

The Assam Royal Global University

Twelfth Meeting of the Academic Council

26th April 2023

Minutes of the Meeting

Start Time : 3:30 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 Registrar, RGU (Member Secretary)
3. Prof. (Dr.) Rohit Singh, Pro Vice-Chancellor, RGU (Member)
4. Dr. Alak Kumar Buragohain, Chancellor, Girijananda Chowdhary University (Member)
5. Sri Sanjay Chhabra, Director, Kamakhya Foods Pvt. Ltd., Ghy (Member)
6. Mr. Ankur Pansari, Executive Vice President and GB Member (Member)
7. Sri R.S. Joshi, Former Chairman, FINER & Member, BoM, RGU (Member)
8. Prof. (Dr.) Anuradha Devi, Professor & Dean, RSAPS (Member)
9. Prof. (Dr.) Kaberi Saikia, Professor & Principal, RSN (Member)
10. Dr. Soumitra Sen, Professor & Dean, RSHM, RSTTM (Member)
11. Dr. Hiren Nath, Associate Professor & Head/Principal, RSLA (Member)
12. Ms. Florence H. Rabha, Head, Dept. of Electronic Media & Anchoring, RSCOM (Member)
13. Dr. Ranjan Dutta Kalita, Associate Professor & Coordinator, RSBSC (Member)
14. Prof. (Dr.) Swabera Islam, Professor, Dept. of Economics, RSHSS (Member)
15. Dr. Dhiraj Borkotoky, Associate Prof. & Coordinator, Political Science, RSHSS (Member)
16. Ms. Lopa Das, Associate Prof. & Coordinator, RSMAS (Member)
17. Prof. (Dr.) K.K. Baruah, Professor & Dean, RSEES (Member)
18. Dr. Baishalee Rajkhowa, Associate Prof. & HOD, RSL (Member)
19. Dr. Pronami Bhattacharyya, Asst. Prof., Dept. of English, RSL (Member)
20. Dr. Arpee Saikia, Associate Prof., RSB and Coordinator, Behavioural Science (Member)
21. Dr. Susmita Hazarika, Coordinator, History, RSHSS (Member)

Special Invitee Present (without any order):

1. Prof. (Dr.) M.K. Chaudhuri, Chief Advisor, RGU
2. Prof. (Dr.) Ankur Ganguly, Dean (Academics), i/c Dean, RSET
3. Dr. Anushree Baruah, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, Dept. of Botany, RSLSC
4. Dr. Arnab Sarma, Professor & HoD, Dept. of Civil Engineering, RSET
5. Dr. Annesha Borah, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, Dept. of Geography, RSEES
6. Prof. (Dr.) Atanu Bhattacharjee, Professor, RSP & i/c CoE
7. Dr. Anupam Das, Associate Professor, Dept. of CSE, RSET
8. Prof. (Dr.) B S Mipun, Professor, Dept. of Geography & Dean Student Welfare
9. Prof. (Dr.) Bhuban Chandra Barooah, Dean, RSLA
10. Dr. Bipul Nath, Professor & Coordinator, RSP
11. Mr. Biswajit Choudhury, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, RSET
12. Prof. (Dr.) D C Nath, Professor Emeritus, RSAPS
13. Prof. (Dr.) Amarendra Rajput, Professor & Advisor, RSAPS
14. Prof. (Dr.) Dandadhar, Professor, Dept. of Botany, RSLSC
15. Prof. (Dr.) Devika Phukan, Associate Professor, Dy. Dean, RSAPS
16. Ms. Durba Dutta, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, Dept. of Economics, RSHSS

