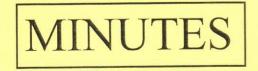
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OF

33rd MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Date : 4th December, 2021

Time : 10.00 A.M

Venue : Board Meeting Room

Minutes for the 33rd Meeting of Academic Council

Following members were present:

1.	Prof. H.S. Yadav, Director, NERIST & Chairman, Academic Council	Chairman
2.	Prof. S. Gao, Dean (Academic) Prof. O.P.Roy, Dean (Planning & Development)	Member
3.	Prof. C.L. Sharma, Dean (Admn.)	Member
4.	Prof. P. Lingfa	Member
-	Dean (Students Affairs)	
5.	Prof. B.P. Mishra, Department of Environmental Science, Mizoram University, Aizwal.	Member
6.	Prof. Utpal Bhattacharjee, Deptt. of Computer Science	
0.	Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh, A.P	Member
7.	Prof. Sanjeev Kumar, Dept. of Physics, Rajiv Gandhi	Member
	University, Rono Hills, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh	
8.	Er. Talo Potom, IAS, DC (Capital), Office of the Dy.	Member
	Commissioner, Govt. of A.P., Itanagar	
9.	Prof. P. Parida, HoD, Dept. of HSS.	Member
10.	Prof. R. K. Prasad, Deptt. of Civil Engg.	Member
11.	Prof. K. N. Dewangan, HoD,	Member
8 8	Deptt. of Agri. Engg	
12.	Prof. R.M. Pant, HoD I/c, Dept. of CMS	Member
13.	Prof. M.F. Hussain, Dept. of Chemistry	Member
14.	Prof. P.K. Tripathy, Dept. of Chemistry	Member
15.	Prof. M. Muralidhar, Deptt. of Mechanical Engg	Member
16.	Prof. N. Deb, Dept. of Chemistry	Member
17.	Prof. R.K. Mehta, Dept. of Electrical Engg.	Member
18.	Prof.(Mrs) M.Sharma, HoD, Dept of Forestry	Member
19.	Prof. M. Chandrasekaran, Dept. of Mech. Engg.	Member
20.	Prof. S.K. Bhagat, Dept. of Electrical Engg	Member
21.	Prof. S. Mahto, HoD, Dept. of Mech. Engg.	Member
22.	Prof. A.K. Gupta, HoD, Dept. of Chemistry.	Member
23.	Prof. A.K. Singh, HoD, Dept. of Electrical Engg	
24.	Prof. B.K. Singh, HoD, Dept. of Mathematics	Member
25.	Dr. M. Marjit Singh, HoD Dept. of CSE	Member
26.	Dr. Ajay Bharti, HoD, Deptt. of Civil Engg.	Member
27.	Dr. T. Sharan, HoD i/c Dept. of ECE.	Member
28.	Dr. (Mrs.) N. Marchang, Associate Prof. Deptt. of CSE	Member
29.	Dr. P. R. Gajurel, Associate Prof. Deptt. of Forestry	Member
30.	Dr. Awadesh Kumar, Associate Prof. Deptt. of Forestry	Member
31.	Dr N.K.Rana, Assistant Professor, Deptt. of M.E	Member
32.	Shri Maryom Dabi, Assistant Professor, Deptt. of M.E	Member
33.	Dr. Arnab Bandyopadhyay, Controller of Examination	Member
34.	Prof. C.L.Sharma, Registrar (i/c)	Non-Member Secretary
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Following members could not attend the meeting.

1. Prof. Md. A. Hussain, Deptt.	of	ECE.	
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- 2. Prof. Binay Singh, Dept. of Forestry
- 3. Prof. B.D. Nayak, Dept. of HSS
- 4. Prof. A. Giri, Dept. of Mechanical Engg

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5	Prof. S.K. Shrivastava, HoD, Dept. of Agri. Engg	Member
6	Prof. T. Karlo, HoD Deptt. of Physics	Member
7	Prof.(Mrs.) K. Shrivastava, HoD, Dept. of Forestry	Member
8	Prof. S. Baishya, Deptt. of Civil Engg.	Member
9	Prof. S. Mishra, Dept. of Civil Engg	Member
10.	Shri, Ukil Singh, Assistant Professor, Dept of A.E.	Member

The Chairman welcomed all the learned members of the Academic Council specially the external members, who attended the meeting. He requested the Dean (Acad) to present the agenda items for deliberation.

