



**MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2010**

**GROUP I – ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

<b>EC:06:01</b>	<b>The Chairperson calls the House to order</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.01.1** The Chairperson called the House to order.

<b>EC:06:02</b>	<b>Obituary Reference</b>
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**6.02.1** *The death of the following eminent personalities is brought before the house with deep sense of grief.*

- 1. Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, Former Vice President of India*
- 2. Smt. Karuna Singh, W/o Shri BP Singh, His Excellency The Governor of Sikkim and Chief Rector of Sikkim University*
- 3. Smt. Shanka Gurung, Former Teacher of Tashi Namgyal Academy, Founding Member of Sikkim Women's Council and W/o Shri BB Goroong, Former Chief Minister of Sikkim*
- 4. Smt. Gurri Madhusudan Singh, Former Teacher of Enchey School, Founding Member of Sikkim Women's Council and W/o Late Madhusudan Singh, Director (Education)*
- 5. Shri P O Pazo, Former Secretary, Department of Forest and Environment.*
- 6. Shri Madan Tamang, President of All India Gorkha League and an eminent intellectual, Darjeeling.*
- 7. Shri Badrinarayan Pradhan, Educationist, Social Worker and Former Rajya Sabha MP*
- 8. Fr. EP Burns, eminent educationist and social worker*
- 9. Smt Latha Ravi, w/o Shri PV Ravi, Finance Officer of Sikkim University*



**Minutes:**

**6.02.1** The House noted with grief of the passing away of the personalities reported in the agenda item and observed two minutes silence as a mark of respect to the departed souls.

**EC:06:03**

**Performance Highlights by Vice-Chancellor**

**Minutes:**

**6.03.1** The Vice-Chancellor made a power point presentation depicting the various activities of the University since the last meeting of the Executive Council held on 8.3.2010. The House placed on record its high appreciation of the progress made by the University. Hon'ble Member Prof Shiv Raj Singh called it as "moving fast in the right direction" and mentioned that progress made was far ahead than that generally expected from a very new University and applauded the Sikkim University Team led by its Vice Chancellor for the same. Dr. SA Suryawanshi posed the following questions before the Chairperson.

1. What is the action taken by the University to fill up the teaching and non-teaching positions?
2. What is the present position of acquisition of land at Yangang?
3. The details about the proposed course on M.Sc on Himalayan Bio-Technology may be explained to the House.

**6.03.2** The Hon'ble Member also made a request that from the next convocation of the University the Members of the Executive Council shall be made to sit in the dais as is being done in the convocations of other universities. Prof. Shivraj Singh suggested that the members of the Academic Council shall be seated in the first row. Prof Mrinal Miri while referring to the Convocation dress used during the very first Convocation of Sikkim University suggested that the University could think and design a new dress code that is different from the generally used ones and that would suit both the dignity and the proper rituals of the University.

**6.03.3** To the above observations, the Chairperson replied that there is an agenda item on the action taken by the University in filling up of teaching and non-teaching positions and the Hon'ble members query will be clarified when the same is taken up for discussion. As regards acquisition of land at



Yangang also the same will be discussed as a separate item. On M.Sc course on Himalayan Bio-Technology, the Chairperson explained about the proposal made by the University to UGC on this and mentioned in brief of the salient features of the course to the House. It was stated that the course is mainly about the issues on Himalayan Region and the full text of the course would be sent to all the members for their views and suggestions.

**6.03.4** As regards seating of members of the Executive Council in the dais, the Chairperson explained the efforts he has made in this regard during the first convocation. However, the same were not successful in view of certain protocol and security restrictions imposed by the President's Secretariat. However, he has assured that the views of the Hon'ble Members have been fully noted and every effort will be made to provide seating arrangements for the members of Executive Council in the dais from the next convocation onwards.

**6.03.5** Considering various points made by the members about the Convocation dress, Shri Bezbaruah suggested that the University may arrange a brainstorming meeting to decide about the robes/dress and other related issues. The Chairperson informed the House all the suggestions/observations of the Hon'ble Members will be duly noted and considered by the University.

