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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

55TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

20 MAY 2024 (MONDAY)

Time: 10.45 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 Somnath Das, Group President-Special Projects, MEMG; Shri Shridhar Hegde, Senior Vice President-Finance, MEMG; Dr Tshering Pema Bhutia, 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 thanked the members from Government of Sikkim and expressed his sincere gratitude for their presence and support. He further welcomed Chairman, MEMG and all other esteemed members to the meeting.

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

PART – I

Item – 1: MINUTES OF MEETING OF 54TH EC

54th Executive Committee (EC) meeting was held on 07 October 2023 and the Minutes of Meeting were circulated to all members.

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

Placed before the Committee for confirmation.

Decision: Confirmed

Item-2: MINUTES OF MEETING OF 64TH ACADEMIC SENATE

64th Academic Senate Meet was held on 10 January 2024 at SMU and the Minutes of Meeting were circulated to all the members concerned.

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

Placed before the Committee for ratification.

Decision: Ratified

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PART – II

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

Sl. No	NAME	ENTITY	DATE OF JOINING	DEPARTMENT	DESIGNATION
1	Dr. Varun Kumar Singh	SMIMS	01-01-2024	Surgery	Professor
2	Mr. Bitopan Sarma Baruah	SMU	26-12-2023	IT	Head IT

Item-3(b): Exit from SMU Roll

Sl. No	NAME	ENTITY	DATE OF JOINING	DEPT	DESIGNATION	DATE OF REL
1	Dr. O.P Dhakal	SMIMS	24-01-2005	General Medicine	Professor	10-10-2023
2	Dr. Bedanta Bora	SMIT	2-03-2006	Management Studies	Additional Professor	10-11-2023
3	Dr. Rabindranath Bera	SMIT	11-05-2004	AI & DS	Professor	19-11-2023
4	Dr. Nirvana R Halder	SMIMS	21-09-2023	Pathology	Professor	29-12-2023
5	Col Manoj Kumar	SMU	17-01-2020	Engineering	Head Engineering	17-01-2024
6	Dr. Ezzat Khalda	SMIMS	13-08-2015	Radiology	Associate Professor	23-01-2024
7	Dr. Bhaskar Bhuyan	SMIT	30-07-2008	IT	Associate Professor	02-03-2024
8	Dr. Babai Halder	SMIMS	21-09-2023	Pathology	Professor	29-12-2023
9	Dr. Navneet Singh Chabra	CRH	01-12-2022	Hospital Administration	AMS & Head Hospital Administration	24-04-2024
10	Dr. Bhim Singh Verma	SMIMS	22-08-2015	Radiology	Professor	30-04-2024

Placed before the Committee for information.

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Decision: Noted

PART-III

AGENDA POINTS: 55th EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEET

AGENDA: Introduction of New Programs from Academic Year 2024-25

1. It is proposed to introduce following new programs under different Institutions/ Departments of SMU:

Department	Institution	Course	Intake
Department of Hospital Administration	SMIMS	Bachelor of Hospital Administration (BHA) – 3 years Bachelor of Hospital Administration (Honours) – 4 Years	40
Department of Information Technology	SMIT	B Tech (Computer Science & Technology)	30
Department of Mechanical Engineering	SMIT	M Tech (Energy Systems & Management)	06

2. 20% of the total intake in each program will be by Government of Sikkim nomination.
3. Academic Senate has approved the proposal in principle.

Placed for the ratification by the Committee.

Decision: Ratified

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AGENDA: Shifting of BA (Psychology) Program to SMIT from Academic Year 2024-25

1. The Department of Psychology is running at SMIT with a program of B Sc (Clinical Psychology) since Academic Year 2023-24.
2. Psychology Laboratory has been established at Majhitar Campus.
3. Considering the logistics convenience, it is proposed to shift the BA (Psychology) program (presently running under the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences & Liberal Arts (FHSSLA)) to SMIT from Academic Year 2024-25.

Placed for the approval of the Committee.

Decision: Approved

AGENDA: Rename of Program/ Directorate under SMU

64th Academic Senate approved the change/ rename of following:

Existing Nomenclature	Changed Nomenclature	Institute/ Department
Directorate of Online Education	Centre of Distance & Online Education (CDOE)	-
Allied Health Professionals	Allied Health Professions	SMIMS
M Tech (Digital Electronics & Communication)	M Tech (Communication & Signal Process) #	SMIT/ ECE

Subject to approval of AICTE

Placed for the concurrence of the Committee.

