

MINUTES
OF
25TH MEETING OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL

NORTH EASTERN REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (NERIST)

NIRJULI :: ITANAGAR :: ARUNACHAL PRADESH
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VENUE : BOARD MEETING ROOM, NERIST

DATE : 15.12.2017

TIME : 11:00 AM

Minutes of the 25th Academic Council Meeting held on 15.12.2017
at 11.30 a.m. in the NERIST Board Room

Following were present in the meeting:

1.	Prof. T. Mibang, Director, NERIST	Chairman
2.	Prof. P.P. Dabral, 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. D.N. Das, Dean, Faculty of Life Science, Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh (Itanagar)	Member
7.	Prof. P.P. Dabral, Deptt. of Agri. Engg.	Member
8.	Prof. K.N. Dewangan, Deptt. of Agri. Engg.	Member
9.	Prof. S.K. Shrivastava, Deptt. of Agri. Engg.	Member
10.	Prof. S.K. Singh, Deptt. of Civil Engg.	Member
11.	Prof. S. Mishra, Deptt. of Civil Engg.	Member
12.	Prof. Md. A. Hussain, Deptt. of Electronics & Comm. Engg.	Member
13.	Prof. Saibal Chatterjee, Deptt. of Electrical Engg.	Member
14.	Prof. O.P. Roy, Deptt. of Electrical Engg.	Member
15.	Prof. Sarsing Gao, Deptt. of Electrical Engg.	Member
16.	Prof. R.K. Mehta, Deptt. of Electrical Engg.	Member
17.	Prof. A.K. Singh, Deptt. of Electrical Engg.	Member
18.	Prof. M. Muralidhar, Deptt. of Mechanical Engg.	Member
19.	Prof. P. Lingfa, Deptt. of Mechanical Engg.	Member
20.	Prof. M. Chandrasekaran, Deptt. of Mechanical Engg.	Member
21.	Prof. S. Mahto, Deptt. of Mechanical Engg.	Member
22.	Prof. H.S. Yadav, Deptt. of Chemistry	Member
23.	Prof. M.F. Hussain, Deptt. of Chemistry	Member
24.	Prof. N. Deb, Deptt. of Chemistry	Member

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25.	Prof. A.K. Gupta, Deptt. of Chemistry	Member
26.	Prof. T. Karlo, Deptt. of Physics	Member
27.	Prof. L.K. Arora, Deptt. of Mathematics	Member
28.	Prof. B.K. Singh, Deptt. of Mathematics	Member
29.	Prof. B.D. Nayak, Deptt. of Humanities & Social Science	Member
30.	Prof. P. Parida, Deptt. of Humanities & Social Science	Member
31.	Prof. Binay Singh, Deptt. of Forestry	Member
32.	Prof. C.L. Sharma, Deptt. of Forestry	Member
33.	Prof. (Mrs.) M. Sharma, Deptt. of Forestry	Member
34.	Prof. (Mrs.) K. Shrivastava, Deptt. of Forestry	Member
35.	Prof. S.K. Shrivastava, HoD (Agricultural. Engg.)	Member
36.	Prof. S. Mishra, HoD (Civil Engg.)	Member
37.	Ms. M. Kathing, HoD (Computer Science and Engg.)	Member
38.	Dr. A.D. Singh, HoD(Electronics and Communication Engg.)	Member
39.	Prof. S. Gao, HoD (Electrical Engg.)	Member
40.	Prof. M. Chandrasekarn HoD (Mechanical Engg.)	Member
41.	Prof. T. Karlo, HoD (Physics)	Member
42.	Prof. N. Deb, HoD (Chemistry)	Member
43.	Prof. L.K. Arora, HoD (Mathematics)	Member
44.	Prof. (Mrs.) M.B. Sharma, HoD (Forestry)	Member
45.	Mr. Ranendra Prasad, HoD (Humanities and Social Sciences)	Member
46.	Dr. M. Mall, HoC (Management Studies)	Member
47.	Prof. S.K. Shrivastava, HoC (CATARD)	Member
48.	Dr. (Ms.) S. Sinha, Associate Prof., Deptt. of HSS	Member
49.	Mr. Ranendra Prasad, Associate Prof., Deptt. of HSS	Member
50.	Dr. S. Samanta, Associate Prof., Deptt. of ME	Member
51.	Mr. M.D. Singh, Assistant Prof., Deptt. of EE	Member

52.	Dr. J. Bora, Assistant Prof., Deptt. of ECE	Member
53.	Prof. P. Parida, Controller of Examinations	Invitee
54.	Dr. R.P. Bhattacharjee, Registrar	Non-Member Secretary

Mr. Talo Potom, ADM-cum-Estate Officer, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh & Hon'ble Member of the Academic Council came to the Institute before starting of the meeting. But he could not attend the meeting due to his office engagement.

