

# त्रिपुराविश्वविद्यालय/ TRIPURA UNIVERSITY सूर्यमणिनगर/Suryamaninagar, त्रिपुरा/Tripura- 799022

F.TU/REG/AC/18/2016

Date: 13<sup>th</sup>May, 2016

Proceeding of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Academic Council held on 12th May, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. in the Council Hall, Administrative Building, Tripura University

Members present in the meeting:

1. Prof. Anjan Kumar Ghosh, Vice-Chancellor, T.U.

2. Prof. Anjan Mukherjee. Pro-Vice-Chancellor, T.U.

3. Prof. M.K. Singh.

Dean, Faculty of Science, T.U. 4. Prof. S. Poddar,

Dean, Faculty of Arts & Commerce, T.U.

5. Prof. G.D. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, Bilaspur University, M.P.

6. Prof. Jayanta Kumar Ray, National Research Professor, MHRD, New Delhi

7. Prof. S.K. Sil,

Head, Department of Human Physiology, T.U. 8. Dr. V.K. Mishra,

Head, Department of Hindi, T.U.

9. Prof. R.K. Sinha, Department of Botany, T.U.

10. Prof. K.N. Jena, Department of Political Science, T.U.

11. Dr. Dipannita Chakraborty (Roy Choudhury) Principal, BBMC, Agartala

12. Sri Arup Kr Das Chaudhuri

Principal (I/C), TIT, Narsingarh, West Tripura 13. Dr. Paramita Saha

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, T.U.

14. Dr. Syed Arshad Hussain

Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, T.U.

15. Sri O.S. Adhikari Registrar, T.U.

- Chairman

- Ex-Officio Member

- Member

- Member

- Member (Visitor's Nominee)

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- Member

- Ex-Officio Secretary

At the onset of the meeting, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members to the eighteenth meeting of the Academic Council. After that, as well as, members attending the meeting for the first time were felicitated with flower bouquets and a big round of applause.

Agenda 1/18/2016:

To confirm the proceedings of the 17th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.

Confirmed with the following note of dissent:

'The agenda 27/05/2015 of the 16th meeting of the Academic Council ( held on 21.05.2015 ) had already raised a question about the inclusion of Prof. Arun Hota in BPGS of Hindi Department, TU. The illegal BPGS (with Prof. Arun Hota as one of the member) of Hindi had recommended Ph.D. registration in favour of Sri Harendra Kr.

Srivastava and Sri Bajrang Chauhan. No decisions or orders have been received by the Visitor on the resolution adopted in the agenda35/23/2015 of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting (dated 30-31 July, 2015) matter to the Visitor to settle it. I, therefore, place a note of dissent in the proceedings of the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council today by saying that till a formal decision of the Visitor in the matter of Prof. Arun Hota's validity as the member of the BPGS of Hindi Department is received by Tripura University as evidence of the matters, the Ph.D. registration of Sri Harendra Kumar Srivastava and Sri Bajrang Chauhan be kept in abeyance

Date:12.05.2016Sd-Prof. M.K.Singh

Dean, Faculty of Science

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Member of Academic Council< Tripura University'

# Agenda 2/18/2016:

To report the action taken on the Proceedings of the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.

### Noted

A notification be issued mentioning that as per the UGC mandate relating to the Centre for Studies on Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy Ph.D. registration may be done in the Tripura University CSSEIP with immediate effect.

# Agenda 3/18/2016:

To place the NAAC Accreditation Report & NIRF Ranking Report of Tripura University.

Noted the NAAC accreditation & NIRF reports with satisfaction. Corrective steps be taken by the University Departments including the Central Library to address the deficiencies revealed in the report/s and strengthen the position of Tripura University.

## Agenda 4/18/2016:

To place the proceedings of the meeting of the Dean's Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup>December, 2015; 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2016; 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2016; 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 and 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

Approved.

# Regarding the highlighted sections following resolutions were adopted

Agenda 3, dated 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2015: To consider the letter of HoD, Department of Business Management, TU regarding observation of NAAC Team about running of BBA Course in the University.

The committee took note of the following decision of the Academic Council (vide Academic Council Agenda 09/03/AC/18 dated 28.06.2009) and resolved that this be implemented from the next academic session and Executive Council Agenda 04/07/2009 dated 13.09.2009 – "Resolved that Semester System of examination be followed for BBA from 2009-2010 Academic Session. Further resolved that since BBA/BCA are basically UG Courses, it be transferred to affiliated colleges in future".

AC Resolution: The Academic Council took note of the above and resolved to reiterate its earlier stand in the matter.

