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## **Minutes of the tenth meeting of the Academic Council**

**Girijananda Chowdhury University, Assam**

**Date: 11<sup>th</sup> April'25 (Friday)**

**Time: 10:30 a.m.**

**Venue: Conference room**

**(Ground floor, Main Academic Building)**

The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Mr. Jasodaranjan Das-President, SSA Society
2. Prof. Jayanta Deka-Chancellor (Special Invitee)
3. Prof. Kandarpa Das- Vice-Chancellor
4. Mr. Arupananda Chowdhury, Joint Secretary, SSA Society
5. Prof. Dipankar Saha, Registrar
6. Prof. Amar Saikia- Dean (Academics)
7. Mr. Kishor Kumar Choudhury- COE
8. Dr. Sunayan Bordoloi- Dean, School of Natural Sciences
9. Prof. S. Robert Ravi-Dean, School of Engineering and Technology
10. Dr. Shantanu Chakraborty- Dean, School of Humanities & Social Sciences
11. Dr. Abdul Baquee Ahmed-Principal, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Tezpur campus
12. Dr. Bhanu P Sahu-Dean, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
13. Dr. Damiki Laloo-Head, Department of Pharmacognosy
14. Dr. Moytri Sarmah – Dean, Student Affairs
15. Dr. Minakshi Gogoi-Head, Department of Computer Science and Engineering
16. Dr. Mukta Ranjan Singha, Head- Department of Computer Applications
17. Dr. Nilanjana Deb-Head, Department of Business Administration
18. Dr. Anindita Bora-Head, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering
19. Dr. Rachel Kabi- Head, Department of Sociology and Social Work
20. Dr. Lipi Goswami- Head(i/c), Department of Physics
21. Dr. Jun Moni Kalita- Head, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry
22. Dr. Madhumita Mahanta- Head(i/c), Department of Mathematics
23. Dr. Swarnali Pathak- Head(i/c), Department of Chemistry
24. Dr. Sampurna Bhuyan –Head(i/c), Department of Economics
25. Dr. Sandip Bordoloi-Head, Department of Electrical Engineering



26. Dr. Debarshi Mallick- Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering
27. Manashi Devi- Head(i/c), Department of English and Foreign Languages
28. Dr. Barsha Chhetri-Head (i/c), Department of Education
29. Dr. Puja Sen - Head (i/c), Department of Mass Communication and Journalism
30. Dr. Nijumoni Das – Head (i/c), Department of Law
31. Dr. Manoj Khaund- Head (i/c), Dept. of Commerce
32. Dr. Palakshi Sharma- Head (i/c), Dept. of Psychology
33. Dr. Subarna Shankar Das (PT)- Asst. Professor, Allied Health Sciences

Mr. Bijoyananda Chowdhury, Secretary, SSA Society; Ms. Kunki Chowdhury, Member, SSA Society; Dr. Vidhya Srinivasan- Head, Department of MLT and Dr. Suman Hazarika were granted leave of absence.

**AC.10/2025-04/01:**

**Welcome Address and Appraisal Report by the Vice Chancellor.**

The Vice-Chancellor of Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU), Prof. Kandarpa Das, warmly welcomed all members to the Academic Council meeting and expressed his appreciation for their continued engagement and support in furthering the university's mission. He then presented a comprehensive appraisal of the university's key developments since the last meeting held on 7th February 2025.

Prof. Das began by announcing the appointment of Prof. Jogen Ch. Kalita, Professor of Zoology and Dean of the Faculty of Science at Gauhati University, as the Ombudsperson of GCU, effective from 24th March 2025 and the joining of several new faculty members across departments, including both senior and visiting appointments.

The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the successful organization of Varsity Week and cultural events across campuses, which saw enthusiastic student involvement. Among the major events since the previous meeting, the organization of "EUPHUISM-2025", at the Guwahati Campus held from 5th to 8th March, which featured over 28 cultural and sports competitions with enthusiastic student participation. Similarly, the Tezpur Campus hosted "RONGMON-2025" on 28th February, creating a vibrant platform for students to showcase their talents.

