



***MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC
COUNCIL HELD ON 22ND MAY 2009***

Members Present:

- 1. Prof. Mahendra P Lama, Vice Chancellor and Chairman**
 - 2. Prof. Y D Prasad, Member**
 - 3. Prof. P K Banik, Member**
 - 4. Prof. T Karunakaran, Member**
 - 5. Prof. S F Patil, Member**
 - 6. Prof. R P Tiwari, Member**
 - 7. Prof. J P Sharma, Member**
 - 8. Prof. Iftekar Ahmed, Member**
 - 9. Dr. G S Yonzone, Member**
 - 10. Prof. Tanka B Subba, Member**
 - 11. Dr. Neelima Deshmukh, Member**
 - 12. Prof. Tista Bagchi, Member**
 - 13. Prof. Manvendra Kishore Das, Member**
 - 14. Prof. Jose Verghese, Member**
- Shri S K Sarkar, Registrar and Secretary**



The following members could not attend the meeting:

- 1. Prof. A R Reddy**
- 2. Prof. Ravi Shankar Srivastava**
- 3. Prof. Suranjan Das**
- 4. Prof. V S Prasad**
- 5. Shri Sanjoy Hazarika**
- 6. Prof. Atul Sharma**
- 7. Prof. Anjan Mukhurjee**

Officers present:

**Shri P.V.Ravi, Finance Officer and Controller of Examinations
(Officiating)**

Dr. C.B.Sunwar, Fellow(Academic)

Shri S Gopinath, Officer on Special Duty

AC:02:01 The Chairperson calls the house to order

Prof Mahendra P. Lama, Vice Chancellor presided over the meeting and called the house to order.

AC:02:02 Obituary reference

The house noted with deep sense of grief the passing away of the following eminent personalities in the recent past.



1. Shri R.Venkatraman, former President of India
2. Shri V.P.Singh, former Prime Minister of India
3. Princess Pema Tsedum Yabshi, the eldest daughter of Late Chogyal Tashi Namgyal
4. Shri Kazi Lendup Dorji KhangSharpa, first and former Chief Minister of the State of Sikkim
5. Shri S.W.Tenzing, former Chief Secretary, Government of Sikkim
6. Shri T.N.Tenzing, former Director General of Police, Government of Sikkim
7. Shri Tashi Topden, former Additional Chief Secretary and Advisor to Government of Sikkim
8. Shri W.T.Barfungpa, Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of Sikkim
9. Shri Prem Sagar Nirash, Journalist

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AC:02:03 Welcome to the newly appointed Chancellor of Sikkim University

Vice Chancellor informed the house that the President of India, in her capacity as the Visitor of Sikkim University has been pleased to appoint Prof. M.S.Swaminathan as the Chancellor of the University for the period till 1st July 2012. The Vice Chancellor appraised the house of the illuminating personality of Prof. Swaminathan in the following:

Professor M S Swaminathan has been acclaimed by TIME magazine as one of the twenty most influential Asians of the 20th century and one of the only three from India, the other two being Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore. He has been described by the United Nations Environment Programme as "the Father of Economic Ecology" and by Javier Perez de Cuellar, Secretary General of the United Nations, as "a living legend who will go into the annals of history as a world scientist of rare distinction". He was Chairman of the UN Science Advisory Committee set up in 1980 to take follow-up action on the Vienna Plan of Action. He has also served as Independent Chairman of the FAO Council and President of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources. He also served as President of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs (2002-07) and present President of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (2005-07).

A plant geneticist by training, Professor Swaminathan's contributions to the agricultural renaissance of India have led to his being widely referred to as the scientific leader of the green revolution movement. His advocacy of sustainable agriculture leading to an ever-green revolution makes him an acknowledged world leader in the field of sustainable food security. The



International Association of Women and Development conferred on him the first international award for significant contributions to promoting the knowledge, skill, and technological empowerment of women in agriculture and for his pioneering role in mainstreaming gender considerations in agriculture and rural development. Professor Swaminathan was awarded the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership in 1971, the Albert Einstein World Science Award in 1986, the first World Food Prize in 1987, and Volvo and Tyler Prize for Environment, the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development in 2000 and the Franklin D Roosevelt Four Freedoms Medal and the Mahatma Gandhi Prize of UNESCO in 2000.

Professor Swaminathan is a Fellow of many of the leading scientific academies of India and the world, including the Royal Society of London and the U S National Academy of Sciences. He has received 58 honorary doctorate degrees from universities around the world. He currently holds the UNESCO Chair in Ecotechnology at the M S Swaminathan Research Foundation in Chennai (Madras), India and formerly Chairman of the National Commission on Farmers, Government of India. He is currently a Member of the Parliament of India (Rajya Sabha), to which position he was nominated by the Government of India in recognition of his outstanding scientific contribution in the field of agriculture.

The Academic Council welcomed the appointment of Prof M.S.Swaminathan as the Chancellor of the University and hoped that the University will be immensely enriched by the leadership and guidance of his erudite personality.



AC:02:04 *Observations of the Vice Chancellor*

Enclosed as Annexure – AC:02:04

AC:02:05 *Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting of the Academic Council held on 17th October 2008*

[Agenda Note:

The minutes had been circulated among the members vide letter dated 29th December 2008. No comments on the minutes have been received from the members.]

The Academic Council considered the minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2008 and confirmed the same.

AC:02:06 *Action taken report on the minutes of the last meeting of the Academic Council held on 17th October 2008*

[Agenda Note:

The Action Taken Report will be placed on the table.]

