



**MINUTES OF THE 114TH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
09.05.2018 (TUESDAY) AT THE INDIRA MIRI CONFERENCE HALL, DIBRUGARH
UNIVERSITY**

Members present in the meeting:

1. Prof. A.K.Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University -Chairperson
2. Prof. A. Konwar, Dept. of Assamese, Dibrugarh University -Member
3. Prof. N. M. Bezborah, Dept. of Assamese, Dibrugarh University -Member
4. Prof. N.K. Handique, Head, Dept. of Assamese, Dibrugarh University -Member
5. Prof. J.K. Borah, Dept. of Assamese, Dibrugarh University -Member
6. Prof. P.D. Buzorbaruah, Dept. of Assamese, Dibrugarh University -Member
7. Prof. S. Borthakur, Dept. of Assamese, Dibrugarh University -Member
8. Prof. S. Mahanta (Choudhury), Dept. of Assamese, Dibrugarh University -Member
9. Prof. D.K. Chakraborty, Head, Dept. of Economics, Dibrugarh University -Member
10. The Head, Dept. of English, D.U., Dibrugarh University -Member
11. Prof. J.G. Nath, Dept. of History, Dibrugarh University -Member
12. Prof. B. Baruah, Head, Dept. of History, Dibrugarh University -Member
13. Prof. N. Baruah, Dept. of History, Dibrugarh University -Member
14. Dr. P. Sarma, Dept of Sociology, Dibrugarh University -Member
15. Prof. S.V. Borbora, Dept of Sociology, Dibrugarh University -Member
16. Prof. J. P.Saikia, Dept of Sociology, Dibrugarh University -Member
17. Dr. C.K. Nath, Head, Dept. of Commerce, Dibrugarh University -Member
18. Prof. A. B. Rajkonwar, Dept of Commerce, Dibrugarh University -Member
19. Prof. K. C. Goswami, Dept of Commerce, Dibrugarh University -Member
20. Prof. A. Saha, Dept of Commerce, Dibrugarh University -Member
21. Prof. M. Hazarika, Dept. of Education, Dibrugarh University -Member
22. Prof. N.K. Baruah, Dept. of Education, Dibrugarh University -Member
23. Prof. D.B.Talukdar, Dept. of Education, Dibrugarh University -Member
24. Prof. T.K.Goswami, Head, Dept. of Applied Geology, D.U. -Member
25. Prof. D. Mazumdar, Dept. of Applied Geology, Dibrugarh University -Member
26. Prof. U. Goswami, Dept. of Applied Geology, Dibrugarh University -Member
27. Prof. K.D. Kalita, Dept. of Applied Geology, Dibrugarh University -Member
28. Prof. S. Sengupta, Head, Dept of Anthropology, Dibrugarh University -Member
29. Prof. J.G. Handique, Dept. of Chemistry, Dibrugarh University -Member
30. Prof. P. Das, Head, Dept. of Chemistry, Dibrugarh University -Member
31. Prof. S.P. Biswas, Dept. of Life Sciences, Dibrugarh University -Member
32. Prof. D. S. Bora, Dept. of Life Sciences, Dibrugarh University -Member
33. Prof. B. Neog, Head, Dept. of Life Sciences, Dibrugarh University -Member
34. Prof. G.C. Hazarika, Dept. of Mathematics, Dibrugarh University -Member
35. Prof. S. Borkotoky, Head Dept. of Mathematics, Dibrugarh University -Member
36. Prof. D. Chetia, Head, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences, D.U. -Member
37. Prof. S.K. Ghosh, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dibrugarh University -Member
38. Prof. B. Mazumdar, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences, D.U. -Member

