

# The Assam Royal Global University

## Eleventh Meeting of the Academic Council

29<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Minutes of the Meeting

Start time: 03:00 PM

Venue: D' Royal Conferencia, A Block

#### Members Present (without any order):

1. Prof. (Dr.) S P Singh (Chairperson)  
Vice Chancellor, The Assam Royal Global University
2. Dr. Diganta Munshi, (Member-Secretary)  
Registrar, The Assam Royal Global University
3. Prof. (Dr.) Anuradha Devi, Professor & Dean, RSAPS (Member)
4. Prof. (Dr.) Kaberi Saikia, Professor & Principal, RSN (Member)
5. Dr. Hiren Nath, Associate Professor & Head/Principal, RSLA (Member)
6. Ms. Florence H. Rabha, Head, Dept. of Electronic Media & Anchoring, RSCOM (Member)
7. Dr. Ranjan Dutta Kalita, Associate Professor & Coordinator, RSBSC (Member)
8. Prof. (Dr.) Swabera Islam, Professor, Dept. of Economics, RSHSS (Member)
9. Dr. Dhiraj Borkotoky, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, Dept. of Political Science, RSHSS (Member)
10. Prof. Subhashis Debnath, Principal & i/c Dean, RSP (Member)
11. Ms. Lopa Das, Associate Prof. & Coordinator, RSMAS (Member)
12. Prof. (Dr.) K.K. Baruah, Professor & Dean, RSLSC, RSBSC, RSEES (Member)
13. Dr. Baishalee Rajkhowa, Associate Prof. & HOD, RSL (Member)
14. Dr. Pronami Bhattacharyya, Asst. Prof., Dept. of English, RSL (Member)
15. Dr. Arpee Saikia, Associate Prof., RSB and Coordinator, Behavioural Science (Member)

#### Special Invitee/s Present (without any order):

1. Prof. (Dr.) M.K. Chaudhuri, Chief Advisor, RGU
2. Ms. Angira Mimani, Former Registrar, RGU
3. Prof. (Dr.) Rohit Singh, Pro Vice Chancellor, RGU
4. Prof. (Dr.) D C Nath, Professor Emeritus, RSAPS
5. Prof. (Dr.) Ankur Ganguly, Dean (Academics), i/c Dean, RSET
6. Prof. (Dr.) B S Mipun, Professor, Dept. of Geography & Dean Student Welfare
7. Prof. (Dr.) Bhuban Chandra Barooah, Dean, RSLA
8. Prof. (Dr.) Atanu Bhattacharjee, Professor, RSP
9. Prof. (Dr.) L K Nath, Dean, RSP
10. Prof. (Dr.) S C Mukhopadhyay, Dean, RSHSS
11. Prof. (Dr.) Anupam Chatterjee, Dean, RSBSC
12. Prof. (Dr.) Nikhil Kr. Chrungoo; Dean, RSLSC
13. Prof. (Dr.) Gautam Mazumdar, Professor, Dept. of Economics, RSHSS
14. Dr. Sudip Chakraborty, Asst. Prof. & Dy. Dean i/c, RSC
15. Dr. Anupam Das, Associate Professor, Dept. of CSE, RSET
16. Ms. Ibasiewdor Mawlein, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, OTT, RSMAS
17. Dr. J. Boro, Asst. Prof., & Coordinator, Dept. of Psychology, RSBAS
18. Prof. (Dr.) Sarangi Ranjan Patgiri, Professor, RSBSC