The Action Taken Report on the minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 17th October 2008 was placed on the table and the same was accepted by the House as in Annexure – AC:02:06

AC:02:07 *To note the decision of the Executive Council in making Additional Statutes on establishment and abolition of Schools, Departments, Centres, Halls, Colleges and Institutions of the University vide Section 28(l) and Section 29 (2) of Sikkim University Act, 2006*

[Agenda Note:



The Academic Council in the meeting held on 17th October 2008 vide Agenda item No. AC:01:33 had accepted establishment of seventeen schools of studies for the University as given below.

- 1. School of Social Sciences*
- 2. School of Global Studies*
- 3. School of Law and Governance*
- 4. School of Linguistics and Languages*
- 5. School of Management*
- 6. School of Media, Communication & Information Sciences*
- 7. School of Computer Sciences*
- 8. School of Environmental Studies*
- 9. School of Bio-Technology*
- 10. School of Life Sciences*
- 11. School of Physical and Chemical Sciences*
- 12. School of Planning, Architecture and Engineering*
- 13. School of Medicine*
- 14. School of Indigenous & Folk Studies*
- 15. School of Sustainable Development and Livelihood Management*
- 16. School of Peace, Conflict and Human Security Studies*
- 17. School of Policy Planning and Studies*

Section 29 of Sikkim University Act, 2006 deals with power of the University to make Statutes. The Section is quoted below for ready reference:

Quote

- 29. (1) The First Statutes are those set out in the Schedule.*



(2) The Executive Council may, from time to time, make new or additional Statutes or may amend or repeal the Statutes referred to in sub-section (1):

Provided that Executive Council shall not make, amend or repeal any Statutes affecting the status, powers and constitution of any authority of the University until such authority has been given an opportunity of expressing an opinion in writing on the proposed changes, and any opinion so expressed shall be considered by the Executive Council.

(3) Every new Statute or addition to the Statutes or any amendment or repeal of a Statute shall require the assent of the Visitor who may assent thereto or withhold assent or remit to the Executive Council for re-consideration.

(4) A new Statute or a Statute amending or repealing an existing Statute shall have no validity unless it has been assented by the Visitor.

(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing sub-section, the Visitor may make new or additional Statutes or amend or repeal the Statutes referred to in sub-section (1), during the period of three years immediately after commencement of the Act:

Provided that the Visitor may, on the expiry of the said period of three years, make within one year from the date of such expiry, such detailed Statutes as he may consider necessary and such detailed Statutes shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

(6) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing sub-sections, the Visitor may direct to make provisions in the Statutes in respect of any matter specified by him and if the Executive Council is unable to implement such direction within 60 days of its receipt, the Visitor may, after considering the reasons, if any, communicated by the Executive Council for its inability to comply with such directions, make or amend the Statutes suitably.

Unquote

In terms of Section 28(l) of the Act, subject to the provisions of this Act, the Statutes may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:-

the establishment and abolition of Schools, Departments, Centres, Halls, Colleges and Institutions.



The Statute 15 of the First Statutes of the University as given in THE SCHEDULE of the Sikkim University Act, 2006 is quoted below.

Quote

15. (1) The University shall have such Schools of Studies as may be specified in the Statutes.

(2) Every School shall have a School Board and the members of the first School Board shall be nominated by the Executive Council for a period of three years.

(3) The composition, powers and functions of a School Board shall be prescribed by the Ordinances.

(4) The conduct of the meetings of a School Board and the quorum required for such meetings shall be prescribed by the Ordinances.

(5) (a) Every School shall consist of such Departments as may be assigned to it by the Ordinances:

Provided that the Executive Council may, on the recommendation of the Academic Council, establish Centres of Studies to which may be assigned such teachers of the University as the Executive Council may consider necessary.

(b) Each Department shall consist of the following members, namely:-

(i) Teachers of the Department;

(ii) Persons conducting research in the Department;

(iii) Dean of the School;

(iv) Honorary Professors, if any, attached to the Department; and

(v) Such other persons as may be members of the Department in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinances.

Unquote

In the light of the above the following draft additional Statutes, inter alia, on establishment and abolition of Schools, Departments, Centres, Halls, Colleges and Institutions of the University vide Section 28(l) of the Sikkim University Act,



2006 was placed for the consideration of the Executive Council in the meeting held on 28.03.2009.

Sikkim University

Additional Statutes on establishment and abolition of Schools, Departments, Centres, Halls, Colleges and Institutions of the University

(Vide Section 28 (1) of the Sikkim University Act, 2006)

Statute 15 (1) (a):

The University shall have the following Schools of Studies:

1. *School of Social Sciences*
2. *School of Global Studies*
3. *School of Law and Governance*
4. *School of Linguistics and Languages*
5. *School of Management*
6. *School of Media, Communication & Information Sciences*
7. *School of Computer Sciences*
8. *School of Environmental Studies*
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15. *School of Sustainable Development and Livelihood Management*



16. *School of Peace, Conflict and Human Security Studies*

17. *School of Policy Planning and Studies*

Provided that the Executive Council, at any time, on the recommendation of the Academic Council, can create or abolish any School(s) as it may deem necessary.

After due consideration of the above, the Executive Council resolved to approve Statute 15(1)(a) as given above, resolved further to make the Statutes in terms of Section 29(2) of Sikkim University Act, 2006 and to forward the same to the Honorable Visitor for Her kind assent in terms of Section 29(3) of Sikkim University Act, 2006.

