

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

M.G. School of Economics and Commerce

Assam University, Silchar-788011

Minutes of the Departmental Research Committee Meeting of Department of Commerce, A.U.S.

Minutes of the DRC (Commerce) Meeting held on 8th March, 2022 at 12.00 noon in the office chamber of the Head, Department of Commerce, Silchar Campus AUS, in physical mode.

Members present in the meeting:

Prof. Parag Shil (Chairman)

Prof. Niranjana Roy (V.C nominee)

Dr. Soumendra Bhattacharjee

Dr. Ram Chandra Das

Dr. Kingshuk Adhikari

Dr. A.S. Yarso

Dr. Rajat Sharmacharjee

Dr. Pranesh Debnath

Prof. Parag Shil, Head, Department of Commerce and Chairman, DRC, presided over the meeting. At the outset the Chairman welcomed all the members present in the meeting.

Item No.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the DRC meeting held on 20/09/2021 & 07.01.2022.

The minutes of the DRC (Commerce) meeting held on 20/09/2021 & 07.01.2022 were placed by the chairman. The members present noted down the contents. The chairman with the permission of the members present confirmed the minutes.

Item No. 2: to consider and decide about the Ph.D. Title Registration Cases of Commerce Department for consideration and a final decision by DRC

The Chairman placed before the members (02) Two Ph.D. title registration cases. The concerned papers were also placed before the members. The members perused the papers concerned and discussed over the matter. The cases were approved for sending to BPGS for its consideration.

The detail about the one is presented as under:

| Sl. No | Name of the Scholar | Name of the Supervisor & Co Supervisor (if any) | AU Registration Number & Year | Title Proposed for Title Registration | Unique Enrolment No and date of admission | Campus |
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| 01 | Sudeeptra Raha | Prof. Parag Shil | 20190000015 of 2019-20 | Performance of Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) of Select Branches of Assam Gramin Vikash Bank and State Bank of in Barak Valley, Assam: A Comparative Study | Dt. 21.12.2021 | Silchar Campus |
| 02 | Nabarupa Dhar | Prof. Parag Shil | 01-130037907 of 2013-14 | Impact of PFMS on Fund Management Pattern of Public Health Engineering Department and its Contractors with Special Reference to Barak Valley, Assam | 0120200051 dt 19.09.2020 | Silchar Campus |

Item Number 3: Ph.D Title Modification:

The RAC report in FORM 8 on the modification of Ph.D title of research scholar **Dipankar Das** has been placed before the DRC and the same has been considered and decided to forward it to BPGS:

| Sl. No | Name of the Scholar | Name of the Supervisor & Co Supervisor (if any) | AU REGISTRATION NUMBER & YEAR | Unique Enrolment No and date of admission | Title of the Research proposal(as per Title Registration) | Title of the Research proposal (MODIFIED as per RAC Recommendation) |
|--------|---------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|---|--|
| 01 | Dipankar Das | Dr. Ram Chandra Das | 10203320 of 2009-10 | 0120180025 Dt.25.01.2018 | Performance of Select Plans Under National Pension Scheme(NPS) in India and Investors' Behaviour About NPS in Assam | Performance of Select Schemes Under National Pension System (NPS) in India and Behaviour of Select University Teachers in Assam Towards National Pension System. |

Item No. 4: To consider and decide about the submission of Ph.D panel of Examiners (Silchar campus).

The chairman placed before the members to consider and decide about the panel of Examiners of 03 (three) Ph.D scholars, as per Regulation for Implementation of Assam University Ordinance on M.Phil and Ph.D degrees, 2017, Point No. 10 (Ref. clause 10.6.3,6.4 and 6.6) After a brief discussion over the matter, the Board decided to recommend these cases to BPGS (Commerce) for its consideration.

| Sl. No | Name of the scholars | Course | Panel of examiners |
|--------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|
| 1. | NAVOJIT BORAH | PH.D | ENCLOSED |
| 2. | KULDEEP GOALA | PH.D | ENCLOSED |
| 3. | TAPAS MUKHOPADHYAY | PH.D | ENCLOSED |

Item Number 5: RAC Progress Report of the Departmental Scholar:

The reports of different RAC of following M.Phil and Ph.D scholars have been received and discussed in the DRC (Departmental Research Committee) meeting and forwarded to the BPGS.

| M.Phil | Ph.D |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Md. Gulzar Alom Khan | Rupan Chakma |
| Bikramjit Dhar | Rajkumar Romensana Singh |
| Paramesh Sharma | Navojit Bora |
| Niranjan Sinha | Tapash Kumar Sahoo |
| Risang Nriame | Tapash Mukhapadhaya |
| | Kuldeep Goala |
| | Mahafuzul Alom |
| | Md. Ekbal Hussain Khadim |
| | Moirangthan Manorama Chanu |
| | Nazrana Begum Choudhury |
| | Arup Paul |
| | Ranjit Roy |
| | Samapti Nath |
| | Nandita Dey |
| | Shubhasish Das |
| | Poushali Das |
| | Shrabani Das |
| | Debashish Acharjee |
| | Nabarupa Dhar |

