



**MINUTES OF THE 109<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 05.05.2017 AT 11-00 A.M. IN THE INDIRA MIRI CONFERENCE HALL, DIBRUGARH UNIVERSITY**

**Members present-**

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| 1. Prof. A. K. Buragohain, Vice-Chancellor                                               | -Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. P.K. Borua, Dean, Research and Development                                      | -Member      |
| 3. Prof. J. Hazarika, Dean, Students Affairs                                             | -Member      |
| 4. Prof. D. Majumdar, Dean, School of Earth, Atmospheric Science, Environment and Energy | -Member      |
| 5. Prof. M. Hazarika, Dean, School of Education                                          | -Member      |
| 6. Prof. (Ms) A.B. Rajkonwar, Dean, School of Commerce and Management Science            | -Member      |
| 7. Prof. (Ms) A. Konwar, Department of Assamese                                          | -Member      |
| 8. Prof. (Ms) N.M. Bezborah, Head, Department of Assamese                                | -Member      |
| 9. Prof. J.K. Borah, Department of Assamese                                              | -Member      |
| 10. Prof. P.D. Buzorbaruah, Department of Assamese                                       | -Member      |
| 11. Prof. S.M. Choudhury, Department of Assamese                                         | -Member      |
| 12. Prof. D.K. Chakraborty, Head, Department of Economics                                | -Member      |
| 13. Dr. M. Bordoloi, Head, Department of English                                         | -Member      |
| 14. Prof. B. Baruah, Head, Department of History                                         | -Member      |
| 15. Dr.(Ms) D. Phukan, Head, Dept. of Political-Science                                  | -Member      |
| 16. Dr. P. Sarma, Head, Dept. of Sociology                                               | -Member      |
| 17. Prof. A.K. Borah, Dept. of Sociology                                                 | -Member      |
| 18. Prof. J. P. Saikia, Dept. of Sociology                                               | -Member      |
| 19. Prof. J. Borbora, Dept. of Sociology                                                 | -Member      |
| 20. Prof. (Ms) S.V. Borbora, Dept. of Sociology                                          | -Member      |
| 21. Prof. (Ms) S.S. Singha, Dept. of Commerce                                            | -Member      |
| 22. Prof. K.C. Goswami, Dept. of Commerce                                                | -Member      |
| 23. Prof. A. Saha, Head, Dept. of Commerce                                               | -Member      |
| 24. Dr. P.K. Gogoi, Head, Dept. of Education                                             | -Member      |
| 25. Prof. N. K. Baruah, Dept. of Education                                               | -Member      |
| 26. Prof. T. K.Goswami, Head, Dept. of Applied                                           | -Member      |
| 27. Prof. U. Goswami, Dept. of Applied-Geology                                           | -Member      |
| 28. Prof. S. Sengupta, Dept. of Anthropology                                             | -Member      |
| 29. Prof. N.K. Gogoi, Dept. of Anthropology                                              | -Member      |
| 30. Prof. J.G. Handique, Department of Chemistry                                         | -Member      |
| 31. Prof. G. Borah, Department of Chemistry                                              | -Member      |
| 32. Prof. P. Das, Head, Department of Chemistry                                          | -Member      |
| 33. Prof. S.P. Biswas, Dept. of Life-Sciences                                            | -Member      |
| 34. Prof. D.S. Bora, Dept. of Life-Sciences                                              | -Member      |
| 35. Prof. B. Neog, Head, Dept. of Life-Sciences                                          | -Member      |
| 36. Prof. T. Ali, Dept. of Mathematics                                                   | -Member      |
| 37. Prof. S. Borkotoky, Head, Dept. of Mathematics                                       | -Member      |
| 38. Prof. B.R. Sharma, Dept. of Mathematics                                              | -Member      |
| 39. Prof. D. Chetia, Head, Dept. of Pharmaceutical-Sciences                              | -Member      |
| 40. Dr. K. Bhuyan, Head, Dept. of Physics                                                | -Member      |
| 41. Prof. Minati Das, Department of Petroleum Technology Member                          | -            |
| 42. Prof. P. Borgohain, Head, Department of Petroleum Technology                         | -Member      |

