

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

EC:14:01	The Chairperson calls the House to order
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Minutes:

Quorum of the meeting having been attained, the Chairman called the meeting to order after a brief welcome address and asked the Secretary to proceed with agenda items.

EC:14:02	Obituary Reference
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Minutes:

The House was informed of the sad demise of following eminent personality recently:

1. Dr. S.R. Khanra, Renowned Social Worker and Former Medical Superintendent, Darjeeling District Hospital who passed away on 03.05.2012

The House observed two minutes silence to condole his death

EC:14:03	Performance Highlights by the Vice-Chancellor
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Minutes:

The Vice Chancellor informed the House that as Founding Vice Chancellor, he had made it a practice since the very inception of the University in July 2007 to present before the members at the beginning of every meeting an account of various activities undertaken recently. This is intended to keep the members abreast of the movements in the University towards progress in fulfilling its long term vision. He also mentioned this tradition has been strictly followed in all the meetings of the Academic Council and Finance Committee also.

Prof. Atul Sarma moved resolution to congratulate the Founding Vice Chancellor Prof. Mahendra P Lama for bringing in best practices and innovative ideas in the University system within the short span of his tenure. The House also expressed tremendous sense of satisfaction on the steady and substantive all round progress made by the University under the leadership of Prof Lama and his esteemed Team. The House unanimously adopted the resolution and applauded every efforts of Prof. Lama.

GROUP I – ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

EC:14:04	Confirmation of the Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 21.04.2012
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Minutes:

The House noted the Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 21.04.2012 and confirmed and approved the same.

EC:14:05	Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 21.04.2012
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Minutes:

The action taken on each of the items deliberated in the 13th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 21.04.2012 was reported by the Secretary. The House noted the same with approval.

EC:14:06	Regulation on Retention of lien by the employees recruited on Regular basis
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Minutes:

The House approved the draft Regulation on Retention of lien by the employees recruited on Regular basis and directed for its implementation forthwith.

EC:14:07	Regulation on Declaration of Completion of Probation of the Employees
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Minutes:

The House suggested deferring the agenda for more discussion and to review the matter.

EC:14:08	First Lustrum of Sikkim University
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Minutes:

The House observed that Sikkim University during this initial term of five years and at this infantile stage has touched the remarkable height of excellence in imparting higher education in the state and surrounding region. To capture the prolific journey of the University during these five years, the House remarked that a production of film of University shall be brilliant venture to undertake. The House further stated that a film on the University shall set forth an ideal example for newly establishing Universities to get oriented with the various methodologies and procedure during a University building process.

With the above observations, the House approved the proposal of production of film on the University by the FTII, Pune and Doordarshan, Delhi.

EC:14:09	Re advertisement for Regular and Contractual Teaching and Tenured Non-Teaching Positions
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Minutes:

The House considered that during the recent recruitment conducted for Teaching and Non-Teaching positions, some of the posts could not be filled up because of unavailability of suitable candidates. Accordingly the House while approving the draft advertisement notice authorized the University to readvertise the unfilled posts and obtain applications afresh.

EC:14:10	Nomination of Members to the Board of Campus Development at Yangang (BCDY)
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Minutes:

The House suggested that the nomination of members to the Board of Campus Development at Yangang (BCDY) which has been already been made by the present Vice Chancellor may be further taken up by the next Vice Chancellor.

EC:14:11	Revision of remuneration payable to persons on teaching and non-teaching engagements
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Minutes:

The House duly recognizing the constraints confronted by the University due to which regular recruitment could not be conducted, approved the following proposed remuneration to be paid to the respective cadres with effect from April 2012 until further order:

- (a) Teachers on contract: Rs. 47,000 per month.**
- (b) Non-Teaching engagement:**
 - (1) UDC (Asst Executive) level: Rs. 22,500/- per month.**
 - (2) LDC (Junior Executive) level: Rs. 17,000/- per month.**
 - (3) Office Assistant: Rs. 18,250/- per month.**

EC:14:12	Recovery of Special Compensatory (Hill Area) Allowance
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Minutes:

The House considered the agenda item and reasoned that Sikkim University being a new University had followed the precedence in NEHU, where employees drew both the allowances. Considering the audit objection for drawing both the allowances, the House approved the proposals recommended and directed the University to undertake the following action forthwith:

- a) Suspend payment of Hill Compensatory Allowance forthwith i.e. from May 2012
- b) Initiate action to recover the entire amount overpaid right since it was implemented after observing due formalities like option of concerned employees as per order

EC:14:13	Guidelines for Research Projects
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Minutes:

The House approved the draft Guidelines for Research Projects to facilitate the regular faculty members applying for extra-mural research projects to various national and international funding agencies and anticipating the University to receive more new projects in the forthcoming days.

EC:14:14	Statute on the Constitution of the Court, the College Development Council and the Board of Studies
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Minutes:

The House approved the draft Statutes each on the constitution of the College Development Council, Finance Committee and the Board of Studies considering the indispensable position of all these authorities and to ensure its effective functioning within the University ambit. However, the House suggested deferring the constitution of the Court of the University till all other statutory committees of the University are formed.

EC:14:15	Amendment to Ordinance on Examination – clause relating to “Zero Semester”
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Minutes:

The House considered the amendment placed before it on the Clause relating to “Zero Semester” and approved the same for implementation.

EC:14:16	Amendment to Ordinance on Examination – clause relating to “Pass requirements and promotion to the next semester.”
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Minutes:

The House considered the amendment placed before it on the Clause relating to “Pass requirements and promotion to the next semester” and approved the same for implementation.

EC:14:17	Amendment to Examination Ordinance – Insertion of new Clause relating to Integrated Courses
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Minutes:

The House considered the recommendations of the Academic Council and approved the amendment placed before it on the Insertion of new Clause relating to Integrated Courses.

EC:14:18	Amendment to Examination Ordinance – Insertion of new Sub-Clause relating to Division, Distinction to successful candidates.
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Minutes:

The House considered the recommendations of the Academic Council and approved the amendment placed before it on the insertion of new Sub-Clause relating to Division, Distinction to successful candidates.

EC:14:19	Amendment to Ordinance on Examination – Award of division and award to topper
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Minutes:

The House considered the recommendations of the Academic Council and approved the amendment proposed for selecting the topper on the basis of calculating percentage out of the Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA).

EC:14:20	Amendment to nomenclature of the programme: BA-MA Music.
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Minutes:

The House considered the recommendations of the Academic Council and approved in principle the amendment proposed. The House approved that the nomenclature for the Music programme of Sikkim

University to be at par with the UGC Nomenclature as BPA (Music) for bachelor programme and MPA (Music) for Master programme.

EC:14:21	Amendment to M. Pharm. Syllabus : Paper MPY 31 (Biodiversity of Eastern Himalayas)
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Minutes:

The House considered the amendment proposed to the M. Pharm. Syllabus: Paper MPY 31 (Biodiversity of Eastern Himalayas) and agreed to convert the paper into a theory of 100 marks with 3 credits and having no practical paper. Since being a sessional paper, the House approved the following pattern of evaluation and weight-age to the paper MPY 31

Pattern of Evaluation	Total Weight-age in %
Mid Semester Test	20
Project Report	40
Seminar presentation and Viva-Voce	35
Attendance	05
Total	100

EC:14:22	Amendment to M. Pharm. Syllabus: Paper MPY 33 (Dissertation) III & IV Sems.
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Minutes:

The House considered the recommendations of the Academic Council and approved that the results of paper MPY 33 will be declared only on completion of fourth and final semester with 7.5 credits allotted in each semester for this paper.

EC:14:23	FIELD STUDY AT THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES: Amendment to payment norms.
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Minutes:

The House considered the recommendations of the Academic Council and approved the same directing the University to henceforth make payment for a consolidated amount of Rs. 5000/- to the Teacher –

coordinator / In-Charge of each field study group. However, if there is more than one teacher-coordinator in a group the amount have to be shared among them.

EC:14:24	Report of Inspection Committee – Sikkim Government College
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Minutes:

The House duly considering the recommendations of the Academic Council accorded permission for renewal of provisional affiliation of the College with the University for the academic session 2011-12.