**6.03.6** With the above remarks, the House noted the performance highlights presented before it by the Chairperson.

EC:06:04	Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Council held on 08.03.2010
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**Minutes:**

**6.04.1** The Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Executive Council held on 08.03.2010 which was placed as **Annexure – EC VI 01** was confirmed by the House



<b>EC:06:05</b>	<b>Action taken report on the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Council held on 08.03.2010</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.05.1** The Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the Last meeting of the Executive Council held on 08.03.2010 which was placed as **Annexure – EC VI 02** was confirmed by the House.

<b>EC:06:06</b>	<b>Report on the very First Convocation of the University</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.06.1** The House considered the Report of the very First Convocation of the University and noted it.

<b>EC:06:07</b>	<b>Report of Inspection Committee - Pakim Palatine College</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.07.1** The House considered elaborately the agenda item placed before it and also the recommendations of the Academic Council on the issue. The House noted that the Academic Council has collectively considered the issue and recommended for introduction of maximum two new courses by each of the affiliated college from the Academic Session 2010-11 subject to fulfillment of various stipulations made in the Reports of the respective Committees of Inspection.

**6.07.2** On this issue, Prof Shivraj Singh desired to know the view point of the Chairperson. The Chairperson explained that in general he accepts the recommendations of the Academic Council. Dr. Ananadkrishnan mentioned that it should be ensured that in each of the college who have applied for introduction of new courses there must be available minimum number of qualified teachers from the first year itself. The University also should come out with clear-cut norms on the issue as it would be unfair to the students for lab-oriented courses if minimum facilities are not provided by the colleges. To overcome this problem, the University may consider opening up an “Inter-collegiate dedicated lab” in the forms of University Resource Centre for the use by the science students of the affiliated colleges and



the University alike. He mentioned that starting up of such facilities by the University is also being encouraged by the University Grants Commission.

**6.07.3** The House also considered in detail the recommendations made by the First and Second Committees of Inspection on Pakim Palantine College and noted that while there has been some improvement made by the college as per the report of the second inspection committee, yet the college has not fully developed the required infrastructure. The House also expressed concern about the fact that the College has applied to start Lab oriented under graduate courses like Microbiology without adequate infrastructure. At the same time the House noted that that college is remotely located (which was explained in detail by the Chairperson) and about 22 Kms around there is no other functional college.

**6.07.4** With the above facts taken into consideration, the House recommended that the college may be allowed to start two courses of its choice for the academic session 2010-11. The University also shall make it clear that the affiliation for the new course is purely provisional and shall be subject to inspection and fulfillment of all required parameters as recommended by the Inspection Committee.

EC:06:08	Report of Inspection Committee - Government College, Rhenock
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**Minutes:**

**6.08.1** The House considered the recommendations made by the Inspection Committee in detail and also noted that the Academic Council has recommended for approval of two courses for starting from the Academic Session 2010-11 at Government College, Rhenock. On this, Shri S K Pradhan representing the HRDD Secretary of Government of Sikkim requested the House to consider the issue liberally keeping in view of the academic needs of the State of Sikkim, particularly the geographical area catered to by the Government College, Rhenock. The House noted the view point made. At the same time, it has also been understood that if all the seven courses applied for by this College are allowed then it would require at least 24 more faculties for Honours stream and 15 for General stream covering the period of six semesters.

**6.08.2** The House noted that this would put great strain on the Government of Sikkim to find qualified faculties when the State is already has shortage of qualified faculties in other Government Colleges. While fully appreciating the view points made by the Hon'ble Member from the Government of Sikkim,



yet in view of constraints mentioned in the Reports of Inspection, the House agreed with the recommendations made by the Academic Council for allowing only two new courses.

**6.08.3** The House accordingly approved starting up of two courses of its choice by the college from the Academic Session 2010-11 with the stipulation that the permission to conduct these new courses is purely provisional and shall be subject to inspection and fulfillment of all required parameters as recommended by the Inspection Committee.