The Academic Council may kindly note and accept the above decision of the Executive Council.]

The Academic Council noted the above decision of the Executive Council.

AC:02:08 To note and consider the decision taken by the Executive Council on the proposal for creation of teaching posts

[Agenda Note:

*University Grants Commission, vide letter under D.O.No. F.24-33/2009(CU) dated 16 February 2009 has conveyed sanction of 201 posts of teaching staff including 29 posts of Professors, 68 posts of Associate Professors and 104 posts of Assistant Professors for the University under XI Plan. The department-wise break up for these posts is given in **Annexure-2.11(EC)***

In terms of Statute 12(2)(i) of the Statutes of the University, the Executive Council shall have, inter alia, the power to create teaching and other academic posts, to determine the number and emoluments of such posts and to define the duties and conditions of service of Professors, Readers, Lecturers and other academic staff.



Provided that no action shall be taken by the Executive Council in respect of the number and qualifications of teachers and other academic staff otherwise than after consideration of the recommendations of the Academic Council.

The University has been running its academic activities so far without any regular teaching posts. Now the University Grants Commission has sanctioned 201 teaching posts under XI Plan, as per Annexure-2.11(EC).

After due consideration of the above, the Executive Council in the meeting held on 28.03.02009, resolved to approve creation of 201 teaching posts as given in Annexure – 2.11 (EC) subject to information to and recommendation by the Finance Committee and the Academic Council. However, the sanction given earlier by the Executive Council vide agenda item No.01:04 dated 8th August, 2008 shall have no effect when this newly created 201 posts are given effect to.

The Executive Council further noted that the University would require additional teaching posts for introducing integrated graduate – post graduate courses in various departments for imparting quality education. The Council recommended for sanction of such additional posts as may be necessary by the University under the current plan period or during the immediate following plan period.

In view of the above, the Academic Council may kindly note and consider the decision of the Executive Council for its acceptance and for its recommendation, -ex post facto, in terms of the relevant Statute as quoted above.]

The Academic Council noted and considered the above decision of the Executive Council, accepted, and recommended the same, -ex post facto, for approval of the Executive Council.



AC:02:09 *To note and consider the First Ordinances made by the Vice Chancellor and forwarded to the Central Government for approval.*

[In terms of Section 30 (2) of the Sikkim University Act, 2006 the First Ordinances shall be made by the Vice Chancellor with the previous approval of the Central Government and the Ordinances so made may be amended, repealed or added to at any time by the Executive Council in the manner prescribed by the Statutes.

Accordingly, the Vice Chancellor has been pleased to make 8 (eight) Ordinances as the first Ordinances and has forwarded the same to the Central Government for approval. The list of these Ordinances is given below.

- a. First Ordinance on admission of students and their enrolment as in **Annexure-Ordinance 01***
- b. First Ordinance on the procedure for admission of Colleges or Institutions to the privileges of the University, Supervision of management and other conditions including withdrawal of those privileges as in **Annexure-Ordinance 02***
- c. First Ordinance on the courses of study for degrees, diplomas and certificates as in **Annexure-Ordinance 03***
- d. First Ordinance on assignment of Departments to Schools as in **Annexure-Ordinance 04***
- e. First Ordinance on arranging for, conducting and superintending of examinations, including the terms of office and manner of appointment and the duties of examining bodies, examiners and moderators as in **Annexure-Ordinance 05***
- f. First Ordinance on the fees to be charged for courses of study in the University and for admission to the examinations, degrees and diplomas of the University as in **Annexure-Ordinance 06***
- g. First Ordinance on creation of administrative, ministerial and other necessary posts (including chairs) and to make appointments thereto as in **Annexure-Ordinance 07***
- h. First Ordinance on procedure to be followed by the Selection Committees as in **Annexure-Ordinance 08***



In terms of Section 40(1) of the Act, the first Ordinances made under sub-section (2) of section 30 may be amended, repealed or added to at any time by the Executive Council in the manner specified in the following clauses.

(2) No ordinances in respect of the matters enumerated in sub-section (1) of section 30 shall be made shall be made by the Executive Council unless a draft of such Ordinance has been proposed by the Academic Council.

(3) The Executive Council shall not have power to amend any draft of any Ordinance proposed by the Academic Council under clause (2), but may reject the proposal or return the draft to the Academic Council for re-consideration, either in whole or in part, together with any amendment which the Executive Council may suggest.

(4) Where the Executive Council has rejected or returned the draft of an Ordinance proposed by the Academic Council, the Academic Council may consider the question afresh and in case the original draft is reaffirmed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting and more than half the total number of members of the Academic Council, the draft may be sent back to the Executive Council which shall either adopt it or refer it to the Visitor whose decision shall be final.

(5) Every Ordinance made by the Executive Council shall come into effect immediately.

(6) Every Ordinance made by the Executive Council shall be submitted to the Visitor within two weeks from the date of its adoption.

(7) The Visitor shall have the power to direct the University to suspend the operation of any Ordinance.



(8) The Visitor shall inform the Executive Council about his objection to the Ordinance referred to in clause (7) and may, after receiving the comments of the University, either withdraw the order suspending the Ordinance or disallow the Ordinance, and his decision shall be final.

The matters enumerated in sub-section (1) of section 30 of the Act are given below.

