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Minutes of the Emergent meeting of the Academic Council (Eighth meeting)

Girijananda Chowdhury University, Assam

Date: 20th December'24 (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. Prof. Amar Saikia- Dean (Academics)
5. Dr. Suman Hazarika
6. Mr. Kishor Kumar Choudhury- COE
7. Dr. Sunayan Bordoloi- Dean, School of Natural Sciences
8. Prof. S. Robert Ravi-Dean, School of Engineering and Technology
9. Dr. Hari Prasad Goenka- Dean, School of Commerce & Management
10. Dr. Shantanu Chakraborty- Dean, School of Humanities & Social Sciences
11. Dr. Abdul Baquee Ahmed-Principal, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Tezpur campus
(Present online)
12. Dr. Bhanu P Sahu-Dean, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Guwahati campus
13. Dr. Moytri Sarmah – Dean, Student Affairs
14. Dr. Minakshi Gogoi-Head, Department of Computer Science and Engineering
15. Dr. Vidhya Srinivasan- Head, Department of MLT
16. Dr. Nilanjana Deb-Head, Department of Business Administration
17. Dr. Anindita Bora-Head, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering
18. Dr. Rachel Kabi- Head, Department of Sociology and Social Work
19. Dr. Lipi Goswami- Head(i/c), Department of Physics
20. Dr. Jun Moni Kalita- Head, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry
21. Dr. Madhumita Mahanta- Head(i/c), Department of Mathematics- Attended Online
22. Dr. Swarnali Pathak- Head(i/c), Department of Chemistry
23. Dr. Sampurna Bhuyan –Head(i/c), Department of Economics
24. Manashi Devi- Head(i/c), Department of English and Foreign Languages

25. Dr. Barsha Chhetri-Head (i/c), Department of Education
26. Dr. Puja Sen - Head (i/c), Department of Mass Communication and Journalism
27. Dr. Nijumoni Das – Head (i/c), Department of Law

Mr. Bijoyananda Chowdhury, Secretary, SSA Society; Prof. Dipankar Saha, Registrar; Ms. Kunki Chowdhury, Member, SSA Society, Dr. Mukta Ranjan Singha, Head- Department of Computer Applications and Dr. Damiki Laloo-Head, Department of Pharmacognosy were granted leave of absence.

Welcome Address and Appraisal Report by the Vice Chancellor.

The Vice Chancellor extended a warm welcome to all members of the Academic Council and provided an overview of the university's key achievements and initiatives since the previous meeting. Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU) celebrated its Foundation Day on 26th October 2024 with great fervor, including a flag hoisting ceremony, a cultural rally, and a vibrant cultural program. Prof. Nani Gopal Mahanta, Vice Chancellor of Gauhati University, graced the event as the Guest of Honour and inaugurated GCU's Anti-Malaria Lab.

On 24th and 25th October, the Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE) Students Chapter of GCU organized the 11th Section-Level Annual Students Convention, with Dr. Syed Maid Ali, Executive Secretary of ISTE, New Delhi, as the Chief Guest. The event also marked the inauguration of the ISTE Faculty Chapter at GCU. In November, GCU collaborated with the Japan Foundation, New Delhi, to host the Japan Carnival 2024, a unique celebration of Japanese culture featuring traditional games, Yukata fashion, Cosplay, and interactive Japanese lessons. The carnival fostered cross-cultural ties between India and Japan.

The university also organized the first day of its Model United Nations (MUN) conference on 9th November, centered on the theme of "Gender and Environmental Justice". On 14th November, the School of Allied Health Sciences marked World Diabetes Day with an inter-college e-poster competition and an insightful talk by Dr. Atul Kumar Agarwal from Marwari Hospitals. Another significant development was the launch of the Centre for Wildlife and Environmental Studies on 19th November, with Shri C.P. Marak, Chairman of MBOSE and former Chief Conservator of Forests, as the Chief Guest. The university also signed MoUs with the North East Cane and Bamboo Development Council and Aaranyak, a Wildlife NGO.

