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56th EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

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15 NOVEMBER 2024 (FRIDAY)

Time: 3:30 AM   **Venue: Conference Hall, Level III, SMIMS**

Dr. K. Ramnarayan, Pro Chancellor & Chairman, Executive Committee, Sikkim Manipal University greeted and welcomed all the members of Executive Committee and expressed gratitude for their gracious presence.

Members present: Dr. K. Ramnarayan, Pro Chancellor, SMU; Dr. Ranjan Pai, Chairman, MEMG; Shri Vaitheeswaran S., Vice Chairman & MD, MEMG; Shri Shridhar Hegde, Senior Vice President-Finance, MEMG; Dr Tshering Pema Bhutia, Principal Director, Medical Education Unit (MEU), Health & Family Welfare Department, GoS; Shri Bhim Thatal, SCS, Director, Higher and Technical Education, Education Department, GoS; Air Vice Marshal (Dr) D C Agarwal (Retd), VSM, Vice Chancellor, SMU; Prof (Dr) K.S. Sherpa, Registrar, SMU; Dr Muralidhar V Pai, Dean, SMIMS; Prof (Dr) G.L. Sharma, Director, SMIT

Special Invitee: Prof (Dr) Sourav Dhar, Director, SMU-CDOE; Dr Keerthilatha M Pai, Controller of Examination, SMU; Dr. Kalpana Sharma, Director, Directorate of Research, SMU.

In the opening remarks, Air Vice Marshal (Dr.) D C Agarwal (Retd), VSM, Vice Chancellor, SMU expressed his sincere gratitude to the Sikkim Government representative for their presence and support. He further welcomed Chairman, MEMG and all other esteemed members to the meeting.

The committee discussed and deliberated on various agenda points placed by the university and the decisions taken (against each agenda point) are mentioned subsequently.

PART – I

Item – 1: MINUTES OF MEETING OF 55TH EC

55th Executive Committee (EC) meeting was held on 20 May 2024 and the Minutes of Meeting were circulated to all members.

The draft Minutes of Meeting was concurred by all the members.

Placed before the Committee for confirmation.

Decision: Confirmed.

Item-2: MINUTES OF MEETING OF 65TH ACADEMIC SENATE

65th Academic Senate Meet was held on 08 July 2024 at SMU and the Minutes of Meeting were circulated to all the members concerned.

The draft Minutes of Meeting was concurred by all the members.

Placed before the Committee for ratification.

Decision: Ratified.

PART – II

Item-3 (a): Report on New Joining & Appointments

S. No	Name	Entity	DOJ	Dept	Desig	Date Of Relf
1	Dr. Nitai Paitya	SMIT	02-08-2010	CSE	Associate Professor	12-07-2024
2	Dr. Hemanta Saikia	SMIT	05-03-2005	ECE	Professor	03-08-2024
3	Dr. Aradhna Nazareth	SMIMS	15-03-2013	Anesth-esiology	Professor	02-08-2024

Placed before the Committee for information.

Decision: Noted.

PART-III

AGENDA POINTS: 56th EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEET

AGENDA 1: Introduction of Bachelor of Hospital Administration (BHA) program

SMIMS proposed to introduce Bachelor of Hospital Administration (BHA) program with intake of 40 under the Department of Hospital Administration from Academic Year 2024-25.

Placed for the ratification by the Committee.

Decision: Ratified

AGENDA 2: Implementation of Multiple Exit/ Entry Scheme at UG Level (as per NEP 2020 Guidelines)

Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences & Liberal Arts (FHSSLA) proposed to introduce Multiple Exit/ Entry scheme at UG level.

Under this scheme, the candidate is eligible for award of certificate after completion of 1st year and diploma after 2nd year of the course.

Placed for the approval of the Committee.

Decision: Approved.

AGENDA 3: Implementation of 4 years Honours/ Honours with Research (as per NEP 2020 Guidelines)

SMU proposed the implementation of 4 years Honours/ 4 years Honours with Research across all BA, B Com and B Sc programs from Academic Year 2024-25 onwards. Candidate must secure CGPA minimum of 7.5 to be eligible for Honours/ Honours with Research.

However, the candidate has option of exit after 3 years of conventional degree courses in these programs.

Placed for the approval of the Committee.

Decision: Approved.

AGENDA 4: Discontinuation & Change of Nomenclature of B Sc Clinical Psychology at SMIT from AY 2024-25

On 14 June 2024, Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) vide its notification has brought B Sc Clinical Psychology (Hons.) course under its purview and mandated its approval to run the said course.

SMIT proposes the discontinuation of B Sc Clinical Psychology from AY 2024-25 and further proposes to change its nomenclature to B Sc Applied Psychology from AY 2025-26 as it does not fall under the purview of RCI.

The Academic Senate has approved the proposal.

Placed for the ratification of the Committee.

Decision: Ratified.

AGENDA 5: Adoption of the National Credit Framework (NCrF) at SMU

The National Credit Framework (NCrF) was notified by the UGC on 10 April 2023 to help establish academic equivalence to all forms of learning and its operationalization through the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC). In order to help higher education institutions. UGC has also notified the Standard Operating Procedures for the implementation of the National Credit Framework, developed by the High-Level Committee constituted by the Ministry of Education, on 7.8.2024. NCrF provides an enabling mechanism to implement student-centric reforms such as multidisciplinary education, mobility of students. multiple entry and exit etc.

All courses under SMU that are aligned with NEP 2020, have implemented the NCrF.

Placed before the Committee for ratification as mandated by UGC. Minutes of the meeting will hereafter be presented to the UGC.

Decision: Ratified.

AGENDA 6: Amendment: Policy on Rotation of Heads of Departments and Associate Directors/ Associate Deans (ADs)

1. Reference to the Office Order no. 118/SMU/REG/OO/14/2018; dated 02 July 2018, an amendment /addendum incorporated in the said guidelines/ policy.

2. **Necessity HoDs and ADs rotation:** Effective management of academic departments is crucial for maintaining institutional excellence and achieving academic goals. The rotation of HoDs/ADs addresses several key needs:

   (i)   **Leadership Development:** Provides opportunities for professional growth and development among faculty members by exposing them to different administrative challenges and responsibilities.
   (ii) **Preventing Stagnation:** Prevents complacency and stagnation in leadership by bringing in fresh perspectives and ideas regularly.
   (iii) **Succession Planning:** Facilitates succession planning by preparing potential future leaders through firsthand experience in departmental/ domain management.

3. Policy Guidelines on Rotation of Head of Department (HoD) and Associate Directors/ Associate Dean (ADs) are enclosed in Annexure- I.

Placed for the approval of the Committee.

Decision: Approved

Hon'ble Pro Chancellor, SMU thanked all the Esteemed Members of Executive Committee for their presence and valuable inputs and concluded the meeting.

Prof (Dr) K.S Sherpa
Registrar, SMU

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