AC. 33.01: To consider confirmation of the minutes of the 32nd Meeting of the Academic Council held on 26/12/2020.

[Note: The minutes of the 32nd Meeting of the Academic Council held on 26/12/2020 were circulated to the Hon'ble Members of Academic Council on 13.01.2021. No Comment has been received from any members.

The Academic Council may like to confirm the minutes.]

Resolution: As no comments were received, the minutes of 32nd Meeting of Academic Council was confirmed.

AC. 33.02: To consider Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 32nd Meeting of Academic Council.

[Note: The Action Taken Report on the minutes of 32nd Meeting of the Academic Council is placed at **Annexure-II** for consideration.]

The Academic Council noted the Action Taken Reports and the following were resolved –

AC. 32.02: [31.02 {29.02 (26.02)}] To consider the Draft Ph.D. Regulations

The 32nd Academic Council suggested that all HoD/HoC will return the corrected draft of Ph.D. Bye –Law by 15.01.2021 to the Dean (Acad) for final Printing.

Resolution: The Bye-laws already published and circulated among the Faculties and students.

AC.32.02: [31.02 {30.02 (29.04)}] To consider various essential criteria for application of EoA from AICTE for UG/PG Courses of the Institute

Academic Council suggested as:

The matter needs to be expedited and suggested that Dean(P&D) and Prof. S. Mishra, AICTE Coordinator of the Institute try to complete the matter before the approval process of AICTE for 2021.

Resolution: Dean (P&D) needs to initiate the actions at the earliest for the complete digitization of the Institute's Building /Site Plans as required for EoA of courses from AICTE.

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AC.32.02: [31.02 {30.06 (30.12)}] To consider MoU with NIRD-PR, Guwahati.

The 32nd Academic Council has noted the matter.

Resolution: Signing of MoU should be completed in time bound manner by the Registrar and should report it in the next Academic Council Meeting.

AC.32.02: (31.06) Revision of Course Curriculum for Diploma and Degree Programmes in Engineering & Technology and B.Sc. (Forestry).

It was resolved in the meeting that the formed committee for updating of UG Bye Laws will finalize the necessary changes and after that the Chairman of the committee shall circulate the updated UG Bye Laws to all HoD/HoC for their comments, if any within January 2021. After obtaining the approval of the Chairman, Academic Council the UG Bye Laws shall be sent to the press for final printing.

HoD(Physics) has to submit the UG syllabus after administrative approval to Dean(Acad) for printing.

The issue was discussed at length and the following were resolved by the Academic Council:

- a. There shall be 3 (three) separate sections of Question Papers English/Communication Theory, Economics and Psychology/HRM of 50 marks each along with a Common Section of the Research Methodology (50 Marks) for Ph.D. candidates in the Department of HSS to be conducted by NEPGET from 2021 onwards.
- b. Printed copy of the application form of the shortlisted Ph.D. candidates after the completion of Written Test are to be sent to the respective Departments.
- c. Question Papers to be made available to the candidates after the completion of the NEPGET 2021 and onward.
- d. Answer Keys of both NEE and NEPGET to be uploaded in the Institute website.

Resolution: Dean(Acad) and CoE will incorporate the minor corrections required in UG syllabus and the same shall be sent for printing.

AC.32.08 To consider the proposal sent by HoD(HSS) regarding complete profile of shortlisted Ph.D. candidates and the question papers of the Ph.D. Written Entrance Test conducted by NEPGET.

