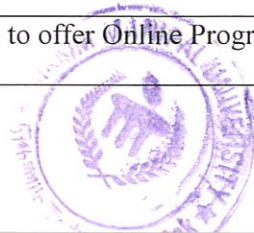




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SIKKIM MANIPAL UNIVERSITY

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**52ND GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING
15 OCTOBER 2022 (SATURDAY)**

Time: 04.15 PM

Venue: Conference Hall, Level III, SMIMS

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 Gyaltzen, Director, Technical & Higher Education, Education Department, Government of Sikkim (*represented Shri Ravindra Telang, Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department, GoS*); Dr Tshering Pema Bhutia, Addl. Director, Medical Education Unit, Health & Family Welfare Department, GoS (*represented Shri D Anandan, Commissioner – cum – Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, GoS*); Dr Murlidhar V Pai, Dean: SMIMS, Dr Gur Daman Lal Sharma, Director: SMIT ; Prof. (Dr) Karma Sonam Sherpa, Registrar, SMU; Dr Yogesh Verma, Medical Superintendent, CRH; Dr Keerthilatha Pai, Controller of Examination & Director, Quality Assurance, SMU; Dr Bidita Khandelwal, Professor, Department of Medicine: SMIMS, Dr Ajeya Jha, Professor, Management Studies: SMIT, Dr Kalpana Sharma, Associate Director (R&D); SMIT, Dr Sanjiba Datta, Associate Dean (Academics) & Head, Psychiatry: SMIMS and Mr. S V Ravi Sankar, Senior Finance Officer, SMU.

Leave granted to – Mr Nishith K Mohanty, Group President (Human Resource & Academia), Mr Somnath Das, Group President (Special Projects), MEMG & Dr Vinod Bhat.

Hon'ble Pro Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council, SMU - Dr K Ramnarayan, greeted and welcomed all the members of Governing Council and their representatives.

He further requested the Vice Chancellor to carry forward the proceedings.



PART - I

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 51ST GOVERNING COUNCIL/
51ST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND 52ND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEET**

Item-1: Minutes of 51st Governing Council, 51st Executive Committee and 53rd Finance Committee Meet held on 02 April 2022 were circulated to all members.

All members concurred the Minutes of Meeting.

Placed before the Governing Council for confirmation.

Decision: Confirmed.

PART - II

UPDATE ON SMU AND ITS CONSTITUENT UNITS

Item-2: CME/ Seminars / Workshops / Conference / Trainings/ Webinars/ Events

(a) Number of CMEs/ Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences/ Trainings/ Webinars/ Events **organised** since last GC is given in the table below.

51 st GC				52 nd GC		
Unit	Webinar/ Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshops	Focused Campus Training	Total	Webinars/ Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshops	Focused Campus Training	Total
SMIMS	03	07	10	15	08	23
SMIT	30	05	35	39	-	39
DHSS	01	03	04	01	-	01
CRH	03	-	03	05	04	09
DoR	-	-	-	04	02	06



(b) Number of CMEs/Workshops/Conferences/Trainings/ Webinars **attended** since last GC is given in the table below.

51 st GC					52 nd GC			
Unit	Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshops	Focused Campus Training	CMEs	Total	Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshops	Focused Campus Training	CMEs	Total
SMIMS	98	02	03	103	103	11	13	127
SMIT	394	-	-	394	286	-	-	286
DHSS	08	-	-	08	13	-	-	13
CRH	06	-	-	06	05	03	-	08

Decision: Noted.

