



Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University
GUWAHATI – 781022

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 37th MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON
10.07.2023

Present were:


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| 1. Vice Chancellor | -- | Chairman |
| 2. Registrar | -- | Member |
| 3. Dean (Study Centre) <i>(Ref: As per Hon'ble Gauhati High Court Order dated 22/12/2022)</i> | -- | Member |
| 4. Dr. Marami Goswami Former Associate Professor
Department of Education, Gauhati College | -- | Member |
| 5. Prof N.N. Sarma, M.D. School of Management | -- | Member |
| 6. Prof Pranjit Bora, P.G.B. School of Humanities | -- | Member |
| 7. Prof Joydeep Barua, S.K.B. School of Social Science | -- | Member |
| 8. Dr. Bhabaranjan Sarma, Controller of Examination | -- | Member |
| 9. Dr. Parag Dutta, Associate Professor in Economics | -- | Member |
| 10. Dr. Neeva Rani Phukan, Associate Professor in Assamese | -- | Member |
| 11. Dean (Academic) i/c | -- | Member Secretary |

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and the Chairman of the Academic Council extended a warm welcome to all the members present. The Chairman called the 37th meeting of the Academic Council as in order and requested Dean (Academic) i/c to proceed with agenda items for consideration.

Item No.	Proceedings
AC.37/2023/1/1.1	Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 36 th meeting of Academic Council held on 9-03-2023. Resolution No.1.1: Resolved that Proceedings of the 36th meeting of the Academic Council held on 09-03-2023 be confirmed.
AC.37/2023/1/1.2	1.2 Reporting and Ratification of the Proceedings of the 8 th Research Council held on 22/06/2023. Enclosed as <i>Annexure- I-B</i> Resolution No.1.2: Resolved that Proceedings of the 8th meeting of the Research Council held on 22-06-2023 be confirmed.

Items for approval (AC.37/2023/2/2)

Item No.	Proceedings
AC.37/2023/2.1	Approval of the Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) of the Faculty Members of KKHSOU Discussion: A committee was constituted vide Notification No. KKHSOU/CAS/02/2019/54/2202 dated 23/02/2023 regarding finalization of modalities of Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) for the faculty members of the University. The committee discussed the matter regarding observations made by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor in view of the CAS format of KKHSOU and IGNOU and submitted their report in this regard. The members of the Academic Council discussed the Committee report and proceedings of the third meeting of the CAS Committee regarding the CAS format of the faculty members of KKHSOU and resolved as: Resolution No.2.1: Resolved that the Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) of the Faculty Members of KKHSOU be approved and recommended for approval in the Meeting of the Board of Management.



AC.37/2023/2.2	<p>Approval of the New PhD Regulation, 2023 for KKHSOU</p> <p>Discussion: To adopt the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the Award of PhD) Regulations, 2022 while conducting the University's PhD Programme, a committee was constituted vide Letter No. KKHSOU/Dean (Aca)/General Notification/07/2020/78 dated 01/02/2023 to suggest necessary revision to KKHSOU PhD Regulation, 2019. The Convener of the Committee briefed the Academic Council about the UGC requirement and submitted the report for approval in the Academic Council.</p> <p>Resolution No.2.2: Resolved that the New PhD Regulation, 2023 for KKHSOU be approved.</p>
AC.37/2023/2.3	<p>To Review the Existing Eligibility Criteria for MBA Admission</p> <p>Discussion: In the last admission session (2022-2023 winter session) of KKHSOU the eligibility criteria for MBA admission was changed as per the admission criteria of IGNOU. The admission for MBA programme was open for "any graduate with 50% marks and 45% marks in reserved category". The same has been retained for the ongoing admission of KKHSOU in the MBA Programme which was open on 03-07-2023.</p> <p>The University has received a number of requests for relaxation of marks in case of experienced candidates. They are eager to take admission; however, they do not fulfill the minimum eligibility criteria (50%) but they have working experience. In the earlier batches, the eligibility criteria varied. Minimum marks requirement was 40%. There was entrance test also and experienced candidates were exempted from Entrance Test. The learners have requested if similar relaxations could be exempted.</p> <p>Candidates having work experience as Working Professional/Entrepreneur/Self Employed of five years may be allowed to take admission subject to having a minimum of 40% marks in Graduation and submission of documents accordingly. Or, the same may be considered on case to case basis as and when the application</p>

