

**Proceedings of the meeting of the  
Academic Council of Gauhati University  
held on  
08.11.2019**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> November, 2019 AT 11:00 AM IN PD HALL**  
**GAUHATI UNIVERSITY**

**Members Present:**

List enclosed.

**A. Welcome address**

The Academic Registrar welcomed all the members present in the Academic Council meeting and he requested the Honourable Vice-Chancellor Prof. P. J. Handique to take the Chair.

Accordingly, Prof. P. J. Handique took the Chair to preside over the meeting and therefore brought the meeting to order.

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members of the Council, specially welcomed all the new members. He requested all the members to extend their support and cooperation while conducting the meeting.

**Resolution No: AC-02/2019/A**

*Resolved that the welcome address be noted.*

**B. Condolence Resolutions:**

The meeting of the Academic Council held on 08.11.2019 mourned the sad demise of Prof. Abdulah Ali Ashraff, HoD, Anthropology, G.U., Prof. Tabu Ram Taid, Prof. Dilip Kumar Dutta, Professor Emeritus of University of Rhoté Island, Dr. Parikshit Hazarika, Former HoD, Department of Assamese and Prof. Annada Charan Bhagawati, former Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, retired Professor of G.U. by observing one minute silence.

**Resolution No: AC-02/2019/B**

*Resolved that the Condolence resolution be noted and be sent to the concerned families of the deceased persons and to the Press.*

**C. Confirmation of the Proceedings of the last Academic Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.**

"Although the matter of CGPA conversion was discussed in the meeting of Academic Council held on 29/03/2018 and resolved as "Resolved the matter to multiply CGPA  $\times$  10 to find the percentage. A notification to be issued with retrospective effect from 2008 where the CGPA earned by a candidate may be converted to equivalent percentage of marks by multiplying the CGPA by 10 (Ten)" which was further confirmed in the meeting of Academic Council held on 07/02/2019. But the decision was not implemented through a Notification because of various representations, objections and concerns raised from various

Signed on 30/11/2019

angles subsequently. It is also to be noted that related issues have already reached Gauhati High Court and received court notice. In view of this, the matter needs further discussions.”

Subsequent Note from the Controller of Examinations, GU

*“The CGPA conversion formula for relative grading system, converts CGPA to percentage of marks using different formulas. It is different for CGPA upto 9.5 and CGPA above 9.5 Also one formula is used for Science, Tech, Eng., Medicine, Com., Management & MBE and another formula is used for Arts, Law & Fine Arts. A 9.5 CGPA of Arts is converted to 67.5%, whereas a 9.9 CGPA is converted to 93.5%.*

*A 9.5 CGPA at many other Universities are converted to either 95% or 90%. Dissatisfactions on this have been received by this office also.*

*In view of this a detailed discussion may be required for formulating a academically perfect & student friendly system.”*

Discussed the matter.

The Council is of the opinion that Assamese language is being used where possible and appropriate, but for dissemination, use of English is mandatory.

Matter regarding CGPA conversion formula, the members of the Council deliberated on the matter and finally decided to constitute a Committee for going through pros & cons and to arrive at the conclusion.

**Resolution No: AC-02/2019/C**

Resolved that a committee for the purpose of constructing CGPA formula for conversion to percentage be constituted with the following members:

1. Prof. Akhil Ranjan Dutta, Dept. of Pol.Sc., GU
2. Prof. Kuntala Patra, Dept. of Mathematics, GU
3. Prof. B.P. Duorah, Dept. of Geology, GU
4. Prof. Shikhar Kumar Sarma, Dept. IT, GU
5. Prof. Nandana Dutta, Dept. of English, GU
6. Prof. Hem Chandra Gautam, Dept. of Commerce, GU
7. Dr. Dharmendra Nath, Principal, SB Deora College
8. Dr. Sanjib Goswami, Kamrup Colege
9. Dr. Sarat Borkataki, Principal, Nowgong College
10. Controller of Examinations: Convenor

Resolved also that new CGPA formula be implemented prospectively.