Item-3: Highlights of Major Conferences / Workshops/ Webinars

MAJHITAR CAMPUS

- ✓ Centre of Faculty & Staff Development: SMIT organised 8 weeks Online NPTEL Course on 'NBA Accreditation and Teaching - Learning in Engineering (NATE)', was organised from Jan-April 2022
- ✓ The Women's Trans-Himalayan Expedition 2022, with 14-member expedition led by mountaineer, Ms Bachendri Pal, first Indian woman to scale Mount Everest, visited SMIT on 10 April 2022
- ✓ SMIT celebrated its 25th Annual Day on 30 April 2022 commemorating the Birth Anniversary of the founding father of the Manipal Group, Dr Tonse Madhava Ananth Pai.
- ✓ Centre of Faculty & Staff Development: SMIT organised :-
 - 5 days FDP on 'Understanding OBE and NBA Accreditation' during 18 – 22 April 2022
 - 4 days 'Faculty Induction Programme' from 04 – 07 April 2022



- 3 days of Online FDP on 'A Mindful Approach to Holistic Health & Well Being' was held from 17 – 19 May 2022
- 5 Days' Online FDP on 'Recent Trends in Computer Vision and AI' was organised from 24 – 28 May 2022
- ✓ Comprehensive Workshop on 'Campus to Corporate' for Management Interns
- ✓ Office of Training, Placement & Industry Liaison, SMIT signed MoU with Ericsson & Mentorkart
- ✓ Centre of Faculty & Staff Development: SMIT organised :-
 - 5 days FDP on 'Understanding OBE and NBA Accreditation' during 18 – 22 April 2022
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 - 5 Days' Online FDP on 'Recent Trends in Computer Vision and AI' was organised from 24 – 28 May 2022
 - 3 Days Offline Workshop on 'Exploring MATLAB' was held from Sep 13-15 September 2022
- ✓ SMIT organised two day 'Curriculum Conclave' with participation of eminent academicians, alumni, students & industry experts on 09 & 10 May 2022.
- ✓ Industry Academia Meet organised by the Training, Placement and Industry Liaison Cell, SMIT on 06 August 2022
- ✓ SMIT hosted 'Smart India Hackathon Junior Finals' for school students from class 06 to 12, on 25 – 26 August 2022.
- ✓ One-week Training Program on 'Uses of Sophisticated Instruments in Material Science and Nano-technology', was held during 15 – 21 September 2022. It was jointly organized by Department of Physics and Department of Chemistry in collaboration with Center for Materials Science & Nano Technology, Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology (SMIT)
- ✓ SMIT organised 'Global Alumni Meet' on 24 September 2022.

Decision: Noted.



TADONG CAMPUS

- ✓ SMCON won the 1st Prize in 'IGNITE' – Inter College Fest, amongst 21 colleges from various parts of the country, held on 23 April 2022
- ✓ CRH began its year long Silver Jubilee celebration on 'World Health Day' on 06 April 2022
- ✓ DHSS organised Annual Sports Meet from 26 April to 07 May 2022
- ✓ SMCPT organised 1st College Day on 08 April 2022 and 1st Alumni Meet 'Déjà vu' on 23 April 2022
- ✓ Workshop on 'Professional Identity' was held on 26 April 2022.
- ✓ Intellectual Property Rights Awareness Programme, was organised under National IP Awareness Mission (NIPAM), on 23 May 2022
- ✓ Department of Physiology, SMIMS conducted Webinar on 'Be With Yoga, Be At Home' to mark the International Yoga Day on 21 June 2022
- ✓ Webinar on 'Awareness on Scientific Misconduct' was conducted by DoR on 16 June 2022
- ✓ Webinar on 'How to use Turnitin?: Training Students and Teachers', was organised by DoR on 22 June 2022
- ✓ MoU signed with Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA): for the CGMA Finance Leadership Programme (FLP) with effect from July 2021
- ✓ Introduction of Certification Course in 'Industry Readiness Programme on Capital Market' in collaboration with NSE Academy in July 2021
- ✓ Webinar on 'Awareness on Predatory publishers and journals', was organised by DoR on 30 July 2022,
- ✓ SMCON conducted workshop on 'Beginner's Guide to Research' on 10 August 2022
- ✓ SMIMS conducted 'Curriculum Conclave' on 11 August 2022
- ✓ Site monitoring visit for the Task Force project entitled 'Surveillance of foodborne disease pathogens from North-East India', was conducted on 06 August 2022.
- ✓ DHSS celebrated its Foundation Day on 19 September 2022
- ✓ Department of Biochemistry, SMIMS, hosted East Zone Conference of Association of Clinical Biochemists of India on 17 September 2022.



