

MINUTES

OF

134™ MEETING OF THE

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

held on 29th May 2020 at 11.00 a.m. at Premendra Mohan Goswami Shabha Kaksha

ASSAM UNIVERSITY

(A CENTRAL UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHED BY AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT)

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Assam University, Silchar

Minutes of 134th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 29th May 2020 at 11.00 A.M. at the Premendra Mohan Goswami Shabha Kaksha of the Administrative Building, Assam University, Silchar.

The following Members were present:

1.	Prof. Dilip Chandra Nath, Vice-Chancellor		: Chairman
2.	Prof. Abhik Gupta, Pro-Vice Chancellor, A.U. Silchar Campu	S	: Member
3.	Prof. Supriyo Chakraborty, Dean, School of Life Science	es	: Member
	Prof. GeetikaBagchi, Dean, School of Education Scien		: Member
5.	Prof. Manoj Kr. Sinha, Dean, School of Library Scien	ces	: Member
6.	Prof. Dipendu Das, Dean, School of English & Foreign Langu	ages	: Member
	Prof. Rama Bhattacharyya, Senior most Professor	1223	: Member
8.	Dr. P. K. Deva Sarma, Associate Professor, Dept. of Comp.	Sc	: Member
9.	Dr. Baharul Islam Laskar, Principal, M.C.D. College, Sonai		: Member
10.	Dr. Subhadeep Dhar, Finance Officer i/c.	: Perm	anent Invitee
11,	Dr. Pradosh Kiran Nath, Registrar i/c	Ex-of	ficio Secretary

The following members participated in the meeting through video conferencing using SKYPE/CISCO WebEx:

Prof. Amarendra Kumar Das, Visitor's Nominee : Member Dept. of Design, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati.

Dr. Bharati Singh, Visitor's Nominee
 Director, Dept. of Home Science Extension Education,
 Institute of Home Science, Khandari, Agra.

3. Dr. Anupam Mishra, Visitor's Nominee
Director, ICAR-ATARI, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

4. Prof. Sivasish Biswas, Pro-Vice Chancellor, AUDC : Member

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Members absent:

 Shri Jahnu Barua, Visitor's Nominee : Member (Absent without intimation) 2. Dr. Devika Barman, Visitor's Nominee : Member (Absent without intimation) 3. Smt. Drimsibon Kharkongor, Visitor's Nominee : Member (Absent without intimation) 4. Dr. M. K. Sharma, Principal, Diphu Govt. College : Member (Absent without intimation) 5. Director, Higher Education, Govt. of Assam : Member (Absent without intimation) 6. Principal, Radhamadab College, Silchar : Member

At the outset the Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman welcomed all the members of the Executive Council. Thereafter following agenda items were taken up for discussion and resolutions were adopted accordingly.

(A) Agenda item for confirmation:

(With intimation)

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, & 133rd Meeting of EC:

EC:134:05-20:01 :The minutes of the 129th, 130th(Emergent), 131st (Emergent), 132nd (Emergent) & 133rd (Emergent) Meeting of the Executive Council held on 26thNovember 2019, 11th December 2019,15th February 2020, 18th February 2020 and 20thFebruary 2020 respectively were placed for consideration and confirmation.

Resolution: The Council confirmed the minutes of the 129th, 130th (Emergent), 131st (Emergent), 132nd (Emergent) & 133rd (Emergent) Meeting of the Executive Council.

(B) Agenda item for ratification by the Council:

Item No. 2: Appointment of Heads of the Departments:

EC:134:05-20:02 :The competent authority has appointed the following faculty

members as HODs or HOD in-charges as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name	Department	Effective date
1.	Dr. Pius VT, HOD i/c	Philosophy	18/11/2019
2.	Prof. Sarbani Giri, HOD	Life Sc & Bioinformatics	With immediate effect
3.	Prof. Madhumita Dhar Sarkar, HOD	Law	05/2/2020
4.	Prof. Sumanash Dutta, HOD	Economics	24/2/2020
5	Prof. Jayati Bhattacharjee, HOD	Political Science	01/5/2020

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6	Prof. H. Ramananda Singh	Business Admn.	15/5/2020	
7	Prof. Humayun Bokth	Sociology		_
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The item was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution: The Council ratified the same.

Item No. 3: Grant of Lien to Dr. Ajoy Kumar Khan, Assistant Professor, Dept of Computer Science & Engineering:

EC:134:05-20:03 :Consequent upon appointment of Dr. Ajoy Kumar Khan, Assistant Professor, Dept of Computer Science & Engineering, Assam University, Silchar as Associate Professor at Mizoram University and subject to ratification by the Executive Council, the competent authority is pleased to grant him lien for one year to enable him to join his new assignment at Mizoram University on 18/11/2019. The item was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution: The Council ratified the same.

Item No. 4: Grant of Lien to Dr. Priya Ranjan Kumar, Assistant Professor, Dept of Law

EC:134:05-20:04 :Consequent upon appointment of Dr. Priya Ranjan Kumar, Assistant Professor, Dept of Law, Assam University, Silchar as Associate Professor at Tezpur University and subject to ratification by the Executive Council, the competent authority is pleased to grant him lien for one year to enable him to join his new assignment at Tezpur University on 12/12/2019. The item was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution: The Council ratified the same.

Item No. 5: Grant of Lien to Dr. Hilloljyoti Singha, Assistant Professor, CBNRC, Dept of Ecology & Environmental Science:

EC: 134:05-20:05: Consequent upon appointment of Dr. Hilloljyoti Singha, Assistant Professor, CBNRC, Dept of Ecology & Environmental Science, Assam University, Silchar as Professor at Bodoland University and subject to ratification by the Executive Council, the competent authority is pleased to grant him lien for one year to enable him to join his new assignment at Bodoland University on 23/12/2019. The item was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution: The Council ratified the same.

Item No.6 : Grant of Lien to Dr N. Bijen Meetei, Assistant Professor, Dept of Political Science :

EC:134:05-20:06 :Consequent upon appointment of Dr. N. Bijen Meetei, Assistant Professor, Dept of Political Science, Assam University, Silchar as Associate Professor at Manipur University and subject to ratification by the Executive Council, the competent authority is pleased to grant him lien for one year to enable him to join his new

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assignment at Manipur University on 10/1/2020. The item was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution: The Council ratified the same.

Item No.7: Grant of Lien to Dr K Krishnakanta Singh, Assistant Professor, Dept of Earth Science:

EC:134:05-20:07 :Consequent upon appointment of Dr. K Krishnakanta Singh, Assistant Professor, Dept of Earth Science, Assam University, Silchar as Associate Professor at Central University of Punjab and subject to ratification by the Executive Council, the competent authority is pleased to grant him lien for one year to enable him to join his new assignment at Central University of Punjab on 11/2/2020. The item was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution: The Council ratified the same.

Item No.8 : Grant of study leave to Dr. Prodipto Das, Asstt. Professor, Dept of Computer Science :

EC:134:05-20:08 :Dr. Prodipto Das, Asstt. Professor, Dept of Computer Science has applied for grant of study leave for 6 months w.e.f. 10/12/2019 to 6/6/2020 to complete his M Tech course at Mizoram University. Subject to the ratification by the Executive Council, the competent authority has granted study leave to Dr. Das for the above period. The item was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution: The Council ratified the same.