43. Prof. S.C. Kakaty, Head, Dept. of Statistics	-Member
44. Prof. S. Chakraborty, Dept. of Statistics	-Member
45. Prof. B. Gogoi, Dept. of Statistics	-Member
46. Dr. Khirod Gogoi, Dhemaji College, Dhemaji	-Member
47. Dr. Lekhan Gogoi, Moridhal College, Moridhal	-Member
48. Ms Swapna Dutta, L.T.K. College,	-Member
49. Dr. Ashok Borthakur, J.B. College, Jorhat	-Member
50. Dr. Amorjit Saikia, Margherita College,	-Member
51. Sri Dulal Ch. Mahanta, Madhabdev College, N. Lakhimpur	-Member
52. Dr. Birinchi Kr Borah, J.H.N.S. College, Jhanji	-Member
53. Dr. Sankar Patowary, Dhemaji Commerce College, Dhemaji	-Member
54. Dr. Ranjan Changmai, D.H.S.K. College, Dibrugarh	-Member
55. Dr. P.B. Sarma, Principal, Tinsukia Law College, Tinsukia,	-Member
56. The Principal, Jorhat Engineering College, Jorhat	-Member
57. Dr. Narayan Upadhaya, Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh	-Member
58. Dr. Binita Dutta, Ex Principal, PGT College, Jorhat	-Member
59. Dr. Rupam Saikia, Director, College Development Council, DU	-Member
60. Dr. M Baro, Director of Sports, i/c, D.U.	-Member
61. Dr. B. C. Borah, Deputy Registrar (Academic)	-Member
62. Ms P. Sharma, Chairperson i/c, Centre for Women Studies	-Member
63. Dr. H. C. Mahanta, Registrar, i/c,	-Secretary

The Chairperson extended a warm welcome to all the members and to the Special Invitees. The Chairperson called the 109th meeting of the Academic Council to order and requested, the Deputy Registrar (Academic) to proceed with the Agenda Items on behalf of the Secretary for consideration.

**Item No. 01: To consider confirmation of the Minutes of the 108<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council, Dibrugarh University held on 29.11.2016.**

**Discussion:** The Chairperson requested the members to point out the omission or commission, if any, in recording the minutes of the 108<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 29.11.2016. The Deputy Registrar (Academic) highlighted the significant resolutions adopted in the last meeting and apprised about the actions taken on it. After a discussion, the Council confirmed the minutes of the 108<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 29.11.2016.

**Resolution No. 1** *Resolved that the Minutes of the 108<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 29.11.2016 be confirmed.*

**Item No. 02: To report the actions taken on the Minutes of the 108<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council, Dibrugarh University held on 29.11.2016.**

**Discussion:** The Deputy Registrar (Academic) presented the report on the actions taken on the minutes of the 108<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council, Dibrugarh

University held on 29.11.2016. The members discussed the report and noted the same.

**Resolution No. 2**      ***Resolved that the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 108<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 29.11.2016 be noted and accepted.***

**Item No 03. To consider recommendations from the 116<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Under Graduate Board, Dibrugarh University held on 03.05.2017.**

**a) To consider deferment of the introduction of the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in the Under Graduate Programmes to the academic session 2018-2019.**

**Discussion:** The Chairperson apprised the Council that the University is preparing the ground work for introduction of the CBCS in the Under Graduate Programmes conducted by the affiliated colleges with effect from the session 2017-2018. However after a critical review of the preparedness at the last meeting of the UG Board, it was recommended that it would be prudent to defer the proposed introduction of the CBCS at the UG level with effect from 2017-2018 till the next year, *i.e.*, 2018-2019. It was pointed out that in several key areas like orientation on pedagogy, preparation of textbooks, mapping of the cross-disciplinary choices, etc., there is still much to be done. After an in depth discussion, the Council recommended that the CBCS be introduced from the 2018-2019 session.

