

**Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017**  
**at Barad Sadan Academic Block, Gangtok**

21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Academic Council was held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017 at 11:00 am at Barad Sadan Conference Hall. Following members were present:

1. Prof. T.B.Subba,  
Vice-Chancellor - Chairperson
2. Prof. S.P.S. Rajput  
Deptt. of Mechanical Engineering  
Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology  
Bhopal - Member
3. Prof. Deepak Kr. Srivastava,  
Deptt. of International Business,  
Institute of Management,  
Nirma University, Ahmedabad - Member
4. Dr. Santanu Dey,  
Department of History  
Rama Krishna Vidya Mandir  
Belur Math, Howrah - Member
5. Dr. Tankanath Sharma Khatiwara  
Head, Deptt. of Hindi  
Presidency College, Motbung - Member
6. Prof. Ananda Mukhopadhyay  
Deptt. of Zoology,  
North Bengal University - Member
7. Dr. Ganesh Ji Tiwari,  
Principal,  
Sikkim Govt. Law College, Burtuk - Member
8. Dr. Sandhya Rai,  
Principal,  
Loyola College of Education, Namchi - Member
9. Dr. Debashis Chowdhury,  
Controller of Examinations - Member
10. Prof. A.S. Chandel  
Librarian - Member
11. Prof. Jyoti Prakash Tamang,  
Dean, School of Life Sciences - Member
12. Prof. Irshad Gulam Ahmed,  
Dean, School of Languages & Literature - Member
13. Prof. V. Rama Devi,  
Dean, School of Professional Studies - Member

14. Dr. Subir Mukhopadhyay, Dean, School of Physical Sciences	-	Member
15. Dr. Nawal K. Paswan, Dean, School of Social Sciences	-	Member
16. Dr. Nutankumar S. Thingujam, Dean, School of Human Sciences	-	Member
17. Dr. S. Manivannan, Dean, Students' Welfare	-	Member
18. Prof. Pratap Chandra Pradhan Head, Deptt. of Nepali	-	Member
19. Prof. Abhijit Dutta, Professor, Deptt. of Commerce	-	Member
20. Prof. Imtiaz Gulam Ahmed Head, Deptt. of Law	-	Member
21. Dr. Vijay Kumar Thangellapali Head, Deptt. of History	-	Member
22. Dr. Dhaniraj Chettri, Head, Deptt. of Botany	-	Member
23. Dr. H.K. Tiwari, Head, Deptt. of Microbiology	-	Member
24. Dr. Manish Head, Deptt. of International Relations	-	Member
25. Dr. Laxuman Sharma, Head, Deptt. of Horticulture	-	Member
26. Dr. Komol Singha, Head, Deptt. of Economics	-	Member
27. Dr. Durga Prasad Chhetri, Head, Deptt. of Political Science	-	Member
28. Dr. Swati A. Sachdeva Head, Deptt. of Sociology	-	Member
29. Dr. Kotra Rhine Rama Mohan, Head, Deptt. of Anthropology	-	Member
30. Dr. Silajit Guha, Head, Deptt. of Mass Communication	-	Member
31. Dr. Amitabha Bhattacharya, Head, Deptt. of Physics	-	Member
32. Dr. Krishnendu Dutta Head, Deptt. of Music	-	Member

33. Dr. Mohan Pratap Pradhan, Head, Deptt. of Computer Applications	-	Member
34. Dr. T.M.S. Raju, Head, Deptt. of Education	-	Member
35. Dr. Sandhya Thapa Associate Prof., Deptt. of Sociology	-	Member
36. Dr. Kabita Lama Associate Prof., Deptt. of Nepali	-	Member
37. Dr. N. Sathyanarayana, Associate Prof., Deptt. of Botany	-	Member
38. Shri P.K. Singh, Finance Officer	-	Special Invitee
39. Shri T.K.Kaul, Registrar	-	Secretary

The following members could not attend the meeting because of their pre-occupation and sought leave of absence.

1. Prof. Kamakhya Prasad, Deptt. of Chemistry, T.N.B College, Bhagalpur
2. Prof. Rajesh Sharan, Radiation and molecular Biology Unit, NEHU, Shillong
3. Dr. A.N. Shankar, Associate Prof., Deptt. of Commerce

Dr. S.K. Gurung, Joint Registrar (Acad.) and Shri Satyam Rana, Assistant were present to assist the Council.

At the outset the Chairman welcomed all the members of the Council. He specially welcomed Dr. Tankanath Sharma Khatiwara who was attending the Academic Council meeting for the first time. The Chairman also welcomed the new member Dr. Kabita Lama, Associate Professor. The Chairman placed on record appreciation for the contributions to the Academic Council meetings by Dr. Puspaha Sharma and Dr. S. S. Mahapatra, Associate Professors. Thereafter, agenda items were taken up as under:

## **SECTION 1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES & ACTION TAKEN REPORT**

### **AC 21.1.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016**

Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016 were circulated to all the members on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016. No comments have been received from any of the members of the Council.

The Council confirmed the minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016 as circulated to all the members on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016.

### **AC 21.1.2: Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016**

The Secretary presented the action taken report on the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council. The Council noted the action taken by the University.

## **SECTION 2 REPORTING ITEMS**

### **AC 21.2.1: *Progress of Package I of Phase I of Campus construction at Yangang***

The Chairman informed that the construction of Package I of Phase I which includes construction of building structures of Administrative Building, Library Building, One Faculty Building, Main Entrance Gate and Peripheral roads for the buildings to be executed by M/s NCC Ltd at the quoted amount Rs. 106.45 Cr. Work was awarded on 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016 and agreement was signed on 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2016. Duration of the project is 18 months i.e. upto 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018

The Council noted the progress of campus construction at Yangang.

**AC 21.2.2:** The Chairman informed the Council that Prof. J.P. Tamang has been conferred fellowship of National Academy of Biological Sciences (NABS), Chennai for the year 2016.

### **TABLE ITEM**

### **AC 21.2.3: *Approval of NCTE to start M.Ed course from 2018-19 session***

The Council was informed that the University applied to the NCTE for approval of M.Ed course in July 2015. However, the proposal of the University was not conceded under Section 7(1) (B) of the NCTE Regulation 2014. In 2016 the University again applied to NCTE for M.Ed course along with the relevant documents. Inspection Team visited the University on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017. On the recommendations of the Inspection Committee, a letter of Intent (LOI) dated 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 was received by the University with the approved intake of 50 students subject to submission of relevant documents. The relevant documents were sent to NCTE-ERC on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

In its 240<sup>th</sup> meeting, NCTE has approved two year M.Ed programme with an intake of 50 (one basic unit) from the Academic Session 2018-19. The UGC has already approved starting of Education programme in our University and sanctioned posts for strengthening the Department of Education.

The Council noted the approval of NCTE to start two year M.Ed programme from 2018-19.

## **SECTION 3 RATIFICATION MATTERS**

Nil

## **SECTION 4 MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL**

### **A. PANEL OF EXAMINERS ETC.**

#### **AC 21.4.A1: *Panel of external examiners***

The Council approved the panel of external examiners as per the details given below as recommended by the concerned School Boards for the purpose as mentioned in the table.

### 1. School of Life Sciences

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Department</b>	<b>External Examiners</b>
1.	Botany	M.Sc. practical examination
2.	Microbiology	M.Sc. practical examination
3.	Zoology	M.Sc. practical examination
4.	Horticulture	B.Sc. and M.Sc. practical examination

### 2. School of Languages and Literature

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Department</b>	<b>External Examiners</b>
1.	English	MA and M.Phil/Ph.D dissertation
2.	Chinese	MA dissertation
3.	Hindi	MA dissertation

### 3. School of Human Sciences

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Department</b>	<b>External Examiners</b>
1.	Geography	M.Phil. dissertation

### 4. School of Social Sciences

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Department</b>	<b>External Examiners</b>
1.	History	Ph.D. thesis
2.	International Relations	Ph.D. thesis
3.	Law	LLM dissertation
4.	Political Science	MA dissertation
5.	Sociology	MA dissertation
6.	PCS&M	MA dissertation and Viva-Voce

## B. SYLLABUS MATTERS/COURSES ETC.

### AC 21.4.B1: *Revision of syllabus*

The Chairman informed the Council that a massive effort was made during the current semester to revise/review all the syllabi. Guidelines were issued to all the departments on how to revise the syllabi after due consultation with and feedback from the stakeholders. Syllabus Revision Committees were constituted with at least two external experts for each subject taught in Sikkim University and its affiliated colleges.

At the CDC meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 some members representing government colleges raised issue regarding the decision of the University to implement Pass and Honours courses from 2017-18 and asked for more time for discussion and consultation before it is implemented. Reservations were also expressed to make one third of the papers to be Practical papers in Science stream.

In view of the reservation expressed, the Council approved to maintain status quo i.e. to continue with Honours Courses till such time as the colleges have necessary clarity and consensus on the proposed transition to Pass and Honours courses.

The Council also approved that instead of total of 14 papers to be passed in order to get a Pass degree at present, a student need to pass atleast 12 papers including three foundation papers in order to be eligible for Pass degree.

The Council after deliberations put in abeyance for the time being the proposal that all colleges and University departments offering UG programme shall have at least 3 teachers in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and 4 teachers in Science subjects for a maximum of 150 students and for each additional 100 students in a subject there shall be one additional teacher.

The structure of the Honours course at UG level is as follows:

Subject/Semester	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Communicative English				X		
Environmental Studies					X	
Eastern Himalayas/Gender Studies Human Rights/Public Admn./IPR/ NSS						X
Elective I (Honours Subject)	P 1 (Th)	P 2 (Th)	P 3 (Pr)	P 4&5 (Th)	P 6&7 P 6 (Pr)	P 8&9 P 9 (Pr)
Elective II	P 1 (Th)	P 2 (Th)	P 3 (Pr)			
Elective III	P 1 (Th)	P 2 (Th)	P 3 (Pr)			
Total	300	300	300	300	300	300

**Note:** P stands for Paper, Th stands for Theory, and Pr stands for Practical for science subjects. For Arts, Humanities and Social Science subjects all papers shall be theoretical.

The subject combinations for Honours course at UG level is as follows:

A. Distribution of (8) Elective Combinations for B.Sc Hons (open only to +2 Science students)

				Honours in	Proposed Combinations Available at
Group A	Physics	Mathematics	Chemistry	Anyone from the Group	SGC T SGC N SGC C
Group B	Chemistry	Botany	Microbiology	Anyone from the Group	PPC
Group C	Geology	Physics	Mathematics	Geology	SU
Group D	Computer Science	Mathematics	Statistics	Anyone from the Group	SGC R
Group E	Psychology	Mathematics	Computer Science	Psychology	SGC R SU
Group F	Chemistry	Mathematics	Microbiology	Anyone from the Group	PPC
Group G	Zoology	Botany	Chemistry	Anyone from the Group	SGC T SGC N SGC, C
Group H	Economics	Mathematics	Statistics	Economics	*SGC R

B. Distribution of (13) Elective Combinations for B.A. Hons (open to students from any background)

				Honours in	Proposed Combinations Available at
Group A	Sociology	Geography	Pol. Science	Anyone from the Group	All Colleges except SGC B & PPC
Group B	Geography	Pol. Science	Education	Anyone from the Group	All Colleges except SGC B & PPC
Group C	Political Science	Economics	History	Anyone from the Group	All Colleges except DSC & PPC
Group D	Physical Education	Pol. Science	History	Anyone from the Group	SGC T SGC N SGC G
Group E	Tourism	Sociology	Education	Anyone from the Group	SGC T SGC G
Group F	JMC	History	Pol. Science	Anyone from the Group	SGC N
Group G	Lepcha	Sociology	Pol. Science	Anyone from the Group	All Colleges except DSC & PPC
Group H	Limbu/ Limboo	Sociology	Pol. Science	Anyone from the Group	All Colleges except DSC & PPC
Group I	Nepali	Economics	History	Anyone from the Group	All Colleges except DSC & PPC
Group J	Bhutia	Economics	History	Anyone from the Group	All Colleges except DSC & PPC
Group K	English	Economics	History	Anyone from the Group	All Colleges
Group L	Chinese	Sociology	History	Chinese	University Deptt.
Group M	Psychology	Mathematics	Comp. Science	Psychology	SGC R*
Group N	Psychology	Sociology	Mass Comm.	Psychology	University Deptt.

