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15 OCTOBER 2022 (SATURDAY)

Time: 4.15 PM   Venue: Conference Hall, Level III, SMIMS

Hon'ble Pro Chancellor and Chairman, Executive Committee, SMU – Dr. K. Ramnarayan, greeted and welcomed all the members of Executive Committee including the new member & expressed gratitude to the esteemed outgoing members of EC.

Members present – Dr Ranjan Pai, Chairman, MEMG; Shri Vaitheeswaran S., Vice Chairman & MD, MEMG; Dr (Veteran Lt Gen) Rajan S Grewal, Vice Chancellor, SMU; Mrs. Hondala Gyaltsen, Director, Technical & Higher Education, Education Department, Government of Sikkim; Dr. Tshering Pema Bhutia, Additional Director, Health & Family Welfare Department, GoS; Dr Murlidhar V Pai, Dean: SMIMS, Dr Gurdaman Lal Sharma, Director: SMIT, Dr Karma Sonam Sherpa, Registrar: SMU; Dr Yogesh Verma, MS: CRH, Mr. S V Ravi Sankar, Sr. Finance Officer, SMU & Dr Keerthilatha Pai, Controller of Examinations & Director, Quality Assurance, SMU.

PART – I

Item – 1: MINUTES OF MEETING OF 51ST EC

51st Executive Committee (EC) meeting was held on 02 April 2022 and the Minutes of Meeting were circulated to all members.

There were no comments on the draft Minutes of Meeting, by the Members.

Decision: Confirmed.

Item-2: MINUTES OF MEETING OF 61ST ACADEMIC SENATE

61st Academic Senate Meet was held on 20 July 2022 at SMU and the Minutes of Meeting were circulated to all the members concerned.

There were no comments on the draft Minutes of Meeting, by the Members.

Decision: Confirmed.

PART – II

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

(a) Prof K Ramnarayan has been appointed as Hon'ble Pro Chancellor, Sikkim Manipal University with effect from 08 May 2022.

(b) Dr M P Thapa, former Principal, Nar Bahadur Bhandari Degree College, has been nominated as Ombudsman with effect from 19 May 2022 to address the mandatory inclusion in the Students' Grievance Redressal Committee as per the UGC Guidelines.

(c) Col Manoj Kumar has been appointed as the Head, Engineering Services & Senior Manager (Infra & Facilities), Sikkim Manipal University with effect from 01 June 2022.

(d) Dr Muralidhar V Pai reappointed as Dean, SMIMS on rolls of SMU with effect from 01 June 2022 on retirement from MAHE on 31 May 2022.

(e) Dr Keerthilatha M Pai appointed as Controller of Examinations, Director - Quality Assurance & Reputation and Professor of Dental Surgery, SMIMS with effect from 01 June 2022

(f) Dr Zeeshan Ahmed Mumtaz appointed as Cardiologist, SMIMS with effect from 01 June 2022.

(g) Dr Gopal Thapa, Assistant Professor (Selection Grade), SMIT has been appointed as Deputy Registrar (Administration & Academics), Sikkim Manipal University with effect from 01 June 2022.

(h) Dr Arun Kumar Bandyopadhyay appointed as Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, SMIMS with effect from 03 Aug 2022.

(i) Prof Champa Sharma has been appointed as Principal, Sikkim Manipal College of Nursing (SMCON) with effect from 01 August 2022

(j) Mrs Pema Bhutia has been appointed as Officiating Nursing Superintendent, Central Referral Hospital (CRH) with effect from 01 August 2022

(k) Prof Ranjita Devi has been appointed as Vice Principal, Sikkim Manipal College of Nursing (SMCON), with effect from 01 September 2022.

(l) Dr Udit Chakraborty, Additional Professor, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, SMIT has been appointed as the Head of the Department with effect from 19 September 2022.

Decision: Ratified.

