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MINUTES

FOR

38th MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Date :: 02.12.2023
Time :: 10 : 30 A.M.
Venue :: Conference Hall of VVIP Guest House

Minutes for the 38th Meeting of Academic Council

Following members were present:

Sl.No.	Name	Designation
1.	Prof Narendranath S, Director, NERIST	Chairman
2.	Prof. S. Gao, Dean (Academic)	Member
3.	Prof. M. Chandrasekaran Dean (Admn.)	Member
4.	Prof. P. Lingfa Dean (Students Affairs) & Dean (Planning & Development)i/c	Member
5.	Prof. Vandana Upadhyay, Deptt. of Economics, Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh	Member
6.	Prof. Utpal Bhattacharjee, Deptt. of Computer Science & Engineering Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh	Member
7.	Prof. Sanjeev Kumar, Deptt. of Physics, Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh	Member
8.	Prof. P.K. Tripathy, Deptt. of Chemistry	Member
9.	Prof. P. Parida, Deptt. Of HSS	Member
10.	Prof. K.N. Dewangan, Deptt. of Agri. Engg.	Member
11.	Prof. C.L. Sharma Dean, Deptt. of Forestry	Member
12.	Prof. R.K. Prasad, Deptt. of Civil Engg	Member
13.	Prof. P.P.Dabral, Deptt. of Agri. Engg.	Member
14.	Prof. R.K. Mehta, Deptt. of Electrical Engg.	Member
15.	Prof. S.K. Shrivastava, Deptt. of Agri. Engg	Member
16.	Prof. T. Karlo, Deptt. of Physics	Member
17.	Prof. (Mrs.) M. Sharma, Deptt. of Forestry	Member
18.	Prof. K. Shrivastava, Deptt. of Forestry	Member
19.	Prof. S. Mahto, Deptt. of Mech. Engg.	Member
20.	Prof. A.K. Singh, Deptt. of Electrical Engg	Member
21.	Prof. (Mrs) N. Marchang, Deptt. of CSE	Member
22.	Prof. P. R. Gajurel, Deptt. of FO	Member
23.	Prof. S. S. Gautam, Deptt. of ME	Member
24.	Prof. Ajay Bharti, Deptt. of CE	Member
25.	Prof. (Ms) Aditi Bhadra, Deptt. of AE	Member
26.	Prof. A. Bandyopadhyay, Deptt. of AE	Member
27.	Prof. Raju Barthakur, Deptt. of HSS	Member
28.	Prof. Sandeep Singh, Deptt. of ME	Member
29.	Prof. M. M. Dixit, Deptt. of MA	Member
30.	Prof. Rajesh Kumar, Deptt. of ECE	Member
31.	Prof. Tripurari Sharan, Deptt. of ECE	Member
32.	Prof. (Mrs.) Joyatri Bora Hazarika, Deptt. of ECE	Member
33.	HoD (AE)	Member
34.	HoD (CE)	Member
35.	HoD (CSE)	Member
36.	HoD (ECE)	Member
37.	HoD (EE)	Member
38.	HoD (ME)	Member
39.	HoD (CH)	Member
40.	HoD (FO)	Member
41.	HoD (PH)	Member
42.	HoD (HSS)	Member
43.	HoC (CMS)	Member
44.	Mr. Radak Blange, Associate Prof. Deptt. of EE	Member
45.	Dr (Mrs.). Yamem Tamut, Assistant Prof. Deptt. of CE	Member
46.	Mr. N. G. Sorum, Assistant Prof. Deptt. of CE	Member
47.	Controller of Examinations	Invitee
48.	Registrar	Non-Member Secy.

Following members could not attend the meeting.

