

MINUTES OF THE 113TH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL WAS HELD ON 12.12.2017 (TUESDAY) AT THE INDIRA MIRI CONFERENCE HALL, DIBRUGARH UNIVERSITY

Members present in the meeting:

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	Prof. P.K. Borua, Vice-Chancellor i/c, Dibrugarh University	-Chairperson
2.	Prof. N.K. Handique, Dean, School of Humanities	
	and Social Sciences, Dibrugarh University	-Member
3.	Prof. L.K. Nath, Dean, School of Science and Engineering,	
	Dibrugarh University	-Member
4.	Prof. D. Majumdar, Dean, School of Earth, Atmospheric, Science,	
	Environment and Energy, Dibrugarh University	-Member
5.	Prof. M. Hazarika, Dean, School of Education, D.U.	-Member
6.	Prof. S. Borthakur, Department of Assamese, D.U.	-Member
7.	Prof. J.K. Borah, Department of Assamese, D.U.	-Member
8.	Prof. P.D. Buzorbaruah, Department of Assamese, D.U.	-Member
9.	Prof. S. Borthakur, Department of Assamese, D.U.	-Member
10	Prof. S. Mahanta (Choudhury), Department of Assamese, D.U.	-Member
11.	Prof. D.K. Chakraborty, Head, Department of Economics, D.U.	-Member
12	Dr. M. Bordoloi, Head, Department of English, D.U.	-Member
13	Prof. B. Baruah, Head, Department of History, Dibrugarh University	-Member
14	Dr. R. Thapa, Dept of Political Science, Dibrugarh University	-Member
15	Prof. J. Borbora, Dept. of Sociology, Dibrugarh University	-Member
16	Prof. P. Sarma, Head, Dept. of Sociology, Dibrugarh University	-Member
17.	Prof. J.P. Saikia, Dept. of Sociology, Dibrugarh University	-Member
18	Prof. K.C. Goswami, Dept. of Commerce, Dibrugarh University	-Member
19	Prof. A. Saha, Dept. of Commerce, Dibrugarh University	-Member
20.	Dr. C. K. Nath, Head, Dept. of Commerce, Dibrugarh University	-Member
21	Prof. S.S. Singha, Dept. of Commerce, Dibrugarh University	-Member
22.	Dr. P.K. Gogoi, Head, Dept. of Education, Dibrugarh University	-Member
23.	Prof. N.K. Baruah, Dept. of Education, Dibrugarh University	-Member
24	Prof. T.K. Goswami, Head, Dept. of Applied-Geology, D.U.	-Member
25.	Prof. K.D. Kalita, Dept. of Applied-Geology, D.U.	-Member
26	Prof. N. K. Gogoi, Head, Dept. of Anthropology, Dibrugarh University	-Member
27.	Prof. S. Sengupta, Dept. of Anthropology, Dibrugarh University	-Member
28	Prof. J.G. Handique, Department of Chemistry, Dibrugarh University	-Member
29.	Prof. P. Das, Head, Department of Chemistry, Dibrugarh University	-Member
30	Prof. B. Neog, Head, Dept. of Life-Sciences, Dibrugarh University	-Member
31	Prof. D.S. Bora, Dept. of Life-Sciences, Dibrugarh University	-Member
32	Prof. T. Ali, Head, Head, Dept. of Mathematics, Dibrugarh University	-Member
33.	Prof. B.R. Sharma, Dept. of Mathematics, Dibrugarh University	-Member
34	Prof. P.N. Deka, Dept. of Mathematics, Dibrugarh University	-Member
	Prof. D. Chetia, Head, Dept. of Pharmaceutical-Sciences, D.U.	-Member
	Dr. K. Bhuyan, Head, Dept. of Physics, Dibrugarh University	-Member
37.	Prof. P. Borgohain, Head, Dept. of Petroleum Technology, D. U.	-Member