39. Prof. K. Bhuyan, Dept. of Physics, Dibrugarh University	-Member
40. Dr. P. Dutta, Head, Dept. of Physics, Dibrugarh University	-Member
41. Prof. M. Das, Dept. of Petroleum Technology, Dibrugarh University	-Member
42. Prof. S.C. Kakati, Head, Dept. of Statistics, Dibrugarh University	-Member
43. Prof. J. Hazarika, Dept. of Statistics, Dibrugarh University	-Member
44. Dr. Lekhan Gogoi, Moridhal College, Moridhal	-Member
45. Dr. Swapna Dutta, L.T.K College, Azad	-Member
46. Dr. Ashok Borthakur, J.B. College, Jorhat	-Member
47. Dr Amorjit Saikia, Margherita College, Margherita	-Member
48. Sri Dulal Ch. Mahanta, Madhabdev College, Madhabdev	-Member
49. Dr. Dilip Kumar Bhuyan, Kherajkhat College, Kherajkhat	-Member
50. Dr. Birinchi Kumar Borah, Jhanji Hemnath Sarma College, Jhanji	-Member
51. Dr. Ranjan Changmai, D.H.S.K. College, Dibrugarh.	-Member
52. Dr. Narayan Upadhyay, Retd. Professor, Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh	-Member
55. The Director, CDC, Dibrugarh University	-Member
56. The Director, DODL, Dibrugarh University	-Member
57. The Librarian i/c, L.N.B. Library, Dibrugarh University	-Member
58. The Deputy Controller of Examinations 'A', Dibrugarh University	-Member
59. The Joint Registrar (Academic), Dibrugarh University	-Member
60. The Director of Sports, Dibrugarh University	-Member
61. Ms. Ranjumoni Mahanta, Academic Officer, SEBA, Guwahati	-Member
62. Mr.Harinarayan Das, Academic Officer, SEBA, Guwahati	-Member
63. Dr. A.Das, Chairperson, Centre for Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, D.U.	-Special Invitee
64. Mr. P.K. Bhuyan, Chairperson, Centre for Atmospheric Studies, D.U,	-Special Invitee
65. Mr. Biswajit Bhuyan, President, Assam College Teacher Association	- Special Invitee
66. Dr. Himangshu Maral, Gen.Secretary, Assam College Teacher Association	- Special Invitee
67. Dr. Deba Prasad Gogoi, Asstt. Gen. Secretary, ACTA	-Special Invitee
68. Mr. Tulashi Das, Ex. Gen. Secretary, ACTA	-Special Invitee
69. Dr. Sohanlal Yadav, EC Member, ACTA	-Special Invitee
70. Dr. H.C. Mahanta, Registrar i/c, Dibrugarh University	-Secretary

Item No. 01: To consider urgent agenda on implementation of the CBCS at the Under Graduate Academic Programmes.

The Chairperson extended a warm welcome to all the members and apprised the Council that the Assam College Teachers' Association (ACTA) has demanded to review the earlier decision of the University for implementing the Choice Based Credit System at the Under Graduate Programmes w.e.f. 2018-2019 academic session. He further apprised the Council that although the University tried to persuade the ACTA about the regulatory compulsion from the MHRD or UGC as well as on the basis of the merit and advantages of the proposed CBCS, the ACTA is reluctant to accept the system on the ground of insufficient teachers, inadequate infrastructure and lack of required ICT facilities in the Colleges. He also informed that the ACTA led by its Central Executive Body arrived at the University campus to demonstrate protest against any decision of the University taken in favour of the implementation of CBCS from the Academic Session 2018-2019.

The Chairperson further proposed before the Council to invite five delegates from the ACTA who gathered for the Protest Demonstration to the Meeting of the Academic Council as Special Invitees so that the issues might be deliberated in their presence to find out an amicable settlement of the same. The Council agreed upon the proposal and accordingly a five member delegation of ACTA led by President Sri Biswajit Bhuyan and General Secretary Dr. Himangshu Maral participated in the discussions on implementation of the CBCS in the Under Graduate programmes of Dibrugarh University.

Prior to consideration of the regular agenda items of the Meeting, the Council decided to deliberate upon the matter of implementation of the CBCS in Under Graduate Academic Programmes.

The Chairperson initiating the discussion opined that the University has decided to introduce the CBCS in Under Graduate Programmes as per the directives of the MHRD/ UGC issued from time to time and considers it as a mandatory obligations to implement the CBCS as the University is a Government University. However, the matter of insufficient faculty members in the Colleges raised by the ACTA before the Assam Government is a genuine issue and cannot be ignored by the University non the matter falls under the purview of the University to appoint teachers. He also opined for conducting a survey to develop an empirical database on the faculty strength, infra-structure and ICT facilities in the Colleges prior to considering implementation of the CBCS in true letter and spirit. He emphasized on developing a comprehensive database of the same to place before the Government while demanding sustainable solution of these acute problems faced by the Colleges and till date the University may wait for implementing the CBCS in the Under Graduate Programmes. He further expressed his discontent for using the term 'autocratic' by the ACTA against the University.