Item-3(b): Relieve from SMU Roll & Demittance of the Office

(a) Prof Hiren Kumar Deva Sarma, Professor & HoD, Department of IT, SMIT, relieved on 12 April 2022.

(b) Lt Gen (Dr) M D Venkatesh, VSM (Retd) relinquished the appointment of Pro Chancellor, Sikkim Manipal University on 07 May 2022.

(c) Prof Somnath Chatterjee, Professor, Department of CMSNT, SMIT proceeded on lien for a period of one-year with effect from 01 May 2022.

(d) Dr Naushi Mujeeb, Associate Professor, Department of Physiology, SMIMS relieved on 24 May 2022.

(e) Mr Sanjay Kr Gupta, Head Engineering Services: SMU completed his extended deputation to SMU on 31 May 2022 and has been repatriated to MCOMS: Nepal.

(f) Mr Ishwer Shivakoti has been relieved as Deputy Registrar (Academics & Skill Development), Sikkim Manipal University on 31 May 2022, on his request.

(g) Mr Remon Chettri, Associate Professor, SMCPT and Deputy Registrar (Administration) SMU proceeded on lien for a period of four years with effect from 01 June 2022

(h) Dr Pradip Kumar Singh, Professor & Head, Department of Ophthalmology, SMIMS relieved on 10 June 2022

(i) Dr Hari Sankar Sharma, Professor & Head, Department of ENT, SMIMS relieved on 06 Aug 2022

(j) Prof Champa Sharma has been relieved from the post of Vice Principal, Sikkim Manipal College of Nursing (SMCON) on 31 August 2022 consequent to her appointment as Principal, Sikkim Manipal College of Nursing.

(k) Dr Kalpana Sharma has been relieved from the Head of the Department of Computer Science & Engineering, SMIT, with effect from 19 September 2022, on her request.

Decision: Ratified.

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PART-III

AGENDA POINTS FOR RATIFICATION & APPROVAL
OF
52ND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEET

AGENDA: New External Experts in Academic Senate of SMU

On completion of tenure of external membership in SMU Academic Senate, new members have been nominated/ extended as follows:

Outgoing Members	New Nominated Members
Dr Mihir Kanti Bhattacharya, Emeritus Professor, Kolkata	**Dr Vishwa Mohan Katoch** Former DG, ICMR & Secretary Health Research, GoI; President, JIPMER, Puducherry; President, AIIMS, Madurai; Chairman, LEPRA Society; Honorary Editor, Indian Journal of Leprosy; Former NASI-ICMR Chair on Public Health Research at Rajasthan University of Health Sciences (RUHS), Jaipur
Dr Vinod V Thomas, Registrar – Evaluation, MAHE	**Dr Vinod V Thomas**, Registrar – Evaluation, MAHE (Renominated)

The proposal has approval of the Academic Senate, including the UMC & MEMG Leadership.

Placed for the ratification of the Committee.

Decision: Ratified

AGENDA: Nomination of Officials of Government of Sikkim for Executive Committee

Mrs Hondala Gyaltsen, Director, Higher & Technical Education, GoS has been nominated by Government of Sikkim in the Executive Committee of the University.

She has relieved Mrs Yishey Yongda, former Director, Higher & Technical Education, GoS, who has been transferred as District Magistrate, Gyalshing.

Placed for the ratification of the Committee.

Decision: Ratified

AGENDA: Seat Matrix for MD Radiodiagnosis at SMIMS & surrendering of DNB Seats

On receipt of the Letter of Permission (LoP) from NMC for 03 seats in MD Radiodiagnosis, following are the proposal of seat matrix to be implemented from Academic Year 2022 – 23 is as follows

DEPARTMENT	GENERAL	MANAGEMENT	SIKKIM
RADIODIAGNOSIS	1	1	1

With 03 seats in MD in Radiodiagnosis, SMIMS, permitted by NMC, the 03 existing seats of DNB in Radiology have been surrendered.

