including the commencement of the examination and declaration of results. Till date the B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. programmes are conducted as per the Academic Calendar.
3. The University needs to adopt adequate and appropriate steps for sensitizing the stakeholders about all aspects of the Semester System.
4. As per the UGC mandate, the minimum number of class days in a Semester should be 90 days. As such, the University needs to look into the matter so that the total number of class days in an academic year be maintained 180 days irrespective of the academic programmes.
5. Holding compartmental examinations in the B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. programmes in the Semester System shall not be possible due to the large number of students. However, the University may explore a mechanism to decentralize the examination system so that the whole process may be completed within a reasonable time-frame.
6. Holding the special backlog examination in the 1st and 2nd Semester for the students admitted in the first batch (2011-2012) has no justification as they have already availed 4 chances to clear the respective examinations. If recommendation number 1 as above is approved by the concerned statutory bodies, the students shall be eligible to avail chances to clear the backlog subjects till 2017.
7. The University may explore the possibilities to prepare a suitable schedule for the B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. examinations for the greater interest of the students appearing in both regular and backlog courses.
8. The University authorities may request the Government of Assam to appoint teachers in the colleges to maintain the teacher student ratio of 1:30 for smooth functioning of the Semester System in the General Degree Colleges.
9. The Director, College Development Council may be requested to look into the matter regarding collection of admission fees by some colleges in each semester as claimed.
10. The University authorities may constitute a committee with Director, College Development Council as the Secretary to examine the matter regarding increase in the 'dropout rate' of students after implementing the Semester system as claimed.

The Council recommended the recommendations for approval. The members further opined that the University should take appropriate steps for bringing necessary systemic reforms for effective teaching, learning and evaluation in the Semester System.

Resolution No 05 *Resolved that as recommended by the Committee constituted for examining the feasibility for another special chance in the BA, B.Sc. and B.Com Programmes along with some other related issues, following steps be taken on priority basis:*

- 1. Necessary amendment be brought in clause 11 of the Dibrugarh University Regulations for the B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. programmes in the Semester System, 2011 to create the following provision:*

A student must clear all his/her semester examinations within Six (6) years from the date of admission to the First Semester of any programme.

The above provision be given effect from the academic session 2011-2012.

- 2. Maintaining the present practice, all the academic programmes be conducted as per the Academic Calendar of the University including the commencement of the examination and declaration of results.*
- 3. Adequate and appropriate steps be taken for sensitizing the stakeholders about the effective conduct of the Semester System.*
- 4. The Academic Planning Committee be suggested to recommend enhancement of class days in an academic year as per the UGC mandate.*
- 5. The Office of the Controller of Examinations be requested to explore the possibilities to prepare a suitable schedule for the B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. examination for the greater interest of the students appearing in both regular and backlog courses.*
- 6. The University be requested to appeal to the Government of Assam to appoint teachers in the colleges to maintain the teacher student ratio of 1:30 for smooth functioning of the Semester System in the General Degree Colleges.*
- 7. The Director, College Development Council be requested to examine the following issues and submit its report on the matters within one month:*

- a) *Grievance of the students regarding collection of admission fees by some colleges in each semester.*
- b) *The status of student dropout after implementation of the Semester system.*

As there was no other matter for discussion, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

Sd/- M.N.Dutta
Registrar and Secretary
Academic Council
Dibrugarh University

Sd/- A.K. Buragohain
Vice-Chancellor and Chairperson
Academic Council
Dibrugarh University

Memo No: DU/DR-A/AC/7-1/15/455

Date: 28.05.2015

Copy to:

1. The Vice-Chancellor, Dibrugarh University.
2. The Registrar, Dibrugarh University.
3. The Controller of Examinations, Dibrugarh University.
4. All members of the Academic Council, Dibrugarh University.

(Prof./Dr./Mr./Ms _____)

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(B.C. Borah)
Deputy Registrar (Academic)
Dibrugarh University.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED TO EXAMINE THE MEMORANDUMS SUBMITTED BY
THE STUDENTS' FEDERATION OF INDIA (SFI), ASSAM STATE COMMITTEE AND SATRA MUKTI
SANGRAM SAMITI (SMSS), ASSAM**

The members of the committee and the special invitees had threadbare discussion in the meetings held on 5th, 12th, 13th and 19th May, 2015 on the demands of the SFI and SMSS. The recommendations of the committee are summarized below:

1. The students in the B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. programmes in the Semester System under Dibrugarh University may be allowed to complete the respective academic programmes within six years from the date of admission, viz. 1st and 2nd Sem. exams. should be cleared in 6 consecutive chances, 3rd and 4th Sem. exams. should be cleared in 5 consecutive chances, 5th and 6th Sem. exams. should be cleared in 4 consecutive chances. This provision may be created for all the students admitted to the B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. programmes in the Semester system w.e.f. 2011-12 session.
2. The committee opined that all the academic programmes need to be conducted as per the Academic Calendar of the University including the commencement of the examination and declaration of results. The members are of the view that till date the B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. programmes in the Semester system have been conducted as per the Academic Calendar of the University.
3. The University needs to adopt adequate and appropriate steps for sensitizing the stakeholders about any new system pertaining to the Semester System.
4. As per the UGC mandate, the minimum number of class days in a Semester should be 90 days. As such, the University needs to look into the matter so that the total number of class days in an academic year should be 180 days irrespective of the academic programmes.
5. Holding compartmental examinations in the B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. programmes in the Semester System may not be possible due to large number of students. However, the University may explore a mechanism to decentralize the examination system so that the whole process may be completed in the minimum time.
6. The members opined that holding the special backlog examination in 1st and 2nd Sem. for the students admitted in the first batch (2011-12) has no justification as they have already availed 4 nos. of chances to clear the respective examinations. If recommendation no. 1 as above is

approved by the concerned statutory bodies, the students shall be eligible to avail chances to clear the backlog subjects till 2017.

7. The University may explore the possibilities to prepare a suitable schedule for the B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. examinations for the greater interest of the students appearing in both regular and backlog courses.
8. The members opined that the University authorities may request the Govt. of Assam to appoint teachers in the colleges to maintain the teacher student ratio of 1:30 for smooth functioning of the Semester System in the General Degree Colleges.
9. The Director, College Development Council may be requested to look into the matter regarding collection of admission fees by some colleges in each semester as claimed by the SMSS.
10. The University authorities may constitute a committee with Director, College Development Council as the Secretary to examine the matter regarding increase in the 'dropout rate' of students after implementing the Semester system as claimed by the SMSS.

(M. Hazarika)
Chairperson of the committee
Dean, School of Education
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