Sl.No.	Name	Designation
1.	Prof. S. Ravi, Deptt. of Physics, IIT Guwahati, Assam	Member
2.	Prof. M. K. Hazarika, Deptt. of Food Engg. & Technology, Tezpur University, Napaam, Assam	Member
3.	Prof. B.P. Mishra, Deptt. of Environmental Science, Mizoram University, Aizwal, Er. TaloPotom, IAS, Deputy Commissioner (Capital) Office of the Deputy Commissioner Capital Complex Itanagar Govt. of A.P.Arunachal Pradesh-791111	Member
4.	Prof. Md. A. Hussain, Deptt. of ECE.	Member
5.	Prof. Binay Singh, Deptt. of Forestry	Member
6.	Prof. A. Giri, Deptt. of Mechanical Engg.	Member
7.	Prof. N. Deb, Deptt. of Chemistry	Member
8.	Prof. S.K. Bhagat, Deptt. of Electrical Engg	Member
9.	Prof. S. Baishya, Deptt. of Civil Engg	Member
10.	Prof. S. Mishra, Deptt. of Civil Engg	Member
11.	Prof. A.K. Gupta, Deptt. of Chemistry.	Member
12.	Prof. B.K. Singh, Deptt. of Mathematics	Member
13.	Prof. Awadhesh Kumar, Deptt. of FO	Member
14.	HoD (MA)	Member
15.	Mr. S. K. Sahu, Associate Prof. Deptt. of CE	Member
16.	Mr. K. Lego, Associate Prof. Deptt. CSE	Member
17.	Mr. A. K. Patra, Assistant Prof. Deptt. of CSE	Member
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The Chairman welcomed all the learned members of the Academic Council and introduced the external members, who attended the meeting. Dean (Acad.) presented the agenda items for deliberation with permission of the Chairman.

AC. 38.01: To consider confirmation of the minutes of the 37th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 02.06.2023.

[Note: The minutes of the 37th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 02.06.2023 was circulated to the Hon'ble Members of Academic Council on 23.06.2023. No Comment has been received from any members.

The Academic Council may like to confirm the minutes.]

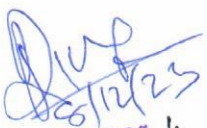
Resolution: The minutes of 37th Meeting of Academic Council was confirmed.

AC. 38.02: To consider Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 37th Meeting of Academic Council.

[Note: The Action Taken Report on the minutes of 37th Meeting of the Academic Council is placed at **Annexure-II** for consideration.]

AC. 37.03: AC.35.03 : [33.02 {32.2 {31.02 (30.02 (29.04)}}] :To consider various essential criteria for application of EoA from AICTE for UG/PG Courses of the Institute

Resolution: The Academic Council suggested Dean(P&D) to complete the process by outsourcing of digitizing of Institute building plan/site plan/Maps etc. along with the area specifications as required for AICTE approval process at the earliest and placed the comprehensive report to Chairman Academic Council within 3 months' time.


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AC.37.03: (AC.35.09): To Consider the Various Agenda Items submitted by the Chairman, NEE

(04): Fixing of uniform rates for Room rent/Hall rent for conducting NEE.

Resolution: *Academic Council has approved the recommendation of the committee with the minor change in the Total Room Rent /Hall Rent for one Exam Centre may be kept as minimum of Rs.5000/-*

AC.37.03: AC. 35.24(01): To Consider Two courses “ES11151-Engineering Drawing” and ES21151-Engineering Graphics and Design” are in 1st Semester (July-December).

Resolution: *It was reported in the Meeting that the new Drawing Hall has been created and is operational now. Matter is resolved now; however, a committee has been constituted to examine if the students of CSE, ECE & EE departments could be taught Workshop practices through Demo version. The committee is as follows:*

1. Dean (Acad.)	- Chairman
2. CoE	- Member
3. HoD(EE)	- Member
4. HoD(ECE)	- Member
5. HoD(CSE)	- Member

The Committee shall submit a Comprehensive Report to the Chairman, Academic Council at the earliest.

AC.37.03 : [35.24(2a)]: To Consider the MoU with various organisations submitted by Agricultural Engineering Department and Centre of Management Studies.

Resolution: *Noted.*

AC.37.3 [35.24(2b): HoC(CMS) has submitted a proposal of MoU to be signed with IIM Calcutta Innovation Park (IIMCIP), Calcutta, Diamond Harbor Road, Joka, Kolkata, W.B. for North East Entrepreneurship Development Program (NEEDP) and NERIST.

Resolution: *The Academic Council has advised the HoC (CMS) to work out the financial implications, if any and matter may be placed to the Standing committee for further examination of the proposal.*

AC.37.06: To Consider the Recruitment Drive by M/s IntelliPaat Software Solutions-early joining of our students submitted by the Prof. M. Chandrasekaran, Prof-in-Charge (Placement Cell).