- ✓ A one-day certificate programme on 'Pressure Area Care Management' for nurses of Central Referral Hospital was organised on 15 September 2022.
- ✓ Student Research Conclave was organized by SMU Students Research Forum on 20 September 2022.
- ✓ Faculty Development Program (FDP) on 'Emerging trends and prospective goals of natural products in nano-medicine', was organised by DoR on 21 September, 2022
- ✓ CRH and Department of Pharmacology, SMIMS, conducted one-day capacity building training on 'Pharmacovigilance and Drug Safety' for doctors, nurses, pharmacists, hospital operations and quality department on 23 September 2022.
- ✓ The Department of Pediatrics, SMIMS in collaboration with Indian Academy of Pediatrics conducted XI Annual CME in Pediatrics on 'Basic & Advanced Life Support) in Pediatrics' from 25 – 27 September 2022.

Decision: Noted.

Item-4: Highlights of Major Events held at/ by SMU post last GC

- Army Medical Corps Motorcycle Expedition was felicitated by SMU on 18 April 2022
- SMU & its constituent units, commemorated weeklong 124th Birth Anniversary of the founding father of the Manipal Group, Dr Tonse Madhava Ananth Pai on 30 April 2022
- NSS Unit, Sikkim Manipal University, conducted a tree plantation drive in Tadong campus on 22 April 2022
- Directorate of Research, SMU conducted 'National IPR Awareness' session in collaboration with Intellectual Property Rights Office, Kolkata on 22 May 2022
- Dr K Ramnarayan, Hon'ble Pro Chancellor conducted Faculty Development Program (FDP) on '10 Maxims of Formative Assessment' on 25 & 26 May 2022 at Tadong & Majhitar Campus respectively.
- Felicitation Program on account of 50 free MBBS seats at SMIMS for Honourable Chief Minister at SMU was held on 12 June 2022.



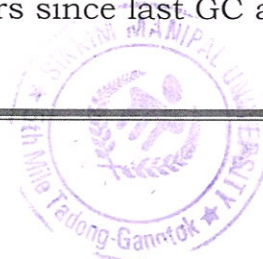
- Intra Manipal Group NAAC Audit Team from MUJ & MAHE visited SMU from 20 – 25 June 2022
- Mr Nishith K Mohanty, Group President (HR & Academia) visited SMU from 20 – 24 June 2022.
- Academic Senate Meeting was held on 20 July 2022
- Meeting with Shri Ravindra Telang, IAS, ACS, Education & Home Department, GoS, Mrs Hondala Gyaltzen, Director, Higher & Technical Education, GoS and other officials of the Education Department was held at Conference Hall, Education Department on 27 July 2022 along with VC & university officials on Various pertinent issues were discussed, grant-in-aid and other admission related matters.
- Meeting with ACS, Finance (now Chief Secretary, GoS), Commissioner cum Secretary, Health, GoS was held on 29 July 2022, along with university officials.
- NAAC Peer Team visit to SMU & its constituent units was held from 16 – 19 August 2022
- MoU signed between Sikkim Manipal University and Software Technology Park of India (Gangtok Branch) on 07 July 2022.
- Directorate of Research launched ‘Students Research Forum’ on 06 August 2022
- ‘Symposia & Awareness Campaign on Vistas of Organ Donation in India & Avenues for Sikkim’ was held on 07 September 2022 with the Hon’ble Governor, as the Chief Guest & Hon’ble Health Minister, GoS, as the Guest of Honour.
- A weeklong celebration commemorating Birth Anniversary of Founding Pro Chancellor, Dr Ramdas M Pai, Chairman Emeritus, MEMG was celebrated across all units of SMU on 15 – 21 September 2022

Decision: Noted.

Item-5: Research Publications

The number of research publications by faculty members since last GC are given in the table below:

Minutes: 52nd Governing Council Meeting: 15 October 2022



51 st GC					52 nd GC					
Unit	Journal		Conference		Total	Journal		Conference		Total
	International	National	International	National		International	National	International	National	
SMIMS	13	10	02	04	29	24	04	13	03	20
SMIT	66	08	43	13	130	78	11	28	08	47
DHSS	-	01	-	03	04	02	01	-	01	02

Decision: Noted.