Item No.9: Resignation of Dr. Atanu Banerjee, Asstt Professor, Dept of Education:

EC: 134:05-20:09: Dr. Atanu Banerjee has tendered his resignation from the post of Asstt. Professor, Dept of Education of this University vide his application dated 16/9/2019. Subject to ratification by the Executive Council the competent authority has accepted his resignation and he has been relieved from the services of this University w.e.f. 16/12/2019. The item was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution: The Council ratified the same.

Item No.10: Acceptance of joining report of Dr. H. Ramananda Singh, Professor, Dept of Business Administration:

EC:134:05-20:10 :The competent authority has accepted the joining report dated 23/9/2019 submitted by Dr. H. Ramananda Singh, Professor, Dept of Business Administration before completion of lien period granted to him for 5 years w.e.f. 1/10/2014 to 30/9/2019. It is to be noted that Dr Singh was granted lien for 5 years to enable him to join as Director, Academic Staff College, Manipur University. The item was placed before the Council for perusal and ratification.

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Resolution: The Council ratified the same.

Item No. 11: Promotion on Career Advancement Scheme of faculty members :

EC:134:05-20:11: The meeting of the Screening cum Evaluation Committee was held on 11-11-2019, 13-11-2019 & 15-11-2019, 21-11-2019 at the Conference Room of the Vice-Chancellor, Raja Ram Mohan Roy Administrative Building, Assam University, Silchar for considering the recommendation of the Screening cum Evaluation Committee for promotion of the following faculty members under CAS as per the provisions of UGC,

Regulation, 2010 as detailed below.

Sl.	Name of the	Department	Pro	noted	Date of
No.	faculty		From	To	effect
1.	Dr. D. Mary Kim Haokip	Linguistics	Assistant Professor Stage-II	Assistant Professor Stage-III	31-10-2018
2.	Dr. Debjyoti Bhattacharyya	Life Science	Assistant Professor Stage-II	Assistant Professor Stage-III	20-11-2017
3.	Dr. Indu Sharma	Microbiology	Assistant Professor Stage-II	Assistant Professor Stage-III	09-10-2018
4.	Dr. N. Bijen Meetei	Political Science	Assistant Professor Stage-II	Assistant Professor Stage-III	20-10-2017
5.	Dr. H. Rajamani Singha	Manipuri	Assistant Professor Stage-II	Assistant Professor Stage-III	30-12-2017
6.	Dr. R.K. Nirmola Sana	Manipuri	Assistant Professor Stage-I	Assistant Professor Stage-II	08-03-2019

The matter was placed before Executive Council for ratification.

Resolution: The Council ratified the same.

Item No.12: Correction of name of the Department of Richik Kashyap, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Law:

EC:134:05-20:12: In the last 126th EC meeting, vide its resolution no. EC:126:06-19:19 the name of the Department at SI. No. 9 against Dr. Richik Kashyap was inadvertently mentioned as Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) instead of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE).

Hence the matter was placed before the Executive Council for ratification of correction of the name of the Department.

Sl.	Name	Name of Department	Corrected name of the
No.		entered	Department
1	Dr. Richik Kashyap	Computer Science and Engineering (CSE)	

Resolution: The Council ratified the same.

Item No. 13: Nomination of a member to the Finance Committee by the Executive Council of the University:

EC:134:05-20:13 :As per Statute 19 (1) (iii) of Assam University Act & Statute in the Finance Committee, three persons nominated by the Executive Council out of whom at least one shall be a member of the Executive Council.

In this regard it is to inform here that the term of Prof. Sanjib Das, Dean, School of Medical & Paramedical Sciences. Assam University, Silchar as a member of the Executive Council of the University has expired 02/02/2020.

Subject to ratification by the Executive Council of the University, the competent authority has nominated Prof. Geetika Bagchi, Dept. of Education, Assam University, Silchar as a member of the Finance Committee of Assam University in place of Prof. Sanjib Das, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Science as a nominee of Executive Council w.e.f. 13/05/2020 for a period of three years or till the date of continuation as a member of the Executive Council, whichever is earlier. The matter was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution: The Council ratified the same.

Item No. 14: Nomination of the In-Charge ship to the position of Controller of Examination of the University:

EC:134:05-20:14: On completion of tenure of Dr. Suprabir Dutta Roy, Controller of Examinations for the post of COE, he has been relieved from duty on 14.5.2020 (AN). Further, due to exigency of Examination Section owing to outbreak of COVID-19, Dr. Suprabir Dutta Roy has been assigned new assignment as Advisor to Vice Chancellor on Examination matters till the completion of Even Semester Examination 2020. As advisor, he shall draw pay & park as per his entitlement for the month of April 2020 (i.e, the last full month before retirement).

Mr. L. Bojen Singh, Deputy Registrar shall function as Controller of Examinations i/c until further order. The matter was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution: The Council ratified the same.

Item No. 15: Appointment of the Pro Vice Chancellor for Silchar H.Q. of AUS:

EC:134:05-20:15 :The University authority has appointed Prof. Abhik Gupta, Dept. of Ecology & Environmental Science as the Pro Vice Chancellor of Assam University, Silchar H.Q. vide order dtd. 20/01/2020. The matter was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution: The Council ratified the same.

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(C) Agenda item for approval/decision by the Council:

Item No. 16: The Minutes of the 58th & 59th meeting of the Affiliation Committee:

EC:134:05-20:16 :The Director, College Development Council has submitted the Minutes of the 58th and 59th meeting of the Affiliation Committee held on 16th May 2019 and 29th July 2019 respectively for consideration and ratification of the Academic Council. The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:2 has accepted the matter and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No. 17: Minor modification UG Syllabus under CBCS:

EC: 134:05-20:17: The Chairman BUGS of Anthropology has submitted a proposal for minor modification of UG syllabus under CBCS of 3rd& 4th semester were made in the following papers:

Semester 3rd: ANTHROC - 303 & ANTHROSEC - 301

Semester 4th: ANTHROC - 401, ANTHROC - 403 & ANTHROSEC - 401

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:10 has accepted the matter and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No. 18: Minor modification PG Syllabus of Bengali:

EC:134:05-20:18 :The Chairman BPGS of Bengali has submitted a proposal for minor modification of PG syllabus Course No. 304 (G) : Kathasahitya - 1 & 404 (G) : Kathasahitya - 2.

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:11 has accepted the matter and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No. 19: The Minutes of the meeting of CBCS Implementation Committee:

EC:134:05-20:19 :The Director, College Development Council has submitted the Minutes of the meeting of CBCS Implementation Committee held on 3rd July 2019 for consideration and approval of the Academic Council.

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:12 has accepted the matter with some modification in the minutes in the Sl. No. 3 & 5 of Clause 26 (Betterment Examination) of AUS TDC (CBCS) Regulations, 2018.

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Original minutes placed in the agenda	Modified minutes after resolved
3. Maximum one paper (only Theory) in each semester can be allowed within N+2 (normal duration of the course + 2 years) time period. Examination will be held along with next regular semester (Odd/Even) examination.	the end of the course.
Students who opted for betterment shall not be considered for determination of rank.	Betterment marks will not be considered for determination of rank.