[Note: A proposal received from **Prof. M. Chandrasekaran, Prof-in-Charge (Placement Cell)** regarding issuing of No Objection Certificate to Mr. Aayan Jabidur Rahman (D/19/ME/101) and Mr. Siddhartha Goswami (MBA/21/17) for **the Recruitment Drive by M/s IntelliPaat Software Solutions-early joining.**

However, the matter has been discussed with CA, HoD (ME) and HoC (CMS) and permitted to issue a NoC for the same. The draft NoC was approved by the Competent Authority and the same was issued to the students. However, the

matter has been placed for further discussion, if any in Academic Council Meeting. The detailed agenda is placed at Annexure.

Resolution: *Noted. However, it is suggested that the In-charge (Placement) may send his comments within two days. And as per the Comments received from In charge (Placement), he has suggested that HoD/HoCs to revise and re-structure the syllabi of the courses in such a way that provisions for early joining or internship, as an when required.*

AC.37.08 To Consider for adoption of National Higher Education Qualification Framework (NHEQF)

[Note: A letter vide no DOF.No 15-2/2021(QIP) dated 11.05.2023 received from Secretary, UGC which is addressed to all the Universities and forwarded the important recommendation of NEP 2020 for the formulation of National Higher Education Qualification Framework (NHEQF). UGC has formulated the NHEQF to facilitate transparency and comparability of higher education qualifications at all levels. Copy of NHEQF has been forwarded by UGC for adoption.]

Resolution: *The Academic Council has suggested to Dean (Acad) for holding the meeting of all HoDs & CoE for incorporating necessary changes in the curriculum and the Academic Bye-Laws. It was also suggested to hold the Workshops on NEP 2020 and for NHEQF for the stakeholders by the external experts.*

AC.37.09 To Consider the Agenda Item submitted by Dr. P. K. Dutta, Coordinator, MOOCS, NERIST.


[Note: The Coordinator, **MOOCS, NERIST** has been submitted the requesting letter no. D.O.F.No.1-11(SWAYAM), dtd. 3rd November'2022 submitted by UGC, MoE, Govt. of India, New Delhi, regarding adoption of SWAYAM courses for credit transfer under UGC (Credit Framework for Online Learning Courses through Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds) regulations 2021. Since NERIST has not yet approved the transfer of credits for undergraduate courses. The detailed agenda is placed at Annexure]

Resolution: *The Academic Council has accepted the second alternative of Report of the Committee on transfer of Credit for MOOCs. Council also suggested that adoption of MOOC elective course for PG Programme. Further, it is also suggested that Pre-requisites for the electives needs to be made mandatory.*

AC.37.10: To Consider the Agenda Items submitted by Prof. P. Parida, HoD, HSS.

(a) While preparing End Semester Examinations schedule, priority for the courses having large number of students may be given.

[Note: While preparing the exam schedule for End Semester Examination, it was the practice to keep common courses having large number of students at an earlier date so that evaluation can be completed in time for submission of grades as per the date mentioned in the Academic Calendar. Since this practice is not being followed in some cases, it is requested to include it in the Academic Bye-laws.]


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- (b) Invigilation duty to the Course Coordinator of the subject on the day and time of the exam of the subject concerned.

[Note: It was the practice to give invigilation duty to the faculty members on the day and time of their subjects concerned which was helping to collect the answer scripts as well clarification of any doubts among the students. Since, this practice is not being followed in toto, the CoE may be advised to follow it as a norm.]

Resolution: Noted.

AC.37.11: To Consider the Agenda Items submitted by Prof. A. K. Singh, HoD (EE) regarding minor modification of M. Tech syllabus of Dept. of EE.

[Note: HoD (EE) has sent a note regarding minor modification of syllabus structure of M.Tech. in Power System Engineering programme for discussions in the Academic Council Meeting and are placed at Annexure. It is to be mentioned here that the recommendation of BoS/BPGS is not enclosed]

Resolution: Approved.

AC.37.12: To Consider the Agenda Items submitted by HoD (EC) regarding Inclusion of a course related to Advanced Mobile Communications Technologies, particularly 5G Technology for UG degree course in Electronics and Communication Engineering.

[Note: HoD (EC) has sent a note regarding Inclusion of a course related to Advanced Mobile Communications Technologies, particularly 5G Technology for UG degree course in Electronics and Communication Engineering for discussions in the Academic Council Meeting and are placed at Annexure. The Minutes of BoS is also enclosed herewith.]