In observance of International Week for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) and Gender Sensitization Cell (GSC) organized a three-day awareness program from 22nd to 25th November. On 23rd November, GCU, in collaboration with ISTE, hosted "Model-O-Science," a competition for school students themed "Innovation and Sustainability," showcasing talent from across the state. On Constitution Day, 26th November, the Centre for Legal Studies and other departments organized a program featuring Hon'ble Justice Mr. Ajit Borthakur of the Assam Human Rights Commission.

GCU's Department of Computer Science and Engineering hosted the Research Conclave 2024 on 28th November, focusing on advancements in artificial intelligence. The department also organized a workshop on "AI – Research Perspective in Multidisciplinary Fields" under AICTE's scheme to promote Indian languages in technology education. Additionally, GCU

hosted an AICTE-MIC-sponsored IDE Boot Camp for school teachers and principals on 29th and 30th November, emphasizing innovation and entrepreneurship.

In December, the Centre for Legal Studies observed Human Rights Day with an outreach program at Pragya Academy, highlighting the importance of human rights and the Indian Constitution. GCU achieved remarkable success by winning the first prize at the Smart India Hackathon 2024, with the Vice Chancellor announcing a special reward for the team and their mentor. The university also celebrated the Days of Russian Language and Culture in collaboration with the Pushkin State Russian Language Institute from 6th to 14th December, featuring workshops, quizzes, and cultural exchanges. The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering hosted an AICTE-VAANI workshop on "Low Power VLSI Design" from 16th to 18th December, emphasizing advancements in VLSI technology.

These initiatives reflect GCU's commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and cultural enrichment, strengthening its position as a leading institution in the region. The Vice Chancellor expressed his appreciation for the efforts of all stakeholders and emphasized the university's strategic focus on holistic development and research-oriented education. Professor Das then called the meeting to order and asked the Dean (Academic) to present the first agenda item.

Agenda: AC.8/2024-12/01:

Approval of the Curriculum, Programme Objectives & Outcomes and Syllabus of B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) Degree Course

A proposal to seek approval for the curriculum, programme objectives, outcomes, and syllabus of the B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) degree course was placed before the Academic Council. The proposed programme has been designed to meet academic excellence and professional standards while aligning with institutional goals.

Members of the Council were requested to review and approve the proposed content, subject to any necessary modifications.

Resolution: AC.8/2024-12/01:

1.1: Resolved to approve the B.A. LLB programme.

1.2: In principle, the curriculum, programme objectives, outcomes, and syllabus of the B.A. LLB (Hons) degree course are approved, subject to necessary modifications.

1.3: Resolved that all courses beyond six credits shall be reviewed and evaluated.

Agenda:AC.8/2024-12/02: Any Other Matter

2.1 Increase of intake in B.Pharm course (Tezpur campus) from 60 to 100

A proposal to increase the intake capacity of the B.Pharm course at the Tezpur campus from 60 to 100 was placed before the Academic Council. The proposal aimed to address the growing demand for the program in the region, align with institutional growth objectives, and cater to industry and societal needs.

The Council was briefed on the required infrastructure enhancements, faculty recruitment, and regulatory compliance measures necessary to support the increased intake. Members were requested to review and approve the proposal, subject to any required modifications and adherence to the guidelines of the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI).

Resolution:AC.8/2024-12/2.1:

2.1 Resolved that the intake in B.Pharm course (Tezpur campus) maybe increased from 60 to 100.

2.2 PhD supervisor approval-Dr. Palakshi Sarmah

A proposal to approve **Dr. Palakshi Sarmah** (Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology) as a PhD supervisor was submitted to the Academic Council. The Council reviewed her qualifications, experience, and readiness to guide doctoral research, ensuring alignment with institutional and academic standards. Following a comprehensive evaluation, the proposal was placed for consideration.

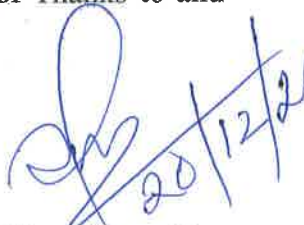
Resolution: AC.8/2024-12/2.2:

2.2 Resolved to approve Dr. Palakshi Sarmah, (Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology), as a PhD supervisor.

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