The Academic Council further recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No. 20: UGC Regulations on minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers in technical education and other academic staff in Universities and Colleges and other measures for the maintenance of standards in higher education, 2018:

EC:134:05-20:20 :The Dean, TSSOT has submitted the UGC Regulations on minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers and other academic staff in Universities and Colleges and other measures for the maintenance of standards in higher education, 2018. In case of Technical education, teacher education etc minimum qualification for the posts of Teachers & other Academic staffs of University & revision of pay scales and other service conditions shall be as per AICTE/NCTE norms as per Clause 1.1 of UGC Regulation 2018. Only where there is no clear guidelines by respective authorities, UGC Regulations shall be applicable for those spheres. EC has already adopted UGC Regulation 2018 and therefore Clause 1.1 of the Regulation shall be accordingly applicable. However, the matter was placed before the Academic Council for thorough discussion to ensure that the interpretation & implementation of Clause 1.1 of the Regulation is as per letter & spirit.

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:13 has accepted the matter resolved that those Depts. which are recognized by the different Statutory authorities shall follow the prescribed norms of their respective Statutory bodies as per UGC Regulations 2018.

The Academic Council further recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

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Item No. 21: List of question setter/moderators/evaluators in case of TDC

EC:134:05-20:21 :The Controller of Examinations has submitted the list of question setter/moderators/evaluators of TDC course forwarded by the Chairman, BUGS which was placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:19 has accepted the matter and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No. 22: List of question setter/moderators/evaluators in case of PG

EC: 134:05-20:22: The Controller of Examinations has submitted the list of question setter/moderators/evaluators of PG course forwarded by the Chairman, BPGS and approved by the Vice-Chancellor and was placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:20 has accepted the matter and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No. 23: Guidelines on pursuing two regular degree courses simultaneously

EC:134:05-20:23 :Detailed guidelines on pursuing two regular degree courses together prepared by a committee constituted vide Notification No. AUE/COE/MISC/45/2019 (Part) dated 29th August 2019 as per the direction of the competent authority.

The minutes of the committee approved by the Vice-Chancellor was placed for consideration of the Academic Council.

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:22 has accepted the matter and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No. 24: Revision of Admission Criteria for B.Tech. Courses:

EC:134:05-20:24: The Dean, Triguna Sen School of Technology has forwarded the decision of the School Board that the revision of admission criteria for various B.Tech, courses were accepted as placed by the respective Chairman of the departmental DUPC/DPPC.

The details of the criteria are mentioned below.

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1. DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING:

Table no. 1: Comparison of Existing criteria against the revised one.

Existing	Proposed
1. 60% aggregate of marks in 10+2.	1. 60% aggregate of marks in 10+2.
2. Mandatory subjects: Physics, Chemistry, and Maths (PCM).	Mandatory subjects: Physics, Chemistry, and Maths (PCM).
a. Qualifying marks in each subjects (PCM).	 a. Qualifying marks in each subjects (PCM).
b. Individual marks in PCM should be a minimum of 60%.	 For SC/ST categories, the aggregate of marks in 10+2 is 55%
3. For SC/ST categories, the aggregate of marks in 10+2 is 55% and 55% in case of PCM.	and 50% in case of PCM.

2. DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING:

Table no. 1: Comparison of Existing criteria against the revised one.

Existing	Proposed
 60% aggregate of marks in 10+2. Mandatory subjects: Physics, Chemistry, and Maths (PCM). Qualifying marks in each subjects (PCM). Individual marks in PCM should be a minimum of 60%. 3.For SC/ST categories, the aggregate of marks in 10+2 is 55% and 55% in case of PCM. 	 60% aggregate of marks in 10+2. Mandatory subjects: Physics Mathematics and any one subject from Chemistry, Biology Biotechnology, Computer Science Statistics or technical vocational subjects Qualifying marks in each subjects (PCM). For SC/ST categories, the aggregate of marks in 10+2 is 55% and 50% in case of PCM.

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3. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING:

Existing	Proposed
1. 60 (Sixty) before EWS Reservation and 75 (Seventy Five) after EWS Reservation 2. B.Tech. through All India /Joint Engineering Entrance Examination conducted by CBSE (North East): Candidates who secured at least 45% marks (40% for SC/ST/PwD) in the 12th class shall be eligible to apply to B.Tech. in Agricultural Engineering 3. Admission test Conducted by the School of Technology: Candidates who secured 60% (55% for SC/ST) marks in aggregate papers of Physics, Chemistry &Biology/Mathematics and 55% marks in aggregate (50% for SC/ST) and Pass	1. No Change: i.e 75 (Seventy Fivafter EWS Reservation implementation 2. No change i.e as possible MHRD/CBSE/ Concerned Authority 3. Admission test Conducted by the School of Technology with Eligibility Criteria same as (i) i.e Candidates should have secured 45% marks (40% for SC/ST/PwD) if the 12th Class/ Higher Secondary level (10+2) class with Science subjects only.
Candidates who secured 60% (55% for SC/ST) marks in aggregate papers of Physics, Chemistry &Biology/Mathematics and 55% marks in aggregate (50% for SC/ST) and Pass marks in mathematics as a subject in 10+2 level. 4. Selection to 75% of seats through Central Counselling Board authorised to hold counselling for the candidates who have qualified in the All India Engineering/ Joint Entrance Examination conducted by	marks (40% for SC/ST/Pw the 12 th Class/ H Secondary level (10+2) class
CBSE/NTA/other as applicable and Ranking/Merit position. Selection for remaining 25% of total seats will be filled up through admission test conducted by the School of Technology and Merit position based on Admission test performance.	

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:23 has accepted the matter and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

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Item No. 25: Revision of Admission Criteria for M.Tech. Courses of the Department of Agricultural Engineering:

EC:134:05-20:25 :The Dean, Triguna Sen School of Technology has forwarded the decision of the School Board that the revision of admission criteria for M.Tech. courses of the Department of Agricultural Engineering were accepted as placed by the Chairman of the departmental DPPC, Department of Agricultural Engineering. The details of the criteria are mentioned below.

EXISTING CRITERIA	PROPOSED REVISIONS/CHANGES
(i) 32 (Thirty) with 8 (Eight) in each specialisation [Water Resources Development and Management(WRDM)/Farm Machinery and Power Engineering (FMPE)/Aquacultural Engineering /Food Process Engineering (FPE)]	(i) No Change. However, based on academic demand for specialisation by the stake
 (i) National level test: Central University Common Entrance Test Selection based on Ranking and Merit prepared by the Department (ii) Admission test Conducted by the Departments: Selection based on Admission test performance and merit position. 	(i) No Change (ii) No Change
Candidates who secured at least 60% marks (55% for SC/ST/PwD) in the in B.E./B. Tech./ A.M.I.E. in relevant discipline/subjects/streams from a recognized Institute/ or University shall be eligible to apply to M.Tech. in Agricultural Engineering with following specialisation: 1. Water Resources Development and Management: Candidates should have academic qualification/degree in B.E./B.Tech. or A.M.I.E. degree in Agricultural/ Civil Engg. from a recognized Institute/ or University. 2. Food Process Engineering: Candidates should have academic qualification/degree in BE/B.Tech or A.M.I.E. degree in Agricultural Engg./ Food Engg./Chemical Engg. or Technology/ M. Sc. in Food Processing Technology/ Food Technology / Post Harvest Technology / Food Engineering and Technology from a recognized Institute/ or University 3. Farm Machinery and Power Engineering: Candidates should have academic qualification/degree in BE/B.Tech or A.M.I.E degree in Agricultural/ Mechanical Engg./Energy Engineering from a recognized Institute/ or University.	Candidates who secured at least 55% marks (50% for SC/ST/PwD) in the in B.E./B. Tech./ A.M.I.E in relevant discipline/subjects/ streams from a recognized Institute/ or University shall be eligible to apply to M.Tech. in Agricultural Engineering in to the appropriate specialisation. No Change in academic qualification in relevant discipline/subjects/streams from a recognized Institute/ or University.