Mr. D.C. Mahanta opined that the process of implementation of CBCS undertaken by the University was started in the year 2015 and was moving on the right track. Suddenly, on demand of the ACTA, if the entire efforts are being nullified by this meeting, that would prove futility of all sincere endeavours exercised by the University.

Dr. Himangshu Maral from ACTA expressing his view opined that the ACTA is always in favour of implementation of a new reform in a favourable and feasible condition. At this juncture, the colleges are suffering lots of deficiencies and are not in a position bear the proliferated pressure of the CBCS. He further appealed the University to take into confidence the goodwill of the ACTA in persuading the problems of the Colleges before the Government. The President, ACTA, Sri Bhuyan and Mr Tulsi Das, former General Secretary of ACTA also supported the views of Dr. Maral.

Mr. A. Hazarika, Deputy Controller of Examinations proposed that considering the satisfactory teacher student ratio in B.Sc. proramme (approx 1:25), the CBCS may be implemented in the B.Sc. Programme.

Mr. Biswajit Bhuyan, President ACTA opined that such partial implementation of the CBCS could not be accepted as the colleges are also suffering from the deficiency of non-teaching staff.

The Chairperson opined that the actual status of the colleges should be surveyed by a Joint Review Committee with specific terms of references, which would be constituted with the members from the college teachers, college principals, teachers from the University, student representatives and be suggested to submit its report within three months.

Dr. Birinchi Bora opined that the deliberations of the meeting have given such an impression that the University had decided to introduce the CBCS without any ground work, which is actually not true. The systematic and sincere preparedness of the University including the awareness programmes for last three years has already made a concrete foundation for implementation of the CBCS. The DU Court has also deliberated on implementation CBCS. He further requested the Council to suggest the government nominees to the DU Court to persuade the Government for early solution of these problems of the colleges. Dr. Bora also pointed out that the problems of the colleges are not easy to solve, but how long the University would wait for implementation of the CBCS.

Prof. S.C. Kakoty suggested to complete the review of the status of the colleges by the Joint Review Committee within three months.

Dr. A. Borthakur also suggested that as the University has almost completed its preparedness for implementation of the CBCS, the colleges may be given option to opt the system according to their willingness. Mr. A. Hazarika also assured that the Examination Branch has the feasibility to accommodate both the systems simultaneously.

After the prolong deliberation on the issues related to the implementation of the CBCS, the Council finally resolved the following-

Resolution No.01: Resolved that in response to the protest of the Assam College Teachers' Association (ACTA) in implementation of the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in the Under Graduate Academic Programmes on ground of insufficient teachers, inadequate infra-structure and lack of required ICT facilities in the Colleges, the Implementation of the CBCS in the Under Graduate B.A., B.Sc. and B.Com. Programmes of Dibrugarh University be postponed with immediate effect and until further order.

Resolution No.02: Resolved that a Joint Review Committee with the representation from the college teachers, college principals, teachers from the University and student representatives be constituted to study the ground status of the colleges in terms of their human resource, infra-structure, ICT facilities, etc. required for implementation of the CBCS.

Resolved further that the Vice-Chancellor be requested to constitute the Joint Review Committee appointing the Director, College Development Council, Dibrugarh University as its Member- Secretary with appropriate terms of references.

The delegates of the ACTA put on record their vote of thanks to the University for positive and compassionate consideration of their appeal to defer the implementation of the CBCS from the 2018-2019 academic session before leaving the house.

The Chairperson then requested the Secretary to present the regular agenda items of the meeting. On behalf of the Secretary, the Joint Registrar (Academic) placed the matters as below.

Item No. 02: To consider confirmation of the Minutes of the 113th Meeting of the Academic Council, Dibrugarh University.

Discussion: The Chairperson requested the Council to point out the omission or commission, if any in recording the Minutes of the 113th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 12.12.2017. The Joint Registrar (Academic) highlighted the significant resolutions adopted in the last meetings and apprised about the actions taken on it. After a discussion, the Council confirmed the minutes of the 113th meeting of the Academic Council held on 12.12.2017.

Resolution No. 03 *Resolved that the Minutes of the 113th meeting of the Academic Council held on 12.12.2017 be confirmed.*

Item No. 03: To report the actions taken on the Minutes of the 113th meeting of the Academic Council, Dibrugarh University held on 12.12.2017.

Discussion: The Joint Registrar (Academic) presented the report on the actions taken on the Minutes of the 113th Meeting of the Academic Council, Dibrugarh University held on 12.12.2017. The Members discussed the report and noted the same.

