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AC:03:01

The Chairperson calls the House to order

**[Agenda Note:]**

3.01.1 *The Chairperson is requested to call the House to order.]*

**Minutes:**

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

AC:03:02

Obituary Reference

**[Agenda Note:]**

3.02.1 *The death of the following eminent personalities is brought before the house with deep sense of grief.*

- I. *Shri. Tashi Topden, Former Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Sikkim*
- II. *Shri T.W.Barfungpa, Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of Sikkim*
- III. *Shri Prem Sagar Nirash, Journalist*
- IV. *Shri Man Bahadur Gurung, Famous Writer*
- V. *Shri Sonam Sherpa, Famous Artist*
- VI. *Shri Chandan Singh Rawat, Famous Olympiad*
- VII. *Smt Kamala Sankrityanan , Former Member, Minorities Commission/Writer and W/o Late Shri Rahul Sankrityanan]*

**Minutes:**

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

- I. Shri. Tashi Topden, Former Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Sikkim
- II. Shri T.W.Barphungpa, Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of Sikkim
- III. Shri Prem Sagar Nirash, Journalist
- IV. Shri Man Bahadur Gurung, Famous Writer
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- VII. Smt Kamala Sankrityanan, Former Member, Minorities Commission/Writer and W/o Late Shri Rahul Sankrityanan.

3.02.2 The Academic Council observed two minutes silence as a mark of respect and tribute to the departed souls and conveyed its deep sense of sympathy and condolence to the members of the bereaved family.

<b>AC:03:03</b>	<b>Observations of the Vice-Chancellor</b>
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**[Agenda Note:]**

3.03.1 *The Vice-Chancellor is requested to make his observations on the various activities of the University since the last meeting of the Academic Council]*

**Minutes:**

3.03.1 The Vice-Chancellor made his observations on various activities of the University since the last meeting of the Academic Council. He made a comprehensive power point presentation **(Annexure M1)**

<b>AC:03:04</b>	<b>Confirmation of the Minutes of the last meeting of the Academic Council held on 22.05.2009</b>
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**[Agenda Note:]**

3.04.1 *The Minutes had been circulated among the members vide letter dated 28.05.2009. No comments on the Minutes have been received from the Members. Accordingly, the House is requested to confirm the Minutes of the last meeting held on 22.05.2009 as circulated.]*

**Minutes:**

3.04.1 The Academic Council considered the minutes of the meeting held on 22.05.2009 **(Annexure M2)** and confirmed the same.

<b>AC:03:05</b>	<b>Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the last meeting of the Academic Council held on 22.05.2009</b>
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**[Agenda Note:]**

3.05.1 *The Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the last meeting held on 22.05.2009 was submitted to the Council for its consideration and approval]*

**Minutes**

3.05.1 The Action Taken Report on the minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 22.05.2009 was accepted by the House as in **Annexure M3.**

AC:03:06	Admission of Students for Monsoon Semester 2009
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**[Agenda Note:]**

3.06.1 *The status report on admission of students for Monsoon semester 2009 was placed on the table.]*

**Minutes**

3.06.1 The status report on admission of students for Monsoon Semester 2009 placed on the table and the House considered and noted it.

3.06.2 While noting the House directed the University to write to UGC insisting for opening of the Constituent College. The Council also desired that the University shall open a Centre for Biotechnology and Bio-Informatics. The Council expressed its happiness that all the courses of Sikkim University are inter-disciplinary. It also suggested that for courses like M.Sc –Physical Sciences, the intake shall be from students with both mathematics and physics background. The Council also suggested like in some other Central Universities that the University may consider instituting fellowship for integrated courses under which the students may be paid fellowship of **Rs 1,000/-** p.m.

AC:03:07	Zero Semester
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**[Agenda Note:]**

3.07.1 *According to Clause 05.13 of First Ordinance on arranging for, conducting and superintending of examinations the following provisions have been made with reference to “Zero Semester”*

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*“.....Normally, a candidate shall have to complete her/his degree within a stipulated number of semesters as prescribed by the Ordinance. However, under extraordinary/special circumstances, she/he shall be allowed to avail the benefit of zero semester with the approval of the Academic Council.*

*Provided that she/he shall submit an application in the prescribed format duly recommended and forwarded by the Principal of the College/Head of the Department to the Controller of Examinations at least 7 (seven) days before commencement of the end-semester Examinations. The Controller of Examinations within 15 days from the date of receipt of application shall forward the application to the Vice-Chancellor with his recommendation for his decision. The Vice-Chancellor shall consider the application of the candidate and may decide either to forward the case to Academic Council for its consideration and appropriate decision or reject the application. If the application is forwarded to the Academic Council, the student shall be allowed to continue in the next semester provisionally. In case the application is rejected by the Vice-Chancellor or by the Academic Council, the student shall discontinue her/his studies.*

*In the event of award of zero semester by the Academic Council, a candidate shall repeat the entire semester and could get a degree in more than the stipulated number of semesters.*

*A student is eligible for zero semester only once in the entire course of study.....”*

3.07.2 *In accordance with the above, for second semester examination (Spring 2009) the University has received 12 requests for availing the benefit of Zero semester out of which 7 cases as mentioned in Annexure were recommended to the Academic Council for approval.]*

### **Minutes**

3.07.2 In accordance with the above, for second semester examination (Spring 2009) out of 12 requests received by the University for availing the benefit of Zero semester 07 cases mentioned in Annexure M4 of the agenda were accepted by House.

