

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 21ST ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON 22.08.2015 AT 10.00 A.M. IN THE BOARD MEETING HALL OF ET CELL**

The following were present:

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| 1) Prof. P.K.Das, Director, NERIST | - | Chairman |
| 2) Prof. Anjan Dutta, Deptt. of Civil Engg., IIT, Guwahati | - | Member |
| 3) Prof. Sankar Chandra Deka, Deptt. of Food Engg & Tech.,
Tezpur University, Tezpur. | - | Member |
| 4) Prof. D.N.Das, Dean, Faculty of Life Science,
Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, Itanagar | - | Member |
| 5) Prof. Tomo Riba, Dean, Faculty of Environmental
Science, Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, Itanagar. | - | Member |
| 6) Shri Talo Potom, CEO cum ADM, Govt. of AP, Itanagar | - | Member |
| 7) Prof. P.K.Tripathy, Dean (Acad), NERIST | - | Member |
| 8) Prof. M.F.Hussain, Dean (Admin), NERIST | - | Member |
| 9) Prof. Md. Anwar Hussain, Dean (P&D), NERIST | - | Member |
| 10) Prof. Binay Singh, Dean (SA), NERIST | - | Member |
| 11) Prof. J.Choubey, Department of Maths, NERIST | - | Member |
| 12) Prof. S.K.Singh, Department CE, NERIST | - | Member |
| 13) Prof. Mubarak Husain, Department of CH, NERIST | - | Member |
| 14) Prof. M.Muralidhar, Department of ME, NERIST | - | Member |
| 15) Prof. (Mrs.) P.Rethy, Deptt. of Forestry, NERIST | - | Member |
| 16) Prof. P.R.Alapati, Department of PH, NERIST | - | Member |
| 17) Prof. P.P.Dabaral, Department of AE, NERIST | - | Member |
| 18) Prof. L.K.Arora, Department of Maths, NERIST | - | Member |
| 19) Prof. K.D.Ram, Department of CH, NERIST | - | Member |
| 20) Prof. Saibal Chatterjee, Department of EE, NERIST | - | Member |
| 21) Prof. B.D.Nayak, Department of HSS, NERIST | - | Member |
| 22) Prof. C.L.Sharma, Department of Forestry, NERIST | - | Member |
| 23) Prof. A.S.Rai, Department of Maths, NERIST | - | Member |
| 24) Prof. S.K.Pandey, HoD (MA), NERIST | - | Member |
| 25) Prof. N.Deb, HoD (CH), NERIST | - | Member |
| 26) Prof. K.N.Dewangan, HoD (AE), NERIST | - | Member |
| 27) Shri S.K.Sahu, HoD (CE), NERIST | - | Member |
| 28) Dr. P.Lingfa, HoD (ME), NERIST | - | Member |
| 29) Dr. S.Gao, HoD (EE), NERIST | - | Member |
| 30) Dr. Tado Karlo, HoD (PH), NERIST | - | Member |
| 31) Dr. A.Dinamani Singh, HoD (ECE), NERIST | - | Member |
| 32) Dr. (Mrs). N.Marchang, HoD (CSE), NERIST | - | Member |
| 33) Dr. (Mrs) M. Sharma, HoD (Forestry), NERIST | - | Member |
| 34) Dr. P.Parida, HoD (HSS), NERIST | - | Member |
| 35) Dr. M.Mall, HoC (CMS) | - | Member |
| 36) Dr. S.K.Shrivastava, Associate Professor, Dept. of AE | - | Member |
| 37) Shri D.K.Syamal, Associate Professor, Deptt. of AE | - | Member |
| 38) Dr. R.K.Mehta, Associate Professor, Deptt. of EE | - | Member |
| 39) Shri TVP Singh, Assistant Professor, Deptt. of EE | - | Member |
| 40) Dr. R.P.Bhattacharjee, Registrar, NERIST | - | -Non-Member Secretary |

Prof. N.S.Raghuwanshi, Deptt. of Agrl. and Food Engg. IIT, Kharagpur, Prof. Debabrata Das, Head, Department of Business Administration, Tezpur University, Prof. H.S.Yadav, Deptt. of Chemistry, NERIST, Dr.M.P.Theddues, Assistant Professor, Deptt. of ME and Shri K.Legoh, Assistant Professor, Deptt. of CSE could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, Prof. P.K.Das, Director and Chairman, Academic Council welcomed both the external and internal members attended the 21st Academic Council meeting and he introduced the new external member Prof. Anjan Dutta, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT, Guwahati to the AC members. Then, the following agenda items were taken up one by one for discussion and resolution.