A significant achievement was GCU's participation in the 38th AIU National Inter-University Youth Festival at Amity University, Noida, from 3rd to 7th March 2025. Eight students represented GCU and won several awards: a Silver Medal in Western Solo Song (Charlene Mahalia), Bronze Medals in both Western Group Song and Mimicry (Ayon Chila Oja). These accomplishments reflected the growing excellence and national visibility of GCU's student community.

On the academic front, the Centre for Legal Studies submitted an application for approval of its BA LLB programme to the Bar Council of India on 23rd December 2024, which is currently under review. Regarding accreditations, the Vice-Chancellor informed that the pre-qualifier proforma for NBA accreditation for the departments of Computer Science and Engineering



(CSE) and Civil Engineering (CE) was submitted on 3rd April 2025. The Vice-Chancellor noted the successful completion of PhD admissions and declaration of end-semester results.

In terms of research, Prof. Das shared the news of a newly approved project funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). Titled *“Impact of the Ethnic Conflict on the Psycho-social Wellbeing of the Youth in Manipur”*, the project is led by Dr. Rachel Kabi (Principal Investigator) and Dr. Palakshi Sarmah (Co-Investigator), both from the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. The project received a grant of ₹10 lakhs and will run for a duration of 12 months starting from 7th March 2025.

The Vice-Chancellor reported notable recognitions received by GCU community members. Dr. Vidya Srinivasan was nominated by the Government of India as one of the five members of the National Medical Laboratory and Life Sciences Professional Council on 26th March 2025. In addition, Ms. Y. Alotoli Achumi, a research scholar under the guidance of Dr. Nirmala Devi, was selected for a prestigious scholarship under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs' “National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students” for 2024–2025.

The university also organized various initiatives including workshops, colloquia, educational tours, conferences, and an Industry-Academia Interface Meet at Garbhanga Reserve Forest, all aimed at enhancing academic engagement, industry collaboration, and experiential learning.

GCU's international engagements continued to expand with the signing of an MoU with HELP University, Malaysia, paving the way for academic exchanges, joint research, and student-faculty mobility. As part of this collaboration, a five-day international study tour was organized for MBA second-semester students from the Department of Business Administration. A team of 28 students, accompanied by faculty members Dr. Sampurna Bhuyan and Mr. Faruk Ahmed, visited HELP University from 10th to 14th March 2025, where they participated in the “Global Engagement & Enriching Student Experience Programme,” along with campus visits, workshops, and local tours. Further strengthening global academic ties, GCU also hosted Dr. Baker Farangis, Senior Staff Scientist and DAAD Coordinator from the University of Applied Sciences Friedberg, Germany, who delivered an inspiring lecture on renewable energy.

Prof. Das also reported on recent institutional collaborations. Since the last Academic Council meeting, GCU has signed new Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with Assam Startup-The Nest (AIIDC), IIMCIP-Technology and Innovation Council, Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL), Marwari Hospitals, and Mangaldoi Commerce College. With these additions, the university has now signed a total of 59 MoUs.

In conclusion, Prof. Das extended his sincere thanks to the faculty, staff, and students for their tireless efforts and dedication. He reaffirmed GCU's commitment to academic excellence, holistic student development, and meaningful international and industry engagement. With this, he formally opened the meeting and invited the Registrar to present the first agenda item. The Council members acknowledged the report with appreciation and commended the university for its ongoing progress and achievements.

The Members took note of the activities and appreciated the University for its efforts.

**Resolution: AC.10/2025-04/01:**

No resolution taken.



**Confirmation of the Minutes of the ninth meeting of the Academic Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb'25**

The Minutes of the Ninth Academic Council Meeting held on 7th February 2025 were placed before the Council for consideration and confirmation. The draft minutes had been circulated in advance to all Members for their comments and observations. Mr. Arupananda Chowdhury, Joint Secretary of the SSA Society, submitted detailed observations and sought clarifications on several matters, including the report on mathematical excellence over the past three years, and a semester-wise list of students (excluding B.Tech and B.Pharm) with departmental breakdowns of marks.