<b>EC:06:09</b>	<b>Report of Inspection Committee - Damber Singh College</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.09.1** The House studied in detail the recommendations made by the Academic Council and agreed with it.

**6.09.2** Accordingly, the House approved starting of two courses of its choice by the college from the Academic Session 2010-11 with the stipulation that the permission to conduct these new courses is purely provisional and shall be subject to inspection and fulfillment of all required parameters as recommended by the Inspection Committee.

<b>EC:06:10</b>	<b>Report of Inspection Committee - Namchi Government College</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.10.1** The House considered the recommendations made by the Inspection Committee in detail and also noted that the Academic Council has recommended for approval of two new courses to start from the Academic Session 2010-11 at Namchi Government College. The House also noted that the Second Team of Inspection has recommended only one course for the College. At this juncture, the Chairperson informed the House that through this forum the University would like to place a request to Government of Sikkim to review the position obtained in all the Government colleges with regard to the infrastructure, faculty members and also admission policy. Sikkim University is trying to convey to State Government that every action taken by it is in the overall interest of improving the academic fervor and



standard of education in the State. The University is largely inclined to help the Government of Sikkim in its effort to bring in quality education delivered to the students in Sikkim.

**6.10.2** Accordingly, the House approved starting of two courses of its choice by the college from the Academic Session 2010-11 with the stipulation that the permission to conduct these new courses is purely provisional and shall be subject to inspection and fulfillment of all required parameters as recommended by the Inspection Committee.

EC:06:11	Report of Inspection Committee - Government B.Ed College, Soreng
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**Minutes:**

**6.11.1** The House considered the Agenda item in detail. During discussion the Chairperson *inter-alia* mentioned that it would be desirable if the Government of Sikkim could permit Sikkim University to conduct the SLET. The House agreed with this and requested the Chairperson to take up this matter with the State Government. Shri S.K.Pradhan explained in detail to the House of the efforts made by the Government of Sikkim in setting up the Government B.Ed College at Soreng and its ambition to bring in quality teacher education at affordable cost to the people of the State.

**6.11.2** The House also considered the copy of the Inspection Report of NCTE obtained by the University on this college which was circulated among the members during the meeting. The House noted that many of the facts reported therein are inconsistent and contrary to the findings of the University Inspection team. The House also appreciated the efforts taken by the Vice-Chancellor in bringing to light before the House the chaotic and unscientific manner in which the NCTE Inspection report was prepared. It was stated that probably the Vice Chancellor of Sikkim University is only VC in the country to highlight such defects in the functioning of the NCTE. Prof Ananadkrishnan stated that being a Government College, the Government should adhere to all norms in setting it up. Shri S K Pradhan representing the Government of Sikkim reiterated that the House should consider the request of affiliation considering the need of the State.

**6.11.3** The House suggested that the University should take up with NCTE the lacunae in its Inspection Report and also the fact that the signature of the representative from the University was not taken in the Report submitted to the NCTE and later sent to Sikkim University.



**6.11.4** Considering various issues mentioned and also the recommendations made by the University Inspection Team in its report the House approved the proposal to grant affiliation to the College from the Academic Session 2010-11 provisionally with a time frame to Government of Sikkim to put in place all the required infrastructure as mentioned in the Inspection Committee's report.

<b>EC:06:12</b>	<b>Approval of the Syllabus for Integrated Course in Chinese Language</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.12.1** The House discussed various important concepts in making of the curriculum. It was stated that the Curriculum shall be designed with the element of concept, adding/focusing on local problems, importance of class room discussions etc. The House was apprised about the concise terms of reference given to each of the Curriculum Development Committee (CDC) in Sikkim University. The members of the CDC itself are drawn from a diverse set of reputed academic and professional institutions and other stakeholders to make the Curriculum very realistic, socially relevant and academically rigorous. The Chairperson explained to the House the University's constant endeavors not only in designing new inter-disciplinary curriculum at both the College and University levels but also reviewing the existing curriculum by the team(s) of experts for its consistent improvement.