EC:14:25	Report of Inspection Committee – Namchi Government College
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Minutes:

The House duly considering the recommendations of the Academic Council that accorded permission for renewal of provisional affiliation of the College with the University for the academic session 2011-12.

EC:14:26	Report of Inspection Committee – Government College, Rhenock
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Minutes:

The House duly considering the recommendations of the Academic Council accorded permission for renewal of provisional affiliation of the College with the University for the academic session 2011-12.

EC:14:27	Report of Inspection Committee – Sikkim Government Law College
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Minutes:

The House duly considering the recommendations of the Academic Council accorded permission for renewal of provisional affiliation of the College with the University for the academic session 2011-12.

EC:14:28	Report of Inspection Committee – Sikkim Government B.Ed. College, Soreng
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Minutes:

The House duly considering the recommendations of the Academic Council accorded permission for renewal of provisional affiliation of the College with the University for the academic session 2011-12.

EC:14:29	Report of Inspection Committee – Damber Singh College
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Minutes:

The House duly considering the recommendations of the Academic Council accorded permission for renewal of provisional affiliation of the College with the University for the academic session 2011-12.

EC:14:30	Report of Inspection Committee – Pakim Palatine College
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Minutes:

The report of the Inspection Committee for Pakim Palatine College was placed before the Academic Council in its meeting held on 19th May 2012 wherein the House expressed its grave concern over the performance of the college and unanimously directed the University to discontinue courses on Science covering Bachelor's programme in Mathematics, Chemistry, Botany and Microbiology from academic year 2012-13 until further notification/permission.

The House duly considering the recommendations of the Academic Council gave directions to the University for initiating recommended action against the college forthwith.

EC:14:31	Report of Inspection Committee – Himalayan Pharmacy Institute
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Minutes:

The report of the Inspection Committee for Himalayan Pharmacy Institute was placed before the Academic Council in its meeting held on 19th May 2012 wherein the House after a detailed deliberation of the report, accepted the recommendations made by the Inspection Committee:

- i) HPI is requested to send a letter to UGC through the Registrar of Sikkim University for recognition of 2(f).
- ii) AICTE had already permitted HPI to start M. Pharm Programme in Pharmaceutical Analysis and Quality Assurance (PA & QA) in the academic year 2011-12 with an intake of 18 students. This new course in Pharmaceutical Analysis and Quality Assurance (PA & QA) should be started independent of the closure of M. Pharm in Pharmaceutical Chemistry course.
- iii) HPI is permitted to increase in the seats to 18 in M. Pharm (Pharmacognosy).
- iv) HPI has applied for increase in seats M.Pharm (Pharmacology) to AICTE, and approval is awaited from AICTE. This request will be considered only after approval from AICTE. Hostel facilities for the additional intake need to be provided.

- v) Lateral entry to B. Pharm 2nd Year students by admitting D.Pharm pass students to fill up vacancies arising out of shortfall in admissions or dropouts in 1st year B.Pharm.
- vi) HPI is permitted to do lateral entry for the vacant seats as per the AICTE Notification. However, norms made by Sikkim University should be maintained for lateral entry.

The House approved the recommendations of the Academic Council, and accorded permission for renewal of provisional affiliation of the HPI with the University for the year academic session 2011-12 for running B. Pharm and M.Pharm Courses.

EC:14:32	Report of Inspection Committee – Harkamaya College of Education
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Minutes:

The House duly considering the recommendations of the Academic Council accorded permission for renewal of provisional affiliation of the College with the University for the year 2011-12.

EC:14:33	Report of Inspection Committee – Loyola College of Education
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Minutes:

The House duly considering the recommendations of the Academic Council accorded permission for renewal of provisional affiliation of the College with the University for the year 2011-12.

EC:14:34	Approval of Syllabus for Integrated B.Sc./M.Sc. in Mathematics
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Minutes:

The House duly considered the recommendations of the Academic Council and approved the Syllabus for B.Sc.-MSc. Integrated Course in Mathematics.

EC:14:35	Approval of Syllabus for MA in Hindi Language and Literature
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Minutes:

The House duly considered the recommendations of the Academic Council and approved the Syllabus for MA course in Hindi Language and Literature.