The issue was discussed at length and the following were resolved by the Academic Council:

- a. There shall be 3 (three) separate sections of Question Papers English/ Communication Theory, Economics and Psychology/HRM of 50 marks each along with a Common Section of the Research Methodology (50 Marks) for Ph.D. candidates in the Department of HSS to be conducted by NEPGET from 2021 onwards.
- b. Printed copy of the application form of the shortlisted Ph.D. candidates after the completion of Written Test are to be sent to the respective Departments.
- c. Question Papers to be made available to the candidates after the completion of the NEPGET 2021 and onward.

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d. Answer Keys of both NEE and NEPGET to be uploaded in the Institute website.

Resolution: Noted

AC.32.11 To change the Names of the Hostel Blocks into local indigenous famous rivers/mountains of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Academic Council deliberated the matter in detail and to finalize the renaming of the existing hostels the following Committee has been constituted:

1.	Dean (SA)	-	Chairman
2.	Registrar	-	Member
3.	Chairman, HMC	-	Member
4.	Dr. M.Upadhayay	-	Member
5.	Ms. Piyali Das	-	Member
6.	One Student Representative	-	Member
7.	Mr. A. Basu, AR (HMC)	-	Member-
			Secretary

The committee should submit the report to the Chairman, Academic Council within one month from the date of issue of notification of the constituted committee. The report shall be placed in the next Academic Council for deliberation and decision.

Resolution: The Academic Council has approved the report submitted for the re naming of the existing hostels as follows:

Present Hostel name	Proposed & approved Hostel name
Hostel Block A	Tirap
Hostel Block B	Pare
Hostel Block C	Dibang
Hostel Block D	Panyor
Hostel Block E	Kameng
Hostel Block F	Lohit
Hostel Block G	Siang
Hostel Block H	Kurung -Paniu

The renaming of the hostels should also be reported in the next BoM for information.

AC.32.12 To impose late fine against non-deposit of Hostel Mess fee and Caution money as per the Academic Bye Laws.

The Academic Council deliberated the matter in detail and the following Committee has been constituted:

1.	Dean (S.A)	-Chairman
2.	Chairman, HMC	-Member
3.	Wardens of all Hostels	- Member
4.	One Student Representative	-Member
5.	Mr. A.Basu, A.R (HMC)	-Member - Sec

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The committee should submit the report to the Chairman, Academic Council within one month from the date of issue of notification of the constituted committee. The report shall be placed in the next Academic Council for deliberation and decision.

Resolution: The Academic Council has approved the report of the committee for imposing the late fine @ Rs 500/- to all hostel boarders who fail to pay their mess dues/Mess Advance within the prescribed date.

AC.32.13 [Any other item] To consider the creation of new NEE Centres at Ziro, Lower Subansiri District and Namsai, Namsai District of Arunachal Pradesh.

[Note: The Registrar, has submitted a proposal to create a new NEE Centres at Ziro and Namsai in the state of Arunachal Pradesh, to facilitate the candidates of that region and also to reduce the pressure on the Itanagar Centres.

Academic Council approved the proposal

Resolution: Noted. It was also informed that proposal for new NEE centre in Namsai district was dropped for the administrative and security point of view.

AC. 33.03: To consider the minutes of the 40th Meeting of Board of Post Graduate Studies (BPGS) held on 09.03.2021.

[Note: The meeting of the Board of Post Graduate Studies (BPGS) was held on 09.03.2021. The minutes of the meeting is placed at **Annexure-III** for consideration.

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

Resolution: Academic Council approved the recommendations of BPGS. However, the Academic Council suggested to form one-man committee headed by Dean(Academic) to see the procedural lapses of CMS as per the Academic Bye Laws with regard to Agenda Item No 40.07, 40.08 & 40.09.

AC. 33.04: To consider the minutes of the 41st Meeting of Board of Post Graduate Studies (BPGS) held on 17.11.2021.

