

The Assam Royal Global University

Eighth Meeting of the Academic Council

2nd August 2021

Minutes of the Meeting

Start time: 11:00 AM

Venue: Blended Mode (D' Royal Auditorio, A Block and Online Platform through Zoom App)

Members Present (without any order):

1. Prof. (Dr.) S P Singh (Chairperson)
Vice Chancellor, The Assam Royal Global University
2. Ms. Angira Mimani, (Member-Secretary)
Registrar, The Assam Royal Global University
3. Prof. Alak Kumar Buragohain, Chairperson – Academic, Royal Global University (Member)
4. Prof. Anuradha Devi, Dean, RSAPS (Member)
5. Ar. Anita PY, Dean, RSA, RSFT, RSFA (Member)
6. Ms. Sikha M. Pansari, Member of Governing Body, RGU (Member)
7. Prof. K.K. Baruah, Dean, RSLSC, RSBSC, RSEES (Member)
8. Dr. Soumitra Sen, Professor i/c Dean, RSHM & RSTTM (Member)
9. Prof. Manoj Jain, Professor & Deputy Dean, RSB (Member)
10. Dr. Hiren Nath, Head/Principal, RSLA (Member)
11. Dr. Baishalee Rajkhowa, Coordinator, RSL (Member)
12. Ms. Florence H. Rabha, Head, Deptt. of Electronic Media & Anchoring, RSCOM (Member)
13. Dr. Aniruddha Deka, HoD & Coordinator – CSE/IT, RSET & RSIT (Member)
14. Dr. Susmita Dey, Assistant Professor, Zoology & Coordinator, RSLSC (Member)
15. Dr. Samuel L. Chuaungo, Coordinator, Dept. of Sociology, RSHSS (Member)
16. Dr. Ranjan Dutta Kalita, Coordinator, Biotechnology & Microbiology, RSBSC (Member)
17. Sri Amit Kumar Jain, MD, Aroma India Pvt. Ltd., Guwahati (Member)
18. Mr. Ankur Pansari, Member, Member of Governing Body, RGU (Member)
19. Sri R.S. Joshi, CMD, Buildworth Builders Pvt. Ltd & Member of BoM, RGU (Member)
20. Prof. Hemanta Kumar Baruah, Professor Emeritus, RSAPS (Member)
21. Prof. Krishna Barua, Professor, RSL (Member)
22. Prof. P.J. Mahanta, Professor, RSL (Member)
23. Prof. Swabera Islam, Deptt. Of Economics, RSHSS (Member)
24. Dr. Keme Das, Coordinator - Environmental Science, RSEES (Member)
25. Dr. Dhiraj Borkotoky, Coordinator - Political Science, RSHSS (Member)
26. Dr. Subhashis Debnath, i/c Principal, RSP (Member)
27. Ms. Renubala Devi, i/c Principal, RSN (Member)
28. Dr. Susmita Hazarika, Coordinator - History, RSHSS (Member)

Special Invitee Present (without any order):

1. Prof. M.K. Chaudhuri, Chief Advisor, RGU
2. Dr. Rahul Nandi, Assistant Professor, RSB & Dy. CoE, RGU
3. Dr. Sudip Chakraborty, Assistant Professor & Dy. Dean i/c, RSC
4. Dr. J. Boro, Coordinator, RSBAS
5. Dr. Biswajit Sarma, HoD, Deptt. of Chemistry, RSAPS
6. Prof. Amarendra Rajput, Professor, RSAPS
7. Dr. Sujata Deb, HoD Physics, RSAPS
8. Dr. Dandadhar Borah, Professor, Dept. of Botany, RSLSC
9. Prof. Mina Ram Nath, Dept. of Botany, RSLSC
10. Dr. Anushree Baruah, Coordinator - Botany, RSLSC

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11. Prof. Mamata Goswami, Professor - Zoology, RSLSC
12. Prof. Saranga Ranjan Patgiri, Professor - Microbiology, RSBSC
13. Dr. Birson Ingti, Coordinator - Microbiology, RSBSC
14. Dr. Sthiti Porna Dutta, Coordinator - Biochemistry, RSBSC
15. Prof. Pijush Kanti Dhar, Professor - Physics, RSAPS
16. Dr. Kamal Debnath, Coordinator - Mathematics, RSAPS
17. Ar. Gautam Sarma, Professor (Design Chair), RSA and Dean, Student Welfare, RGU
18. Prof. Arnab Sarma, HoD - Civil Engineering, RSET
19. Mr. Rishikesh Duara, Coordinator - Civil Engineering, RSET
20. Dr. HIRAK Ranjan Das, HOD - Mechanical Engineering, RSET
21. Dr. Mousumi Deka, Coordinator, RSFA
22. Dr. Lopa Das, Associate Prof. & Coordinator - Physiotherapy, RSMAS
23. Ms. Durba Dutta, Coordinator - Economics, RSHSS
24. Dr. Meenu Sharma, Associate Prof. & Coordinator - Public Administration, RSHSS
25. Dr. Priyanka Patowari, Coordinator - Social Work, RSHSS