Explanatory Notes:

1. The proposed combinations are worked out keeping in view the subjects taught at the various affiliated institutions and University departments.
2. In addition to these elective subjects, the students must study three (3) more Foundation Papers as under:
  - a. Communicative English
  - b. Environmental Studies
  - c. EHS/Gender Studies/Public Administration/Human Rights/IPR/NSS

The draft revised syllabi after being approved by the respective Board of Studies and School Boards were presented by the respective Deans of Schools of Studies/Heads of the departments as under:

**1. School of Life Sciences**

- i) M.Sc. and Ph.D. coursework in Horticulture
- ii) B.Sc., M.Sc. and Ph.D. coursework in Microbiology
- iii) B.Sc., M.Sc. and Ph.D. coursework in Botany
- iv) B.Sc., M.Sc. and Ph.D. coursework in Zoology
- v) B. Pharma, M.Pharma and Ph.D coursework in Pharmacy

## **2. School of Languages and Literature**

- i) BA in Bhutia
- ii) BA and MA in Chinese
- iii) BA, MA and M.Phil./Ph.D. coursework in English
- iv) MA in Hindi
- v) BA in Lepcha
- vi) MA and M.Phil./Ph.D. coursework in Nepali

## **3. School of Professional Studies**

- i) B.Com.
- ii) BA and MA in Education
- iii) MBA and PhD coursework in Management
- iv) BA in Tourism
- v) BPA and MPA in Music
- vi) BA in Journalism and Mass Communication; MA and M.Phil./PhD coursework in Mass Communication
- vii) BA in Physical Education
- viii) B.Voc. syllabi of the following subjects:
  - a) Software development and Information Technology
  - b) Tourism and Service Industry
  - c) Retail Management
  - d) Pharmaceutical Chemistry

## **4. School of Human Sciences**

- i) BSc, MSc and MPhil/PhD coursework in Psychology
- ii) BA, MA/MSc and MPhil/PhD coursework in Geography
- iii) MA/MSc and MPhil/PhD coursework in Anthropology
- iv) Environmental Studies and Eastern Himalayan Studies for UG courses.

## **5. School of Physical Sciences**

- i) BSc, MSc and MPhil/PhD coursework in Chemistry
- ii) MCA and MPhil/PhD coursework in Computer Applications
- iii) BSc and MSc in Geology
- iv) BSc, MSc and MPhil/PhD coursework in Mathematics
- v) BSc, MSc and MPhil/PhD coursework in Physics
- vi) B.Stat.in Statistics

## **6. School of Social Sciences**

- i) MA and MPhil/PhD coursework in Peace and Conflict Studies and Management
- ii) BA, MA and MPhil/PhD coursework in History
- iii) BA in Economics
- iv) MA and MPhil/PhD coursework in International Relations
- v) BA, MA and MPhil/PhD coursework in Sociology
- vi) BA-LLB (Hons), LLM and MPhil/PhD coursework in Law
- vii) BA, MA and MPhil/PhD coursework in Political Science
- viii) Intellectual Property Rights, Human Rights, Gender Studies and Public Administration for UG General Foundation courses

The Council approved the revised syllabi as given above and authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a committee for uniformly formatting and codifying the revised syllabi. The Chairman informed the HoDs that reading list given in the syllabi need to be updated. He also advised the departments that they may either singly or in association with other departments propose add-on courses for students so that they attend those courses for their better prospectus.

The Council advised that the guidelines issued by the UGC may be checked for issuing authority of Diploma and Advance Diploma on exit from B.Voc after 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

**AC 21.4.B2: *Introduction of a Certificate Course in Chinese and English***

The Council after deliberations approved for introduction of Certificate Course in English for a duration of one semester. Detailed syllabi may be presented in next meeting of the Council by School of Languages and Literature. Certificate Course in Chinese may be deferred till faculty position improves.

**AC 21.4.B3: *Reservation policy to be followed for one Ph.D seat in the Deptt. of Chinese***

The Council decided that the working committee on admission may decide the reservation on the basis of instructions issued by the Govt. of India/UGC from time to time.

**AC 21.4.B4: *Academic Calendar of MBA Programme***

Head, Department of Management informed that MBA students of the University are required to undergo internship of six weeks after completion of second semester and also the number of subjects are more in MBA programme as compared to other departments in the University. The dates of end semester examination need to be slightly deviated from the University Academic Calendar.

After deliberations the Council asked the HoD, Department of Management to propose Academic Calendar for MBA students to the Controller of Examinations.

**AC 21.4.B5: *Introduction of NSS as credit based elective subject***

The Council after deliberations approved the recommendations of the College Development Council in its 7<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 for introduction of NSS as one of the elective subjects in the under graduate courses of the University and affiliated colleges.

The Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Curriculum Design Committee with faculty members, experts from outside as well as experts from State Government Colleges to decide on the curriculum on the template curriculum prepared by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India and also suggest the evaluation procedure.

**AC 21.4.B6: *Introduction of a certificate Course on Human Rights in the Deptt. of Political Science***

The Council after deliberations decided that the syllabus for four papers, each of four units, need to be prepared and brought in the next meeting of the Academic Council for approval. Admission to Certificate Course may take place in the month

of December and classes may be held in the Even Semester, as the department will have extra teaching load of M.Phil/Ph.D coursework in the odd semester.

### **C. AFFILIATION MATTERS**

#### **AC 21.4.C1: *Extension of Temporary Affiliation to Colleges***

The Council after deliberations approved the recommendation of the College Development Council for renewal of temporary affiliation of the following eight colleges for the academic year 2017-18.

- i) Himalayan Pharmacy Institute, Majhitar, Rangpo
- ii) Damber Singh College, Samdur, Gangtok
- iii) Namchi Government College, Kamrang, Namchi
- iv) Government College Rhenock, Rhenock
- v) Sikkim Government B.Ed. College, Soreng
- vi) Sikkim Government College, Gyalshing
- vii) Sikkim Government College, Burtuk, Gangtok
- viii) Sikkim Government Science College, Chakung

The Council deliberated on the issue of affiliation of Palatine College, Pakyong in detail. Keeping in view that the admission process of College for 2017-18 academic session has already started, it would, therefore, not be reasonable and legally correct to stop admission in the middle. However, Palatine College can be informed about non-extension of temporary affiliation and be asked not to admit any student from the academic year 2018-19. The College shall stand de-affiliated from the academic session 2018-19. The College may also ensure that the students already admitted clear their course.

#### **AC 21.4.C2: *Subject Affiliation fee for M.Phil/Ph.D programme in colleges***

Based on the recommendations of the College Development Council, the Academic Council after deliberations recommended for approval to the Executive Council the following subject affiliation fee for M.Phil/Ph.D Programme and to incorporate it at a relevant place in Ordinance OD-1.

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|-----------|---|-----------------------|
| 1. M.Phil | - | Rs. 6,000 per subject |
| 2. Ph.D   | - | Rs. 8,000 per subject |

#### **AC 21.4.C3: *Fixed Deposit for colleges seeking affiliation to Sikkim University***

On the recommendations of the College Development Council, the Academic Council after deliberations recommended for approval by the Executive Council the following insertion below the table of clause 20 of Ordinance OD-1.

*“Fixed deposit as stated under Sl. No. 15 & 16 above shall not apply to the colleges run by the State Government. It shall apply to the colleges managed by duly constituted and Registered Society or Trust”.*

## **D. STATUES/ORDINANCES/REGULATIONS MATTERS**

### **AC 21.4.D1: Amendments in the guidelines for Research Projects**

The Council after deliberations recommended for approval to the Executive Council amendments in the guidelines for Research Projects as given at **Appendix-A**.

### **AC 21.4.D2: Regulation for Certificate and Diploma courses**

The Academic Council in its 20<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016 advised to draft Regulations for Certificate and Diploma courses in the University. Accordingly, a committee comprising of Prof. J.P. Tamang, (Chairman), Prof. V. Rama Devi, Prof. Pratap Chandra Pradhan, Dr. K.R. Rama Mohan, Dr. Sudarsan Tamang, Dr. Durga Prasad Chettri (Member-Secretary) was constituted to draft the Regulations. The committee has submitted draft regulation.

The Council after deliberations decided that the draft Regulation needs modification and advised to come with the final version of draft Regulation in the next meeting of the Council.

### **AC 21.4.D3: Amendments in Ordinances/Regulations of the University**

In order to bring consistency in various clauses of our Ordinances with the Rules and Regulation issued by the UGC/MHRD/GOI from time to time, amendments to the following Ordinances/Regulations have been proposed:

- OC-3 On fees payable by students
- OC-4 On the Bachelor of Arts, Science, Law, Medicine, Education, Home Science, Commerce, Vocational and Professional Courses
- OC-5 On the Masters Degree Programme in Arts, Science, Law, Medicine, Education, Home Science, Commerce and Professional Courses
- OC-6 On the Master of Philosophy Programme
- OC-7 On the Doctor of Philosophy Programme
- RE-1 Regulations on Conduct of Examinations

The Council after deliberations recommended for approval by the Executive Council amendments in Ordinances/Regulations as given above (**Appendix-B**).

## **TABLE ITEM**

### **AC 21.4.D4: Rules on Ph.D Admission against Supernumerary Seat**

The Council noted that in 19<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 approved to introduce one supernumerary seat for Ph.D programme per department per year for teachers/fellows/staff of the University and affiliated Colleges to be the guided by Professor or the senior most Associate Professor in the concerned department and they will fulfill the conditions of leave (6 months for non-lab based and 2 years for lab-based departments) and coursework.

The Council after deliberations recommended for approval by the Executive Council the Rules on Ph.D admission against supernumerary seat (**Appendix-C**).

## **E. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

### **AC 21.4.E1: *Granting permission to PG colleges to appoint supervisors for Ph.D***

The Council noted that the UGC has stipulated the following quota for Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors for M.Phil/Ph.D Programmes:

M.Phil: 3, 2, and 1 respectively

Ph.D: 8, 6 and 4 respectively

The Council noted that University has permitted two PG colleges viz, Himalayan Pharmacy Institute and Harkamaya College of Education to start M.Phil and Ph.D programme under Ordinances OC-6 and OC-7 of the University.

The Council also noted that these colleges were guiding Ph.D students when they were affiliated to North Bengal University. The University is not in a position to accommodate the aspiration of large number of candidates wanting to do M.Phil/Ph.D.

The Council after deliberations approved the proposal to allow eligible faculty members of PG Colleges to be appointed as supervisors and joint supervisors by amending Clause-3 of Ordinance OC-7.

The Council recommended to the Executive Council amendment in Clause-3 of Ordinance OC-7 by inserting the word '/PG College' where the University' is mentioned.

### **AC 21.4.E2: *Honorary Faculty Positions***

The Council after deliberations approved the proposal for allowing faculty members from other Universities and Research institutes to be invited to teach for a brief period as honorary faculty member on the basis of the expertise and fame such faculty members will bring to the department concerned.

The Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Committee to look into the details of how such positions would be managed and the honorarium to be allowed to them.

