

**Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 11:00 am in meeting room of Barad Sadan, Academic Block, Sikkim University**

The 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Council was held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 11:00 am at meeting room of Barad Sadan. Following were present:

1. Prof. T.B.Subba,  
Vice-Chancellor - Chairperson
2. Prof. Chetan Singh  
Former Director IAS, Shimla - Member
3. Shri Kamal Kafley,  
Secretary (Retd.), GOS., Pakyong, Sikkim - Member
4. Shri T.R. Poudyal, IFS (Retd.)  
Former Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim - Member
5. Prof. Ghanashyam Nepal  
Deptt. of Nepali, North Bengal University - Member
6. Prof. Amaresh Dubey  
Centre for Study of Regional Development,  
JNU, New Delhi - Member
7. Prof. Bapukan Choudhury  
Deptt. of Anthropology, Gauhati University - Member
8. Shri D. K. Pradhan  
Special Secretary & Director, HRDD  
(Representing Shri G.P. Upadhyay, Addl. Chief Secretary) - Member
9. Prof. Irshad Gulam Ahmed,  
Dean, School of Languages & Literature - Member
10. Prof. V. Rama Devi,  
Dean, School of Professional Studies - Member
11. Dr. Nawal K. Paswan,  
Dean, School of Social Sciences - Member
12. Dr. Nutan Kumar S. Thingujam,  
Dean, School of Human Sciences - Member
13. Prof. Pratap Chandra Pradhan,  
Head, Deptt. of Nepali - Member
14. Dr. Subir Mukhopadhyay,  
Associate Professor, Deptt. of Physics - Member
15. Shri P.K. Singh  
Finance Officer - Special Invitee
16. Shri T.K.Kaul  
Registrar - Secretary

Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata and Dr. S Manivannan, Dean Students' Welfare could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupations and sought leave of absence.

Ms. Grace D. Chankapa, Assistant Professor and Shri Satyam Rana, Assistant were present to assist the Council.

At the outset the Chairman welcomed all members of the Council. He placed on record contributions of Prof. Imtiaz Gulam Ahmad in the meetings of the Council. He also welcomed Dr. Nawal Kishore Paswan and Dr. Subir Mukhopadhyaya who have rejoined Executive Council in different capacities. Thereafter, agenda items were taken up as under:

### **SECTION-1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES AND ACTION TAKEN REPORT**

#### **EC 27.1.1: *Confirmation of the minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016***

The minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2016 were circulated to all the members on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016. No comments have been received from any of the members of the Council.

The minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting the Executive Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2016 as circulated to all members on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016 were confirmed.

#### **EC 27.1.2: *Action taken report on the minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016***

The Secretary presented the action taken report on the minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council. The Council noted the action taken by the University.

### **SECTION - 2 REPORTING ITEMS**

#### **EC 27.2.1: *Revised Estimates 2015-16 & Budget Estimates 2016-17***

The Council noted that the agenda item on Revised Estimates 2015-16 & Budget Estimates 2016-17 were circulated to all the members by e-mail on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017. The Council also noted that nine members as per the names given below which constitute more than 50% of the total members of the Council approved the proposal. The Chairman, thereafter, approved the agenda item:

1. Dr. Sreeradha Datta
2. Prof. Chetan Singh
3. Prof. Bapukan Choudhury
4. Prof. Ghanashyam Nepal
5. Prof. V. Rama Devi
6. Prof. Pratap Chandra Pradhan

7. Dr. Nawal K. Paswan
8. Dr. Subir Mukhopadhyay
9. Dr. Nutankumar S. Thingujam

**EC 27.2.2: Committee to advise better utilization of funds**

The Council noted that in its 26<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 while considering the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee, advised that the University may constitute a Committee to advise better utilization of funds received. Accordingly, the Vice-Chancellor constituted the following committee:

- i) Prof. J.P. Tamang, Dean, School of Life Sciences – Member
- ii) Prof. V. Rama Devi, Dean, School of Professional Studies – Member
- iii) Prof. Abhijit Dutta, Head, Department of Commerce – Member
- iv) Shri P.K. Singh, Finance Officer – Member
- v) Shri C. Talukdar, Joint Registrar (Finance) – Member & Convener

The committee held meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017. The Committee noted that the Recurring grant funds are not lying idle. Also that on completion of construction of Package – I of the campus at Yangang, sanctioned grant under Non-Recurring head will also be utilized fully.