Item-6 (a): Awards and Achievements – Faculty Members

Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology (SMIT)

- ✓ Prof (Dr.) C.T. Singh, CEO, AIC SMUTBI, was Panelist at the National Web Series on NEP 2020 organized by AWS (Amazon Web Services) in collaboration with INTEL on 24 March 2022
- ✓ Dr. Kalpana Sharma, AD (Research), SMIT, received Silver Certificate in the NPTEL Course 'Introduction to Professional Scientific Communication' held from Jan - Feb 2022
- ✓ Dr Samarjeet Bora, Professor, Computer Applications, SMIT published a book titled 'Computing & Communications Engineering in Real-Time Application Development, Research Notes on Computing & Communication Sciences' at Apple Academic Press (Co Publishing with CRC Press), USA in July 2022
- ✓ Dr Samrat Kumar Mukherjee published a book titled 'Consumer Behaviour and Market Dynamics in India: Cross Sectional View across Diverse Industry in Elvia Press Global Ltd, Mauritius in July 2022
- ✓ Prof. (Dr.) GL Sharma, Director SMIT, received the National Happiness Unicorn Award by AICTE on 20 August 2022
- ✓ Dr. Krishna Vijay Kr. Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Applications & Mr. Ish Nath Jha, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, SMIT, received a grant of Rs. 10.55 lakhs, under RPS from AICTE.



- ✓ NBA Accreditation & Teaching Learning in Engineering, NPTEL courses:
 - Dr. S Dhar, Head, ECE Dept awarded Topper 1%
 - Dr. A Biswas, Asso Prof, ECE Dept awarded Topper 2%
 - Dr K Sharma, Associate Director (R&D) & Dr. G C Mishra, HoD, Department of Physics awarded Topper 5 %

Decision: Noted.

Atal Incubation Centre - Sikkim Manipal University Technology
Business Incubator (AIC-SMUTBI)

- ✓ Received a grant of Rs 3.15 Crores from Startup India and became the only Incubator in North East India to be supported by Dept of Promotion of Industries and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Ministry of Commerce & Industries Govt of India.
- ✓ AIC-SMUTBI is one of the 4 incubators in India selected by Meta to run an Acceleration Program for XR. Meta has invested Rs 4.2 Crores with AIC-SMUTBI to implement this program. This is a selection process that took about 7 months with almost 250 incubators across the country.
- ✓ Startup Manipur, Government of Manipur has sought the advise and assistance to handhold them and run an acceleration program on behalf of Government of Manipur for 3 months and has initially invested Rs 11.8 Lakhs for this program.
- ✓ Negotiations have also been initiated to handhold Startup Tripura and Startup Arunachal Pradesh in a similar model.
- ✓ Total number of jobs created is 214 till March 2022. Revenue generated by Startups is more Rs 25 crores. Investment raised from various Venture Funds/Angel Funds/ CSR/Grants is more than Rs 9 crores till date.

Decision: Noted.



Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences (SMIMS)

- ✓ Dr. Murlidhar V Pai, Dean: SMIMS awarded 'Honorary FRCOG' by the Council of Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of UK.
- ✓ Dr. Polly Lama, Associate Professor, Department of Anatomy, has been granted Rs 29.8 lakhs by ICMR for research project.
- ✓ Dr. Polly Lama, Associate Professor, Department of Anatomy, published peer reviewed article for BMC Musculoskeletal Disease & Scientific Report, Nature Journal as an Editorial Board Member.
- ✓ Dr. Bidita Khandelwal, Director, DoR, appointed as Expert Evaluator for ISCR's 3rd National Award for Excellence in Academic Clinical Research 2022.
- ✓ Dr. Dev Ashis Ramu Damu, Assistant Professor, Department of FMT, successfully completed specialized Certificate Course in 'Health Care Accreditation 2022' conducted by MEU, India, Between April to June 2022
- ✓ Dr. Bidita Khandelwal, Director, DoR selected the reviewer for The Lancet Regional Health, Southeast Asia Journal
- ✓ Dr. Dheeraj Khatri, Professor, Department of Medicine, SMIMS was awarded the Hand Hygiene Champion by Hospital Infection Control Committee, CRH on 05 May 2022.