Mr. Chowdhury emphasized on maintaining the quality of teaching learning and long standing reputation of the GIMT and the GIPS. He stressed that the number of seminar/conference and extra-curricular activities should be proportionate to the academic activities and under no circumstances academic quality should be diluted. He also emphasized on the quality of students admitted into the university. GCU should not become like any other private university. It should maintain its unique character and reputation of quality assurance. Mr. Arupananda Chowdhury also expressed his reservation regarding pass percentage being 40, just because the Government of Assam recommended it. He expressed the view that conferences and seminars should be restricted to the established schools only (Engineering & Pharmacy). He also expressed concern for not having handy-man on the buses. Mr. Chowdhury also expressed his views that the university should admit only high quality student and should maintain a cut-off percentage while admitting students. Mr. Arupananda Chowdhury also expressed concern about proper functioning of the ERP.

Further deliberations were held on the suggestion to schedule events during the afternoon hours to avoid disruption to morning academic sessions. Mr. Chowdhury also raised queries regarding ongoing MOU-related activities and requested a briefing from the MOU Coordinator, Dr. Minakshi Gogoi. Emphasizing the importance of academic standards, Mr. Chowdhury reiterated the need to prioritise the enhancement of students' academic performance.

After detailed discussion, the Council recommended the confirmation of the Minutes. The Minutes of the Ninth Academic Council Meeting is placed at *Annex-I* for reference.

**Resolution: AC.10/2025-04/02:**

**2.1 Resolved to approve the Minutes of the ninth Meeting of the Academic Council.**

**2.2 Resolved that events to be conducted in the afternoon not in the morning.**

**2.3 Resolved that MOU Coordinator, Dr. Minakshi Gogoi shall submit an MOU activity report to Mr. Arupananda Chowdhury.**



**Agenda AC.10/2025-04/03:**

**Proposal for acceptance of the Action Taken Report on the decision of the ninth meeting of the Academic Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb'25**

The Action Taken Report of the resolution of the ninth meeting of the Academic Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb'25 was placed before the council. The members discussed the report and noted the actions taken with appreciation.

|  <b>Action Taken Report on resolution of the ninth meeting of Academic Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb'25.</b> |                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Sl. No.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Agenda</b>                                                                                                                       | <b>Resolution</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Action Taken</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>AC.9/2025-02/01:</b><br>Welcome Address and Appraisal Report by the Vice Chancellor.                                             | <b>Resolution: AC.9/2025-02/01:</b><br><br>The Academic Council noted the deliberations and resolved the following:<br><br>1.1 To provide blazers for students representing Girijananda Chowdhury University at the AIU Youth Festival 2024-25, scheduled to be held at Amity University, Uttar Pradesh, from 3rd March to 8th March 2025.<br><br>1.2 To emphasize and encourage faculty members to actively engage in patent publication, fostering a culture of innovation and strengthening the university's research output. Additionally, a monitoring mechanism will be established to track faculty performance on key parameters, including the number of patents submitted, patents published, and patents granted, to assess and enhance research contributions. | <br><br>Blazers provided to students who participated in the AIU festival.<br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Initiative taken by Research & Development Cell |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b><u>Agenda AC.9/2025-02/02:</u></b> Confirmation of the Minutes of the eighth meeting of the Academic Council held on 20th Dec'24 | <b><u>Resolution: AC.9/2025-02/02:</u></b><br><br>The Council resolved to approve the Minutes of the eighth Meeting of the Academic Council.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | No action required.                                                                                                                                           |



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| 3 | <p><b><u>Agenda AC.9/2025-02/03:</u></b> Proposal for acceptance of the Action Taken Report on the decision of the eighth emergent meeting of Academic Council held on 20th December, 2024.</p>                                                                                                                          | <p><b><u>Resolution: AC.9/2025-02/03:</u></b></p> <p>The Council resolved to approve the Action Taken Report of the eighth Meeting of the Academic Council.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>No action required.</p>                                                                              |
| 4 | <p><b><u>Agenda AC.9/2025-02/04:</u></b></p> <p>Ratification of the recommendations of the meetings of the Board of Studies of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School of Natural Sciences on 9th January, 2025</li> <li>• School of Humanities &amp; Social Sciences held on 29th January, 2025</li> </ul> | <p><b><u>Resolution AC.9/2025-02/04</u></b></p> <p>4.1 Resolved to ratify the approved minutes of the fourth meeting of the BoS of Natural Sciences held on 9 Jan'25.</p> <p>4.2 Resolved to ratify the approved minutes of sixth meeting of the BoS of Humanities &amp; Social Sciences held on 29 Jan'25.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>Resolution has been notified</p>                                                                     |
| 5 | <p><b><u>Agenda AC.9/2025-02/05:</u></b></p> <p>Report of the Committee regarding modification of exam rules and regulations and adoption of the same in the academic regulation.</p>                                                                                                                                    | <p><b><u>Resolution AC.9/2025-02/05:</u></b></p> <p>The Academic Council noted the deliberations and resolved the following:</p> <p>5.1 To unanimously accept the minimum pass percentage of 40% for all courses, as mandated by the Government of Assam, and to adopt the minimum pass percentage for Pharmaceutical Sciences as per the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) guidelines.</p> <p>5.2 To identify slow learners within departments and organize extra and remedial classes for their academic support, ensuring equitable learning opportunities</p> | <p>Resolution has been notified</p> <p>Department is in the process of conducting remedial classes.</p> |