**Resolution No. 03**      ***Resolved that the UG Board recommendation for deferment of the introduction of the CBCS in the Undergraduate level programmes in view of the requirement of more intensive preparedness on pedagogy orientation preparation of textbooks, mapping of the cross-disciplinary choices, etc., to the academic session 2018-2019 be approved.***

**b) To report the Draft Course Structures and Syllabi of the following subjects of the B.A/B.Sc./B.Com Programmes under the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS):**

*i) B.Com (Honours), ii) B.Com (Non Honours), iii) B.Sc. in Physics Honours, iv) B.Sc. with Physics (Non-Honours), v) B.Sc. in Physics as Generic Elective, vi) B.Sc. in Chemistry Honours, vii) B.Sc with Chemistry (Non-Honours), viii) B.Sc. in Botany Honours, ix) B.Sc. with Botany (Non Honours), x) B.Sc. in Zoology Honours, xi) B.Sc. with Zoology (Non Honours), xii) B.A. in Assamese Honours, xiii) B.A. with Assamese (Non Honours), xiv) B.Sc. in Mathematics Honours, xv) B.Sc. with Mathematics (Non Honours), xvi) B.A. with Mathematics (Non Honours), xvii) B.A. in Political Science Honours, xviii) B.A. with Political Science (Non Honours), xix) B.Sc. in Statistics Honours, xx) B.Sc. with Statistics (Non Honours), xxi) B.Sc. in Geology Honours, xxii) B.Sc. with Geology (Non Honours),*

xxiii) B.A. in Performing Arts (Sattriya Dance, Theatre Art & Vocal Music), xxiv) B.A in History Honours, xxv) B.A with History (Non Honours), xxvi) B.A in Sociology Honours, xxvii) B.A with Sociology(Non-Honours), xxviii) Bachelor of Computer Application (BCA), xxix) BBA (CBCS), xxx) B.A. in Economics Honours, xxxi) B.A. with Economics (Non-Honours), xxxii) B.A. in Education Honours, xxxiii) B.A. with Education (Non-Honours),

**Discussion:** The Deputy Registrar (Academic) placed the draft syllabi of the various subjects to be offered in the BA, B.Sc. and B.Com. Programmes in the Choice consideration of the Academic Council. He also apprised that the last meeting of the Under Graduate Board accepted these syllabi in principle and recommended for further scrutiny by the relevant Boards of Studies coordinated by the Dean of the concerned School and restructure the drafts if necessary.

The Council noted and accepted the same in principle.

**Resolution No. 04** *Resolved that the Draft Course Structures and Syllabi of the following subjects of the B.A/B.Sc./B.Com Programmes under the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) as placed below be accepted in principle-*

*i) B.Com (Honours), ii) B.Com (Non Honours), iii) B.Sc. in Physics Honours, iv) B.Sc. with Physics (Non-Honours), v) B.Sc. in Physics as Generic Elective, vi) B.Sc. in Chemistry Honours, vii) B.Sc with Chemistry (Non-Honours), viii) B.Sc. in Botany Honours, ix) B.Sc. with Botany (Non Honours), x) B.Sc. in Zoology Honours, xi) B.Sc. with Zoology (Non Honours), xii) B.A. in Assamese Honours, xiii) B.A. with Assamese (Non Honours), xiv) B.Sc. in Mathematics Honours, xv) B.Sc. with Mathematics (Non Honours), xvi) B.A. with Mathematics (Non Honours), xvii) B.A. in Political Science Honours, xviii) B.A. with Political Science (Non Honours), xix) B.Sc. in Statistics Honours, xx) B.Sc. with Statistics (Non Honours), xxi) B.Sc. in Geology Honours, xxii) B.Sc. with Geology (Non Honours), xxiii) B.A. in Performing Arts (Sattriya Dance, Theatre Art & Vocal Music), xxiv) B.A in History Honours, xxv) B.A with History (Non Honours), xxvi) B.A in Sociology Honours, xxvii) B.A with Sociology(Non-Honours), xxviii) Bachelor of Computer Application (BCA), xxix) BBA (CBCS), xxx) B.A. in Economics Honours, xxxi) B.A. with Economics (Non-Honours), xxxii) B.A. in Education Honours, xxxiii) B.A. with Education (Non-Honours),*