Placed for the ratification of the Committee.

Decision: Ratified.

AGENDA: Introduction of B Tech Computer Science & Engineering (Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning)

In view of the NBA Accreditation of Computer Science & Engineering and Information Technology branches of SMIT for the Academic Year 2022-2025, vide AICTE letter no. F. No. Eastern/ 1-10973691859/ 2022/ EOA; dated 03 July 2022, to commence a new course in B Tech in Computer Science & Engineering (Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning) with 60 seats from Academic Year 2022-23.

This has approval of Academic Senate.

Placed for the ratification of the Committee

Decision: Ratified

AGENDA: Introduction of M Tech (Structural Engineering) under the Department of Civil Engineering

With approval from AICTE vide letter no. F. No. Eastern/ 1-10973691859/ 2022/ EOA; dated 03 July 2022, the Department of Civil Engineering, SMIT has introduced M Tech in Structural Engineering from Academic Year 2022-23.

This has the approval of Academic Senate.

Placed for the ratification of the Committee.

Decision: Ratified

AGENDA: Revised Seat Matrix in B Tech Programmes, with Introduction of B Tech Computer Science & Engineering (Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning)

The introduction of a new branch in B Tech Computer Science & Engineering (Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning) with intake of 60 (the revised B Tech seat matrix is proposed to be apportioned with 30 seats from existing intake of Information Technology & Mechanical Engineering).

B.Tech (First Year)	Existing Seat Matrix			Revised Seat Matrix		
	General	Govt. Quota	Total	General	Govt Quota	Total
Computer Science & Engineering	144	36	**180**	144	36	**180**
Electronics & Communication	48	12	60	48	12	60
Electrical and Electronics	48	12	60	48	12	60
Information Technology	72	18	**90**	48	12	**60**
Mechanical Engineering	72	18	**90**	48	12	**60**
Civil Engineering	48	12	60	48	12	60
Artificial Intelligence and Data Science	48	12	60	48	12	60
CSE (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning)	-	-	-	48	12	60

Academic Senate has accorded approval.

Placed for the ratification of the Committee.

Decision: Ratified.

AGENDA: **Revised Seat Matrix in B Tech (Lateral Entry) with Introduction of B Tech Computer Science & Engineering (Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning)**

The approval for the revised seat matrix for Lateral Entry students in B. Tech 2nd Year with 06 seats is permitted in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science by reducing equivalent number of seats 03 each from Information Technology and Mechanical Engineering Department. It is proposed that Lateral Entry admission with 06 seats in CSE (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning) will start from Academic Year 2023 onwards. The details of the same is shown in table below.

B.Tech (2nd Year) Lateral Entry	Existing Seat Matrix			Revised Seat Matrix		
	General	Govt. Quota	Total	General	Govt Quota	Total
Computer Science and Engineering	14	4	18	14	4	18
Electronics & Communication	4	2	6	4	2	6
Electrical and Electronics	4	2	6	4	2	6
Information Technology	7	2	**9**	4	2	**6**
Mechanical Engineering	7	2	**9**	4	2	**6**
Civil Engineering	4	2	6	4	2	6
Artificial Intelligence and Data Science	-	-	-	4	2	6
Computer Science and Engineering (AI&ML)*	-	-	-	4	2	6

* Effective from Academic Year 2023 onwards.

Academic Senate has approved the proposal.

Placed for the ratification by the Committee.

Decision: Ratified

AGENDA: Revised Seat Matrix with Introduction of M Tech (Structural Engineering)

The approval for new course M. Tech in (Structural Engineering) with 18 seats is permitted by reducing equivalent number of seats, i.e.. 12 from M.Tech in Power Electronics Engineering; and 06 seats from M.Tech in Computer Science and

Engineering, keeping the total approved intake in M.Tech Programme same as 45 as per the table shown below.