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|   |                                                                                                  | <p>for all students.</p> <p>5.3 To prepare department-wise details for irregular students, highlighting their academic progress and attendance issues, for better management and intervention.</p> <p>5.4 To compile a report on student attendance by department using data from the ERP system, which will be reviewed by the Dean Academic for effective monitoring and addressing attendance discrepancies.</p> <p>5.5 To conduct departmental review meetings every month to evaluate academic progress, discuss challenges, and formulate strategies for continuous improvement in teaching and learning outcomes.</p> | <p>Details have been prepared and irregular students were identified. Mentors got in touch with parents/guardians of the irregular students.</p> <p>ERP work in going on. There is some snag in mapping certain data.</p> <p>In process</p> |
| 6 | <p><b><u>Agenda AC.9/2025-02/06:</u></b><br/>Creation of Baskets of SEC, VAC, AEC, MDC</p>       | <p><b><u>Resolution AC.9/2025-02/06:</u></b></p> <p>The Academic Council noted the deliberations and resolved the following:</p> <p>The Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences to develop more Value-Added Courses (VACs) within the school.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>In process</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 7 | <p><b><u>Agenda AC.9/2025-02/07:</u></b><br/>Review of semester results/ A Report by the COE</p> | <p><b><u>Resolution AC.9/2025-02/07:</u></b></p> <p>No resolution taken.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |







**Resolution AC.10/2025-04/04**

**4.1** Resolved to ratify the approved minutes of the third meeting of the BoS of Pharmaceutical Sciences (Annex-II) held on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb'25.

**4.2** Resolved to take an undertaking from research scholars who intend to discontinue or move out in the middle of the session.

**Agenda AC.10/2025-04/05:**

**Introduction of a Course on Ancient Indian Medicine and its Traditional Approach as a Value-Added Course (VAC)**

The School of Pharmaceutical Sciences has proposed the introduction of a new Value-Added Course (VAC) titled "*Ancient Indian Medicine and its Traditional Approach*," placed at Annex-III. The course aims to provide students with foundational knowledge of traditional Indian medical systems and their relevance in contemporary healthcare. The proposal is placed before the Council for deliberation and necessary approval.

**Resolution AC.10/2025-04/05:**

Resolved to approve the introduction of the Value-Added Course (VAC) titled "*Ancient Indian Medicine and its Traditional Approach*" as proposed by the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

**Agenda AC.10/2025-04/06:**

**Approval of the GCU-PhD Research Fellowship Policy**

The *GCU-PhD Research Fellowship Policy* (placed at Annex-IV) has been formulated with the objective of encouraging high-quality research by providing financial assistance and academic support to eligible PhD scholars. The draft policy outlines the eligibility criteria, fellowship amount, duration, and monitoring mechanisms. The proposal was placed before the Council for discussion and necessary approval. The Members discussed the matter and resolved the following.

**Resolution AC.9/2025-02/06:**

Resolved to approve the GCU-PhD Research Fellowship Policy, pending final approval by the Board of Management and the Governing Body.



**Agenda AC.10/2025-04/07 :**

**Approval of PhD supervisor/s**

The applications of the following faculty members, seeking recognition as PhD supervisors, are placed before the Council for consideration and approval:

- Dr. Nayana Adhikari – School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Guwahati
- Dr. Rajat Subhra Dutta – School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Tezpur

The Council reviewed and approved these applications.