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17. Prof. (Dr.) Gautam Mazumdar, Professor, Dept. of Economics, RSHSS
18. Prof. (Dr.) Himangi Sharma, Professor, Dept. of Geology, RSEES
19. Prof. (Dr.) H.P. Agarwal, Principal, RSA
20. Mr. Indrajit Dutta, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, RSHM
21. Ms. Ishita Chakraborty, Assistant Prof. & Coordinator, CSE, RSET
22. Ms. Ibasiewdor Mawlein, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, OTT, RSMAS
23. Mr. Jugal Kishore Bhattacharyya, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Economics, RSHSS & Coordinator, AECC/AEEC/GE courses
24. Dr. Kamal Debnath, Associate Professor & HOD, Dept. of Mathematics, RSAPS
25. Dr. J. Boro, Asst. Prof., & Coordinator, Dept. of Psychology, RSBAS
26. Ms. Kuwali Choudhury, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, RSFT
27. Prof. (Dr.) L K Nath, Dean, RSP
28. Prof. (Dr.) Krishna Baruah, Professor & Dean i/c, RSL
29. Dr. Meenu Sharma, Associate Prof. & Coordinator, Dept. of Public administration, RSHSS
30. Prof. (Dr.) Mina Ram Nath, Professor, Dept. of Botany, RSLSC
31. Dr. Mitrajit Deb, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, Dept. of Zoology, RSLSC
32. Ms. Mayuri Ojha, Asst. Prof. & Co Coordinator, Radio Imaging Technology, RSMAS
33. Dr. Mousumi Deka, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, RSFA
34. Dr. Niraj Singh, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, Dept. of Microbiology, RSBSC
35. Prof. (Dr.) Nikhil Kr. Chrungoo, Dean, RSLSC
36. Dr. N. Seema Devi, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Botany, RSLSC
37. Dr. Payel Chaudhury, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, RSB
38. Dr. Priyanka Patowari, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, Dept. of Social Work, RSHSS
39. Dr. Pubalee Sarmah, Associate Professor & HOD, Dept. of Chemistry, RSAPS
40. Prof. (Dr.) Pranati Das, Professor, Dept. of Food-Tech, RSBSC
41. Dr. Pallavi Borah, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, EVS, RSEES
42. Mr. Rajdeep Deb, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, Dept. of Geology, RSEES
43. Dr. Rupesh Kumar, Asst. Prof., Biotechnology & Coordinator, MLT, RSMAS
44. Dr. Riju Devi, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, Dept. of Sociology, RSHSS
45. Mr. Rishikesh Duarah, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Civil Engineering, RSET
46. Ar. Siddhartha Deb, Prof. & i/c HOD- RSA & RSD
47. Prof. (Dr.) Sarangi Ranjan Patgiri, Professor, RSBSC
48. Mr. Santosh Kumar Anand, Asst. Prof., RSB & Asst. Controller of Examination
49. Prof. (Dr.) Sheila Bora, Prof. & Advisor, Dept. of History, RSHSS
50. Mr. Srawan Kr. Goenka, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, RSC
51. Dr. Sudip Chakraborty, Asst. Prof. & Dy. Dean i/c, RSC
52. Prof. (Dr.) S C Mukhopadhyay, Dean, RSHSS
53. Ms. Sudeshna Roy, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Optometry, RSMAS
54. Mr. Tirtharaj Gohain, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, RSCOM
55. Ar. Shweta Das, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, RSA
56. Ms. Y Renubala Devi, Associate Professor, RSN
57. Mr. Zubin Islam, Asst. Prof. & Coordinator, Communication Design, RSD

Leave of absence (without any order) -

1. Ms. Sikha M. Pansari, Member, GB, RGU
2. Sri. Anupam Deka, Director, Repose Foods Pvt. Ltd., Guwahati
3. Prof. (Dr.) H C Gautam, Senior Professor & Advisor, RSC

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4. Prof. (Dr.) P.J.Mahanta, Professor & i/c Dean, RSCOM
5. 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.

12.1. 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 informed the Council Members about receiving Leave of Absence from Ms. Sikha M Pansari, Sri Anupam Deka, Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Jain, Prof. (Dr.) P J Mahanta and Prof. (Dr.) H C Gautam.

12.2 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).

12.3 Agenda: Ratifying the minutes of the Previous Academic Council meeting and Action Taken Reports

Deliberations: The Minutes of the 11th Academic Council meeting held on 29th Dec 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.

Resolutions: The Council ratified the minutes of the 11th Academic Council meeting along with the Action Taken Report (Annexed as B & C respectively)

12.4 i) Agenda: To discuss and approve the Academic Calendar of the university for the Academic Year 2023-24

Deliberations: Registrar, RGU, placed the Academic Calendar of the university for the Academic Year 2023-24 (Annexure D) for approval by the Council Members. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor appreciated the work of the Registrar's office and members associated with the preparation of the Academic calendar 2023-24.

Points further discussed/suggested:

- Prof. (Dr.) S P Singh informed the members that due to the COVID 19 scenario, the academic session was starting little late than normal times, however, in the current academic calendar the semesters have been preponed by 9-10 days so that the internship period of students is not disturbed much.



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- Further Prof. Singh added that the mid semester examination for UG and PG will run simultaneously and the examination days have been restricted to 11 days. As per the precedence, regular classes will be held on all days of mid-term examination. He urged the Deans and HODs to check that the students who do not attend these classes on days of examinations would not be allowed to appear for mid-term exam scheduled the next day.

Resolution: After in-depth deliberation, the Council approved the Academic Calendar of the university for the Academic Year 2023-24 (Annexure D) and authorized Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to make further changes, if required, in the Academic Calendar.

12.4 ii) Agenda: To discuss and approve the modified course structure (if any) and detailed syllabi of all existing courses/programmes

Deliberations: Prof. (Dr.) Ankur Ganguly, Dean-Academics, presented the modified course structure and detailed syllabi of all existing courses/programmes for approval by the Council Members (Annexure E).