Decision: Noted.

Sikkim Manipal College of Nursing (SMCON)

- ✓ Dr. Barkha Devi, Associate Professor, SMCON, presented with Best Researcher Award by International Research Awards on Science, Health and Engineering SHEN 2022 Award.
- ✓ Prof. Ranjita Devi, Vice Principal & Head, Community Health Nursing, SMCON acknowledged as 'The Inspiring Icon' by Ujir Academic Research Foundation.
- ✓ Dr. Barkha Devi, Associate Professor, SMCON bestowed with Research Excellence Award 2022 by InSc Institute of Scholars.
- ✓ Dr. Barkha Devi, Associate Professor, SMCON was presented with Women Leadership Award by Glantor X.

Decision: Noted.



Item 6 (b): Awards and Achievements – Students Members

- ✓ Kiden Lachungpa and Diya Trikhatri, students of SMCON, secured first position in ‘Doubles Table Tennis in ‘ABLAZE’ Annual Fest of ICAI University, Gangtok
- ✓ Diya Trikhatri, won first prize in Single Table Tennis Tournament in ‘ABLAZE’
- ✓ Mr. Milan Ghatani & Ms Sweta Sharma, B. Com, DHSS, SMU received Best Paper Award in International Student Research Confluence 2022, organised by School of Business, MAHE, Dubai.
- ✓ Virtual Alumni Talk by Mr. Immanuel Savio Donbosco, Associate Instructor at Indiana University Bloomington, organized by SMIT Alumni Engagement Cell on 20 May 2022.
- ✓ Albert Mothey, Ph.D. scholar of the Department of Humanities & Social Sciences (DHSS) has qualified for the UGC Junior Research Fellowship on 23 June 2022.
- ✓ Alumni achievement: Mr Harsh Sinha (SMIT batch 2003) CTO of Wise: biggest Tech Stock opening in the history of London Stock Market with \$ 11 billion dollar valuation.
- ✓ Alumni Talk by Mr. Sourav Chanda, Country Lead - Cyber Security at Providence India, Security Leader, Practitioner & Evangelist was organized by Alumni Engagement Cell on 06 Aug 2022.
- ✓ Dr Krishnu Rudra Pal & Dr Thondup Palmu Wangdi, JR, Neurosurgery were awarded Certificate in ‘Neurotrauma Course’.

Decision: Noted.

Item-7: Faculty Status at SMIMS

NMC Faculty Status as on 01 Oct 2022.

Category	Required	Actual	Def	Def (%)
Faculty	114	110	4	3%
Residents	69	64	5	7%
Total	183	174	9	

Decision: Noted.



Item-8: Update on Central Referral Hospital (CRH)**(a) Hospital Statistics (Without COVID Patients)**

S. No	Category	FY 16-17	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 21-22 (up to 17 th Sep'21)	FY 22-23 (up to 17 th Sep'22)
1	OP	230047	226008	206839	199907	123770	115403	48596	77272
2	IP	18341	19018	20480	18597	13343	10992	4643	7236

Note:

The above figures are without Covid patients.

Covid OP & IP numbers for FY 2020-21 are 4034 & 'Nil' respectively

Covid OP & IP numbers for FY 2021-22 are 17318 & 769 respectively

Covid OP & IP numbers for FY 2022-23 YTD Aug'22 is 2155 & 94 respectively

(b) COVID WARDS & ICU (started with effect from 26 April 2021)

Total No. of Beds	Total No. of Patients Admitted (Till 17 Sept 2022)
103 Beds with 14 ICU Beds (Created with existing infrastructure in April 2021)	989

(c) Free Bed Statistics: (75 concessional beds were reconfigured and increased to 150 free beds with effect from 14 Feb 2022)

