



MINUTES OF THE 120TH (SPECIAL) MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL, DIBRUGARH UNIVERSITY HELD ON 12.08.2020 (WEDNESDAY) AT 11.30 AM IN THE ONLINE MODE

Members present in the meeting Offline:

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| 1. Prof. R. Tamuli, Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University | -Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. N. Boruah, Dean, Students' Affairs, Dibrugarh University | -Member |
| 3. Dr. C.K. Sarma, Head, Dept. of History, Dibrugarh University | -Member |
| 4. Prof. J.P. Saikia, Dept. of Sociology, Dibrugarh University | -Member |
| 5. Sri A. Hazarika, Joint Registrar (Academic) i/c, Dibrugarh University | - Member |
| 6. Dr. H.C. Mahanta, Registrar, Dibrugarh University | -Secretary |

Other Esteemed Members were present Online.

The Chairperson welcomed all the members and the Special Invitees to the meeting and requested the Secretary to take up the agenda for discussion. The Registrar and Secretary requested the Academic Officer to initiate the Meeting in absence of the Joint Registrar (Academic), Dibrugarh University.

The Academic Officer placed the Agenda Items one by one as below-

Item No. (1) To discuss and consider conduct of Final Semester/Year Examinations of 2019-2020 session of UG and PG Programmes as per the UGC Guidelines issued on 29.04.2020 and 06.07.2020.

Discussion : The Chairperson apprised the Council that due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic, the academic schedule of the academic institutions were severely affected and at the UGC had issued necessary guidelines for conduct of final semester/ year examinations and promotion of students of the intermediate classes on the basis of the performances of the previous semesters/ years. In view of that circumstances, the University through the Task Force for Academic Affairs during the COVID-19 pandemic had recommended conduct of final semester/ year examinations in both offline and online mode based on its feasibilities. The Council discussed the matter threadbare and finally recommended the following-

Resolution No. 01: *Resolved that the conduct of the Final Semester/Year Examinations of 2019-2020 session of the Post Graduate Programmes in both Offline and Online mode be approved as per the recommendations of the concerned Department/Centre of Studies.*

Further, conduct of the Final Semester/Year Examinations of 2019-2020 session of the Under Graduate Programmes in Offline mode be approved.

Further resolved that the Backlog Examinations of the Final Semester/Year students in both PG and UG Programmes be conducted in Offline/Online Mode be approved.

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Item No. (2) To discuss and consider Promotion of Intermediate Semester/Year students, 2019-2020 session without appearing in the End Semester Examinations.

Discussion : In compliance to the UGC Guidelines for Academic Affairs and conduct of examinations affected by COVID-19 pandemic, the Council discussed the matter of the progression of the students studying in the intermediate semesters/ years and recommended the following for execution-

Resolution No. 02: *Resolved that the progression of the Intermediate Semester/Year students of 2019-2020 session be done on the basis of 50% marks secured in Internal Assessment and the remaining 50% marks be awarded on the basis of performances in the Previous Semester(s) /Year(s) be approved.*

Further resolved that the progression of the First Year students of 2019-2020 session be done on the basis of 100% marks secured in the Internal Assessment be approved.

Further resolved that the Intermediate Semester/Year students of 2019-2020 session who wishes to improve their Grades/Percentages be allowed to appear in the Betterment Examinations in the next legitimate chance as a special case be approved.

Item No. (3) To consider conduct of Internal Assessment Examinations for the Intermediate/Final Semester students in Online Mode through Home Assignments, MCQs, etc.

Discussion : In view of the interruption of the academic schedule and activities of the University and its affiliated Colleges affected by COVID-19 pandemic, the Council also discussed the matter of conduct of internal assessment of the students and recommended the following for execution-

Resolution No.03: *Resolved that marks awarded/mode of conduct of Internal Assessment Examinations for the Intermediate and Final Semester/Year, 2019-2020 session students be approved as per the following details:*