M .Tech (First Year)	Existing Seat Matrix			Revised Seat Matrix		
	General	Govt. Quota	Total	General	Govt Quota	Total
Computer Science & Engineering	14	4	**18**	**10**	**02**	**12**
Digital Electronics & Communication Engineering	07	02	09	07	02	09
Power Electronics Engineering	14	04	18	**04**	**02**	**06**
Structural Engineering	-	-	-	14	04	**18**

This has approval of the Academic Senate.

Placed for the ratification of the Committee.

Decision: Ratified

AGENDA: Introduction of Four (04) Years B Sc Mathematics (Honours), B Sc (Honours) with Research & Five (05) Years Integrated M Sc Mathematics

Reference: Ratification of 51st Executive Committee

In view of the NEP 2020 guidelines, Department of Mathematics, SMIT, proposed to introduce a four (04) years programme of B.Sc Mathematics (Honours), B Sc Mathematics (Honours with Research) and five (05) years Integrated M.Sc in Mathematics with multiple exit and entry option from the Academic Session 2022 batch onwards. This has been approved by Academic Senate in its virtual meeting and was circulated vide University Office Order 162/SMU/REG/OO/40/2022.

This has approval of Academic Senate.

Placed for the ratification of the Committee.

Decision: Ratified

AGENDA: Introduction of B Sc Paramedical Courses

Reference: Concurrence of 50th Executive Committee held on 28 October 2021

SMIMS proposes to introduce B Sc in following Paramedical Courses with modifications in the nomenclature (as concurred by the 50th Executive Committee) from Academic Year 2022-23.

Course	General Seats out of Proposed Intake	Sikkim Quota seats out of Proposed Intake (as per the SMU Agreement with Govt of Sikkim)	Total Intake
B Sc in Medical Imaging Technology	12 (08+04)	03 (02 + 01)	15
B Sc in Anaesthesia & OT Technician	12 (08+04)	03 (02 + 01)	15
B Sc in Cardiovascular Technology*	12 (08+04)	03 (02 + 01)	15
B Sc in Medical Laboratory Technology	12 (08+04)	03 (02 + 01)	15

This has the approval of the Academic Senate.

Placed for the ratification by the Committee.

Decision: Ratified

AGENDA: NMC Letter of Permission (LoP) for 150 MBBS Seats in SMIMS

NMC vide letter no. NMC/ UGI/ 2020/ 000004; dated 25.11.2021 permitted increase of 50 MBBS seats (from 100 to 150 MBBS Seats) and admission of students for such time that first batch of students admitted against the above course appears for the final examination in the subject.

Placed for the ratification of the Committee.

Decision: Ratified

AGENDA: Increase of seats in MS (Obstretics & Gynaecology)

NMC Letter of Permission (LoP) vide letter no. NMC/ MCI/-701(22)/ 10A/ 2021-Med/029984; dated 28.10.2021 has permitted the increase of seats in MS (Obstretrics & Gynaecology) from 02 to 04 from Academic Year 2021-22.

Placed for the ratification of the Committee.

Decision: Ratified.

AGENDA: Seat Matrix of 150 MBBS Seats

Reference: 12th University Management Committee Meeting & MEMG Leadership Meeting

Three-member committee constituted by Dean: SMIMS proposed the following distribution of 150 MBBS seats under different headings:

S.No.	Category	Existing	Proposed
		No. of Seats	No. of Seats
1.	General	17	33
2.	North East	17	33
3.	Management	15	03
4.	Sikkim	Concessional: 20	Free: 50
		Full Fee: 30	Full Fee:30
5.	Defence	01	01
	Total	**100**	**150**

Placed for the ratification of the Committee.

Decision: Ratified.