### **AC 21.4.E3: *Academic Review of Selected Departments***

Academic Council was informed that the number of applications for admission to the under mentioned departments has been much below the number of seats available for the past three years or so, despite serious efforts made by the departments to improve the situation. Small size of faculty members in some of these departments may not really be a factor, as other departments with similar faculty positions are doing well. Hence, a thorough Academic review to assess their viability and possible restructuring in future is required:

1. Chinese
2. Computer Applications
3. Hindi
4. Music
5. Peace and Conflict Studies & Management

The Council after deliberations recommended to the Executive Council for review of their status, syllabi, faculty, etc and suggest measures for revamping/restructuring these departments. The Council also suggested that the University constitute an appropriate committee for conduct of the review.

**AC 21.4.E4: *Absence of subject specific refresher course in Chinese***

The School Board of Languages & Literature in its 6<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 advised faculty members in Chinese to attend interdisciplinary refresher courses or research methodology courses of 2-3 weeks duration as has been suggested by UGC for CAS promotion from stage 1 to stage 2. A suggestion was also given for such courses for promotion from stage 2 to stage 3.

The Council deliberated on the issue and advised that the University may consult UGC or Academic Staff Colleges in this regard.

**AC 21.4.E5: *Ethical clearance of research proposals***

The School Board of Human Sciences in its 7<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017 observed that as per UGC rule any research degree (M.Phil/Ph.D) will be invalid if the proposal is not cleared by the ethical committee of the University and suggested that separate ethical committees may be constituted for different groups of subjects that are closely related to each other for speedy clearance and approval.

The Council was informed that University is having an Institutional Ethical Committee and Animal Ethical Committee. These Committees meet as and when some case is being referred. In view of it, the Council desired that the University may utilize the services of the Institutional Ethical Committee and Animal Ethical Committee for the purpose instead of constituting a separate Ethical Committee for each School of the University.

**SECTION 5  
MINUTES OF AUTHORITIES/COMMITTEES**

**AC 21.5.1: *Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the College Development Council held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017***

Noted.

**AC 21.5.2: *Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the School Board of Life Sciences held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017***

Noted.

**AC 21.5.3: *Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the School Board of Languages and Literature held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017***

Noted.

**AC 21.5.4: *Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the School Board of Professional Studies held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017***

Noted.

**AC 21.5.5: Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the School Board of Human Sciences held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Noted.

**AC 21.5.6: Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the School Board of Physical Sciences held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Noted.

**AC 21.5.7: Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the School Board of Social Sciences held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017**

Noted.

**AC 21.5.8: Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Deans' Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017,**

Noted.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

**Sd/-**  
**(T.K.Kaul)**  
**Registrar & Secretary**

**Sd/-**  
**(T.B.Subba)**  
**Vice-Chancellor & Chairman**

## AMENDMENTS IN GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS

Clause	Existing provision	Proposed Amendment
<b>1.(d)</b>	A complete sets of research project proposal as per the formats of the funding agencies should be forwarded to the Registrar through the Head/Chairpersons of the concerned Department/Centres. The Registrar shall forward the proposal to the Vice Chancellor for final approval, which is mandatory for all research project proposals as mentioned in Ordinances on Recruitment Rules, 2012 of Sikkim University.	A complete set of research project proposal as per the format of the funding agencies should be forwarded to the Registrar through the Head/In-Charge of the concerned Department. The Registrar shall forward the proposal to the Vice-Chancellor for approval.
<b>3.(g)</b>	Advances will be paid to the PI by cheques drawn in favour of the PI or in favour of the claimant as necessary. The PI will be responsible for rendering the account of such advances. The accounts of advances taken should be rendered within the period of 30 days from the date of drawing the advance. However, this shall not apply in cases of LCs where the money is always with the bank. LCs should be cleared within 30 days of receipt of equipment/material.	Advances will be paid to the PI by cheques/ bank transfer. The accounts of advances taken should be rendered within a period of 30 days from the date of drawing the advance. However, this shall not apply in cases of letters of credit.
<b>3.(h)</b>	Payment of bills should be made through the PI by cheques drawn in favour of the parties concerned.	Payments of bills should be made through bank transfer/cheques drawn in favour of the parties concerned by the Finance Department
<b>3.(m)</b>	Nil	Blanket approval for the financial year of the sanctioned project as per the sanction order of the funding agency may be sought from VC by PI after receiving the first installment of the grant.
<b>5.(b)</b>	From the overall overhead charges, 50 % of it will be given to the University towards the development fund or for paying the University utilities bills and engaging required contractual staff for the efficient maintenance of the project accounts with the approval of VC.	<del>From the overall overhead charges, 50 % of it will be given to the University towards the development fund or for paying the University utilities bills and engaging required contractual staff for the efficient maintenance of the project accounts with the approval of VC.</del>
<b>5.(c)</b>	Rest 50 % of the overhead charges shall be at the disposal of the PI. The funds under this head could be utilized by the PI up to six months beyond the tenure of the project. Any unspent amount from the 50 % share of PI after this period shall be transferred to the miscellaneous account maintained by the University.	<del>Rest 50 % of the overhead charges shall be at the disposal of the PI. The funds under this head could be utilized by the PI up to six months beyond the tenure of the project. Any unspent amount from the 50 % share of PI after this period shall be transferred to the miscellaneous account maintained by the University.</del>

<b>5.(j)</b>	Expenditure towards entertainment/hospitality/snacks/lunch etc. be allowed from the 50 % share of the PI from the overhead grant. Due financial prudence be exercised by the PI while incurring such expenditure and PI should certify that such bills pertain to the concerned project.	<del>Expenditure towards entertainment/hospitality/snacks/lunch etc. be allowed from the 50 % share of the PI from the overhead grant. Due financial prudence be exercised by the PI while incurring such expenditure and PI should certify that such bills pertain to the concerned project.</del>
<b>8.(a)</b>	The payment of bills and clearance of accounts is one of the most important aspects of smooth running of Projects. If Finance Office has procedural objections to a bill, it should be returned to the PI in a week's time. Bills which are in order should be cleared and the whole process including the issue of cheques should be completed within three weeks of submission of the bills. If the bill is not settled within three weeks from the date of submission, PI should report to the VC.	The payment of bill and clearance of accounts is one of the most important aspects of smooth running projects. If Finance Office has procedural objection to a bill, it should be returned to the PI in a week's time. Bills which are in order should be cleared and the whole process including the issue of cheques should be completed within two weeks of submission of bills. If the bill is not settled within two weeks from the date of submission, PI should report to the VC.

The other contents of the Guidelines for Research Projects remain unchanged.

**OC-3**  
**ON FEES PAYABLE BY STUDENTS**  
 [Under Section 5 (xxi) of the SU Act, 2006]

**Existing**

1. Students admitted to various programmes of study offered by the University on its campus shall pay the fees as specified below with 2% non-cumulative increase every year. The fees for college students shall be decided by the state government in case of government colleges and Governing Body in case of missionary/private colleges. The admitted college students shall however pay Registration Fee, Mark sheet Fee, Certificate Fee, and Examination Fee to the University through their respective colleges.
2. **A.** To be paid one time only at the time of admission by all students.

Sl. No	Type of Fees	UG (with lab)	UG (without lab)	PG (with lab)	PG (without lab)	M Phil /PhD (All)	Cert /Dip (All)
1	Admission	500	200	1000	500	1500	300
2	Mark sheet	200	200	200	200	200	200
3	Certificate	300	300	300	300	300	300
4	Examination	2000	1000	2000	1000	8000	1000
5	Registration	200	200	200	200	200	200
6	Library	500	500	500	500	500	200
7	Medical Insurance	300	300	300	300	300	300
8	Students' Council	200	200	200	200	200	200
9	Identity Card	100	100	100	100	100	100
10	Hostel Admission	500	500	500	500	500	500
	Total	4800	3500	5300	3800	11800	3300

**Proposed to be amended as under**

1. Students admitted to various programmes of study offered by the University in its campus shall pay **all the requisite fees to be decided and defined by the university. Ordinarily, such fees levied by the university shall increase by 2% computed on a non-cumulative basis on each successive year.** The fees payable by a student enrolled in an affiliated college shall be decided by the state government in case of government colleges, Governing Body in case of missionary/private colleges, **and Academic Council in case of the University.** The college students **so admitted** shall however pay Registration Fee, Mark-sheet Fee, Certificate Fee and Examination Fee **as may be prescribed by the University from time to time** through their respective colleges or online.
2. **A.** The types and amount of One Time Fees payable by a student for various programmes offered by the University shall be detailed in the Prospectus of the university to be released by it each year notifying commencement of the admission season.

**Existing****Proposed to be amended as under****2 B. To be paid in the beginning of every semester by all students.**

Sl. No	Type of Fees	UG (with lab)	UG (with out lab)	PG (with lab)	PG (with out lab)	MPhil and PhD with lab	MPhil and PhD with-out lab	Cert /Dip (with/out lab)
1	Tuition Fees for non-professional students	1000	600	1000	600	3000	1000	1200
2	Tuition Fees for professional students*	6000	4000	8000	6000	10,000	8,000	10,000
3	Hostel Accommodation (1/2/3/4 bedded)	1800 /900 /600 /450	1800 /900 /600 /450	1800/900/600/450	1800 /900 /600 /450	1800/900/600/450	1800/900/600/450	1800/900/600/450

**Note:** The mess fees will be paid by the students as per rates agreed between the University and the caterer from time to time.

**3. The following are categorized as Professional Courses\* by SU:**

- i) Bachelor of Education (B. Ed) and Master of Education (M. Ed)
- ii) Bachelor of Law (B.A. LL.B) and Master of Law (LL.M)
- iii) B.Sc. Nursing
- iv) Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) and Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- v) Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA) and Master of Computer Applications (MCA)
- vi) Bachelor and Master of Engineering
- vii) Bachelor and Master of Medicines
- viii) Bachelor and Master of Architecture
- ix) Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and Master of Social Work (MSW)
- x) Bachelor and Master of Horticulture
- xi) Bachelor and Master of Tourism
- xii) Bachelor and Master of Pharmacy

**2 B. The tuition and hostel accommodation fees payable by a student admitted to a programme shall be detailed in the Prospectus every year and, unless otherwise notified by the University, the same shall be paid online at the commencement of each semester.**

**3. Deleted**

Existing	Proposed to be amended as under
<p>4. The fees may be paid in cash in the designated bank(s) or by cheque/draft in the office of the Head of the Department at any time during the semester but positively before 30 days of the end-semester examination. The fees mentioned under A however must be paid at the time of admission and must be paid by all categories of students.</p> <p>5. Permission to appear in an examination shall be subject to clearance of all fees and at least 75% attendance, which may be condoned by the Principal/ Dean concerned up to 5% shortage on production of documents that establish the reason for shortage of attendance.</p> <p>6. Tuition Fees shall be relaxed by 50% for SU employees, wards of SU employees and Yangang villagers. The same shall be relaxed by 100% for the Differently Abled students, the people of Yangang who sold their lands to the state government for the University campus, and the people belonging to the "Primitive Tribe" of Sikkim.</p> <p>7. If after having paid the fees, a candidate desires to withdraw his candidature before the starting of the course, he shall be refunded all fees and deposits after deducting Rs.1000/- as processing fee as per the UGC Public Notice in this regard dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2007.</p>	<p>4. <b>All fees shall be paid online. One Time Fees must be paid by all categories of students at the time of admission. However, students of certain categories, as may be specified in the Prospectus, who would be eligible for full or partial exemption from payment of tuition fees shall be refunded the fees if paid by them on receipt of a written request for refund and on verification of relevant documents claiming such exemption.</b></p> <p>5. No change.</p> <p>6. No change.</p> <p>7. No change.</p>

**OC-4**

**ON THE BACHELOR OF ARTS, SCIENCE, LAW, MEDICINE, EDUCATION, HOME SCIENCE, COMMERCE, VOCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL COURSES**

[Under Section 30 (b) of the SU Act, 2006]

There shall be courses of study leading to the Degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Law, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Home Science, Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Vocation and Bachelor of Professional Courses.