38. Prof. M. Das, Dept. of Petroleum Technology, Dibrugarh University39. Prof. B. Gogoi, Dept. of Statistics, Dibrugarh University	-Member -Member
40. Mr. Khirod Gogoi, Dhemaji College, Dhemaji	-Member
41. Dr. Lekhan Gogoi, Moridhal College, Moridhal	-Member
42. Dr. (Ms) Swapna Dutta, L.T.K. College, Azad	-Member
43. Dr. Ashok Borthakur, J.B. College, Jorhat	-Member
44. Dr. Ranjan Changmai, D.H.S.K. College, Dibrugarh	-Member
45. Mr. P.B. Sarma, Principal, Tinsukia Law College, Tinsukia	-Member
46. Shri Dulal Ch. Mahanta, Madhabdev College	-Member
47. Dr. Birinchi Kr. Borah, H.H.N.S. College, Jhanji	-Member
48. Dr. Sankar Patowary, Dhemaji Commerce College, Dhemaji	-Member
49. Principal, Jorhat Engineering College, Jorhat	-Member
50. Dr. N. Upadhyay, Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh	-Member
51. Ms Binita Dutta, Ex-Principal, PGTC, Jorhat	-Member
52. Dr. R. Saikia, Director, College Development Council, D.U.	-Member
53. The Director, Directorate of Open and Distance Learning, D.U.	-Member
54. The Deputy Controller of Examinations (A), D.U.	-Member
55. Dr. B. C. Borah, Deputy Registrar (Academic) D.U.	-Member
56. Prof. M.N. Dutta, Registrar, Dibrugarh University	-Secretary

The Chairperson extended a warm welcome to all the members and requested the Secretary to present the agenda items. On behalf of the Secretary, the Deputy Registrar (Academic) placed the matters as below.

Item No. 01: To consider confirmation of the Minutes of the 109th, 110th (Special), 111th (Special) and 112th (Special) Meeting of the Academic Council, Dibrugarh University.

Discussion: The Chairperson requested the Council to point out the omission or commission, if any in recording the Minutes of the 109th, 110th (Special), 111th (Special) and 112th (Special) Meetings of the Academic Council held on 05.05.2017, 16.06.2017, 22.06.2017 and 29.11.2016 respectively. The Deputy Registrar (Academic) highlighted the significant resolutions adopted in the last meetings and apprised about the actions taken on it. After a discussion, the Council confirmed the minutes of the 109th, 110th (Special), 111th (Special) and 112th (Special) meeting of the Academic Council.

Resolution No. 1 Resolved that the Minutes of the 109th, 110th (Special), 111th (Special) and 112th (Special) meeting of the Academic Council held on 05.05.2017, 16.06.2017, 22.06.2017 and 29.11.2016 respectively be confirmed.

- Item No. 02: To report the actions taken on the Minutes of the 109th, 110th (Special), 111th (Special) and 112th (Special) Meeting of the Academic Council, Dibrugarh University
- Discussion: The Deputy Registrar (Academic) presented the report on the actions taken on the Minutes of the 109th, 110th (Special), 111th (Special) and 112th (Special) Meeting of the Academic Council, Dibrugarh University held on 05.05.2017, 16.06.2017, 22.06.2017 and 29.11.2016 respectively. The Members discussed the report and noted the same.
- Resolution No. 2 Resolved that the Action Taken Reports on the Minutes of the 109th, 110th (Special), 111th (Special) and 112th (Special) meeting of the Academic Council held on 05.05.2017, 16.06.2017, 22.06.2017 and 29.11.2016 respectively be noted and accepted.
- Item No. 03:To consider recommendations of the 118th meeting of the Under Graduate Board held on 22.11.2017
 - a) To consider the draft of the Regulations, Course Structure and Syllabi of the BBA Programme under the UG- CBCS
- **Discussion:** The Deputy Registrar (Academic) placed the draft of the Regulations, Course Structure and Syllabi of the BBA Programme under the UG-CBCS as recommended by the 118th meeting of the Under Graduate Board held on 22.11.2017. The Council discussed the same and resolved as below:
- Resolution No.3: Resolved that the Draft of the Regulations, Course Structure and syllabi of the BBA Programme under the UG-CBCS as recommended by the 118th meeting of Under Graduate Board held on 22.11.2017. be approved.
 - b) To consider the draft of the Course Structure and Syllabi of the following subjects of the B.A, B.Sc, and B.Com Programme under the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS):