AC.21.01: To consider confirmation of the minutes of the 18th AC meeting held on 24.08.2014.

[Dean (Acad) informed the members that after circulation of the minutes of the 18th AC held on 24.8.2014, no comments were received on the minutes of the 18th Academic Council held on 24.8.2014 within the stipulated time and sought the comments of the members, if any, before confirming the minutes.

Prof. Anwar Hussain pointed out that no decision has been taken on the matter of Jaro Education Pvt. Ltd., which sought a tie up with NERIST for issuing of certificates through a Memorandum of Understanding.

Resolution: The Academic Council approved the minutes of the 18th Academic Council meeting held on 24.8.2014 except the proposal of Jaro Education Pvt. Ltd. to tie up with NERIST for issuing of certificates through an MoU which has been rejected.

AC.21.02: To consider confirmation of the minutes of 19th Academic Council meeting held on 22.11.2014.

[Dean (Acad) informed the members that the minutes of the 19th Academic Council were circulated and no comments were received on the minutes of the 19th Academic Council held on 22.11.2014 within the stipulated time and sought the comments of the members if any before confirming the 19th AC minutes. Dr. A. Dinamani Singh, HoD (ECE) pointed to remove "against Scholar's desire" It was also agreed to delete the portion objected by the then HoD (ECE) and Prof.Anwar Hussain from the minutes of the 17th AC meeting. No other member raised any comment on the 19th AC meeting on the floor.)

Resolution: The Academic Council approved the minutes of the meeting of 19th Academic Council held on 22.11.2014 with the exclusion of the above statement.

AC.21.03: To consider confirmation of the minutes of the 20th AC (Special) meeting held on 18.4.2015.

[Dean (Acad) informed the members that 20th AC (Special) meeting was held on 18.4.2015 for getting approval for awarding gold medals and certificates to the passed out students in the fourth convocation. The minutes of the 20th AC (Special) meeting were circulated to the members and no comments received from any member.]

Resolution: The Academic Council approved the minutes of the meeting of 20th Academic Council (Special) held on 18.4.2015.

AC.21.04: To consider Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 19th AC Meeting.

Sl.No.	On the item of Action Taken	Resolution
a)	Notification was issued vide Notification No.ACAD/AC/2015/450 dated 10.07.2015 that 10 point CGPA will be implemented for the new entrants from July 2015 onwards and NEE-III entrants from July, 2016 onwards.]	Noted
b)	The matter of issuance of rank certificate will be discussed in the Reporting item no.AC.21.16 (f).	Noted
c)	The cut off in the NERIST Entrance Examination will be mean minus standard deviation ($\mu-\sigma$) vide Notification No.Acad/AC/2015/450 dated 31.3.2015.	Noted

AC.21.05: To consider Grant of Permission for pursuing higher studies in North Eastern Regional Institute of Science & Technology as requested by Jharkhand State Open School.

[Dean (Acad) said that a letter received from the Asstt. Director, Jharkhand State Open School (JSOS), Ranchi vide their letter No.043/DU/JSOS/F-1/15 dated 27.1.2015 seeking permission to their students /candidates for pursuing higher studies/admission in NERIST. In their letter, they stated that their open school was registered with the Govt. of Jharkhand to provide secondary and senior secondary education to students under open and distance education and to conduct examinations, testing and certification and further stated that the certificates of Jharkhand State Open School are valid as per UGC Notification.

Members expressed that open and distance education schools are totally different to the regular recognized schools under CBSE and State Governments. Members opined that especially for science streams in the open and distance education, no practical classes are run and this may lead to problem to permit their students for sitting in the NERIST Entrance Examination.

Members suggested that a letter may be written to the AICTE which is a concerned Technical Body for clarification by enclosing all the documents as sent by the JSOS for clarification regarding their eligibility at NERIST.]

Resolution: The AC resolved that a clarification may be sought from the AICTE regarding the eligibility of the passed out students from JSOS for admission into NERIST.

AC.21.06: To consider allowing students of Council of Indian Open School Education (CIOSE) to get admission in NERIST.

[Dean (Acad) informed the members that this is also a similar type of case as has been discussed in the Agenda No.AC.21.05. Members suggested that this may also be referred to AICTE for a clarification, which is a technical body for clarification whether to allow or not the students of CIOSE in NERIST admission.]

Resolution: The AC resolved that a clarification may be sought from the AICTE regarding the eligibility of the passed out students of Council of Indian Open School Education (CIOSE) to get admission into NERIST.