	<p>for relaxation comes.</p> <p>In view of the above, the matter is placed for review in the Academic Council for an appropriate resolution.</p> <p>Resolution No. 2.3: Resolved that 50% for general and 45% marks in Degree for reserved category be retained as eligibility criteria for MBA admission.</p>
AC.37/2023/2.4	<p>Regarding offer of MBA and M. Com Programme with Options for Specialization</p> <p>Discussion: The M. Com programme of the University was approved by the Academic Council vide Resolution No. AC.35/2023/2.11 dated 18.01.2023. The same programme without specialisation was intended to be offered as M. Com programme and the 4th semester with specialisation options were intended to be offered as M. Com distinct PG programme. Similarly, is the case with MBA programme also. For MBA programme while applying to AICTE, the programme structure has provision for specialisation.</p> <p>In the interface meeting with UGC, it was suggested that as the University does not have the regulatory approval for MBA distinct programmes and inadequate faculty for all the six PG programmes of Maniram Dewan School of Management, specialisation options may be exercised. The Director of the concerned School has briefed about the proceeding of the school.</p> <p>In view of the above, the Academic Council is requested for an appropriate resolution.</p> <p>Resolution No. 2.4: Resolved that M. Com and MBA Programme be offered with specialization options as worked out by the respective disciplines for required number of credits.</p>



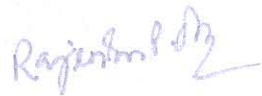

AC.37/2023/2.5	<p>Approval of the Finalized Syllabus for the Two-Year B.Ed. (ODL) Programme with Content Writers, Content Editors, and Language Editors for the B.Ed. (ODL) programme</p> <p>Discussion: The Indira Miri School of Education has prepared the syllabus of the two-year B. Ed (ODL) Programme allowing students a maximum of 5 years to complete it from the date of admission and finalised the same in the meeting of their School of Studies. They have also prepared a list of the content writers, content editors and language editors for developing self-study materials.</p> <p>Resolution No. 2.5: Resolved that the syllabus of the two-year B. Ed (ODL) Programme and the List of Content Writers, Content Editors and Language Editors prepared by Indira Miri School of Education be approved.</p>
AC.37/2023/2.6	<p>To Consider the Modus Operandi of the Formative Assessment</p> <p>Discussion: The Controller of Examinations has put forwarded a proposal regarding Formative Assessment and Home Assignment for the newly admitted Learners under NEP 2020.</p> <p>In partial modification of the earlier notification No. <i>KKHSOU/COE/Academic Council/IA/ 2021 dated 8.02.2021</i>, <i>the Formative Assessment marks will be submitted by the concerned study centres as per format.</i></p> <p>As per UGC regulation (04-09-2020) Clause 15, KKHSOU has decided in the 34th Academic Council Meeting that the Total Marks for Internal (Formative) Assessment will be 30%, and that for Summative Assessment will be maximum 70% i.e. 30 marks and 70 marks out of Total 100 marks (or 15 and 35 marks out of total marks 50). However, due to some technical issues and ambiguities, the Controller of Examinations has proposed some modifications which are placed for consideration and approval. The members discussed in brief the proposal of CoE regarding Formative Assessment and Home</p>