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19. Dr. Anjuman Ara Begum, Associate Professor, RSLA
20. Prof. (Dr.) Rita Choudhury, Professor, Dept. of Mathematics, RSAPS
21. Dr. Pranabesh Sikdar, Associate Professor, RSP
22. Dr. Riju Devi, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, Dept. of Sociology, RSHSS
23. Ms. Kuwali Choudhury, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, RSFT
24. Mr. Biswajit Choudhury, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, RSET
25. Dr. Anushree Baruah, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, Dept. of Botany, RSLSC
26. Dr. Sthiti Parna Dutta, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, Dept. of Biochemistry, RSBSC
27. Dr. Arnab Sarma, Professor & HoD, Dept. of Civil Engineering, RSET
28. Ms. Durba Dutta, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, Dept. of Economics, RSHSS
29. Dr. Kamal Debnath, Associate Professor & HOD, Dept. of Mathematics, RSAPS
30. Dr. Mousumi Deka, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, RSFA
31. Mr. Santosh Kumar Anand, Asst. Prof., RSB & Asst. Controller of Examination
32. Dr. Rupesh Kumar, Asst. Prof., Biotechnology & Coordinator, MLT, RSMAS
33. Dr. Meenu Sharma, Associate Prof. & Coordinator, Dept. of Public administration, RSHSS
34. Dr. Niraj Singh, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, Dept. of Microbiology, RSBSC
35. Dr. Payel Chaudhury, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, RSB
36. Dr. Priyanka Patowari, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, Dept. of Social Work, RSHSS
37. Ms. Banani Das Hazarika, Asst. Prof. & Dy. Dean, Student Welfare
38. Mr. Indrajit Dutta, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, RSHM
39. Dr. Bipul Nath, Professor & Coordinator, RSP
40. Ms. Y Renubala Devi, Associate Professor, RSN
41. Ar. Siddhartha Deb, Prof. & i/c HOD- RSA & RSD
42. Mr. Jugal Kishore Bhattacharyya, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Economics, RSHSS & Coordinator, AECC/AEEC/GE courses
43. Dr. Annesha Borah, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, Dept. of Geography, RSEES
44. Ms. Ishita Chakraborty, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, CSE, RSET
45. Mr. Tirtharaj Gohain, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, RSCOM
46. Ar. Shweta Das, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, RSA
47. Mr. Rajdeep Deb, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, Dept. of Geology, RSEES
48. Dr. Pubalee Sarmah, Associate Professor & HOD, Dept. of Chemistry, RSAPS
49. Prof. (Dr.) Pranati Das, Professor, Dept. of Food-Tech, RSBSC
50. Dr. Pallavi Borah, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, EVS, RSEES
51. Dr. Mitrajit Deb, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, Dept. of Zoology, RSLSC
52. Ms. Mayuri Ojha, Asst. Prof. & Co Coordinator, Radio Imaging Technology, RSMAS

### Leave of Absence:

1. Ms. Sikha M. Pansari, Member, GB, RGU
2. Prof. (Dr.) Alak Kumar Buragohain, Chairperson – Academic
3. Sri R.S. Joshi, Former Chairman, FINER & Member, BoM, RGU
4. Mr. Ankur Pansari, Member, GB, RGU
5. Sri Sanjay Chhabra, Director, Kamakhya Foods Pvt.Ltd., Guwahati
6. Sri. Anupam Deka, Director, Repose Foods Pvt. Ltd., Guwahati
7. (Dr.) Soumitra Sen, Professor & Dean i/c, RSHM & RSTTM



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8. Dr. Susmita Hazarika, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, Dept. of History, RSHSS
9. Prof. (Dr.) H C Gautam, Senior Professor & Advisor, RSC
10. Prof. (Dr.) P.J.Mahanta, Professor & i/c Dean, RSCOM
11. Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Jain, Professor & Deputy Dean, RSB

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING

Prof. (Dr.) S.P. Singh, Vice-Chancellor, RGU presided over the meeting and called the House to order.

#### 11.1. Agenda: Welcoming the members & special invitees of the Academic Council

The meeting commenced with a formal welcome address by Prof. (Dr.) S.P. Singh, Vice-Chancellor, RGU to all members and special invitee. He extended a warm welcome to all the senior members of the University who were present in the meeting and informed the Council Members about receiving Leave of Absence from Prof. (Dr.) A K Buragohain, Sri R S Joshi, Mr. Ankur Pansari, Ms. Sikha M Pansari, Sri Anupam Deka, Sri Sanjay Chhabra, Dr. Soumitra Sen, Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Jain, Dr. Susmita Hazarika, Prof. (Dr.) P J Mahanta and Prof. (Dr.) H C Gautam.

#### 11.2. Confirmation of the Agenda

**Deliberation:** Dr. Diganta Munshi, Registrar, RGU informed the members present that the agenda was mailed to all members, prior to the meeting and a hard copy has been placed in respective kits of the members attending the meeting. Since, no suggestions/modifications have been received, the agenda is considered to be confirmed/accepted.

**Resolution:** The agenda was confirmed and accepted by the Council (Annexure A).

#### 11.3 Agenda: Ratifying the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Special Academic Council meeting and Action Taken Reports

**Deliberations:** The Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting, held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022 and 1<sup>st</sup> Special Academic Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022, was mailed to all the members in advance and a hard copy of the same was placed in respective kits of the members present. Major resolutions passed in the last Academic Council meeting, along with the Action Taken Report was read out by the Registrar.

A member enquired regarding the detailed syllabus not being uploaded in the website, to which Prof. (Dr.) S P Singh replied that post approval in the Academic Council Meeting, the same shall be uploaded in the website.

**Resolutions:** The Council ratified the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Special Academic Council meeting along with the Action Taken Reports (Annexed as B & C respectively)



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**11.4. Agenda: To discuss and post facto approval regarding the modifications (if any) in the existing course structure and detailed syllabi of all courses / programmes as recommended by respective Board of Studies**

**Deliberations:** Prof. (Dr.) Ankur Ganguly, Dean -Academics, presented the modifications in the existing course structure and detailed syllabi of few courses / programmes as recommended by respective Board of Studies (Annexure D) for post facto approval by the Council.