Month	No. of Discharges	Total Length of Stay	% Bed Occupancy
Apr-22	510	2,503	55.62
May-22	321	1,573	33.83
Jun-22	250	1,387	30.82
Jul-22	351	1,742	37.46
Aug-22	441	2,181	46.90
Total	1,873	9,386	-

(d) Health Camps

FY	No. of Camps	OPD No.	No. of Referrals	No. of Conversions	% Conversion against referral
2019-20	42	6689	1511	349	23%
2020-21	15	1631	658	401	61%
2021-22	23	2564	571	60	11%
2021-22 (Till 17 Sept 2021)	10	899	230	31	13%
2022-23 (Till 17 Sept 2022)	21	7972	1044	153	15%

Decision: Noted.



Item-9: Status Report on SMIMS Court Cases as on 26 Feb 2022

S.No	Case Details in Supreme Court of India	Remarks	Course of Action
1	Special Leave Petition (Civil) 839 OF 2016	Case filed by MCI against the High Court order arising due to the discharge notice of 19 North East students.	Hon'ble High Court of Sikkim has allowed these students to continue and get the same ratified from the Hon'ble Supreme Court which has now been done by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
2	Special Leave Petition (Civil) 1637 Of 2016 DISPOSED (Motion Hearing) (Disposal Date: 07-12-2016, Month: 4, Year: 2017) JUDGES: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MADAN B. LOKUR, HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. RAMANA SLP (Civil) CC 1056 Of 2016 IA in WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 705 OF 2014	These are the related case arising out of SLP 839 (19 North East students discharge matter) filed by SMIMS.	Listed on 18 September 2017 [REGISTRAR (J) - III]
3	SLP(C) No. 18313/2012	This arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 27 April 2012 in WP No. 37/2011 passed by the High Court of Sikkim at Gangtok issued regarding LOP of increase intake of 50 to 100 MBBS student and usage of clinical material and Faculty/ Residents of STNM for training of students.	SLP(C) No. 018313 / 2012 is pending (Motion Hearing [DISPOSAL/FINAL DISPOSAL AT ADMISSION STAGE - CIVIL CASES])

Decision: Noted.



Item-10: SMIT Placement Statistics (2022 Batch as on 07 September 2022)

Program: B.Tech (2022 Batch as on 07 Sept 2022)	
Total Number of Students opting for Placement support (B.Tech)	377
Total Number of Placements Offered	522 with some students getting double placement offers
Highest Package per annum offered by Company	Rs 29.25 Lakhs
Highest Package per annum received by student in campus hiring	Rs 29.25 Lakhs
Average Package per annum	Rs 6.50 Lakhs
Total No of Companies	66

Program: Others - MCA / BCA / BBA / MBA etc (2022 Batch as on 07 Sept 2022)	
Total Number of Students interested	75
Total Number of Placements Offered	34
Highest Package per annum	9.00 LPA
Average Package per annum	4.78
Total No of Companies	11

Program: B.Tech (2023 Batch as on 07 Sept 2022) [Students currently in Final Year]	
Total Number of Students (B.Tech)	362
Total Number of Eligible & Interested Students (B.Tech)	309
Total Number of Placements Offered	119
Highest Package per annum offered by company	36 LPA



Highest Package per annum received by student in campus hiring as on 7 Sept 2022	13.5 LPA
Average Package per annum	5.93
Total No of Companies	12
Note: Campus interviews are in progress	
Upcoming & Ongoing hiring events: State Street, Trianz, Tata Technologies, Keysight, Cognizant, Wipro etc.	

➤ **Prominent Companies offering Placements: -**

BATCH:2022	Batch 2023
Accenture	Nomura
Dell	Wipro
Boston Scientific	Ericsson
Bureau Veritas	Teksystems
Byju's	Microsoft
Capgemini	Providence
CDE Asia	Ncompass
CISCO	Cognizant
Computronics	Daikin
Docquity	Ernst & Young
HCL	HP
IITC Infotech	JSW
Lt Elevator	Poornam Info Vision
Medtronics	TCS
Microsoft	Tech Mahindra
Unext	Teksystems

Decision: Noted.