**EC 27.2.3: 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 of Rs. 106.45 Cr have been awarded. 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.

**EC 27.2.4: Study Leave of Dr. Rafiul Ahmed, Assistant Professor**

The Council noted that study leave of Dr. Rafiul Ahmed, Assistant Professor was inadvertently approved for a period of two years w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2016 by the Council in its 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2015. Dr. Rafiul Ahmed had requested for only one year leave and the concerned department had also recommended for one year leave. Dr. Rafiul Ahmed was, therefore, asked to report back for duty immediately. He resumed his duty on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017 after availing Study Leave from 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2016 to 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017.

**SECTION-3**  
**RATIFICATION MATTERS**

**EC 27.3.1: Extension of contractual appointment of Librarian**

The Council ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor in extending contractual appointment of Prof. A. S. Chandel for a period of six months from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 on the existing terms and conditions. The Council noted that Prof. Chandel has contributed a lot for development of the Library and the post has been advertised. The Council, therefore, extended the contractual appointment of Prof. A.S. Chandel till such time new incumbent joins.

**EC 27.3.2: Application of Dr. Abdul Hannan for Extra-Ordinary Leave**

The Council ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor in grant of Extra-Ordinary Leave for a period of two years w.e.f. 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 to Dr. Abdul Hannan, Assistant Professor, Deptt of Geography to avail Post-doctoral fellowship alongwith salary offered by ICSSR, New Delhi. However, the Council desired that the University may report about the affiliating institute of Dr. Abdul Hannan.

**EC 27.3.3: Application of Shri Jayanta Kumar Barman for Study Leave**

The Council ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor in grant of Study Leave to Shri Jayanta Kumar Barman, Assistant Processor, Deptt. of Music from 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 to 8<sup>th</sup> Aug 2018, subject to the condition that the Institution from which he will be pursuing Ph.D is a recognized Institute.

**EC 27.3.4: Application of Dr. Teiborlang T. Kharsyntiew for extension of lien**

The Council ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor in extension of lien for one year from 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2017 to Dr. Teiborlang T. Kharsyntiew. He is presently working as Assistant Professor in Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

**EC 27.3.5: MoU's signed by the University**

The Council after deliberations ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor in signing MoU's with the following institutions to facilitate academic exchange and collaboration. **(Appendix-1)**

**i) Collaborative Agreement between Sikkim University and Food Security & Agriculture Development Department (FSADD), Govt. of Sikkim**

The Collaborative Agreement was signed on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 for the purpose of setting up of a Bio-fertilizer and Quality Control Lab by the Food Security & Agriculture Development Department, Govt. of Sikkim at the premises of Sikkim University under the control of the Department of Horticulture. The Agreement is effective for a period of two years, i.e., upto 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**ii) MoU between Bangor University, UK and Sikkim University**

This MoU was signed on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 in order to promote academic and cultural exchange between the two institutions through mutual assistance in the areas of teaching and research.

**iii) Joint Statement for Academic Cooperation and Exchange between Sikkim University and The Hakubi Center for Advanced Research, Kyoto University, Japan**

A Joint Statement for Academic Cooperation and Exchange between the two institutions was signed on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 for academic and research collaboration, exchange of academic information, scholarly information, materials and publications and Joint sponsorship of cooperative seminars, workshops and other academic meetings.

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

**EC 27.4.1: Completion of probation period of Non-Teaching Staff**

The Council noted that the following non-teaching staff have completed their probation period on the dates shown against each. The Council also noted that their performance has been reviewed by the concerned reviewing authority and no adverse remarks have been noted.

The Council approved lifting of probation of under mentioned non-teaching staff from the date(s) as noted against each and confirmed them in the service of the University from the day following the date of completion of their probation.