4. Aquacultural Engineering:
Candidates should have academic qualification/degree in B.E./B.Tech. or A.M.I.E degree in Agricultural/ Civil Engg. from a recognized Institute/ or University.
As per the Policy of the Government of India

No Change i.e. as per GOI guidelines

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:24 has accepted the matter and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No. 26: Panel of Practical Paper Examiners for conducting Practical Papers of 1st and 3rd Semester Examination, December 2019 for the Dept. of Library Sciences:

EC:134:05-20:26: The Dean, Swami Vivekananda School of Library Sciences has submitted the proposal for Panel of Practical Paper Examiners for conducting Practical Papers of 1st and 3rd Semester Examination, December 2019. The panel was placed in the meeting in a sealed envelope.

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:25 has accepted the matter and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No. 27: Panel of Question Setters and Examiners for 1st and 3rd Semester Examination, December 2019 for the Dept. of Law:

EC:134:05-20:27: The Dean, D. C. School of Legal Studies has submitted the proposal for Panel of Question Setters and Examiners for 1st and 3rd Semester Examination, December 2019. The panel was placed in the meeting in a sealed envelope.

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:26 has accepted the matter and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No. 28: Matters related to admission of students to B.Voc under self financing system:

EC:134:05-20:28 :The In-Charge, B. Voc. submitted a proposal in connection with matters related to admission of students to B.Voc under self financing system. 18 Nos

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students selected in the 1st & 2nd drive of admission to B.Voc programme under self financing system have not taken admission due to the fact that they need education loan from the bank. Hence they have requested for considering their admission if they pay total fee of Rs. 27,445/- in two installments i.e, Rs. 10,000/ in the 1st semester and Rs. 17,454/- in the 2nd semester.

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:27 has accepted the matter and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No. 29: Matter related to BPGS, Computer Science:

EC:134:05-20:29: The Chairman, BPGS of Computer Science has forwarded agenda related to M.Sc. syllabus, interchange of papers along with minutes of the BPGS held on 12/9/2019 was placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

a) Minor Modification of M.Sc. syllabus:

Minor modification in the content of the paper MCSC-904/MS-304 Elective-I (f): Machine Learning.

b) Interchange of the following papers between 8th& 9th / 2nd and 3rd (lateral entry) semester of the M.Sc. syllabus w.e.f. current academic year 2019-20.

Present position in the structure of M. Sc. syllabus	Position after interchange in the structure of M.Sc. syllabus
8th Semester: MCSC-804/MS-204 (c) Natural Language Processing (Open Course-II)	8th Semester:
9th Semester: MCSC-904/MS-304 Elective-I (d) Distributed Database System The 86th mosting of Annual Control	9th Semester: MCSC-904/MS-304 Elective-I (d) Natural Language Processing

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:30 has accepted the matter and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No. 30: Revision of syllabus for the Department of Political Science:

EC:134:05-20:30 :The Chairperson, BUGS & Head, Dept. of Political Science has submitted the revised syllabus for SEC 301 & SEC 401 (Hons & Pass) and SEC 501 and

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SEC 601 (Pass course) only. The BUGS recommended these structural changes to the Academic Council for consideration.

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:31 has accepted the matter and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No.31: Minutes of the 46th meetings of the BRS (SSH) &(Science), held on 17th September2019 &18th September 2019 respectively.

EC:134:05-20:31: The minutes of the 46th Meetings of Board of Research Studies (SSH) & (Science), held on 17th September 2019 & 18th September 2019 respectively were placed in the meeting for consideration by the Academic Council.

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:32 has accepted the minutes of the 46th Meetings of Board of Research Studies (SSH) & (Science), held on 17th September 2019 & 18th September 2019 respectively.

The Council also accepted the minutes of 47th Emergent Joint Meeting of BRS (SSH) & (Science) held on today i.e, 27th January 2020 at 10.00 am.

The Academic Council further recommended the Minutes of 46th& 47th BRS to the Executive Council for approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No. 32: Modified BA Pass syllabus of History under CBCS system:

EC:134:05-20:32 :The Chairman, BUGS of History has submitted modified BA Pass syllabus of History under CBCS system effective from the session 2018-19. The details of the matter were placed by the Chairman, BUGS in the meeting.

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:36 has accepted the matter and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No.33: M.Phil Open Viva-Voce as per M.Phil/Ph.D Regulation, 2017.

EC:134:05-20:33 :As per Regulation of M.Phil Programme, 2017 of Assam University, M.Phil programme consists of 3 components. Details along with their credits is as below :

Course Work

16 Credits

Dissertation

16 Credits

Open Viva Voce Exam

NIL

Open Viva Voce Exam is part of the programme.

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M.Phil Degree shall be awarded based on average of grades obtained in Course Work and Dissertation. In case of Viva-Voce Examinations, the Viva-Voce Committee may recommend either for award of M.Phil Degree if it is satisfied with the defence provided by the candidate, or may recommend to re-defend the Viva-voce examination within 3 months from the date of the Viva-Voce.

In absence of the External Expert, the VC's nominee may conduct the Viva-Voice Examination.

The M.Phil/Ph.D. Regulation Committee resolved that a new Committee should be formed to look after the matters related with implementation of Assam University Ordinance on M.Phil and Ph.D Degrees 2017, and this Committee be dissolved w.e.f 10.05.2019.

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:40 has ratified the same and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same. If necessary, Viva-voce to be done online with due approval from Vice-Chancellor.

Item No.34: Change of Name on the Registration, Mark sheet, Certificates etc.

EC:134:05-20:34: A number of issues are being received from the Students/Scholar for change of Name/Surname as recorded in the Registration Certificate issued by Assam University on the grounds of wrong/incorrect recording in HSLC/HS documents, change of surname by Female students/scholars consequent upon marriage etc. In this connection a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Jayanta Bhattacharjee, Joint Registrar (Examination) recommended as under:

- A student/ scholar can also apply for change of name after getting his/her name changed in the HSLC (Matriculation) or equivalent certificate. Copy of the character certificate (Self attested is to be submitted along with the application form and other relevant documents,
- A student/scholar can also apply for change of name after getting his/her name changed through Govt. of India Gazette Notification. In such cases, the candidate has to submit the following documents
 - a) Original copy of Govt. of India, Gazette Notification about the change of name/surname.
 - b) Newspaper cutting (in original) as proof of the Advertisement with regard to change of name/surname in a leading daily newspaper.
 - Self declaration on the prescribed format by the applicant.
- 3. In case of female students/scholars applying for change of surname after marriage, proof of marriage i.e. self attested copy of Marriage Registration Certificate issued by the competent authority shall be required to be submitted along with other relevant documents. In case of unavailability of marriage registration certificate, an affidavit (Self Declaration) may be submitted regarding marriage.