AC:03:08	Spring (June 2009) Results
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### ***[Agenda Note:]***

3.08.1 *The following table depicts the position of results of Spring 2009 examination results and also compares it with Monsoon 2008 results.*

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Course	Appeared	Pass	Withheld	Pass % (Spring 2009)	Pass % (Monsoon 2008)	Improvement
<b>B.A.</b>	462	408	2	88.70	35.76	52.94
<b>B.A. (Honours)</b>	263	245	2	93.87	64.16	29.71
<b>B.A. (Tourism)</b>	25	21		84.00	58.62	25.38
<b>B.Sc</b>	38	37		97.37	50.00	47.37
<b>B.Sc (Honours)</b>	48	46		95.83	88.68	7.15
<b>B.Com</b>	93	73		78.49	38.24	40.26
<b>B.Com (Honours)</b>	23	23		100.00	60.87	39.13
<b>B.Ed</b>	195	195		100.00	100.00	
<b>B.Pharm</b>	60	60		100.00	70.00	30.00
<b>L.LB</b>	54	49		90.74	40.74	50.00
<b>B.Lib Science</b>	18	18		100.00	94.44	5.56
<b>M.A. (IR)</b>	14	14		100.00	100.00	Not applicable
<b>M.A. (Soc)</b>	15	14	1	100.00	100.00	Not applicable
<b>M.Pharm (Pharmaco-chemistry)</b>	9	9		100.00	100.00	Not applicable
<b>M.Pharm (Pharmaceutics)</b>	18	18		100.00	100.00	Not applicable
<b>M.Pharm (Pharma- Congnosy)</b>	10	10		100.00	100.00	Not applicable
<b>M.Pharm (Pharmacology)</b>	10	10		100.00	100.00	Not applicable
<b>M.Ed</b>	16	13		81.25	100.00	-19.75
<b>M.Sc. (Micro)</b>	9	9		100.00	100.00	Not applicable
<b>Total</b>	1380	1272	5	92.51	54.66	37.85

3.08.2 The results of **Spring 2009** were published on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2009 within 18 days of last date of examination (as against the stipulated 20 days). Apart from publishing of results, a core team headed by the Vice-Chancellor visited all the affiliated colleges in the state to present and discuss the results with the students and the teachers in September 2009.]

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3.08.1 The Academic Council noted the results of **Spring (June 2009)** semester and also the follow up action initiated by the University after publication. This action included presentation of all the results paper-wise/subject-wise/class-wise in all the affiliated colleges by the University team led by

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the Vice-Chancellor himself and also a thorough discussion on the same with the students and teachers in all the colleges. The Council placed on record its deep appreciation for both the remarkable improvement in the Second Semester results as compared to those of First Semester and also the novel and unique methods followed by the University to improve the performance of the students and the teachers. The House inter-alia made the following points.

3.08.2 The University should consider the introduction of Credit system at the earliest. But while doing so, it should be kept in mind that adequate number of faculties is available to manage that. In this regard, it was pointed out that the time-table adjustment is a major problem faced by many universities. The University may also consider deputing a study team to different universities like those in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh etc where the credit system has been implemented successfully. The University shall also consider introduction of remedial orientation programme for new students to enable them to cope with the learning methodologies followed by the University. The House suggested to the Vice-Chancellor to introduce an Incentive Scheme for meritorious students in each semester by which first 5 toppers may be given Rs.1000/- each out of Vice-Chancellor's discretionary grant.

<b>AC:03:09</b>	<b>Faculty Appointments</b>
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**[Agenda Note:]**

*[3.09.1 The Academic Council in its last meeting held on 22.05.2009 vide Agenda item no. AC: 02:16 approved the proposal for introduction of following academic programmes for the academic year 2009-10. The details of teaching posts sanctioned by the UGC for each of the department are also given against each.*

S.No	Name of School	Name of Department	No. of teaching posts sanctioned			
			Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor	Total
1	School of Physical and Chemical Sciences	Department of Physical Science	1	2	3	6
2	School of Law and Governance	Department of Law & Legal Jurisprudence Studies	1	2	3	6
3	School of Social Sciences	Department of Psychology	1	2	3	6

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		<i>Studies</i>				
4	<i>School of Sustainable Development and Livelihood Management</i>	<i>Department of Floriculture and Horticulture Management.</i>	1	2	3	6
5	<i>School of Policy Planning and Studies</i>	<i>School of Policy Planning and Studies</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>			

3.09.2 The above posts could not be filled up on regular basis to the fact that nominee of the Visitor could not be made available within the required time. Hence, the following faculty members have been appointed on contractual basis. An all-India interview board for all the posts was constituted.