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Date of Joining</b>	<b>Date of completion of probation</b>
1	Ms. Sarbada Pradhan	Assistant Librarian	07/12/2015	06/12/2015
2	Shri Manish Soni	Information Scientist	25/01/2016	24/01/2017
3	Ms. Madhuri	Professional Assistant	04/12/2015	03/12/2016
4	Shri Anil Khati	Technical Assistant	08/12/2015	07/12/2016
5	Ms. Netra Kharel	Security Supervisor	20/11/2015	19/11/2016
6	Ms. Dimple Rai	Technical Assistant	24/11/2015	23/11/2016

7	Shri Adip Tirwa	Technical Assistant	24/11/2015	23/11/2016
8	Shri Sukanta Deb	Technical Assistant	23/11/2015	22/11/2016
9	Shri Kishor Chettri	Technical Assistant	07/12/2015	06/12/2016
10	Shri Gyan Tshering Lepcha	UDC	23/11/2015	22/11/2016
11	Shri Bijay Kr. Chettri	UDC	19/11/2015	18/11/2016
12	Shri Sudip Biswas	Laboratory Assistant	02/12/2015	01/12/2016
13	Shri Bedanta Prakash Saikia	Laboratory Assistant	02/12/2015	01/12/2016
14	Shri Rakesh Paswan	LDC	20/11/2015	19/11/2016
15	Ms. Pooja Khilingay	LDC	23/11/2015	22/11/2016
16	Shri Ankush Gaurav	LDC	01/12/2015	31/11/2016
17	Shri Kuntal Pramanick	Library Attendant	07/12/2015	06/12/2016

#### **EC 27.4.2: Extension of Contract of Teaching Staff**

The Council extended the contract of the following teaching staff of the departments of Bhutia, Lepcha and Limbu for a period upto 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 on the same terms and conditions as are applicable at present.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Name and Designation</b>
1	<b>Bhutia</b>	Shri Bhaichung Tsh. Bhutia, Associate Professor
2		Dr. Hissay Wangchuk Bhutia, Assistant Professor
3	<b>Limbu</b>	Shri Bal Bahadur Subba, Associate Professor
5		Miss Kaushila Subba, Assistant Professor
6		Shri Tej Raj Limboo, Assistant Professor

7	<b>Lepcha</b>	Shri Norbu Tshering Lepcha, Associate Professor
8		Shri Kachyo Lepcha, Assistant Professor
9		Ms. Dukmit Lepcha, Assistant Professor

The Council also advised to have compulsory linguistic course in all language departments.

#### **EC 27.4.3: Extension of contract of Professors on Contract**

The Council extended the contractual appointment of following two Professors for a further period of one year from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 on the existing terms and conditions.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Department</b>
1.	Prof. Vinod Chandra Tiwari	Geology
2.	Prof. P. K. Sharma	Mathematics

The Council advised that feed-back from students of the department and self-assessment reports of the Professor (on contract) may also be obtained through In-charge/Head of the departments or Dean of the School concerned.

#### **EC 27.4.4: Completion of probation period of teachers**

The Council noted that the following teaching staff have completed their probation period on the dates shown against each. The Council also noted that their performance has been reviewed by the concerned reviewing authority and no adverse remarks have been noted.

The Council approved lifting of probation from the date as noted against each and confirmed them in the service of the University from the day following the date of completion of their probation:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Date of Joining</b>	<b>Date of completion of probation</b>
1	Shri Irfan Ahmed	Chinese	08.12.2015	07.12.2016
2	Prof. Abhijit Dutta	Commerce	04.12.2015	03.12.2016

3	Dr. Mohan Pratap Pradhan	Computer Application	07.12.2015	06.12.2016
4	Dr. T. J. M. S. Raju	Education	27.11.2015	26.11.2016
5	Dr. Rosy Chamling	English	14.01.2016	13.01.2017
6	Shri Om Prakash Kaptan	Geology	30.11.2015	29.11.2016
7	Dr. S. Jeevanandam	History	30.11.2015	29.11.2016
8	Dr. Kh. Renuka Devi		04.12.2015	03.12.2016
9	Dr. Niladri Bag	Horticulture	10.02.2016	09.02.2017
10	Shri Rajesh Kumar		08.12.2015	07.12.2016
11	Prof. Imtiaz Gulam Ahmed	Law	11.12.2015	10.12.2016
12	Dr. Praveen Mishra		02.12.2015	01.12.2016
13	Mrs. Rachana Rai	Management	08.12.2015	07.12.2016
14	Ms. Swastika Pradhan	Political Science	23.11.2015	22.11.2016
15	Dr. Namrata	Psychology	26.11.2015	25.11.2016
16	Shri Shankar Narayan Bagh	Sociology	08.12.2015	07.12.2016
17	Dr. Sudeep Ghatani	Zoology	24.11.2015	23.11.2016