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- 4. Application for change of name (and/or surname) may be entertained only when the applicant is a student/scholar of Assam University at the time of applying for such change. Application for change of name (and/or surname) from a person who is not a student/scholar of the University at the time of submission of application or who has already completed his/her course of study may not be considered.
- The process of change of (and/or surname) may require at least two weeks time after submission of application.
- Any change of name/surname may be effective only after its approval of the University authority.
- The name after change may be read as changed name alias/nee earlier name.

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:41 has accepted the matter and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No. 35: Minor revision in the TSSOT examination system:

EC:134:05-20:35 :The Dean, TSSOT has proposed the minor revision in the TSSOT examination system as follows :

Non-credit courses will be evaluated by End Semester examination only.

(ii) The practical courses will be evaluated with 50% weightage in the Internal Assessment and 50% weightage in the End Semester examination.

(iii) Pass marks will be the 50% of the total marks for Internal Assessment, Mid Semester examination and End Semester examination individually.

The recommendation in this regard of the School Affairs Committee was placed in the meeting of Academic Council. The details of the above proposal was presented by the Dean concerned in the meeting.

After detail discussion the 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:43 has accepted the guidelines for B.Tech programmes from academic session 2019-2020 as recommended by the School Affairs Committee of TSSOT in principle and recommended to the Executive Council for approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No. 36: Dept. of Hospitality & Tourism Management and commencement of M.B.A. (Hospitality & Tourism Management) classes from 2019-20

EC:134:05-20:36 :The Dean, School of Management Studies has informed that on the proposal of Assam University (vide Academic Council resolution No. AC:81:05-18:19 dtd. 05/05/2018 and Executive Council resolution No. EC:121:07-18:02.1 dtd.

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12/07/2018) UGC had sanctioned 06 (six) Teaching positions (comprising one Professor, two Associate Professors and three Assistant Professors for the new Dept. of Hospitality & Tourism Management in Assam University and the process of notification of the said teaching positions for recruitment was also under progress. In this context the School Board of Management Studies requested in the University authorities to considered the followings:-

- (i) to approve/arrange the issuance of an official Notification regarding launching of the Department of Hospitality & Tourism Management under the Jawaharlal Nehru School of Management Studies, Assam University and thereby
- (ii) to permit to admit students for the course of the M.B.A. (Hospitality & Tourism Management) programme with effect from the academic year 2019-20.

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:44 has accepted the proposal (i) of the agenda and for (ii) Dean, School of Management was requested to initiate the process of admission from the session 2020-21 and the resolution of the 74th meeting of the Academic Council in respect to adoption of syllabus be followed in the new department.

The Academic Council recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No. 37: Proposal for operating B.Voc under self financing system from the academic year 2019-20:

EC:134:05-20:37 :The Dean, School of Life Sciences has submitted a proposal for operating B.Voc under self financing system from the academic year 2019-20. The proposal includes the fee structure, terms & condition for operation under self financing system, evaluation of students, honorarium, daily wagers and utilisation of annual course fee and B.Voc development fund.

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:45 has accepted the matter and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

Resolution : The Council approved the same. The University shall not advertise for admission to B.Voc courses from the Academic year 2020-21 until there is sufficient funding for the course by UGC/GoI

Item No. 38: Minor modification UG Syllabus under CBCS:

EC:134:05-20:38 :The Chairman BUGS of Sanskrit has submitted a proposal for minor modification of existing TDC syllabus under CBCS of SEC-301 and SEC-401 of both Honours and General as follows :

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Existing Name of the Paper

*301-SEC (Hons) Dramaturgy

*SEC-301 (General) Computer Awareness of Sanskrit Language * SEC-401 (Hons) Sanskrit Metres& Music

*SEC-401 (General) Yogasutra of Patanjali Modified Name of the Paper

*301-SEC (Hons) Dramaturgy

*SEC-301 (General) Dramaturgy

* SEC-401 (Hons) Sanskrit Metres

*SEC-401 (General) Sanskrit Metres

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:47 has accepted the matter and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No. 39: Minor modification UG Syllabus of Chemistry under CBCS:

EC:134:05-20:39 :The Chairman BUGS of Chemistry has submitted modified TDC syllabus under CBCS in hard and soft copy as per UGC/CBSC guidelines. The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:47(a) has accepted the syllabus and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No. 40: Introduction of M.Phil and Ph.D Courses for Tribal Studies Centre under the Department of History from 2019-20.:

EC:134:05-20:40 :As per (Section 28 (1) (k) of the A.U. Act, 1989) on the basis of its academics relevance. The Center for Tribal Studies has been established in Diphu Campus in the year 2010. The Centre is functioning with one Associate Professor and one Assistant Professor. The Pro-Vice Chancellor, Diphu Campus has placed a proposal for starting M.Phil and Ph.D in Centre for Tribal Studies under the Department of History as per Ordinance on assigning of Department/ Centre to the School of Studies. A Professor or a Reader from the parent Department shall be Director/Co-ordinator of the Centre. The matter is needed to be routed through BPGS & School Board.

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:9 has ratified the same and also resolved that the pattern of AU Silchar campus in existence to be followed and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

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Item No. 41: To approve the Passing of Grace of graduates for the 18th Convocation:

EC:134:05-20:41 :The 18th Convocation of the Assam University was scheduled for 1st March 2020to confer degrees to the candidates who graduated from Assam University. The following degrees will be conferred in the 18th Convocation.

The degrees that will be conferred in the 18th Convocation are as follows:

- M.Phil., Ph.D. & D. Litt. degrees awarded on or after 13-02-2019 and on or before 21-02-2020.
- Post Graduate, Under Gradate, Integrated, Diploma, B.Ed., L.LB. and Three Year Degree Courses (B.A., B.Sc., B.Com., B.B.A., B.C.A.) completed in any of the following:
 - (a) Odd Semester Examination 2018
 - (b) Even Semester Examination 2019

Applications received for 18th Convocation are as under:

Bachelor of Arts	3053
Bachelor of Business Administration	04
Bachelor of Commerce	626
Bachelor of Science	693
B. Ed.	590
B. Pharma	35
Bachelor of Computer Applications	08
Bachelor of Science (Computer Science (Integrated))	24
Master of Science - Computer Science (Integrated)	14
Bachelor of Social Work (Integrated)	41
Master of Social Work (Integrated)	26
Bachelor of Technology	67
Master of Technology	19
Bachelor of Visual Arts (Integrated)	31
Master of Visual Arts (Integrated)	15
LL. B. (College)	75
Bachelor of Arts (Honours)- LLB	35
B. Sc. B. Ed.	14
M. Phil/ Ph. D	259
D. Litt	01
Master of Arts	538
Master of Business Administration	41
Master of Commerce	75
Master of Education (M Ed)	07
Master of Law (LLM)	10
Master of Library & Information Science	18
Master of Mass communication	18
Master of Science	259
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The matter was placed before the Academic Council to approve to pass the grace of Graduates/Post Graduates/ Certificate course /M.Phil/Ph.D/D.Litt etc. for admitting them to their respective degrees in the ensuing convocation.