Agenda 7, dated 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2015: To consider the letter of the Director, Higher Education, Govt. of Tripura Seeking Academic Autonomy in favour of TIT, Narsingarh.

The B.Voc Programmes introduced in the University be rechristened as Skill Based B.Voc Programmes.

Agenda 1, dated 08.03.2016: To confirm the proceedings of the meeting of the Dean's Committee held on 27.01.2016.

Resolved that the proceedings be confirmed subject to the modification that the resolution under Miscellaneous Agenda Item No 5(i) be substituted as follows:

Resolved that all contractual teachers of the University fulfilling the UGC prescribed qualifications and recruited through duly constituted Selection Committee be paid a consolidated salary at the minimum of the UGC Pay Band for the post of Assistant Professor plus Grade Pay and admissible Dearness Allowances.

AC Resolution: Taken out in view of the matter having financial implication.

Agenda 5, dated 05.04.2016: To place the UGC Regulations, 2008 for Grant of Degrees and other Awards by Universities.

Resolved that the matter be noted and referred to the Academic Council of the University for a policy decision.

AC Resolution: Adopted. Steps be taken for its implementation. 30<sup>th</sup> November be fixed for the date of award of degrees and other awards by the University

Agenda 5/18/2016:

To place the proceedings of the meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Tripura University held on 12.11.2015, 11.12.2015, 08.01.2016, 05.02.2016, 22.03.2016, 01.04.2016 and 03.05.2016.

Approved.

The matter of re-designation of Sri Swarup Nandi and Sri Sumanta Saha be further looked into in view of their obtaining M.Tech Degree under Distance mode.

Agenda 6/18/2016:

To consider the proceedings of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Faculty of Studies of Science held on 28.03.2016.

Approved.

Agenda 7/18/2016:

To consider the proceedings of the third meeting of the Board of Faculty of Arts & Commerce held on 29.03.2016.

Approved.

Agenda 8/18/2016:

To consider the proceedings of the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Advisory Council of Directorate of Distance Education, Tripura University held on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 and 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2016 respectively.

Approved.

EoI be invited for development of printed and on line study materials for the Programmes offered under Directorate of Distance Education of the University. A Cell be set up in the DDE to monitor the work of development of study materials.

Resolved that the application of TIT, Narsingarh seeking autonomy be endorsed by the University for onward Transmission to the UGC.

AC Resolution: The Academic Council took note of the UGC letter no date received in response to the application submitted through the University by TIT, Narsingarh seeking autonomy and resolved that attention of the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Tripura be drawn on the matter.

Agenda 4, dated 18.01.2016: To consider the proposal submitted by Dr. Prabhat Saha, HoD (I/C), Department of Law, T.U. regarding inclusion of Political Science and Sociology as allied disciplines of the subject Law.

After threadbare discussion it was resolved that the subjects Law and Mathematics be incorporated in the Social Science and Engineering group respectively in the Ph.D. Regulations of the University.

# AC Resolution: The Academic Council took note of the above and resolved that the resolution be partially modified as follows:

After threadbare discussion and in view of another proposal to include Mathematics in Engineering Group it was resolved that the subjects Law and Mathematics be incorporated in the Social Science and Engineering group respectively in the Ph.D. Regulations of the University.

Agenda 6, dated 18.01.2016: To consider the letter dated 13.08.2015 from the Secretary, UGC relating to the proposal of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, GOI regarding introduction of NSS as Credit Based Elective Subject in Higher Education

Resolved that the matter be accepted in principle and recommended to the Academic Council of the University. Also resolved in this context that the subject NSS be attached to the Department of Physical Education, TU.

### Approved.

Agenda 9.3, dated 18.01.2016: Miscellaneous Agenda on Rules & Regulations for the Post Graduate Programme under Choice Based System

Resolved that the detailed Rules & Regulations for the Post Graduate Programme under Choice Based System be recommended to the Academic Council for acceptance.

# Approved.

Agenda 3, dated 27.01.2016: To consider the query raised by Director, Research, RRII, Kottayam and decide on policy to run the B.Voc. Programme in the University as per the UGC guidelines.

Resolved that a communication be made to the Director, Research, RRII, Kottayam requesting for academic as well as technical support from them and conveying the following:

- (a) Honorarium shall be paid to the faculties from RRII at the rate approved by UGC for B.Voc programme.
- (b) University would pay a lump sum amount of Rs. 1,00,000/- (one lakh only) to RRII, Kottayam for development of study material, laboratory training etc. for the entire three-year B.Voc programme.