Item-11 (a): Infrastructure Update at SMIT Campus

- **Elevator for Academic Block:** - Elevator has been successfully installed.
- **Water Proofing:** - Water proofing of roof of Hostel & part Academic Block costing Rs 12.50 Lakh has been completed.
- **Upgradation of STP at SMIT:** - Work has been completed & plant is operational.
- **Replacement of Furniture in New R Quarters:** Items procured & distributed.
- **Artificial Turf for Futsal:** Turf has been laid & is fit for use.
 - ✓ **Following works are in advance stage -**
 - ✓ **Infrastructure and Facilities for AI & DS Lab:** - Civil works, provision and installation of HVAC, UPS and furniture costing Rs 10.00 lakh under progress.
 - ✓ **Furniture and Mattresses for Staff Quarters** worth Rs 11.00 lakh procured.
 - ✓ **Elevator for old R Quarters:** - Work Order placed for Rs 13.90 lakh.

Item-11 (b): Infrastructure Update at CRH/SMIMS Campus.

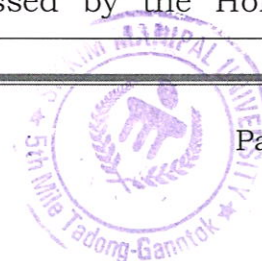
- **Supply and Installation of 500 KVA DG set at Substation:** - Purchase and installation of 500 KVA DG at a cost of Rs. 50 lakhs have been successfully installed along with a new control Panel.
- **Water proofing work at roof top of CRH Building:** - Water proofing work at roof top of CRH building costing Rs 7.33 lakhs has been completed.
- **Purchase of Mattresses and Study chairs:** - Purchase of Mattress and study chair for Hostel costing Rs. 4.37 lakhs completed.
- **Waterproofing work:** - **Waterproofing work** at PG Hostel, Nursing Hostel and Staff Housing block – C roof top costing Rs. 10 lakhs is completed.

Decision: Noted.



Item-12: Legal Matters Pertaining to SMU Directorate of Distance Education

S.No.	Matter	Current Status
01.	<p>As per the UGC letter no. F. No. 12-12/2016 (DEB III) dated 01 November 2016, the conduct of Distance Education Examination must be confined to the jurisdiction of the State in which the University is established.</p> <p>Case was listed on 29 October 2018, 20 February 2019, 22 March 2019, 08 May 2019 and 13 June 2019</p> <p>On 27 June 2019, UGC vide letter F.No. 74-4/2018 (DEB-I) approved, recognized 7 of its courses (BA, MBA, MCA, BBA, BCA, BSc (IT) and MSc (IT)) on the basis of applications received under UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017 (2nd and 3rd Amendment) to offer ODL mode.</p>	<p>The Hon'ble High Court of Sikkim has upheld the restrictions imposed by UGC on conduct of examinations within the territorial jurisdiction of the state, including the validity of Regulation 13(7) of the ODL Regulations 2017, and dismissed the Writ Petition filed by the University. Accordingly, in view of the judgment, the University is presently unable to conduct any examinations outside the State of Sikkim and started conducting examinations in Sikkim.</p> <p>University had filed Writ Appeal under Rule 148 of the Sikkim High Court (Practice and Procedure) Rules 2011, aggrieved by the Impugned Judgment dated 03.01.2020 passed by the Hon'ble</p>