30 (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the Ordinances may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:-

- (a) the admission of students to the University and their enrolment as such;*
- (b) the courses of study to be laid down for all degrees, diplomas and certificates of the University.*
- (c) the medium of instruction and examination;*
- (d) the award of degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions, the qualifications for the same and the means to be taken relating to the granting and obtaining of the same;*
- (e) the fees to be charged for courses of study in the University and for admission to the examinations degrees and diplomas of the University.*
- (f) the conditions for award of fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals and prizes;*
- (g) the conduct of examinations, including the term of office and manner of appointment and the duties of examining bodies, examiners and moderators;*
- (h) the conditions of residence of the students of the University;*



- (i) the special arrangements, if any, which may be made for the residence and teaching of women students and the prescribing of special courses of studies for them;*
- (j) the establishment of Centres of Studies, Boards of Studies, Specialised Laboratories and other Committees;*
- (k) the manner of co-operation and collaboration with other Universities, institutions and other agencies not involving the carrying on of any activity for profit including learned bodies or associations;*
- (l) the creation, composition and functions of any other body which is considered necessary for improving the academic life of the University;*
- (m) the institution of fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals and prizes;*
- (n) the supervision of management of Colleges and Institutions admitted to the privileges of the University;*
- (o) the setting up of a machinery for redressal of grievances of employees; and*
- (p) all other matters which by this Act or the Statutes, are to be or may be, provided for by the Ordinances.*

The Academic Council may kindly note and consider for its acceptance of the above Ordinances and for amendment, repealing or addition in terms of the relevant provisions of the Act and the Statutes, if considered necessary.]

The Academic Council noted the above First Ordinances made by the Vice Chancellor in terms of the relevant provision of the Act.



AC:02:10 To consider the proposal for renewal of affiliation granted to nine colleges of the state of Sikkim.

[Agenda Note:

1. Sikkim University started functioning on and from 2nd July 2007 with the appointment of Prof. Mahendra P Lama as the first Vice Chancellor. In the light of the provisions of the Sikkim University Act, 2006 as indicated below, the following nine colleges of the state of Sikkim were granted temporary/provisional affiliation for the academic session 2008-09. The affiliation so granted requires renewal for the subsequent academic sessions. The Academic Council may kindly consider the proposal for renewal of affiliation for these colleges. The relevant provisions of the Act, Statutes and of the proposed Ordinances are indicated below.

The colleges which were granted affiliation by the University are:

- (1) Sikkim Government College, Tadong*
- (2) Namchi Government College*
- (3) Rhenock Government College*
- (4) Government Law College, Burtuk*
- (5) Damber Singh College*
- (6) Harkamaya College of Education*
- (7) Himalayan Pharmacy Institute*
- (8) Pakim Palatine College*
- (9) Loyola College of Education*



2. Background Note in terms of the provisions of the Sikkim University Act, 2006

(a) In terms of Section 6 (1) of Sikkim University Act, 2006, the jurisdiction of the University shall extend to the whole of the state of Sikkim.

(b) In terms of Section 6 (2) notwithstanding anything in any other law for the time being in force, no educational institution within the State of Sikkim shall be associated in any way with or be admitted to any privileges of any other University to an educational institution within the State of Sikkim prior to the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to be withdrawn on the commencement of this Act:

Provided that the Central Government may, by order in writing, direct the provisions of this sub-section shall not apply in case of any educational institution specified in the order.

3. Background Note in terms of the Statutes of the University

(1). In terms of Section 24 (1) of Sikkim University Act, 2006, the College Development Council shall be responsible for admitting colleges to the privileges of the University.

(2). In terms of Section 30 (1) (n) of the Act, the Ordinances may provide for supervision of management of Colleges and Institutions admitted to the privileges of the University.

(3). In terms of Statute 31 (1) of the Statutes of the University, the Colleges and other Institutions situated within the jurisdiction of the University may be admitted to such privileges of the University as the Executive Council and the College Development Council may decide on the following conditions, namely:-



(i) Every such College or Institution shall have a regularly constituted Governing Body, consisting of not more than fifteen persons approved by the Executive Council and including among others, two teachers of the University to be nominated by the Executive Council and three representatives of the teaching staff of whom the Principal of the College or Institution shall be one. The procedure for appointment of members of the Governing Body and other matters affecting the management of a College or an Institution shall be prescribed by the Ordinances:

Provided that the said condition shall not apply in the case of Colleges and Institutions maintained by the Government which shall, however, have an Advisory Committee consisting of not more than fifteen persons of the College or Institution, and two teachers of the University nominated by the Executive Council.

(ii) Every such College or Institution shall satisfy the Executive Council and the College Development Council on the following matters, namely:-

(a) the suitability and adequacy of its accommodation and equipment for teaching;

(b) the qualifications and adequacy of its teaching staff and the conditions of their service;

(c) the arrangements for the residence, welfare, discipline and supervision of students;

(d) the adequacy of financial provision made for the continued maintenance of the College or Institution; and

(e) such other matters as are essential for the maintenance of the standards of University education.

(iii) No College or Institution shall be admitted to any privileges of the University except on the recommendation of the Academic Council made



after considering the report of a Committee of Inspection appointed for the purpose by the Academic Council.

(iv) Colleges and Institutions desirous of admission to any privileges of the University shall be required to intimate their intention to do so in writing so as to reach the Registrar not later than the 15th August, preceding the year from which permission applied for is to have effect.

(v) A College or an Institution shall not, without the previous permission of the Executive Council, College Development Council and the Academic Council, suspend instruction in any subject or course of study which it is authorised to teach and teaches.