- 1. Assamese
- 2. Education
- 3. Political Science
- 4. Statistics
- 5. Sociology
- 6. Physics
- 7. Chemistry
- 8. Mathematics
- 9. Philosophy

- 10. Economics
- 11. Anthropology
- 12. Home Science
- 13. Geography
- 14. Boro
- 15. Bengali
- 16. Geology
- 17. Performing Arts
- 18. All subjects of the B.Com Programme
- **Discussion:** As recommended by the relevant Boards of Studies, the Deputy Registrar (Academic) placed the draft syllabi of the various subjects to be offered in the BA, B.Sc. and B.Com. Programmes in the Choice Based Credit System. He also apprised that the University is yet to receive the draft syllabi on some subjects like Electronics, Sanskrit, Computer Applications, Information Technology, etc. The Council unanimously opined that as it would not possible to examine the drafts in the meeting, these might be notified in the University website for all concerned inviting observations from the stakeholders within a stipulated date.

Resolution No.04: Resolved that the drafts of the Course Structures and Syllabi of the following subjects of the B.A. B.Sc. and B.Com Programmes of Dibrugarh University under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) be approved in principle.

- 1. Assamese
- 2. Education
- 3. Political Science
- 4. Statistics
- 5. Sociology
- 6. Physics
- 7. Chemistry
- 8. Mathematics
- 9. Philosophy

- 10. Economics
- 11. Anthropology
- 12. Home Science
- 13. Geography
- 14. Boro
- 15. Bengali
- 16. Geology
- 17. Performing Arts
- 18. All subjects of the B.Com Programme

Resolved further that the drafts of the Syllabi be uploaded in the University website inviting observations from the stakeholders before final notification, within a stipulated time.

c) To consider the draft of the New Course Structure and Syllabi of the BE Programme

Discussion: The Deputy Registrar (Academic) placed the drafts of the New Course Structure and Syllabi of the BE Programmes in Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Instrumentation Engineering and Electrical Engineering as recommended by the 118th meeting of Under Graduate Board held on 22.11.2017. The Council discussed the same and resolved as below:

- Resolution No.05: Resolved that the drafts of the New Course Structure and Syllabi of the BE Programmes in Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Instrumentation Engineering and Electrical Engineering as recommended by the 118th meeting of Under Graduate Board held on 22.11.2017 be approved.
- Item No. 04: To consider the recommendations of the 146th Meeting of the Post Graduate Board, Dibrugarh University held on 22.11.2017.
 - a) To consider the Revised Regulations and Syllabus of the MBA (Full Time) Programme under Non- CBCS.
- **Discussion:** The Deputy Registrar (Academic) placed the proposed draft of the Revised Regulations and Syllabus of the MBA (Full Time) Programme under the Non-CBCS as recommended by the Post Graduate Board held on 22.11.2017. The Council discussed the same and resolved as below:
- Resolution No.07 Resolved that the draft of the Revised Regulations and Syllabus of MBA (Full Time) Programme under the Non- CBCS as recommended by the Post Graduate Board held on 22.11.2017 be approved.
 - b) To consider the Revised Regulations and Syllabus of the MBA (Full Time) Programme under the CBCS.
- **Discussion:** The Deputy Registrar (Academic) placed the proposed draft of the Revised Regulations and Syllabus of the MBA (Full Time) Programme under the CBCS as recommended by the Post Graduate Board held on 22.11.2017. The Council discussed the same and resolved as below:
- Resolution No. 08 Resolved that the draft of the Revised Regulations and Syllabus of the MBA (Full Time) Programme under the CBCS as recommended by the Post Graduate Board held on 22.11.2017 be approved.

