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**Minutes of the 37<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council (AC) held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at 11-30 A.M in the Board Room of the University (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor) at University Head Quarters, DD – 26, Sector – I, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700 064.**

## **Members present:**

1. Vice-Chancellor, NSOU
2. Director, School of Sciences
4. Director, School of Social Sciences
5. Director, School of humanities
6. Director, SPS & SVS
7. Director, School of Education
7. Director, Study Centres
8. Shri Suparno Moitra, Govt. Nominee
9. Shri Anindya Chandra Majumder, Govt. Nominee
10. Smt. Tinki Kar Bhattacharya, Asstt. Professor of Geography
11. Dr. Bibhas Guha, Asstt. Professor of Zoology
12. Dr. Tilak Nath Ghosh, Co-ordinator, Netaji Mahavidyalaya Study Centre
13. Dr. Dilip Bhattacharya, Co-ordinator, Balurghat College Study Centr
14. Registrar, Member Secretary

## **Other Invitees:**

1. Smt. Rokeya Ray, Controller of Examination (Acting)
2. Smt. Ananya Roy Chowdhury (Mitra), Dy. Registrar (Admin.)
3. Dr. Sudeshna Chatterjee (Biswas), Dy. Registrar(Acad.)

Professor Subha Sankar Sarkar, Vice-Chancellor presided over the meeting and welcome all the members and other invitees attended the meeting. He briefed on the receipt of UGC approval of programmes for 2018-19 to 2022-23 and creation of 106 posts of teaching Faculties by the State Govt. in addition to the existing 55 faculty posts and also regarding the permission given by the Govt for filling up altogether 92 posts of Faculties (out of 161 posts). He also informed the house regarding the ongoing recruitment processes of teachers. It was pointed out that already some new faculties had joined. Then the meeting proceeded agenda wise as follows:

## **AGENDA:**

1. **Confirmation of the minutes:** To confirm the minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 (**Annexure: 1**).

**Members present gone through the minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> meeting and confirmed the same without any modification.**





2. Regarding Ph.D. programme in regular mode – the following may be considered and approved:
- To consider the minutes of the meeting regarding Ph.D programmes of NSOU. (Annexure: 2)

Considered, discussed and approved with some modification in B (vi) of the annexure which will be as “Examination will be conducted by the respective Department/ School at the end of the semester. For the theoretical paper(s) of 100 marks, the examinations will generally be of three hour duration for each paper.”

- To determine the fees structure for 2019-20 session; (Annexure: 3)

After due deliberation this has been approved with modification of the annexure which will be as follows:

- There will be no change.
- After completion of Course work, enrolment fee will be : Rs. 2,000/-
  - Fee for Non lab based subjects for first three years : Rs. 21,000/-
  - Fee for lab based subjects for first three years : Rs. 30,000/-
- After three years within the validity of registration period : Rs. 7,000/- per year for non lab based subjects.
  - After three years within the validity of registration period : Rs. 10,000/- per year for lab based subjects.In addition to above, for lab-based subjects further amount of fee can be collected from the student, considering the expenses involved, on case to case basis.
- There will be no change.

iii. To report the constitution of 5 Departmental Research Committees (DRC) of the School of Sciences (Chemistry, Geography, Mathematics, Physics & Zoology), 3 DRC of School of Humanities (Bengali, English, English language Teaching), 3 DRC of School of Social Sciences (History, Political Science and Sociology), 1 DRC of School of Education (Education) and 2 DRC of School of Professional Studies (Commerce/Management and Library & Information Science) as per rules.

Members noted the formation of 14 DRCs under the aegis of 5 Schools of Studies.

- To approve the syllabus of Course Work of Ph.D. in Commerce/ Management; (Annexure: 4)  
**This has been approved**
- To approve the syllabus of Course Work of Ph.D. in Library and Information Science; (Annexure : 5)  
**This has been approved**

3. To discuss about the structure of Post Graduate programmes under CBCS for the Schools of Studies, NSOU :

SEMESTER	No. of Courses	Marks	Credit	Total (Marks /Credit)
Semester I	Core Course - 5	5 X 50=250	5 X 4 =20	250/ 20
Semester II	Core Course- 5	5 X 50 = 250	5 X 4 =20	250/ 20
Semester III	Core Course-3 Discipline Specific Elective-2	3 X 50=150 2 X 50= 100	3 X 4=12 2 X 4=8	250 /20
Semester IV	Core Course-3 Discipline Specific Elective-2	3 X 50=150 2 X 50= 100	3 X 4=12 2 X 4 =8	250 /20
	<b>Total of Core Course (CC) =&gt;16</b> <b>Total of Dis. Sp. Elect. (DSE) =&gt;04</b>	<b>CC-800</b> <b>DSE-200</b>	<b>CC-64</b> <b>DSE-16</b>	<b>1000 /80</b>