(c) Payment as at (b) above shall be made in two instalments.

### Approved.

Agenda 9/18/2016:

To consider the letter F.No. 378/2015-Desk (U), dated 18.01.2016 from the Under Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of HRD, Department of Higher Education, New Delhi regarding de-affiliation of six colleges from Tripura University to be affiliated and merged with Maharaja Bir Bikram University in terms of Section 7(2) of the Tripura University Act, 2006.

The University does not have any objection to de-affiliation of some colleges from Tripura University and their merger with Maharaja Bir Bikram University. However, professional and technical colleges may be de-affiliated as a whole and not in part by part manner.

Agenda 10/18/2016:

To report that the NCTE has accorded formal recognition under Clause 7(16) of the NCTE Regulation, 2014 for the following programmes with intake as mentioned against each in Tripura University from the academic session 2016-17:

- (a) M.P.Ed 50 (One basic unit)
- (b) 4 years B.A/B.ScB.Ed Integrated 50 (One basic unit)
- (c) B.Ed 50 (One basic unit)

The Academic Council took note of the facts and circumstances facing the University and resolved that the UGC be further pursued in the matter. Regarding starting of M.P.Ed and Four Year Integrated B.A./B.Sc.B.Ed Programmes it was resolved that admission process be initiated only after obtaining formal clearance of the UGC.

Agenda 11/18/2016: To report/consider the detailed syllabi of the following UG courses:

- (a) English: Semester I to VI (Major, Compulsory, Alternative, Elective & Communicative)
- (b) Bengali: Semester IV to VI (Major) & IV-V (General)
- (c) Sanskrit: Semester IV (Major & General)
- (d) Hindi: Semester I to VI (Major & General)
- (e) Kokborok: Semester IV to V (General)
- (f) Pali : Semester IV V (General)
- (g) History: Semester IV to VI (Major & General)
- (h) Education: Semester IV to VI (Major & General)
- (i) Political Science: Semester IV (Major & General), Semester V & VI (Major), Semester V (General)
- (j) Economics: Semester I to VI (Major & General)
- (k) Philosophy: Semester IV to VI (Major & General)
- (l) Psychology: Semester IV V (Major & General)
- (m) Sociology: Semester IV (Major & General)
- (n) Defense& Strategic Studies: Semester IV V (General)
- (o) Physical Education (General): Semester III to V (General)
- (p) Commerce : Semester IV (General)
- (q) Physics : Semester IV (Major & General)
- (r) Chemistry: Semester IV (Major & General)
- (s) Mathematics: Semester I to VI (Major)
- (t) Statistics: Semester I to V (General) & Semester I to VI (Major)
- (u) Geography: Semester I to VI (Major & General)
- (v) Zoology: Semester IV V (Major & General)
- (w) Botany: Semester IV (Major & General), Semester V (General), Semester V - VI (Major)
- (x) Physiology: Semester IV (Major & General)
- (y) Computer Skills: Semester IV
- (z) Public Administration: Semester V
- (e) Computer Science: Semester V

Approved.

**Agenda 12/18/2016:** To report the grant of permanent affiliation to Tripura Medical College& Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Memorial Teaching Hospital.

Approved.

**Agenda 13/18/2016:** To place the report of the Inspection teams for grant of permanent affiliation to the College of Agriculture, Govt. of Tripura.

Approved.

Agenda 14/18/2016: To place the report of the Inspection teams on the following Colleges/Institutions:

- (a) Tripura Tribal Folk Music College
- (b) Tripura State Academy of Tribal Culture
- (c) SDM Govt. Music College
- (d) Holy Cross College
- (e) DDMC, Khowai

Approved.

**Agenda 15/18/2016:** To place report of inspection dated 11.08.2015 on Tripura Sundari College of Nursing.

Resolved that the earlier decision of the Academic Council on the matter be adhered to.

Agenda 16/18/2016: To consider the tentative Academic Calendar for 2016-17.

Resolved that the Academic Calendar for 2016-17 of the University be finalised by the Vice-Chancellor.

Agenda 17/18/2016:

To place the resolution of the meeting of the faculty members of the Department of Physics, Tripura University held on 05.02.2016, 14.10.2015 and 28.03.2016 in response to the letter of the Deputy Secretary to the Governor of Tripura, dated 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2015, relating to M.Sc. Physics Entrance Examination, 2015

Resolved that a letter be sent from the University in reply to the letter from the Deputy Secretary to the Governor of Tripura stating that repetition of questions set in the M.Sc. Physics Entrance Examination, 2015 was not out of corruption or any ill motive but due to inadvertence only.