Item Number 6: Extension of one year time period for continuation of M.Phil work:

DRC has decided to accept the applications received from **Gulzar Alom Khan** for one year extension for continuing their M.Phil. research work and the same shall be forwarded to relevant statutory bodies for approval.

| SL.N o. | Name of the Scholar | Title of the Research proposal | Supervisor/Co-supervisor (if any) | Details of Registration | Extn. For | Campus |
|----------------|----------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 01 | Gulzar Alom Khan | Job Satisfaction and Occupational Stress: A Study on Nurses in Private Hospitals of Barak Valley of Assam | Dr. A.S.Yarso | 0220190019 dt 24.01.2019 | 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 | Silchar Campus |

Item No.7: To consider and decide about the Re-registration of one Ph.D. case of Ms. Seema Singha

One case of Ph.D., re-registration of the candidate Ms. **Seema Singha** from Silchar campus was received and discussed. The members agreed to forward the case to BPGS for re-registration as requested

| Sl. No. | Name of the scholar | Department | Title | Name of the Supervisor/Co-supervisor | Ph.D/M.Phil Regn. No. & Date | Re-registration w.e.f. |
|---------|---------------------|--------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Seema Singha | Commerce, Silchar Campus | Performance of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Linked Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in India : A Critical Analysis | Dr. Soma Roy Dey Choudhury Dr. Brajesh Kumar | Ph.D/3141/20 17 Dt. 04.04.2017 | 04.04.2022 |

Item No. 8: To consider the application submitted for exemption of Coursework by the Newly admitted students having M.Phil. degree

Application for exemption of course work by three candidates (Mohuya Deb Purkayastha, Dipankar Das and Rajkumar Romensana Singha) have been place and DRC decided to consider their applications in the light of existing Ph.D. ordinance and Regulations and also decided for onward transmission of the same to the appropriate authority for necessary action.

The case of Rajkumar Romensana Singha was already submitted to COE for necessary action which was endrossed by the RAC as requested by the supervisor.

In case of Mohuya Deb Purkayastha few modification of objectives were recommended by the RAC during the progress seminar presented by the scholar.

Item from the Chair

No. 1: To consider the matter related to revision of M.Phil/ Ph.D. Course work syllabus of Paper- 503: *Methodological and Conceptual Issues.*

Total Credit: 2+2 = 4

The chairman raised the issue of difficulties faced by the scholars in paper 503 due to shortage of study materials in the existing contents and placed the matter of revision of the paper 503 before the house. After a threadbare discussion following revision was suggested by the members in the paper 503.

Group: A - Department Level Methodology:

2 credits

UNIT 1: Common Methodology of General Nature

Case Study, Focus Group, Pilot Study, action research, evaluation research, historical research, pure and applied research, descriptive and exploratory research, types of variables, measurement of variables, panel data analysis.

UNIT 2: Research Design and Advanced Methodology

Use of MS excel in business research, preparation of pivot table and pivot chart, auto filtering and subtotal function, computation of mean, median, mode, standard deviation, covariance, minimum, maximum, calculation of correlation coefficient for bi-variate distribution, preparation of questionnaire using Google form.

Group: B - Research Area Specific Issues:

2 credits

UNIT 3: Issues in Entrepreneurship and Accounting and Finance

- i. Make in India, Skill formation, Start up India, Self-Reliant India (Atmanirvar Bharat)
- ii. EDP, Entrepreneurship Promotion with special reference to North-East India
- iii. IGAAP, IFRS, GST and Ind AS
- iv. Performance Evaluation and Business Entities/ Banks/Financial Institutions
- v. Contemporary Issues in Entrepreneurship and Accounting and Finance

UNIT 4: Issues in Marketing and Human Resources Management

- i. Service Sector Marketing, consumer behaviour.
- ii. Green Marketing, Agri-Marketing, Niche Marketing and Digital Marketing
- iii. Labour Laws : Industrial Relation and Factories Act, 1948; Plantation Labour Act, 1951; Industrial Dispute Act, 1947, Diversified workforce, Stress Management
- iv. TQM, Talent War, HRM challenges in the World, Green HRM
- v. Contemporary Issues in Marketing and HRM

The DRC recommend the revised syllabus of paper 503 to the BPGS for appropriate decision

No. 2: Relinquishment of Co- Guideship

Chairman, DRC, placed an application for relinquishment of Co-Guideship of Anand Vankatesh, Professor for the research scholar Ms. Mahuya Deb Purkayastha was submitted by Dr. Joyeeta Deb, Associate Professor, Department of Business Administration on 20.09.2021 which was duly forwarded by Dr. Ram Chandra Das, the approved Co- Supervisor from the Department following the departure of Dr. Joyeeta Deb from the Commerce Department. The said application was received on 21.09.2021 by the office of the HOD. After perusing the enclosed documents it has been decided to approved the application and forwarded the same to the BPGS for an appropriate decision.