Statute 31 (2):

Appointment to the teaching staff and Principal of Colleges or Institutions admitted to the privileges of the University shall be made in the manner prescribed by the Ordinances:

Provided that nothing in this clause shall apply to Colleges and Institutions maintained by Government.

Statute 31 (3):

The service conditions of the administrative and other non-academic staff of every College or Institution referred to in clause (2) shall be such as may be laid down in the Ordinances:

Provided that nothing in this clause shall apply to Colleges and Institutions maintained by Government.

Statute 31 (4):

Every College or Institution admitted to the privileges of the University shall be inspected at least once in every two academic years by a Committee appointed by the Academic Council, and the report of the Committee shall be submitted to



the Academic Council, which shall forward the same to the College Development Council and Executive Council with such recommendations as it may deem fit to make.

Statute 31 (5):

The College Development Council and the Executive Council, after considering the report and the recommendations, if any, of the Academic Council, shall forward a copy of the report to the Governing Body of the College or Institution with such remarks, if any, as they may deem fit for suitable action.

Statute 31 (6):

The Executive Council may, after consulting the College Development and Academic Council, withdraw any privileges granted to a College or an Institution, at any time it considers that the College or Institution does not satisfy any of the conditions on the fulfillment of which the College or Institution was admitted to such privileges:

Provided that before any privileges are so withdrawn, the Governing Body of the College or Institution concerned shall be given an opportunity to represent to the Executive Council as to why such action should not be taken.

Statute 31 (7):

Subject to the conditions set forth in clause (1), the Ordinances may prescribe –

- (i) such other conditions as may be considered necessary; and*
- (ii) the procedure for the admission of Colleges and Institutions to the privileges of the University and for the withdrawal of those privileges.*



4. Background note in terms of the first Ordinances made by the Vice Chancellor and now under the consideration of the Central Government for approval.

02.1 Name

This Ordinance shall be called “First Ordinance on the procedure for admission of Colleges or Institutions to the privileges of the University, Supervision of management and other conditions including withdrawal of those privileges”.

02.2 Date of effect

This Ordinance shall come into effect on the date of commencement of Sikkim University Act, 2006 in terms of Section 45 (3) of the Act.

02.3 Terms and Expressions used in this Statute

- (1). The expression “Act” refers to “The Sikkim University Act, 2006”.*
- (2). Other terms and expressions shall have the same meaning as assigned in the Act and Ordinances made under the enabling provisions thereof.*
- (3). The expression “University” refers to “Sikkim University”.*

02.4 Starting a New College/Institution/Course:

When it is proposed to start a new College/Institution/Course, the sponsoring body, or in the case of a Government College/Institution, the Head of the institution/ sponsoring authority concerned, shall submit an application to the Registrar in a prescribed format at least one academic year before it is intended to start the College/Institution/Course. The application shall be accompanied by a project report giving details along with required fees as laid down hereunder.

02.5 Initial Screening of the Applications:

On receipt of the application along with prescribed fees, the Registrar shall scrutinize the application and may seek further necessary clarification from the sponsoring body in writing. Then the proposal will be placed before the Academic Council which will consider it in the manner as laid down in Statute 31 (1) (iii).



02.6 Committee of Inspection:

The Committee of Inspection constituted by the Academic Council will be a Standing Committee and it shall take necessary steps to examine and inspect the site and submit its report on the suitability of the site, feasibility of the plan submitted, the adequacy of physical infrastructure and resource offered, library/laboratory facilities and submit the recommendations to the Academic Council. If the Academic Council is satisfied with the report it shall recommend to the College Development Council and Executive Council for granting permission to start a College/Institution/course.

02.7 Preliminary Steps to be taken by the Sponsoring Agency for Provisional/temporary Affiliation:

On receipt of permission to open a College/Institution or to start a new course, the sponsoring agency shall make all necessary preparations. If a new College/Institution is to be opened, steps shall be taken to constitute a Governing Body and make appointment of Principal/Director and other teaching and non-teaching staff as the case may be. If a new course is to be started in any existing College/Institution necessary arrangements in terms of physical facilities, library and laboratory equipments shall be made along with the appointment of teaching/non-teaching staff required for the purpose. The College/Institution seeking provisional/temporary affiliation should have a regular and qualified Principal, teaching and non-teaching staff as per University norms as may be specified by the College Development Council and the Executive Council.

02.8 Application for Provisional/temporary Affiliation:

The sponsoring agency, having made all arrangements and preparations to open a College/Institution or to start a new course(s) in the existing College/Institution shall inform the University forthwith about the appointments and about the fact that the College/Institution/Course has started not later than 90 days before the beginning of the academic session and shall make an application to the University for provisional/temporary affiliation.

02.9 First Step for Granting Provisional/temporary Affiliation:

The Vice Chancellor shall constitute either a fresh Committee of Inspection or send the same Committee (the one on whose report permission was granted) to



visit the College/Institution and submit a report for consideration of the Academic Council. The Academic Council after receiving the report will forward the same to the College Development Council and the Executive Council along with its comments and observations. If the Academic Council is satisfied with the report then it may recommend provisional/temporary affiliation for a period of two years. Affiliation may ordinarily be granted, in the first instance, to start general level courses. Provided that in the case of a College/Institution sponsored by the Government or by an Educational Society of repute, affiliation may be granted to general and major level/provisional/temporary courses simultaneously.