**Existing**

**Proposed to be amended as under**

**Eligibility**

**1.** Students who have passed Class XII examination from any recognised University /Board shall be eligible to seek admission to the first year of the Degree course. However, the candidates desiring to opt for Honours shall be required to have minimum 45% marks in the concerned subject or in the aggregate if that particular subject is not offered at Class XII or equivalent level.

**2. Duration and Structure**

The duration of the Degree courses with or without Honours shall ordinarily be six semesters or three years.

This may however vary in case of professional courses from three to five years. There shall be continuous evaluation of the progress of students throughout the semester in a manner approved by the Academic Council and an End-Term examination at the end of each semester.

**3. Award of Degree with Class**

The following classes shall be awarded according to the CGPA obtained by a student:

- i. Pass: 4.0 in Honours and 3.5 in Pass.
- ii. Second Class: 5.0-5.9
- iii. First Class: 6.0-6.9
- iv. First Class with Distinction: 7.0 and above

Further, First Class First and First Class Second in each subject shall be awarded Gold and Silver medals respectively.

Besides the above the mark sheet and certificate shall also indicate the alphabetical grade and numerical grade point in a 10 point scale to facilitate the students.

**1. Eligibility**

Students who have passed Class XII examination from any recognised University /Board shall be eligible to seek admission to the first year of the Degree course. However, the candidates desiring to opt for Honours shall be required to have minimum 45% marks in the concerned subject or in the aggregate ***if that particular subject has not been studied by the student*** at Class XII or equivalent level.

**2.** No change.

**3. Award of Degree**

**Students securing a minimum of 3.5 CGPA shall be considered successful and eligible for Pass Degree while students securing a minimum of 4.0 CGPA shall be considered successful and eligible for Honours Degree. Students securing CGPA higher than the minimum stipulated CGPA shall be placed in the relevant grades on a 10 point scale.**

**Further, the top two scorers in terms of absolute score shall be awarded Gold and Silver medals respectively subject to the condition that such score, if below 60.0%, shall not qualify for medal. The scores obtained after re-evaluation or improvement examination shall also not be considered for medals.**

**The mark sheet shall indicate the Grade obtained and the absolute score while the certificates awarded shall carry the Grade obtained and the CGPA.**

**Existing****4. Course Structure**

The distribution of papers shall be as follows:

Table 1. Distribution of Papers for Bachelor of Arts, Commerce, Vocation, Science, Law, Home Science and other Professional Courses (Pass and Honours) etc.

Semester/ Subject/Paper	Semester I	Semester II	Semester III	Semester IV	Semester V	Semester VI	Total Marks
English	100	-	-	-	-	-	100
GFC	-	100	-	-	-	-	100
EH/HR/GS	-	-	100	-	-	-	100
Elective-I (Hons)	100	100	100	200	200	200	900
Elective-2	100	100	100	-	-	-	300
Elective-3	-	-	-	100	100	100	300
Total Marks	300	300	300	300	300	300	1800

**Note:** English and GFC shall be common for all UG courses. Elective-2 and Elective-3 shall be common for all UG students.

A student shall opt for a Pass or Honours (Elective) in a subject and any one of the Elective Subject Combination groups (A or B and not one each from both A and B) of the following:

**Proposed to be amended as under****4. Course Structure**

The course structure for UG programme shall be as specified in the Regulations from time to time.

**Existing**

Pass/Honours (Elective 1)	Group-A Elective 2 and 3	Group-B Elective 2 and 3
Chemistry	Physics, Mathematics	Botany, Zoology
Physics	Maths, Chemistry	Maths, Computer Sc
Mathematics	Physics, Chemistry	Physics, Commerce, Stats
Computer Science	Electronics, Physics	Physics, Maths, Stats
Economics	Maths, Commerce	History, Pol. Science
Earth Sciences	Physics, Mathematics	Chemistry, Mathematics
Geography	Chemistry, Physics	Sociology, History
Botany	Chemistry, Zoology	Geography, Tourism
Zoology	Chemistry, Botany	Geography, Anthro
English	El. Lang, Education	Pol. Science, History
Nepali	El. Lang, Education	History, Pol. Sc.
Lepcha	El. Lang, Education	History, Pol. Sc.
Limbu	El. Lang, Education	History, Pol. Sc.
Bhutia	El. Lang, Education	History, Pol. Sc.
Education	History, Pol Sc	El. Lang, Sociology
History	Sociology, Political Sc.	El. Lang, Pol. Sc.
Political Science	El. Lang, Geography	History, Sociology
Economics	Pol. Sc, History	Pol. Sc., Sociology
Sociology	Economics, Pol. Sc	El. Lang, Geography
Commerce	Account & Finance Grp	Management group
Tourism	English, Geography	History, Geography
Physical Education	History, El. Lang.	Education, Geography
Journalism & Mass Communication	History, El. Lang	Education, Geography
Statistics	Mathematics, Economics	Physics, Chemistry
Microbiology	Botany, Zoology	Geography, Anthropology

**Note:** El. Lang refers to English, Nepali, Lepcha, Bhutia, and Limbu, provided that the same language cannot be taken as two elective papers. There shall be no Elective 2 or 3 for subjects like Horticulture, Music and Law, as they are self-contained courses.

**Proposed to be amended as under**

**The subject combinations for UG programme of regular Arts, Science and Commerce stream shall be as specified in the Regulations from time to time.**

**OC-5**

**ON THE MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN ARTS, SCIENCE, LAW, MEDICINE, EDUCATION, HOME SCIENCE, COMMERCE AND PROFESSIONAL COURSES**

[Under Section 30(b) of the SU Act, 2006]

The Master's Degree Programmes in Arts, Science, Law, Medicine, Education, Home Science, Commerce and Professional Courses under the University shall be full time courses of study spread over a period of four Semesters or two academic years.

Existing	Proposed to be amended as under
<p>1. i. A candidate seeking admission to any of the courses must possess the qualifications prescribed by the University for the same from time to time.</p> <p>ii. Admissions to different courses shall be made only in the first semester at the beginning of each academic year unless specifically decided for a course by the Academic Council.</p> <p>iii. Candidates who have taken the Bachelor's Degree (Honours or Integrated), of this University or any other recognised university shall be eligible to apply for admission to the courses offered by the Departments subject to provisions relating to prerequisites if any. The minimum marks and subjects qualifying for admission to the different courses shall be prescribed in the prospectus.</p> <p>iv. Admission to a course shall be made on the basis of a candidate's marks and subjects taken in the qualifying degree and admission test, if any, conducted by the concerned Department besides the Government of India rules and notifications issued from time to time.</p> <p>2. i. Subject to the general guidance of the Dean, the instruction and routine in each course shall be under the control and direction of the Head of the Department concerned.</p> <p>ii. Each student, with respect to his work in the course as well as his general conduct in the University, shall remain under the control of the School and the discipline of the concerned Department.</p>	<p>1. i. A candidate seeking admission to any of the courses must <b>fulfil the eligibility criteria</b> prescribed by the University <b>at the time of admission.</b></p> <p>ii. No change.</p> <p>iii. <b>A candidate who has obtained a Bachelor's Degree (Honours or Pass), of this University or any other recognised university shall be eligible to apply for admission to any of the courses offered by a Department subject to provisions relating to prerequisites if any. The minimum marks to be obtained and subjects required to be studied at UG level for being considered eligible for admission in a particular department shall be defined in the Prospectus.</b></p> <p>iv. Admission to <b>UG/PG programmes</b> shall be made on the basis of a candidate's marks, subjects <b>studied</b> in the qualifying degree and marks <b>obtained in Central Admission Test</b> conducted by the University <b>and shall be in compliance with the</b> Government of India rules and notifications issued from time to time.</p> <p>2. i. Subject to the general guidance of the Dean of the School, the instruction and routine in each course shall be <b>framed by and shall remain under direct control and monitoring</b> of the Head of the Department concerned.</p> <p>ii. Each student <b>shall remain directly accountable to the Head of the Department and the Dean of the school concerned in respect of the progress of study as also her/his general conduct within the University premises.</b></p>

Existing	Proposed to be amended as under
<p>3. Ordinarily, a student shall earn 64 credits during the period of four semesters. Out of this total 56 credits shall be earned from the core courses of the programme to which he is admitted. The balance 8 credits may be earned by the student from the courses offered by other departments during II (4 Credit) and III (4 Credit) semesters only. A student shall, however, earn 64 credits within a maximum period of six semesters.</p> <p>4. A student must have attended a minimum of 75% of the lectures during a semester to be eligible to appear at the End Semester examination. A maximum of 5% shortage of attendance may be condoned by the concerned Dean on the recommendation of the HoD/IC of the department concerned and production of valid documents to prove that the shortage of attendance was for some genuine reasons.</p> <p>5. The Dean of the School or Principal of a college may, on the recommendation of the Head of the Department concerned, condone the shortage of attendance up to 5% under exceptional cases.</p> <p>6. A student who fails in one or all the courses in a given semester, for whatsoever reasons, may repeat the examination for those courses during the next academic year. If an SC/ST/OBC student does not pass all the core courses with a minimum of 50% within six semesters he may pray within the prescribed date for reevaluation of his answer scripts for those courses where he has scored less than 50% after paying the fees decided by the University but shall not be eligible for any awards, prizes, medals etc.</p> <p>7. i. Each semester shall have at least 90 working days excluding examination days. ii. The dates of commencement and termination of each semester shall be fixed by the Academic Council.</p> <p>8. Examiners for each course of study shall be appointed by the Controller of Examinations on the recommendation of the Board of Studies and from the panel approved by the Academic Council.</p>	<p>3. A student shall earn a minimum of 64 credits during the period of four semesters to qualify for Master's degree. Out of <b>the total of 64 credits</b>, 56 credits shall have to be earned from the core courses of the programme to which <b>s/he</b> is admitted. The balance 8 credits may be earned by the student from the courses offered by other departments during II (4 Credit) and III (4 Credit) semesters only. A student shall, however, earn 64 credits within a maximum period of six semesters.</p> <p>4. A student must attend a minimum of 75% of the lectures during a semester to be eligible to appear at the End Semester examination.</p> <p>5. The Dean of the School or Principal of a college may, on the recommendation of the Head of the Department concerned, condone the shortage of attendance by a maximum of up to 5% under exceptional cases and provided such shortfalls have been justified with valid documentary evidences.</p> <p>6. A student who attends classes regularly and appears for both the internal tests but fails in one or all the courses in a given semester, for whatsoever reasons, may repeat the examination for those courses during the next relevant semesters, but not beyond six semesters.</p> <p>7. Each semester shall have at least 90 working days excluding examination days and the dates of commencement and termination of each semester shall be fixed by the Academic Council.</p> <p>8. Examiners for each course of study shall be appointed by the Controller of Examinations on the recommendation of the Board of Studies and from the panel approved by the Academic Council.</p>