EC:14:36	Approval of Syllabus for M Phil/Ph D in Chemical Sciences
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Minutes:

The House duly considered the recommendations of the Academic Council and approved the Syllabus for M.Phil./PhD course in Chemical Sciences.

EC:14:37	Approval of Syllabus for M Phil/Ph D in Geography and Natural Resources Management
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Minutes:

The House duly considered the recommendations of the Academic Council and approved the Syllabus for M.Phil./PhD course in Geography and Natural Resources Management.

EC:14:38	Approval of Syllabus for M Phil/Ph D in Economic Studies and Planning
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Minutes:

The House duly considered the recommendations of the Academic Council and approved the Syllabus for M.Phil./PhD course in Economic Studies and Planning.

EC:14:39	Approval of Syllabus for M Phil/Ph D in Journalism and Mass Communications
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Minutes:

The House duly considered the recommendations of the Academic Council and approved the Syllabus for M.Phil./PhD course in Journalism and Mass Communication.

EC:14:40	Remodeling Undergraduate Program into Honours Program in Liberal Subjects
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Minutes:

The Vice Chancellor informed the House of the several advantages of pursuing an Honours programme in the undergraduate level, which would not call for any major restructuring at the college level but, would add considerable value to the acquired degree. The Academic Council in the meeting held on 19.05.2012 approved the above proposal of remodeling of the undergraduate programmes into Honours, subject to

adherence of norms fixed with regard to eligibility, course structure, syllabus, faculty appointment etc. The House thereby approved the proposal endorsed by the Academic Council for Remodeling Undergraduate Program into Honours Program in Liberal Subjects and directed the University to implement it from coming academic session 2012-2013.

EC:14:41	Request for introduction of new courses of study in Govt. College, Rhenock.
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Minutes:

The House approved the recommendation of the Academic Council for introduction of following new courses in Govt. College, Rhenock from the academic year 2012-13

- i. Elective English
- ii. Mathematics (Honours)
- iii. Statistics (Honours)

EC:14:42	Ordinance on Establishment of Internal Quality Assurance Cell
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Minutes:

The House was briefed by the Founding Vice Chancellor as to how newer instruments and methods of maintaining high quality both in teaching and research and in the management of the University has been introduced. The House highly appreciated the initiation of strong internal quality management in both teaching and the management of the University and congratulated the Founding Vice Chancellor for this essential yet very earnest initiative. The House approved the draft Ordinance on Establishment of Internal Quality Assurance Cell and suggested the University to extend the same to all the affiliated Colleges.

EC:14:43	Recognition of University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) qualifications
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Minutes:

The House approved for according equivalence to the A level degree conferred by the University of Cambridge to be at par with the Std. XII degree of the Indian Board and allowed that the students holding A level degree of the University of Cambridge to be eligible for admission in Sikkim University.

EC:14:44	Request for introduction of new courses of study in Namchi Government College
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Minutes:

Namchi Government College had requested for permission to introduce new under-graduate programmes in Sciences from monsoon semester 2012. The Inspection Committee of the University visited Namchi Government College and report of the Inspection Committee was placed in Academic Council in its meeting held on 19.05.2012, wherein the AC noted that the College had neither received sanction for appointment of teachers nor in a position to set up basic laboratory infrastructure in very near future for running these programmes. Accordingly, the proposal was accepted in principle, but its implementation is deferred until next academic year 2013-14, when formal permission may be considered subject to appointment of qualified teachers in respective subjects and setting up of laboratories.

However, the Secretary of HRDD, Govt. of Sikkim and a member in the EC, requested the other members of Executive Council to reconsider the proposal of Namchi Govt. College to introduce science courses from this monsoon semester. After a long deliberations, the House suggested Secretary, HRDD to submit a fresh request for limited science courses either Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics combination or Botany, Zoology, Chemistry combination at Namchi Government College to be started from monsoon semester 2012 subject to appointment of qualified teachers in respective subjects as per the UGC 2010 Regulation and setting up of laboratories. The House also suggested that the Inspection Committee of the University should revisit and verify whether the College has complied with above mentioned conditions, and the report should be placed to Academic Council and then to Executive Council for approval. If these conditions are not fulfilled the House must reconsider its decision of allowing the College to do so provisionally.