- (i) *If the concerned Colleges/Departments/Centre of Studies had conducted only one Internal Assessment Examinations: Whatever Marks awarded to the students should be considered.*
- (ii) *If the concerned Colleges/Departments/Centre of Studies had conducted two Internal Assessment Examinations: The Better of the Marks awarded to the students should be considered.*
- (iii) *If the concerned Colleges/Departments/Centre of Studies had not conducted Internal Assessment Examinations till date: The Internal Assessment Examinations be conducted in Online Mode through Home Assignments, MCQs, etc.*

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Item No. (4) To consider the Modalities for Promotion of the students studying in the Intermediate Semesters/Years, 2019-2020 session of various Under Graduate and Post Graduate Academic Programmes

Discussion : The Council discussed the resolutions adopted by the Committee to prepare the Modalities for Promotion of the students studying in the Intermediate Semesters/Years, 2019-2020 session of various Under Graduate and Post Graduate Academic Programmes of Dibrugarh University in its 30.07.2020.

The Council finally recommended approval of the same and adopted the following resolution accordingly-

Resolution No.04: *Resolved that the Modalities prepared by the Committee for Promotion of the students studying in the Intermediate Semesters/Years, 2019-2020 session of various Under Graduate and Post Graduate Academic Programmes of Dibrugarh University be approved.*

Item No. (5) To consider the Revised Academic Calendar of Dibrugarh University.

Discussion : The Council expressed deep concern on the unwanted delay in commencement of the odd semester classes of the 2020-2021 academic session due to the affect of COVID-19 pandemic and nationwide lock down. The Council finally recommended start of New Odd Semester Classes of all the Academic Programmes for the session 2020-2021 (except 1st Semester Classes of Post Graduate Programmes) from the first week of September, 2020 through Online Mode/Alternative Learner Supports. The following resolution was adopted accordingly-

Resolution No. 05: *Resolved that the New Odd Semester Classes of all the Academic Programmes for the session 2020-2021 (except 1st Semester Classes of Post Graduate Programmes) be started from the first week of September, 2020 through Online Mode/Alternative Learner Supports as far as possible.*

Item No. (6) To discuss and consider admission to all PG programmes of Dibrugarh University for the session 2020-2021

Discussion : The Council discussed the matter of the ensuing admission process of the various Post Graduate Programmes for the session 2020-2021 and suggested that the same be finalized after discussion with the Deans and all Heads/Chairpersons of the University Teaching Departments/Centres of Studies. The following resolution was adopted accordingly-

Resolution No. 06: *Resolved that the admission to all the Post Graduate Programmes of Dibrugarh University for the session 2020-2021 be finalized after discussion with the Deans and all Heads/Chairpersons of the University Teaching Departments/Centres of Studies be approved.*

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Item No. (7) To consider holding the Special Backlog Examination for the 3rd semester M.Tech. in Petroleum Exploration and Production Programme.

Discussion : The Academic Officer placed the recommendation for holding of the Special Backlog Examination for the 3rd semester M.Tech. in Petroleum Exploration and Production Programme forwarded by the Department of Petroleum Technology, Dibrugarh University. The Council approved the same and following resolution was adopted accordingly-

Resolution No. 07: *Resolved that holding of Special Backlog Examination for the 3rd semester M.Tech. in Petroleum Exploration and Production Programme be approved.*

Item No. (8) To consider enhancing the reservation of seats in various Academic Programmes of Dibrugarh University and its affiliated Colleges from 4% to 5% for the differently-abled students/persons with benchmark disabilities

Discussion : The Academic Officer placed the Gazette Notification under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 regarding enhancing the reservation of seats in various Academic Programmes of Dibrugarh University and its affiliated Colleges from 4% to 5% for the differently-abled students/persons with benchmark disabilities. The Council approved the same and following resolution was adopted accordingly-

Resolution No. 08: *Resolved that enhancing the reservation of seats in various Academic Programmes of Dibrugarh University and its affiliated Colleges from 4% to 5% for the differently-abled students/persons with benchmark disabilities as per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 w.e.f. the 2020-2021 academic session be approved.*

Item No. (9) To consider 10% reservation of seats for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) for admission in various Academic Programmes of Dibrugarh University and its affiliated Colleges