Existing	Proposed to be amended as under
<p><b>9.</b> A candidate shall apply for admission to the End-Semester examination in the prescribed form to the Dean of the concerned School through the Head/IC of the Department who shall certify that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The candidate has attended the minimum number of lectures etc. in respect of Core courses as well as Open courses in II and III semesters.</li> <li>ii. All dues including prescribed examination fees have been deposited.</li> </ul> <p><b>10.</b> The End-Semester results shall be moderated by the Result Moderation Board chaired by the Vice-Chancellor and convened by the Controller of Examinations.</p> <p><b>11.</b> Successful candidates with the following CGPA shall be awarded the Degree under the following categories:  First Class: 6.0 and above  First Class with Distinction: 7.0 and above  Second Class: 5.0 to 5.9 Pass: 4.0 to 4.9  Further, the candidate scoring the highest CGPA with a minimum of 6.0 shall be awarded a Gold Medal and the candidate scoring the second highest with a minimum of 6.0 shall be awarded a Silver Medal.  Besides the above the mark sheet and certificate shall also indicate the alphabetical grade and numerical grade point in a 10 point scale to facilitate the students.</p>	<p><b>9.</b> Candidates shall apply for admission to the End-Semester examination in the prescribed form to the Controller of Examinations through the Head/IC of the Department who shall certify that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The candidate has attended the minimum number of lectures etc. in respect of Core courses as well as Open courses in II and III semesters.</li> <li>ii. All dues including prescribed examination fees have <b>duly</b> been <b>paid</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>10.</b> The End-Semester results shall be moderated by <b>a</b> Result Moderation Board to <b>be convened and chaired by the Controller of Examinations. The recommendations of the Result Moderation Board shall be placed before the Vice-Chancellor for his approval before publication of the concerned results.</b></p> <p><b>11. Students securing a minimum of 4.0 CGPA shall be considered successful and would be eligible to be awarded the Degree. Students securing CGPA higher than the minimum stipulated CGPA shall be placed in the relevant grades as computed on a 10 point scale.</b>  <b>Further, the top two scorers in terms of absolute score shall be awarded Gold and Silver medals respectively subject to the condition that such score, if below 60.0%, shall not be considered for medal.</b>  <b>The mark sheet shall indicate the Grade obtained and the absolute score while the certificates awarded shall carry the Grade obtained and the CGPA.</b></p>

**OC-6**  
**ON THE MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY PROGRAMME**  
 [Under Section 30(d) of the SU Act, 2006]

Existing	Proposed to be amended as under
<p><b>1. Objectives</b></p> <p>The University shall have M. Phil. programme with the objective of providing deeper insight in the relevant subject, broadening horizons, emphasising the unity of all knowledge normally divided in numerous disciplines, equipping scholars with necessary tools and practical experience for further research in different fields. The M. Phil degree shall be the first research degree of the University.</p> <p><b>2. Coursework</b></p> <p>The M. Phil. programme shall consist of two parts: (a) course work, and (b) dissertation/project work, both the parts having equal weightage, i.e., 12 credits each.</p> <p>i. The coursework of one semester shall consist of three papers offered by the Department out of which one shall be on research methodology. A teacher of this University having M.Phil./PhD degree shall be eligible to teach M. Phil courses. The coursework shall be for one semester only.</p> <p>ii. The M. Phil scholars shall be required to attend and participate in seminars organised by the Department for the purpose of discussing new results, developments in the subject and/or interpretation of data. Each scholar shall be required to present two seminars, one in the early phase of his dissertation/project work and the other just before submission of his thesis.</p>	<p><b>1. Objectives:</b></p> <p><b>No change.</b></p> <p><b>2. Coursework:</b></p> <p>The M. Phil. programme shall consist of two parts: (a) course work, and (b) dissertation/project work, both the parts having equal weightage, i.e., 12 credits each.</p> <p>i. The coursework of one semester shall consist of three papers offered by the Department out of which one shall be on research methodology. A teacher of this University having M. Phil/ PhD degree shall be eligible to teach M. Phil courses. <b><i>The coursework shall be of one semester duration only and must be cleared within the first two semesters of commencement of the course.</i></b></p> <p>ii. No change.</p>

Existing	Proposed to be amended as under
<p><b>3. Admissions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The admission to M.Phil. programme shall be done once in a year together with admission to other programmes of the University.</li> <li>ii. The candidates with at least 55% (50% in the case of candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC) marks in the Master's Degree in the subject concerned or cognate subject shall be required to appear in a written test and an interview to be conducted by the Department. The candidates shall be selected according to merit determined after considering the following: (i) CGPA or percentage of marks in the Master's Degree or equivalent, (ii) performance in the admission test and interview. The admission shall be finalised on the basis of the number of seats available and the performance of the candidates. A candidate shall be assigned a supervisor by the Department after successful completion of the coursework and securing the required CGPA in the same.</li> <li>iii. A candidate who has qualified UGC-NET (including JRF), CSIR-NET (including JRF)/SLET/ GATE/Teacher Fellowship shall be exempted from appearing in admission test but shall have to attend the interview.</li> </ul> <p><b>4. Registration:</b></p> <p>A candidate shall apply through the Department's Board of Studies for registration along with the synopsis which shall be considered for approval by the School Board. The date of registration shall be the date of approval by the School Board.</p>	<p><b>3. Admissions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The admission to M.Phil. programme shall be done once in a year <b>along</b> with admission to other programmes of the University/<b>College provided further that a College may be considered eligible to offer M.Phil/Ph.D programmes only if it satisfies the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a. It must have at least two eligible research supervisors in the academic department interested to offer these programmes.</b></li> <li><b>b. Post Graduate departments in the college willing to offer these programmes must have adequate infrastructure, research laboratories, and library well-equipped to support research work and support staff.</b></li> <li><b>c. It must also have the necessary recognition from its affiliating university for being eligible to offer these programmes.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>ii. The candidates with at least 55% (50% in the case of candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (<b>non-creamy layer</b>)/PWD) marks in the Master's Degree in the subject concerned or cognate subject shall be required to appear in a written <b>Entrance Test</b> and an interview to be conducted by the Department. <b>A 50.0% score shall be the minimum to qualify in the written entrance test and to be considered eligible to appear in the personal interview.</b> The candidates shall be selected <b>strictly</b> according to merit <b>to be ascertained taking into consideration</b> the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. CGPA or percentage of marks by <b>her/him</b> in the Master's Degree or equivalent and,</li> <li>b. her/his performance in the written entrance test and interview performance combined together.</li> </ul> <p>The final admission list shall be drawn on the basis of the number of seats available and the performance of the candidates. A candidate shall be assigned a supervisor by the Department after successful completion of the coursework securing <b>at least 6.0 CGPA computed on a 10 point scale.</b></p> </li> <li>iii. No change.</li> </ul> <p><b>4. No change.</b></p>

Existing	Proposed to be amended as under
<p><b>5. Duration:</b></p> <p>i. A scholar shall normally complete his M.Phil. in not more than three semesters. An extension of only one semester shall be allowed in suitable cases on the recommendation of the supervisor. In the case of college teachers undertaking M.Phil. programme, one extra semester time may be given for completing the programme over and above that allowed for regular candidates.</p> <p>ii. If a candidate after clearing the course work of one semester, out of which at least one paper shall be on research methodology, discontinues his dissertation work for some unforeseen reason, the School Board may condone a break of not more than two semesters and the candidate may be allowed to resume his work. If the break is for more than two semesters, the scholar shall seek fresh admission to the M.Phil. programme. The period of the break shall be computed from the date of publication of the course work result.</p>	<p><b>5. Duration:</b></p> <p>i. A scholar shall normally complete <b>her/his</b> M.Phil in three semesters. An extension of only one semester may be allowed in <b>reasonably justified</b> cases on the recommendation of the supervisor. College teachers undertaking M.Phil. programme, may be granted one extra semester over and above what is being allowed for regular candidates to facilitate them to complete the programme. <b>Further women and PwD candidates with at least 40% disability shall be given an additional one year over and above the normal extension of one semester permissible on the recommendation of the supervisor. Furthermore, women candidates shall be entitled to Maternity Leave/CCL for upto 240 days once in the entire duration of MPhil programme after registration. (approved by EC at its 25<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 10 June 2016)</b></p> <p>ii. No change.</p>
<p><b>6. Attendance</b></p> <p>An M. Phil. student is expected to attend all lectures pertaining to his coursework. The attendance of the candidate shall be at least 75% in each course. A maximum of 5% shortage may be condoned by the concerned Dean on the recommendation of the Hod/IC of the concerned department and production of some valid document to establish the reason for shortage of attendance.</p>	<p><b>6. Allocation of Research Supervisor and Attendance:</b></p> <p>a. <b>Any regular Professor of the university/college with at least five research publications in refereed journals and any regular Associate/Assistant Professor of the university/college having a Ph.D. degree and at least two research publications in refereed journals to their credit shall be recognized as Research Supervisors. Provided further that in areas/disciplines where there is no or only limited number of refereed journals, the institution concerned may relax the condition aforesaid for recognition of a person as Research Supervisor with reasons for providing such relaxations recorded in writing.</b></p> <p>b. An M. Phil student is expected to attend all lectures pertaining to his coursework. The attendance of the candidate shall <b>have to</b> be at least 75% in each course. A maximum of 5% shortfall in attendance may be condoned by the concerned Dean on the recommendation of the HoD/IC of the concerned department <b>against</b> production of some valid document to establish the reason for shortage of attendance.</p>

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**7. Evaluation of Course Work:**

- i. The evaluation of the coursework will be internal.
- ii. The performance of the scholar shall be evaluated in the following grades:  
'O' (outstanding), 'A' and 'B' with grade point valuation in the 10 point scale, i.e. 7.0-10.0 corresponding to 'O' grade, 6.0-6.9 corresponding to 'A' grade, 5.0 to 5.9 corresponding to 'B' grade. Those securing less than 5.0 points shall be graded as 'C'. To clear a course, a candidate should secure at least grade 'A'.

The M. Phil candidates shall also be awarded alphabetical grade and numerical grade point in a 10 point scale.

**8. Pre Submission Seminar:**

When the supervisor is of the opinion that the dissertation is in the final stage of completion, the scholar shall be required to give a pre-submission seminar on his research findings. This seminar will be given in the presence of a committee of at least three faculty members, of which one will be from the allied department. The candidate may incorporate the recommendation of the committee in his dissertation.

**9. Submission of Dissertation:**

- i. An M.Phil. candidate shall submit 1 soft copy in a CD/DVD and 3 hard copies of his dissertation duly recommended by the Supervisor and forwarded by the Department to the Controller of Examinations.
- ii. The dissertation shall contain a declaration from the candidate and his supervisor stating that the dissertation incorporates bonafide research of the student and that this has not been submitted for another degree of this or any other University.
- iii. They shall further certify that if the scholar has indulged in plagiarism his dissertation shall not be sent to the examiners for evaluation. Under such circumstances, a candidate will be given the opportunity to rewrite his thesis within a period of six months failing which his registration will be cancelled.

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**7. Evaluation of Course Work:**

- i. **No change.**
- ii. The performance of the scholar shall be evaluated in Grades **to be computed on a 10 point scale and the minimum score for being awarded the Degree of M. Phil shall be 5.0 CGPA. Scholars securing higher CGPA than the stipulated minimum shall be placed in the relevant Grade as would be computed on a 10 point scale.**

**The M. Phil Degree Certificate shall carry the Grade and the grade point obtained in a 10 point scale.**

**8. Pre Submission Seminar:**

When the supervisor is of the opinion that the dissertation is in the final stage of completion, the scholar shall be required to give a pre-submission seminar on his research findings. This seminar **shall** be given in the presence of a committee of at least three faculty members, of which one will be from an allied department. The candidate may incorporate the recommendation of the committee in his dissertation.

