# MINUTES

OF

## 23rd ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

## NORTH EASTERN REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Deemed University (u/s 3 of the UGC Act, 1956)
NIRJULI, ITANAGAR, ARUNACHAL PRADESH



VENUE

: BOARD MEETING ROOM, NERIST

DATE

: 03.09.2016

TIME

: 10:00 AM

## Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Academic Council Meeting

### Following were present:

1. Prof. H.S. Yadav, Director, NERIST	-	Chairman
2. Prof. P.K. Tripathy, Dean (Academic)	_	Member
3. Prof. Md. A. Hussain, Dean (Planning & Development)	-	Member
4. Prof. Binay Singh, Dean (Students Affairs)	-	Member
5. Prof. M.F. Hussain, Dean (Administration)	-	Member
6. Prof. N.S. Raghuwanshi, Deptt. of Agri &	-	Member
Food Engg, IIT, Kharagpur		
7. Prof. D.N. Das, Dean, Faculty of Life Science,	-	Member
Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh(Itanagar)		
8. Prof. Tomo Riba, Dean Faculty of Environmental.	-	Member
Science, Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, Itanagar		
9. Prof. S.K. Singh, Deptt. of Civil Engg.	-	Member
10. Prof. Mubarak Husain, Deptt of Chemistry	-	Member
11. Prof. S.K. Pandey, Deptt. of Mathematics	-	Member
12. Prof. P.R. Alapati, Deptt. of Physics	-	Member
13. Prof. P.P. Dabral, Deptt. of Agri. Engg.	-	Member
14. Prof. K.D. Ram, Deptt. of Chemistry	-	Member
15. Prof. Saibal Chatterjee, Deptt. of Electrical Engg.	_	Member
16. Prof. B.D. Nayak, Deptt. of HSS	-	Member
17. Prof. C.L. Sharma, Deptt. of Forestry	-	Member
18. Prof. A.S. Rai, Deptt. of Mathematics	-	Member
19. Prof. (Mrs.) K. Shrivastava, Deptt. of Forestry	_	Member
20. Prof. S.K. Shrivastava, Deptt. of Agri. Engg.	-	Member
21. Prof. O.P. Roy, Deptt. of Electrical Engg.	-	Member
22. Prof. M. Chandrasekaran, Deptt. of Mech. Engg.	-	Member
23. Prof. R.K. Prasad, Deptt. of Civil Engg.	-	Member
24. Prof. R.K. Mehta, Deptt. of Electrical Engg.	-	Member
25. Prof. S.K. Bhagat, Deptt. of Electrical Engg.	-	Member
26. Mr. S.K. Sahu, HoD, Deptt. of Civil Engg.	7. <del>-</del>	Member
27. Prof. P. Lingfa HoD, Deptt. of Mech. Engg.	-	Member
28. Prof. S. Gao, HoD, Deptt. of Electrical Engg.	-	Member
29. Prof. K.N. Dewangan, HoD, Deptt. of Agri. Engg.	-	Member
30. Dr. A.D. Singh, HoD, Deptt. of Elec. & Comm. Engg.	-	Member
31. Dr. (Mrs.) N. Marchang, HoD, Deptt. of Comp. Sc. Engg.	_	Member
32. Prof. T. Karlo, HoD, Deptt. of Physics	-	Member
33. Prof. N. Deb, HoD, Deptt. of Chemistry	-	Member
34. Prof. L.K. Arora, Deptt. of Mathematics	-	Member
35. Prof. (Mrs.) M. Sharma, HoD, Deptt. of Forestry	-	Member
36. Prof. P. Parida, HoD (HSS) & COE	-	Member
37. Dr. M. Mall, HoC, Centre for Management Studies	-	Member
38. Shri D.K. Shyamal, Associate Prof., Deptt. of Agri. Engg.	-	Member
39. Dr. A.K. Gupta, Associate Prof., Deptt. of Chemistry	-	Member
40. Dr. (Ms.) S. Sinha, Associate Prof., Deptt. of HSS	-	Member
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41. Ms. Y.B. Devi, Assistant Prof., Deptt. of Civil Engg.	-	Member
42. Mr. M.D.Singh, Assistant Prof., Deptt. of Electrical Engg.	_	Member
43. Dr. (Mrs.) J. Bora, Assistant Prof., Deptt. of ECE	-	Member
44. Dr. A. Bandopadhyay, In-Charge (T&P)	9=	Invitee
45. Dr. R.P. Bhattacharjee, Registrar	- Non-Member Secretary	