[Note: The meeting of the Board of Post Graduate Studies (BPGS) was held on 17.11.2021. The minutes of the meeting is placed at **Annexure-IV** for consideration. However, the 41st BPGS has referred to Academic Council the matter relating to agenda Item No 41.11(c) regarding the non-compliance of Mr Agnivesh Uday Roy's (Ph.D./PT/10/CE/04) for the final actions on the Ph.D. Compliance Report of his thesis to be submitted to the DC vide letter no Dean(Acad)/Ph.D/07/2012 dtd 28.08.2017

The 41st BPGS has resolved and suggested that the matter may be referred to the next meeting of Academic Council for deliberation as the period of Ph.D. studies already exceeded the maximum time limit for Part-Time Scholar (7 years). However, it is also to inform that the Scholar has sent an email regarding the non-submission of the compliance report in time due to his wife's treatment, who was suffering from Cancer.]

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

Resolution: HoD(Civil) informed that the scholar had submitted pre-submission of thesis prior to expiry of stipulated period for completion of Ph.D. for Part-Time candidate. Thus, the Academic Council permits Mr. Agnivesh Uday Roy for

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submission of Compliance Report and HoD(CE) should make sure that Mr. Agnivesh Uday Roy completes his academic assignment in time bound manner.

However, it is also suggested that for all Ph.D. courses a maximum time of 1(one) year should be given to the scholars to complete the Compliance Report and defend the Thesis.

AC. 33.05 To Consider the Revised Academic Calendars for UG, PG and Ph.D. Programme for the year 2021.

[Note: In view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Academic Calendar has been prepared as per the guidelines issued by the UGC and by AICTE. The Academic Calendars for year 2021[Issued on 08.02.2021 & 11.08.2021(revised)] were prepared and issued and are placed at **Annexure-V.**

The Academic Council may like to approve and ratify.]

Resolution: Ratified.

AC. 33.06 To report the Counselling- cum-Admission 2021 at NERIST.

[Note: The counselling cum admission process for the year 2021 has been conducted smoothly and successfully.

A list of new intake of students in various courses along with seats are attached at **Annexure-VI** for information of the Academic Council. However, it is also to inform that the counselling cum admission through JEE [JoSSA/CSAB NEUT] is still going on and the status of admission can be known only after 25th December 2021]

Resolution: Noted.

AC.33.07: To consider NERIST for the registration in the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) as per the UGC (Establishment and Operation) of the Academic Bank of Credits in Higher Education) Regulations.

[Note: letter No.14-31/2018(CPP-II) dtd. 29th July, 2021 has been received from Prof. Rajnish Jain, Secretary, Govt. of India (ME), that the University Grants Commission (Establishment and Operation of Academic Bank of Credits in Higher Education) Regulation, 2021. Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) that meet the eligibility requirements can - register with Academic Bank of Credits on ABC website (www.abc.gov.in). Furthermore, students can also register by visiting the ABC website. A comprehensive User Manual for both HEIs and Students with step by step instructions and screenshots are available on the ABC portal's Resources section under the General Resources category. All eligible HEIs are requested to kindly take appropriate steps for joining ABC Platform at the earliest. Further, it is also informed to kindly make the students of your University/institution aware about ABC facility and encourage them for opening Academic Bank Account.]

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide.

Resolution: It was informed that the top 100 Universities of the country as per NIRF are eligible to register for ABC. Hence, at present our Institute is not eligible.

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AC.33.08: To consider the applications as submitted a by a Ph.D. scholars (Non-Hostellers) for refund of Hostel Seat Rent.

[Note: Mr. Nabam Hina Papu, PhD/FT/15/ME/08 has submitted application for refund his Hostel Seat Rent. The same matter was placed in 26th Academic Council Meeting held on 19th May, 2018 vide Agenda Item No. AC.26.05. However, the matter was regretted by the Academic Council. The detailed agenda is placed at **Annexure VIII.**

Resolution: The matter for refund was regretted as applied by the scholar. The Academic Council authorised Dean (Academic) to change the nomenclature of Hostel seat rent/Mess Establishment Charges etc as printed in Money receipt to any other suitable names.

AC. 33.09 To consider the proposal sent by HoD(ME) regarding increase in number of Institute fellowship for the research scholars.