**9. Submission of Dissertation:**

- i. No change.
- ii. The dissertation shall contain a declaration from the candidate and his supervisor stating that **it contains** bonafide research **contents** of the student and that this has not been submitted for another degree **elsewhere or in this university.**
- iii. **The dissertation shall also incorporate in it a duly certified plagiarism test report. In case the report indicates the extent plagiarisation is above the prescribed level of 20%, excluding quotes and references, the said dissertation shall not be sent for evaluation and the candidate concerned shall be given the opportunity to rewrite her/his thesis within a period of six months failing which the candidate's registration shall stand cancelled.**

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<p><b>10. Panel of Examiners:</b></p> <p>At least two months before the proposed date of submission of the dissertation, the supervisor shall present a panel of four names of examiners along with mobile numbers and email ids from the panel already approved by the Academic Council for necessary action by the Controller of Examinations.</p> <p><b>11. Evaluation</b></p> <p>i. The dissertation will be examined by two examiners (one of them being the Supervisor) to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from the panel approved by the Academic Council and the Executive Council. At least one of the examiners should be from outside the state where the University is located.</p> <p>ii. However a supervisor shall not act as an examiner where a candidate is a wife or husband, son or daughter, brother or sister of the Supervisor. Where a candidate is related to the Supervisor, the dissertation submitted by a candidate for M.Phil degree shall be sent to another examiner selected from the panel of examiners. In such cases, the panel of examiners will be submitted by the HoD/IC of the department and if the HoD/IC happens to be the supervisor the same will be submitted by the Dean of the School.</p>	<p><b>10. Panel of Examiners:</b></p> <p><b>The Supervisor shall submit a panel of four examiners, including her/his own name as Internal Examiner, with postal address, email id and mobile phone number, in the prescribed proforma to the School Board through the Head of the Department for its approval and onward transmission to the Controller of Examinations. Provided further that the Supervisor shall neither submit the panel nor serve as examiner where the candidate is a wife or husband, son or daughter, brother or sister.</b></p> <p><b>In such situation the panel of experts shall be selected and submitted by the HoD/IC of the department and if the Supervisor happens to be holding such a position the same shall be submitted by the Dean of the School. A copy of the same shall also be endorsed to the Chairman of the Academic Council.</b></p> <p><b>11. Evaluation:</b></p> <p>i. The dissertation shall be examined by two examiners (one of them being the Supervisor) to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from the panel approved by the Academic Council and the Executive Council. At least one of the examiners should be from outside the state where the University is located. <b>The grade point for dissertation (12 credits) shall be worked out by calculating the average of the grade points awarded by the internal (4 credits) and external (4 credits) examiners for the dissertation (8 credits/200 marks). The remaining 4 credits/100 marks shall be awarded by the external examiner on the basis of viva voce. (approved by EC at its 25<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 10 June 2016)</b></p> <p>ii. No change.</p>

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<p><b>12. Award of Degree:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The dissertation work shall be accepted for the award of the M.Phil. degree on the unanimous recommendation of both the examiners.</li> <li>ii. If there is a difference of opinion between the two examiners the matter shall be referred to a third examiner to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor out of the panel already submitted. The third examiner will act as the adjudicator and his decision shall be final.</li> <li>iii. In case the examiner suggests some modifications for improvement of the dissertation or points out certain lacunae in the same, the candidate shall be asked to reply or to modify the dissertation on the suggested lines and resubmit the dissertation within a period of six months of the communication of the decision.</li> <li>iv. In the event of unanimous recommendation by both the examiners, the final grade point may be computed keeping in mind the average of both coursework and dissertation grade points. In the event of one of the examiners for dissertation not recommending, the final grade point may be computed keeping in mind the average of the course work and the grade point awarded to the candidate by the third examiner.</li> <li>v. All the reports of the examiners shall be submitted to the School Board, which, on being satisfied, may recommend to the Academic Council that the M. Phil. Degree may be awarded to the candidate. A copy of the recommendation of the School Board may be sent to the Controller of Examinations for declaration of the result.</li> </ul>	<p><b>12. Award of Degree:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The dissertation work shall be accepted for the award of the M.Phil. degree on the unanimous recommendation of both the examiners <b>and a viva-voce conducted by an external examiner, who shall preferably be the evaluator of his/her dissertation.</b> (<i>approved by EC at its 25<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 10 June 2016</i>)</li> <li>ii. <b>No change.</b></li> <li>iii. <b>No change.</b></li> <li>iv. <b>No change.</b></li> <li>v. <b>On receipt of the reports of the examiners, the Examination Department shall compute the final grade point and present the same along with the compiled grade card of the candidates to the Vice-Chancellor for his approval. Once approved, the Controller of Examinations shall notify the award of the degree.</b> (<i>approved by EC at its 25<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 10 June 2016</i>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>13. Removal of Difficulties:</b></p> <p>Notwithstanding anything contained in this Ordinance, the Vice-Chancellor may take such measures as may be necessary for removal of difficulties.</p>	<p><b>13. Removal of Difficulties</b></p> <p><b>No change.</b></p>

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**ON THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY PROGRAMME**

[Under Section 30(d) of the SU Act, 2006]

**Existing**

**1. Admission and Eligibility:**

The admission to the PhD Programme shall be in the beginning of each academic year. The candidates with at least 55% (50% for SC/ST/OBC) marks in their Master's Degree in the subject concerned or allied/cognate subject offered by the Departments shall be required to appear in a written test and interview to be conducted by the University. The candidates shall be selected according to merit determined after considering the following:

- i. Performance in the entrance test and interview.
- ii. Candidates with MPhil/NET/CSIR (JRF)/SLET/GATE/ Teacher Fellowship shall be exempted from appearing in admission test but shall have to face the interview.

**2. Coursework:**

Coursework of minimum one semester and 12 credits, out of which one shall be on research methodology, is compulsory except for those who have completed M.Phil degree from any university recognized by the University

**Proposed to be amended as under**

**1. Admission and Eligibility:**

The admission to the PhD Programme shall be in the beginning of each academic year and shall be done once in a year **along** with admission to other programmes of the University/College **provided further that a College may be considered eligible to offer M.Phil/Ph.D programmes only if it satisfies the following:**

- a. **It must have at least two eligible research supervisors in the academic department interested to offer these programmes.**
- b. **Post Graduate departments in the college willing to offer these programmes must have adequate infrastructure, research laboratories, and library well-equipped to support research work and support staff.**
- c. **It must also have the necessary recognition from its affiliating university for being eligible to offer these programmes.**

Candidates with at least 55% (50% for SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/PWD) marks in their Master's Degree in the subject concerned or any allied/cognate subject shall be required to appear in a written **entrance** test and **a personal** interview. **Selection of candidates shall strictly be on merit** to be evaluated on the basis of her/his performance in the **written** entrance test and **personal** interview.

**NB:** Candidates with MPhil /UGC-NET (including JRF)/CSIR-NET (including JRF)/SLET/GATE and Teacher Fellowship shall be exempted from appearing in the **written** admission test but shall **be required** to face the interview. **An internal candidate whose MPhil thesis has been evaluated but viva is yet to be completed shall also be exempted from written test.**

**2. Coursework:**

A coursework of minimum one semester and 12 credits is compulsory. The one semester coursework shall consist of three papers offered by the Department out of which one shall be on research methodology. **The coursework shall be of one semester duration only but must be cleared within the first two semesters of commencement of the course.**

**Commencement of Non-NET fellowship shall start from the date a student clears the coursework with requisite percentage/grade.**

**Candidates who have already been awarded M. Phil degree from any recognized university shall be exempted from doing this course work.**

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<p><b>3. Supervisor</b></p> <p>The Department shall appoint a supervisor. The supervisor shall be a Professor, Associate Professor or Assistant Professor of the University with PhD. The Department may, in addition and with the approval of the School Board, appoint one or two joint supervisors in which case the Supervisor shall be in overall charge of the supervision. A joint supervisor need not necessarily be a teacher of the University but should be a person recognised by the University as qualified and knowledgeable enough to supervise a doctoral work.</p> <p><b>4. Registration</b></p> <p>The application for registration of PhD shall be made to the Department concerned in the proforma as may be prescribed by the University along with a detailed research proposal including the topic, statement of research, objectives, research questions, and research methodology. The Department shall forward the research proposal to the School Board through the Board of Studies. The date on which the School Board accepts the proposal for registration shall be the date of registration of the scholar for the purpose of this Ordinance. However, the maximum permissible period between the date of admission and the date of registration for PhD programme shall be 3 semesters or 18 months.</p>	<p><b>3. Supervisor:</b></p> <p>The Department shall appoint a supervisor. <b>Any regular Professor of the university/college with at least five research publications in refereed journals and any regular Associate/Assistant Professor of the university/ college having a Ph.D. degree and at least two research publications in refereed journals to credit shall be recognized as Research Supervisors. Provided further that in areas/disciplines where there is no or only limited number of refereed journals, the institution concerned may relax the condition aforesaid for recognition of a person as Research Supervisor with reasons for providing such relaxations recorded in writing.</b></p> <p>The Department may, in addition and with the approval of the School Board, appoint one or two joint supervisors in which case the Supervisor shall be in overall charge of the supervision. A joint supervisor need not necessarily be a teacher of the University but should be a person recognised by the University as qualified and knowledgeable enough to supervise a doctoral work. <b>In case, a supervisor goes on long leave, resigns or retires from services of the university, the Departmental Research Committee (DRC) shall arrange to reallocate Supervisors to all scholars registered with him/her and seek due endorsement from the concerned School Board.</b></p> <p><b>4. Registration:</b></p> <p>The application for registration of PhD shall be made to the Departmental Research Committee in the proforma prescribed by the University along with a detailed research proposal. <b>The detailed proposal must</b> include the topic, statement of research, objectives, research questions, and research methodology. The Department shall forward the research proposal to the School Board through the Board of Studies. The date on which the School Board accepts the proposal for registration shall be the <b>effective</b> date of registration of the scholar for the purpose of this Ordinance. However, the maximum permissible period between the date of admission and the date of registration for PhD programme shall be 3 semesters or 18 months</p>

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<p><b>5. Duration:</b></p> <p>i. A scholar shall be permitted to submit the thesis for the PhD degree if he has pursued research at the University for not less than two years from the date on which his synopsis has been registered. The name of a scholar shall be removed from the rolls of the University if he fails to submit his thesis within four years from the date of his registration.</p> <p>Provided in exceptional circumstances, the School Board, on the recommendation of the Board of Studies, may extend the date for submission of his thesis for a maximum period of one more year. If the candidate fails to submit his thesis within the extended period his registration shall lapse automatically.</p> <p><b>6. Review of Progress:</b></p> <p>The Supervisor shall regularly monitor the progress of the research work of the candidate. If the Supervisor finds that the progress of the scholar's work is not satisfactory, a report to that effect shall be submitted to the School Board through the Department for appropriate action.</p> <p><b>7. Pre Submission Seminar:</b></p> <p>When the Supervisor is of the opinion that the thesis is in the final stage of completion, the scholar shall be required to give a pre-submission seminar on his research findings. This seminar will be given in the presence of an evaluation committee of at least three faculty members, of which one will be from outside the Department, who will be nominated by the Dean of the concerned School. The candidate may incorporate the recommendations of the Committee in the thesis.</p> <p><b>8. Modification of Title</b></p> <p>If there is a need for modification of the title of research the candidate shall submit an application to the Dean through the Head/IC at least six months before the date of submission of the thesis for approval of the concerned boards.</p>	<p><b>5. Duration</b></p> <p>i. A scholar shall be permitted to submit the thesis for the PhD degree if he has pursued research at the University for not less than <b>three years counting from the date of her/his admission</b>. The name of a scholar shall be removed from the rolls of the University if he fails to submit his thesis within <b>six</b> years from the date of his registration.</p> <p>In exceptional circumstances, the School Board, on the recommendation of the Board of Studies, may extend the date for submission of <b>a thesis of any scholar</b> by a maximum of one year. If the candidate fails to submit <b>the</b> thesis within the extended period, <b>her/his</b> registration shall lapse automatically. <b>Further women and PwD candidates with at least 40% disability shall be given an additional one year over and above the normal extension of one semester permissible on the recommendation of the supervisor. Furthermore, women candidates shall be entitled to Maternity Leave/CCL for upto 240 days once in the entire duration of MPhil programme after registration. (approved by EC at its 26<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 21 November 2016)</b></p> <p><b>6. No change.</b></p> <p><b>7. Pre Submission Seminar:</b></p> <p>When the Supervisor is of the opinion that the thesis is in the final stage of completion, the scholar shall be required to give a pre-submission seminar on his research findings.</p> <p>This seminar shall be given in the presence of an evaluation committee of three faculty members to be nominated by the Dean of the concerned School, <b>one of whom</b> shall be from an allied Department. The candidate may incorporate the recommendations of the Committee in the thesis.</p> <p><b>8. Modification of Title:</b></p> <p>If there is a need for modification of the research work title, the candidate shall submit an application <b>to that effect</b> to the Dean through the Head/IC at least six months before the date of submission of the thesis.</p>