AC.21.07: To consider for providing concession to Kashmiri Migrant student under supernumerary quota vide their letter No.F.1-13/2010CPP-II dated 23.03.2015.

[Dean (Acad) informed the members that on the basis of the 19th AC decision, a clarification was sought from the UGC regarding admission procedure for allowing the candidates for admission at NERIST vide letter No. ACAD/UGC/2010/311 dated 29.12.2014 and dated 25.5.2015 and no reply has been received from the UGC so far.

Chairman informed that there should be another clarification to be obtained from the UGC that whether the seat reservation for the Jammu and Kashmiri students or migrants from Kashmir as in one letter UGC mentioned Kashmiri migrants and in other letter the reservation for Jammu and Kashmiri students.

Members also suggested to wait till the clarification received from the UGC on the admission procedure as has been sought by NERIST and also a clarification should be sought to whom reservation is to be provided for migrants from Kashmir or students of Jammu and Kashmir.]

Resolution: The Academic Council resolved that a clarification may be sought from the UGC whether the seat reservation is required for the Jammu and Kashmir students or Kashmiri migrants. Further it was also decided to wait till the clarification is received from the UGC on the admission procedure as has been sought by NERIST Nos. ACAD/UGC/2010/311 dated 29.12.2014 and dated 25.5.2015. Further it was suggested to send a reminder in this connection to UGC and copy to MHRD, New Delhi.

AC.21.08: To consider the request of GKCIET, Malda to accept the proposal to accord affiliation to the courses offered by GKCIET by NERIST.

[Chairman informed the members that MHRD called a meeting on 2.6.2015 under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (TEL) inviting both the Director, NERIST and Mentor

Director of GKCIET, Malda to discuss about extending of affiliation by NERIST to the GKCIET as the State Universities denied affiliation to the GKCIET because of the modular pattern of education at GKCIET. MHRD requested the NERIST to extend affiliation to the GKCIET for issuing of certificates to the passed out student of GKCIET as both the institutions are imparting technical education in the same modular pattern of education (Certificate, Diploma and Degree) and the pattern of syllabi and examination systems are same. One more meeting was held in NERIST on 15.7.2015 along with the GKCIET representatives. In that meeting it was decided that permission from the UGC is a mandatory requirement for NERIST before going to take any action for extending affiliation to GKCIET. In this connection a letter was sent to the UGC vide Letter No.ACAD/GKCIET/456/2015 dated 21.7.2015 seeking permission for extending affiliation to GKCIET. The following was resolved after discussion.]

Resolution: The Academic Council resolved that NERIST should wait for necessary permission from the UGC to affiliate GKCIET, Malda. Then NERIST would examine the syllabus and related infrastructure at GKCIET before affiliating latter.

AC.21.09: (a) To consider the minutes of the 28th Board of Post Graduate Studies (BPGS) meeting held on 22.05.2015 and its deliberations on the agenda item No.28.09 (Change of Supervisor).

Resolution: All items in the minutes of the 28th BPGS were approved except item no.28.09 (change of supervisor).

b) Agenda item 28.09 (b) : Change of Ph.D Supervisor of Ms. Nabanita Konwar in the Mathematics Department, NERIST.

[Dean (Acad) informed the members that Ms. Nabanita Konwar, Ph.D Scholar requested for change of her Supervisor from Dr. B.K.Singh to Dr. H.K.Nigam to pursue her Ph.D work in Mathematics as her present supervisor's research work is in Statistics. This matter was recommended by the DPGS, but the members of BPGS could not come to any conclusion due to different views in the meeting of BPGS and decided to refer this matter to the Academic Council.

As per the Academic Bye-laws under provision 3.7.3, it is mentioned that "on the request of the research scholar in the prescribed format (Form-XIII), the Chairman Academic Council may permit a student to change his/her Supervisor(s) with valid reasons on recommendation of the DPGC and approval of the BPGS".

Chairman informed the members that the DPGC of the Mathematics Department agreed for change of supervisor of Ms.Konwar. But a few members in the BPGS did not agree for the change in the context of 'valid reason'.

After discussion, Chairman informed the members that this proposal for change of supervisor should be accepted as per the provision (3.7.3) in the Bylaws and in future at the time of

admission these things are properly looked into by the concerned departments without creating this type of problems.]

Resolution: The Academic Council approved the request of Ms. Nabanita Konwar, Research Scholar for changing of her Ph.D Supervisor from Dr. B.K.Singh to Dr. H.K.Nigam.