Resolution: The Academic Council suggested that the HoD (ECE) has to submit the "Course Code name" within two days.

AC.37.13: To Consider the Agenda Items submitted by Chairman, HMC regarding provision for generation of Semester Registration Fee receipt only after payment of Hostel Mess fees & Disciplinary actions against defaulters of Mess Fee Advance.

[Note: Chairman(HMC) sent a note regarding along with the minutes of the meeting of all Wardens & Caretakers stating that some habitual students of the hostels do not pay their semester mess advance fees and found that those students did not pay their semester mess fees till the end of semester but those students have been taking hostels mess/food illegally w.e f beginning of semester to end of their semester defying all the repeated instruction from the hostel wardens/caretakers, rather went on evading in clearance their mess advance dues till they pass out from the institute. in order to prevent such theft and illegal taking hostel mess fees by the mess fees defaulters in future and also to avoid harsh punitive action against the students, there is urgent need for the provision to be made that at the time of semester registration that the students shall pay the

semester Academic fees & semester hostel Mess Advance fees during the registration itself. As such, a provision to be made at the time of semester registration such that academic semester registration slip of the registering student be generated only and only after payment of both semester Academic fees & semester hostel Mess Advance fees]

Resolution: Matter is resolved and hence the committee is dissolved.

AC.37.14: To Consider the Agenda Item submitted by Prof. Rajesh Kumar, Institute Coordinator, Institution Industry Interaction Cell, NERIST regarding setting up of a Centre for Skill Development in NERIST with reference to letter D.O.No.3-8/2023-TS-II dated 13/03/2023 from Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship regarding Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikash Yojna (PMKVY) 4.0.

Resolution: Noted. Updates may be submitted to the Chairman, Academic Council at the earliest.

AC.37.15: To Consider the Agenda Item submitted by Prof. S. Samanta, Coordinator, AICTE Cell, NERIST regarding discussion and deliberation in reduction in the sanctioned intake of M.Tech (Information Technology) course under Dept of CSE as per the EoA, 2023-24 received from AICTE, New Delhi.

[Prof. S. Samanta, Coordinator, AICTE Cell, NERIST has sent a note regarding Extension of Approval (EoA) for the Academic Year 2023-24 and informed that the sanctioned Intake of Information Technology (IT) for PG Program under CSE dept. has been reduced from 18 to 9 and reason being shown as due to the admissions less than or equal to 30% of the initial "Approved Intake" for the past 5 years consistently. This matter is of concern and will affect the Institute as a whole. It is also informed that the AICTE approval of new courses in AICTE or to increase the intake for the courses, Institute need to submit various documents as well as Institute must undergo mandatory expert physical verification process, which is a troublesome process and if we fail to produce required documents it may affect the current approved intake for all engineering courses (UG/PG). Further due to decrease in the intake of any approved courses from AICTE will hamper the Institute teacher-student ratio, which will also directly affect during NBA approval process. The matter has been placed for discussions in the Academic Council Meeting and are placed at Annexure]

Resolution: The Academic Council has referred back the matter to the Departments to explore more options for increasing the intake of the students. Also suggested to see the options whether all B.E /B.Tech (all branches) including MCA are made eligible to apply for M.Tech(IT) . Further, it is suggested to examine and explore whether seats can be filled through CUET (PG) .

AC.37.17 (a): To start Centre for Medical Science.

To impart PG programme in Medical Sciences in NERIST.

Resolution: The agenda is dropped.

AC.37.17 (b): Special End Semester Examination for the students:

[Note: An unfortunate incident has happened as one of the students gone missing from 26.05.2023 and the students who were involved in search mission in Bogibil Bridge, Assam where one of the student got drowned.]

Resolution: *Noted.*

AC.37.17 (c): MoU between Siddaganga Institute of Technology (SIT) & NERIST.

Resolution: *Matter needs further discussions with the Standing Committee.*

AC.37.17 (d): Enhancement of Honorarium for the Guest Faculty –

[Note: HoD (HSS) has submitted the agenda note to enhance honorarium for the Guest Faculty as per the rates of honorarium as per UGC's letter vide No.25-1/2018(PS)/Misc, dated 28.01.2019]

Resolution: *Noted.*

AC. 38.03: To consider the minutes of the 46th Meeting of Board of Post Graduate Studies (BPGS) held on 14.09.2023.