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<p><b>9. Submission of Thesis:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. A candidate shall submit his thesis for PhD in which he may incorporate the text of any work which he may have published on the subject. But he shall not submit as his thesis any work for which a degree has already been conferred on him by this or any other university.</li> <li>ii. A PhD candidate shall publish at least one research paper in a refereed journal before the submission of his thesis, and produce evidence of the same in the form of acceptance letter or reprint.</li> <li>iii. The scholar shall satisfy that it is a piece of research work characterised either by discovery of new facts or by fresh interpretation of facts or theories. In either case it should evince his capacity for critical examination, original thinking and judgment. Its literary presentation should also be satisfactory.</li> <li>iv. The thesis shall include a certificate from the Supervisor and the declaration from the candidate that the thesis incorporates the student's bonafide research and that the same has not been submitted for award of any degree in this or any other university or institute of learning.</li> <li>v. The application for submission of thesis shall be countersigned by the Head of the concerned Department. The Head of the Department shall forward the thesis together with the observations of the Evaluation Committee for pre-submission seminar to the Controller of Examinations for further necessary action.</li> <li>vi. If the office of the Controller of Examinations is convinced that plagiarism has been committed in the thesis the same shall not be sent to the examiners for evaluation. Such a candidate may be given six months to rewrite his thesis, failing which his registration shall stand cancelled.</li> </ol> <p><b>10. Panel of Examiner:</b></p> <p>The Supervisor shall submit a panel of six examiners, including his own name as Internal Examiner, with postal address, email id and mobile phone number, in the prescribed proforma to the School Board through the Head of the Department for approval and submission to the Controller of Examinations. The School Board shall also submit a copy of the panel of examiners to the Chairman of the Academic Council.</p>	<p><b>9. Submission of Thesis</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. A candidate shall submit <b>her</b>/his thesis for PhD in which <b>s</b>/he may incorporate the text of any work which <b>s</b>/he may have published on the subject. But <b>s</b>/he shall not submit as <b>her</b>/his thesis any work for which a degree has already been conferred on <b>her</b>/him by this or any other university.</li> <li>ii. <b>No change.</b></li> <li>iii. <b>No change.</b></li> <li>iv. <b>No change.</b></li> <li>v. <b>The dissertation shall also incorporate in it a duly certified plagiarism test report. In case the report indicates the extent of plagiarism is above 20%, excluding the quotes and references, the said dissertation shall not be sent for evaluation and the candidate concerned shall be given the opportunity to rewrite her/his thesis within a period of six months failing which the candidate's registration shall stand cancelled.</b></li> <li>vi. <b>No change.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>10. Panel of Examiners:</b></p> <p>The Supervisor shall submit a panel of six examiners, including his own name as Internal Examiner, with postal address, email id and mobile phone number, in the prescribed proforma to the School Board through the Head of the Department for <b>its</b> approval and <b>onward transmission</b> to the Controller of Examinations provided <b>further</b> that the Supervisor shall <b>neither submit the panel nor serve as examiner</b> where the candidate is a wife or husband, son or daughter, brother or sister.</p> <p>In such situation the panel of experts shall be <b>selected and</b> submitted by the HoD/IC of the department and if the Supervisor happens to be holding such a position the same shall be submitted by the Dean of the School. <b>A copy of the same shall also be endorsed</b> to the Chairman of the Academic Council.</p>

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<p><b>11. Evaluation:</b></p> <p>The thesis submitted by the candidate for PhD shall be examined by at least three examiners from a panel approved by the Executive Council on the recommendation of the Academic Council. Two of the examiners shall be those who are not in the roll of the University and at least one of them shall be from outside the state, while the third examiner shall be the Supervisor.</p> <p>Provided that the Supervisor shall not serve as examiner where the candidate is a wife or husband, son or daughter, brother or sister. In such a situation the panel of experts shall be submitted by the HoD/IC of the department and if the supervisor happens to be holding such a position the same shall be submitted by the Dean of the School.</p> <p><b>12. Examiner's Report and Viva Voce:</b></p> <p><b>i.</b> Each examiner shall, after examining the thesis submit a report in a prescribed proforma to the University clearly stating that in his opinion (a) the thesis is recommended for the award of PhD Degree, or (b) the thesis should be modified/revised, or (c) the thesis may be rejected.</p> <p><b>ii.</b> In case an examiner suggests some modifications/ improvements of the thesis or points out certain lacunae in the thesis, the candidate should be asked to reply or modify the thesis as suggested and resubmit the thesis to be forwarded to the concerned examiner within a period of one year from the date of intimation of the requirement of modification by the University. If the examiner is still not satisfied the matter shall be referred to a Committee of Experts to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor.</p> <p><b>iii.</b> A thesis shall be accepted for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy on unanimous recommendation of the examiners. If both the external examiners reject the thesis, no degree will be awarded. If there is a difference of opinion between the external examiners it should be referred to a fourth examiner to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor out of the panel already approved by the Academic Council and the Executive Council. The opinion of the 4th Examiner shall be final.</p> <p><b>iv.</b> If the reports are satisfactory he will undergo a viva voce examination which shall be openly defended.</p>	<p><b>11. Evaluation:</b></p> <p>The thesis submitted by the candidate shall be examined by at least three examiners <b>to be nominated in a preferential order by the Vice-Chancellor</b> from the panel approved by the Executive Council on the recommendation of the Academic Council. Two of the examiners so chosen shall not be in the roll of the University and at least one of them shall be from outside the state while the third examiner shall be the Supervisor.</p> <p><b>On completion of the submission formalities, the Controller of Examinations shall initiate measures to get the thesis evaluated.</b></p> <p><b>12. Examiner's Report and Viva Voce:</b></p> <p><b>i. No change.</b></p> <p><b>ii. No change.</b></p> <p><b>iii. No change.</b></p> <p><b>iv.</b> If the reports are satisfactory, <b>s/he shall defend his/her thesis before the university audience convened and moderated by the Dean of the School.</b></p>

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<p><b>13. Award of Degree:</b></p> <p>Based on the reports of the examiners and the viva-voce the School Board shall recommend to the Executive Council through the Academic Council for the award of the degree or otherwise.</p> <p><b>14. Removal of Difficulties:</b></p> <p>Notwithstanding anything contained in the above Ordinance, the Vice-Chancellor may take such measures or make such regulations as may be necessary for removal of difficulties.</p>	<p><b>13. Award of Degree:</b></p> <p><b>All the reports of the examiners, including the report of the Dean of the School on viva voce examination, shall be submitted to the Controller of Examinations who shall then process the matter and on completion of the needful, place the matter before the Vice-Chancellor for his approval. On being approved, the Controller of Examinations shall notify the result.</b></p> <p><b>14. Removal of Difficulties:</b></p> <p>Notwithstanding anything contained <b>herein</b> above <b>in this</b> Ordinance, the Vice-Chancellor may take such measures or make such regulations as may be necessary for removal of difficulties.</p>

RE-1  
REGULATIONS ON CONDUCT OF EXAMINATIONS  
(Under OC-4 and OC-5)  
[As amended on October 26, 2015]

No change in Clauses 1, 3 to 5, and 7 to 13.

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**iii. Distributions of Elective combinations for Arts stream:**

				<b>Honours in</b>
<b>Group A</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Sociology</b>	<b>Geography</b>	<b>Sociology or Geography</b>
<b>Group B</b>	<b>Sociology</b>	<b>Geography</b>	<b>Pol. Science</b>	<b>Anyone from the Group</b>
<b>Group C</b>	<b>Geography</b>	<b>Pol. Science</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Anyone from the Group</b>
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<b>Group F</b>	<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>Political Science</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>Anyone from the Group</b>
<b>Group G</b>	<b>Tourism</b>	<b>Sociology</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Anyone from the Group</b>
<b>Group H</b>	<b>JMC</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>Political Science</b>	<b>Anyone from the Group</b>
<b>Group I</b>	<b>Nepali</b>	<b>Sociology</b>	<b>Pol. Science</b>	<b>Anyone from the Group</b>
<b>Group J</b>	<b>Limbu/Limboo</b>	<b>Economics</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>Anyone from the Group</b>
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		<b>Group Q</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Economics</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>English</b>
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		<b>Group S</b>	<b>Psychology</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Comp Science</b>	<b>Psychology</b>

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<p><b>2. Assessment Procedures: Sessional Tests and End Semester Examinations:</b></p> <p>a. A student admitted to the privileges of the university either at any of its departments or in any of its affiliated institutions shall have to appear in all sessional tests that would be conducted during the semester in order to become eligible to sit for the end semester examination.</p> <p>b. Ordinarily, any student admitted to the privileges of the university who has duly applied for permission to sit in his/her end semester examination shall be treated as eligible to sit for the examination subject to the conditions that the student concerned has</p> <p>i. paid the prescribed fee and</p> <p>ii. has, on aggregate, attended at least 75% of the total lectures delivered during the entire tenure of the semester he/she is enrolled in.</p> <p>c. In the event of a student failing to obtain the stipulated 75% attendance, he/she may apply through his /her Head of the department to the concerned Dean or to the Principal of the college wherein the student is</p>	<p><b>2. B. Assessment Procedures: Sessional Tests and End Semester Examinations:</b></p> <p>a. No change.</p> <p>b. No change.</p> <p>c. No change.</p>

enrolled seeking partial relaxation of the applicable attendance norm. Subject to the condition that the concerned authority is convinced of the genuineness of the case, he/she may grant relaxation in attendance to the tune of a maximum of 5% and provided that the relaxation thus granted makes up for the stipulated attendance norm, the student concerned may be allowed to sit for examination. In case, the relaxation thus accorded is not sufficient to make the student eligible to sit for the examination, the student shall have to repeat the papers in which he/she has insufficient attendance in the next relevant semester