*Further, the concerned Deans of the Schools of Studies be requested to coordinate the relevant Boards of Studies to scrutiny and re-structure the drafts of the Syllabi (if necessary) in a common format adopted by the University.*

*Resolved further that the Director, College Development Council be requested to organize Department/ School specific workshop to*

*finalize the draft of the Under Graduate Syllabi for the CBCS before forwarding for consideration. The Workshops shall also identify the scope of choices within the limit of the disciplines.*

- c) **To consider Mathematics as a compulsory subject in the 10+2 level for admission to B.A.( Hons) Programme in Economics in the CBCS**

**Discussion** The Deputy Registrar (Academic) placed the recommendation of the 116<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Under Graduate Board, Dibrugarh University held on 03.05.2017 regarding consideration of Mathematics as a Compulsory Subject in the 10+2 level for admission to the B.A.( Hons) Programme in Economics in the CBCS in compliance with the recent UGC Guidelines. The Chairperson apprised the Council that the meeting of the Under Graduate Board made a threadbare deliberation on the matter and have come to the consensus that since the contemporary trend of studies in Economics is not possible without the basic foundation in Mathematics, the University has to comply the UGC Guideline. As recommended by the Under Graduate Board, the Council resolved for creation of an additional Ability Enhancement Course on Mathematics for the Economics Honours students.

**Resolution No. 05** *Resolved that a provision be created for pursuing an additional Ability Enhancement Course on Mathematics for the Economics Honours students in the CBCS, particularly for those, who had not pursued Mathematics as a subject in their 10+2 level.*

- d) **To consider the draft of the Revised Regulations for the B.Pharm Programme (CBCS) prepared in compliance with the Pharmacy Council of India, [New] with effect from**

**Discussion** The Deputy Registrar (Academic) placed the draft of the Revised Regulations for the B.Pharm Programme (CBCS) prepared in compliance with the Pharmacy Council of India, New (w.e.f. 2017-2018) recommended by the 116<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Under Graduate Board held on 03.05.2017. The Council discussed the same and resolved as below:

**Resolution No. 06** *Resolved that the draft of the Revised Regulations for the B.Pharm Programme (CBCS) prepared in compliance with the Pharmacy Council of India, (New) w.e.f. 2017-201 as) recommended by the 116<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Under Graduate Board held on 03.05.2017 be approved.*

**e) To consider Entrance Test for admission into the PG Programmes of the University**

**Discussion** The Deputy Registrar (Academic) placed the recommendation of the 116<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Under Graduate Board held on 03.05.2017 regarding conduct of the Entrance Test for admission into the PG Programmes of the University during the session 2017-2018. The Chairperson apprised that as recommended by the 108<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 29.11.2016, a Committee constituted with the Deans of the Schools and the Director, College Development Council of the University examined the various aspects relating to the conduct of the Entrance Test for admission. The Committee examined the matter and recommended the same to the Under Graduate as well as to the Post Graduate Board of the University, which also unanimously resolved to recommend for conducting the Entrance Test. The Council in view of the recommendations and in compliance with the UGC directives recommended the same for approval.