02.10 Renewal of Provisional/temporary Affiliation:

- (1) *Provisional/temporary affiliation to a college/institution shall be granted for a period not exceeding two years at a time. Request for renewal shall be submitted in the prescribed form six months before the expiry of the period of provisional/temporary affiliation. If a College/Institution does not apply for a renewal of affiliation well within the period of provisional/temporary affiliation, the affiliation granted shall stand terminated.*

Provided that for Colleges/Institutions, previously under affiliation to other Universities and coming already under temporary affiliation to Sikkim University from the Academic Semester 2008-09, the Academic Council, on due consideration of the report of the Committee of Inspection, may recommend renewal of the affiliation either permanently or temporarily for a further period of two years or for the remaining/residual period.

- (2) *The Vice Chancellor will nominate persons to the Committee of Inspection to report on the request for renewal. The Committee of Inspection shall visit the College, review its progress and performance in general and submit a report to the Vice-Chancellor along with its recommendations for forwarding the same to the Academic Council for renewal/withdrawal of provisional/temporary affiliation. The Academic Council, after reviewing the report, shall forward the same to the College Development Council and the Executive Council along with its comments for necessary action.*

02.11 Inspection:

Every College/Institution admitted to the privileges of the University shall be inspected by the Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor for this purpose.



02.12 Permanent Affiliation:

A College/Institution which has been granted provisional/temporary affiliation as prescribed in this Ordinance, may apply for permanent affiliation which may be considered by the College Development Council and the Executive Council on the basis of recommendations of the Academic Council which will be made only if the College has been enjoying temporary/provisional affiliation for at least 3 years or more of any University.

02.13 Power to lay down new conditions:

The Executive Council may, from time to time and on the recommendation of the College Development Council, lay down new conditions for affiliation (general or specific, regarding staff, building, equipment, library, laboratories and finance or other relevant matters) and specify the date by which these conditions must be satisfied failing which the College/Institution may not be allowed to enjoy the privileges of the University.

02.14 *Notwithstanding anything contained in this Ordinance, the Vice-Chancellor may take action as deemed necessary to overcome difficulties, if any, faced in the implementation of the provisions of the Ordinance above, subject to acceptance by the Academic Council and ratification by the College Development Council and the Executive Council.*

In the light of the above, the Academic Council may kindly consider the proposal for renewal of affiliation granted to nine colleges of the state of Sikkim as indicated above.]

The Academic Council considered the proposal for renewal of affiliation granted to nine colleges of the state of Sikkim as indicated above, accepted the same and resolved to recommend that the provisional affiliation granted to these colleges be renewed for a year with effect from the date of expiry of the existing affiliation of the respective colleges.



AC:02:11 *To consider the draft Ordinance for the procedure for the appointment of members of the Governing Body and other matters affecting the management of a college or an institution admitted to the privileges of the University and not maintained by Government.*

[Agenda Note:

The draft Ordinance will be placed on the table.]

The Academic Council considered the draft Ordinance (Annexure – AC:02:11) as placed on the table and recommended the following for approval of the Executive Council.

ORDINANCE ON THE PROCEDURE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY AND OTHER MATTERS AFFECTING THE MANAGEMENT OF A COLLEGE OR AN INSTITUTION ADMITTED TO THE PRIVILEGES OF THE UNIVERSITY AND NOT MAINTAINED BY GOVERNMENT

(Vide Statute 31 (1) (i) of the Statutes of the University)

Background note:

1. In terms of Statute 31 (1) of the Statutes of the University, Colleges and other Institutions situated within the jurisdiction of the University may be admitted to such privileges of the University as the Executive Council and the College Development Council may decide on the following conditions, namely:-

(i) Every such College or Institution shall have a regularly constituted Governing Body, consisting of not more than fifteen persons approved by the Executive Council and including among others, two teachers of the University to be nominated by the Executive Council and three representatives of the teaching staff of whom the Principal of the College or Institution shall be one. The procedure for appointment of members of the Governing Body and other matters affecting the management of a College or an Institution shall be prescribed by the Ordinances:

Provided that the said condition shall not apply in the case of Colleges and Institutions maintained by Government which shall, however, have an Advisory Committee consisting of not more than fifteen persons which shall consist of among others, three teachers including the Principal of the College or Institution, and two teachers of the University nominated by the Executive Council.



THE ORDINANCES

01.1 Name

This Ordinance shall be called “Ordinance on the procedure for the appointment of members of the Governing Body and other matters affecting the management of a College or an Institution admitted to the privileges of the University and not maintained by Government”.

01.2 Date of effect

This Ordinance shall come into effect on the date of commencement of Sikkim University Act, 2006 in terms of Section 45 (3) of the Act.

01.3 Terms and Expressions used in this Ordinance

(4).The expression “Act” refers to “The Sikkim University Act, 2006”.

(5).Other terms and expressions shall have the same meaning as assigned in the Act and Ordinances made under the enabling provisions thereof.

(6).The expression “University” refers to “Sikkim University”.

(7).The expression “Statute” refers to “The Schedule (The Statutes of the University)” of Sikkim University Act, 2006.