[Note: HoD(ME) has submitted a proposal that the number of Institute fellowship to GATE qualified scholars per Department may be enhanced to 5 including 2 nos. of AICTE fellowship. It is to inform that as per the Institute notification (No.9) vide Acad/AC/25th/ATR/2017 dtd. 24th January, 2018, the Ph.D. fellowship (MoE/Institute scholarship) was restricted to 1(one) Ph.D. scholar for every Engineering Departments having valid GATE Score and GATE/NET/SLET score in Science / Humanities / Management, but in practice the NET/SLET holder are not being considered for the Institute fellowship. The detailed agenda is placed at **Annexure IX.**

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide.]

Resolution: The Academic Council has approved to increase the number of Institute/MoE fellowship to 2(Two) per Department for the scholar having the valid GATE/NET score from each department from next Academic Year. Further, a committee is also constituted to frame the modalities for grant of Institute fellowship to the 2(two) Ph.D. scholars per Department.

Prof S. Gao, Dean(Acad)
 Prof. R.M. Pant
 Prof. K.N. Dewangan, HoD(A.E)
 Prof. P. Parida, HoD(HSS)
 Prof. B.K. Singh, HoD(MA)
 Prof. Madhubala Sharma, HoD(FO)

AC. 33.10 To consider the UG Bye Laws (Revised)

[Note: It is to inform that the matter for the revision UG Bye Laws was suggested on the 31st Academic Council Meeting held on 29.02.2020 and in the 32nd Academic Council Meeting it was suggested that a committee needs to be formed for updating the UG Bye Laws and the updated Bye Laws needs to be circulated to all HoD/HoC for their comments, if any within January 2021. After obtaining the approval of the Chairman, Academic Council the UG Bye Laws shall be sent to the press for final printing. The series of meeting of the committee was held and the draft UG Bye-Laws was finalised. It was also circulated to all HoD/HoC and other Stakeholders and also circulated to all the internal members of the Academic Council for their comments. After incorporating all the updates received, the UG Bye-Laws is finalised and placed in the Academic Council for approval. The detailed agenda is placed at **Annexure X**.

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide.]

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AC. 33.11 To Consider the proposal for Counselling fee during Counselling- cum-Admission w.e.f next Academic Session.

[Note: It is observed that Institute has put up tremendous efforts for smooth conduct of the Counselling-cum- Admission for UG and PG/PhD courses till date. However, it has also been felt that a counselling fee needs to be charged from the candidates on the lines of JoSAA and CSAB NEUT. This will help the committee to ascertain the actual number of students willing to attend the Counselling-cum-Admission. Further, the fee collected can be a source for Internal Revenue Generation (IRG) for the institute which can be also used to bear the expenditures incurred during the Counselling-cum-admission process.

Hence, it is proposed that a one-time fee of Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred) only may be charged from the candidates who are going to attend the Counselling-cum-admission for UG/PG and Ph.D. Courses in the Institute from the next Academic Year.

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide.]

Resolution: Approved

AC. 33.12 To consider the proposal for 2nd Round of Counselling- cum -Admission for PG Courses from next Academic Session.

[Note: As per the norms of the Institute, the admission to the PG programme is conducted according to the results of NEPGET. The results of the NEPGET are prepared by taking into consideration the cut-off marks and the reservation policy of the Govt. of India. The results of PG Courses are published for Selected List and 100% Wait List and there is no 2nd Round of Counselling- cum-Admission for PG Courses. It is seen and experienced from the past that due to non-availability of particular categories of the candidates, the seats remain vacant and unfilled. Further, since the unfilled seats are not carried over to the next year, there is a visible impact on the total enrolment of the students as seats remain vacant. The problem gets compounded further with the withdrawal of some candidates post admission. This, in turns, deprives many students who have qualified the NEPGET and willing to take admission into the PG programmes. Once a 2nd round of Counselling with Open Merit gets implemented, it will significantly address the issue of low intake (Parameter 1.a) which has been flagged during the successive NIRF ranking reports for NERIST.