Discussion : The Academic Officer placed the UGC Letter, dated 16th August, 2019 and Office Memorandum of Govt. of Assam, dated 2nd February 2019 regarding 10% reservation of seats for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) for admission in various Academic Programmes of Dibrugarh University and its affiliated Colleges w.e.f. the 2020-2021 academic session. The Council approved the same and recommended increase 10% seats in various Academic Programmes of Dibrugarh University and its affiliated Colleges to accommodate the EWS students. The following resolution was adopted as below-

Resolution No. 09: *Resolved that the 10% reservation of seats for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) for admission in various Academic Programmes of Dibrugarh University and its affiliated Colleges as per the UGC Letter, dated 16th August, 2019 and Office Memorandum of Govt. of Assam, dated 2nd February 2019 w.e.f. the 2020-2021 academic session be approved.*

Resolution No. 10: *Resolved that enhancement of 10% seats in various Academic Programmes of Dibrugarh University and its affiliated Colleges to accommodate the EWs students as per the UGC Letter, dated 16th August, 2019 and Office Memorandum of Govt. of Assam, dated 2nd February 2019 w.e.f. the 2020-2021 academic session be approved.*

Item No. (10) To consider enhancing the Intake capacity in B.B.A. Programme from 40 to 50 w.e.f. 2020-2021 session as proposed by the Chairperson, Centre for Management Studies, D.U.

Discussion : The Academic Officer placed the proposal for enhancing the Intake capacity in B.B.A. Programme from 40 to 50 w.e.f. 2020-2021 session as proposed by the Chairperson, Centre for Management Studies, Dibrugarh University. The Council recommended approval and resolved as below-

Resolution No. 11: *Resolved that the enhancement of the intake capacity in the B.B.A. Programme of Centre for Management Studies, D.U. from 40 to 50 w.e.f. 2020- 2021 session be approved.*

Item No. (11) Any other matter with permission from the Chair

a) To consider the enhancement of intake capacity of M. Phil. Programme in Education offered by the Dept. of Education, DU from existing 10 to 12.

Discussion : The Academic Officer placed the proposal for enhancing intake capacity of M. Phil. Programme in Education as recommended by the DRC in Education, Dibrugarh University from existing 10 to 12. The Council recommended approval and resolved as below-

Resolution No. 12: *Resolved that the enhancement of the intake capacity in the M. Phil. Programme in Education offered by the Department of Education, Dibrugarh University from 10 to 12 w.e.f. 2020-2021 session be approved.*

b) To consider including extracurricular activities especially in the field of dance, drama and music as criteria along with (pass percentage of higher secondary) for admission into B.A in Performing Arts.

Discussion : The Academic Officer placed the proposal for inclusion of extracurricular activities especially in the field of dance, drama and music as criteria along with (pass percentage of higher secondary) for admission into B.A in Performing Arts. The Council recommended approval and resolved as below-

Resolution No. 13: *Resolved that inclusion of extracurricular activities especially in the field of Dance, Drama and Music as criteria along with (pass percentage of Higher Secondary) for admission into B.A in Performing Arts programme be approved.*

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- (c) **To consider the Alternative Assessment in lieu of Practice Teaching of 4th Semester B.Ed. Examination for the 2019-2020 academic session.**

Discussion : The Academic Officer placed the proposal for Alternative Assessment in lieu of Practice Teaching of 4th Semester B.Ed. Examination for the 2019-2020 academic session in view of the prevailing COVID-19 situation. The Council recommended approval and resolved as below-

Resolution No. 14: Resolved that 4th Semester B.Ed. Practice Teaching Examination for the session 2019-2020 be conducted through either Online, Offline or Blended mode.

Further resolved that, if the Examination is held Online mode, the concerned College/Institution be requested to send all the reports (excluding Teaching Learning Materials) and two Video Lessons of the Final Practice Teaching to the Controller of Examinations, Dibrugarh University be approved.

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

Sd/- Dr. H.C. Mahanta
Registrar and Secretary
Academic Council
Dibrugarh University

Sd/- Prof. R. Tamuli
Vice-Chancellor and Chairperson
Academic Council
Dibrugarh University

Memo No: DU/DR-A/AC/7-1/21/273


Date.05.03.2021

Copy to:

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

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