Decision: Concurred

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AGENDA: Fee Structure of Programs under Centre of Distance & Online Education

(Annexure: I)

This has approval of the 64th Academic Senate.

Placed for the approval of the Committee.

Decision: Approved

AGENDA: Change in Intake Capacity

Following changes in student intake capacity across the programs were proposed.

Program	Existing Intake	Changed Intake
B Tech (Information Technology) #	60	30
Master of Business Administration (MBA)#	60	120
Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)#	60	120
Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA)#	60	120

Subject to approval of AICTE

This has been noted by the 64th Academic Senate and the proposal is subject to the approval of AICTE.

Placed for the ratification of the Committee.

Decision: Ratified

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AGENDA: Ph.D. in Physical Education

64th Academic Senate approved the introduction of Ph.D. in the Department of Physical Education & Sports, SMIT.

This is as per the UGC guidelines.

Placed for the ratification of the Committee.

Decision: Ratified. The Council suggested to strictly adhere to the UGC Ph.D. Guidelines.

AGENDA: Policy for SWAYAM/ NPTEL

To align with the NEP 2020 regarding MOOC courses to offer wider choice to students, SMIT proposes a policy on implementation of SWAYAM/ NPTEL. This has approval of the Academic Senate.

Placed for the ratification of the Committee.

Decision: Ratified. The Council suggested to look for the courses offered by IIT, Chennai on SWAYAM.

AGENDA: Introduction of Entrepreneurship Development Course

Department of Management Studies, SMIT proposes to introduce 4 credit **'Entrepreneurship Development'** course in collaboration with Atal Incubation Centre – Sikkim Manipal University Technology Business Incubator (AIC – SMUTBI) as an Open Elective in 3rd and 4th/ (6th & 7th) semester in all undergraduate 3/ 4 years programs respectively for the 2024 admitted batch onwards.

Placed for the ratification of the Committee.

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Decision: Ratified

AGENDA: Introduction of Minor Specializations

Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between SMIT and L&T Edu Tech and establishment of Centre of Excellence on Electric Vehicle Technology at Majhitar Campus.

Consequently, Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering & Mechanical Engineering, SMIT proposes to offer **'Advanced Specialization on Electric Vehicles (Electrical)'** & **'Advanced Specialization on Electric Vehicles (Mechanical)'** respectively in collaboration with L & T Edu Tech as Minor Specialization from AY 2024-25.

Placed for the ratification of the Committee.

Decision: Ratified.

Shri R. Telang, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department, GoS, suggested to include/explore possible technology that help in disposal of e-waste and other types of waste generated by Electric Vehicle or otherwise.

AGENDA: Alignment of Programs as per NEP 2020

All UGC governed programs under SMU have been aligned as per the NEP 2020 into:

(a) 3 years Basic Undergraduate Programs

(b) 4 years Undergraduate Programs with Honours

(c) 4 years Undergraduate Programs leading to Honours with Research

The has the concurrence of the Academic Senate.

Placed for ratification of the Committee.

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Decision: Ratified

AGENDA: Introduction of Programs under Online Mode

After the new development, the central, state and private universities like SMU, will not require prior approval or no objection certification (NOC) from AICTE along with their application to UGC for offering of undergraduate, postgraduate and postgraduate diploma programmes under Management, Computer Application and Travel and Tourism disciplines in open and distance learning (ODL) or online mode.

However, deemed to be universities will continue to require prior approval/recommendation/ NOC of AICTE for offering of such programmes, before submitting their application to the commission.

Placed for the information of the Committee.

Decision: Noted

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Additional Agenda with the permission of the Chair

AGENDA: Change in Evaluation Method

SMIMS proposed doing away with Double Evaluation system of answer sheet to Question Based (Multiple Evaluators) Evaluation

Advantages of Question Based Evaluation:

- Uniformity in evaluation
- No need of 3rd evaluation

In new evaluation system also, Re-evaluation is allowed as before, but will be done by a Single Senior Evaluator

Placed before the Committee for in-principle approval.

Decision: The council found the proposal suitable for MBBS paper evaluation because of the uniformity and unbiasedness in evaluation & hence approved the proposal in principle.

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

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