Resolution No.04 *Resolved that the Action Taken Reports on the Minutes of the 113th meeting of the Academic Council held on 12.12.2017 be noted and accepted.*

Item No. 04:To consider recommendations of the 119th meeting of the Under Graduate Board held on 20.04.2018

(A) To consider partial modification in the Dibrugarh University Regulations for the Under Graduate Programme in the Choice Based Credit System 2016

Discussion: The Joint Registrar (Academic) apprised the Board that during deliberations on the proposed Choice Based Credit System in the Under Graduate Programmes with the Principals and faculty members of the Colleges in different platforms certain modifications have been recommended for consideration of the University. Accordingly, the relevant clauses, needed modifications were placed before the 119th Meeting of the Under Graduate Board held on 20.04.2018. As recommended by the Board the proposals for modifications highlighted in the Regulations annexed as Annexure I was placed before the Council for consideration.

The Council discussed the same and recommended for approval.

Resolution No.05 *Resolved that as recommended by the 119th Meeting of the Under Graduate Board held on 20.04.2018, the proposal for modifications highlighted in the Dibrugarh University Regulations for the Under Graduate Programme in the Choice Based Credit System 2016 be approved.*

(B) To consider recommendations of the Principal's Meet on Implementation of the CBCS in the UG Programmes.

Discussion: The Joint Registrar (Academic) apprised the Council that the Meetings with the Principals of the Colleges affiliated to Dibrugarh University on implementation of the Choice Based Credit System organized by the College Development Council recommended certain issues pertaining to the implementation of the CBCS in the colleges as below-

- a) A moratorium of at least two years for the students to pursue Economics Honours without Mathematics in the HS level.
- b) To organize more subject-specific orientation programmes for the faculty members of the colleges on CBCS
- c) To request the Government of Assam for creation of requisite infra-structure, recruitment of teachers and de-linking of the Higher secondary section from the Degree Colleges.

The 119th Meeting of the Under Graduate Board held on 20.04.2018 discussed on these issues and recommended for consideration of the Academic Council.

The Council discussed on it and recommended approval with necessary directions.

Resolution No.06: *Resolved that as recommended by the 119th Meeting of the Under Graduate Board held on 20.04.2018, the following proposals of the Principal's Meet on Implementation of the CBCS in the Under Graduate Programmes be accepted and necessary action be taken accordingly.*

- a) *A moratorium of at least two years be given the students to pursue Economics Honours without Mathematics in the HS level. The Joint Registrar (Academic) be advised to bring necessary modification in the relevant clause for accommodating the same.*
- b) *More subject-specific orientation programmes for the faculty members of the colleges on CBCS be organized by the University. The Director, College development Council be advised to take necessary action on it.*
- c) *The Government of Assam be requested for creation of requisite infra-structure, recruitment of teachers and de-linking of the Higher secondary section from the Degree Colleges. The Director, College development Council be advised to take necessary action on it.*

(C) To consider recommendation of the 119th Meeting of the Under Graduate Board on Implementation of the CBCS in the UG Programmes.

Discussion: The Joint Registrar (Academic) apprised the Board that the memorandum of the Assam College Teachers Association submitted on 19.04.2018 opposing the implementation of the CBCS in UG Programmes was placed in the 119th Meeting of the Under Graduate Board held on 20.05.2018. He further apprised that the Board discussed the matter and unanimously opined that the University has been proceeding on the right track towards implementation of the CBCS and it should not be deferred further. The Members representing the College teachers also opined that the appeals of the ACTA should also be given due weightage during the implementation process of CBCS, but the University cannot postpone implementation of the system, which may have adverse impact on the overall academic affairs.

The Chairperson opined that as the matter has already been deliberated and resolved by this meeting in an earlier agenda, the follow up action might be taken accordingly. The Council also recommended the same.

(D) To consider to keep in hold the B.A. in Performing Arts Programme w.e.f. the academic session 2018-2019

Discussion: The Joint Registrar (Academic) placed the proposal for keeping in hold the B.A. in Performing Arts Programme w.e.f. the academic session 2018-2019 as recommended by the 119th Meeting of the Under Graduate Board held on 20.04.2018. The Chairperson apprised the Council that the above recommendation have come from the Board of Management concerned mainly to bring required academic rigor in the programme. The Council discussed the matter and recommended for approval.