Leave of Absence:

1. Sri Shivaji Jaiswal, CMD, JDB Group, Guwahati
2. Prof. H.C. Gautam, Professor, Department of Commerce, Gauhati University

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING

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

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

The meeting commenced with a formal welcome address by Prof. S.P. Singh, Vice-Chancellor, RGU to all members and special invitees. He further extended a warm welcome to all the new members of the Academic Council and expressed his gratitude to the former members of the council for their contribution and valuable support. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor made a special mention of Late Prof. O. K. Medhi, for his earnest contribution towards the Council & University at large and asked all members to maintain a minute's silence to pay tribute to him. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the House that Prof. M K Chaudhuri, Chief Advisor, RGU will henceforth be present in the campus on a regular basis to provide his valuable insights towards the betterment of the University. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor further informed the House about receiving Leave of Absence from Sri Shivaji Jaiswal.

8.2. Confirmation of the Agenda

Deliberation: Ms. Angira Mimani, 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 offline. 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).



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8.3 Agenda: Ratifying the minutes of the previous Academic Council meeting & Action Taken Report

Deliberations: The Minutes of the 7th Academic Council meeting, held on 24th November 2020, was mailed to all the members in advance and a hard copy of the same was placed in respective kits of the members present physically. Major resolutions passed in the last Academic Council meeting, along with the Action Taken Report was read out by the Registrar.

Prof. M.K.Chaudhuri suggested that the designation of Prof. Ashis K. Mukherjee, MBBT, Tezpur University as mentioned in Point 7.4(ii) be mentioned as Director, Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST) as it adds more value.

Resolutions: After in-depth deliberation, the Council ratified the minutes of its last meeting along with the Action Taken Report (Annexed as B & C respectively)

8.4.i) Agenda: To discuss & approve the Academic Calendar of the University for the Academic Year 2021-22

Deliberations: The Registrar presented the Academic Calendar of the University for the Academic Year 2021-22 (Annexure D) for approval by the Council and informed the members that the entire schedule of the previous academic calendar of the University was disturbed owing to the pandemic. However, she mentioned that the present calendar has been prepared, keeping in view all guidelines and instructions provided by UGC/other statutory bodies.

Points further discussed/suggested:

- Ms. Angira Mimani requested the council members to authorize Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to make further changes, if required, in the Academic Calendar w.r.t to the current pandemic or on the basis of any further Government/UGC directives for educational institutions.
- Mr. Santosh Anand requested to change the date of commencement of classes for the existing odd semester batches from 13th September 2021 as few courses had mandatory internship in the curriculum. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor acknowledged the point put forth and shared that it will be mentioned in the Academic Calendar that students who would go for internship may join the University from 15th October 2021.

Resolution: After in-depth deliberation the Council approved the Academic Calendar of the University for the Academic Year 2021-22 (Annexed as D) and authorized Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to make further changes, if required, in the Academic Calendar w.r.t to the current pandemic or on the basis of any further directives from Government/UGC/other statutory bodies for educational institutions.

8.4.ii) Agenda: To discuss and approve modified course structure (if any) and detailed syllabi of the exiting courses/programmes

Deliberations: Prof. A. K. Buragohain, Chairperson – Academic informed the members present that the faculty members from all schools/ departments review the syllabus of existing courses/programmes every year so that the syllabus remain updated as per requirement. He further informed the Council that the syllabus for the current year has been modified based on two important contexts i.e. the syllabus as per National Education Policy 2020 and mapping of 20-30% of the sy labi as per online portals owing to the pandemic.