**EC 27.4.5: Recruitment to the post of Internal Audit Officer, Executive Engineer and Medical Officer**

The Council noted that the University conducted interview for the following non-teaching posts on the dates given below:

S.No	Name of the Post	Date
1.	Internal Audit Officer	27.03.2017
2.	Executive Engineer	27.03.2017
3.	Medical Officer	28.03.2017



The Council also noted that the Vice-Chancellor nominated the following experts to the Selection Committee under the provisions given in the Recruitment and Promotion Rules (Non-teaching) 2016 given as under:

*“Two experts in the concerned field not in the service of the University to be nominated by the Executive Council”.*

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Name of the post</b>	<b>Two Experts in the concerned field not in the service of the University</b>
1.	Internal Audit Officer	Shri Sushil Das, Chartered Accountant, Chamber of Commerce, Tibet Road, Gangtok
		Shri Govind Kaushik, Sr. Director (Accounts) Finance Department, Govt. of Sikkim
2.	Executive Engineer	Shri S. K. Chettri, Former PCE cum Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim
		Shri M. K. Pradhan, Former PCE cum Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim
3.	Medical Officer	Dr. K. Bhandari, DG cum Secretary Health care, Human Service & Family Welfare, Govt. of Sikkim
		Dr. Yogesh Verma, Professor Department of Pathology, SMU

The Council ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor in nominating above mentioned experts in the Selection Committee for the posts mentioned above.

Based on the recommendations of the Selection Committees the Council approved issue of offers to the selected candidates given below and also approved waitlist candidates for keeping in the panel.

1. Internal Audit Officer	-	Sh. C.B. Chhetri	-	Selected
		Ms. G. Saiborne	-	Waitlist
2. Executive Engineer	-	Sh. Manoj Dhembre	-	Selected
3. Medical Officer	-	Dr. Lok Bahadur Limboo	-	Selected
		Dr. Benoy Upreti	-	Waitlist
		Dr. Yesh Palden Dophapa-		Waitlist

#### **EC 27.4.6: Appointment of Chancellor of the University**

The Council noted that the present Chancellor Justice (Retd.) Mrs. Ruma Pal will be completing her tenure of five years on 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017. The Council also noted that as per Statute 1(1) of the University, the Council has to recommend a panel of atleast three from amongst persons of eminence in the

academic or public life of the country to the Visitor for appointment as Chancellor.

The Council deliberated on the matter in detail. After discussion the Council recommended the following names under Statute 1(1) for recommending to the Visitor for appointment as the Chancellor of the University.

1. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat
2. Prof. Mrinal Miri
3. Prof. Ananda C. Bhagabati

**EC 27.4.7: Nomination of the members for search committee for appointment of the Vice-Chancellor**

The Council noted that the present Vice-Chancellor will be completing tenure on 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017. As per Statute 2(1) of the University, *“the Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Visitor from a panel of not less than three persons who shall be recommended by a Committee as constituted under clause (2)”*.

As per clause (2) of the said Statute, *“The Committee referred to in clause (1) shall consist of three persons, out of whom two shall be nominated by the Executive Council and one by the Visitor and the nominee of the Visitor shall be the convener of the Committee:*

*Provided that none of the members of the Committee shall be an employee of the University or an Institution maintained by, or admitted to the privileges of, the University or a member of any authority of the University”*.

The Council after deliberations approved the following two names to be nominated to the search Committee to be constituted for selection of the Vice-Chancellor.

1. Prof. Mihir Kanti Chaudhuri, Former Vice-Chancellor, Tezpur University
2. Prof. Ramesh Chand, Member of Niti Aayog

**EC 27.4.8: Vision and Mission of the University**

After deliberations the Council unanimously decided the following as Vision and Mission of the University.

**Vision:** *To achieve intellectual, academic and cultural development of the people of Eastern Himalayas*

**Mission:** *To provide quality higher education.*

**EC 27.4.9: Logo and Motto of Sikkim University Students’ Association (SUSA)**

The Council approved the following as motto of Sikkim University Students’ Association (SUSA):

“Vision, Unity, Success”

However, the Council suggested that SUSA may re-do its logo through a competition.