Resolution No.07: *Resolved that for the academic interest of the Programme and as recommended by the 119th Meeting of the Under Graduate Board held on 20.04.2018, the B.A in Performing Arts Programme conducted at the Dr. B.H. Centre for Performing Arts be kept in abeyance w.e.f. academic session 2018-2019.*

(E) To consider approval of the draft of the Regulations, Course Structure and Syllabus of the Six Month Certificate Programme in Karbi Language

Discussion: The Joint Registrar (Academic) placed the draft of the Regulations, Course Structure and Syllabus of the Six Month Certificate Programme in Karbi Language as recommended by the 119th Meeting of the Under Graduate Board held on 20.04.2018. The Council discussed the matter and recommended for approval.

Resolution No.08: Resolved that as recommended by the 119th Meeting of the Under Graduate Board held on 20.04.2018, the draft Regulations, Course Structure and Syllabus of the Six Month Certificate Programme in Karbi Language be approved.

(F) To consider the policy of pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously under DODL

Discussion: The Joint Registrar (Academic) placed the following proposal for formalization of a policy of pursuing of two academic programmes of the Directorate of Open and Distance Learning (DODL) simultaneously as recommended by the 119th Meeting of the Under Graduate Board held on 20.04.2018.

A student pursuing any Programme of one year or longer duration offered by Directorate of Open and Distance Learning Dibrugarh University may pursue any one certificate Programme simultaneously.

The Council discussed the matter and recommended for approval.

Resolution No.09: Resolved that the following provision be approved as the Policy for pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously offered by the Directorate of Open and Distance Learning, Dibrugarh University-

A student pursuing any Programme of one year or longer duration offered by Directorate of Open and Distance Learning Dibrugarh University may pursue any one certificate Programme simultaneously.

Further, the Director, Directorate of Open and Distance Learning be suggested to accommodate the provision above in the relevant clause of the Regulations and to forward for necessary notification.

(G)To report recognition of the ‘Swades Adhyayan’ subject introduced by Assam Higher Secondary Education Council in the Higher Secondary Level as acceptable for pursuing Geography or History Major/ Honours in BA/ B.Sc. level.

Discussion: The Joint Registrar (Academic) apprised the Council that the Assam Higher Secondary Education Council had requested the University for consideration of the newly introduced subject in the Higher Secondary level- “Swades Adhyayan” equivalent to the Geography or History subject while applying for studying Geography or History as Major or Honours subject in the graduation level. The matter was forwarded to the Dean, School of Humanities and Social sciences for scrutiny in consultation with the relevant departments, which recommended for recognition of the same and accordingly with approval from the Vice-Chancellor the decision was notified under report to the Under Graduate Board and Academic Council vide Ref No. DU/DR-A/43-1/18/318 dated 21.02.2018.

The Council noted and ratified the same.

Resolution No.10 *Resolved that the approval of the subject 'Swades Adhyayan' introduced by Assam Higher Secondary Education Council in the Higher Secondary as acceptable as eligibility criteria for admission into the BA Programme with either Geography or History Major/ Honours in the BA and B.Sc. Programmes be noted and ratified.*

(G) To consider introduction of Rural Management Course in the BBA Programme

Discussion: The Joint Registrar (Academic) placed the proposal for introduction of the Rural Management Course along with the draft syllabus in the BBA Programme as recommended by the 119th Meeting of the Under Graduate Board held on 20.04.2018. The Council discussed the matter and recommended for approval.

Resolution No.11: *Resolved that the introduction of the Rural Management paper in the BBA Programme as recommended by the 119th Meeting of the Under Graduate Board held on 20.04.2018 be approved.*

(H) To report the scheme of awarding 2 academic credits to the students for volunteer service for promotion of hygiene and cleanliness under the Swachhata Bharat Internship Scheme (SBIS) of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

Discussion: The Chairperson apprised the Board that the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Government of India vide the Notification D.O. No. 11014/02/2018 dated April 20, 2018 has launched the 'Swachh Bharat Summer Internship Programme' under the Swachhata Bharat Internship Scheme (SBIS) of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Under this Programme, the students of the University (including students of the affiliated Colleges and permitted institutes) who will render volunteer services for promotion of hygiene and cleanliness in an identified village during Summer Vacation (approximately 100 hours) under the Swachhata Bharat Internship Scheme (SBIS) of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Gramin) shall earn 2 Academic Credits. The 119th Meeting of the Under Graduate Board held on 20.04.2018 discussed the matter and recommended for approval and necessary action under report to the Academic Council. Accordingly, it was notified vide Memo No. DU/DR-A/6-1/18/ dated 23.04.2018 (Annexure B).