The Chairman welcomed all the members present in the meeting and requested the Dean (Academic) to present the agenda items. The Dean (Academic) also welcomed the members and presented the agenda items before the members.

AC. 25.01: To consider confirmation of the minutes of the 24th meeting of Academic Council held on 06.05.2017.

[Note: The minutes of the 24th AC meeting held on 06.05.2017 were circulated to the Hon'ble Members of Academic Council on 23.05.2017. Comments received from few members and were placed in the meeting for discussion.

The Academic Council may like to confirm the minutes.]

It was pointed out by the Chairman, Academic Council that the comments on the minutes of the Academic Council meeting should be submitted within 15 days from the date of issue of the minutes.

Comments were received from few members on the Item No. 24.08 (a) regarding Fellowship of Dr. Suchismita Bhattacharjee and it was discussed in the Action Taken Report.

RESOLUTION: The minutes of 24th Academic Council were confirmed.

AC. 25.02: To consider Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 24th Meetings of Academic Council.

[Note: The Action Taken Report on the minutes of 24th Meeting of Academic Council is placed at Annexure-II for deliberation and consideration.]

The Academic Council noted the point-wise Action Taken Reports on 24th Meeting of the Academic Council and resolved on the following items –

23.06 To consider the filling up of vacant seats of NERIST.

RESOLUTION: It was decided to fill up of all the seats in various departments during admission from 2018-19 onwards.

24.07 To consider M. Tech. (Part Time) Courses at NERIST.

RESOLUTION: It was decided that a Comprehensive Report will be submitted by the Committee Constituted for this purpose within two months' time.

24.08(a) To consider the case of releasing the fellowship/scholarship in favour of Dr. Suchismita Bhattacharjee, Roll. No. PhD(FT)/12/CS/01, Registration No.51202.

The matter was deliberated at length with several members expressing their views that a decision on the issue has already been arrived during the 24th Academic Council Meeting. On the query from the Hon'ble Members pertaining to the role played by the Academic Section in resolving the issue and on the specific instruction by the Chairman, Academic Council to the Assistant Registrar (Acad), the latter clarified the details of the semester registration of Dr. Suchismita Bhattacharjee, Ph.D. Scholar in January 2017, after the submission of Thesis and the disbursement of Fellowship beyond September 2016. It was pointed out that the Academic Bye-Laws (Master & Ph.D. Programmes) of the Institute is clear that the Ph.D. Scholar has to submit No Dues Certificate from the Department/ Section/Offices/Library along with the Thesis Submission form. It was also pointed out by the Hon'ble members that the Scholarship is paid from the fund of Government/Institute which has to be refunded, if paid excess or mistakenly.

RESOLUTION: The Academic Council reiterated that the decision on the issue taken during the 24th Academic Council Meeting held on May 6th, 2017 stands.

24.09 To consider the suggestions submitted by Head, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering.

RESOLUTION: The Report of the Committee was approved by the Academic Council with advice that the fine tuning of testimonial submitted against 24.09(c) is required.

24.15 To consider the matter of Institute Revenue Generation (IRG).

RESOLUTION: The report submitted by the Committee was appreciated by the Chairman, Academic Council and accepted for implementation by the Institute Administration.

24.17 (iv) In Centrally Funded Technical Institutes like IITs, the institute provides licensed software in the Department for use by the student and faculty for academic purpose.

RESOLUTION: It was found that the Departments have submitted the requirements. Academic Council suggested that

these requirements may be submitted to the Stores & Purchase Section by the concerned Departments.

(v) Proper implementation of Institute Curriculum submitted by the Department of Civil Engineering.

RESOLUTION: The Academic Council advised to run all the courses [CE2151, CE2253, CE2254] which are included in the Academic Curriculum. The concerned Department may follow up with the Stores & Purchase and Finance Sections for procurement/upgradation of the infrastructure.

AC. 25.03: To consider the minutes of the meeting of the 32nd Board of Post Graduate Studies (BPGS) meeting held on 24.11.17.

