

AC:05:01

The Chairperson calls the House to order

[Agenda Note:

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

Minutes:

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

AC:05:02

Obituary Reference

[Agenda Note:

5.02.1 *The death of Smt. B.P.Singh, W/o His Excellency the Governor of Sikkim is brought before the house with deep sense of grief.]*

Minutes:

5.02.1. The house noted with deep sense of grief the passing away of Smt. B.P. Singh, W/o His Excellency the Governor of Sikkim.

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

AC:05:03

Ordinance on the Convocations of the University for the conferring degree or for other purposes

[Agenda Note:

5.03.1 *In terms of Section 32 of Primary Statute of Sikkim University Act 2006 the Convocation of the University for conferring of Degrees or for other purposes shall be held in such manner as may be prescribed by the Ordinance. As per Section 40 (2) of the Primary Statute of Sikkim University Act, no Ordinance in respect of matters enumerated in sub-section 1 of Section 30 shall be made by the Executive Council unless a draft of such Ordinance has been proposed by the Academic Council.*

5.03.2 *Under the above provisions, the draft Ordinance on Convocations of the University for conferring degree or for other purposes is enclosed as **Annexure A** for the kind consideration of the*

House and recommendation to the Executive Council. Due to paucity of time, approval of the Executive Council would be obtained post-facto.

5.03.3 *The Academic Council may kindly consider and approve.]*

Minutes:

The Academic Council considered the draft Ordinance placed before it and recommended for its approval by the Executive Council

AC:05:04	Regulations on holding of Convocations of the University for the conferring degree or for other purposes
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[Agenda Note:

5.04.1. *In terms of Section 32 of Primary Statute of Sikkim University Act 2006 the Convocation of the University for conferring of Degrees or for other purposes shall be held in such manner as may be prescribed by the Ordinance. As per Section 40 (2) of the Primary Statute of Sikkim University Act, no Ordinance in respect of matters enumerated in sub-section 1 of Section 30 shall be made by the Executive Council unless a draft of such Ordinance has been proposed by the Academic Council.*

As per Section 40 (1) (iii) of the Primary Statute of Sikkim University Act, 2006m the Academic Council and the Executive Council may make Regulations consistent with the Act, Statutes and the Ordinances for providing for all other matters solely concerning such authorities or committees appointed by them and not provided for by the Act, Statutes or the Ordinances.

5.04.2 *The Draft Ordinance on **the Convocations of the University for the conferring degree or for other purposes has been submitted to the Council in agenda item supra for approval and recommendation to the Executive Council. In line with the above Ordinance, a Draft Regulation on holding of Convocations of the University for the conferring degree or for other purposes is submitted with this as **Annexure B*****

5.04.3 *The Academic Council may kindly consider and approve.]*

Minutes:

The Academic Council considered the draft Regulations placed before it and recommended the same for consideration and approval of the Executive Council.

AC:05:05

Regulations of award of Gold Medals

[Agenda Note:

5.05.1 As per Section 40 (1) (iii) of the Primary Statute of Sikkim University Act, 2006 the Authorities of the University (viz.) the Academic Council and the Executive Council – for this purpose, may make Regulations consistent with the Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances for providing for all other matters solely concerning such authorities or committees appointed by them and not provided for by the Act, the Statutes or the Ordinances.

5.05.2 Considering the provisions the provisions enunciated at Sl. No. 3 and 4 above, the University made an Ordinance on the Convocations of the University for the conferring degree or for other purposes held is proposed under Section 30 (1) of Sikkim University Act.

5.05.3 In terms of the provisions enumerated at Sl. No. 5 above, the **REGULATIONS ON IDENTIFICATION OF TOPPERS FOR AWARD OF GOLD MEDALS** is proposed at **Annexure C** for the recommendation of the Academic Council and approval of the Executive Council.

5.05.4 The Academic Council may kindly consider and approve.]

Minutes:

The Academic Council considered the agenda item and suggested that Clause 04 of the Regulations on sponsorship may be modified to the effect that the University can accept the sponsorship from different institutions for Gold Medals for academic/Other purposes also for which the Vice-Chancellor is delegated with powers. With the above modification, the Academic Council has recommended the Regulations for the approval of the Executive Council.

AC:05:06

Statue on Establishment of Schools and Departments

[Agenda Note:

5.06.1 As per Section 29 (1) of Sikkim University Act, 2006 the first Statutes are those set out in the Schedule to the Act (Primary Statute). Similarly, as per Section 30 (2) of the Act, the first ordinances shall be made by the Vice-Chancellor with the previous approval of the Central Government and the Ordinances so made may be amended, repealed or added to at any time by the Executive Council in the manner prescribed by the Statutes.

5.06.2 *In line with the above provisions, the following first Ordinance on Assignment of Departments to Schools (Ordinance No.4) **(Annexure D)** has been made by the Vice-Chancellor and submitted to MHRD for obtaining the assent of the Visitor. MHRD had stated that prior to the above; a Statute on establishment of Schools and Departments may be made and got assented by the Visitor.*

5.06.3 *According to Section 29 (2) of the Act, the Executive Council may, from time to time, make new or additional Statues or may amend or repeal the Statutes referred to in subsection (1) of section 29. Further as per Section 14 of the primary statute the Academic Council is empowered to exercise general supervision of the academic policies of the University and give directions regarding the methods of instruction, coordination of teaching, evaluation and improvement of academic standards. As per Section 28 (I) of the Act, there shall be a Statute on establishment of Schools, Departments, Centres, Halls, Colleges, Institutions etc.*

5.06.4 *In line with the above provisions and the instructions of MHRD the Vice-Chancellor may be authorized by the House to draft the Statute on establishment of Schools and Departments and go the same approved by the Executive Council for transmission to MHRD for obtaining the assent of the Visitor.*

5.06.5 *The House may kindly authorise.]*

Minutes:

The Academic Council carefully conserved the agenda item and authorised the Vice-Chancellor to make the draft Statutes on establishment of Schools and Departments as instructed by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

AC:05:07

List of Students awarded During the very first convocation

[Agenda Note:

5.07.1 *During the very first Convocation to be held on 16.04.2010, the Degrees will be awarded by the Chancellor to 13 Candidates for Master of Education, 18 Candidates of Bachelor for Library Science and 195 Candidates of Bachelor of Education, the details of which are given in **Annexure E.***

5.07.2 *The Academic Council may kindly note the same.]*

Minutes:

The Academic Council approved the agenda item. It was, however, suggested for future that the list of students need not be attached to the agenda item and only the broad details like no. of students under each discipline to be awarded degrees would suffice for the council.

AC:05:08

Holding of next meeting of Academic Council

[Agenda Note:

5.08.1 *As per intimation already given by the University to the Hon'ble Members, the next meeting of the Academic Council would be held on 08.05.2010 (Saturday). It was already decided in the previous meetings that the University will be deputing two Inspection Committee teams in the month of May 2010 each headed by a member of Academic Council to the colleges which have applied for fresh affiliation or for affiliation of new courses of study.*

5.08.2 *The House may kindly consider and nominate the members and also fix the tentative dates of inspection.]*

Minutes:

The Council has nominated Dr. Neelima Deshmukh and Dr. G S Yonzone to head the inspection teams. It was also decided to hold the next meeting of the Academic Council on 2.6.2010 at New Delhi.

AC:05:09

Any Other item with the permission of the Chair

Minutes:

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

Sd/-
(PV Ravi)
Actg. Registrar & Finance Officer,
Secretary, Academic Council