EC:14:45	Permanent Affiliation of Sikkim Govt. Law College
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Minutes:

The House in adherence to the decision conveyed by the Academic Council suggested the University to conduct a fresh inspection of the college encompassing the relevant norms of the UGC mandate for granting permanent affiliation to the colleges.

EC:14:46	Permanent Affiliation of Sikkim Government College
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Minutes:

The House in adherence to the decision conveyed by the Academic Council suggested the University to conduct a fresh inspection of the college encompassing the relevant norms of the UGC mandate for granting permanent affiliation to the colleges.

EC:14:47	UGC Centre for Coaching SC/ST/OBC/Minority
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Minutes:

The House while approving the Draft Coaching Framework/Manual remained deeply impressed for the excellent job carried out by the University in imparting coaching to SC/ST/OBC & minority communities of the region.

EC:14:48	Ordinance on M.Phil/Ph.D
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Minutes:

The House approved the Ordinance on Award of PhD degree and also the amendment proposed on the Ordinance on Award of M.Phil Degree and gave directions for its implementation in the University forthwith.

EC:14:49	Ordinance relating to the Constitution of Committee for Advance Studies and Research
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Minutes:

The House approved the “Ordinance relating to the Committee for Advance Studies and Research” and also its make-shift version for implementation only in the years 2011-12 and 2012-13 duly acknowledging the constraint involved by the University.

EC: 14:50	To consider nomination to the Second Finance Committee
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Minutes:

In terms to Section 17 (1) of the Statute of Sikkim University Act, 2006, the Finance Committee shall consist of the following members, namely:

1. The Vice-Chancellor
2. The Pro Vice-Chancellor
3. One person to be nominated by the Court
4. Three persons to be nominated by the Executive Council, out of whom at least one shall be a member of the Executive Council; and
5. Three persons to be nominated by the Visitor

The Executive Council, in its meeting held on 16.03.2012, nominated Shri Sonam Wangdi, member of Executive Council, its representative in the Second Finance Committee.

In the same meeting Principal Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Sikkim and Shri Arjun Syangden, former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of West Bengal were also nominated by the First Executive Council as members of the Second Finance Committee under the cited provisions.

Considering the above and with the constitution of the Second Executive Council, the House was requested to provide its nomination to the Finance Committee as per the provisions enunciated in Sikkim University Act. The House approved the constitution of Second Finance Committee with the following members:

Sl. No.	Name	Position
1	The Vice-Chancellor	Chairman
2	Shri Sonam Wangdi, member of Executive Council	Member
3	Shri Arjun Syangden, former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of West Bengal	Member
4	Finance Secretary, Government of Sikkim	Member
5	Three persons to be nominated by the Visitor	Members
6	Finance Officer	Member Secretary

The House also directed the University to approach the MHRD for obtaining the nomination of the Visitor in accordance to the Statute as enunciated in the Act.

EC:14:51	Holding of Convocation
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Minutes:

Normally after the successful completion of academic course/programme offered by the University students are provided with a degree certificate in a grand academic ceremony called ‘Convocation’. But there are also few universities in India which do not organize “Convocation” for this purpose. The Jawaharlal Nehru University is one such example.

The Sikkim University organized its first Convocation on April 16, 2010. Her Excellency the President of India, and the Visitor of Sikkim University, Smt. Pratibha Devi Singh Patil, graced the occasion. This had been the most proud and joyous moment for the entire university fraternity for a reason that no other university which was just 30 months old could have the blessing of the President of India and could organize the convocation in such a magnificent manner.

About 223 students of 2008-09 batches belonging to various programmes have been given away the degree certificates on that day. Three students were also specially awarded with gold medal for their extraordinary performances in respective academic programme.

The award of degree certificate is due for distribution from 2009 onward. The University had been trying to organize convocation but for various reasons it has not been able to organize the same. As such about 2133 students belonging to 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 batches have not been provided with degree certificates. These students are provided with Provisional Certificate with a validity period of about six months. Many of them are engaged in services and are required to produce original degree certificate. There is no denying the fact that there could be legal implication also.