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:49 has accepted the matter and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval. Keeping in view the present situation due to effect of COVID-19, the Executive Council may decide on the issue as placed.

Resolution: The Council approved the same and authorized the University administration to re-schedule/hold Convocation after situation becomes normal in view of COVID-19.

Item No. 42 : Guidelines for conducting written examination for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities:

EC:134:05-20:42: The UGC, in its letter no. F.No. 6-2/2013(SCT) dated 14th Jan, 2019 forwarded OM of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment letter F.No.34-02/2015-DD-III dated 29th August, 2018 regarding "Guidelines for conducting written examination for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities". As per para XII of this OM, the word "Extra time or additional time" that is being used has been changed to "Compensatory time". Those Students with Benchmark Disabilities who are allowed use of Scribe/Reader/Lab assistant should be allowed additional time not less than 20 minutes per hour of Examination. All students with benchmark disabilities not availing the facility of scribe may be allowed additional time of minimum of 01(one) hour for examination of 3(three) hours duration. In case the duration of Examination is less than an hour, then the duration of additional time should be allowed on pro-rata basis. Additional time should be in the multiple of 5.

The OM F.No.34-02/2015-DD-III dated 29th August, 2018 issued by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) may be adopted in toto.

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:51 has accepted the matter and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

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Item No. 43: Matter related to proposal for Endowment award:

EC:134:05-20:43: In pursuance to the AC resolution No. AC:76:10-16:33 and thereafter the communication made by the Registrar office vide letter No. AUK-204/22/2016 Dtd. 16/05/2017, Prof. Swapna Devi, Rtd. Professor of Sanskrit deposited Rs. 2,00,000.00 (Two Lacs) in May 2017 for instituting the following two Endowment awards (for each award Rupees one lac):

 Birendra Sodashibala Memorial Gold Medal, to be awarded to the best girl Post Graduate who will be a rank holder.

 Mahendra Priyabala Memorial Gold Medal, to be awarded to the candidate for securing First Class First position in M.A. final examination in Sanskrit.

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:54.1 has ratified the same and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same subject to compliance of minimum contribution of the amount of award.

Item No. 44: Regarding inclusion of Non-Net fellowship matter in the admission Mhil/Ph.D. notification 2020:

EC:134:05-20:44: The Chairman proposed that due to non availability sufficient fund for awarding Non-NET fellowship to Research Scholars, it may be mention in the admission notice

that "The Research Scholars who will not be covered by any fellowship offered by different funding agencies, for them the University does not ensure Non-NET fellowship. Non-NET fellowship may be granted subject to the availability of required fund received from UGC. In view of constraint of fund, if any, Non-NET fellowship shall be awarded to the selected candidates on merit basis on the recommendation by the concerned department".

The 86th meeting of Academic Council vide its resolution No. AC:86:01-20:54.2 has accepted the matter and recommended the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No. 45: Finalisation of post based roster for teachers of the University with implementation of EWS:

EC:134:05-20:45: Reservation Roster of teaching of the University has been re-casted in view of new guidelines for Roster incorporating EWS. The same has been duly vetted by Liaison Officer of the University and is placed for approval. It is observed that some of the advertisements made in August 2019 are in deviation to the newly vetted roster of teachers. Re-casted roster will be placed in the meeting.

The matter is placed for discussion and direction on the matter.

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Resolution: The Council approved the re-casted roster of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor of the University as vetted by the Liaison officer (SC/ST Cell). The Council also noted that the advertisements made in August 2019 for the post of Assistant Professor, Associate Professors and Professors of the University doesn't match with the re-casted roster for a number of teaching posts. However, as recruitment of a number of posts against the said advertisements of August 2019 is either over or is on the verge of completion; the Council, decided to proceed with the same and direct the Registrar to make necessary adjustments in future advertisements to ensure social representation as envisaged by Government of India from time to time. The Council also took cognizance of the direction of the Hon'ble High Court in regard to advertisements of August 2019 with respect to WP(C) 7077/2019 and further directed the Registrar to re-advertise the said six posts (Table 1) as per the re-casted roster with due clearance from the Hon'ble Court.

Item No. 46: To consider the recommendations of the Selection Committee for appointment in various disciplines in the University:

EC:134:05-20:46: The Selection Committee meetings for the Post of Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor in the following departments were held on 9th February to 14th February, 2020 at the Burdwan University, Campus, Salt Lake, Kolkata-91 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Dilip Chandra Nath, Vice- Chancellor, Assam University.

The recommendations of the Selection Committee will be placed by the Chairman for approval of the Council.

Resolution: The Council approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee as follows.

A. Department of Business Administration

- (i) Associate Professor (1,UR)
 - Dr. Joyeeta Deb
 - 2) Dr. Kingshuk Adhikari (Wait listed)
- (ii) Associate Professor (1,ST)

None found suitable

- (iii) Assistant Professor (1, UR)
 - 1) Mr. Sourav Dey
 - 2) Mr. Bikramjit Das (Wait listed)
- (iv) Assistant Professor (1, SC)
 - 1) Dr. Kalyan Das

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B. Department of Hospitality & Tourism Management

- (i) Assistant Professor (1, OBC)
 - 1) Mr. K. N. Lokesh Kumar
 - 2) Dr. R. Rajesh (Wait listed)
- (ii) Assistant Professor (1, SC)
 - 1) Mr. Pradip Kumar
 - 2) Dr. Shivam (Wait listed)

C. Department of Commerce

Associate Professor (1, UR)

- 1) Dr. Soumendra Bhattacharjee
- 2) Dr. Dhruva Charan Hota (Wait listed)

D. Department of Economics

Professor (1, UR)

None found suitable

- (ii) Assistant Professor (1, UR)
 - 1) Dr. Amrita Pramanik
 - 2) Dr. Golab Ch. Nandi (Wait listed-1)
 - Chaitali Sinha (Wait listed-2)

E. Department of Education

Associate Professor (1, OBC)

- 1) Dr. Ram Kumar Mahato
- (ii) Assistant Professor (1, EWS)
 - 1) Dr. Thammi Shetty Manichander
 - 2) Dr. Amit Kr. Dey (Wait listed)
- (iii) Assistant Professor (1, SC)
 - 1) Dr. Naresh Kumar
 - 2) Dr. Nandu Kumar Ram (Wait listed)
- (iv) Assistant Professor (1, UR)
 - 1) Dr. Akshay Mamgain
 - 2) Dr. Awadesh Kumar Mishra (Wait listed)

F. Department of Chemistry

- (i) Professor (1, UR)
 - 1) Dr. Manabjyoti Bordoloi
 - 2) Dr. Sujit Kumar Ghosh (Wait listed)

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- (ii) Assistant Professor (1, OBC)
 - 1) Dr. Subrata Paul
 - 2) Dr. Nabajeet Barman (Wait listed)

G. Department of Mathematics

Professor (1, SC)

None found suitable

- (ii) Assistant Professor (1, OBC)
 - 1) Dr. Venkata Rao Chukka
 - 2) Dr. Shibasish Karmakar (Wait listed-1)
 - 3) Dr. Piyali Debnath (Wait listed-2)

H. Department of English

Associate Professor (1, OBC)

None found suitable

I. Department of Linguistics

Assistant Professor (1, ST)

- 1) Dr. Manali Longmailai
- 2) Dr. Wichamdimbo (Wait listed)

J. Department of Arabic

Professor (1, OBC)

- 1) Dr. K. Mohammad Basheer
- 2) Dr. K. Shaik Mohammad (Wait listed)

The Council also resolved that the appointment letter shall be issued to SI. No. 01 in each case immediately to fill up the posts. However, due to COVID-19 joining in the respective positions shall be allowed between 1st August to 31st August 2020.