**EC 27.4.10: Appointment of Professor on contract**

The Council noted that in its 25<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016 it has approved appointment of Prof. A.P. Pathak, Emeritus Professor in the Department of Physics on the same terms and conditions as applicable to other Professors on contract.

The Council noted that Prof. Pathak did not join as he was not satisfied with the short term contact. However, a letter from Prof. Pathak has been received by the University in which he has agreed to relocate himself at Gangok if long term appointment for a period of 3 years is offered to him.

The Council deliberated on the matter and decided that there cannot be separate terms and conditions for Professors appointed on contract in the University. The Council approved the appointment of Prof. A.P. Pathak on contract for a period of one year initially to be extended annually.

**EC 27.4.11: Retention period for records of the University**

The Council noted that the present retention period of various records was approved by the Council in its 19<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 and 20<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014. The Council also noted the concern of the University in retention period of some category of records especially applications received against advertisement and also additional records for which retention period has been suggested.

The Council after deliberations approved the following retention period of records as given below:

**1. Recruitment related records**

Sl. No.	Nature of Record	Retention Period
1	Applications received against advertisements for appointments to various positions (Statutory, teaching and non-teaching).	Two years from the date of approval of the appointment by the Executive Council/appointing authority, subject to the following conditions:  i. that there is no court case against the appointment; ii. the panel for appointment is exhausted or expired; iii. disposal of applications are only for non-selected cases.

## 2. Examination Department Records

Sl. No.	Nature of records	Retention Period
1.	Used answer books	One year after declaration of results
2.	Old question papers	Immediately after the semester examination is over. Set of 10 question paper to be preserved permanently
3.	Filled in registration forms and migration certificates received	One year after registration is over
4.	Filled in exam application forms	Six months after the declaration of results
5.	Filled in applications for provisional degree and migration certificate	Immediately after authorized issue of the certificates
6.	Filled in semester programme cards	Six months after the declaration of results
7.	Filled in end semester marks slips	Three years after declaration of results
8.	Used decoding slips	Three years after declaration of results
9.	Internal assessment marks	Three years after declaration of results
10.	End semester attendance sheets	Three years after declaration of results
11.	End semester absentee sheets	Three years after declaration of results
12.	End semester answer scripts dispatch memo	Six years after declaration of results
13.	Certificate of opening of question papers	Immediately after the semester examination is over
14.	Cancelled marks card, degree certificates, provisional degree certificates, migration certificates and registration certificates	Immediately after authorized record entry of cancellation

The Council also approved disposal of 56,000 unused programme cards leaving 30,000 programme cards as safety stock to meet any emergency requirement in the near future. This safety stock may also be later disposed of in a phased manner.

#### **EC 27.4.12: Proposal for entering into MoU's by the University**

The Council approved the MoUs with the following institutions: **(Appendix-2)**

- i) MoU between Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration & Research (AMD) and Sikkim University;
- ii) MoU with National Council of Rural Institutes, Hyderabad
- iii) MoU with National Research Centre for Orchids, Pakyong, East Sikkim
- iv) MoU with Namgyal Institute of Tibetology

#### **EC 27.4.13: Appointment of Professors under Statute 19**

The Council noted that out of 32 sanctioned positions of Professors, only six Professors are in position. These posts of Professors have been advertised a number of times but no applications have been received or the applicants were not found qualifying. As such some of the departments of University are not able to grow properly due to inadequate guidance and expertise. We have received CVs of following Professors who had been serving as Professors and have retired from their respective Institutions.

1. Prof. Jeta Sankritayana
2. Prof. Sanjoy Bandopadhyay

They have retired from University of North Bengal and Rabindra Bharati University respectively and are still having active service of about three years left.

The Council after deliberations approved appointment of Professors under Statute 19 in case of Prof. Jeta Sankritayana in the Department of Economics and Prof. Sanjoy Bandopadhyay in the Department of Music.

#### **EC 27.4.14: Conferment of degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Honoris Causa)**

Based on the recommendations of the Academic Council (approval sought by circulation) the Council approved to recommend to the Visitor conferment of degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Honoris Causa) to Shri Pawan Kumar Chamling and Shri Indra Bahadur Rai for their significant contribution to the society and literature, respectively in the forthcoming convocation.