3.09.3 The Academic Council was requested to note the following appointments made on contractual basis.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of Department</b>	<b>Name of Faculty</b>	<b>Date of appointment</b>
1	<i>Department of Physical Sciences</i>	<i>Dr. Subir Mukhopadhyay</i>	<i>31.07.2009</i>
		<i>Dr. Hemam Dinesh Singh</i>	<i>29.07.2009</i>
		<i>Dr. Ajay Tripathi</i>	<i>11.09.2009</i>
		<i>Dr. Archana Tiwari</i>	<i>11.09.2009</i>
2	<i>Department of Psychology Studies</i>	<i>Dr. Satyananda K Panda</i>	<i>31.07.2009</i>
		<i>Dr. Vijendra Pandey</i>	<i>03.08.2009</i>
		<i>Dr. Sunil Kumar Verma</i>	<i>03.08.2009</i>
		<i>Mrs. Rinki D Kesharwani</i>	<i>31.07.2009</i>
3	<i>Department of Law &amp; Legal Jurisprudence</i>	<i>Dr. Ranjit Sil</i>	<i>03.08.2009</i>
		<i>Dr. Mita Poddar</i>	<i>20.07.2009</i>
4	<i>Department of Floriculture &amp; Horticulture Studies</i>	<i>Dr. Manju Rana</i>	<i>03.08.2009</i>
		<i>Dr. Debashis Mandal</i>	<i>21.08.2009</i>
		<i>Dr. Pallavi S Kulkarni</i>	<i>03.08.2009</i>
		<i>Dr. Deepti Singh</i>	<i>15.09.2009</i>

### **Minutes:**

3.09.1 The House noted the appointments of faculty members made on contractual basis to the newly created Academic Departments of 2009-10 and endorsed the same for approval by the Executive Council. The House noted that for each department the UGC has sanctioned 6 teaching

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posts against 07 normally being done in other universities. The Council suggested to take up this issue with UGC requesting for sanction of 07 faculty members for each Department.

AC:03:10

Syllabus

### **[Agenda Note:]**

*[3.10.1 For the M.Pharm Course conducted by the affiliated college (Himalayan Pharmacy Institute) pending finalization of the curriculum, the college was authorized, with the approval of the Academic Council to follow the M.Pharm syllabus of North Bengal University.*

*3.10.2 Sikkim University since framed its own M.Pharm syllabus drafted by eminent faculties drawn to its **Curriculum Development Committee (CDC)**. The draft syllabus of M.Pharm and the members of the CDC are being placed on the table separately. The Draft Syllabus covers the following branches of M.Pharm course.*

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Branch of Specialization</b>
1.	Pharmaceutics
2.	Pharmaceutical Chemistry
3.	Pharmacognosy
4.	Pharmacology
5.	Pharmaceutical Analysis & Quality Assurance
6.	Pharmacy Practice
7.	Pharmaceutical Management
8.	Drug Development and Clinical Research
9.	Pharmaceutical Biotechnology

*3.10.3 The Academic Council was requested to consider and approve the same so that the same could be followed from the Academic Year 2010-11 onwards for the fresh students admitted to the M.Pharm course.]*

### **Minutes:**

3.10.1 The House has approved the M.Pharm Syllabus placed before it and for implementing the same from the Academic Year 2010-11.

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3.10.2 The Council suggested that the University shall consider introducing the PhD programme through entrance examination and also to constitute a Doctoral Committee for the purpose. The House further suggested to the Vice-Chancellor to consider introduction of Plant based Pharmacology discipline also in addition to the above 9 branches of specialization.

**AC:03:11**

**Academic Programmes for 2010-11**

**[Agenda Note:]**

[3.11.1 The University, since the last two academic years, has been conducting the following programmes.

**Academic year 2008-09**

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Name of the School to which the Department belongs</i>	<i>Name of the Department</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Name of Course</i>	<i>Proposed intake</i>
1.	<i>School of Social Sciences</i>	<i>Department of Social Systems and Anthropology</i>	<i>PG &amp; Research</i>	<i>M.A.</i>	40
2.	<i>School of Global Studies</i>	<i>Department of International Relation/Politics</i>	<i>PG &amp; Research</i>	<i>M.A.</i>	40
3.	<i>School of Peace, Conflict &amp; Human Security Studies</i>	<i>Department of Peace, Conflict &amp; Management Studies</i>	<i>PG &amp; Research</i>	<i>M.A.</i>	40
4.	<i>School of Life Sciences</i>	<i>Department of Microbiology</i>	<i>PG &amp; Research</i>	<i>M.Sc</i>	40