Chairman welcomed all the members present in the meeting. Dean (Academic) introduced the external members. Chairman called the meeting to order and requested the Dean (Academic) to present the agenda items.

AC. 23.01: To consider confirmation of the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Academic Council Meeting held on 27.02.2016.

[Note: The minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Academic Council Meeting held on 22.02.2016 were circulated to the Hon'ble Members of Academic Council on 14.03.2016. No comment has been received from any members].

The Academic Council may like to confirm the minutes.

RESOLUTION: The minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Academic Council were confirmed.

AC. 23.02: To consider Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> AC Meeting.

[Note: The Action Taken Report on the minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> Academic Council Meeting is placed at Annexure-II for consideration.]

The Dean (Academic) presented the Action Taken Report in detail and also explained the follow-up actions taken against each resolution.

RESOLUTION: The following were resolved -

AC. 22.02 (a) To consider Grant of Permission for pursuing higher studies in North Eastern Regional Institute of Science & Technology as requested by Jharkhand State Open School.

After going through the report of the Committee, it was resolved that the students of the Open Schools recognized by the CBSE, ICSE, State Level Boards, National Level Boards may be permitted to compete the Entrance Examination of the Institute.

(d) To consider the proposal for modification/revision of the existing SRIC Rules.

It was resolved that the draft SRIC rules will be placed in the next meeting of the Academic Council after taking administrative scrutiny.

AC. 22.03 To consider the proposal regarding Feed Back form submitted by the IN-charge (Training & Placement).



After a brief discussion, it was suggested that more suggestions may be obtained from the other sectors. It was resolved that the HoDs will suggest a model and place in the next meeting of the Academic Council.

AC. 22.05 To consider the enrolment of the Ph.D. students in Part-time or Full-time those who are working in the project.

HoDs were requested to submit the proposal as resolved in the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Academic Council to the Dean (Academic) as soon as possible.

AC. 22.06 To consider the Recruitment of Adjunct Faculty.

It was pointed out that the provision exists in the UGC regulations. It was resolved that the UGC regulations may be followed for recruitment of Adjunct Faculty.

AC. 22.09 To consider Visvesvaraya Ph.D. Scheme at NERIST.

After a brief discussion, it was resolved that the following Committee will submit a report on the Scheme for admission in the Institute –

Prof. Mubarak Husain
Prof. P.R. Alapati
Prof. Md. A. Hussain
Prof. K.N. Dewangan
HoD (CSE)

- Chairman
Member
- Member
- Member

AC. 22.10 To consider the revised Undergraduate Syllabus, Department of CSE

HoDs were requested to submit the proposal as resolved in the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Academic Council to the Academic Section as earliest possible.

AC. 23.03: To consider the minutes of the meeting of the 30<sup>th</sup> Board of Post Graduate Studies (BPGS) meeting held on 30.05.2016.

[Note: The 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Post Graduate Studies (BPGS) was held on 30.05.2016 and the minutes of the meeting are placed at Annexure-III for consideration.]

Academic Council may like to approve please.

RESOLUTION: The minutes of 30th Meeting of BPGS were approved.