**Resolution No. 7 Resolved that as recommended by the 116<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Under Graduate Board and 144<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Post Graduate Board held on 03.05.2017, Entrance Test be conducted for admission into the P G Programmes of the University for the academic session, 2017-18. Further, 80% of the total seats be filled up by the Graduates of Dibrugarh University and 20% of the remaining seats be filled up by the students belonging to other Universities be approved.**

***Resolved further that for preparation of the selection list of the candidates belonging to Dibrugarh University, 50% weightage be given to the performance, i.e., marks obtained in the Entrance Test and 50% on the marks obtained in the last qualifying examination. However, in case of students belonging to other Universities, selection be made exclusively on the basis of the marks obtained in the Entrance Test.***

**f) To consider introduction of the Four Year B.Tech Programme in Fire and Safety Engineering**

**Discussion** The Chairperson apprised the Council that in the context of the growing demand in various industrial sectors, the University has initiated introduction of a Four Year B.Tech Programme in Fire and Safety Engineering in collaboration with the Assam Oil Division and other allied industries with the University has academic collaboration. The proposal for introduction of the same was deliberated in the 116<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Under Graduate Board held on 03.05.2017, which also recommended for approval. The Council appreciated the step taken by the University and recommended for approval.

**Resolution No. 8** *Resolved that the proposal for introduction of the Four Year B.Tech Programme in Fire and Safety Engineering be approved.*

**Item No. 4.** To consider recommendations from the 144<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Post graduate Board, Dibrugarh University held on 03.05.2017.

a) To consider the Revised Regulations for the Master of Pharmacy (M.Pharm.) Programme under CBCS.

**Discussion:** The Deputy Registrar (Academic) placed the Draft Revised Regulations for the M.Pharm Programme (CBCS) prepared in compliance with the Pharmacy Council of India, New (w.e.f. 2017-2018) and as recommended by the 144<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Post Graduate Board held on 03.05.2017. The Council discussed the same and resolved as below:

**Resolution No 9** *Resolved that the draft of the Revised Regulations for the M.Pharm Programme (CBCS) prepared in compliance with the Pharmacy Council of India, New (w.e.f. 2017-2018) and as recommended by the 144<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Post Graduate Board held on 03.05.2017 be approved.*

b) To consider partial modification in the Dibrugarh University Regulations for the Master of Library and Information Science (M.Lib.I.Sc.) Programme

**Discussion:** The Deputy Registrar (Academic) placed the proposal for partial modification of the section 3 (f) of the Dibrugarh University Master of Library and Information Science (M. Lib I. Sc) Programme which was recommended by the 144<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Post Graduate Board held on 03.05.2017. He apprised the Council that the modification has proposed a provision for Compartmental Examination in the M.Lib.I.Sc. Programme in conformity with the other Post Graduate programmes of the University. The council discussed the draft and recommended for approval.

**Resolution No 10** *Resolved that the proposal for partial modification of the section 3(f) of the Dibrugarh University Master of Library and Information Science (M. Lib I. Sc) Programme be considered as below:*

3 (f) *A candidate who fails in one or two papers shall be allowed to appear in those papers only in the next Compartmental Examination to be held after 45 days of declaration of the result.*

**c) To consider raising the Intake for the M.Sc. Programme in Chemistry from 28 to 33**

**Discussion:** The Deputy Registrar (Academic) placed the Resolution of the Departmental Management Committee (DMC) meeting of the Department of Chemistry, Dibrugarh University, held on 27.04.2017 requesting the University for raising the intake of the M.Sc. Programme in Chemistry from the present 28 to 33 as recommended by the 144<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Post Graduate Board held on 03.05.2017.

The council discussed the matter and recommended for approval.

**Resolution No 11** *Resolved that as recommended by the 114<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PG Board the intake capacity of the M.Sc Programme. in Chemistry be raised from the present 28 to 33.*

**d) To consider introduction of a 4 credit inter-disciplinary course on Petro Economics and Petro-Enterprises.**

**Discussion:** The Deputy Registrar (Academic) apprised the Council that the University has initiated the process for introduction of an inter-disciplinary 4 credit course on Petro Economics and Petro-Enterprises at the PG level as a joint initiative of the Departments Economics, Applied Geology and Petroleum Technology and the Centre for Management Studies in spirit of inter-departmental academic collaboration. The Chairperson highlighted the need and relevance of the Course in the context of the potential of the subject which would add value to the education of the Post Graduate students from the allied Departments . The Council discussed the matter and recommended for approval.