**Academic Year 2009-10**

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Name of the School to which the Department belongs</i>	<i>Name of the Department</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Name of Course</i>	<i>Proposed intake</i>
5.	<i>School of Physical and Chemical Sciences.</i>	<i>Department of Physical Science</i>	<i>PG &amp; Research</i>	<i>M.Sc</i>	40
6.	<i>School of Law and</i>	<i>Department of</i>	<i>Integrated</i>	<i>LL.B-</i>	40

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	<i>Governance</i>	<i>Law &amp; Legal Jurisprudence Studies</i>		<i>LL.M</i>	
7.	<i>School of Social Sciences</i>	<i>Department of Psychology Studies</i>	<i>Integrated</i>	<i>B.Sc-M.Sc</i>	40
8.	<i>School of Sustainable Development and Livelihood Management</i>	<i>Department of Floriculture and Horticulture Management</i>	<i>Integrated</i>	<i>B.Sc-M.Sc</i>	40
9.	<i>School of Policy Planning and Studies</i>	<i>School of Policy Planning and Studies</i>	<i>Research</i>	-	<i>Not applicable</i>

3.11.2 It is proposed to introduce the following programmes during the **Academic year 2010-11**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of the School to which the Department belongs</b>	<b>Name of the Department</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Name of Course</b>	<b>Proposed intake</b>
1.	<i>School of Social Sciences</i>	<i>Department of Geography &amp; Natural Resource Management</i>	<i>PG &amp; Research</i>	<i>M.Sc</i>	40
2.	<i>School of Social Sciences</i>	<i>Department of Economic Studies &amp; Planning</i>	<i>PG &amp; Research</i>	<i>M.Sc</i>	40
3.	<i>School of Physical &amp; Chemical Sciences</i>	<i>Department of Chemical Sciences</i>	<i>PG &amp; Research</i>	<i>M.Sc</i>	40
4.	<i>School of Media, Communication &amp; Information Sciences</i>	<i>Department of Journalism</i>	<i>PG &amp; Research</i>	<i>M.A</i>	40
5.	<i>School of Medicine</i>	<i>Department of Pharmacy Studies</i>	<i>Integrated</i>	<i>B.Pharm/M.Pharm</i>	30
6.	<i>School of Social Sciences</i>	<i>Department of Social Systems and Anthropology</i>	<i>Research</i>	<i>M.Phil/PhD</i>	
7.	<i>School of Global Studies</i>	<i>Department of International Relation/Politics</i>	<i>Research</i>	<i>M.Phil/PhD</i>	

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8.	<i>School of Peace, Conflict &amp; Human Security Studies</i>	<i>Department of Peace, Conflict &amp; Management Studies</i>	<i>Research</i>	<i>M.Phil/ PhD</i>	
9.	<i>School of Life Sciences</i>	<i>Department of Microbiology</i>	<i>Research</i>	<i>M.Phil/ PhD</i>	

3.11.3 *The Academic Council was requested to consider and accept the above proposals and recommend the same for approval by the Executive Council.]*

### **Minutes:**

3.11.1 On the above, the House noticed that the University is presently running the Department of Physical Sciences under the School of Physical and Chemical Sciences. The Council directed the Vice-Chancellor to consider re-naming of this department as "Department of Physics". Similarly for the new course M.A. course to be introduced from the School of Media, Communication & Information Sciences, the name of the Department may be changed as "Department of Journalism & Mass Communications" instead of 'Department of Journalism'. The course content may also be designed accordingly.

3.11.2 The Council has also suggested introduction of a separate School of Education and desired the proposal for the same may be placed in the next meeting. Further the House desired that the University can also start Centres (Departments) on Leadership Development & History of North Eastern Region. Dr.Karunakaran has suggested that the University may depute a team to Maharashtra (Saurashtra Region) to study the functioning of *Lok Bharathi* schemes there and adopt its principles in designing the courses.

3.11.4 With the above suggestions the House approved the new programmes and endorsed the same to the Executive Council for accord of final approval.

<b>AC:03:12</b>	<b>Pharmacy College lateral entry</b>
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### **[Agenda Note:]**

*[3.12.1 Himalayan Pharmacy Institute is one of the affiliated Colleges of the University. The college was given provisional affiliation for running the B.Pharm & M.Pharm courses for the Academic Year*

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2009-10. The intake capacity sanctioned for B.Pharm course was 60. The College has applied to the University in July 2009 for admission of 10% of students over and above the intake capacity under lateral entry scheme for Diploma Holders. It was made clear to the College that the question of admitting students under lateral entry would arise only if there are any vacant seats in B.Pharm Course. As the College has already filled all the seats and reached the intake capacity in full for the academic year 2009-10 admission of students to B.Pharm II Year under lateral entry scheme over and above the intake capacity was not in order. It was also mentioned to the college that the matter is being reported to the Academic Council for further directions in the matter.