**This was discussed and approved.**

4. To recommend the introduction of the following **New Post Graduate Programmes** in ODL mode under the aegis of the Schools of Studies subject to approval of DEB-UGC :
  - i. Botany
  - ii. Chemistry
  - iii. Computer Science
  - iv. Environmental Science
  - v. Physics
  - vi. Economics
  - vii. Sociology
  - viii. Journalism & Mass Communication (JMC)

**This was discussed and approved.**

5. To consider the 2<sup>nd</sup> year report of the 3-year NSOU-CEMCA project (2017-18 to 2019-20) titled *"Increase Access and improve institutional capacity for sustainable development through vocational education and training"* under the School of Vocational Studies. (Annexure: 6)

**This was considered and approved.**

6. To approve the Coordinator's manual. (Annexure: 7)

**This was considered and approved in principle.**

7. To approve the Students' Grievance Redressal Mechanism. (Annexure: 8)

**This was considered and approved in principle.**

8. To approve the Examination Regulation. (Annexure: 9)

**This was considered and approved in principle.**

9. To consider and approve :

The RCI, New Delhi vide its Memo No. 10-23/M Ed. Spl. Ed.-ODL/2018/RCI 8358 Dt. 31 July, 2019 (Annexure: 10) has issued No Objection Certificate in favour of NSOU to conduct M. Ed. Spl. Ed. (Hearing Impairment & Intellectual Disability)- Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Mode Course at NSOU. The RCI has sanctioned 30 in take in each disability area, so the total intake is 60, combining two disability areas namely Hearing Impairment and Intellectual Disability. Therefore, the said academic program may be introduced at the University end subject to approval of the program by the DEB-UGC.

**This was considered and approved.**

10. To consider the proposal to prepare the revised SLMs under CBCS by Professional Agency for all Post Graduate programmes (PG) and Bachelor Degree Programmes (BDP) to be determined by the respective Schools of Studies from time to time in chosen language.

**This was considered and approved. Terms of reference shall be prepared with the help of School of Studies and technical bid shall be obtained before financial bid and pre bid meeting of the prospective bidders may be arranged.**

11. To consider the proposal of the School of Education, NSOU to introduce the RCI approved Advanced Certificate Course in Inclusive Education (Cross Disability) [ACCIE(CD)] in SWAYAM platform through MOOC.

**This was considered and approved.**

12. To consider and approve the constitution of Institutional Academic Integrity Panel (IAIP) as per academic integrity regulation of UGC (Annexure: 11)





It was agreed in principle but advised for subsequent deliberation and placement before the concerned authority.

**13. Reporting:**

- (i) To report the list of candidates who have been awarded the Ph.D. degree since the 73<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Executive Council (Annexure: 12 ).  
**The report was noted.**
- (ii) To report on the development of the Self Learning Materials of BDP-ECO (Commerce) on the revised curricula based on CBCS scheduled to be introduced in 2020-21 session (Annexure: 13).  
**The report was noted.**
- (iii) To report on the development of the Self Learning Materials of M.Com on the revised curricula scheduled to be introduced in 2020-21 session (Annexure: 14).  
**The report was noted.**
- (iv) To report the acceptance of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year proposal of the 3-year NSOU-CEMCA project (2017-18 to 2019-20) titled "Increase Access and improve institutional capacity for sustainable development through vocational education and training" under the School of Vocational Studies (Annexure: 15).  
**The report was noted.**
- (v) To Report the CBCS BDP Bengali & BDP English Syllabus  
Annexure: 16 (For UG Programme in Bengali)  
Annexure: 17 (For UG Programme in English)  
**The report was noted.**
- (vi) To report the New PGELT syllabus 2019  
Annexure: 18 (PGELT syllabus)  
**The report was noted.**
- (vii) To report about the successful completion of "Live with Learner" programme designed by the School of Humanities to extend learner support service for PG learner for Bengali, English & ELT. Seven (07) faculty members were engaged in 30 working days @2hrs per day in which a total of 60 hrs of academic engagement has been made with the target learner. (Annexure: 1)  
**The report was noted.**
- (viii) To report about the activities of the "Centre for Language, Translation & Cultural Studies" (CLTCS) :
- a) A dedicated website of CLTCS has been designed and installed in November, 2017. The URL is: [www.cltcnsou.in](http://www.cltcnsou.in)  
**The report was noted.**
- b) CLTCS, NSOU has introduced two Short Term Course (Duration of 3 Months) at Kalyani Campus from September 2018 - CICE (Certificate in Communicative English), ACICE (Certificate in Advance Communication English).  
**The report was noted.**
- c) CLTCS, NSOU has signed a MoU with Serampore Girls College, Hooghly, WB to launch CICE & ACICE Course at Serampore Girls College. (Annexure: 20-a)  
**The report was noted.**