- c) To consider the Revised Regulations and Syllabus of the MBA (Part Time) Programme.
- **Discussion:** The Deputy Registrar (Academic) placed the proposed draft of the Revised Regulations and Syllabus of the MBA (Part Time) Programme under the CBCS as recommended by the Post Graduate Board held on 22.11.2017. The Council discussed the same and resolved as below:
- Resolution No 09 Resolved that the Revised Regulations and Syllabus of the MBA (Part-Time) Programme under the CBCS as recommended by the Post Graduate Board held on 22.11.2017 be approved.
 - d) To consider the introduction of the Post Graduate MBA in Travel & Tourism Management Programme (MTTM) replacing the existing Post Graduate Diploma in Tourism Management (PGDTM)
- **Discussion:** The Deputy Registrar (Academic) placed the proposal for introduction of the MBA in Travel & Tourism Management Programme (MTTM) replacing the existing Post Graduate Diploma in Tourism Management (PGDTM) conducted by the Centre for Management Studies as recommended by the Post Graduate Board held on 22.11.2017. The Council discussed the same and resolved as below:
- Resolution No. 10 Resolved that as recommended by the Post Graduate Board held on 22.11.2017, the proposal for introduction of the MBA in Travel and Tourism Management Programme (MTTM) in place of the existing Post Graduate Diploma in Tourism Management (PGDTM) Programme be accepted in principle.

Further resolved that the recommendation for introduction of the MBA in Travel and Tourism Management Programme (MTTM) in place of the existing Post Graduate Diploma in Tourism Management (PGDTM) Programme be examined by an Expert Committee in terms of its operational feasibility and market demands.

- Item No. 05: To consider recommendations of the meeting of the Research Council, Dibrugarh University held on 11.12.2017.
 - a) To consider partial amendment of the Dibrugarh University Regulations for the Research Council and for the Degree of the Ph.D (amended upto date)

- **Discussion:** The Deputy Registrar (Academic) apprised the Council that the Meeting of the Research Council held on 11.12.2017 deliberated upon certain pertinent issues related to the Dibrugarh University Regulations for the Research Council and for the Degree of the Ph.D. (amended upto date) and recommended three resolutions for consideration of the Academic Council. The Council discussed on these and adopted the following resolutions:
- Resolutions No 11:Resolved that the amendment in Clause 9 (a) (ii) A Faculty member of the
affiliated College with adequate research infrastructure (to be ascertained by
the Research Council) and a minimum of 1 (one) year teaching experience
having at least three research papers published in the referred journals. Out
of these, one paper must be published after attaining the Ph.D Degree and
shall have to be the corresponding author. However, in case of not fulfilling
the conditions above, proportionate weightage shall be given as per UGC
norms.
- Proposed sub- clause Further, the recognition of the Ph.D Supervisorship to a faculty member of an affiliated College/ (Institute) is attached with the institutional recognition of the College/Institute where he/she works, and hence the change of the College/Institute shall lead to the cancellation of the Ph.D Supervisorship of the person concerned.
 - **Resolutions No 12:** Resolved that a provision be created in the Dibrugarh University Regulations for the Research Council and for the Degree of the Ph.D. (amended upto date) to provide a chance for Betterment Examination to appear in any two of the Courses-I, II and/or III of the Ph.D. Course Work Examination to the candidates who could not secure minimum 'B' Grade in the examination.

Resolved further that, the provision for Betterment Examination be created with effect from the academic session 2016-2017.

Resolutions No13: Resolved that the Ph.D. Guideship to the person from other institutions on the basis of the NOC shall be considered subjectively.

Item No. 06: Any other matter with permission from the Chair.

- a) To report the Academic and Administrative Audit conducted during October- November, 2017.
- **Discussion:** The Chairperson apprised the Council that the second cycle of the Academic and Administrative Audit of the University was conducted in two phases during October November 2017 and the Committee made certain very important

recommendations for academic improvement of the University. The Deputy Registrar (Academic) was requested to place the reports of the Audit Committees for perusal of the Council. The Council opined that as recommended in the Audit reports, the University should take necessary steps for implementation of the CBCS in true spirit across the discipline delimitations. The Council further noted the other recommendations of the Audit Committees also.