Item from the member:

No.1: To consider the matter related to change of Supervisor/ Co-supervisor due to the expiry of the lien period of Dr. Joyeeta Deb, Associate Professor, Department of Business Administration, AUS.

Some members of the DRC, Commerce, AUS, raised the issue regarding the supervision/ co-supervision of three Ph.D research scholars working under the supervision of Dr. Joyeeta Deb.

Dr. Joyeeta Deb, the then Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, was the sole supervisor of Samapti Nath, Mahua Deb Purkayastha and Tapas Kumar Sahoo, Ph.D. scholars of the Department before she left the Department keeping lien on her post of Assistant Professor in the Department of Commerce, AUS. Consequent upon her appointment in Department of Business Administration, existing faculties of Department of Commerce, AUS were entrusted the responsibility of co-supervisor as per Clause No. of Assam University Ordinance on M.Phil and Ph.D. Degrees, 2017, when the lien was granted to Dr. Joyeeta Deb by the University authority.

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| Sl. No. | Name of Scholars | Name of Co-supervisors allotted earlier |
|---------|---------------------------|---|
| 1 | Ms. Samapti Nath | Dr. Ram Chandra Das |
| 2 | Ms. Mahua Deb Purkayastha | Dr. Ram Chandra Das |
| 3 | Mr. Tapas Kumar Sahoo | Dr. A. S. Yarso |

Now, as per minutes of the 146th Meeting of the Executive Council of Assam University held on 12.01.2022 vide Item No. 17 (EC:146:01-22:17) and Item No.8 (EC:136:09-20:08) of 136th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 16.09.2022, Dr. Joyeeta Deb has completed her one year of the probation period in the Department of Business Administration as on 02.08.2021. The DRC after perusing the rules in vogue Clause No. 6.7 of Assam University Ordinance on M.Phil and Ph.D. Degrees, 2017, resolved to allot supervisor for the concerned scholars as follows:

| Sl. No. | Name of Scholars | Name of Supervisor |
|---------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Ms. Samapti Nath | Dr. Ram Chandra Das |
| 2 | Ms. Mahua Deb Purkayastha | Dr. Ram Chandra Das |
| 3 | Mr. Tapas Kumar Sahoo | Dr. A. S. Yarso |

Dr. Joyeeta Deb may act as co-supervisor subject to submission of an application expressing her desire and consent to continue the supervision work as co-supervisor.

After a brief discussion over the matter, the DRC decided to recommend these cases to the BPGS for its consideration and an appropriate onward decision.

In the light of above decision the reconstitution of RAC was recommended to the BPGS (Commerce) for an appropriate action.

| Name of the Scholar | Existing RAC Members | Present RAC Members |
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| Tapas Kumar Sahoo | Prof. Parag Shil---Chairman Dr. Ram Ch. Das---Member Dr. Avijit Debnath (Economics)--- Member Dr. Manas Roy (Economics) --- Member Dr. Joyeeta Deb (Business Administration) -- Supervisor Dr. A. S. Yarso---Convener & Co-Supervisor | Prof. Parag Shil---Chairman Dr. Ram Ch. Das---Member Dr. Avijit Debnath (Economics)--- Member Dr. Manas Roy (Economics) --- Member Dr. A. S. Yarso---Convener & Supervisor |
| Mahuya Deb Purkasthya | Prof. Parag Shil---Chairman Dr. A. S. Yarso---Member Dr. Avijit Debnath (Economics)--- Member Dr. Ritwik Majumdar (Economics) --- Member Dr. Joyeeta Deb (Business Administration) -- Supervisor Dr. Ram Ch. Das---Convener & Co-Supervisor | Prof. Parag Shil---Chairman Dr. A. S. Yarso---Member Dr. Avijit Debnath (Economics)--- Member Dr. Ritwik Majumdar (Economics) --- Member Dr. Ram Ch. Das---Convener & Supervisor |
| Samapti Nath | Prof. Parag Shil---Chairman Dr. A. S. Yarso---Member Dr. Raju Mandal (Economics)--- Member Dr. Jonali Gogoi (Statistics) --- Member Dr. Joyeeta Deb (Business Administration) -- Supervisor Dr. Ram Ch. Das---Convener & Co-Supervisor | Prof. Parag Shil---Chairman Dr. A. S. Yarso---Member Dr. Raju Mandal (Economics)--- Member Dr. Jonali Gogoi (Statistics) --- Member Dr. Ram Ch. Das---Convener & Supervisor |

No.2: Engagement of Full-time Ph.D. Scholars in the Teaching-learning process in the Department

Some members of the DRC, Commerce, AUS raised the issue regarding the engagement of Full-time Ph.D. Scholars in the Teaching-learning process in the Department. DRC resolved that, the Full-time Ph.D. Scholars drawing any kind of scholarship (JRF/ SRF/ Non-NET/ Others) are expected to attend the Department and support in the Teaching-learning activities as and when required as per clause 13.2 of Assam University Ordinance on M.Phil. and Ph.D. Degree, 2017.

As there was no other matter to discuss so the meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the chair.


(Prof. Parag Shil)

Chairman,

DRC, Commerce, AUS