[Note: The meeting of the Board of Post Graduate Studies (BPGS) was held on 14.09.2023. The minute of the meeting is placed at Annexure for consideration.]

(a) The 46th BPGS has referred the agenda item No 46.18 regarding the draft syllabi of 05 (Five) courses for Ph.D. course work in English of Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (copy of the minutes are placed as ready reference).

Resolution: *Approved.*

(b) The 46th BPGS has referred the agenda item No 46.19 regarding minor changes of M. Tech (PSE) Syllabus of Department of Electrical Engineering.

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and approve the recommendations of BPGS]

Resolution: *Approved.*

AC. 38.04 To Consider the Academic Calendar for UG, PG and Ph.D. Programme for the year 2024.

[Note: The Academic Calendar for year 2024 is prepared by the Academic Calendar Committee and is approved by the Competent Authority is placed at Annexure.

The Academic Council may like to ratify.]

Resolution: *Ratified.*

AC. 38.5 To report the Counselling- cum-Admission 2023 at NERIST.

[Note: The Counselling cum Admission process for the year 2023 has been conducted smoothly and successfully.

A summary of students admitted in various courses through NEE & JEE and through NEPGET are attached at Annexure for information of the Academic Council.

Resolution: Noted.

AC. 38.6 To Consider the various Agenda Items submitted by Prof. Aditi Bhadra, Coordinator, R&D Cell, NERIST.

[Note: The Coordinator, **R&D Cell, NERIST** has been submitted 05 (five) number of agendas for discussions in the Academic Council Meeting and are placed at Annexure.]

(1) Post of Dean (R&D) needs to be created.

[**Note:** It is to report that the creation of dedicated infrastructure for the Research and Development Centre is under process. Space has already been allotted for Research and Development Centre. This centre will include all research related cells as mentioned below:

- a. Research and Development Cell (Earlier SRIC Cell)
- b. Institute Industry Interaction Cell.
- c. Skill Development Cell.
- d. Incubation and Entrepreneurship Cell.
- e. Intellectual Property Right Cell.
- f. Research Information Management Cell.

The **post of Dean (R&D)** needs to be created to monitor and guide the working of multiple cells under Research and Development Centre (RDC)]

Resolution: It is informed in the meeting that an Agenda Item has been placed in the upcoming BoM Meeting scheduled in the last week of December 2023.

(2) Manpower requirement

[**Note:** To look after smooth running of Research and Development Centre, full time technical as well as non-technical staffs are needed immediately. As approved by Academic Council in its 24th Academic Council Meeting held on 06.05.2017, at least one UDC and one peon for Research and Development Centre should be provided. Details are enclosed for reference.]

Resolution: Matter shall be taken up administratively.

(3) Separate bank account for Research and Development Centre (RDC)

[**Note:** A separate bank account should be maintained for R&D Centre (RDC) where overhead amounts of all sponsored projects/consultancy work, revenue generated under Industry Institute Interaction Cell, Skill Development Cell, Incubation and Entrepreneurship Cell will be kept. In addition, for research and development purpose, some fund should be allotted to the Centre from institute every year.

RDC should utilize that fund with the approval of RAC (Research Advisory Council) for following purposes:

- a. Seed fund to young faculty members to perform research.
- b. Fund for UG/PG/PhD students to attend conference.
- c. Fund for UG/PG/PhD research project work.
- d. Conducting workshop/training on research proposal writing for faculty members.
- e. Interaction with industry experts and renowned academicians for establishing MoUs.
- f. Seed fund to NERIST students for implementation of Innovative ideas
- g. Organizing Innovation Competitions/Hackathons
- h. Conducting Session by Alumni Entrepreneurs, Startup Founders and Experts for students.

Resolution: Approved in principle however the matter needs to be discussed with Director, all Deans, Registrar, Coordinator(R&D) and Assistant Registrar (Finance) in the Meeting and comprehensive solution needs to be worked out.