Points further discussed/suggested:

- the syllabus should not be revised so often and should be continued for a minimum of three years so that a student can complete the course without any issue.
- for UG students the number of textbooks should be confined to one or maximum two for reference.
- Further, it was suggested that two months before the expiry of term for external members of BOS, the university should nominate or renominate members. It was suggested that all BOS should be held in March followed by Academic Council meeting in April.

**Resolution:** After in-depth deliberation, the Council approved the modifications in the existing course structure and detailed syllabi of few courses / programmes as recommended by respective Board of Studies (Annexure D).

**11.5 Agenda: To place for concurrence, the resolutions passed by the Examination Committee, since last Academic Council meeting**

**Deliberations:** Dr. Atanu Bhattacharjee presented the resolutions passed by the Examination Committee, since last Academic Council meeting (Annexure E).

**Resolutions:** The Council accorded its concurrence to the important decisions taken by Examination Committee since the last Academic Council meeting (Annexure E)

**11.6 Agenda: To discuss and approve the eligibility criteria of all existing and new courses/programmes proposed to be launched from AY 2023-24**

**Deliberations:** Dr. Diganta Munshi, Registrar, RGU informed the eligibility criteria of all existing and new courses/programmes proposed to be launched from AY 2023-24 for approval by the Council members (Annexure F). He shared that for all programmes (except MBA) where the eligibility criteria for admissions was initially 50%, the modified eligibility criteria was proposed to be 45%. He further informed that in such cases, the HODs/Deans of Schools will be able to assess the competency during the personal interview for further acceptance/rejection/ approve/ not approve a student.

Points further discussed/suggested:

- Hon'ble Vice Chancellor added that earlier the University had two kinds of eligibility criterias – i) Minimum 50% cut off in UG or PG programmes for admission to RGU and ii) Few other courses like Fine Arts, Mass Communication etc. had no eligibility criteria as such but the student needed to be a graduate or 12<sup>th</sup> Pass for admissions to those specific courses. Further, he clarified that for courses where the eligibility criteria were initially 50%, it has been proposed for approval by the Academic Council Members to reduce the same to 45% from AY 2023-24, while for the programmes where it was already 45%, it would remain same except MBA where the cut off will remain 50% as per AICTE norms.
- Prof.(Dr.) Anuradha Devi supported the discussion stating the example of students of Department of Mathematics who were admitted as a special case with percentage less than 50% and those students have been performing extensively well in class as well as examinations. Similar examples



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were stated by faculty members of Travel & Tourism Management as well as Fine Arts where the students enrolled had eligibility percentages less than 50% but were performing well in the University.

- It was also observed that at times students with low percentage of marks are found to be better than other students as such students could not perform due to various reasons in their Class XII/Graduation exams.

**Resolutions:** The Council after in-depth deliberation approved the eligibility criteria of all existing and new courses/programmes proposed to be launched from AY 2023-24 (Annexure F)

### **11.7 i) Agenda: To apprise about status of research activities since the last Academic Council meeting**

**Deliberations:** Prof. (Dr.) Ankur Ganguly, Dean -Academics apprised the status of research activities since the last Academic Council meeting of each school/department (Annexure G)

### **11.7 ii) Agenda: To apprise about Major activities undertaken since last Academic Council Meeting**

**Deliberations:** Ms. Prajyeeta Kashyap presented the activity report about the major activities undertaken since the last Academic Council Meeting, which was appreciated by all (Annexure H). Hon'ble Vice Chancellor suggested that in order to not miss out on important activities in the report, the presentation may be shared with the HODs one or two day in advance for their information and confirmation on the same.

### **11.7iii) Agenda: To apprise about MoUs/Tie-ups**

**Deliberation:** Ms. Pahi Bhagawati gave a brief presentation on the MoUs signed by the University since the last Academic Council meeting. (Annexure I)

### **11.8 Agenda: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair**

**Ar. Siddhartha Deb** enquired if students who after repeated efforts have not been able to fetch a degree can be given some certificate or diploma. Prof. (Dr.) S.P. Singh acknowledged the point put forth and sought approval from the Academic Council regarding provision of certificates/diploma for such students. The Members appreciated the suggestion and Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the examination department to take this matter forward so that such students can be awarded diploma/certificate from the coming session after finalizing the modalities through proper channel of the university.

**Resolution:** After in-depth deliberation the Academic Council resolved that those students, who after repeated efforts do not qualify for any degree offered by the University, may be given some certificate or diploma based on the number of credits they earn. The examination department may work out the proposal and put up to the competent authorities for approval.

**11.9 Agenda: Vote of Thanks:** The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Minutes prepared by-** Ms. Pahi Bhagawati and Ms. Prajyeeta Kashyap