Resolution: The Council approved the modified course structure and detailed syllabi of all existing courses/programmes (Annexure E)

12.5 Agenda: To apprise about course structure and detailed syllabi (of first year only) of all the new courses, proposed to be launched from AY 2023-24

Deliberations: Prof. (Dr.) Ankur Ganguly, Dean-Academics apprised the Council and presented the proposed course structure for 4 year UGP Single Major as suggested in the NEP 2020 and further clarified by UGC, NCrf and NHEQF.

Prof. S.P.Singh expressed that brainstorming sessions related to detailed understanding about NCrf and NHEQF should be conducted for members of faculty for better understanding of the new framework to be implemented from AY 2023-24.

Resolutions: After in-depth deliberation, the council approved the course structure for 4 year UGP Single Major and suggested that detailed syllabus be framed by individual departments/schools only for 1st year and the course structure be framed for 4 years. The Council also resolved that a brainstorming session shall be held with senior members before organising an extensive workshop on NCrf so that there is thorough understanding on NCrf for preparation of the course curriculum for all the courses proposed to be launched from AY 2023-24 (Annexure F).

12.6 Agenda: To place the important decisions taken by the Examination Committee since last Academic Council meeting for concurrence

Deliberations: Prof. (Dr.) Atanu Bhattacharjee presented before the Council the important decisions taken by the Examination Committee since last Academic Council meeting for concurrence (Annexure G).

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

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12.7 Agenda: To place the important decisions taken by University Research Council since last Academic Council meeting for concurrence

Deliberations: Prof. (Dr.) Atanu Bhattacharjee presented before the Council Members the important decisions taken by University Research Council (URC) since last Academic Council meeting for concurrence (Annexure H)

Other points discussed/ suggested:

- i) A member shared that conventionally it was not necessary to include the Ph.D. guide's name on the cover of the thesis. Prof. (Dr.) S.P. Singh informed the house that a committee was formed to decide the same. However, the same may be deferred in this meeting and the matter may be put up for ratification later after thorough discussion in the next URC.
- ii) Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the members about start of admissions for AY 2023-24 and informed that for all three (3) and four (4) year degree courses advertisement has gone out as Honours, however, with the implementation of NEP 2020 from the coming academic session the nomenclatures may change. Hence, Prof. (Dr.) S P Singh informed the members that till the final nomenclature is released as per NCrf and NEP 2020, a notice/stamp may be displayed in the website as well as other publications of the University that the final nomenclature of the respective 3/4 year programme will be based on NCrf and NEP 2020 so that the university is safe legally.

Resolutions: The Council accorded its concurrence to the important decisions taken by URC since the last Academic Council meeting (Annexure H) and further resolved that:

- i) The matter of front page format for Ph.D thesis to be put up for approval again in URC after thorough discussion with few senior members of the University. Further, the top 50 Universities/colleges ranked by NIRF may be taken as comparative reference to finalize this matter
- ii) The final nomenclature of all three (3) and four (4) year degree courses for the AY 2023-24 will be based on the nomenclature released by NCrf and NEP 2020 and a notice / stamp may be displayed/fixd in the website and prominent places in admission department in this regard.

12.8 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 I)

12.8. ii) Agenda: Major policies/process ratified by other Authorities since last Academic Council Meeting

Deliberations: The Registrar appraised about the major policies/process ratified by other Authorities (33rd and 34th Board of Management meeting held on 17th Feb 2023 and 13th March 2023 respectively) since last Academic Council Meeting (Annexure J).

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12.8 iii) Agenda: To apprise about Major activities undertaken since last Academic Council Meeting

Deliberations: Ms. Prajoyeeta Kashyap presented the activity report about the major activities undertaken since the last Academic Council Meeting (Annexure K).

12.8 iv) 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 L)

12.9 Agenda Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

Mr. Santosh Anand informed the Council that the Examination Department have come across cases where some students do not qualify for any degree due to inadequate credit points even after clearing all subjects. Hence the student is not eligible for a degree due to inadequate SGPA and CGPA. He informed that the examination department have checked the policies followed by other colleges in such circumstances and have come up with a policy of providing an alternate degree to such students. Such students must meet minimum credit requirements for the alternate degree and a special committee may approve the degrees/diplomas for such students. A member suggested that the committee for providing the alternate degree/diploma should include Deans of schools along with members of Examination department. Further, a clear-cut undertaking must be taken from the student regarding receiving an alternate degree/diploma.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor suggested preparing an SOP for the same so that a clear process be followed for honoring such alternate degrees/diplomas to students. He suggested that the committee should include 5 Deans (including Dean of the School from which the student belongs).

Resolutions: After in-depth deliberation the Academic Council resolved that:

- i) A committee be formed to discuss the modalities to be followed for providing an alternate degree/diploma to students who do not qualify to get a prescribed degree for the course enrolled into due to lack of inadequate SGPA and CGPA.

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

Minutes Prepared by- Ms. Pahi Bhagawati, Ms. Prajoyeeta Kashyap and Ms. Roadali Ranjan Bhattacharyya