01.4 Governing Body:

All Colleges or Institutions admitted to the privileges of the University and not maintained by Government, shall have a regularly constituted Governing Body consisting of the following members:

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| 1) A person nominated by the Sponsor (Trust, Society etc.): | Chairman |
| 2) Two teachers of the University nominated by the Executive Council : | Members |
| 3) A person nominated by the Academic Council: | Member |
| 4) Two representatives of the teaching staff of the College/ Institution nominated by the teachers of the College/ Institution: | Members |



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| 5) A person of eminence nominated by the Vice Chancellor: | Member |
| 6) A nominee of Sikkim University: | Member |
| 7) A nominee of Government of Sikkim: | Member |
| 8) Three persons nominated by the Sponsor (Trust, Society etc.): | Members |
| 9) The Principal of the College/ Institution: | Member Secretary
(ex-officio) |

The Governing Body will be responsible for controlling and co-ordinating the matters affecting the management of the College or the Institutions.

01.5 The tenure of membership, except for ex-officio members, will be of 3 years.

01.6 Notwithstanding anything contained in this Ordinance, the Vice-Chancellor may take suitable action as deemed necessary to overcome difficulties, if any, faced in the implementation of this Ordinance, subject to ratification by the Academic Council.

AC:02:12 To consider the draft Ordinance for appointment to the Teaching staffs and Principals of the colleges or an Institutions admitted to the privileges of the University and not maintained by Government

[Agenda Note:

The draft Ordinance will be placed on the table.]

The Draft Ordinances (Annexure – AC:02:12) was placed on the table. The item was deferred by the Academic Council for re-submission of the draft in more detail.



AC:02:13 *To consider the draft Ordinance for other conditions necessary for admitting colleges or institutions to the privileges of the University.*

[Agenda Note:

The draft Ordinance will be placed on the table.]

The item was deferred by the Academic Council for submission of the draft Ordinance in detail.

AC:02:14 *To consider the proposal for formation of Committee of Inspection in terms of Statute 31(1)(iii) of the Statutes of the University*

[Agenda Note:

In terms of the Statute 31(1)(iii) as indicated above read with Clause 02.6 of the proposed First Ordinances, the Academic Council will constitute a Standing Committee of Inspection which shall take necessary steps to examine and inspect the site and submit its report on the suitability of the site, feasibility of the plan submitted, the adequacy of physical infrastructure and resource offered, library/laboratory facilities and submit the recommendations to the Academic Council.

The Academic Council may constitute the Standing Committee of Inspection.]

The Academic Council, after due consideration of the above, resolved to constitute the Committee of Inspection as indicated below:

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| 1) The Dean of the concerned School: | Chairman |
| 2) One Principal of the affiliated colleges: | Member |
| 3) The Head of the Department of the concerned/related subject: | Member |
| 4) One representative of Govt. of Sikkim: | Member |
| 5) One expert/member of the civil society: | Member |



The above members will be nominated by the Vice Chancellor. An officer of the University, appointed by the Vice Chancellor, will work as the Secretary of the Committee.

AC:02:15 *To consider proposals for new/extension of affiliation for various institutes/courses.*

[Agenda Note:

The University has received the following applications for new/extension of affiliation for various institutes/courses as indicated below:

<i>Proposal from</i>	<i>Proposal for</i>	<i>Date of receipt</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
<i>Rhenock Educational Society, Fiveways, Deorali, Tadong, Sikkim-737102</i>	<i>Affiliation of Himalayan Institute of Engineering and Technology</i>	<i>23.01.2009</i>	<i>Proposal is for setting up a new institute for imparting four-years degree courses in four branches of engineering and technology</i>
<i>Himalayan Pharmacy Institute, Majhitar, East Sikkim – 737136</i>	<i>Introduction of M.Pharm course in Pharmacy Practice in Himalayan Pharmacy Institute</i>	<i>27.12.2008</i>	<i>Himalayan Pharmacy Institute is an affiliated institute of Sikkim University</i>
<i>Do</i>	<i>Introduction of M.Pharm course in Pharmaceutical Analysis and Quality Assurance in Himalayan Pharmacy Institute</i>	<i>27.12.2008</i>	<i>Himalayan Pharmacy Institute is an affiliated institute of Sikkim University</i>



<i>Pakim Palantine College</i>	<i>Introduction of Bachelor Degree Courses in a) Microbiology (General) b) Commerce (General and Honours) c) Pathology (General)</i>	<i>02.04.2009</i>	<i>Pakim Palantine College is an affiliated college of Sikkim University</i>
<i>Rhenock Govt. College</i>	<i>Introduction of Bachelor Degree (Honours) courses in a) Political science b) Geography c) Nepali d) Sociology</i>	<i>22.04.2009</i>	<i>Rhenock Govt. College is an affiliated college of Sikkim University</i>

The house was also informed that another application has been received from Himalayan Pharmacy Institute on 13th May 2009 for increase of intake capacity for M. Pharma course in Pharmacology.

After due consideration of the above, the Academic Council resolved as under:

- a) **The proposals received from Rhenock Educational Society and from Himalayan Pharmacy Institute concerning various courses of Technical Education be examined by a Committee of Experts to be constituted by the Vice Chancellor for making appropriate recommendations for issuance of no objection certificate (NOC) and also for further action in the matter.**
- b) **The proposals received from Pakim Palatine College and from Rhenock Government College be referred to the Committee of Inspection as constituted vide Agenda item No. AC:02:14.**



AC:02:16 To consider the proposal for introduction of new Academic Programmes for the year 2009-10

[Agenda Note:

The University has been conducting the following courses at the PG level from the academic session 2008-09.