The issue before the University is whether organization of convocation for the University should be kept mandatory for distribution of certificates. Or could Sikkim University adopt the model of few renowned Universities, like Jawaharlal Nehru University, which do not organize convocation for the purpose of distribution of certificates.

The House approved to hold the Convocation of the University annually as far as possible and also suggested the pending certificates may be sent to the successful candidates as they were overdue.

EC: 14:52	Amendment to Ordinance on Recruitment Rules for Teaching and Non-Teaching employees
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Minutes:

The House deferred the proposal under submission considering the criticality of the subject to undergo exhaustive deliberation.

EC: 14:53	Recognition of past services of newly recruited Teachers
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Minutes:

The House approved the proposal for counting of the past services of the two teachers as reported subject to that they do not confer a right of protection of pay and or emolument last drawn in the previous employment.

GROUP II –ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION

EC:14:54	Demand of Students Union of Sikkim.
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Minutes:

The Vice Chancellor apprised the House on protest by Students Union of Sikkim (hardly anyone knows about its history and legal status) who has been trying to disrupt the normal functioning of the University. Such groups had also made representations to the Hon'ble Member of Executive Council to press their demands recently. The University is worried more about the intent of such representatives rather than the contents, which the University has been handling and tackling effectively since its very inception. It was found that these groups are bent upon infringing upon the entire standard norm and violating all the procedures and process, so assiduously set forth by this University in the last five years. It is also found that these groups have very little academic contents and have strong political contents in their both orientations and negotiations. Taking into consideration the various factors governing the need for uninterrupted growth of the University at this stage the House has constituted a sub-committee comprising of the following Hon'ble Members to look into various aspects of the demands made by the Students Union of Sikkim. The Hon'ble Members are:

1. Prof. V.S. Prasad,
2. Prof. R.R. Rao
3. Prof. S.C. Singh

The sub-committee is requested to forward its recommendation to the next Executive Council meeting

EC:14:55	Prayer filed before Sikkim State Human Rights Commission
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Minutes:

The Executive Council in its decision of agenda item number EC:12:10, of the 12th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 16.03.2012, directed the University to discontinue the services of Shri. Rajendra Prasad and Dr. Manoranjan Mishra on grounds of misconduct. The disgruntled persons approached the Sikkim State Human Rights Commission through Mr. O.P. Bhandari, O.S.D (Legal) to the Govt. of Sikkim on 26th March 2012. Upon admission of the complaint the Commission had issued a notice to the Vice-Chancellor to give replies to the grievances within four days of receipt of this letter. The Vice-Chancellor made detailed replies to these complaints on 30th March 2012.

The Commission called both parties for personal hearing with documents and papers on 17th April 2012 at 11 a.m. The University was represented by Mr. Tej Thapa, Senior Advocate of Sikkim High Court and his

team of juniors. After hearing both the parties, Commission fixed a second date of hearing on 25.05.2012. The case is still pending and next date of hearing is being shortly notified by the Commission.

The House considered the agenda item and noted for its information.

EC:14:56	Agreement with Indus Publishers – Joint Publication of books
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Minutes:

The House considered the Agenda item and ratified the University's entering into agreement with the Indus Publishers, New Delhi.

EC:14:57	Affiliation of Sikkim Government College, Gyalshing
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Minutes:

The House while considering the various aspects reported in the agenda, ratified the affiliation of Sikkim Government College, Gyalshing with Sikkim University with effect from Monsoon Semester 2012.

EC:14:58	Grant of Extra Ordinary Leave to Dr. Somendra Nath Chakraborty
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Minutes:

The House while admitting the provisions as laid down in the Leave Rules of the University ratified the grant of Extra-Ordinary leave to Dr. Somendra Nath Chakraborty

EC:14:59	Appointment/Resignation of Teaching & Academic Staff (contractual & regular basis)
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Minutes:

The House noted and ratified the appointments and resignations of Teaching & Academic Staff (on contractual and regular basis) as mentioned in the Agenda item.