AGENDA: Revised MD/ MS Seat Matrix with effect from Academic Year 2022-23

References: the following letters

    (a) SMIMS/ ADM/ 2021-61; dated 09 September 2022

    (b) Return of MD/ MS Seats by GoS vide their letter 12/PDHS/ H&FW; dated 22 August 2022

    (c) Counteroffer of MD/ MS Seats by SMIMS to GoS vide letter vide letter SMIMS/ ADMO/ 2022-343; dated 03 September 2022

Revised seat matrix of MD/ MS seats for Academic Year 2022- 23 is tabulated below: -

Sl.No	DEPARTMENT	GENERAL	MANAGEMENT	SIKKIM
	REVISED MD/ MS SEAT MATRIX-2022-2023			
1	RADIODIAGNOSIS	1	1	1
2	MEDICINE*	-	2	-
3	ENT*	2	-	-
4	OBG**	2	0	(1+1) =2
5	PEDIATRICS	1	-	1
6	ANESTHESIA	2	1	1
7	ORTHOPEDICS	2	0	1
8	PSYCHIATRY*	3	-	-
9	COMMUNITY MEDICINE	1	-	1
10	MICROBIOLOGY*	2	-	-
11	BIOCHEMISTRY	2	-	-
12	PHARMACOLOGY**	0	0	(1+1) = 2
13	PHYSIOLOGY**	0	0	(1+2) = 3
	TOTAL	**18**	**4**	**12**

*GoS vide their letter 12/PDHS/ H&FW; dated 22 August 2022; returned one (01) MD/ MS seat each in General Medicine, ENT, Psychiatry & Microbiology to SMIMS.

**A counter offer was made by SMIMS to GoS, vide letter SMIMS/ ADMO/ 2022-343; dated 03 September 2022, to offer two (02) MD seats in Physiology, one (01) MD seat in Pharmacology, one (01 MS seat in OBG & Gynaecology.

Placed for the ratification of the Committee.

Decision: Ratified

AGENDA: Introduction of Nursing Departments in SMCON

As per the INC guidelines, Sikkim Manipal College of Nursing (SMCON) shall have following nursing departments (with separate respective Heads of the Departments) :-

a) Nursing Foundation
b) Adult Health Nursing
c) Community Health Nursing
d) Midwifery/ Obstetrics & Gynecology Nursing
e) Child Health Nursing
f) Mental Health Nursing

This has the approval of the Academic Senate

Placed for the ratification of the Committee.

Decision: Ratified

AGENDA: Introduction of BA Honours in Psychology

Ref: Ratification of 51st Executive Committee

The Department of Humanities & Social Sciences proposes to upgrade BA in Psychology to Honours Course with 3 years Degree & 4 years Degree with Research from Academic Year 2022 – 23 in conformity with NEP.

This has approval of the Academic Senate.

Placed for the ratification of the Committee.

Decision: Ratified. The Committee further suggested to explore the introduction of Clinical Psychology as it has potential of high intake.

AGENDA: Rounding Off of Decimal Marks

Considering the principles of fairness, credibility, and justice, in consonance with Examination Manual/ SOP, SMU proposes 'rounding-off' of decimal marks earned by the students to the immediate higher whole number in their internal and end semester/ annual marks.

This has approval of the Academic Senate.

Placed for the ratification of the Committee.

Decision: Ratified.

AGENDA: Induction of New Members in SMU Academic Senate

Reference to the SMU Act, 1995, sub-clause 13 (c) for membership of Academic Senate, it is proposed to include Director, Directorate of Research, SMU & Controller of Examination (CoE), SMU as nominees of Hon'ble Pro Chancellor in the Academic Senate of the University.

In the absence of CoE, it is proposed that Additional CoE be permitted to attend the Academic Senate meeting.

Further, it is proposed that Director, DoR & Controller of Examinations, SMU be the permanent invitees in Executive & Governing Council Meetings.

Placed for the approval by the Committee.

Decision: Approved

Hon'ble Pro Chancellor: SMU thanked all the Esteemed Members of Executive Committee present at SMU for their presence & valued inputs and concluded the meeting.

Registrar, SMU