	<p>Assignments and decided to resolved as:</p> <p>Resolution No. 2.6: It is resolved that the proposal submitted by the Controller of Examinations in the 37th Academic Council regarding the introduction of new mechanism for Formative Assessment with total 50 marks' Assignments for the learners, as detailed in the Annexure, is accepted and will be implemented from the next session.</p>
AC.37/2023/2.7	<p>Approval of Content Writers, Editors, Language Editors, Video Presenters, Reviewer, Translators, Editing and Graphics proposed by different School of Studies</p> <p>Discussion: The members discussed in brief about the list of Content Writers, Editors, Language Editors, Video Presenters, Reviewer, Translators, Editing and Graphics proposed by different School of Studies and resolves as follows:</p> <p>Resolution No. 2.7: The Academic Council approved the List of Content Writers, Editors, Language Editors, Video Presenters, Reviewer, Translators, Editing and Graphics proposed by different School of Studies.</p>
AC.37/2023/2.8	<p>Formation of a New Editorial Board for the Existing Journal of KKHSOU</p> <p>Discussion: As discussed in the 8th Research Council Meeting held on 22/06/2023 regarding formation of a new Editorial Board for the existing journal of KKHSOU, the Dean Academic i/c took an initiative. The matter has been discussed with the Directors of various Schools and accordingly a new Committee has been proposed for an appropriate resolution in the Academic Council. The proposed committee is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Editor: Dr. Parag Dutta, Associate Professor, 2. Members: Dr. Bhaskar Bhattacharyya, Dr. Abhijit Bhuyan, Dr. Ritimoni Bordoloi, Dr. Antara Mahanta, Dr. Trisha D. Baruah, Dr. Chayanika Senapati, Dr. Sruti Srubba Bharali and Dr. Sanjib Borah.

	<p>Journal may need an Advisory Board. Academic Council may suggest measures regarding constitution of the Editorial Advisory Board. After detailed discussion, the meeting resolves as follows:</p> <p>Resolution No. 2.8: Resolved that the proposed committee for the existing Journal of KKHSOU be approved in principle and responsibility of suggesting the names for constitution of the Editorial Advisory Board be given to the Editor Dr. Parag Dutta.</p>
AC.37/2023/2.9	<p>Reconstitution of the Board of Bhupen Hazarika School of Mass Communication</p> <p>Discussion: In view of the notification issued vide Ref:KKHSOU/School of Studies/14/2020/55/2472, dated 14/06/2023 the Board of Bhupen Hazarika School of Mass Communication has been reconstituted and notified accordingly. The matter was placed for appraisal in the Academic Council.</p> <p>Resolution No.2.9: The Academic Council appraised the Board of Bhupen Hazarika School of Mass Communication.</p>
AC.37/2023/2.10	<p>Approval of inclusion of Arc Radius, Goba Verification and its Applications in the Curriculum</p> <p>Discussion: In view of the Prime Minister's Official letter ID (PMOPG/D/2020/0038056, dated 06/02/2020) regarding inclusion of "Arc Radius, Goba Verification and its Applications" in the curriculum of research methodology, post-graduate, graduate, etc. is placed for an appropriate resolution. After discussion, the Academic Council resolves as follows:</p> <p>Resolution No. 2.10: Resolved that the matter be discussed with the Director of the Hiranya Chandra Bhuyan School of Science and Technology regarding importance and inclusion of the courses in the curriculum.</p>

AC.37/2023/2.11	<p>Inclusion of Two Outside Members in the Research Council</p> <p>Discussion: In the 8th meeting of the Research Council held on 22/06/2023, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor suggested for inclusion of two outside members in the Research Council and ratification by the Academic Council. After discussion in brief, it was decided as follows:</p> <p>Resolution No. 2.11: Deferred.</p>
AC.37/2023/2.12	<p>Any other matter</p> <p>Discussion: Dr. Neeva Rani Phukan raised the issue of Usha Das connecting to change the guideship. The matter was discussed and finally resolved as:</p> <p>Resolution No.2.12: Resolved that a Committee be constituted with Dr. Pranjit Bora, Dr. Marami Goswami and Dr. Neeva Rani Phukan to look into the matter of Ms. Usha Das and to submit a report of the same.</p>

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



Signature of the Chairman
Vice-Chancellor
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