EC:14:60	Appointment/Resignation of Management Staff (contractual& regular basis)
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Minutes:

The House noted and ratified the appointment and resignations of the Management staff (on contractual and regular basis) as mentioned in the Agenda item.

ITEMS WHICH ARE REPORTED FOR INFORMATION & GUIDANCE

EC:14:61	Cases filed at High Court of Sikkim
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Minutes:

The House while noting the cases filed reasoned that it is a futile attempt by the petitioners to defame the University for their best known vested interests.

EC:14:62	Analysis of Monsoon 2011 Results
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Minutes:

The House deeply appreciated the efforts devoted by the University in declaring the results of the Monsoon Semester 2011 within 18 days and noted the same for its information.

EC:14:63	Position of Sanctioned Strength and Staff-in-Position
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Minutes:

The House noted the matter regarding man-power position of the university.

EC:14:64	University Library – Salient Performances
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Minutes:

The House considered the agenda item and noted for its information.

EC:14:65	Sikkim University Grievance Redressal Cell
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Minutes:

Sikkim University is in the process of developing its administrative set up as a transparent, vibrant, worker-friendly unit, where interest of the employees will be addressed as a priority. One of the good practices that help boosting the confidence and sense of security of the employees is to have a structured Grievance Redressal unit, through which employees are assured of reaching the Executive Council for redressal of their legitimate concerns. It is therefore proposed to set up such a unit, viz, Sikkim University Grievance Redressal Cell, which will function as an independent unit reporting to the Vice Chancellor.

The House approved the constitution of the Sikkim University Grievance Redressal Cell determining this to be an imperative body in the functioning of the University.

EC:14:66	Amendment to the Ordinance on Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service of Statutory Officers
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Minutes:

The House deferred the agenda due to the paucity of time and considering the criticality of the subject to undergo exhaustive deliberation.

EC:14:67	Annual Report 2011-12
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Minutes:

The House considered the agenda item and approved the same.

EC: 14:68	Advocate Fees
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Minutes:

The Engagement of Shri Tej Bdr. Thapa as Senior Advocate to deal with the cases of Sikkim University was reported to the Executive Council in the last meeting held on 21.04.2012. Shri Thapa and his team have been rendering commendable service in disposing of these cases both before the High Court of Sikkim and Sikkim State Human Rights Commission.

The University has received a claim of Rs. 8,065,000/- covering acceptance fee, retention fee, meeting expenses, clerical and other charges as also appearing fees for the Sr. Advocate and his juniors.

A Committee has been constituted by the Vice Chancellor to examine the claim with regard to prevailing practice in other Central Universities. An interim part payment of Rs. 2 lakh has been made and the firm has been requested to review the claim made. Their reply is awaited.

The House considered and approved the proposal.

EC:14:69	Report of the Internal Audit and the AG (Audit).
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Minutes:

The House considered the agenda item and noted for its information.

EC: 14:70	Global Lecture 2012: A Brief Report
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Minutes:

The House considered the agenda item and noted for its information.

EC:14:71	Admission Results 2012
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Minutes:

The House considered the agenda item and noted for its information.

EC:14:72	Any other items with the permission of the Chair
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Minutes on Campus Land at Yangang :

A resolution on the protracted delay in the handing over of land by Government of Sikkim to Sikkim University was passed by the Executive Council. In the resolution addressed to the Visitor of Sikkim University, the President of India, the Executive Council mentioned the following :

“Against the back drop of the resolution passed by the First Executive Council in its meeting held on **November 3, 2010 which was sent to the Hon’ble Minister of Human Resource Development, Government of India on 27 December 2010 which also mentioned that** “The House also suggested that the Ministry of Human Resource Development may be requested by the University to consider other options including re-location of the University deemed necessary if the land could not be handed over to the University by the Government of Sikkim within next three to four months from now”, **the Second Executive Council in its 3rd meeting held on 21 April 2012 again unanimously passed the following resolution and decided to send the same to the Visitor of Sikkim University (Her Excellency the President of India)”**

“The Executive Council unanimously expressed its deep sense of dismay and dissatisfaction on the way the State Government of Sikkim has withheld and handled the land acquisition process. The Executive Council also noted with great concern that in spite of the fact that the University has made the payment of Rs 15 crore (as a special gesture) 4 years back for the acquisition of the said land, the Government of Sikkim has not been able to hand over the land. The

University despite making significant strides and huge progress in its academic and research programmes is forced to function from over 19 hired building stretched over 10-15 kms in Gangtok. This has cost a huge amount of fund from the public exchequer as rent. The University also had to surrender the earmarked plan outlay of 11th Five Year Plan for the construction of the campus.