**Resolution AC.9/2025-02/07:**

Resolved to approve the following faculty members as PhD supervisors:

- Dr. Nayana Adhikari – School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Guwahati
- Dr. Rajat Subhra Dutta – School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Tezpur

**Agenda AC.10/2025-04/08:**

**Formation of Examination Committee**

In view of the growing academic needs and to ensure the smooth conduct of examinations in accordance with university regulations, a proposal for the formation of an Examination Committee was placed before the Academic Council for discussion and necessary approval.

**Resolution AC.9/2025-02/08:**

8.1 The Academic Council noted the deliberations and resolved that the Examination Committee be formed.

8.2 The Council further resolved that a draft AI Plagiarism Policy be prepared by Dr. Vidya Sirinivasan, Dr. Minakshi Gogoi, and Dr. Sampurna Bhuyan.



**AC.10/2025-04/09: Any Other Matter:**

**9.1 Proposal for setting up a Centre for Northeast Studies**

Prof. Shantanu Chakrabarty, Dean of the School of Humanities & Social Sciences, apprised the Council of a proposal to establish a *Centre for Northeast Studies*. The Centre will promote multidisciplinary research on the region's history, culture, languages, politics, and society; document oral traditions and indigenous knowledge; provide policy input; and foster academic and institutional collaborations. Placed before the Council for discussion and necessary approval.

**Resolution AC.10/2025-04/09.1:**

Resolved to approve the proposal for setting up the *Centre for Northeast Studies*.

As there was no other matter for discussion the meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to and from the Chair.



**Registrar  
Member Secretary**

  
**Vice-Chancellor  
Chairman**



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30. Dr. Puja Sen - Head (i/c), Department of Mass Communication and Journalism
31. Dr. Nijumoni Das – Head (i/c), Department of Law
32. Prithvi Narayan Sinha- Asst. Professor, Dept. of Electrical Engineering

Ms. Kunki Chowdhury, Member, SSA Society, and Dr. Sandip Bordoloi- Head, Department of Electrical Engineering were granted leave of absence.

**AC.9/2025-02/01:**

**Welcome Address and Appraisal Report by the Vice Chancellor.**

The Vice-Chancellor of Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU), Prof. Kandarpa Das began the Academic Council meeting by extending a warm welcome to all members and providing an overview of the university's key achievements and initiatives since the last meeting. He highlighted several important events and developments, including the National Mathematics Day celebration on 22nd December 2024, organized by the Department of Mathematics in collaboration with the Assam Academy of Mathematics. The event was a resounding success, contributing to the promotion of mathematical learning within the university. Another notable event was the celebration of Saraswati Puja on 3rd February 2025, which saw enthusiastic participation from faculty, staff, and students across both campuses, strengthening the sense of community at GCU.

In terms of academic progress, the Vice-Chancellor informed the Council about the Centre for Legal Studies' application for approval of its BA LLB course to the Bar Council of India on 23rd December 2024, with approval still pending. He also discussed the PhD Admissions for December 2024, which attracted 95 applications, with 81 candidates appearing for the personal interview. As of now, 44 students have been admitted, and the orientation programs for these students began on 20th January 2025. Additionally, the university declared its end-semester results for 2024 on 11th January 2025, marking another successful milestone.

Prof. Kandarpa Das also emphasized the international engagement of the university, particularly the two-day International Conference organized by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences on 21st and 22nd January 2025. The conference, which focused on the political, economic, and cultural dynamics of Central, South, and South East Asia, featured 126 national and international delegates from countries such as Russia, Israel, Uzbekistan, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, and Japan. Notable international figures, including Prof. Vera Zabolotkina, Pro-Rector of the Russian State University for Humanities, Moscow, graced the event. The conference had 96 total abstracts, with 88 registrations, and saw an equal distribution of online and offline presentations.

Turning to student achievements, the Vice-Chancellor proudly shared the accomplishments of 24 GCU students who participated in the 38th AIU North East Zone Inter-University Youth Festival 2024-25 held at ICFAI University, Tripura. The GCU team excelled in several categories, securing gold medals in Western Solo Song, Western Group Song, and Mimicry, as well as 5th



position in Classical Instrumental (Percussion). These accomplishments have earned GCU the honor of representing the North East Zone at the National Level in these categories.