The Council noted and ratified the same.

Resolution No.12: *Resolved that the Notification vide Memo No. DU/DR-A/ 6-1/18 dated 23.04.2018 notified in compliance with the directives of the MHRD, Government of India for implementation of the 2 credit Internship Programme for the Students of Dibrugarh University on volunteer*

service for promotion of hygiene and cleanliness in an identified village under the Swachhata Bharat Internship Scheme (SBIS) of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan be noted and ratified.

Resolved further that the request to the Dean, Students Affairs for appointment of at least one Nodal Officer from among the faculty members of the University to facilitate the students to take Swachhata Bharat Summer Internship Programme in compliance with the relevant guidelines also be noted and ratified.

Further resolved that the request to the Director, College Development Council for coordinating the Colleges/ Institutes affiliated to or permitted by Dibrugarh University for execution of the Scheme also be noted and ratified.

(I) To consider appointment of 10 Nodal Officers for implementation of SWAYAM

Discussion: The Chairperson apprised the Council that the CEC, UGC has instructed the University to appoint at least ten SWAYAM Local Chapter and MOOC Coordinators for effective implementation of the SWAYAM as per the relevant guidelines. He further apprised that the Nodal Officers shall initiate the process for adoption of the SWAYAM courses in coordination with the regulatory bodies and also with the teachers and students of an institute. The 119th meeting of the Under Graduate Board held on 20.04.2018 discussed the matter and recommended Prof. J.G. Handique, Director, EMRC to coordinate the process of appointing the same.

The Council discussed the matter and recommended for approval.

Resolution No.13: *Resolved that at least ten SWAYAM Local Chapters be formed and MOOC Coordinators be appointed through the EMRC for implementation of SWAYAM.*

Further, Prof. J.G. Handique, Director, EMRC be requested to initiate the process for establishing 10 Numbers of SWAYAM Local Chapters through CEC with MOOC–Coordinators (MOCO) under SWAYAM as per the decision of SWAYAM Board.

(J) To consider introduction of bi-lingual Degree Certificates

Discussion: The Joint Registrar (Academic) placed the recommendation of the 119th meeting of the Under Graduate Board held on 20.04.2018 for introduction of the bilingual (English and Assamese) degree certificates for all academic programmes. The Council discussed the matter and recommended for approval and necessary action.

Resolution No.14: *Resolved that as recommended by the 119th meeting of the Under Graduate Board held on 20.04.2018, necessary steps be taken for issuing Bi-lingual (English and Assamese) Degree Certificates with immediate effect.*

The Controller of Examinations be requested to take necessary action to process the issuing of Bi-lingual (English and Assamese) Degree Certificates to the students.

Item No. 05: **To consider the recommendations of the 147th Meeting of the Post Graduate Board, Dibrugarh University held on 20.04.2018.**

(A) To consider New Regulations for the Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Application (PGDCA) Programme under Semester System

Discussion: The Joint Registrar (Academic) placed the draft of the New Regulations for the Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Application (PGDCA) Programme under Semester System as recommended by the 147th Meeting of the Post Graduate Board 20.04.2018. The Members discussed the matter and recommended the same for approval.

Resolution No. 15 *Resolved that as recommended by the 147th Meeting of the Post Graduate Board held on 20.04.2018 the draft of the New Regulations for the Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Application (PGDCA) Programme under Semester System be approved.*

(B) To consider increase in the reservation of seats for the children/widows of the security personnel.

Discussion: The Joint Registrar (Academic) apprised the Council that the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India requests the Universities to ensure reservation of seats for the children/ widows of the Security Personnel along with relaxation of 5% of the qualifying marks in case of admission of all academic programmes as per the following priority-

Order of Priority for admission of candidates belonging to children/widows of eligible personnel of Security Forces

- (i) *Widows/Wards of Defence personnel killed in action.*
- (ii) *Wards of serving personnel and ex-servicemen disabled in action*
- (iii) *Widows/Wards of Defence personnel who died in peace time with death attributable to military service.*
- (iv) *Wards of Defence personnel disabled in peace time with disability attributable to military service.*
- (v) *Wards of Ex-servicemen personnel and serving personnel including personnel of police forces who are in receipt of Gallantry Awards.*

Category (v):- Gallantry Awards include: Param Vir Chakra, Ashok Chakra, Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medal, Maha Vir Chakra, Kirti Chakra, Uttam Yudh Seva Medal, Vir Chakra, Shaurya Chakra, Yudh Seva Medal, Sena, Nau Senaa – Vayusena Medal, Mention-in-Despatches.