Just on the eve of the visit of Her Excellency the President of India to address the very First Convocation of Sikkim University in April 2010 and full after two years of paying of University's share of the compensation, University received letter from the Govt of Sikkim simply mentioning that the land is ready for hand over. Between April and June 2010 the University received 4 letters asking the University to take over the land at Yangang, South Sikkim.

Unfortunately, whenever the University Team went to formalize the takeover, they found that none of the land owners have vacated the lands even after getting all the compensations. Enquiries and consultations with the village heads, MLA and other civil society members located in the land site, reveal that despite their utmost willingness to vacate the land the land owners have been told not to vacate the land till there is an instruction from the Govt of Sikkim. It has been a very peculiar situation.

Sikkim University is very keen to take over the land and start building its own infrastructure. It is deeply worried as further delay in land acquisition are fraught with serious issues of cost escalation, land owners unwillingness to vacate at a later stage, demand for raising of compensation, present hardships faced by the University, foreseeable resistance from the University to shift the campus to such a distant place and steady hike in the land prices.

The delays have also deprived the state of Sikkim, indirectly, in access to quality higher education the University is willing to deliver once the campus land is made available to it. The House resolved that the matter may be taken up immediately with the Visitor of Sikkim University to immediately resolve the issue with the Government of Sikkim. It should also be pointed out to the Government of India that the issue is becoming more and more complicated and politicised day by day.

The House also suggested that the Visitor of Sikkim University (Her Excellency the President of India) may be requested by the University to consider other options including re-location of the University deemed necessary if the land could not be handed over to the University by the Government of Sikkim within next three months from now. ”

The above resolution was signed by all the members present in the meeting except Shri CS Rao, the Secretary, HRDD Department of the Govt of Sikkim.

EC:14:73**Appreciation on record of the accomplishments and achievement of the Founding Vice Chancellor and his Team**

The House paid a glowing tribute to Prof Mahendra P Lama for his very successful completion of five year tenure as the Founding Vice Chancellor. The University started without anything and today the University has most of the things in place, its inter-disciplinary and unique academic programmes; inclusive admission policy; very modern semester system and scientific evaluation system; interactive class rooms, drastic reforms in the affiliated colleges and quality management norms and practices have all been a major example in this part of the country. The modern lab facilities, very rich collection in the library, extensive field exposures to the students and faculty members under various innovation semi-academic programmes like ‘Oral History’, ‘Winter Sojourn’, ‘Sharing of Experience’, ‘Museum and Archives’ etc.

The transparent, accountable and efficient management of the University is another feather in the cap. The research programmes, various lecture series, collaborations with a large number of national and international institutions and professionals have all brought huge enthusiasm and knowledge pool in this University. Highly successful performance in the NET/JRF tests and also the transformation in the entire higher education policy in the State of Sikkim are widely applauded. The participation of the students and faculty members in very many extra- academic activities including disaster management has been applauded by all. Another critical element in his immense contribution is the bringing together of a national team and nurturing them into a highly committed, dedicated and efficient team members to run the entire university.

The University today is fast moving towards realization of its intense desire to be a national institution of higher learning with a distinct global orientation and strong local ethos and contents. All these could happen despite so many hardships faced by him personally and his entire team members. The House appreciated his tenacity, perseverance and professional commitment and the missionary zeal with which he spent 5 full years in the building of this new University. The Executive Council extended its best wishes to Prof Mahendra P Lama for whatever future projects he takes up and thanked him for all that he has done to this new university.

There being no other item, the Chairman concluded the meeting after offering thanks to the esteemed members for their valuable suggestions and support to this promising institution.

**Secretary,
Executive Council**