Finally, Prof. Das expressed his gratitude to all faculty, staff, and students for their continued dedication and hard work in advancing the university's mission. He underscored the university's commitment to fostering academic excellence, holistic development, and international collaboration. With these remarks, Professor Das called the meeting to order and invited the Registrar to present the first agenda item.

The Members took note of the activities and appreciated the University for its efforts.

**Resolution: AC.9/2025-02/01:**

The Academic Council noted the deliberations and resolved the following:

1.1 To provide blazers for students representing Girijananda Chowdhury University at the AIU Youth Festival 2024-25, scheduled to be held at Amity University, Uttar Pradesh, from 3rd March to 8th March 2025.

1.2 To emphasize and encourage faculty members to actively engage in patent publication, fostering a culture of innovation and strengthening the university's research output. Additionally, a monitoring mechanism will be established to track faculty performance on key parameters, including the number of patents submitted, patents published, and patents granted, to assess and enhance research contributions.

**Agenda AC.9/2025-02/02: Confirmation of the Minutes of the eighth meeting of the Academic Council held on 20th Dec'24**

The Minutes of the eighth Academic Council meeting were placed before the Council, for consideration. The draft minutes of the meeting were circulated to all the Members for their observation. No observation was received; the Members were once again requested to make their observations, if any. Since, there was no observation, the Council recommended to accept the Minutes of the eighth Academic Council meeting.

The Minutes of the eighth meeting of the Academic Council held on 20th Dec'24 are placed at Annex-I

**Resolution: AC.9/2025-02/02:**

The Council resolved to approve the Minutes of the eighth Meeting of the Academic Council.



**Agenda AC.9/2025-02/03: Proposal for acceptance of the Action Taken Report on the decision of the eighth emergent meeting of Academic Council held on 20th December, 2024.**

The Action Taken Report of the resolution of the eighth meeting of the Academic Council held on 20th December, 2024 was placed before the council. The members discussed the report and noted the actions taken with appreciation.



**Action Taken Report on resolution of the eighth meeting of Academic Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.**

| <b>Agenda No.</b>                                                                                                                              | <b>Resolution No. and remarks</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Decision/Action taken</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>Appraisal by Vice Chancellor</b>                                                                                                            | The Academic Council considered the appraisal report of the Vice Chancellor and accepted it                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Noted. No Action required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Agenda-AC.8/2024-12/01:</b><br><br>Approval of the Curriculum, Programme objectives & outcomes and syllabus of B.A LLB(Hons) Degree Course. | <b>Resolution- AC.8/2024-12/01:</b><br><br>1.1 The Academic Council resolved to approve the B.A LLB program.<br><br>1.2 The Academic Council resolved to approve the Curriculum, Programme objectives & outcomes and syllabus of B.A LLB (Hons) Degree Course in principle subject to modifications.<br><br>1.3 The Academic Council resolved that all courses beyond six credits shall be reviewed and evaluated. | 1.1 The centre for legal studies GCU applied for approval of its BA LLB course to the Bar Council of India (BCI) on 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024 and approval is in process.<br><br>1.2 Curriculum, Programme objectives & outcomes and syllabus of B.A LLB (Hons) Degree Course already submitted to Bar Council of India (BCI) for approval on 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024 and approval is in process.<br><br>1.3 As per recommended by the Academic Council 6 credit courses of BA LLB degree course has been reduced to 4 credit and being implemented by the Centre for Legal Studies. |



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| <p><b>Agenda-AC.8/2024-12/02:</b></p> <p>Any Other Matter</p> <p>i) Increase of intake in B.Pharm course (Tezpur campus) from 60 to 100</p> <p>ii) Introduction of M.Pharm courses at GCU Tezpur campus</p> <p>iii) PhD supervisor approval-Dr. Palakshi Sarmah</p> | <p><b>Resolution:AC.8/2024-12/2.1:</b></p> <p>2.1 Resolved that the intake in B.Pharm course (Tezpur campus) maybe increased from 60 to 100.</p> <p>2.2 Resolved to introduce the following M.Pharm. programs at the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, GCU Tezpur campus, subject to compliance with PCI guidelines:</p> <p>i. M.Pharm. in Pharmaceutics</p> <p>ii. M.Pharm. in Pharmaceutical Chemistry</p> <p>2.3 Resolved to approve Dr. Palakshi Sarmah, (Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology), as a PhD supervisor.</p> | <p>2.1 Applied for PCI approval on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 through SIF (Standard Inspection Format) submission 2025.</p> <p>2.2 Resolution being followed.</p> <p>2.3 Resolution being followed.</p> |
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**Resolution: AC.9/2025-02/03:**

The Council resolved to approve the Action Taken Report of the eighth Meeting of the Academic Council.