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<p>d. All regular students shall be subjected to the process of continuous evaluation. Accordingly, a student is required to attend and duly clear two sessional tests and one end semester examination by the close of each semester. The structure of these sessional tests and end semester examinations shall be as given hereunder.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="191 751 644 1024"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Sessional Test/ End-Term Exam</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Total Credit</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Sessional Test - I</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Sessional Test - II</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Sessional Test-III/ Practical</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">End Semester Examination</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Note:</b> For the purpose of calculating the SGPA, best two of the three sessional tests taken shall be considered.</p> <p><b>In case of the affiliated colleges, however, the following shall be applicable as exceptions to the above:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Two instead of three sessional tests shall be taken and one of these two tests should be a practical test wherever applicable.</li> <li>ii. The first of the two sessional tests to be taken must always be a written one.</li> <li>iii. The second sessional test may take the form of assignments like term paper, book review, group discussion or even another written test and</li> </ol>	Sessional Test/ End-Term Exam	Total Credit	Sessional Test - I	1	Sessional Test - II	1	Sessional Test-III/ Practical	1	End Semester Examination	2	<p>d. No change.</p>
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<p>the format to apply shall be at the discretion of the course teacher.</p> <p>iv. The second sessional test, for all Subjects/ Papers having a practical component, shall always be a practical test.</p> <p>v. All two sessional tests are compulsory and failing to clear them and not having adequate attendance would entail the student to repeat the semester later in a relevant semester post completion of the course.</p>	
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<p>e. The minimum pass mark at the end semester examination shall be 30.0% of the total score in each paper/subject. The end semester question papers shall be set for a total of 50 marks to be answered within a time slot of two hours. The aggregate qualifying marks for being declared to have duly cleared a semester shall, however, stand at a minimum of 33.0% of the total score in that semester. The minimum pass mark for a practical paper shall be the same as that of the theory paper and inability to secure the minimum prescribed pass mark in a practical paper would make the candidate fail in that paper. Practical papers shall not be re-evaluated.</p> <p>f. As far as professional courses (both UG and PG) are concerned, the internal and external evaluation shall be in the 30:70 proportions wherein the two sessional tests shall be of 15 marks each. The end semester examination shall have a total score of 70 marks.</p> <p>g. As far as the General Courses (both UG and PG) are concerned, the internal and external evaluation shall be in the proportion of 50:50 wherein the two sessional tests shall be of 25 marks each. The end semester examination shall have a total score of 50 marks.</p> <p>h. Ordinarily, a student shall not be detained in any semester even if the student attends less than 75% of the classes held in that particular semester and/or fails in the end semester examination subject to the condition that</p>	<p>e. The minimum pass mark at the end semester examination <b>for a UG course</b> shall be 30.0% of the total score (<b>inclusive of the sessional test scores</b>) in each paper/subject <b>while for a PG course it shall be 40.0%</b>. The end semester question papers shall be set for a total of 50 marks to be answered within a time slot of two hours. The aggregate qualifying marks for being declared to have duly cleared a semester shall, however, stand at a minimum of <b>35.0%</b> of the total score in that semester <b>for a UG course while that for a PG course would be a minimum of 45.0%</b>. The minimum pass mark for a practical paper shall be the same as that of the theory paper and inability to secure the minimum prescribed pass mark in a practical paper would make the candidate fail in that paper. Practical papers shall not be re-evaluated.</p> <p>f. No change.</p> <p>g. No change.</p> <p>h. No change.</p> <p><b>Provided a student, if found extremely irregular in classes during a particular semester in which the said student did not</b></p>

<p>the student has to clear all papers within the stipulated number of semesters as is fixed by the university failing which the student would be declared 'Failed' and has to restart from the first semester of the course in case still willing to pursue study.</p>	<p><b>even sit for any Internal Assessment Test conducted in the paper(s) of her/his chosen subject during that semester, s/he, shall have to repeat the entire semester after completing the course. In such case, the repeat semester study has to be undertaken in a relevant semester permissible and placed beyond the regular course structure.</b></p>
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<p>i. In case of regular UG, PG programme of studies, the maximum number of allotted semesters to complete and duly clear the course in order to be eligible to be awarded the degree shall be 10(ten) and 6 (six) respectively. In case of integrated professional UG degree courses, the number of additional semesters the students would be allowed to avail shall remain restricted to 4 over and above the actual number of semesters stipulated to complete the course.</p> <p>j. Any student enrolled in a regular UG course of the University shall have to compulsorily sit for and clear all the prescribe papers within the stipulated number of semesters as specified herein above at Clause (i) in order to be declared qualified for a Degree.</p> <p>k. A student enrolled in a regular UG course shall be eligible for the award of a Honours Degree provided the student appears in and successfully clears all the prescribed 18 papers within the stipulated number of semesters securing an aggregate of 45.0% or above in the chosen Honours subject. Students securing an aggregate score of less than 45.0% but duly clearing all the papers shall, however, only be eligible for a Simple pass Degree.</p> <p>l. The student may, however, be deemed as eligible for the award of a Simple Pass Degree provided the student has duly cleared at least 14 out of a total of 18 of the papers prescribed for such a course.</p>	<p>i. No change.</p> <p>j. No change.</p> <p>k. No change.</p> <p>l. <b>The student may, however, be deemed as eligible for the award of a Simple Pass Degree and on request, post completion of the course, may exit with a BA/B.Sc/B.Com/BBA/BPA pass degree provided the student, at the time of making such request, has duly cleared at least 12 out of a total of 18 papers subject to the condition that these 12 papers must include all three foundation course papers and at least three papers from each of her/his chosen elective subjects.</b></p>

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<p>m. The University shall issue a composite marks card at the end of each completed semester examinations showing the SGPA and latest CGPA status of the students. The University shall also issue a transcript, if requested for, at the end of the programme of study undertaken by the student detailing the progress and preparedness level of the concerned student.</p> <p>n. National Service shall be a compulsory non-credit or Audit Paper for all UG courses in the University with effect from the 2015 Odd Semester. This course as such shall not earn a letter grade unlike the other credit papers and would only be marked as 'Satisfactory' or 'Unsatisfactory' in the score card.</p> <p>o. A student unable to clear the end semester papers in one go shall be allowed to repeat the failed papers in the next relevant semester subject to the provisions of Clause (e) and Clause (f) above and shall be allowed to repeat one or more papers as the case may be during the relevant end semester examinations.</p> <p>p. A student seeking to improve his/her result may do so by duly applying for the same on payment of the prescribed fee only after completion of the course and this improvement chance can be availed only once in a course subject to the condition that the result of such an improvement examination shall not count towards award of rank/medal or any other prize available at the disposition of the university.</p> <p>q. In order to repeat a paper or more as the case may be, the concerned student would need to apply to the office of the CoE through proper channel and if permitted to sit for the repeat examination, would be required to pay the prescribed fee at least a week before commencement of the examination.</p>	<p>m. No change.</p> <p>n. No change.</p> <p>o. No change.</p> <p>p. No change.</p> <p>q. No change.</p>

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<p>r. Examinations of each of the end-semester theory papers for a regular UG Course shall be of two (2) hours duration. Examinations of each of the end-semester theory papers for a professional/integrated UG Course shall be of two and a half an hour (2.5) duration. The practical papers, however, shall be as per standard norms as is being practiced by the concerned departments.</p> <p>s. Programme schedule of the end semester examination for the university departments shall be proposed and prepared by the department concerned under supervision of the Head/ in charge and shall have to be approved by the CoE at least two weeks prior to commencement of the examination. The CoE shall however draw the programme schedule of each end semester examination and notify the same to the concerned centres of examinations at least two weeks prior to the commencement of the examination.</p> <p>t. The CoE shall ensure that question papers, mode of evaluation and examination date shall be same in both colleges and university departments provided that the course, subject and the degree to be awarded are the same.</p> <p>u. Towards ensuring confidentiality, answer scripts of the end semester examinations shall be coded prior to handing them over to the evaluators.</p>	<p>r. No change.</p> <p>s. No change.</p> <p>t. No change.</p> <p>u. No change.</p>

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<p><b>NB1:</b> Notwithstanding anything contained at Section 2 above, wherever the courses offered at the university invites mandatory compliance to the guidelines of national regulatory authorities such as the Bar Council of India (BCI), the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI), the National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE), The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) as the case may be, the conduct of examinations in such courses shall broadly adhere to such guidelines as is and would be laid down by the concerned regulatory authority from time to time. Conduct of examinations in the courses listed hereunder shall comply with the prescribed stipulations of the concerned national regulatory authority. Accordingly,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Bar Council of India (BCI) guidelines on course structure, admission criteria and successful completion of the course of study shall be adhered to in respect of all UG/PG Courses on Law.</li> <li>2. The Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) guidelines on course structure, admission criteria and successful completion of the course of study shall be adhered to in respect of all UG/PG Courses on Pharmaceutical studies.</li> <li>3. The National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE) guidelines on course structure, admission criteria and successful completion of the course of study shall be adhered to in respect of all UG/PG Courses on teacher education.</li> <li>4. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) guidelines on course structure, admission criteria and successful completion of the course of study shall be adhered to in respect of all UG/PG Courses offered on Horticulture.</li> <li>5. The All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) guidelines on course structure, admission criteria and successful completion of the course of study shall be adhered to in respect of all UG/PG Courses offered on technical and management education including computer and IT related educational</li> </ol>	<p><b>NB1:</b> No change.</p>

<p>courses.</p> <p>While these courses shall broadly comply with the stipulations of the concerned national regulatory authority, the university may define its own standards for granting admission and/or award of degree in the corresponding field of study provided such standards as may be defined by this university shall not in any manner compromise the minimum prescribed stipulations in matters of course structure, teaching obligations, admission eligibility, successful completion of the course and such other matters of relevance as may have been laid down by the concerned regulatory authority.</p> <p>In the event of any dispute arising in the interpretation of the laid down stipulations vis-a-vis the university norms as may be in force at a particular point of time, the matter shall, through the CoE, be presented to the Vice Chancellor whose decision in such matter shall be final</p>	
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<p><b>6. Re-evaluation and Re-Scrutiny</b></p> <p>a. A student, if dissatisfied with his/her result, may apply to the office of the CoE requesting re-evaluation of one or more papers as the case may be. Such applications for re-evaluation must have to be duly recommended by the Principal of the concerned college in case of a college student/HoD in case the student is from a University department must reach the office of the CoE complete in all respect within 12 days counting from the day of the declaration of the result.</p> <p>b. All such applications for re-evaluation shall be accepted at the office of the CoE only if they accompany the prescribed fee as is being levied by the University for undertaking such exercises and are submitted within the stipulated timeframe defined at Clause 6 (a).</p> <p>c. The CoE shall appoint an examiner from amongst the empanelled list of such examiners for undertaking the re-evaluation exercise.</p>	<p><b>6. Re-evaluation Matters:</b></p> <p>a. i. A student, if dissatisfied with his/her result, may apply to the office of the CoE requesting re-evaluation of one or more papers as the case may be <b>provided that the candidate's score shall not be below 20 or above 60 in the concerned paper(s) in which re-evaluation is being sought.</b></p> <p>ii. Such applications for re-evaluation must have to be duly recommended by the Principal of the concerned college in case of a college student/HoD in case the student is from a University department must reach the office of the CoE complete in all respect within 12 days counting from the day of the declaration of the result.</p> <p>b. No change.</p> <p>c. No change.</p>

An examiner so appointed must not be the examiner who originally evaluated the script.

- d. Post re-evaluation, the higher of the two scores shall be treated as the final score. However, in case the re-evaluated score exceeds the first score at least by 10 marks or more, the concerned answer script shall be re-examined by a third examiner and the score awarded by the third examiner shall be treated as the final score.
- e. There shall be no re-evaluation for sessional tests and/or practical examinations.
- f. A student may request for a fresh scrutiny of her/his papers (not more than two in a particular end semester examination) on payment of prescribed fee as fixed by the university. Such requests for re-scrutiny must have to be duly recommended by the Principal of the concerned college in case of a college student/HoD in case the student is from a University department must reach the office of the CoE complete in all respect within 12 days counting from the day of the declaration of the result.

d. **The re-evaluated score shall replace the original score as the valid score even if it is below the original score.**

e. There shall be no re-evaluation for sessional tests and/or practical examinations.

f. **Deleted**

## **Rules on PhD Admission against Supernumerary Seat**

In order to create avenues for regular faculty members and staff of Sikkim University and regular faculty members of affiliated colleges, and such other institutions in Sikkim as approved by the Authorities, the following rules have been created to regulate the admission and quality control in the event of such candidates getting admission to the PhD programme of the university:

1. That there will be only one seat per department wherever there is an Associate Professor or Professor.
2. That the total seats to be allotted to an eligible teacher shall not exceed the number stipulated by the UGC from time to time.
3. That all eligible staff, officers and faculty members of the University and regular faculty members from affiliated colleges may apply for admission to the programme.
4. If the selected candidate is from an affiliated college his/her admission is subject to sanction of leave for six months for Humanities and Social Sciences, and 2 years for Sciences. This may be exempted for him/her, after coursework, if research infrastructure in his/her department is found to be adequate by an inspection team constituted by the University for the purpose.
5. Such candidates shall pay fees as decided by the University from time to time but shall not be eligible for Non-NET fellowships and hostel accommodation.
6. That the selection will be based on written test as well as interview.
7. OC-7 will be applicable regarding the coursework, registration, evaluation, etc. of such candidates.