Therefore, it is proposed that in the results published for P.G Courses should also contain 200% Wait Listed candidates for each category as per the reservation policy adopted by the Govt of India. Further, an Open Merit List (200%) needs to be published by following the cut—off marks in NEPGET for 2nd Round of Counselling- cum- Admission. Similarly, the provision for having Spot Round for filling the remaining vacancies may also be explored. The detailed agenda is placed at **Annexure XII.**

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide.]

Resolution: The Academic Council has dropped this Agenda.

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AC. 33.13 To consider the proposal for new method of Counselling for NEE and NEPGET

[Note: Dr Arnab Bandyopadhyay, CoE has submitted a proposal for the new method for NEE and NEPGET Counselling. As a member of the counselling committee for about five years now as technical member, the Dr Arnab has opportunity to passively observe the following problems in the present method of NEE and NEPGET counselling. Therefore, he proposes an alternate counselling method as a solution. The broad outline of the same is listed in the proposal. Finer details may be worked out, if the Council thinks this proposal has some merit. There should also be a **spot round** at the end, both for NEE and NEPGET.

The detailed agenda is placed at Annexure XIII.

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide.]

Resolution: Existing Counselling cum Admission system shall continue. However, a counselling guidelines needs to be drafted under the Chairmanship of Dean (Academic)

AC. 33.14 To report about the fixing of the date of 8th Convocation

[Note: It is to inform that the 7th Convocation of the Institute was held on 19.11.2018 and due to the administrative reasons and the Covid-19 Pandemic situations in the country, the convocation for the last 3 years couldn't be held. A meeting was convened by the Director on 26.11.2021 with all the Deans, HoD/HoC, CoE, Officers, Chairpersons, Coordinators to discuss the feasibility to conduct the 8th Convocation. Dean (Acad) has proposed the date as **18.02.2022** (Friday) and all the members has accepted and supported the date for the conduct of the 8th Convocation. However, in the meeting it was also discussed that the role of Chairman, BoM in the Convocation which is very important and crucial but at present Institute is running without Chairman, BoM. Hence, Academic Council may decide the protocols to be followed for the conduct of 8th Convocation of the Institute on 18.02.2021]

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide.]

Resolution: Noted. However, it was decided that in absence of the regular Chairman, BoM the Academic Council suggested that the Director, NERIST may sign all the certificates and also complete the modalities of the Convocation. However, the matter was also referred to the BoM for suggestions.

AC. 33.15 To consider NCC as general elective credit course as per the guidelines issued by UGC

[Note: A D.O.No.1-18/2019(CPP-II) dtd 9.07.2021 is received from the UGC for inclusion of NCC as an elective subject. UGC has requested all the Indian Universities to take an appropriate step for inclusion of NCC as an elective subject. The detailed proposal is placed at Annexure- XIII.

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide.]

Resolution: It was informed that the Institute is having a separate NCC Cell and the students are getting the ED grades for the extra -curricular activities.

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AC. 33.16 Any other item(s) with the permission of Chairman.

AC. 33.16 (1) To consider the setting up Divyasampark spoke hub in NERIST

[Note: Divyasampark Technology Innovation Hub IIT Roorkee, is looking for collaboration with institutes across India to setup Spoke hub in their respective institute campuses. The above mentioned organization is willing to extend supporting hand to NERIST whereby they would support ins setting us a Spoke hub in NERIST.

Dr A.K.Ray, Assistant Professor(ECE) has sought the permission to sign a MoU with iHUB DivyaSampark, Technology Innovation Hub IIT Roorkee, Uttarakhand.

The Academic Council may deliberate and decide]

Resolution: Approved

AC. 33.16 (2) To consider the modalities for the Implementation of NEP-2020 in NERIST

Resolution: The Academic Council has constituted a committee for modalities for implementation of NEP 2020 in NERIST.

1. Director - Chairman
2. All Deans - Member
3. All HoDs/HoC - Member

4. Prof. Uttpal Bhattachrjee
 5. Er.T.Potom, IAS
 External Member
 External Member

6. CoE - Member

7. Assistant Registrar(Acad) - Member Secretary

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The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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