**Agenda AC.9/2025-02/04:**

**Ratification of the recommendations of the meetings of the Board of Studies of:**

- School of Natural Sciences on 9th January,2025
- School of Humanities & Social Sciences held on 29th January,2025

The minutes of the fourth meeting of the BoS of Natural Sciences (Annex-II) held on 9 Jan'25; sixth meeting of the BoS of Humanities & Social Sciences (Annex-III) held on 29 Jan'25; placed before the council for approval.

**Resolution AC.9/2025-02/04**

4.1 Resolved to ratify the approved minutes of the fourth meeting of the BoS of Natural Sciences held on 9 Jan'25.

4.2 Resolved to ratify the approved minutes of sixth meeting of the BoS of Humanities & Social Sciences held on 29 Jan'25.



**Agenda AC.9/2025-02/05:**

**Report of the Committee regarding modification of exam rules and regulations and adoption of the same in the academic regulation.**

The end-semester results of 2024 for professional courses have shown a decline in the pass percentage. This decline may be attributed to the adoption of a minimum passing percentage of 50% in the end-semester examinations.

In light of this, a proposal has been placed before the Council to review and modify the passing criteria and other examination regulations to ensure a balanced and effective evaluation system. The proposed modifications, if approved, will be incorporated into the GCU academic regulations. The members had a detailed discussion regarding the matter and resolved the following.

**Resolution AC.9/2025-02/05:**

The Academic Council noted the deliberations and resolved the following:

5.1 To unanimously accept the minimum pass percentage of 40% for all courses, as mandated by the Government of Assam, and to adopt the minimum pass percentage for Pharmaceutical Sciences as per the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) guidelines.

5.2 To identify slow learners within departments and organize extra and remedial classes for their academic support, ensuring equitable learning opportunities for all students.

5.3 To prepare department-wise details for irregular students, highlighting their academic progress and attendance issues, for better management and intervention.

5.4 To compile a report on student attendance by department using data from the ERP system, which will be reviewed by the Dean Academic for effective monitoring and addressing attendance discrepancies.

5.5 To conduct departmental review meetings every month to evaluate academic progress, discuss challenges, and formulate strategies for continuous improvement in teaching and learning outcomes.

**Agenda AC.9/2025-02/06:**

**Creation of Baskets of SEC, VAC, AEC, MDC**

A proposal for Creation of Baskets of SEC, VAC, AEC, MDC was placed before the council for approval. Currently, courses under SEC, VAC, AEC, and MDC are allocated semester-wise, restricting students' choice to a limited set of subjects. To provide greater flexibility, these courses will be grouped into baskets, allowing students to select subjects of their choice while ensuring no repetition of courses.

The proposal was placed before the Council for discussion and approval. The Members discussed the matter and resolved the following.



**Resolution AC.9/2025-02/06:**

The Academic Council noted the deliberations and resolved the following:

The Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences to develop more Value-Added Courses (VACs) within the school.

**Agenda AC.9/2025-02/07:**

**Review of semester results/ A Report by the COE**

The Controller of Examinations (COE) submitted a report on the semester results, analyzing overall performance trends, pass percentages, and areas of concern. The report highlights key observations and suggests possible measures for improvement. The matter was placed before the Council for review, discussion, and necessary action.

The members noted the report.

**Resolution AC.9/2025-02/07:**

No resolution taken.

**Agenda AC.9/2025-02/08:**

**Engagement of Professors in practice/Visiting Professors**

A proposal to engage Professors in Practice and Visiting Professors is placed before the Council for discussion and consideration. This initiative is designed to strengthen academic rigor, industry-academia interaction, and research collaborations by bringing in distinguished experts, scholars, and professionals from various fields. Their involvement will provide students and faculty with valuable insights, mentorship, and exposure to real-world applications of knowledge.