The Council deferred consideration of conferment of degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Honoris Causa) to Shri Balmiki Prasad Singh.

**EC 27.4.15: Misconduct by Dr. Jayita Sengupta, Associate Professor and submission of Resignation**

The Council noted that a Fact Finding Committee was appointed by the Vice-Chancellor with the following members:

1. Prof. V. Rama Devi - Chairperson
2. Prof. A.S. Chandel - Member
3. Dr. Praveen Mishra - Member

The Committee concluded that the charges leveled against Dr. Jayita Sengupta have merit and she is guilty of misconduct. Fact Finding Committee report was accepted by the Vice-Chancellor and Dr. Jayita Sengupta was placed under suspension with effect from 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016 under Rule 10(1) of CCS (CCA) Rules with headquarters of Dr. Jayita Sengupta as Gangtok and she was not allowed to leave headquarters without obtaining previous permission of the Vice-Chancellor. She was asked to report at Management Block (Administrative Building) every day except for notified holidays.

The Council also noted that Dr. Jayita Sengupta after suspension reported only for four days at Management Block and signed the register. Thereafter, she left the station on her own and has not reported at Gangtok so far.

The University also received Examination Supervisor's Report dated 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2016 for the End Semester Examination of MA English first and third semesters and M.Phil/Ph.D Coursework Examination etc. In the report it has been stated that she was habitually late in reporting for the duty assigned to her and she always insisted on being in M.Phil/Ph.D coursework examination room. Mrs. Abrona Lee Pandi Aden, the invigilator of M.Phil/Ph.D Course Work reported to the Examination Supervisor (Dr. Rosy Chamling) on the examination day of 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016 citing discomfort as Dr. Jayata Sengupta was constantly giving cues to the examinees and breaking the decorum of the examination atmosphere.

The Council also noted that Dr. Jayita Sengupta was served with charge sheet on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017 for misconduct. She has responded to the charge sheet by denying all the charges and accordingly Inquiry under Rule 14 of the CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965 has been ordered with Justice (Retd.) A.P. Subba as the Inquiry Authority.

Dr. Jayita Sengupta has not been paid subsistence allowance as she failed to submit certificate under FR 53(2) that she was not engaged in any other employment, business, profession or vocation.

Her suspension was reviewed under Rule 10(6) by the following Review Committee which recommended extension of suspension for further period beyond 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

1. Vice-Chancellor
2. Prof. Ghanshyam Nepal, Executive Council Member
3. Registrar

The Council also noted that Dr. Jayita Sengupta vide letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 has tendered resignation from the post of Associate Professor with the request to relieve her with immediate effect by generously waiving any condition of notice period and related monetary conditions in lieu of notice, and withdrawing and closing any and all proceedings initiated against her and pending.

The Council deliberated on the matter in detail and ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor in suspending her, issuing charge sheet and order inquiry under Rule 14 of CCS (CCA) Rules with Justice (Retd.) A. P. Subba as Inquiry Authority. It was further decided that the inquiry constituted against Dr. Jayita Sengupta may go on and her resignation may be kept in abeyance till legal advice is obtained on her disciplinary case and the resignation submitted by her. Vice-Chancellor may take appropriate action on the basis of legal advice in the matter.

**EC 27.4.16:CBI Case in PE0102016A0003 against Dr. Vijay Kumar Thangellapali, Associate Professor and others**

The Council noted that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB), Kolkata has submitted report to the University on the basis of the preliminary investigation carried under Case no PE0102016A0003 on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016 giving their conclusions and recommendations. CBI has concluded that the allegation levelled by the complainant have been found to be true. It has been stated that Dr. Thagellapali is having 225.5 score under category III of Appendix III of UGC Regulations 2010 against the minimum score of 300 for the post of Associate Professor. Also serious lapses and act of misconduct has been concluded against the members of the Screening Committee for shortlisting Dr. Thangellapali and recommending his name for interview. However, the report states that there was no serious lapse on the part of members of Review Committee as it was physically not possible for the Review Committee

to scrutinize all the applications vis-a-vis recommendations of the Screening Committee.