<i>Name of the Department</i>	<i>Name of the School to which the Department belongs</i>
1. <i>Department of Social Systems and Anthropology</i>	<i>School of Social Sciences</i>
2. <i>Department of International Relation/Politics</i>	<i>School of Global Studies</i>
3. <i>Department of Peace, Conflict & Management Studies</i>	<i>School of Peace, Conflict & Human Security Studies</i>
4. <i>Department of Microbiology</i>	<i>School of Life Sciences</i>

It is proposed that the following courses may be introduced at the PG level from the academic session 2009-10.

<i>Name of the Department/School</i>	<i>Name of the School to which the Department belongs</i>
5. <i>Department of Physical Science</i>	<i>School of Physical and Chemical Sciences.</i>
6. <i>Department of Law & Legal Jurisprudence Studies</i>	<i>School of Law and Governance</i>
7. <i>Department of Psychology Studies</i>	<i>School of Social Sciences</i>



8. <i>Department of Floriculture and Horticulture Management</i>	<i>School of Sustainable Development and Livelihood Management</i>
9. <i>School of Policy Planning and Studies</i>	<i>School of Policy Planning and Studies</i>

The Academic Council may kindly consider and accept the above proposals and recommend the same for approval by the Executive Council as an Ordinance.]

The Academic Council noted the above and authorized the Vice Chancellor to proceed in the matter.

AC:02:17 To consider the report of the different Committees for development of curriculum for different courses.

[Agenda Note:

The reports will be placed on the table.]

The Academic Council after due consideration of the issue and the observations made by the Vice Chancellor, resolved to authorize the Vice Chancellor to approve the curriculum on merit.

It was further decided that the curricula would be sent to the members of the Academic Council in soft copies for their perusal and observations.

AC:02:18 To consider the draft Ordinance for post graduate admission process.

[Agenda Note:

The draft Ordinance will be placed on the table.]

The Draft Ordinances (Annexure – AC:02:18) was placed on the table.



The item was deferred by the Academic Council for re-submission of the draft in more detail. However, the prospectus for the Academic Session 2009-10 which was placed on the table, was accepted by the Academic Council.

AC:02:19 *To consider the draft Ordinance for under graduate admission criteria.*

[Agenda Note:

The draft Ordinance will be placed on the table.]

The item was deferred on the proposal of the Registrar as more consultation was required to finalize the draft of the Ordinance.

AC:02:20 *To consider the First semester results of under graduate and post graduate courses and to consider proposal for improvement including proposal for introduction of Improvement Paper.*

[Agenda Note:

The First Semester Examination ended on 10th December 2008 and the result was published on 30th December 2008. The number of successful students was 882 out of 1622 who appeared for the examination. In all the streams/disciplines the percentage of pass was 54. However, there were large number of failed students in some of the courses like BA (General), BSc (General) and BCom (General). Many students applied for re-evaluation of answer scripts including the scripts for mid-semester test and mid-term papers. After re-evaluation, a total of 1243 students passed leading to an overall pass percentage of 77. Since the rules stipulate that the unsuccessful students of the semester examinations will be automatically out of the system and considering that both students and the teachers were not conversant with the newly introduced semester system of



examinations, all the failed students have been allowed the benefit of zero semester as a special case and for once only. These students have been allowed to continue in the second semester classes and they will be allowed to complete the first semester course in an extra semester beyond the stipulated number of semesters for the particular course. A provision for an Improvement Paper has also been made in the First Ordinances which have been placed for the consideration of the Academic Council. A summary of the result of First Semester Examination 2008 is given below

<i>Name of the course</i>	<i>No. of students appeared</i>	<i>No. of students passed before re-evaluation</i>	<i>Total No. of students passed after re-evaluation</i>	<i>Percentage of pass</i>
<i>B A (Honours)</i>	<i>297</i>	<i>183</i>	<i>262</i>	<i>88</i>
<i>BA (General)</i>	<i>690</i>	<i>261</i>	<i>411</i>	<i>60</i>
<i>BSc (Honours)</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>95</i>
<i>BSc (General)</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>71</i>
<i>BCom (Honours)</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>96</i>
<i>BCom (General)</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>82</i>
<i>BA (Tourism)</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>81</i>
<i>BEd</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>199</i>	<i>199</i>	<i>99.5</i>
<i>BLISc</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>BA LLB</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>93</i>
<i>B Pharm</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>85</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1623</i>	<i>909</i>	<i>1244</i>	<i>77</i>

The Academic Council may kindly note and ratify the actions taken under the given circumstances.]

The Academic Council noted and ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor.

However, the above action would not be treated as a precedent.



AC:02:21 *To consider the proposal for appointment of visiting professors, fellows and adjunct professors for different courses.*

[Agenda Note:

In terms of Statute 12(2)(i) of the Statutes of the University, The Executive Council shall have, inter alia, the power to create teaching and other academic posts, to determine the number and emoluments of such posts and to define the duties and conditions of service of Professors, Readers, Lecturers and other academic staff.

Provided that no action shall be taken by the Executive Council in respect of the number and qualifications of teachers and other academic staff otherwise than after consideration of the recommendations of the Academic Council.

The Academic Council may kindly consider creation of the posts of Visiting Professors, Fellows and Adjunct Professors for different courses and may make appropriate recommendations therefore for the consideration of the Executive Council.]

The Academic Council advised that the proposal may be put in the subsequent meeting with draft Ordinance for consideration.

AC:02:22 *Any other matter with the permission of the chair*

There being no other matter for consideration, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Sd/-
Registrar
Sikkim University and
Secretary, Academic Council**