Item No. 47: Promotion of faculties under CAS:

EC:134:05-20:47: The Screening cum Evaluation Committee meeting was held on 9th February to 14th February, 2020 at the Burdwan University, Campus, Salt Lake, Kolkata-91 for considering promotion of faculties under CAS as per the provisions of UGC, Regulation, 2010. The recommendation of Committee was placed in the meeting by the Chairman for approval of the Council.

Resolution: The Council approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee for promotion of faculties under CAS as follows.

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Sl. No.	Name of the faculty	Department	Promoted		Date of
			From	To	effect
1.	Dr. Baby Pushpa Sinha	English	Associate Professor	Professor	18-06-2018
2.	Dr. Sanjib Sengupta	Mathematics	Associate Professor	Professor	26-04-2018
3.	Dr. Shrabanti Maity	Economics	Assistant Professor Stage-II	Assistant Professor Stage-III	18-11-2018

Item No. 48: Promotion to the post of Section Officer through Departmental Test held in 2019:

EC:134:05-20:48: Departmental Test for promotion to the post of Section Officer was conducted in 2019. Cut off mark was kept in the written examination. However, as per Assam University Non-Teaching Recruitment & Promotion Rule (NT R&PR) 2013, there is no such provision of cut off mark for written test for promotion. The matter was subsequently placed in 129th meeting of Executive Council. The EC vide resolution No. EC:129:11-19:29.3 dtd. 26th November 2019 authorised the Vice Chancellor to take appropriate measures in consonance with NT R&PR of the University.

The matter was accordingly placed before the Council for consideration.

Resolution : The Council noted that there is no provision for cut-off mark in Departmental Test as per the Non-Teaching Recruitment and Promotion Rules 2013. As such disqualifying any candidate for oral interview on the basis of cut-off marks in written test or inviting any disqualified candidates as per marks obtained in written test may invite unnecessary litigations against the University. Therefore, after threadbare discussion, the Council decided to authorize Vice-Chancellor to re-advertise the post for holding fresh Departmental Test for appointment of Section Officer from eligible Departmental candidates.

Item No. 49: Appointment to the post of Laboratory Assistant in the Dept. of Agricultural Engineering:

EC:134:05-20:49 :The result of the written test for appointment to the post of Laboratory Assistant for Dept. of Agricultural Engineering through Direct Recruitment was placed in DPC held in 2019.

However, due to an observation raised in the DPC, further clarification from the Screening Committee was required. The views of Screening Committee have been obtained and placed in the meeting for consideration.

Resolution : The Council discussed the matter and accepted the views of the Screening Committee and accordingly authorized Vice-Chancellor to hold DPC and complete the recruitment process in this regard at the earliest.

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Item No.50: Rate of interest of GPF accumulations:

EC:134:05-20:50: UGC vide letter No. F.16-1/2018(CU), dtd. 05 July 2018 issued a clarification on shortfall in the rate of interest of GPF accumulations. It is mentioned in the said letter that PF regulations of Central Universities are notified under the PF Act, 1925 and in terms of Section 8(2) of the said Act, it is mandatory to follow the rate of interest notified by the Government. Lesser rate of interest can be paid depending upon the financial position of the institution, but higher rate of interest cannot be paid.

It has been noted in recent years that there is a widening gap between the rate of interest generated by GPF deposits in Public sector Band kept in the form of Fixed Deposits and the rate of interest being notified by the GOI on GPF due to down sliding of interest rate on Fixed Deposits by the Banks.

As there is a restriction on managing any shortfall on this from budgetary allocation as per UGC letter under reference a direction in this regard is sought from the Executive Council as there are a large numbers of GPF & CPF subscribers among the employees of the University.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council for necessary guidance.

Resolution: The Council discussed the matter and authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a three member Committee to recommend appropriately on the matter. The recommendations of the Committee to be placed in the Finance Committee for appropriate decision.

Item No.51: Change of home town in respect of Dr. Shuvasish Choudhury:

EC:134:05-20:51: Dr. Shuvasish Choudhury, Assistant Professor, Central Instrumentation Laboratory has applied for change of his home town from Silchar to Jaipur, Rajasthan. He has stated that he has purchased an ownership flat at Jaipur. He has submitted an application for the above purpose duly filled in and attached the copies of land deed for this purpose. As per LTC rule Dr. Choudhury is entitled to change his home town under Clause (ii) of CCS (LTC) Rule.

The item was placed before the Council for consideration and approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No.52: Change of home town in respect of Dr. Arijita Pradhan:

EC:134:05-20:52: Dr. Arijita Pradhan, Assistant Professor, Dept of Applied Science & Humanities has applied for change of her home town from Bengalore to Midnapore (West Bengal). She has stated that her family has shifted from Bengalore to Midnapore a few months back. She has submitted an application for the above purpose duly filled in and attached the copies of documents like copies of Voter Identity Card, Driving License,

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Ration Card and Bank Passbook for this purpose. As per LTC rule Dr. Pradhan is entitled to change her home town under Clauses (i) & (iii) of CCS (LTC) Rule.

The item was placed before the Council for perusal and approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No.53: Grant of sabbatical leave to Prof. M. Dutta Choudhury, Dept of Life Science & Bioinformatics:

EC:134:05-20:53: Prof. Manabendra Dutta Choudhury, Dept of Life Science & Bioinformatics has applied for grant of sabbatical leave for post doctoral research under Gauhati University for the period from 6/7/2020 to 30/6/2021. Prof. Dutta Choudhury has submitted the synopsis and copy of the letter of Registration for D Sc degree as supporting documents related to his sabbatical leave. As per record Prof Dutta Choudhury has already availed sabbatical leave for 479 days in 3 spells earlier out of 730 days. It may be noted that a teacher is entitled to 2 years i.e. 730 days sabbatical leave in entire service. Now he may be granted 251 days sabbatical leave w.e.f. 6/7/2020 to 13/3/2021.

The item was placed before the Council for consideration and approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No.54: Grant of sabbatical leave to Prof K M Jha, Dept of Hindi:

EC:134:05-20:54: Prof Krishna Mohan Jha, Dept of Hindi has applied for grant of sabbatical leave for completion of his research work for one year w.e.f. 1/7/2020 to 30/6/2021. He has mentioned in his application that he will be travelling to different libraries of the country for his research purpose.