(4) Renovation/Development of Central Research Facility (CRF)

*[Note: As per decision made in the NITI Aayog meeting held on 13th of October '2023, All Central Universities should establish a **Central Instrumentation Facility (CIF)** details enclosed. Existing Central Research Facility (CRF) of NERIST needs to be developed and renovated. Fresh requisitions from each department for the instruments to be procured at CRF should be taken. The tools and instruments now housed at CRF are very basic and most of them are very old/obsolete. These are not sufficient to do research at national/international level. We need sophisticated instrumental facilities at Central Research Facility.*

NERIST has recently been registered in the **ISTEM (Indian Science, Technology and Engineering Facilities Map) portal** for the benefit of our research scholars and R&D work. The state-of-the-art sophisticated instrumental facilities to be housed at CRF to do research in engineering and in basics sciences might be put into the ISTEM portal in the future to help researchers from other institutes to find our resources. This would also help in generating the necessary funds for instrument maintenance.]

Resolution: Existing Central Research Facility (CRF) of NERIST may be renamed as Central Instrumentation Facility (CIF). However for renovation & procurement status quo may be maintained due to budgetary constraints.

5) Insufficient Imprest Amount

{Note: Imprest amount of Rs. 5000/- has been allotted to Coordinator, R&D Cell (Earlier SRIC Cell) but is not sufficient to meet the urgent requirement of all cells under Research and Development Centre. For supporting the operation of all other cell under R&D Cell, either Imprest amount for R&D Cell should be increased to Rs. 10000/-, or separate imprest amount should be given to Coordinators of other cells as mentioned in item no. 1.]

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide.

Resolution: Matter may be taken up administratively.

AC. 38.7 To Consider the Various Agenda Items submitted by Prof. S. K. Shrivastava, Chairman, NEPGET, NERIST.

[Note: The Chairman, NEPGET, NERIST has been submitted 03 (Three) nos. agendas for discussions in the Academic Council Meeting and are placed at Annexure.]

(1) To consider the proposal for swapping of the vacant seats under SC category to ST, and from OBC to general category in PG programs.

[Note: The admission to the PG programmes has started in the year 2019 with the reservation criteria as per the extant rules of the Government of India. However, it has been observed over the years that a substantial number of seats remain vacant under the SC category whereas the number of students under the ST category tend to be more. As a result, the seats in the M.Tech. programmes do not get filled to their optimal strength.

Considering this, the NEPGET proposes a conversion of the vacant SC seats to ST category so that the vacant seats could be filled up.]

Resolution: Academic Council has authorised Dean (Acad) to constitute a committee and submit a comprehensive report on or before 22.12.2023 for placing the matter in the upcoming BoM Meeting.

(2) To consider the proposal to equally divide the seats in PG programs with dual specializations on the basis of merit.

[Note: It has been observed there are cases of less number of students qualifying the entrance examinations for certain specializations in the Departments offering dual specializations in their PG programs. As a result, that specialization may not run in the Department and may invite the attention of the AICTE.

To address this issue, the NEPGET proposes an equal allocation of seats for dual specializations, should such a need arise, in the ratio of 50:50 based on merit.]

Resolution: The above proposal is regretted by the Academic Council.

(3) To consider the proposal to operate 200% waitlist for PG programs and introduce second round of counseling for PG programs.

[Note: The NEPGET proposes to operate 200% waitlist in PG programs to facilitate the waitlisted candidates for admission and to optimize filling of seats in different Departments. This can be done by introducing a second round of counseling.

If approved, these changes will be implemented from the next academic session.]

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide.

Resolution: The academic Council approved the proposal.

AC. 38.8 To Consider to increase the number of Institute fellowship to the Ph.D. research Scholars.

[Note: At present Institute is offering Institute / MoE fellowships to 2(Two) scholars per Department having valid GATE/NET score from each Department from Academic Session 2023-24 as per the Notification 3 vide No.Acad/33rd AC/ATR/2021 dtd. 18.01.2022. At present the Institute is providing the monthly fellowships of Rs. 31,000/- p.m. for JRF and Rs. 35,000/- p.m. for SRF respectively. Dean (Acad) has proposed that Institute fellowships may be provided to all the Ph.D. Scholars having NET/GATE from the next Academic Session.

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide.]

Resolution: The Academic Council has accepted and approved to provide Institute fellowships to all the Ph. D Scholars having valid GATE/NET at the time of admission from the next Academic Session.

AC. 38.9 To Consider the Agenda Items submitted by Dr Satya Jyoti Borah, HoD (CSE), NERIST.

