

# UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, MEGHALAYA



## Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the Academic Council

Held on June 20, 2015

Time: 11.30 am

Venue: Conference Hall, USTM

The sixth meeting of the Academic Council of University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) was held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 under the Chairmanship of Dr. P. G. Rao, Honourable Vice Chancellor of USTM. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12 noon. After extending formal welcome to all the members, he informed the Council the inability of Dr. H. K. Barua & Dr. Bakhtiar Hussain to attend the meeting due to pre occupations. The Council noted the same (the list of the members present is attached as Annexure-1). Then the Chairman briefed the members about the major developments and activities as well as the achievements of the University since last Academic Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2014.

Following members were present at the meeting:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Dr. P. G. Rao	Chairman
2.	Ms. Anju Hazarika	Secretary
3.	Mr. N. Laskar	Member
4.	Dr. R. C. Baruah	Member
5.	Dr. R. K. Sharma	Member
6.	Dr. F. A. Barbhuiya	Member
7.	Dr. Razina Ahmed	Special Invitee
8.	Dr. A. N. S. Ahmed	Member
9.	Dr. J. R. Barbora	Member
10.	Dr. K. Ismail	Member
11.	Dr. Alaka Sharma	Member
12.	Mr. Amit Choudhury	Member
13.	Dr. C. R. Sarkar	Special Invitee
14.	Dr. Ranee Das	Member
15.	Dr. Parbin Sultna	Special Invitee
16.	Dr. S. C. Das	Member
17.	Dr. Abdur Rashid	Member
18.	Dr. Abdul Wahab	Member
19.	Dr. K. K. Kakati	Member
20.	Dr. M. Ali	Member
21.	Dr. M. J. Nath	Special Invitee
22.	Dr. S. K. Barthakur	Member

After the briefing, the Chairman took up the agenda of the meeting for discussion.

**AGENDA NO. : 6.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2014**

The proceedings of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 duly approved by the Chairman were circulated among the members.

**ACA:06:15:01:** As no comments/suggestions were received, the Academic Council has resolved to confirm the proceedings.

## **AGENDA NO. : 6.2: Action taken report**

A report on the follow up action taken prepared based on the resolutions adopted by the Academic Council on November 8, 2014 was briefed by the Chairman. The members discussed on certain points.

**ACA:06:15:02:** The Academic Council approved the action taken report after few modification i.e. Disaster management will be introduced as an optional subject in both UG & PG courses (in 6<sup>th</sup> semester for UG & in 4<sup>th</sup> semester for PG) from the academic session 2015-16.

## **AGENDA NO. : 6.3: Seats for Admission**

### **6.3.1 : Proposal for allotment of seats for admission to the different degree programmes of the University for the session 2015-16**

PQH School of Education has an intake capacity of 100 seats in 1 unit for B.Ed. programme. The school have applied to Eastern Regional Committee, National Council for Teachers' Education (NCTE), Bhubaneswar for altering the intake in 2 units with 50 seats for each unit from the academic session 2015-16, as per the guidelines of NCTE. In addition the school have also applied for 1 more additional unit of 50 seats for the academic session 2016-17.

**ACA:06:15:03:01:** The Academic Council has approved & ratified the same

### **6.3.2 : Proposal for the reservation of seats for admission of the candidates under different categories**

The list of proposed intake capacity for each course along with the policy for reservation of seats (10% seats for candidates from Meghalaya domicile & 2 seats in each course for candidates from the state of Jammu & Kashmir) was circulated to the members.

**ACA:06:15:03:02:** The Academic Council approved the same with a note that there is no hard & fast rule of reservation for a private University.

## **AGENDA NO. : 6.4: Introduction of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)**

**6.4.1:** It is proposed to adopt the new Choice Based Credit System in all programmes and initiative for credit exchange among the universities.

**ACA:06:15:04:** The Academic Council has resolved, following UGC notification, to introduce Choice Based Credit System across all programmes of the university from the ensuing academic session (2015-16).

## **AGENDA NO. : 6.5: Introduction of New Courses/Closure of existing courses**

### **6.5.1: Closure of Existing Courses:**

Due to lack of student's demand, admissions for the following courses have been proposed to be stopped in the academic year 2015-16:

- i) BA Psychology
- ii) MA Education
- iii) MA Psychology