AC. 23.04: To consider the Revised M.Sc. (Mathematics) and Ph.D. Syllabi in Department of Mathematics

[Note: The matter was put up in the 30<sup>th</sup> BPGS Meeting under agenda item No. 30.02. The BPGS has approved the recommendation of DPGC, in principle, subject to the removal of Ph.D. Course Structure from the PG Course Structure. Accordingly, the Department of Mathematics has separated the Ph.D. Course Structure from the PG Course Structure. The syllabi are put up at Annexure-IV for approval of the Academic Council.]

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Academic Council may like to approve please.

RESOLUTION: The Council pointed out some deficiencies and the HoD (Mathematics) was requested to correct the deficiencies as pointed out in the meeting and submit in the next meeting.

AC. 23.05: Equivalency of degrees offered by IISERs & IISc vis-à-vis the degrees offered by the State Institute/Universities.

[Note: Letter has been received from Under Secretary (Education), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh along with an enclosure letter vide D.O. No. 50-09/2016-TS.VII dated 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 from Vinay Sheel Oberoi. In his letter he informed that, difficulties faced by students graduating from the Indian Institutes of Science Education & Research (IISERs) at Pune, Kolkata, Mohali, Bhopal and Thiruvananthapuram and from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore in seeking admission to State Institutes/Universities. This is on the issue of equivalency of their degrees (especially their integrated BS-MS degrees) vis-à-vis the degrees offered by the State Institutes/Universities. They are reportedly facing denial of job opportunities in some cases in the State Government Enterprises for the same reason.

Ministry requested to honour degrees conferred by the IISERs and the IISc and ensure that these students are not put to disadvantage in educational fields and the job market.]

Academic Council may like to deliberate on the matter.

RESOLUTION: Noted.

#### AC. 23.06: To consider the filling up of vacant seats of NERIST.

[Note: The Head of Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering of the Institute has submitted a note regarding non-filling of seats of the Department. The HoD suggested to conduct counselling in various rounds to fill up of vacant seats of the Institute. The note is placed at Annexure-VI.

A list of new intake of students in various courses along with vacant seats is attached at Annexure-VII for information of the Academic Council.]

Academic Council may like to deliberate on the matter.

The Dean (Academic) presented in detail the admission/selection procedures of the Institute and explained the vacancies which could not fill up due to reservations of NE states. It was suggested to give more chances to the Arunachal Pradesh as there is no other Engineering Institute in the state of Arunachal Pradesh except NIT which is also admitted students on All India basis. It was observed that candidates from Arunachal Pradesh are mainly interested for Civil & Electrical Engineering disciplines.

After a long deliberation, the following was resolved.

RESOLUTION: The following Committee was constituted to look into the matter of optimum admission of the Institute keeping the different reservations criteria of the NE States –

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Prof. P.R. Alapati - Chairman
Prof. Md. A. Hussain - Member
Prof. Saibal Chatterjee - Member
Prof. S. Gao - Member
Prof. P. Lingfa - Member
NEE Chairman - Member

Registrar - Member- Secretary

#### AC. 23.07: To consider incentive to faculty members to write books

[Note: An agenda was proposed before the 86<sup>th</sup> Meeting of BoM to consider incentive to encourage the teachers to write text book, notes, etc. for modular pattern of technical studies. The agenda has been referred to the Academic Council by the BoM to discuss and to submit a detailed agenda notes for the next meeting of the BoM.]

Academic Council may like to deliberate on the matter.

RESOLUTION: After a brief discussion, the following Committee was constituted to submit a detailed agenda note to the Director, NERIST, for the next Board Meeting -

Prof. Md. A. Hussain - Chairman
Prof. S. Chatterjee - Member
Prof. P. Parida - Member
Prof. T. Karlo - Member
Dr. A.D. Singh - Member

### AC. 23.08: To consider the rescheduling of winter vacation for faculty members

[Note: Prof. S.K. Shrivastava, Department of Agricultural Engineering, has suggested to extend the number of days in Winter Vacation from existing 15 days (As per Academic Calendar) to 20 days i.e., from 11<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

As per Academic Calendar 2016, there are 45 days Summer Vacation and 15 days Winter Vacation for faculty members i.e., 60 days combining Summer and Winter Vacations. It is mention that December 31, 2016 and January 1, 2017 are Saturday and Sunday respectively.]

