

**DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS
ASSAM UNIVERSITY, SILCHAR**

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Date: 1 August 2019

**MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL AFFIARS
COMMITTEE (DAC) HELD ON 1ST AUGUST 2019 AT 1 PM**

Following members were present:

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| 1. Prof. Dibyojyoti Bhattacharjee | Chairman |
| 2. Dr. Jonali Gogoi | Member |

The Chairman welcomed all the members to the Sixteenth meeting of the Departmental Affairs Committee of the Department of Statistics, Assam University.

The agenda of the discussion circulated before the meeting. The discussions were held on all the agenda items. After discussion the following resolution was taken.

Resolution 1: Feedback on Curriculum by students as reported by IQAC

The chairmen read out the report of Feedback on curriculum as obtained from IQAC dated 18.07.2019 for the different papers taught in 2nd and 4th semester. It is found that though the feedback is good in all the second semester and fourth semester paper but students gave very poor feedback in paper no. 405.

The paper 405 is a project paper and in the paper the students are to apply the knowledge they have gathered in the other papers, so that they can learn the applicability of the subject to real life. This is important for a subject like Statistics which is an applied subject. The house decided to take up the project paper very seriously in the current year. It was further decided that special orientation program is to be designed to make the students understand the relevance of the Project paper.

Resolution 2: Arrangement of Special talks & training programs for PG students & Ph.D Scholars

The house opined that the Statistics students shall be provided some separate training in data analysis considering the requirements of growing analytical jobs. This shall help the students to get placement following their M.Sc / Ph.D Course.

- (i) The chairmen informed the house that Prof Nabendu Pal of Lousiana University, USA shall be available in Kolkata in the month of September, 2019. He may be invited to conduct a 3-Day Workshop on Bayesian Data Analysis for the benefit of PG/Ph.D students.
- (ii) The interest shown by Prof. Bimal K Sinha, University of Maryland, USA to visit the department in 31st October, 2019 was recorded. Invitation may be extended to him for delivering two lectures on 31st October and 1st November, 2019. He shall be provided local hospitality & humble remuneration for his visit.
- (iii) The chairmen also informed the house that IBM SPSS has shown interest to conduct a workshop in the department at their own cost. The house finds it is a nice proposal and authorizes the chairman to go ahead with it.

(iv) A member of the house feels that - considering the fact that our students need some training on developing some of their soft skills like leadership quality, communication skill etc, it is necessary that some special programs on soft skill development be arranged in the department. The chairman appraised the house that Dr. Anurag Singh of Banaras Hindu University may be invited for a 3-Day Workshop for the students.

The cost of (i), (ii), (iii) & (iv) may be borne from the Annual Course Fee Fund of the department. Some amount of registration fee may be charged from the participants in case of (i), (ii) & (iii)

Rs. 10,000/- each may be spent from Annual Course Fee fund for the programs (i), (ii) & (iv) i.e-Rs.10,000/- \times 3 = Rs.30,000/-.may be claimed from the Annual Course Fee of the department for conducting the events.

Resolution 3: Allocation of teacher-in-charge for project work of M.Sc (3rd sem) students; for Paper no -405 to be completed in 4th semester

The house decided that the students to be allocated to the different teachers for their project work be decided by lottery method. Dr. Tanusree Deb Roy, who is on Child Care leave, has also agreed to guide a few students. As the students are 16 in number, so each teacher shall supervise 5 students and the head of the department shall supervise 6 students.

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

D. Bhattacharjee 1.8.19
(Prof. Dibyojyoti Bhattacharjee)

J. Gogoi
1/8/19
(Dr. Jonali Gogoi)