As per UGC Regulation 'the permanent, whole time teachers of the university who have completed seven years' of service as a Reader/Associate Professor or a Professor may be granted sabbatical leave to undertake study or research or any other academic pursuit solely for the object of increasing their proficiency and usefulness to the university and higher education system.' As per record Prof Jha has completed the required service as Reader/Associate Professor/Professor in this University.

The item was placed before the Council for consideration and approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No.55: Extension of lien in respect of Dr. Shrabanti Maity, Dept of Economics:

EC:134:05-20:55: Dr. Shrabanti Maity, Asstt Professor, Dept of Economics (who is on lien) has applied for extension of lien for another year w.e.f. 12/3/2020 to 11/3/2021. It

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may be noted that Dr. Maity was granted lien for one year w.e.f. 12/3/2019 to 11/3/2020 to join her new assignment as Associate Professor at Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, West Bengal. It is necessary to know the status of her confirmation of service at Vidyasagar University before further extension of lien. A letter has been sent to the Registrar, Vidyasagar University to let this University know the status of confirmation of her service there.

The item was placed before the Council for its perusal please.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No. 56: Matter related to counting of past service of Dr. Umesh Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Law:

EC:134:05-20:56 :Dr. Umesh Kumar joined Assam University, Silchar as Lecturer on 03-12-2008 against a leave vacancy post. Later on Dr. Kumar joined a regular post of Assistant Professor on 11-11-2009 against an open advertisement. Dr. Kumar was promoted from Assistant Professor Stage-I to Assistant Professor Stage-II under CAS w.e.f. 11-11-2014 on completion of five years of service from the date of his joining a regular post of Assistant Professor (i.e. without counting past service). Dr. Kumar vide his letter dated 03-12-2018 & 27-03-2019 has requested to count his past service for promotion under CAS from the date of his joining as Lecturer Leave Vacancy i.e. w.e.f. 03-12-2008. As per UGC Regulation, 2010 previous regular service shall be counted provided that the previous appointment was not as guest lecturer for any duration or an ad-hoc or in a leave vacancy of less than one year duration. In the instant case there is a shortfall of 21 days of service in leave vacancy to complete one year duration for counting his past service. The matter was referred to CAS Grievance committee and the Committee had recommended that the Executive Council, if so desires may accord relaxation of 21 days shortfall for the purpose of counting of his past service. The report of the Committee was placed in the 110th Executive council and the Executive Council vide Resolution No.EC:110:02-17:42.3 resolved that the report of the CAS Grievance Committee to be examined administratively and if found justified, the Vice-Chancellor was authorized by the Council to take appropriate action. The matter was administratively examined and was found that Dr. Kumar does not fulfill clause 10.(1)(f) of UGC, Regulation, 2010 for counting his past service. The matter was referred to UGC vide letter No. 103/299/2008-Estt/6954-55 dated 06-02-2019 but no reply has been received by this office till date. Dr. Kumar has meanwhile submitted further application as reminder for counting his past service.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council for further direction, if any in this regard.

Resolution: The Council discussed the matter and noted that the matter has been pending for long even after the recommendation of CAS Grievance Committee. The Council also noted that the matter has been referred to UGC in February 2019 but till date no response has been received by the University in this regard. Therefore, the

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Council decided to provisionally accord the counting of past service for promotion of Dr. Umesh Kumar until direction of UGC otherwise, if any is received by the University.

(D) Additional agenda item for approval/decision by the Council:

Item No. 57: Agenda item for sanctioning extension of EOL to Dr. Shatabhisha Roychoudhury, Senior Lady Medical Officer of Assam University Health Centre,:

Dr. Shatabhisha Roychoudhury, Senior Lady Medical Officer, Assam University Health Centre was sanctioned Extra-ordinary leave (EOL) for two years w.e.f. 28/05/2018 to 27/05/2020 to enable her to peruse M D Course in Microbiology in R. G. Kar Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata vide leave order No. 103/808/2012-Estt/9857-61, dtd. 21/05/2018. Now she has submitted an application on 11/02/2020 to grant her EOL for another one year w.e.f. 28/05/2020 to 27/05/2021. As per rule 32(1) and Rule 12 of CCS Leave rules 1972, EOL may be sanctioned to a government servant if he/she applies in writing for EOL when no other leave/other leave is admissible to him/her subject to the ceiling of five years.

Her application dtd. 11/02/2020, earlier EOL order dtd. 21/05/2018 and Rule 32(1) as well as Rule 12 of CCS Leave Rules 1972 are placed for ready reference.

The matter is placed before Executive Council for Consideration and approval.

Resolution: The Council observed that Dr. Satabisha Roychoudhury applied for NOC for pursuing MD course by obtaining study leave. The then Registrar, Dr. Sanjib Bhattacharjee issued NOC without due approval of the Vice-Chancellor and without recommendation of the Committee on grant of study leave to non-teaching staff and also without thorough verification of the section. As per guidelines of the University and applicable service rule on study leave for non-teaching staff, there is no provision of study leave for 3 years to non-teaching staff. However, as the then Registrar issued NOC and Dr. Satabisha Roychoudhury signed a bond with the concerned College on the basis of said NOC, the University was compelled to grant permission to Dr. Satabisha Roy Choudhury to pursue MD Course. As study leave for three years was not admissible as per existing rules which also required specific recommendation of the Committee for consideration, the Executive Council vide its resolution no. EC:123:11-18:12 initially accorded Extra Ordinary Leave (EOL) without pay for two years for pursuing 3-year MD Course instead of study Leave. In order to enable Dr. Satabisha Roy Choudhury to complete the course, the Executive Council hereby further accords one more year as EOL to Dr. Satabisha Roychoudhury from the date of completion of the earlier EOL.



Item No. 58: Item from the Chair:

EC:134:05-20:58.1: Appeal against the verdict of Honble High Court dated 20.04.2020 with regard to WP(C)7677/2019 and WP(C)189/2019:

Chairman appraised the Council about the verdict of Honble High Court dated 20.04.2020 with regard to WP(C)7677/2019 and WP(C)189/2019 and sought appropriate advice.

Resolution: On being briefed by the Chairman, the Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to file an appeal in Divisional Bench of Hon'ble Guwahati High Court against the verdict dated 20.04.2020 and take further necessary steps on the matter as deem fit.

EC:134:05-20:58.2: Issue of Chargesheet to Dr. Partha Sarkar and extension of suspension.

Chairman appraised the Council that on the basis of the initial report of inquiry of the Internal Complaints Committee in matter of sexual harassment against a lady student by Dr. Partha Sarkar, charge sheet has been framed and issued to Dr. Sarkar. However, due to lockdown, the final inquiry could not be preceded further.

Chairman also appraised that on the basis of prima-facie enquiry on the matter at Departmental level, Dr Partha Sarkar was suspended from service which has been further extended for a period of 3-months from the date of completion of initial period of 3-months.

Resolution: The Council approved the suspension of Dr. Sarkar, its extension for period of 3-months and also the issue of Chargesheet. The Council further directed that the final inquiry of Dr. Sarkar may be commenced at the earliest on resumption of normal working of office.

There being no other item to discuss, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

(Dr. Pradosh Kiran Nath) Registrar i/c & Ex-officio-Secretary Executive Council Assam University, Silchar

(Prof. Pilip Chandra Nath) Vice Chancellor & Chairman Executive Council Assam University, Silchar