[Note: The 32nd meeting of Board of Post Graduate Studies (BPGS) was held on the minutes of the meeting is placed at Annexure-III for approval.

However, The BPGS referred the recommendation of DPGC [the following Agenda Item No 32.07(3)] to the Academic Council to take decision as there is no such provision in the Academic Bye-laws (Masters and Ph.D. programmes) of the Institute. It is informed that the scholar is pursuing his Ph.D course in the Institute and availing fellowship under Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme. The matter for deliberation is *"Mr. Sarfraz Hussain, Roll No. Ph.D./FT/15/EC/07 has applied for advance Research Work at Semi-Conductor Laboratory (SCL), Department of Space, Govt. of India, Mohali without any financial assistance for a period of 6 (Six) months. As there is no such provision in Academic Bye Laws for Masters and Ph.D. Programmes. DPGC forwarded his application to BPGS for advice and BPGS endorsed the matter to Academic Council for decision."*

The Academic Council may like to approve the minutes of 32nd BPGS and also deliberate and decide on the above matter please.]

- (a) Prof. Saibal Chatterjee, Department of Electrical Engineering, submitted a note in response to the Resolution of Item No. 32.14 requesting to allow the External Members in the Doctoral Committee in case of his Research Scholars. He explained the academic necessity of expertise of the External Members from reputed Institutions and Labs of excellence in the Doctoral Committee. He also informed that the expertise of the External Members can be taken through video conference without their physical presence.
- (b) In case of Agenda Item No 32.07(3), it was informed that Institutions like IITs, NITs etc. allowed the Ph.D. scholars upto 12 months leave to carry out part of the research in another institute/R&D Lab/industry in India or abroad.

RESOLUTION: The minutes of 32nd BPGS were approved and the following was decided by the Academic Council:

(a) Appreciating the submission of Prof. Saibal Chatterjee, it was decided by the Academic Council on the Item No. 32.14 that the External Experts may be allowed as recommended by DPGC of the concern Dept.

(b) In case of Agenda Item No 32.07(3), the leave of the Ph.D. Scholar may be decided administratively, as per rules.

AC. 25.04: To consider the Semester Result for publication online i.e. on NERIST web-site.

[Note: Mr. Kyagung Dafri, General Secretary, SUN has submitted an application for publication of Semester result in the Institute website.

Academic Council may like to approve please.]

RESOLUTION: The Academic Council accepted the proposal of publication of result in the Institute website.

AC. 25.05: To consider the status report of ATN on recommendations of 138th report of the committee on Petitions of Rajya Sabha related to Leprosy Affected Persons.

[The Registrar has given opinion on the 138th report to consider free education for LAP and to approve the same to place in the Academic Meeting.

Academic Council may like to advise please.]

RESOLUTION: The Academic Council decided that the admission to the dependant wards of the LAPs will be provided as per instruction of the Govt. of India.

AC.25.06: To consider the Guidelines for Contingency Grant to the eligible Ph.D. Scholars of the Institute.

[Note: A Committee was constituted vide Order No. Acad/Ph.D./285/2012/Vol.IV (Pt.II) dated 21.09.2017. The Committee met on 03/10/2017 to frame the guidelines for Contingency Grant to the eligible Ph.D. Scholars of the Institute. The Committee has submitted the guidelines after examining the available guidelines of the UGC, research projects and notifications of the other Institute/University.

Academic Council may like to consider the guidelines for the Contingency Grant to the eligible Ph.D. Scholars of the Institute]

RESOLUTION: The Academic Council approved the guidelines for the Contingency Grant to the eligible Ph.D. Scholars of the Institute and date of effect for the implementation shall be from the date of issue of notification by the Institute.

AC.25.07: To consider the Revision of Academic Bye-Laws (Master and Ph.D. Programmes) of the Institute.

[Note: It was reported to the 21st meeting of Academic Council held on 22.08.2015 vide Item No AC.21.16(c), the matter of revision of the Academic Bye-Laws (Masters and Ph.D. Programmes) under the Chairmanship of the Dean (Acad) is in progress and the draft Bye-laws would be finalized soon. All the stakeholders were requested to send their feedback & comments to their respective HoD/HoC, so that the same can be discussed by the concerned HoD/HoC in their respective Departmental Meeting and the comments (Hard and Soft copies) of the Department may be sent to the Office of Dean (Acad) for incorporating in the revised draft of Academic Bye-Laws of the Institute.

