



**Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University**  
**GUWAHATI – 781022**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 8<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL (RC) HELD**  
**ON 22.06.2023**

Present were:

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| 1. Vice Chancellor      | -- | Chairman         |
| 2. Prof. N.N. Sarma     | -- | Member           |
| 3. Dr. Prasenjit Das    | -- | Member           |
| 4. Dr. Parag Dutta      | -- | Member           |
| 5. Dr. Pranab Saikia    | -- | Member           |
| 6. Dean (Academic) i/c  | -- | Member Secretary |
| 7. Prof. Joydeep Baruah | -- | Special Invitee  |
| 8. Prof. Pranjit Bora   | -- | Special Invitee  |

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and the Chairman of the Research Council extended a warm welcome to all the members present. The Chairman called the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Research Council to be in order and requested Dean (Academic) i/c to proceed with agenda items for consideration.

Item No.	Agenda with Notes
RC.8/2023/8/1.1	<p>Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Research Council held on 26.12.2022.</p> <p>Resolution No.8.1.1: Resolved that the Proceeding of the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Research Council held on 26.12.2022 be confirmed.</p>



Items for approval (RC.8/2023/8/2)

Item No.	Proceedings
RC.8/2023/8/2.1	<p><b>Provisional Registration of the Ph.D. Scholars of 2021-2022 batches.</b></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> The matter was placed in the Research Council and the Council accepted the list of topics of provisional registration of the scholars for M.Phil./Ph.D. 2021-2022 batch (except the list of Prof. Jayanta Kumar Sarmah) which are based on RAC presentation and external expert's report. The members had discussed the matter in detail and resolved the following:</p> <p><b>Resolution No.8.2.1: Resolved that the list of topics of Provisional Registration be approved except the scholars under Prof. Jayanta Kumar Sarmah. As the matter is subjudiced, it was suggested that a legal opinion is to be taken before deciding on the matter. Meanwhile, in the interest of the scholars, the RC advised that the concerned RAC should look into the matter of guiding the scholars till a final decision is arrived at.</b></p>
RC.8/2023/8/2.2	<p><b>Finalization of the Draft Ph.D. Advertisement, 2023 along with the No. of Seats to be offered.</b></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> The Research Council discussed in brief the draft of Ph.D. advertisement, 2023 along with seats and schedule of Ph.D. admission 2023. The Council after deliberate discussion finalized the seats for Admission in Ph.D. Programme, 2023 and accordingly the total seats to be advertised will be 37. Further, it was decided that Entrance Examination will be in Offline Mode and in three venues i.e. Guwahati, Jorhat and Silchar depending upon the number of applicants.</p> <p><b>Resolution No.8.2.1: Resolved that Seats for admission in Ph.D. Programme 2023 along with the Ph.D. Advertisement has been finalized and the total seats to be Advertised will be of 37 including all disciplines.</b></p>





Sl. No.	Discipline	No. of Seat
1	Economics	6
2	Political Science	2
3	Sociology/Social Work	5
4	Assamese	2
5	English	2
6	Commerce	3
7	Management	1
8	Education	6
9	Computer Science	5
10	Journalism and Mass Communication	5
<b>Total seats</b>		<b>37</b>

**Resolution No.8.2.2:** Resolved that the Entrance Examination will be held Offline and in three venues i.e. Guwahati, Jorhat and Silchar depending upon the number of applicants.

RC.8/2023/8/2.3

**Appraisal of withdrawals from Ph.D./M.Phil Programmes.**

**Discussion:** The withdrawal of Ms. Alimpika Sarma, Ph.D Scholar, 2021 batch, Discipline of Commerce, Ms. Kumarika Bordoloi, Ph.D Scholar, 2021 batch, Discipline of Journalism and Mass Communication, Ms. Sunny Shreya Dutta, Ph.D Scholar, 2020 batch, Discipline of Economics, Ms. Malabika Goswami, Ph.D Scholar, 2017 batch, Discipline of Sociology from the Ph.D Programme and Appraisal of withdrawal of Ms. Anwasha Hazarika, Discipline of Political Science from the M.Phil Programme was briefed to the Research Council and resolved as follows.

**Resolution No.8.2.3:** Resolved that the matter of withdrawal of Alimpika Sarma, Ph.D Scholar, 2021 batch, Discipline of Commerce, Kumarika Bordoloi, Ph.D Scholar, 2021 batch, Discipline of Journalism and Mass Communication, Sunny Shreya Dutta, Ph.D Scholar, 2020 batch, Discipline of Economics, Malabika Goswami,