**6.12.2** The House deeply commended the efforts and the innovative designs in the curriculum development and also suggested that these new measures and contents may be made known to other Universities.

**6.12.3** After duly considering the CDC Report and the recommendations of the Academic Council the House approved the Syllabus for integrated course in Chinese Language.

<b>EC:06:13</b>	<b>Approval of the Syllabus for Post Graduate Course in Geography and Natural Resource Management</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.13.1** The House started with the discussion on the emerging concept of "learning to learn". The House felt that the syllabus shall provide for creative thinking and learning and training process should





be an integral part of the curriculum. Modules of hand on training should be adequately inserted in the curriculum. Prof. Anandkrishnan stated that actually syllabus is a classical system and the scope for cross-disciplinary learning has to be adequately inserted in the syllabus. Prof. Shivraj Singh observed while designing syllabus the concept of credit transfer should be kept in mind. The pillars of learning like learning to know, learning to do, learning to be in a group and learning to lead should find adequate space in the curriculum. Prof Suryawanshi observed that the syllabus shall be 90% of All India Character and 10% shall be to meet the need of the region. Prof. Mrinal Miri observed that actual syllabus is not important. What is important is how the syllabus will engage the teachers in their interaction with the students and how a teacher puts students in touch with the ongoing issues. CDCs should take stock of the discipline i.e. the history is of crucial importance. The syllabus should also have preamble on the discipline.

**6.13.2** After the above discussions, the House approved the syllabus for PG course in Geography and Natural Resources Management.

<b>EC:06:14</b>	<b>Approval of the Syllabus for Post Graduate Course in Chemical Sciences</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.14.1** The House duly considered the recommendations of the Academic Council and approved the Syllabus for MSc course in Chemical Sciences.

<b>EC:06:15</b>	<b>Approval of the Syllabus for Post Graduate Course in Mass communication</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.15.1** The House duly considered the recommendations of the Academic Council and approved the Syllabus for MA course in Mass Communication.



<b>EC:06:16</b>	<b>Approval of the Syllabus for Post Graduate Course in Economics</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.16.1** The House duly considered the recommendations of the Academic Council and approved the Syllabus for MSc course in Economics.

**6.16.2** During discussion, Prof Anandakrishan mentioned that based on the above deliberations on curriculum designing the University may request the Academic Council to delve into arrive at a framework of standardization of the process of curriculum designing.

<b>EC:06:17</b>	<b>Approval of syllabus for M.Phil/Ph.D.in Microbiology</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.17.1** The House duly considered the recommendations of the Academic Council and approved the Syllabus of M.Phil/Ph.D in Microbiology.

<b>EC:06:18</b>	<b>Approval of syllabus for M.Phil/Ph.D.in International Relations</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.18.1** The House duly considered the recommendations of the Academic Council and approved the Syllabus of M.Phil/Ph.D in International Relations.

<b>EC:06:19</b>	<b>Approval of syllabus for M.Phil/Ph.D.in Sociology</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.19.1** The House duly considered the recommendations of the Academic Council and approved the Syllabus of M.Phil/Ph.D in Sociology.



<b>EC:06:20</b>	<b>Approval of syllabus for M.Phil/Ph.D.in Peace &amp; Conflict Studies</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.20.1** The House duly considered the recommendations of the Academic Council and approved the Syllabus of M.Phil/Ph.D in Peace & Conflict Studies.

<b>EC:06:21</b>	<b>Guidelines for availing of Semester Break for students of the University Departments and Affiliated Colleges.</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.21.1** The House considered the agenda item in detail and noted that a suitable clause shall be added in the Ordinance on Examination for availing semester break which will be brought in the form of amendment through the Academic Council to the Executive Council separately. The House again commended the University management team for bringing forth this new and innovative idea for the benefits of the students.