Further, the Academic Council in its 24th Meeting held on 06.05.17 approved the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016 in supersession of UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./ Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2009 and as such there is the need for revision of the existing Academic Bye-Laws (Masters and Ph.D.).

The revised Academic Bye-Laws (Masters and Ph.D.) has been drafted after incorporating the comments of the different Departments and the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016 and placed for approval.

Academic Council may like to deliberate and approve.]

RESOLUTION: The Academic Council authorised Institute administration to constitute a 05(five) members' committee to examine the Revised Academic Bye-laws (Master and Ph.D. programmes) within 2(two) month time. The comments of the Members of the Academic Council on the Revised Academic Bye-Laws should be submitted within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of issue of the Minutes.

AC.25.08: To consider the Enhancement of Application Fees of NERIST Entrance Examination (NEE).

[Note: The NEE Committee has suggested in its meeting held on 14.11.2017 to enhance the application fees as follows:

Category	Existing Rate	Proposed Enhance Rate
General/OBC and all other candidates	Rs. 750.00 + Bank Transaction Charges	Rs. 1000.00 + Bank Transaction Charges
SC/ST/PWD	Rs. 400.00 + Bank Transaction Charges	Rs. 600.00 + Bank Transaction Charges

Academic Council may like to consider the proposal.]

RESOLUTION: The Academic Council approved the proposal to enhance the application fees.



AC.25.09: To consider the creation of new NEE Centre at Bomdila, West Kameng District of Arunachal Pradesh.

[Note: The Chairman, NEE has submitted a note along with copy of minutes of the NEE Committee to create a new NEE Centre at Bomdila, West Kameng District of Arunachal Pradesh, to facilitate the candidates of that region and also to reduce the pressure on the Itanagar Centres.

Academic Council may like to consider the proposal.]

RESOLUTION: The Academic Council approved the proposal.

AC.25.10: To consider the proposals of NERIST Entrance Examination (NEE) Cell.

[Note: Chairman, NEE, informed that different Centre Superintendents (copy enclosed) have raised that the honorarium for different activities and centre fees are not sufficient for smooth conduct of the NEE. NEE committees and Centre Representatives of the respective centres are also facing the operational difficulties during the entrance examination. Further, it is also proposed by the NEE Committee that reimbursements of NEE activities may be taken on priority/time-bound basis.

In this context, committee discussed on the proposal submitted by the previous NEE Chairman (copy enclosed) and proposed the same for consideration. The matter was subsequently placed in 21st Academic Council but result is awaited. Hence, once again the present NEE committee is submitting herewith the same proposal for consideration.

Further, it is also proposed that the fund generated from NEE may be kept intact for NEE activities on priority and the balance of fund may be transferred to Society account as revenue generated.

Academic Council may like to deliberate and approve.]

RESOLUTION: The Academic Council approved the enhancement the rate of Invigilators from existing Rs. 500 to Rs.750. The enhancement of the rates of different activities are recommended for placement in the next Finance Committee Meeting.

However, looking into the operational difficulties of the NEE, it was decided that NEE Cell may place the matter in the file so that approval can be accorded for enhancement of rates of the urgent items/activities administratively subject to the ratification in the next Academic Council Meeting.

Further, it was also decided that the fund generated from NEE should be kept intact for NEE activities on priority and the balance of fund may be transferred to Society account as revenue generated.

AC.25.11: To consider the Enhancement of Fees.

[Note: The fee for Original and Duplicate Certificates were fixed in the year 2007 and fee for transcript was fixed in the year 2009. But at present due to hike in stationery and the time and efforts involved in preparing the various items, the Controller of Examination has proposed to increase the existing fees as mentioned against each. Further, it is to mention that there was no fee for CGPA statement and Educational Verification by outside agencies. But due to implementation of 4-year Degree grade cards most of the students are asking for CGPA statement in each semester which has increased the load as well as consumption of stationery items. Therefore, it has also proposed to keep some fee for CGPA statement.