3.12.2 Accordingly, the matter was placed before the Academic Council for directions on the following points

- I. Since the college has violated the extant provisions and admitted the students over and above the intake capacity the course of action to be initiated against it.
- II. Whether the affected students can be directly intimated by the University that their admission is not in order and therefore, the University is not in a position to allow them to take up the examination.]

### **Minutes:**

3.12.1 The House has carefully considered the issue placed before it and also its possible future implications. After much of discussion, the House authorised the Vice-Chancellor to take appropriate action against the College and also intimate the Executive Council of the decision of the House.

<b>AC:03:13</b>	<b>Improvement Paper Ordinance</b>
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### **[Agenda Note:**

[3.13.1 The Academic Council in its last meeting held on 22.05.2009 as agenda item no AC:02:20 considered the proposal for introduction of Improvement Paper and also the First Ordinance made by the University on the above had noted and ratified it. As per the said First Ordinance the provision on Improvement Paper is as below.

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**05.16           Improvement Paper**

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- (1) *A candidate who has failed<sup>1</sup> in one paper only in a semester shall be eligible for applying for Improvement. Such a candidate shall be promoted to the immediate next semester.*

*Provided that a candidate shall clear the Improvement Paper in the immediate next odd semester in case of Improvement Paper in odd semester and in the immediate next even semester in case of Improvement Paper in even semester.*

- (2) *No candidate shall be allowed to appear in a particular Improvement Paper more than once. If a candidate fails to clear the Improvement Paper in the next designated semester, then even if he passes the immediate next semester examination, she/he shall be out of the system and shall discontinue from the course.*

*Provided further that a candidate shall be eligible for Improvement only twice in the entire course.*

- (3) *A candidate, who is promoted to the next immediate semester with Improvement Paper, need not attend classes in the paper in which he has been allotted Improvement Paper. The marks secured in the attendance shall be carried over. However, she/he shall appear in the term paper/practical, mid-semester and end-semester examinations along with the fresh batch of students in the college/Department in the paper in which he has been allotted Improvement Paper. The previous marks secured in term paper/practical, mid-semester and end-semester examinations shall be treated as cancelled.*

- (4) *A student, who is promoted with Improvement Paper, shall fill in a separate examination form and submit to the Principal of the College/ Head of the Department for appearing in the Improvement Paper within the dates notified by the University.*

*Provided that if a candidate fails to fill in the examination form for Improvement Paper, it shall deem that he/she is not interested in appearing in the Improvement Paper and also in the subsequent regular examinations.*

3.13.2 *The above ordinance is silent about eligibility of a student for improvement paper in the following situation.*

*Step -1 -The candidate fails in first instance (One or more subjects/by aggregate)*

*Step 2 -The candidate applies for re-evaluation*

*Step 3 - The re-evaluation results in her/his failing in one subject but maintains the required aggregate marks.*

3.13.3 *In order to make the provisions more clear, it is proposed to insert the following explanatory note below sub-clause (4) above of the above ordinance.*

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## **Explanatory Note 1:**

*If re-evaluation results in her/his failing of only one paper, the student can be allowed to be promoted to the next semester, with the failed paper as improvement paper, provided the candidate secures the aggregate marks as required.*

*3.13.4 Also, as per sub clause (1) of Clause 05.16 of the above ordinance it is found that the word "failed" has limited connotation. For example, a candidate may fail in "one subject" but have the necessary aggregate and the other may fail in "one subject" but do not have the necessary aggregate but both of them would be called as failed candidates. The Improvement paper concept would be available only to a candidate who failed in one subject and has necessary aggregate of marks. Therefore, in order to make the position clear, it is proposed to include one more explanatory note below Clause 05.16 as mentioned hereunder.*

## **Explanatory Note 2:**

*The term "failed" in one subject shall mean failure in one subject with necessary aggregate marks.*

*3.13.5 The Academic Council was requested to kindly consider and approve the above amendment proposed.]*

## **Minutes:**

3.13.1 The House approved the insertion of the two Explanatory notes mentioned above in the first Ordinance on Examination below "Clause 05.16 – Improvement Paper "

3.13.2 The House recommended that the above amendments may be placed before the Executive Council for approval.

<b>AC:03:14</b>	<b>Ordinance on Financial Assistance to Students</b>
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## **[Agenda Note:]**

*[3.14.1 Sikkim University constituted a Committee for framing ordinance on Financial Assistance to students in regular programmes from financially weak background but exhibiting a good academic record. The Committee accordingly made draft Ordinance for providing merit cum means financial assistance to the students. The Ordinance has been tentatively approved by the Vice Chancellor. The same are placed before the house separately for approval of the Academic Council. In accordance*

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with the norms set out in the guidelines, the candidates listed in **Annexure** have applied for financial assistance.