- d) CLTCS, NSOU has organised Six (06) Lectures under Partition Lecture Series, in which eminent persons were invited. (Annexure: 20-b)  
**The report was noted.**
- e) The CLTCS, NSOU has signed a MoU with Bangladesh Open University to facilitate the collaborative research initiatives on Bengal Partition & the Liberation war of Bangladesh and its aftermath. The MoU is signed on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 and the signatories are the Registrar, BOU & the Coordinator, CLTCS, NSOU (Annexure: 20-c)  
**The report was noted.**
- f) The CLTCS, NSOU has developed a digital repository namely 'Bengal Partition Repository' (BPR) in sequel to various research activities transpired from an UGC-DEB project of which Prof Manan Kumar Mandal was the Principal Investigator. The BPR will be opened in public domain in January 2020.  
**The report was noted.**
- (ix) To report that the DRC –SoE has developed Ph.D. Course Work syllabus and duly approved which may be implemented from the day as to be decided by competent authority (Annexure-21)  
**The report was noted.**
- (x) To report the constitution of Advisory Committee for Vocational Courses ( Annexure-22)  
**The report was noted.**
- (xi) To report and approve the minutes of meeting of the Advisory Committee of the School of Vocational Studies (Annexure-23).  
**The report was noted.**
- (xii) To report that new study materials under CBCS for the following BDP subjects under School of Sciences are in the stage of being prepared and would be implemented from academic session 2020-2021: Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Botany, zoology, Geography and Environmental Science  
**The report was noted.**
- (xiii) To report introduction of new PG programmes in Zoology and Geography in Ananda Chandra College, Jalpaiguri from academic session 2019-2020.  
**The report was noted.**

14. Any other miscellaneous agenda with the permission of the chair.

**Table Agenda for 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Academic Council (AC) :**

- i) To report that BDP in Education has been introduced from the 2018-2019 session. SLMs for the First year have been already distributed to the learners. Second & Third year SLMs are in the press, to be printed and delivered shortly. (Annexure – 24)  
**The report was noted.**
- ii) To report that new SLMs under CBCS for BDP in Education is in the stage of being prepared and would be introduced from academic session 2020-2021. (Annexure – 25)  
**The report was noted.**





iii) To approve the revised course curricula of Tailoring and Dress Designing (1 year and 2 year) w.e.f. July 2019 session as recommended by the Advisory Committee of School of Vocational Studies. (Annexure – 26).

**The agenda was discussed and approved.**

iv) Reporting of admission under the Centre for Lifelong (CLL) of July 2019 session. (Annexure – 27)  
**The report was noted.**


v) To approve the syllabus of Course Work of Ph.D. in Bengali. (Annexure – ????? )  
**The agenda was discussed and approved.**

vi) To approve the syllabus of Course Work of Ph.D. in English. (Annexure – ?????)  
**The agenda was discussed and approved.**

vii) To report that Student Support Services (ICT Support) for all BDP students will be extended from time to time from academic session 2019-2020 onwards.  
**The report was noted.**

viii) To consider the possible closure of the Sriniketan Shantiniketan Development Authority (SSDA) Centre of the School of Vocational Studies from the next academic session.  
**Considered and approved in principle. However, interest of the present students shall be protected by : (a) allowing them to complete their course within the stipulated period; (b) giving them the option for shifting to other centre(s) or to (c) discontinue the course.**

ix) To report on collaborative publication of a compendium titled “English Poetry Compendium.....” jointly by NSOU and Cambridge ( copy right with NSOU)  
**Members noted the report.**


  
**Registrar, Member Secretary  
Academic Council, NSOU**

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4. Shri Anindya Ch. Majumdar, Govt. Nominee.
5. Regional Director, IGNOU.
6. Dr. Ashit Baran Aich, Director of Study Centres.
7. Prof. Kajal De, Professor of Mathematics & Director of School of Sciences.
8. Prof. Chandan Basu, Professor of History & Director of School of Social Sciences.
9. Prof. Atindranath Dey, Director of School of Education.
10. Prof. Manan Kumar Mandal, Professor of Bengali & Director of School of Humanities.
11. Prof. Anirban Ghosh, Professor of Commerce & Director of School of Professional Studies & School of Vocational Studies.
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16. E.S. to V.C. for information to Hon'ble Vice Chacellor.
17. Guard File

  
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