Sl. No.	Item	Existing Fee (In Rs.)	Proposed Fee (In Rs.)	Mode of Payment
1.	Original Certificate for Base & Diploma	200	500	Online as and when required
2.	Duplicate Provisional Certificate	200	500	-do-
3.	Duplicate Grade Card (Each Semester)	200	500	-do-
4.	Duplicate Certificate for Base & Diploma	400	1000	-do-
5.	Duplicate Degree & PG Certificate	400	1500	-do-
6.	Transcript	100	500	-do-
7.	Postal Charge (Within India)	50	100	-do-
8.	Postal Charge (Abroad)	100	300	-do-
9.	Supplementary Exam	300 Per subject	500	-do-
10.	Answer Script Showing	100 Per subject	300	-do-
11.	Makeup Test Fee	300 Per subject	500	-do-
12.	CGPA Statement	Nil	50	-do-
13.	Educational Verification by outside Agencies	Nil	500	-do-

In addition to the above, the Academic Section has proposed to enhance the following fees which were fixed almost a decade ago.

Sl. No.	Item	Existing Fee (In Rs.)	Proposed Fee (In Rs.)	Mode of Payment
1.	Migration Fees	200	500	Online as and when required
2.	Institute Leaving Certificate	0	250	-do-
3.	Duplicate Identity Card	200	250	-do-
4.	Bonafide Certificate	0	50	-do-
5.	Character Certificate	0	50	-do-

Further, it is observed that Institute do not charge any fees to the Degree, PG and Ph.D. students for Certificates who are attending the Convocation. Whereas, an amount of Rs. 1500/- is to be paid by the remaining students (In-absentia students) of Degree, PG and Ph.D. who are not attending the Convocation. However, all the pass out students have to pay Convocation Fee of Rs. 500/- at the time of submission of No Dues Certificate.

It is, therefore, proposed that all the pass out Degree, PG and Ph.D. students may pay Rs. 1500/- as Certificate Fee during submission of No Dues. The

Convocation Fee may be reduced from Rs.500/- to Rs. 250/- and paid by the students as and when they submit the form to attend the Convocation.

Academic Council may like to deliberate to consider the proposal.]

RESOLUTION: The Academic Council approved the proposal.

AC.25.12: To consider the proposal for conducting of Admission Test of PG and Ph.D. centrally.

[Note: Presently the PG & Ph.D. admissions procedures like advertisements, sending and receiving of applications are done manually. Initiatives have been taken to make it online admission process through automation. As of now the Admission Tests and declaration of results for PG/Ph.D. are conducted and published respectively by the concerned Departments.

It is proposed that the Admission Tests and Declaration of results may be conducted centrally, as per Academic Calendar of the Institute, by the NERIST Entrance Examination(NEE) Cell or by Examination Cell as deemed fit.

Academic Council may like to consider the proposal.]

RESOLUTION: The Academic Council decided to continue the present admission procedures.

AC.25.13: To consider the incorporation of the sentence “Medium of Instruction is English” in the Certificate/Mark Sheet.

[Note: Number of applications is being received by the Academic Section to provide certificate on the Medium of Instruction of the courses conducted by the Institute.

It is proposed that a Sentence “**Medium of Instruction is English**” may be incorporated in the Certificate/Mark Sheet provided by the Institute.

Academic Council may like to consider the proposal.]

RESOLUTION: The Agenda item was withdrawn.

AC.25.14: To consider the Suspension of M.Tech. (IT) Programme.

[Note: The Head of the Department (CSE) has submitted a note regarding suspension of M.Tech. (IT) Programme. The Computer Science and Engineering Department are offering four (04) programmes viz., B. Tech. (CSE), M. Tech. (CSE), M. Tech. (IT) and Ph.D. programmes. The Department find it difficult to run all the programmes with the present faculty strength. Moreover, the Guest Faculty has been withdrawn. The NBA team pointed out about the deficiency in faculty strength to run the above programmes. The Department has taken a decision to suspend the M. Tech.

(IT) programme till the required numbers of faculty members are provided to the Department.

Academic Council may like to deliberate the matter.]

RESOLUTION: The Academic Council approved, in principle. However, the Department was authorised to give a relook to continue the Programme subject to availability of the faculty in the Academic Year 2018-19.

AC.25.15: To consider the proposal for engagement of seven (07) numbers of Contractual Faculty or Suspend of M. Tech. (ECE) programme.

[Note: The Head of the Department (ECE) has submitted a note along with teaching load and minutes of the meeting. It is informed that the department is in short of 06 numbers of faculty members to run its current UG and PG courses smoothly for the next semester i.e. Jan-May 2018. Without the support of the requisite number of contractual/regular faculty members, the department is facing difficulties in running the courses.