3.14.2 On approval of the Ordinance by the Academic council, the same with the list of candidates will be placed before the FC/EC for final sanction.]

### **Minutes:**

3.14.1 The House approved the Ordinance on Financial Assistance to Students **(Annexure M5)** and endorsed the same for approval of Finance Committee and for final approval of the Executive Council.

3.14.2 The House has also approved the names of the students recommended by the Vice-Chancellor and endorsed the same to the Executive Council for approval.

<b>AC:03:15</b>	<b>Draft Statute on Recruitment for Teaching Posts</b>
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### **[Agenda Note:]**

3.15.1 *The Draft Recruitment rules for teaching posts were placed on the table for the approval of the Academic Council.]*

3.15.1 The House considered the Draft Statute of Recruitment Rules for Teaching Posts **(Annexure M6)** placed before it and raised various points which were clarified by the Secretary. The House considered the fact the Statute has been made based on the provisions of Sikkim University Act and the orders of University Grants Commission on subject issued from time to time. The House noted that as per Section 18 of the Primary Statute of the University appended to the Sikkim University Act, 2006, in the case of Selection Committee for recruitment of Reader/Lecturer it mentions that one Professor to the Selection Committee will be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor. The House suggested that such nominated Professor may be either from the rolls of the University or from outside as the case may be – as decided by the Vice-Chancellor.

3.15.2 Similarly in the case of recruitment of Librarian/Deputy Librarian/Assistant Librarian etc the House desired ICT background should be specified as one of the essential qualifications.

3.15.3 With the above suggestions, the House has endorsed the Statute to the Executive Council for approval.

<b>AC:03:16</b>	<b>Draft Statute on Visiting Fellow/Faculty</b>
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**[Agenda Note:]**

*[3.16.1 The Draft Ordinance on Visiting Fellow/Faculty was placed on the table for the approval of the Academic Council.]*

3.16.1 The House considered in detail the draft statute on appointment of Adjunct Professor, Visiting Fellow etc **(Annexure M7)** placed before it. In order to keep the remuneration flexible, the House recommended that the same may be linked to the future increases as comes into effect from time to time on the recommendations of pay commission, amendments to General Financial Rules etc. The House also suggested that there should not any restriction on the upper age limit in the case of adjunct/visiting faculties in the Statute.

3.16.2 With the above suggestions the House endorsed the Statute to the Executive Council for approval.

<b>AC:03:17</b>	<b>School of Policy Planning and Studies - programme</b>
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**[Agenda Note:]**

*[3.17.1 The Academic Council has approved the creation of School of Policy Planning and Studies-programme from the current Academic year. This School has been specifically created with the objective that a major portion of the academic programmes will be devoted to policy research that will cater to larger issues of national interest and are directly relevant to the management of regional and local issues including in the arena of public affairs, national security, livelihood and indigenous people, cross border interactions, disaster management and natural resources.*

*3.17.2 The Planning Commission has assigned a task of preparing a study report on Mid Term appraisal of the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan of Sikkim & Mizoram at the total fee of Rs. 17 lakh under the Central Plan scheme "50th Year Initiative for Planning". The School of Policy Planning and Studies has already started preparing the said report for submission to the Planning Commission within a month.*

*3.17.3 The above was reported to the Academic Council for noting.]*

**Minutes:**

3.17.1 The House considered the status report made before it on the School of Policy Planning and Studies and noted the same.

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<b>AC:03:18</b>	<b>Constitution of Inspection Committee</b>
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**[Agenda Note:]**

*[3.18.1 The Academic Council in its last meeting held on 22.05.2009 approved the proposal for formation of Committee of Inspection in terms of Statute 31(1)(iii) of the Statutes of the University and the same was accepted by the Executive Council in its meeting held on 05.06.2009. The University has accordingly constituted the Committee of Inspection.*

*3.18.2 As of 30.09.2009 the University has the following requests for approval of new academic courses:*

<i>Proposal from</i>	<i>Proposal for</i>	<i>Date of receipt</i>
<i>Rhenock Educational Society, Five ways, Deorali, Tadong, Sikkim-737102</i>	<i>Affiliation of Himalayan Institute of Engineering and Technology</i>	<i>23.01.2009</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>- 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>Pakim Palantine College</i>	<i>Introduction of Bachelor Degree Courses in</i> <i>a) Microbiology (General)</i> <i>b) Commerce (General and Honours)</i> <i>c) Pathology (General)</i>	<i>02.04.2009</i>
<i>Rhenock Govt. College</i>	<i>Introduction of Bachelor Degree (Honours) courses in</i> <i>a) Political science</i> <i>b) Geography</i>	<i>22.04.2009</i>