Agenda 18/18/2016:

To report that a MoU has been signed between the Tripura University (Department of Microbiology) and Biostadt India Limited, Mumbai on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

Noted with applause as this being the first MoU being signed by the University and an Industry.

**Agenda 19/18/2016:** To consider the matter of introduction of MOOCs/Free Online Courses in Masters curriculum in regular and distance mode.

Approved.

Every academic Department shall provide instructions on at least one 20-25 marks module in a 100 marks/4 credit pages from a free

course/MOOC on-line for study/project work/seminar presentation by its students.

Agenda 20/18/2016: To review the online admission process.

Noted.

Rules & Regulations for admission to academic programmes in Tripura University for the academic session 2016-2017 were also approved in this connection.

Also resolved that the IQAC be requested to devise ways and means to attract good students to the University.

Further resolved that five supernumerary seats be created in each teaching Department for direct admission of students securing up to 3rd rank in any recognised University of the country to Tripura University without going through the Entrance Test.

Agenda 21/18/2016: To consider the statement of results of examinations published between 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 to 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

Approved.

Agenda 22/18/2016:

To consider the matter of recognition of Chartered Accountancy qualification as equivalent qualification for admission to Ph.D. programme in Commerce as recommended in the Dean's Committee at its meeting held on 08.03.2016 under agenda 6.

Approved.

Agenda 23/18/2016:

To consider the application of Dr. Biplab De, Associate Professor, RIPSAT, Govt. of Tripura and Dr. KuldipGosai, Assistant Professor, K.N. Mahavidyalaya, Sonamura, Govt. of Tripura requesting for permission to act as Research Supervisor in Tripura University. Note: Only regular faculty members are eligible to work as Research Supervisor as per UGC guideline vide D.O. No.F.10-6/2011 (PS) Misc, dated 06.07.2015

Prayer regretted in the light of the relevant UGC Regulations.

Agenda 24/18/2016:

To consider the prayer of Ms. JayantiTripathi for issuance of provisional Ph.D. certificate mentioning that Ph.D. degree has been awarded as per UGC Regulation, 2009.

Prayer of Ms. Jayanti Tripathi and similar other applicants be granted.

Also resolved that a separate certificate be issued to the candidates recommended for award of the Ph.D. Degree along with their Ph.D. Certificate in line with the relevant UGC Regulations.

Further resolved that the Ph.D. Degree Certificate to be issued to the eligible candidates be in bilingual form with Hindi version followed by English version.

Agenda 25/18/2016:

To consider the matter of introduction of course/s in Library & Information Science Department of the University.

The academic Council once again took note of the recommendations made by the Experts Committee concerned and approved the introduction of B.L. I. S Programme to start with from the academic session 2016-17 with an intake of 20 students and running the same for at least two academic sessions before going for introduction of M.L.I.S Programme.

Also approved in this context the matter of introduction of M.Tech Programme in Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering with an intake of 15 students from the academic session 2016-17.

# Supplementary Agenda

Agenda 26/18/2016:

To report the composition of the Board of Post Graduate Studies of the Departments under Board of Faculty of Arts & Commerce and Science in accordance with the Ordinance A-3 of First Ordinance of Tripura University.

Taken out in view of its inclusion in the Agenda of the concerned Boards of Faculty of Studies.

Agenda 27/18/2016:

To consider the draft rules and regulations for the Integrated Masters' Degree Programme in the Choice Based System.

Approved.

Agenda 28/18/2016:

To place the report of the Inspection team for granting affiliation to introduce Geography (Hons.) course in the Ramkrishna Mahavidyalaya, Kailasahar from the academic Session 2016-17.

Approved.

Agenda 29/18/2016:

To consider the proposed amendment to the Rules and Regulations for Credit Based Six-Semesters B.A/B.Sc/B.Com (TDP & TDPH) Degree programme.

Approved the amendment.

The project in the sixth semester be considered as an Hons. Course for TDPH students.

Agenda 30/18/2016:

To consider the revision of the course structure of M.Sc Programme in Microbiology.

Approved.

Before the meeting ended, the members congratulated Dr. V.K. Mishra, Associate Professor, Department of Hindi, Tripura University on his appointment as Secretary General, World Hindi Secretariat (WHS), Port Louis, Mauritius on deputation basis from this University and appreciated the service rendered by him to the University.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

(Prof. Anjan Kr. Ghosh) 13

Vice-Chancellor, T.U.

(Sri O.S. Adhikari)

Registrar, T.U.