The matter is presented for deliberation, feedback, and necessary approval to formalize the engagement process and ensure the successful integration of such faculty members into the university's academic ecosystem.

**Resolution AC.9/2025-02/08:**

The Academic Council noted the deliberations and resolved the following:

To adopt the proposal for engagement of Professors in Practice as per the UGC guidelines and to place it before the Governing Body for final approval.



## **Agenda AC.9/2025-02/09:**

### **Approval of PhD supervisors**

Applications from three faculty members seeking approval to become PhD supervisors have been submitted for the Council's consideration. The applicants come from diverse academic disciplines, including Electronics and Communication Engineering, Economics, and Education. The faculty members seeking approval are:

- Dr. Basab Das – Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering
- Dr. Ummey Rummana Barlaskar – Department of Economics
- Dr. Nandita Chitrakar – Department of Education

The Council will review the candidates' qualifications, research contributions, and suitability for supervising doctoral research. Following a comprehensive assessment, the Council's decision on the approval of these faculty members as PhD supervisors will be recorded.

The proposal is placed for deliberation and necessary approval.

### **Resolution AC.9/2025-02/09:**

Resolved to approve the following faculty members as PhD supervisors:

- Dr. Basab Das – Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering
- Dr. Ummey Rummana Barlaskar – Department of Economics
- Dr. Nandita Chitrakar – Department of Education

### **AC.9/2025-02/10: Any Other Matter.**

**10.1 Declaration of Holiday on Janmotsav and Tithi of Shrimanta Shankardev**  
A proposal to declare a holiday on the Janmotsav and Tithi of Shrimanta Shankardev, to commemorate the contributions of this revered figure, was placed before the Council for approval. The objective is to honor his legacy and promote cultural heritage within the academic environment.

The Council reviewed the proposal and resolved for its approval.

### **Resolution: AC.9/2025-02/10.1:**

The Council resolved to approve the declaration of a holiday on the Janmotsav and Tithi Shrimanta Shankardev.



## **10.2 Change in Course Name from VLSI Design to VLSI Design for Semiconductors and approval of the course.**

A proposal to change the name of the course from “VLSI Design” to “VLSI Design for Semiconductors” was discussed as well as to approve the introduction of the course. The objective is to better reflect the course content and current trends in the field of semiconductor design.

The Council reviewed the proposal and recommended its approval.

### **Resolution: AC.9/2025-02/10.2:**

The Council resolved to approve the change in the course name from “VLSI Design” to “VLSI Design for Semiconductors” to the new, more relevant title as proposed.

## **10.3: Official Approval of RDC-Related Policies**

### **10.3.1 Guidelines for the Operation of Consultancy Projects**

A proposal for the official approval of the Guidelines for the Operation of Consultancy Projects (Annex-IV) was presented. This policy outlines the procedures and regulations regarding consultancy projects within the university.

The Council reviewed and resolved to approve the policy as presented.

### **Resolution: AC.9/2025-02/10.3.1**

In principle, the Council resolved to officially approve the Guidelines for the Operation of Consultancy Projects, pending final approval from the Board of management and the Governing Body.

### **10.3.2 GCU-Incubation Centre (GCU-IC) Policy and Procedures**

A proposal for the Girijananda Chowdhury University-Incubation Centre (GCU-IC) Policy and Procedures (Annex-V) was submitted for approval. The Council reviewed and resolved to approve the policy.

### **Resolution: AC.9/2025-02/10.3.2**

In principle, the Council resolved to officially approve the GCU-Incubation Centre (GCU-IC) Policy and Procedures, pending final approval from the Board of management and the Governing Body.



#### 10.4 Amendment to the Incentive Policy

A proposal for an amendment to the university's Incentive Policy was presented. The amendment addresses the need to update certain criteria for faculty incentives, particularly in areas such as research publication, consultancy, and academic achievements. The Council reviewed and resolved to approve the proposed amendments.

#### Resolution: AC.9/2025-02/10.4

In principle the Council resolved to approve the Amendment to the Incentive Policy as proposed, pending final approval from the Board of management and the Governing Body.

As there was no other matter for discussion the meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to and from the Chair.



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