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	c) <i>Nepali</i> d) <i>Sociology</i>	
	<i>Introduction of Elective subjects in</i> e) <i>English</i> f) <i>Psychology</i> g) <i>Mathematics</i> h) <i>Statistics</i>	28.08.09
<i>Damber Singh College</i>	<i>Honours Stream in Political Science, Sociology, Education and English</i>	02.04.2009
<i>Namchi Government College and through HRDD Dept</i>	<i>Commerce Stream (and also for Mathematics and Statistics)**</i>	29.06.2009
	<i>Sociology (Honours)</i>	24.08.09
<i>Government College Rhenock through HRDD Dept</i>	<i>Honours Stream in Geography, Sociology and Elective English*</i>	29.06.2009
	<i>Honours course in Economics and Education</i>	24.08.09
<i>Government of Sikkim</i>	<i>Establishment of B.Ed College at Soreng, West Sikkim</i>	13.07.2009
<i>Sikkim Government Law College</i>	<i>Introduction of LLM course</i>	31.08.2009
<i>Pakim Palatine College</i>	<i>Introduction of Bachelor degree in Commerce (General) Stream.</i>	12.10.2009

3.18.3 The above requests have been summarized below college-wise/Institution-wise.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the college/Institution</b>	<b>Courses/Stream requested</b>
1	<i>Sikkim Government Law College</i>	<i>L LM</i>
2	<i>Pakim Palatine College</i>	a) <i>Microbiology (General)</i> b) <i>Commerce (General and Honours)</i> c) <i>Pathology (General)</i>
3	<i>Government College, Rhenock</i>	1. <i>Geography (Honours)</i> 2. <i>Sociology (Honours)</i> 3. <i>Political Science (Honours)</i> 4. <i>Nepali (Honours)</i> 5. <i>Economics (Honours)</i> 6. <i>Education (Honours)</i> 7. <i>Elective English (Elective)</i>

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		8. <i>Psychology (Elective)</i> 9. <i>Mathematics (Elective)</i> 10. <i>Statistics (Elective)</i>
4	<i>Damber Singh College</i>	1. <i>Political Science (Honours)</i> 2. <i>Sociology (Honours)</i> 3. <i>Education (Honours)</i> 4. <i>English (Honours)</i>
5	<i>Himalayan Pharmacy Institute</i>	1. <i>M.Pharm course in Pharmacy Practice</i> 2. <i>M.Pharm course in Pharmaceutical Analysis and Quality Assurance</i>
6	<i>Rhenock Educational Society</i>	<i>Affiliation of Himalayan Institute of Engineering and Technology</i>
7	<i>Government of Sikkim (B.Ed College)</i>	<i>Establishment of B.Ed College at Soreng, West Sikkim</i>

3.18.4 *The Committee of Inspection will be visiting the above colleges in phases. The above details were submitted to the Academic Council for its kind noting and further directions.]*

### **Minutes:**

3.18.1 The House noted that there are numerous requests for new courses etc submitted by the affiliated colleges to the University. The House advised that the Committee of Inspection may consider each of the case on merit and submit its findings before the next meeting for consideration.

<b>AC:03:19</b>	<b>Report on Anti-Ragging committee</b>
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### ***[Agenda Note:]***

*[3.19.1 The Report on Anti-ragging committee was placed on the table for the approval of the Academic Council.]*

### **Minutes:**

3.19.1 The House appreciatively noted and approved the Report of Anti-Ragging Committee placed before it.

<b>AC:03:20</b>	<b>Re-drafting of Ordinances</b>
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### ***[Agenda Note:]+***

*[3.20.1 The Academic Council in its last meeting held on 22.05.2009 desired the re-drafting of the following Ordinances*

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<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Ordinance</b>
1	<i>Ordinance for appointment for Teaching staffs and Principals of the Colleges or Institutions admitted to the Privileges of the University and not maintained by the Government.</i>
2	<i>Ordinance for other conditions necessary for admitting colleges or Institutions to the Privileges of the University.</i>
3	<i>Ordinance for Post graduate admission process</i>
4	<i>Ordinance for Under graduate admission process</i>

3.20.2 For paucity of human resources, re-drafting of the above Ordinances could not be completed. Pending approval of these Ordinances by the Academic Council it is requested that the Academic Council may allow, as an interim measure the Vice Chancellor to take appropriate decisions in terms of Section 12(3) of Sikkim University Act and report the same to the Council for ratification.

3.20.3 The Academic Council was requested to kindly approve.]

### **Minutes:**

3.20.1 The House authorised, as an interim measure, the Vice Chancellor to take appropriate decisions in terms of Section 12(3) of Sikkim University Act and report the same to the Council for ratification on matters pertaining to the above mentioned ordinances pending their re-drafting.

<b>AC:03:21</b>	<b>Regulations relating to unregistered Students from foreign countries</b>
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### **[Agenda Note:]**

[3.21.1 The Regulations relating to unregistered Students from foreign countries was placed on the table for the approval of the Academic Council.]