	<p>Ph.D Scholar, 2017 batch, Discipline of Sociology from the Ph.D Programme and Appraisal of withdrawal of Anwesha Hazarika, Discipline of Political Science from the M.Phil Programme batch be ratified.</p>
RC.8/2023/8/2.4	<p>Matter relating to Ph.D Guideship of Dr. Gargi Gayan, Discipline of Sociology, Surya Kumar Bhuyan School of Social Sciences and Dr. Sanjib Borah, Discipline of Assamese, Padmanath Gohain Baruah School of Humanities.</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> The Research Council in brief discussed the report of Library In-charge regarding status of Research Journals of Dr. Gargi Gayan and Dr Sanjib Borah and the Research Council approved the Ph.D. guideship of Dr. Gargi Gayan and Dr Sanjib Borah.</p> <p><b>Resolution No.8.2.4:</b> Resolved that the guideship of Dr. Gargi Gayan and Dr. Sanjib Borah be approved.</p>
RC.8/2023/8/2.5	<p>Matter relating to Revision of Course Work Syllabus and New Ph.D. Regulations of the University.</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> The Research Council discussed the Draft Report of the New PhD Regulations submitted by the Convener Prof. Joydeep Baruah. After detailed discussion, the meeting approved the Draft Regulations and advised the Dean Academic Office to circulate it among the faculty members for their information and suggestions if any via email before placing it in the ensuring Academic Council. Regarding revision of Course Work Syllabus, the members were in favour of a new committee to be constituted with the representatives from the concerned schools.</p> <p><b>Resolution No.8.2.5:</b> Resolved that the Draft PhD Regulations be approved in principle and be circulated among the faculty members for their inputs if any. Regarding revision of PhD Course Work Syllabus, a Committee be constituted with the representatives from the concerned Disciplines.</p>





RC.8/2023/8/2.6	<p><b>Ms Reetu Gogoi, Ph.D scholar of Assamese 2018 Batch and Ms. Usha Das, Ph.D. scholar of Assamese 2019 Batch had applied requesting for change of Ph.D guide. The respective guide of both the scholars is Prof. Umesh Deka (Rtd.) of Discipline of Assamese.</b></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> The members discussed the matter in detail regarding the request of both the scholar along with the present status and progress of their research work. After deliberate discussion, the meeting resolved as follows:</p> <p><b>Resolution No.8.2.6:</b> The meeting resolved that in case of Ms. Reetu Gogoi, the concerned RAC be intimated to suggest a new supervisor. In case of Ms. Usha Das, it is resolved that as the scholar has informed her inconvenience for carrying out her PhD work under the supervision of Prof. Umesh Deka, a new supervisor may be allotted on the condition that Prof. Deka be first formally informed of the matter by the Office of the Dean Academic.</p>
RC.8/2023/8/2.7	<p><b>Prayer for continuation of Ph.D. Programme of Ms. Karabi Thakuria, Ph.D. scholar of Assamese, 2018 batch.</b></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> The matter was placed in the meeting as per the decision of the Research Council's Meeting held on 03/11/2021 vide Resolution No. 3/2021/3/6 which was apprised and ratified by the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) extending 15 days' time to the concerned scholar for intimation if any from her side. The concerned scholar, however did not respond and submitted an application later on i.e. 22/12/2022 for continuation of her work. After detailed discussion of the matter, the meeting finally decided to accept the decision of the RC meeting held on 03/11/2021 recommending discontinuation of the PhD programme of Ms. Karabi Thakuria</p> <p><b>Resolution No.8.2.7:</b> Resolved that the prayer of Ms. Karabi Thakuria for continuation of PhD work be rejected and the scholar</p>



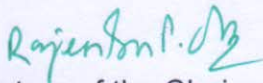


	may be informed accordingly.
RC.8/2023/8/2.8	<p><b>Prayer for continuation of M.Phil. Programme of Mr. Rupam Das and Mr. Dipjyoti Medhi, M.Phil. scholar of Assamese, 2021 batch.</b></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> The meeting discussed the matter regarding the application of Rupam Das and Dipjyoti medhi to continue their research work. Both the scholars had crossed the maximum time limit as per rule. After detail discussion, the meeting resolved as follows:</p> <p><b>Resolution No.8.2.8: Resolved that the prayer of Mr. Rupam Das and Mr. Dipjyoti Medhi for continuation of M. Phil work be rejected and the scholars may be informed accordingly.</b></p>
RC.8/2023/8/2.9	<p><b>Any Other Matter</b></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> Many important issues were discussed among the members here. Hon'ble VC and the Chairman placed the following points for discussion i.e. Inclusion of two outside experts in the research Council ratified by Academic Council; Implementation of bio-metric attendance for the Research Scholars specially JRF Scholars and to organize a meeting of the JRF Scholars with the Hon'ble VC. Discussion was also made about the continuation of the existing Journal with a new Editorial Board. In this regard, Hon'ble VC advised that the editorial board should not prefer or encourage the internal members to publish article(s) without review and there should be an honorarium of Rs. 3000.00 (Three Thousand) only for per article to meet the various expenses in the process of publication of the journal which will be collected only after selection of the article. Provision of honorarium should also be there for the Editor(s). The Name of Dr. Parag Dutta was proposed by the Chairman as the Editor of the Journal.</p> <p><b>Resolution No.8.2.9.1: Resolved that the existing Journal of the KKHSOU be continued and a new Committee be constituted taking Dr. Parag Dutta as the Editor of the Journal.</b></p>



	<b>Resolution No.8.2.9.2: Resolved that the suggestions of Hon'ble VC for inclusion of two outside members in the Research Council is to be placed before the Academic Council for consideration and direction.</b>
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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)



(Signature of the Member Secretary)