The Department requested for engagement of 06(Six) numbers of Contractual faculty or permit the department to suspend its M.Tech. (ECE) till requisite numbers of faculty strength is provided to the department.

Academic Council may like to consider the proposal.]

RESOLUTION: The Academic Council advised the HoD(ECE) to prepare the work loads of each faculties of the Department with proper justification for the requirement of 6 (Six) numbers of the faculties. The Institute administration shall take up the matter with MHRD for resolving the issue. However, the Department was authorised to give a relook to continue the Programme subject to availability of the faculty in the Academic Year 2018-19.

AC.25.16: To consider the number of compulsory course in MBA 2nd Year 1st Semester.

[Note: The Controller of Examination has proposed to drop one common course from the list of courses offered by the Centre for Management Studies. It has been found difficult to conduct of the examination as two specializations cannot be clubbed on a single day. Further, it becomes taxing on the part of the examinees to appear in a common course and a specialization on same date to complete the examinations within 8 days as per Academic Calendar. It was also mentioned that prior to 2015, the combined credit structure of the courses floated by the CMS used to have total credit of 93.

Academic Council may like to deliberate.]

RESOLUTION: The Academic Council authorised the Department to decrease one of the Common Courses as per requirement of the

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Examination Cell for conducting the Examinations as per Academic
Calendar, subject to ratification by the Academic Council.**

AC.25.17: To consider the report/minutes of the Committee regarding limitations/ceilings of the number of the Ph.D. Scholars to award the MHRD/Institute Scholarship of each Engineering Departments to be admitted during 2018-19.

[Note: The Committee constituted vide No. Acad/Ph.D./Schol./477/2016 dated 16.11.2017 under the Chairmanship of Dean (Academic) has met on 07.12.2017 to examine the limitations of award of MHRD/Institute Fellowship to the Ph.D. Scholars during 2018-19. After detailed deliberation, the following were resolved by the Committee –

a. 1(One) Ph.D. Scholar each for every Engineering Departments i.e., Agricultural Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Electronics and Communication Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering per Academic year may be provided the MHRD/Institute Fellowship on the basis of the order of merit in the final selection for admission.

The number of Ph.D. scholars for each Engineering Department for MHRD/Institute fellowship may be increased to two or more from the Academic Session 2020-21 onwards once the batch admitted in 2013,2014 & 2015 complete their tenure of receiving the fellowship.

b. All the Scholars with a post graduate qualification in Science/Humanities/ Management must have a valid GATE/NET/SLET score for the award of MHRD fellowship.

c. The MHRD/Institute's scholarship should be finalized at the entry of the course.

Academic Council may like to deliberate and approve the report]

RESOLUTION: The Academic Council approved the proposal of limitation/ceiling of the number of Ph.D. Scholars to award MHRD/Institute Scholarship.

AC.25.18: To consider the SWAYAM Courses and Transfer of Credits.

[Note: The Coordinator, SWAYAM Courses, has submitted a note dated 08.12.2017 regarding approval of SWAYAM Courses and Transfer of Credits as per Action Plan 17-by-18. The Coordinator requested the Academic Council to discuss the following items to accord approval:

1. SWAYAM courses offered by different coordinators (e.g. NPTEL) are recognized by the Institute.
2. Departments have identified the list of courses at NERIST which are matching with SWAYAM courses (List of the courses from Dept. of ME, EE, CSE, MA and CH are enclosed as Annexure). These courses are approved to be offered under SWAYAM course.

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3. Departments are allowed to include more courses if the content of the courses at institute matches with SWAYAM course in future.
4. Depending on the availability of the faculty members, Departments will choose the course to be offered under SWAYAM.
5. Examination fee for SWAYAM courses for the students may be borne by the institute.
6. If a student fails in the SWAYAM course, the student shall be permitted for supplementary/regular examination at Institute level.
7. The marks obtained by the student under SWAYAM course shall be graded according to grading system of NERIST.
8. If a student passes a course under SWAYAM, the student will be allowed to seek transfer of credit.

Academic Council may like to deliberate and approve.]

RESOLUTION: The Academic Council approved the proposal, in principle. It was advised to the Committee to review the proposal at Sl.No. 5 and Sl. No 6 of the above regarding Examination Fees and permission for supplementary /regular examination at the Institute level.

AC.25.19: To consider the proposals of Hostel Management Council (HMC).