**6.21.2** Considering the above, House approved provisionally to implement the proposal with immediate effect so that many students in Affiliated Colleges and in the University Departments can derive benefit out of this from the Monsoon Semester commencing from July 2010. It was observed that such an ordinance should be brought to the Executive Council within a reasonable time frame.

<b>EC:06:22</b>	<b>Amendment to Ordinance of Examination on Credit &amp; Grading System</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.22.1** The draft amendment to the Ordinance of Examination on Credit & Grading System was placed before the House and the House duly considered it. It was observed by the House that credit system should be flexible enough for the students who take longer time to complete the course and University shall consider this aspect while introducing the concept .

**6.22.2** With the above observations, the House approved the Ordinance.



<b>EC:06:23</b>	<b>Request of HPI for introduction of new discipline of M.Pharm Course</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.23.1** The House considered the Agenda item in depth and agreed with the recommendations of the Academic Council that the concerned College should be informed in unequivocal terms that the new course and the intake **must not be started** from the Academic Year 2010-11 and granting of permission for the same will be considered by the University based on merits for the Year 2011-12 only. The request can't be entertained for the current academic session starting July 2010.

<b>EC:06:24</b>	<b>Request for establishment of Himalayan Institute of Engineering Technology</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.24.1** The House considered the recommendation of the Academic Council on the agenda item and agreed that it would not be possible to consider the request for grant of affiliation unless the University has its own Engineering Department. The House directed the University to communicate the above decision to Rhenock Educational Society.

<b>EC:06:25</b>	<b>Constitution of Second Academic Council</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.25.1** The Chairperson briefed the House that the first Academic Council of the University was constituted during July 2008 and the First Executive Council was constituted during February 2008 for a period of three years. As the tenure of both these statutory bodies are soon coming to an end, these bodies need to be reconstituted by brining fresh statutes.

**6.25.2** The House considered the agenda item related to this draft statute to reconstitute the Academic Council and the recommendation of the Academic Council and approved the same for submission to the Ministry of Human Resource Development.



<b>EC:06:26</b>	<b>Constitution of Second Executive Council</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.26.1** After duly considering the agenda item related to this draft statute to reconstitute the Executive Council and the House approved the same for submission to Ministry of Human Resource Development.

<b>EC:06:27</b>	<b>Statute for setting up of various Schools and Departments</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.27.1** The House considered the Draft Statute on setting up of various Schools and Departments. As regards the School of Social Sciences, it was suggested that the name of the School shall be modified as **“School of Humanities & Social Sciences”**.

**6.27.2** With the above modification, the House approved the Statute for submission to Ministry of Human Resource Development.

<b>EC:06:28</b>	<b>Ordinance on the Convocations of the University for the conferring of degrees or for other purposes</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.28.1** The House after duly considering the recommendations made by the Academic Council approved the Ordinance on the Convocations of the University for the conferring of degrees or for other purposes.

<b>EC:06:29</b>	<b>Regulations on holding of Convocations of the University for the conferring of degree or for other purposes</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.29.1** The House considered the Regulations on holding of Convocation and the recommendations of the Academic Council thereof and accordingly approved the same.



<b>EC:06:30</b>	<b>Regulations on Award of Gold Medals</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.30.1** The House considered the Regulations on Award of Gold Medals and the recommendations of the Academic Council thereof and approved the same.

<b>FC:06:31</b>	<b>Approval of Annual Accounts for the year 2009-10</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.31.1** The House duly considered the Annual Accounts for the year 2009-10 and the recommendations of the Finance Committee and approved the same for submission to the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for audit.

**GROUP II – ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION**

<b>EC:06:32</b>	<b>Appointment of non-teaching staff and revision of salaries</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.32.1** The House considered the agenda item and ratified the same.

<b>EC:06:33</b>	<b>To ratify the assignment of charge of office of the Registrar to Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Controller of Examination</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.33.1** The House considered the agenda item and ratified the same.