(vi) President's Police Medal for Gallantry, Police Medal for Gallantry.

Further, the Ministry also requests the Universities to formulate policies to ensure the following-

- a) 5% seats in every academic programme for admission on supernumerary basis to the children/widows of the security personnel as per the prescribed norms*
- b) Relaxation of maximum 5% marks in the eligibility criteria for admission to the children/widows of the security personnel as per prescribed norms.*

The University presently has the following provision of reservation of seats for the candidates belonging to the above mentioned categories-

One seat each in the M.A., M.Sc. and M.Com. courses on supernumerary basis for the widows/wards of armed forces personnel/police personnel killed/disabled in action or during peace time as per priority: I) Widows/wards of Defence personnel killed in action; II) Wards of serving personnel and ex-servicemen/police personnel disabled in action; III) Widows/wards of Defence personnel/police personnel who died in peace-time with death attributable to military service/police service; IV) Wards of Defence personnel/police personnel disabled in peace-time with disability attributable to military/Police service.

In view of the above, the Council discussed the recommendation of the 147th Meeting of the Post Graduate Board held on 20.05.2018 and recommended the following-

Resolution No. 16: Resolved that in response to the request from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India as well as on subsequent recommendation from the 147th Meeting of the Post Graduate Board held on 20.04.2018, following provisions be created in the existing reservation policy for admission into different academic programmes of the University for accommodating the following-

- a) Creating maximum 5% seats in every academic programme on supernumerary basis for admission to the children/ widows of the security personnel as per the prescribed criteria subject to the compliance with the concerned regulatory bodies like NCTE, AICTE, BCI, etc.*
- b) Relaxation of maximum 5% marks in the eligibility criteria for admission to the children/ widows of the security personnel as per*

the prescribed criteria subject to the compliance with the concerned regulatory bodies like NCTE, AICTE, BCI, etc.

(C) To consider the policy of pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously under DODL

Discussion: The Joint Registrar (Academic) placed the proposal for formalization of a policy of pursuing of two academic programmes of the Directorate of Open and Distance Learning (DODL) simultaneously as recommended by the 14th Meeting of the Post Graduate Board held on 20.05.2018. He also apprised the Council that the matter was critically examined by Prof. M. Hazarika and Prof. D.K. Chakraborty taking into account the relevant rules/ policies followed by the Distance Education Bureau, UGC and IGNOU and recommended for the following-

A student pursuing any Programme of one year or longer duration offered by Directorate of Open and Distance Learning Dibrugarh University may pursue any one certificate Programme simultaneously.

The Council discussed the matter and recommended the same for approval.

Resolution No.17: *Resolved that the following provision be approved as the Policy for pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously offered by the Directorate of Open and Distance Learning, Dibrugarh University-*

A student pursuing any Programme of one year or longer duration offered by Directorate of Open and Distance Learning Dibrugarh University may pursue any one certificate Programme simultaneously.

(D) To consider appointment of faculty members for M.A in Hindi Programme

Discussion: The Chairperson apprised the Board that in spite of sanctioning four teaching positions for the Department of Hindi by the UGC, the University could not start the MA in Hindi Programme due to lack of faculty members for the subject. The matter was also discussed in the 147th Meeting of the Post Graduate Board held on 20.05.2018. The Council advised the Registrar to request the Government of Assam for concurrence of the teaching positions in Hindi so that the Programme having significant national importance can be started as soon as possible.

Resolution No. 18 *Resolved that necessary correspondence with the Government of Assam be made for getting concurrence of the four teaching posts for the Department of Hindi sanctioned by the UGC.*

Item No. 06: To consider the recommendations of the 7th Meeting of the Research Council, Dibrugarh University held on 26.04.2018

(A) To consider to keep in hold the M.Phil and Ph.D. Programmes in Performing Arts

Discussion: The Joint Registrar (Academic) apprised the Council that the 7th Meeting of the Research Council held on 26.04.2018 had discussed the proposal of the Board of Management for Performing Arts for keeping in abeyance the Ph.D. and M.Phil. Programmes in Performing Arts w.e.f. 2018- 2019 due to lake of adequate faculty members in the Centre concerned. The Council discussed the matter and recommended for approval.