[Note: Chairman, HMC, has submitted a note dated 08.12.2017 on the following:

- a) Automation of Semester-wise Hostel Fee Activity.
- b) Accommodation of New Entrants (Boys' Students) in a single hostel.

Academic Council may like to deliberate and approve.]

RESOLUTION: The Academic Council approved the proposal submitted by the Chairman, HMC. It was advised that the HMC may initiate the process of automation (record keeping, bill generation and receipt of HMC fees) through the existing ERP.

HMC should make a comprehensive plan and execute for accommodating the new entrants (Boys' students) in a single hostel from the coming Academic Year.

AC. 25.20: REPORTING ITEMS

(a) To report on MoU signed between NERIST and RGU.

[Note: Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh and North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology, Nirjuli, Arunachal Pradesh has been executed on this 10th day of October, 2017.]

RESOLUTION: Noted.

(b) **To report on the modifications in students Grade Cards.**

[Note: The modifications have been approved by the Chairman, Academic Council on the resolution of item No.17.02 (ATR 16.04) of 17th Academic Council Meeting held on 17th April, 2014. The Notification has been issued vide No. Acad/AC/2015/450, dated: 17/10/201.]

RESOLUTION: Noted.

(c) **To report the Minutes of Special Academic Council Meeting.**

[Note: It was informed that the meeting of BoM will not be convened before 6th Convocation held on 10.11.2017 and the minutes of the meeting of Special Academic Council will be reported in next regular BoM Meeting.]

RESOLUTION: Noted.

(d) **Use of the word 'University' by Institutes Deemed to be Universities – Directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.**

[Note: The University Grants Commission has conveyed the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court for not to use the word "University" by the Institutes which are conferred the status of "Deemed to be University". The Institute has to comply with the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.]

RESOLUTION: Noted.

(e) **To Report on the separation of the SHRISTI activity from SONABYSS.**

[Note: On the request of Shri Saikat Majumder, SHRISTI Secretary regarding separation of the SHRISTI activity from SONABYSS activity, the Competent Authority has considered to organise SHRISTI activity separately. Accordingly, a Notification vide No. SHRISTI/17/01 dated 17th October, 2017 has been issued separating SHRISTI, the technical festival of NERIST, from RACAF (SONABYSS). The RACAF activity was held during 30th October to 4th November, 2017 and the SHRISTI will be held during 31st March to 3rd April, 2018.]

RESOLUTION: Noted.

(f) **To ratify the Academic Calendar of the Institute for the year 2018.**

[Note: The Academic Calendar for the year 2018 prepared by the committee constituted for this purpose and the Academic Calendar 2018 is approved by the Chairman, Academic Council and placed for ratification.

Academic Council may like to ratify.]

RESOLUTION: The Academic Council ratified the Academic Calendar for the Year 2018.

(g) **To ratify the revised syllabus of Civil Engineering Department of the Institute.**

[Note: The Department of Civil Engineering Department has submitted the revised UG and PG courses which has been approved by the Competent Authority and has been sent for printing.


Academic Council may like to ratify.]

RESOLUTION: The Academic Council ratified the syllabus of Civil Engineering Department.

AC.25: 21: Additional Agenda, if any, with the permission of the Chairman.

- a) The HoC, CMS has submitted a proposal to upgrade the Status of Centre for Management Studies to Department or School of Management Studies. It was advised that a detail proposal may be submitted to take decision administratively before approval of the Academic Council.
- b) The Registrar informed that Institute is having its different PDA from CPDA and this was pointed out by CAG/PAG with objection of spending of Rs. 1.8 crore in para of the report. He informed that a cumulative Professional Development Allowance for Rs. 3 (Three) lakhs for every block period of 3 years (Rs. One lakh per year) may be made available to every member of the faculty on reimbursable basis to meet the expenses for participating in both national and international conferences, pay the membership fee of various professional bodies and contingent expenses.
- c) The Registrar informed that the signing of agreement between the BillDesk Payment Gateway and NERIST for receiving academic fees from the Students, HMC fees and other fees etc. of the Institute through automation and by integrating the institute's Bank Accounts with the payment Gateway of the Bill Desk which is approved by the Competent Authority. Necessary action would be taken by the Academic Section and other in this regard.
- d) It was reported that the Students' Union of NERIST (SUN) has submitted a letter dated 14.12.2017 to the Director, NERIST on 07 (Seven) points to be taken up by the Institute. It was decided that the matter will be examined administratively.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


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