

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the College Development Council
held on 30th Oct 2014 at 11:00 am

Second meeting of the College Development Council was held on 30th Oct 2014 at 11:00 am in the Vice-Chancellor's Office. Following were present:

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| 1. Prof. T.B.Subba, Vice Chancellor | - | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Jyoti Prakash Tamang, Dean, School of Life Sciences | - | Member |
| 3. Prof. Pratap Chandra Pradhan, Dean, School of Languages & Literature | - | Member |
| 4. Dr. Dhaniraj Chhetri, Dean, Students' Welfare | - | Member |
| 5. Dr. Beena Pradhan, Principal, Sikkim Govt. College, Tadong | - | Member |
| 6. Dr. Lily Alley, Principal, Sikkim Govt. College, Rhenock | - | Member |
| 7. Ms. Kessang Bhutia, Principal (In-charge), Sikkim Govt. College, Gyalshing | - | Member |
| 8. Dr. P.K. Mishra, Principal, Dambar Singh College, Gangtok | - | Member |
| 9. Fr. Dr. Daniel Bara, SJ, Principal, Loyala College of Education, Namchi | - | Member |
| 10. Shri T.K.Kaul, Registrar | - | Secretary |

Dr. Suresh Kumar Gurung, Controller of Examinations, attended the meeting as a special invitee.

The Chairman welcomed all the members of the College Development Council. He specially welcomed Dr. Beena Pradhan who has taken over the charge of Principal, Sikkim Govt. College, Tadong and Ms. Kessang Bhutia, Principal (In-charge) of Sikkim Govt. College, Gyalshing who attended the meeting for the first time. Thereafter agenda items were taken up.

SECTION 1
CONFORMATION OF THE MINUTES & ACTION TAKEN REPORT

CDC.2.1.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the first meeting of the College Development Council held on 30th May 2014

Minutes of the first meeting of the College Development Council held on 30th May 2014 were circulated to all the members. No comments have been received from any of the members of the Council. Minutes of the first meeting of the College Development Council held on 30th May 2014 were confirmed.

CDC.2.1.2: Action taken Report on the minutes of the 1st meeting of the College Development Council held on 30th May 2014

The Chairman asked the Secretary to present the action taken report on the minutes of the 1st meeting of the College Development Council. Action taken report was there after presented by the Secretary.

One of the members pointed out that the Notification issued for teachers requirement in courses does not mention the minimum requirement of teachers. It was decided that a clarification letter to this effect will be issued to all the Principals of affiliated colleges about it.

The Chairman informed that though Academic Council in its meeting held on 13th June 2014 have suggested for migration from existing BA-LLB Programme to BBA-LLB it may not be possible at the moment due to non-availability of required numbers of faculty members in the Management Department to cater to the demand of Law Department also. Same situation exists for the suggested programme of BCA-LLB.

SECTION 2
RATIFICATION MATTTTERS

CDC.2.2.1: Temporary Affiliation of Certificate Course in Chinese

Based on the report of Inspection Team on Human Resource Development Centre of HQ 63 Mountain Brigade, temporary affiliation for Certificate Course in Chinese have been granted.

The Council after discussion ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor in granting temporary affiliation of Certificate Course in Chinese language for the Academic Session 2014-15 to HQ 63 Mountain Brigade C/o 99 APO.

SECTION 3
MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL

CDC.2.3.1: Statute for the College Development Council

The Chairman informed the Council that as per Section-24(2) of the Act, the constitution, the term of office of members and powers and functions of the College Development Council shall be prescribed by the Statute. There is no Statute available on the College Development Council. Also Section 20 of the Act defines the College Development Council as one of the authorities of the University and places it between the Academic Council and the Board of Studies. However, there is an Ordinance on the College Development Council which has been approved by the Executive Council (OD-2).

The draft Statute to be numbered as Statute as 14-A to be placed in the Statutes between 14 and 15 was discussed and the draft Statute was recommended for approval by the Academic Council and the Executive Council with the stipulation in the constitution that the Vice-Chancellor may be shown as ex-officio Chairman.

SECTION 4
ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

CDC.2.4.1: Report of the Special Inspection Team

On the recommendations of the Affiliation Committee, the Academic Council approved constitution of a Special Inspection team for thorough inspection of Damber Singh College and Pakim Palatine College to assess the sustainability of the College. The Inspection Team inspected both the colleges on 16th Oct 2014 and submitted inspection reports. The inspection reports were considered by the Council. Based on the recommendations of the Inspection Team, the Council recommended as under:

1. Damber Singh College:

The College be given 2 years time for appointing UGC qualified teachers with UGC Basic Pay and AGP and any other allowances. If this is not followed, affiliation to the college may be reviewed. For verification, an Inspection Team may visit the college after 1½ years and based on the report of the inspection team affiliation of the College/Courses/Subjects may be reviewed.

2. Pakim Palatine College:

The Inspection Team could not check sustainability of the college as the accounts were not presented to the inspection team. Keeping in view the sorry state of affairs of the college, it was decided not to allow fresh students to be admitted in the college from the next academic session i.e. July 2015. However,

Inspection Team be sent to the college in May 2015 to checked whether minimum requirement of affiliation has been followed. If it is followed then the admission of the fresh students may be allowed otherwise not. If the college fails in maintaining minimum requirement of affiliation by May 2016, then the college as such may be de-affiliated.

CDC.2.4.2: Recent announcement of Free Education upto College level by the State Government

Though there was no formal agenda on this item, yet the Chairman initiated the discussion on the issue as the Government Colleges have been able to pay the University only the registration fee. Other fee has not been deposited by the Government Colleges as they do not receive any payment from the students. The fee of the students to be remitted to the University have to be borne by the State Government. University may not be able to conduct the examinations of students in Government Colleges if the fee due from the students is not received from the respective Colleges by the end of November 2014.

The decision of the State Govt. to provide Free Education at the undergraduate level is likely to affect the quality of college education. Some of the suggestions to maintain the quality of education were as under:

- 1) The intake capacity of the colleges need to be defined based on the infrastructure and the faculty available. The seat limitations for Science/Arts/Social Sciences subjects need to be prescribed as follows:
Chemistry = 120, other Science subjects = 60, Arts subjects = 100, Commerce = 100, Law = 60.
- 2) The State Govt. must initiate implementing the concept of “niche” Colleges in order to ease out the rush in Gangtok-based Colleges.
- 3) Counselling of students from Class X to XII level is a must to make them understand that higher education should not be a goal for everyone.
- 4) Finally, the CoE drew the attention of the Council to the information that some Colleges were not paying the practical examiners as per the norms approved by the University. Therefore it was suggested that the Colleges may deposit the entire practical fees and the University may appoint and also pay the practical examiners as per its payment norms.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

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(T.K.Kaul)
Registrar & Secretary

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Vice-Chancellor & Chairman