The Council also noted that the CBI had also sought applications of all the selected Associate Professors who got appointed in the University alongwith Dr. Thangellapali against advertisement dated 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013. It has been stated in the report that same irregularities were also committed in appointment of Dr. Binu Mathew to the post of Associate Professor in the Department of Horticulture. CBI in its report has recommended the following action against the suspects:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name &amp; Designation</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
1.	Shri K.M. Deb, the then Registrar	No action as he is no more in the service
2.	Dr. V. Krishna Ananth, Associate Professor, Department of History	RDA for Major Penalty
3.	Dr. Amitabha Bhattacharya, Associate Professor, Department of Physics	RDA for Major Penalty
4.	Dr. Vijay Kumar Thangellpali, Associate Professor, Department of History	Termination from service
5.	Prof. A.S. Chandel, Professor of NEHU (Retired)	No action since he is retired
6.	Dr. Subir Mukhopadhyay, Associate Professor, Department of Physics	Such action as deemed fit
7.	Prof. Ashoke Kumar Dutta, Ex-Director, RGIIM, Shillong	No action as he is no more in service
8.	Dr. Dhaniraj Chhetri, Associate Professor, Department of Botany	Such action as deemed it

CBI had initially asked to treat the report as confidential with no reference of it to be made in any subsequent correspondence with the suspects or any other person. This was not acceptable to the University and had asked CBI to allow the University to place the report before the Executive Council as it being the Disciplinary Authority and also use of the relevant portions of the report in case of disciplinary action to be taken against the faculty members named by the CBI. CBI, thereafter, vide letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017 has permitted the University to place the report before the Executive Council



(Disciplinary Authority) for initiating the action against the officials and also use relevant portions of the report for issuing charge sheet to the concerned officials but the copy of the CBI report should not be made available.

The Council after deliberations asked the University to seek legal opinion in this matter before proceeding ahead.

#### **TABLE ITEM**

#### **EC 27.4.17: Appointment of Professors on Contract in the Departments of Chinese and Computer Applications**

The Council noted that because of unavailability of Professors, some departments are not been able to attain the required benchmark as expected from those departments. Also in some departments the numbers of applications for admission has been much below the number of seats available. Bio-data of the following Professors were placed in the Council for consideration of appointment as Professors on contract.

1. Prof. Kamal Sheel, Retired as Professor of Chinese Studies in Department of Foreign Languages, BHU.
2. Prof. Mrinal Kanti Ghose, Retired as Dean (Academics) and Professor in Computer Science & Engineering, Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology, Majitar, East Sikkim.

The Council after deliberations approved the appointment of Prof. Kamal Sheel and Prof. Mrinal Kanti Ghose on contract for a period of one year from the date(s) of their joining in the departments of Chinese and Computer Applications respectively on the same terms and conditions as are applicable to other Professors on contract.

#### **SECTION – 5 MINUTES OF AUTHORITIES/COMMITTEES**

#### **EC 26.5.1: Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

The Council noted the minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017 and accorded specific approval to the following items:

- i) Extension of temporary affiliation to nine Colleges for the academic year 2017-18. De-affiliation of Palatine College, Pakyong from the academic session 2018-19.
- ii) Subject affiliation fee as mentioned below for MPhil/PhD programme in Colleges and to incorporate it at a relevant place in Ordinance OD-1.

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| a. M.Phil | - | ₹ 6,000 per subject |
| b. Ph.D   | - | ₹ 8,000 per subject |

- iii) Fixed deposit for colleges seeking affiliation to the University by amendment in Ordinance OD-1 with the following insertion below the table of clause 20:  
*“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”.*
- iv) Amendments in the Guidelines for Research Projects. **(Appendix-3)**
- v) Amendments in Ordinances/Regulations of the University. **(Appendix-4)**
- vi) Rules on PhD admission against supernumerary seat. **(Appendix-5)**
- vii) Grant of permission to PG colleges to appoint supervisors for PhD by amendment in Clause-3 of Ordinance OC-7 by inserting the word ‘/PG College’ where ‘University’ is mentioned.
- viii) Authorising Vice-Chancellor to constitute committee to look into the details of Honorary Faculty members from other Universities and Research Institutes as how such positions will be managed and the honorarium to be allowed to them.
- ix) Academic review of 5 departments of the University in terms of their status, syllabi, faculty, etc and suggest measures for revamping/ restructuring these departments. Also, an appropriate committee may be constituted for conduct of the review.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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**(T.K.Kaul)**  
**Registrar & Secretary**

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