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Points further discussed/suggested:

- Chairperson – Academic informed the members that a committee may be formed to review and clarify the minor lapses and discrepancies which were found in few syllabi and the same may be completed and finalized within a month.
- He further informed the members about two important changes in the syllabus made by:
 - Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering who have introduced a Bridge Course of one year for those students who would be joining the MCA program without any background of Science (as per AICTE norms) and
 - Dept. of Zoology and Botany have proposed (as per recommendation of Board of Studies) to introduce two special papers in the PG programmes.
- Prof. M K Chaudhuri enquired whether introduction of special papers in Zoology / Botany is a standard practice in other established Institutions. To this Prof. S P Singh replied that specialized papers in most of the Institutions (Govt. as well as Private) have started in a miniscule manner, provided resource persons/ experts were available to teach the specialized subjects. Prof. A K Buragohain also stated it has been observed that the job prospects for students with specialized papers is higher in Assam as job advertisements are specialization specific. To this Prof. M K Chaudhuri acknowledged that the University may initiate the same practice in the interest of the students for better job opportunity and salability.
- Hon'ble Vice Chancellor added that a note may be added in the minutes of the Board of Studies (BOS) as well as Academic Council Meeting that specialized courses are offered temporarily in certain programs for the benefit of the students and faculty members which may be reviewed every year. Further, special courses may be offered only if resource persons are available for those papers. Prof. M K Chaudhuri added that a list may be provided of the specialized papers being offered in a particular semester so that interested students may reap the benefit from the same.
- Prof. M K Chaudhuri suggested that immediately after the Academic Council Meeting, a roadmap to implement NEP 2020 should be prepared. Prof. S P Singh acknowledged the suggestion put forth and shared that the task force for NEP 2020 will prepare a plan, incorporating all points as per NEP 2020 to be implemented.
- Hon'ble Vice Chancellor suggested the names of Prof. A K Buragohain, Prof. K K. Baruah, Prof. P J Mahanta, Prof. Krishna Baruah, Prof. Anuradha Devi, and Prof. P J Dhar to form the committee to check the discrepancies and modifications in the syllabi as per suggestions received from Board of Studies in consultation with Head of Departments. The committee may have the flexibility to co-opt other members from different schools/departments as and when required.

Resolution: The Council after in-depth deliberation approved the modified course structure and detailed syllabi of the exiting courses/programmes (Annexure E) and further resolved that:

- i) Specialized papers for PG courses in Zoology and Botany may be added temporarily for the benefit of the students and faculty members which may be reviewed every year. Availability of resource persons should be considered before offering these courses.
- ii) a committee to be formed with Prof. A K Buragohain, Prof. K K. Baruah, Prof. P J Mahanta, Prof. Krishna Baruah, Prof. Anuradha Devi, and Prof. P J Dhar to review and clarify the minor lapses/discrepancies found in few syllabi, as per suggestions received from Board of Studies and in consultation with Head of Departments. The committee may have the flexibility to co-opt other members from different schools/departments as and when required.
- iii) Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor be authorized to approve the modified syllabi as per the modifications suggested by the above mentioned committee.



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8.4.iii) Agenda: To discuss and approve course structure and detailed syllabi (of first year only) of all the new courses, proposed to be launched from AY 2021-22

Deliberations: Prof. A. K. Buragohain, Chairperson – Academic presented the course structure and detailed syllabi (of first year only) of all the new courses, proposed to be launched from AY 2021-22 (Annexure F) for approval by the council members.

Prof. M K Chaudhuri enquired if the syllabi for the new courses were prepared as per NEP 2020 recommendation for four years degree courses. Prof. S P Singh shared that since the UGC model syllabus as per NEP 2020 was not received, it was decided to go ahead with the ongoing three year degree course. However, there will be flexibility to incorporate the fourth year in every syllabus as per NEP 2020 as and when any directives are received from UGC.

Resolution: The Council after in-depth deliberation approved the course structure and detailed syllabi (of first year only) of all the new courses, proposed to be launched from AY 2021-22 (Annexure F) and further resolved that there be a flexibility to incorporate the fourth year in every syllabus as per NEP 2020 as and when any directives are received from UGC.

8.5 Agenda: To place the important decisions taken w.r.t. Examinations, along with other decisions taken by the Examination Committee, since last Academic Council meeting for concurrence

Deliberations: Mr. Santosh Anand presented the important decisions taken w.r.t. Examinations, along with other decisions taken by the Examination Committee, since last Academic Council meeting

Resolutions: The Council accorded its concurrence to the important decisions taken w.r.t. Examinations, along with other decisions taken by the Examination Committee, since last Academic Council meeting. (Annexure G)

8.6 Agenda: To place the important decisions taken by University Research Council (URC) since last Academic Council meeting for concurrence

Deliberations: Dr. Tarak Paul presented the important decisions taken by University Research Council (URC) since last Academic Council meeting (Annexure H).