#### AGENDA ITEMS:

1. *Approval of Regulations, Courses and Syllabi & introduction of new courses:*
  - i. Proposal for amendments of regulations of the UGCBCS, 2019
  - ii. Syllabus of BA/ BSc/ BCom/ BVoc courses under UG-CBCS, 2019.
  - iii. Syllabus for 6-month certificate course in Analytical and Computational Chemistry passed in the Faculty of Science meeting held on 06/05/2019

- iv. Syllabus of **MSc in Environmental Science**, Department of Environmental Science, GU passed in the Faculty of Science on 26/06/2019
- v. Syllabus of **MSc in Mathematics**, Department of Mathematics, GU passed in the Faculty of Science on 31/07/2019
- vi. Syllabus of **BVoc** courses in **Herbal Processing Technology** passed in the Faculty of Science on 31/07/2019
- vii. Proposal for amendments regulations of Diploma in Yoga (approved by Hon'ble VC on 04/10/2019)
- viii. Syllabus (minor revision) of **M.Sc in Instrumentation and Applied Physics** passed in the Faculty of Technology on 02/09/2019
- ix. Matter regarding commencement of Lateral Entry Programme in Bachelor of Physiotherapy Course (BPT) from the Academic Session 2019-20 in College of Physiotherapy & Medical Sciences passed in the Faculty of Medicine & Allied Health Sciences on 26/06/2019.
- x. Approval of **Certificate course in Japanese Language & Culture** under the department of **Foreign Language** passed in the Faculty of Arts held on 07/11/2019.
- xi. Approval of revised **PG syllabus** in the department of **Persian**
- xii. Approval of revised **PG syllabus** in the department of **English**
- xiii. Approval of revised **PG syllabus** in the department of **Arabic**
- xiv. Approval of minor change in **PGDCWT**, – Practical Creative Writing and Translation in lieu of Dissertation in **GU Institute of North East India Studies**
- xv. Approval of 1 year **PG Diploma** course in **Persian Language**
- xvi. Approval of revised syllabus of **BA & BCom** under CBCS for **ODL** in **GUIDOL**
- xvii. Approval of **M.Tech Syllabus** in the **department of Bioengineering & Technology**
- xviii. Approval of syllabus of **B.Voc** in **Food Processing (Agri)**

**Discussed the matters and resolved as -**

**For i Proposal for amendments of regulations of the UGCBCS, 2019**

**Prof. Nishar Ahmed Baruah explained the subjects.**

**The Council decided that these be accepted subject to receipt of feedback from the Colleges.**

**For ii. Syllabus of BA/ BSc/ BCom/ BVoc courses under UG-CBCS, 2019.**

**The Council decided that these be accepted subject to receipt of feedback from the Colleges.**

**For xvii, Approval of M.Tech Syllabus in the department of Bioengineering & Technology**

**The Council suggested the change of the name of the course to M.Tech in Bioengineering & Technology. The GUIST Department to be informed to incorporate the change.**

**2. Approval of the following CCS, DAC & DRC:**

- i. CCS (PG) in the department of Instrumentation and Applied Physics
- ii. CCS (UG) in the department of Physics
- iii. CCS (UG) & CCS (PG) in the department of Hindi
- iv. CCS (UG) in the department of Political Science
- v. CCS(UG) & CCS(PG) in the department of Bodo
- vi. CCS(UG) & CCS(PG) in the department of ELT
- vii. CCS(UG) in the department of Psychology
- viii. CCS(UG) & CCS(PG) in the department of Information Technology
- ix. CCS (UG) in Geological Science.
- x. Revised CCS (PG) in Women's Studies

Discussed the matters and resolved as -

**After deliberation, the Council decided to approve as proposed.**

**3. Discussion on conversion and reconversion of teaching posts**

*Note from the Dean, Faculty of Science as stated below and approved in the Faculty meeting held on 7/11/2019:*

**“Instructions and procedure for the conversion-reconversion of the posts**

It is felt that a procedural guideline is necessary for the conversion and reconversion of teaching posts under pressing circumstance. The Academic Council has already approved the conversion of a post of higher grade to a post of lower grade in the departments of Gauhati University, if no suitable candidate is found. However, there is no detailed instruction/procedure to this effect. Hence the following rules are suggested for approval by Academic Council.