### **Minutes:**

3.21.1 The House approved the Ordinance on the subject and endorsed the same to the Executive Council for approval. While doing so, the House suggested that the University may consider entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the concerned foreign University for smooth facilitation of such exchanges. Similarly the University may also approach the Ministry of Home Affairs for necessary clarification before allowing registration of any foreign student. The University should constitute a Foreign Students Cell to address the issues raised by the foreign students. The University can obtain and keep copies of foreign student book from the Association of Indian Universities for guidance.

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<b>AC:03:22</b>	<b>Regulations relating to registered Students from foreign countries</b>
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**[Agenda Note:]**

*[3.22.1 The Regulations relating to registered Students from foreign countries was placed on the table for the approval of the Academic Council.]*

**Minutes:**

3.22.1 The House approved the Ordinance on the subject and endorsed the same to the Executive Council for approval.

<b>AC:03:23</b>	<b>Report on Library</b>
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**[Agenda Note:]**

*[3.23.1 A Status report on Library was placed on the Table for the noting of Academic Council.]*

**Minutes:**

3.23.1 The House considered and appreciatively noted the comprehensive Report on Library placed before it.

<b>AC:03:24</b>	<b>Report of Gender Sensitisation Committee</b>
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**[Agenda Note:]**

*[3.24.1 The Report of Gender Sensitisation Committee was placed on the Table for the noting of the Academic Council.]*

**Minutes:**

3.24.1 The House considered and appreciatively noted the Report of Gender Sensitisation Committee placed before it.

<b>AC:03:25</b>	<b>Ordinance on charging of Annual Affiliation Fees from the Colleges</b>
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**[Agenda Note:]**

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[3.25.1 The Ordinance for charging of Annual Affiliation Fees from the Colleges was placed on the Table for the approval of the Academic Council.]

### **Minutes:**

3.25.1 The House considered the Ordinance placed before it and suggested that the Committee can be a 3 member team instead of 5 member team proposed in the draft ordinance.

The following members will constitute the Committee

1. The Chairperson nominated by the Academic Council
2. Finance Officer
3. One representative nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.

3.25.2 With the above modification the House approved the Ordinance and endorsed the same to the Executive Council for final approval.

AC:03:26

Post Graduate programmes in affiliated colleges

### **[Agenda Note:]**

[3.26.1 The details of affiliated Colleges of the University and the courses run by them now are given below.

S.No.	College	Stakeholder	Courses run
1.	Sikkim Government College	Government	B.A,B.SC & B.Com (Hons.& General)
2.	Namchi Government College	Government	B.A.(Hons.& General)
3.	Rhenock Government College	Government	B.A (General)
4.	Harkamaya College of Education	Private	B.Ed & M.Ed
5.	Damber Singh College	Private	B.A (Hons. & General ), BLISC
6.	Himalayan Pharmacy Institute	Private	B.Pharm & M. Pharm
7.	Sikkim Government Law College	Government	B.A L.Lb
8.	Pakim Palatine College	Private	B.A & B.Sc (Hons. & General)
9.	Loyola College of Education	Private	B.Ed

3.26.2 Of the above colleges, the Sikkim Government Law College had applied for starting of PG course (L.LM) and Himalayan Pharmacy Institute for starting of additional disciplines in M.Pharm in 2010-11, which have been referred to the Committee of Inspection for further action.

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3.26.3 *In this regard, it is brought to the notice of the Academic Council that almost all the colleges did not have adequately qualified faculty members and also lack in infrastructure facilities. By the results of last two semesters, the University has come to a conclusion that even the General courses have not been run by the colleges efficiently (especially in the Government colleges). In such case, starting of PG courses by these colleges would only ruin the academic progress of the students of the state. Unless these colleges equip themselves with trained faculty and infrastructure, providing them fresh affiliation to start PG courses would be nothing but futile.*

3.26.4 *Therefore, the University requests this august body to consider the above difficulty and can consider making a decision in principle that the University shall not approve any proposal from the affiliated colleges for starting of new PG courses at least for 2 more years. If some of the colleges find that they have some trained power to run the PG courses, Sikkim University can accommodate them on deputation or otherwise in its PG departments wherever feasible.*

3.26.5 *The Council was requested to kindly consider and convey its assent for the above.]*

### **Minutes:**

3.26.1 The House considered the agenda item placed before it and said that while it appreciates the proposal, however, with the present infrastructure and human resources available at various affiliated colleges it would not be advisable to allow these colleges to start the PG courses. However, when the committee of inspection visits more facts on this can be recorded.

<b>AC:03:27</b>	<b>Any Other item with the permission of the Chair</b>
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3.27.1 The Vice-Chancellor intimated the House that the University will be sending its Academic Council Meeting calendar for the Year 2010 to all the members by 15<sup>th</sup> November so that the members could block the proposed dates in their engagement diary.

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

Sd/-

**(PV Ravi)**  
**Acting Registrar & Finance Officer,**  
**Secretary, Academic Council**