The HoD (CSE), NERIST has been submitted 02 (Two) number of agendas for discussions in the Academic Council Meeting and are placed at Annexure.]

(1) Providing GATE scholarship for PhD scholars with valid GATE score:


[Note: This is to inform that under the current regulations, a Ph.D. scholar having a valid GATE score is not given the GATE scholarship unless he or she has the highest or the second highest GATE score in the department in the year of admission. This may act as a deterrent for PhD candidates to opt for pursuing PhD at NERIST. Hence, two solutions are proposed: i) GATE scholarship be provided for all PhD scholars with valid GATE score, ii) the number of seats may be increased, and information may be given while declaring the PhD entrance examination result about the students who would be getting GATE scholarship and who would not (otherwise, a student with GATE will not know whether he/she will be getting GATE scholarship).

Resolution: Already approved in Agenda Item 38.8.

(2) Institute Ph.D. scholarships:

[Note: Currently, a Ph.D. scholar without a valid GATE score is not provided any scholarship. Hence, it is proposed that institute Ph.D. scholarship may be introduced to encourage students to pursue PhD who do not have any GATE scholarship. For instance, Tezpur University provides an institute scholarship of Rs. 8000/- per month.

It is informed that the matter of scholarship/fellowships to the Ph.D. Students not having valid GATE Score/NET qualification was taken up in the past and was also placed in the 24th Academic Council Meeting and in 44th Finance Committee Meeting. Various correspondences were also made with the Ministry for providing scholarships/fellowships


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to the Non-GATE/NET research scholars at par with the other Institute, details attached at Annexures. It is also to inform that many ST scholars are not having GATE/NET are availing NFST from Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GoI as per the eligibility criteria of the NFST,

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide.]

Resolution: The Academic Council deliberated in detail and opined that the Internal Revenue needs to be generated. However, the IRG of the Institute is very less and shall not be able to grant any fellowships to Non-GATE/NET research scholars as such status quo may be maintained at this stage.

AC. 38.10 To Consider the Agenda the Revision of monthly fellowship amount to the Ph.D. Scholars having NET/GATE.

[Note: Institute is providing monthly fellowships to the Ph.D. scholars having NET/GATE as per rate as prescribed by the Ministry vide OM No F.No12-2/2019-U-1 dated 31.01.2019 . The existing emoluments rates for the monthly fellowships are Rs 31,000 p.m. for JRF and Rs 35,000/- p.m. for SRF. Ministry of Education, GoI has revised the existing emoluments rates of the monthly fellowships from Rs 31,000/- p.m. to Rs. 37,000/- p.m. for JRF and from Rs 35,000/- p.m. to Rs. 42,000/- p.m. for SRF respectively vide letter no F.No.12-2/2023-U1 dtd. 11.09.2023. NERIST Research Scholars Association (NRSA) has also submitted an application for the revision of monthly fellowships for the research scholars. The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide.]

Resolution: The Academic Council has approved for the enhancement of monthly fellowships from Rs 31,000/- p.m. to Rs. 37,000/- p.m. for JRF and from Rs 35,000/- p.m. to Rs. 42,000/- p.m. for SRF w.e.f 01.01.2023.

AC. 38.11 To consider for Increase in Fee Structure for all 1st year (UG/PG/Ph.D.) in entry level.

[Note: The revision of fee structure for the session 2022-23 and 2023-24 for UG, PG & Ph.D. has been increased in 35th Academic Council Meeting vide Agenda Item No. 35.12 as per the Academic Bye Laws which states that 'the fee structure will be increased every alternate year by 10% and any new fee may be charged as decided by the Institute Authority from time to time. 'The fee structure for all courses for the academic sessions 2024-25 & 2025-26 are due for revision in the next semester. Taking cognizance of the views of the Ministry of Education, the Competent Authority has also viewed that there is a need to increase the fee structure for all 1st year (UG/PG/PhD) at entry levels. The details are placed at Annexure.]

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide.

Resolution: The Academic Council deliberated the proposal in detail and opined that the Internal Revenue needs to be generated. The Academic Council has approved in principle for increasing the fee structure for all 1st year (UG/PG/PhD) at entry levels and has advised Dean (Acad) to work out the increase in the fee structure for all 1st year at entry levels at the earliest.