***Rule of Conversion***

**Rule 1.** If after advertisement for two time for filling up of a post of Professor in a subject no candidate applies or no candidate is found suitable, the concerned department after approval in the DAC, may convert this post to post of Associate or Assistant Professor as the situation demands at that time and arrange for advertisement for a post of Associate Professor or Assistant Professor in lieu of a post of Professor by keeping the post of Professor in abeyance/suspension.

**Rule 2.** It after advertisement for two times for filling up of a post of Associate Professor in a subject no candidate applied or no candidate is found suitable, the department after approval in the DAC may convert this post to a post of Assistant Professor as the situation demands at that time and arrange for advertisement for a post of Assistant Professor in lieu of a post of Associate Professor by keeping the post of Associate Professor in abeyance/suspension.

***Rules of Reconversion***

**Rule 3.** If at any point of time the concerned DAC decides to apply for the reconversion to the post in higher grade kept in abeyance. It is possible when.

- i) A post of Professor was converted to a post of Associate Professor, then there must be a vacant position of Associate Professor in the department at the time of reconversion.
- ii) A post of Professor was converted to a post of Assistant Professor, then there must be a vacant position of Assistant Professor in the department at the time of reconversion.
- iii) A post of Associate Professor was converted to a post of Assistant Professor, then there must be a vacant position of Assistant Professor in the department at the time of reconversion."

The Vice-Chancellor opined that conversion of teaching post, and that too the posts of Professor is serious matter. He said that decision should not be taken hurriedly, otherwise the status of a department may suffer.

The House agreed to him.

**The Council decided to defer the case for further examination of the Vice-Chancellor.**

4. Discussion on Language of Thesis in Folklore Department.

*[The Faculty meeting held on 7/11/2019 resolved to accept Assamese as one of the language to write Thesis in the Department of Folklore]*

The members deliberated on the matter and debarred the item.

5. Approval of subject Experts for the following departments:

- i. Biotechnology
- ii. Environmental Science
- iii. Instrumentation and USIC
- iv. Mathematics
- v. Folklore Research
- vi. Computer Science

- vii. Law
- viii. Physics
- ix. Political Science
- x. Anthropology
- xi. Bengali
- xii. Information Technology
- xiii. Sociology
- xiv. Statistics
- xv. Zoology
- xvi. Geography
- xvii. Economics
- xviii. Library and Information Science
- xix. Electronics and Communication Engineering
- xx. Arabic
- xxi. Persian
- xxii. Hindi
- xxiii. Assamese
- xxiv. Applied sciences
- xxv. Bioengineering and Technology
- xxvi. Communication and Journalism
- xxvii. Botany
- xxviii. Bodo
- xxix. Women's Studies
- xxx. History
- xxxi. MIL & Literary Studies
- xxxii. Geological Sciences
- xxxiii. Linguistics

**The Council approved the lists of Experts for the Selection Committee Meetings of teaching posts as proposed and recommended to the Executive Council for its approval.**

#### **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1) Prof. M. P. Bora raised the matter of Credit Transfer in case of students who intends to get transferred to G.U. from other Universities.

**The Vice-Chancellor said that he would initiate a discussion very shortly in this regard.**

2) Regulations for opening of P.G. Department in colleges came up for discussion.

The Vice-Chancellor assured to look into the matter and bring the matter in the next Academic Council Meeting.

Few members raised the question about some colleges/institution who without getting NOC are running course of other universities also.

The Council opined this to be not fair and the members of the Council requested the Vice-Chancellor to examine.

Few members raised the matter related to regulations on Online Courses

The Vice Chancellor suggests to apply for E-content Development Centre to CEC (Centre for Educational Communication).

7. Vote of thanks.

As there is no matter to discuss the meeting ended with the vote of thanks from the Academic Registrar.

Vice Chancellor  
Gauhati University

Academic Registrar  
Gauhati University