AC.21.10: To consider the request of Ms. Tallo Yamang to allow her semester registration as Part time student vide her application dated 23.07.15 and dated 20.07 15.

[Dean (Acad) informed the members that Ms. Tallo Yamang has got job in the RWD, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh after completion one year M.Tech course. After joining the job, she requested on 13.1.2015 for continuation of her M.Tech along with an NOC from RWD. But, no leave has been granted to her. Again she represented on 20.7.2015 seeking to allow her for semester registration as part-time student although there is no part-time M.Tech programme at NERIST. The members suggested that she may not be allowed registration and the Institute should stick to the letter No.Acad/PG/SW/2011/360 dated 26.6.2015.]

Resolution: The Academic Council resolved that Ms. Tallo Yamang should not be permitted registration as part-time student as NERIST does not have part-time M.Tech. programme.

AC.21.11: To consider the Note vide No.AE/NOTE/19/2015-16 dated 31.07.2015 submitted by Prof. K.N.Dewangan, HoD (AE) regarding Scrapping of Doctoral Committee (DC) from Academic Bye-laws for the Ph.D programmes.

[Dean (Acad) informed the members that Prof. Dewangan suggested through a note to scrap the Doctoral Committee from the Byelaws as per the decision of the BPGS that if there is any difference in the opinion among the members of DC/DPGS, the opinion of the concerned Supervisor will be as final and in that case there is no need for DC if the Supervisor is supreme. After discussion the following resolution was taken.]

Resolution: It was resolved that the Doctoral Committee (DC) cannot be scrapped from the Bye-laws for the Ph.D. programme at NERIST. However, the differences among the members, if any, shall be resolved by the Chairman of the DC.

AC.21.12: To consider the note of Dr. M. Mall, HoC (CMS) dated 31.07.2015 along with minutes of the BOS dated 03.06.15 regarding Modified Structure & Suggested Syllabus of MBA and Ph.D. Programme along with six points suggestions.

[Dean (Acad) informed the members that the MBA syllabus was modified and the modified syllabus was approved by the Chairman, AC and the approved syllabus is placed in the Annexure and sought the comments of the members.

Members suggested that some minor corrections are required like lecture – 2, practicals -2 and lectures are much more etc. Chairman, AC instructed the HOC (CMS) to make the corrections with the help of the HoD (HSS) in the Syllabi wherever necessary according to our requirement and after making corrections, approval from the Chairman, AC will be taken by the HoC (CMS).]

Resolution: It was resolved to accept the curriculum structure and the syllabus for the MBA programme with corrections. The Chairman, AC was authorized to approve the same after corrections as the syllabus has been implemented from the current semester.

The first point of the six point proposal submitted by HoC (CMS) has already been notified by the Academic Branch. The fifth point will be taken up for all course in the Institute through a separate agenda in the current AC whereas points nos.(2) (3) (4) & (6) have been rejected.

AC.21.13: To consider the proposal submitted by Chairman, NEE regarding enhancement of honorarium of the officials who are performing the duties pertaining to NEE.

[Dean (Acad) informed the members that Chairman, NEE submitted a proposal for enhancement of honorarium to the NEE related works and the proposal is attached in the Annexure and sought the opinion and comments of the members on the proposal.]

Resolution: It was resolved to constitute a committee with the following members to examine the proposal for the enhancement of honorarium to the officials involves in the NEE related works/activities.

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| 1) Prof. M.F.Hussain, Dean (Admin) | - | Chairman |
| 2) Dr. Arvind Pandey, Associate Professor | - | Member |
| 3) Dr. Deepak Jhalaria, Chairman, NEE | - | Member |
| 4) Dr. K.K.Rajesh, A.R.(Acad) | - | Member Secretary |

The above committee will sit and examine the proposal and submit its report to the Chairman, AC within thirty days. The report of the committee may be placed in the next FC and BoM for final approval.

AC.21.14: To consider the proposal of Prof. Jaspal S. Sandhu, Secretary, UGC for inclusion of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), Disarmament, Peaceful uses of Chemistry in University curricula.

[Dean (Acad) informed the members that a letter received from Prof. Jaspal S. Sandhu, Secretary, UGC for inclusion of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), Disarmament, Peaceful uses of Chemistry in University curricula. The members were requested to deliberate on this matter]

Resolution: The Academic Council resolved that the Academic Branch would collect data from other institutions where this topic is being covered and accordingly a proposal may be brought to the next AC for a decision.