AC. 38.12 To Consider proposal submitted by Prof. P. Parida, HoD (HSS) regarding to start a 6-month Certificate Course in Foreign Languages (German/French/Spanish)

[Note: The Department of HSS proposes to start a 6-month Certificate Course in Foreign Languages from July 2024 onward in tune with the requirement of the NEP 2020 and provide an edge to the engineering graduates and Management postgraduates.

In the first phase, the Department plans to start a Certificate course in German Language. This course will be provided in collaboration with the Max Mueller Bhavan/Goethe Institute, New Delhi, initially on a single project basis (for the first 6 months), and depending on the enrolment, the same can be upgraded to an institutional partner basis. The modalities for the same will be worked out from January 2024 onwards. Certificate courses in French and Spanish will be added subsequently to the programme, the proposal and are placed at Annexure.

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide.

Resolution: *The Academic Council has accepted and approved the proposal in principle and without any financial liability.*

AC.38.13: To consider supplementary examination for M.Sc. & MBA course.

[Note: Two letters dated 27.03.2023 and 29.03.2023 received from Devlina Sharma Bharali and Subu Sumpi student of M.Sc. Chemistry & Physics regarding to start a supplementary Examination for M.Sc. and MBA courses. The detailed agenda is placed at Annexure.]

As per the Academic Bye Laws [PG & Ph.D Programmes] there is no provision for the supplementary examinations for PG Courses.

It is also informed that the matter of supplementary examinations for PG Courses was taken up in the past and was also placed in the 31st Academic Committee Meeting vide Agenda Item No. AC.31.07 and the same was not accepted.

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide.

Resolution: *The Academic Council has accepted and approved for the provision for the Supplementary Examinations to all the PG Courses with immediate effect. The necessary amended may also be reflected in the Academic Bye-Laws [PG & PhD]*

AC.38.14: To Consider the proposal submitted by the HoC (CMS)

[Note: A Note received from HoC(CMS) has been submitted a note along with a minutes of the meeting held in 04.10.2023 for discussions in the Academic Council Meeting and are placed at Annexure.]

1. Introduction of MBA (Part Time) Course:

[Note: Due to demand from various executives working in various public sector, corporate sector, and government sectors in and around the region for starting Part -Time MBA course from CMS, NERIST.]

Resolution: **Approved in Principle however the minimum duration of the Part-Time Course shall be 3 years.**

2. Introduction of BBA Course:

[Note: The students of this region are going outside for studying Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA). Keeping the vision of the NERIST, for providing professionals at every level of manpower, CMS desires to start a BBA program at CMS, NERIST]



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Resolution: The Academic Council has advised HoC (CMS) to place the proposal through proper procedure and in the next Academic Council Meeting.

3. Introduction of MBA (Tourism & Hospitality Management) Course:

[Note: Keeping the opportunities of tourism in this region, MBA (Tourism & Hospitality Management) desired by CMS, NERIST.

Resolution: The Academic Council has advised HoC (CMS) to place the proposal through proper procedure and in the next Academic Council Meeting.

4. Other issues related to the CMS:

Note: The MBA degree of the NERIST has not been acclaimed at par with other MBA degrees of other institutes outside of India. This has also been reported by the several MBA students of the NERIST.

The syllabus of the MBA has been revised in the year 2015, hence the syllabus revision may be initiated.

Upgradation of the centre to a full-fledged department as it has been 18 years the centre as a valuable part of the teaching-learning environment at NERIST.

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide.]

Resolution: The Academic Council has advised HoC (CMS) to workout the syllabus revision as per procedure. Further, the Council felt that the CMS should also be made a full -fledged Department as per the norms required to run a department.

AC.38.15: Reporting Item(s):


(a) To consider the new NEE centre at Aalo, Arunachal Pradesh to conduct NERIST Entrance Examination (NEE)-2024.

[Note: A Note received from the Chairman of NEE regarding create a new NEE center at Aalo, Arunachal Pradesh, for providing better coverage of Lepa-Rada District, Shi-Yomi District, West Siang District and Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh.

The minutes of the meeting held on 26.10.2024 for creation of a new NEE center at Aalo, Arunachal Pradesh is approved by the Competent Authority and is placed for ratification]

Resolution: Approved and ratified. It is also opined that more centre needs to be opened.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.


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