RESOLUTION: The proposal of rescheduling of winter vacation for faculty members for this year was approved subject to 60 days in total. It was suggested to keep these provisions while preparing the future Academic Calendars.

#### REPORTING ITEMS

#### AC. 23.09:

#### (a) To Report regarding enhancement of Hostel Mess advance

[Note: The Chairman, HMC has been revised and enhanced the Hostel Mess advance to Rs. 10,500/- per Semester from July-December, 2016 vide Office Order No. HMC/Office Order/2015/245 Vol-I dated 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.]



Academic Council may like to ratify please.

#### **RESOLUTION: Noted**

(b) To report on NBA Expert Team visit at NERIST and accreditation of the courses

[Note: An Expert Team of NBA visited NERIST and conducted on-site evaluation of the UG Engineering Programmes offered by the Institute during 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2016. The report submitted by the Expert Team was considered by the concerned Committee constituted for the proposed in NBA. The NBA has approved the following accreditation status to the following programmes for years i.e., 2016-17 & 2017-18 upto 30.06.2018.

- 1. Agricultural Engineering
- 2. Electrical Engineering
- 3. Electronics and Communication Engineering
- 4. Computer Science and Engineering &
- 5. Civil Engineering.

The Department of Mechanical Engineering has submitted application for review of accreditation status of the Department.

The copies of the approval letters are attached at Annexure-XI.]

The Chairman appreciated all the faculty and staff members for NBA accreditation of the UG courses. He informed that the Mechanical Engineering Department has submitted application for review of NBA accreditation and he is hopeful to get cleared the NBA accreditation for the Mechanical Engineering Department. He also requested the HoDs to look the possibilities of the PG courses for NBA accreditation.

#### **RESOLUTION: Noted.**

(c) To report the Admission 2016 at NERIST

[Note: The admission process for the year 2016 has been conducted smoothly. A trial run of the admission process through Automation of the Academic Section and Examination Cell has been initiated during the admission new entrants.

A list of new intake of students in various courses along with vacant seats is attached at Annexure-VII for information of the Academic Council.]

#### **RESOLUTION: Noted**

#### AC. 23.10: Any other item(s)

The following additional agenda items were considered by the Chairman –

(a) To consider the filling up of vacant faculty positions of CSE Department and suspension of M.Tech. (IT) programme temporarily

RESOLUTION: The agenda was withdrawn in view of the latest advertisement for the recruitment of faculty members.

(b) To consider the Separate Course Codes for Engineering Drawing to Base First Semester Students in respect of CE, ECE, EE (ES 115x) and AE, ME (ES 115y).

RESOLUTION: The matter was referred to the Dean (Academic) to take necessary action in this regard.

(c) To consider the difficulty is being faced to mention the module and year in the Grade Card for Diploma and Degree

RESOLUTION: In case of vertical movement of students from Diploma Module to Degree Module, the Module will be <u>Degree</u> and the Year will be <u>Third</u> in First Year Degree Module. In case of lateral entrants in Degree Module, there will be no change.

(d) To consider relaxation for the award of Gold Medal to the students for attending interviews organized by the T&P Cell of the Institute

Dr. A.Bandyopadhyay, In-charge (T&P), explained the agenda item. The matter was discussed in brief. It was pointed out that this may create opportunity for the students to claim the same relaxation for other purpose also.

RESOLUTION: The Academic Council did not approve the proposal.

(e) Director apprised the House that advertisement has been issued for recruitment of faculty (Open and CAS) in different positions at the Institute. He requested to authorise the Director to take appropriate steps for the recruitment process following the UGC guidelines.

RESOLUTION: The Academic Council authorised the Director for taking all actions for the recruitment process as proposed.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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