Resolutions No14: Resolved that the Report of the Academic and Administrative Audit Committees be noted and accepted. Further, the University be requested to take up necessary measures for implementation of the recommendations of the Audit Committees examining their feasibilities.

b) To consider re-constitution of the Academic Planning Committee

- **Discussion:** The Deputy Registrar Academic apprised the Council that the term of the Academic Planning Committee (APC) of the University had expired and a new Committee needs to be re-constituted by the University. The Council noted the same and recommended reconstitution of the APC by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor with appropriate terms of references.
- Resolutions No.15: Resolved that the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University be requested to reconstitute the Academic Planning Committee (APC) of the University with appropriate terms of references.

c) To consider the report on the registration of Online Courses under SWAYAM.

Discussion: The Chairperson informed the Council that in compliance with the recent directives of the MHRD- UGC, the University has started a drive to orient and to facilitate the students for registration of Online Courses under SWAYAM as a part of the Government of India Digital Initiatives for Higher Education (Action Plan 17 by 17). He further apprised that about 1800 students of the University have already been registered under SWAYAM in 132 different subjects of their choices in a five day drive conducted by the motivated faculty members with the supervisions of Prof. A.B. Rajkonwar, Dean, School of Commerce and Management Science. The Council discussed on it and opined that the students of the University and Colleges must be properly guided by the faculty members so that they can be confidently accustomed with these new modes of pedagogy.

d) To consider the report of the signing of an MoU with Consortium for Educational Communication (CEC), New Delhi on preparation of digital contents

Discussion: The Chairperson apprised the Council that the University signed an MoU with the Consortium for Educational Communication (CEC), New Delhi on preparation of digital contents through the EMRC of the University. He also informed the Council that through this MoU, the University is getting an important opportunity to contribute towards the academic potentials of the faculties on a national platform and everybody should sincerely capitalize it.

The Council discussed the matter and noted the same.

e) To discuss on the matter of Examination Reforms proposed by Sri D.C. Mahanta

- **Discussion:** Sri D.C. Mahanta, Member of the Academic Council placed before the Council that recently certain anomalies have been detected in the question paper setting and moderation of the B.Sc. End Semester Examination, and the University should take immediate remedial measures to avoid such errors in future. Sri A. Hazarika, Deputy Controller of Examinations (A) clarified the status of the University on the grievance raised by Sri Mahanta admitting it as a typographical error. Prof. D.K. Chakraborty pointed out that the University should have a clear and objective policy on use of calculators and other gadgets in the examination hall by the examinees considering the primary objective of the subject concerned. The Council discussed the matter and suggested constitution of a Committee to review the present practice of the Question Paper Setting and Moderation as well as other relevant issues related to the conduct of examinations of the Under Graduate academic programmes.
- Resolutions No16: Resolved that a Committee be constituted to review the present practice of the Question Paper Setting and Moderation in the Under Graduate academic programmes and also other relevant issues related to the conduct of examinations of the Under Graduate academic programmes.

Resolved further that the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University be requested to constitute the Review Committee with appropriate terms of references.

As there was no other matter for discussion, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

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Sd/- M.N. Dutta Registrar and Secretary Academic Council Dibrugarh University

Sd/- Prof. P.K. Borua Vice-Chancellor i/c and Chairperson 113th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 12.12.2017 Dibrugarh University

Memo No: DU/DR-A/AC/7-1/18/83

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 The Deans, Dibrugarh University.
- 3. The Registrar, Dibrugarh University.
- 4. The Controller of Examinations, Dibrugarh University.
- 5. All members of the Academic Council, Dibrugarh University.

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Sd/-Dr. B.C. Borah Deputy Registrar (Academic) Dibrugarh University.

Date:12.01.2018.