**GROUP III – ITEMS FOR NOTING**

<b>EC:06:34</b>	<b>Results of Entrance Examination for admission in 2010-11</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.34.1** The House considered with interest the Agenda item placed before it. The Chairperson informed the House about 24 entrance tests centres spread over the country and one each in Bhutan and Nepal and the smooth conduct of the same by the faculty members of the University. The Chairperson explained to the House about the encouraging response the University has received to its various courses from all over the country and also the results of the entrance examination.

**6.34.2** The House noted the same with deep appreciation.

<b>EC:06:35</b>	<b>Budget Vs. Actuals</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.35.1** The House noted the item.

<b>EC:06:36</b>	<b>Internal Audit Report for the Year 2009-10</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.36.1** The House considered the item in detail. The House suggested that various recommendations made by the Internal Auditors be implemented by the University immediately. Shri Bezbaruah directed that the University to submit an Action Taken Report on the recommendations of the Internal Auditors for the information of the House in its next meeting.



EC:06:37

**Teaching Positions of the University and their filling up process**

**Minutes:**

**6.37.1** The Chairperson explained to the House of the efforts taken by the University in filling up the Teaching and Non-Teaching Positions on regular basis. The House after considering the agenda item in detail noted the same.

EC:06:38

**Status of acquisition of Land for the University at Yangang, South Sikkim**

**Minutes:**

**6.38.1** The House considered the agenda item in great detail and discussed the issue very elaborately. The House expressed concern that the delay in getting the land acquired at Yangang and handing it over to the University is causing lot of difficulties in implementing its academic programmes. The process of handing over of the land has not started. This is despite the fact that the University has already received three letters from the State Government asking to take over the land. The house also noted that these delays could have serious financial implications and the interest of the stakeholders to move to the campus from its present locations in Gangtok could also decline if it is further delayed. The House appreciated the efforts taken by the Government of Sikkim in getting the land acquired for the University. The House desired to know the reasons for delay in handing over from Shri SK Pradhan from Government of Sikkim. Shri Pradhan replied to the House that all efforts are taken by the Government of Sikkim to get the land handed over to the University quickly. It was stated that the DC (South) was already been instructed to handover the land to the University.

**6.38.2** The Chairperson briefed the House about the further courses of action to be taken by the University once the land is handed over. One important action is to constitute the Committees of Experts i.e. Campus Development Board from various fields to advise the University in planning and construction of the Campus. The House authorised the Vice-Chancellor to constitute expert committees as desired. The Chairperson also desired to have an Apex Committee be set up by the University to oversee all the operations which was also agreed to by the House.





<b>EC:06:39</b>	<b>Recruitment of Teaching Faculty</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.39.1** The House considered the agenda item in detail. The Chairperson also briefly explained to the House of the various actions taken by the University on this front. The House noted the reports made. Prof. Ananandakrishnan suggested that the University may also consider that it can adopt flexibility in offering of emoluments to deserving candidates which can be decided by the Selection Committee at the time of interview. This will help the University in getting promising candidates to fill up the positions advertised for.

<b>EC:06:40</b>	<b>Additional Statutes on Authorities of the University</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.40.1** This item was placed before the House but could not be discussed. The House agreed with the agenda item proposed by circulation.

<b>EC:06:41</b>	<b>Recruitment of Non-Teaching Staff</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.41.1** The House considered the Agenda item and authorised the Vice-Chancellor to constitute the Selection Committees to the posts which may inter-alia also consist of Hon'ble Members from Executive Council and Academic Council.

<b>EC:06:42</b>	<b>Recruitment Rules for Teaching &amp; Non-Teaching Staff</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.42.2** The House approved the Ordinances on Recruitment Rules for Teaching & Non-Teaching Staff.



EC:06:43	Any other item with the permission of the Chair
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**6.43.1** There being no other Agenda item, the meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

**Sd/-**  
**(P.V.Ravi)**  
**Finance Officer**  
**Secretary-in-Charge, Executive Council**