Resolution No.19: *Resolved that as recommended by the 7th Meeting of the Research Council held on 26.05.2018, the Ph.D. and M.Phil Programmes in Performing Arts be kept in abeyance w.e.f. the academic session 2018-2019 in view of inadequate eligible faculty members in the Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Studies in Performing Arts to run the programmes.*

Item No. 07: Any other matter with permission from the Chair

(A) To consider provision of Lateral Entry admission in the Four Year B.Pharm Programme.

Discussion: Prof. D. Chetia, Head, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences apprised the Council that in the PCI Guidelines, there is a specific provision of lateral entry to give admission to a D. Pharm qualified student into the 3rd Semester B.Pharm programme . The same provision of lateral entry may also be created in Dibrugarh University against the vacant seats and under endowment category. The Council discussed the matter and recommended for approval.

Resolution No.20: *Resolved that as recommended by the Head, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, a provision for lateral entry be created to give admission to a D. Pharm qualified student into the 3rd Semester B.Pharm programme against the vacant seats under endowment category.*

(B) To consider provision of Lateral Entry admission in the Four Year B.Pharm Programme.

Discussion: Prof. D. Chetia, Head, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences apprised the Council that the PCI has prescribed a separate Model Syllabus for Environmental Studies which is similar to the syllabus followed by many other Under Graduate Programmes of the Universities . The Council discussed the same and recommended the PCI approved Syllabi on Environmental sciences for approval and implementation.

Resolution No.21: *Resolved that as recommended by PCI Guidelines, the Model Syllabus for Environmental Studies for B. Pharm Programme be accepted and implemented with effect from the 2018-2019 academic session.*

(C) To consider introduction of Diploma in Fire and Safety Engineering Programme.

Discussion: The Chairperson apprised the Council that there is a growing demand of trained persons in the field of Fire and Safety Engineering. Although, the 109th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 05.05.2017 of the University had initiated for introduction of a B.Tech. Programme in Fire and Safety Engineering, but due to certain regulatory compulsion from the AICTE, the University could not proceed further. Now, the University has the feasibility to introduce a Diploma Programme in Fire and Safety Engineering with existing resources. The Council discussed the same and recommended it for approval.

Resolution No.22: *Resolved that introduction of Diploma in Fire and Safety Engineering Programme be approved in principle.*

(D) To consider introduction of Post Graduate Diploma in Library Automation and Networking

Discussion: The Chairperson apprised the Council that the Centre for Studies in Library and Information Science Studies has proposed for introduction of a Post Graduate Diploma in Library Automation and Networking for the library professionals.

The Council discussed the same and recommended it for approval in principle.

Resolution No.23: *Resolved that the proposal for introduction of Post Graduate Diploma in Library Automation and Networking Programme be approved in principle.*

(E) To consider increase of intake in the B.Lib.I.Sc. and M.Lib.I.Sc. Programmes

Discussion: The Chairperson apprised the Council that the Centre for Studies in Library and Information Science Studies has proposed to consider increase of the intake of the B.Lib.I.Sc. and M.Lib.I.Sc. Programmes from existing 24 to 29 and 20 to 25 respectively with effect from the academic session 2018-2019.

The Council discussed the same and recommended it for approval in principle under report to the Under Graduate Board and Post Graduate Board.

Resolution No.24: *Resolved that the proposal for enhancement of intake of the B.Lib. I.Sc. and M.Lib.I.Sc. Programmes conducted by Centre for Studies in Library and Information Science Studies with effect from the academic session 2018-2019 be approved under report to the Under Graduate Board and Post Graduate Board as below-*

<i>Programme</i>	<i>Existing Intake</i>	<i>Increased Intake</i>
<i>B.Lib. I.Sc.</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>M.Lib.I.Sc.</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>25</i>

(F) To consider Introduction of the Knowledge Management System' as Skill Enhancement Subject in Under Graduate Level.

Discussion: The Chairperson apprised the Council that the Library and Information Science Professionals Association (LISPA), a recognized organization of the library professionals working in different colleges proposed to consider introduction of the Knowledge Management System' as Skill Enhancement Subject in Under Graduate Level in the CBCS.

The Council discussed the matter and recommended approval in principle.

Resolution No.25: *Resolved that the proposal Introduction of the Knowledge Management System' as Skill Enhancement Subject in Under Graduate Level in CBCS be approved in principle.*

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

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