Points further discussed/suggested:

- Prof. M K Chaudhuri congratulated the members on the work done by University Research Council (URC) so far and pointed out the absence of any external expert from the fields of Science and Engineering in the URC. To this Prof. Singh replied that, if feasible, two members may be nominated into the URC on vacant positions (nominees of Hon'ble Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor) from science / engineering fields. Few names suggested for consideration were:
 - Prof. Arun Chattopadhyay, Dept. of Chemistry & Centre for Nanotechnology, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati,
 - Dr. Niranjana Karak, Dept. of Chemical Sciences, Tezpur University,
 - Prof. Tharmalingam. Punniyamurthy, Department of Chemistry, IIT Guwahati,
 - Dr. Manabendra Bhuyan, Professor, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Tezpur University,



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- Professor Sukumar Nandi, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati
- Dr. Dhruba Kr Bhattacharyya, Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, Tezpur University

Resolutions: The Council accorded its concurrence to the important decisions taken by University Research Council (URC) since last Academic Council meeting (Annexure H). The council further resolved that two more members from the fields of Science and Engineering may be nominated into the URC, if feasible, on the vacant positions (nominees of Hon'ble Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor). This resolution be forwarded to the URC for further necessary action.

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

Deliberations: Prof. A. K. Buragohain apprised the status of research activities since the last Academic Council meeting of each school/department. (Annexure I)

Points further discussed -

- Prof. S P Singh informed the members that the University has been conducting research review meeting every month to encourage faculty members to publish more papers of good quality in recognized journals. He also acknowledged that many faculty members have been producing excellent publications.

8.7 ii) Agenda: To apprise about major policies/process ratified by other Authorities since the last Academic Council meeting

Deliberations: The Registrar gave a brief presentation on the few major policies/process ratified by the other authorities since last Academic Council meeting (Annexure J).

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

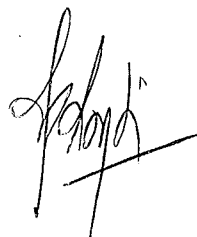
Deliberations: Ms. Pahi Bhagawati presented the activity report about the major activities undertaken since the last Academic Council Meeting, which was appreciated by all (Annexure K).

Points further discussed/suggested -

- Prof. M K Chaudhuri shared that few students from RSAPS have been awarded the INSPIRE fellowship which is a big achievement and suggested that the same may be included in the Activity Report.
- Prof. S P Singh added that henceforth a slide on placements as well as accolades of students may be added in the activity report.

8.7 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)



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8.8 Agenda: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

Prof. S.P. Singh requested the Council Members to consider the current meeting, conducted through the blended mode, as a legit meeting.

Prof. Manoj Jain shared that the number of Professors as well as Associate Professors were less in comparison to Assistant Professors in the University and the proper ratio be maintained for sustainable growth of the University.

Dr. Tarak Paul Shared about syllabus of Paper 1 (Research Methodology) of Ph.D. coursework which lacks contents of qualitative research. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor replied that the required modifications/ additions may be proposed in subsequent meeting of URC for their approval and incorporation.

Prof. Krishna Barua stated that she was proud of the fact that the students of RGU have enhanced the image and brand of RGU and congratulated Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and all other members for creating such an aura in the University specially introducing courses aimed at inculcating personality development amongst the students.

Prof. Saranga Ranjan Patgiri:

- Shared that the University may sign an MoU with Cotton University, Guwahati. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor acknowledged the suggestion and added that RGU would be pleased to have an association with the esteemed University.
- He enquired about other existing MoUs to which Prof. S P Singh suggested Ms. Pahi Bhagawati to share details about tie-ups and MoUs signed by RGU to all newly inducted member in the HR Joining Kit.

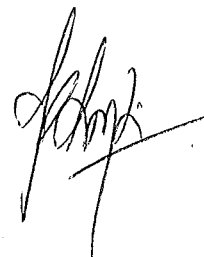
Prof. P J Dhar shared his observation on the fact that the quality should never be compromised in terms of research and stated that the faculty members of the University should take advantage of their association with IIT Guwahati in terms of senior researchers and facilities available there. Further, he added that MoUs should be signed with renowned Institutions like Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad, and The Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics (SINP), Kolkata etc.

Prof. M K Chaudhuri suggested the names of Dr. Debasish Bora, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics and Dr. Anupam Saikia, Department of Mathematics from Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, who may be contacted for for collaborative research with RGU.

Resolution: After in-depth deliberation, the Council resolved that the Academic Council meeting, conducted through the blended mode, be considered as a legit meeting.

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

Minutes prepared by- Ms. Pahi Bhagawati, Ms. Dipamoni Choudhury and Ms. Mercy Borah





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 - iv) MoUs/tie-ups
- 8.8 Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.
- 8.9 Vote of Thanks.