**Resolution No 12** *Resolved that the proposal for introduction of an Inter-disciplinary Four Credit Course on Petro Economics and Petro-Enterprises be approved.*

**e) To consider introduction of M.Phil Programme in International Relations**

**Discussion:** The Chairperson apprised the Board that there is a growing need for higher studies with an inter-disciplinary approach in the field of International Relations particularly in context of the proximity of the state to the South East Asia and the growing emphasis on the Act East Policy of the Government of India. He also apprised that the UGC has recently sanctioned two faculty



positions for the Area Studies Centre on Bangladesh and Myanmar of the Department of Economics. With faculty members specializing in International Relations/ International Studies in the Departments of Political Science and History, it would be feasible to offer the proposed M.Phil Programme in International Relations . The Council discussed the matter and recommended for approval.

**Resolution No. 13** *Resolved that introduction of an inter-disciplinary M.Phil Programme in International Relations be approved. in principle.*

**Item No. 5 To consider recommendations from the Research Council**

- a) To apprise the steps for constitution of a Multi-Disciplinary Research Committee to facilitate inter-disciplinary action research**

**Discussion:** The Chairperson apprised the Council that the meeting of the Research Council held on 04.05.2017 critically examined the issues relating to the scope of inter-departmental and inter-disciplinary research having societal relevance and needs. He also apprised the initiative for constitution of a Multi-Disciplinary Research Committee to facilitate such inter-disciplinary action research. The Council appreciated the step and suggested for necessary action.

**Resolution No. 14** *Resolved that as recommended by the meeting of the Research Council held on 04.05.2017, the Schools of Studies be requested to develop integrated projects for inter-departmental Ph.D. research having societal relevance and needs.*

*Resolved further that the Dean, Research and Development be requested to coordinate the Deans of the Schools in development and execution of such projects for inter-disciplinary research.*

*Further resolved that a Multi-Disciplinary Research Committee be constituted to facilitate such inter-disciplinary action research with appropriate terms of references.*

- b) To apprise the steps for constitution of a Multi-Disciplinary Board of Studies to facilitate multi-disciplinary approach in teaching, learning and research**

**Discussion:** The Chairperson apprised the Council that the meeting of the Research Council held on 04.05.2017 discussed the issues relating to the scope for constitution of a Multi-Disciplinary Board of Studies to facilitate multi-

disciplinary approaches in teaching, learning and research. The Council appreciated the step and suggested for necessary action.

**Resolution No. 15**      *Resolved that as recommended by the meeting of the Research Council held on 04.05.2017, in order to facilitate multi-disciplinarity in teaching learning and research a Multi-Disciplinary Board of Studies be constituted.*

*Resolved further that the Dean, Research and Development be requested to coordinate the Deans of the Schools in formation and functioning of the Multi-Disciplinary Board of Studies with appropriate Terms of References.*

c) **To apprise the steps for constitution of a Committee to facilitate the Extension and Outreach Activities of the University**

**Discussion**            The Deputy Registrar (Academic) apprised the Council that the meeting of the Research Council held on 04.05.2017 discussed the issues relating to the scope for constitution of a Committee to facilitate the Extension and Outreach Activities of the University. The Council appreciated the step and suggested for necessary action.

**Resolution No. 16**      *Resolved that as recommended by the meeting of the Research Council held on 04.05.2017 in order to facilitate the extension and outreach activities by the University, a Committee be constituted with appropriate Terms of References.*

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

**Memo No: DU/DR-A/AC/7-1/17/626**

**Date: 30.05.2017.**

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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Sd/-Dr. B.C. Borah  
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