AC.21.15: To consider the proposal of HoD (ME) vide note dated 03.08.15 regarding course content for M.Tech. CIMA specialization.

Resolution: The AC resolved that this proposal may be brought to the next AC through the Board of Studies (BoS) of the Department.

AC.21.16: Reporting Item

a) To report modified date for the supplementary enrolment, 2015

[Dean (Acad) informed the members that the date of supplementary enrolment, which was scheduled to be held on 19.6.2015, was modified due to Arunachal Bandh and notification was issued.]

Resolution: Ratified and noted.

b) To report regarding implementation of on line submission of application forms for admission into PG & Ph.D. programme.

[Dean (Acad) said that on line applications for admission into UG programmes has already been started in the Institute and it will be extended to both PG and Ph.D. programmes from the session 2016-17 onwards.

Resolution: Noted.

c) To report regarding revision of Ph.D. Bye-laws.

[Preparation of Ph.D. bye-laws under the Chairmanship of Dean (Acad) is in progress and a final draft would be finalized very soon as it is time taking task and many suggestions are to be included in the Ph.D. Bye-laws. Further Chairman informed the HoDs that those HoDs who did not provide the feedback should provide the feedback, if any, within 15.09.2015 to Dean (Acad)]

Resolution: Noted

d) To report the list of scholars who have been awarded Ph.D. Degree during the year 2015.

[Dean (Acad) informed the members that five students were awarded Ph.D. during the year 2015 as mentioned in the agenda.]

Resolution: Noted.

- e) **To report regarding adoption of 10 point CGPA for the new entrants of P.G. Students from the July - December, 2015 semester vide AC.21.14.**

[Dean (Acad) informed the members that the implementation of 10 point CGPA for the PG and Ph.D Programmes was notified vide notification No.Acad/Not/cir/order/2015 dated 14.8.2015. The description for FA grade should be replaced with "Fail due to shortage of attendance, not Fail due to attendance"]

Resolution: Noted.

- f) **To report regarding issue of Rank Certificate.**

[Dean (Acad) informed the members that this matter was placed in the 18th and 19th meetings of the AC and no final decision was taken up for issuing of Rank Certificate to the passed out students for their job or admission purpose for pursuing higher studies. He said that a Rank Certificate Proforma has been prepared in line with the decision of the 18th Academic Council meeting that rank certificates to be issued by taking only the CGPA criteria and there shall be no bearing of "I" Grade etc". It has already been approved by the Chairman, AC on 13.8.2015 and is placed in the page no.163 in the agenda. After going through the proforma Rank Certificate, members accepted the same.]

Resolution: Ratified and noted.

- g) **To report the modified format of the question paper of Mid Semester and End Semester Examination w.e.f. July-Dec.,2015 semester for the Institute.**

[Dean (Acad) informed the members that the model question paper was prepared as per the guidelines of the NBA requirement for the mid- semester and the end-semester for all the departments and approval was taken from the Chairman, AC on 13.8.2015.]

Resolution: Ratified and Noted.

- h) **To Report regarding Vision and Mission, POs & PEOs of the Institute as well as other Engineering Departments.**

Resolution: Noted.

AC 21.16: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

Additional Agenda:

AC21.16: a) Regarding SRIC Rules.

Resolution: A committee with the following members was constituted for modification/revision of the existing SRIC rules as has been suggested by the Coordinator, SRIC through a note in the additional agenda.

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| 1) Prof.P.R.Alapati, Deptt. of Physics | - | Chairman |
| 2) Dr. Arvind Pandey, Coordinator, SRIC | - | Member |
| 3) Dr. Aditi Bhadra, Association Professor | - | Member |
| 4) Prof. C.L.Sharma, Deptt. of Forestry | - | Member |
| 5) Dr. S.K.Bhagat, Associate Professor | - | Member |
| 6) Dr. K. K. Rajesh, AR(Acad) | - | Member- Secretary |

The above committee will sit and finalize the SRIC rules and submit its report to the Chairman, A.C. within 20.09.2015.

b) The Electrical Engineering Department HoD submitted a list for introducing few more electives without practical components along with the course details in the PG syllabi of the Department to facilitate the Ph.D. students with more options.

Resolution: It was suggested to complete the formalities like getting approval of the BoS/BPGS and then obtain the approval from the Chairman, AC depending upon requirements of the Department.

c) HoD (PH) also submitted a note for inclusion of new Ph.D. Courses in the department.

Resolution: The HoD (PH) was suggested that the item may be brought through BoS/BPGS with unitization to the next AC.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


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