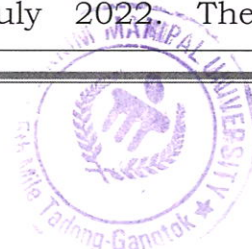
		<p>Single Judge in W.P. Civil No. 65 of 2016. It has been accepted by the Hon'ble Sikkim High Court and awaiting the listing of the same.</p> <p>It has come to the notice of the University that; a disabled student had filed Interim Application praying for an ad ex parte stay of the operation of the Impugned Judgment dated 03.01.2020 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Sikkim in Writ Petition (Civil) No.65 of 2016. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its order dated 08.04.2021 had moved this to Guwahati High Court.</p> <p>This is now listed as WA 154/2021 in the GAUHATI HIGH COURT</p> <p>The matter was last heard on 12 September 2022 and next hearing</p>
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		is scheduled in November 2022
02.	<p>Based on Original Application (OA) No. 113/ 2017 filed by Mr Rakesh Shukla to the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Bangalore Bench, Bangalore.</p> <p><i>The Hon'ble Tribunal declared that the degrees conferred by SMU in Bachelor of Science (Multimedia) ['B.Sc.(MM)'], through Open and Distance Learning ['ODL'] mode, was non-est in the eyes of law and had no academic value. More egregiously, the Hon'ble Tribunal has altogether doubted the integrity and methodology of distance education systems and proceeded to impose punitive costs to the tune of Rs. 25,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Lakhs Only) and Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only) in favour of Karnataka State Legal Service Authority ['KLSA'] and Mr Rakesh Kumar Shukla, respectively.</i></p>	<p>University had appealed against the orders in Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka under WP 39573/2018. The preliminary hearing happened on 13.08.19 and November 2019. University received show cause notice on 08.12.2019 and Vakalatnama was executed and filed in the Registry of the High Court of Karnataka on 20.12.2019. The captioned matter was listed for hearing on 24.02.2021, 15.04.2021 & 16.09.2021. The matter is now listed for final hearing, it may take a while before the matters are listed again. This is owing to the volume of matters that the Courts have pending in backlog for final hearing, including</p>



		certain matters that are older in time.
03.	<p>WP No. 34/2019: Withdrawing of UGC Approval for Distance Education Programs for the Academic Year 2019-2020:</p> <p>University had filed IA in Hon'ble Court, seeking a stay of the decisions / communications of the UGC by which the approval granted to SMU to offer certain ODL programs in the academic year 2019-20 was withheld and placed in abeyance. Also sought permission to admit / re-admit students to the said ODL programs.</p>	<p>This was listed before Hon'ble Court on 16.9.2019 and said application was listed for hearing on 20.11.2019. The UGC local counsel sought time citing he does not have any direction from UGC in this regard. This case was listed before the High Court on 21.02.2020 and 20.06.2020 where our local counsel represented. The respondents have been granted six weeks to file their counters and two weeks thereafter for the petitioners to file rejoinder. The rejoinder to UGC counter was filed on 7th September and the case was posted for hearing on 30.11.2020. The UGC writ was listed in November and was heard on 25.05.2021 & July 2022. The next</p>



		hearing is in November 2022
4	<p>BATHALAPALLI SARANG has completed his BBA degree from SMUDDE (enrolled in the ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-17) in November 2020).He appeared for the TSICET21 examination held by the Telangana state Council for Higher education, for admission to MBA and MCA courses in Telangana state) and has qualified with a good rank (906). Osmania University had refused to provide equivalence certificate citing the below reasons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree not valid as SMUDDE has not honored the territoriality of UGC guidelines • Student appeared for first four semester Term End Examination at Hyderabad Exam centre. • Judgement of the Hon'ble High Court of Sikkim in the WP 65/2016 dated 03.01.2020 upheld the UGC regulations and dismissed the University petition. The Judgement do not mention anything regarding the validity of the degrees awarded to students enrolled during this period. • The Judgement do mention that the students' interests have been put in jeopardy 	<p>Student approached Telangana High Court and got interim order based on which he got admitted in MCA. (I.A.No.3 of 2022 in WP No.29163 of 2021). SMU had been included as the party and notice has been issued on the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Telangana. The Hearing is scheduled on 22 September 2022</p>

Decision: Noted.





PART-III

AGENDA POINTS FOR RATIFICATION & APPROVAL

52nd GOVERNING COUNCIL

AGENDA: Budget as Passed by 53rd Finance Committee Meeting

Budget as passed by the 53rd Finance Committee Meeting held on 15 October 2022
Placed for the ratification by the Council.

Decision: Ratified

AGENDA: Decision by 52nd Executive Committee Meeting

Decisions on proposals placed during 52nd Executive Committee Meeting held on
15 October 2022.

Placed for the ratification by the Council.

Decision: Ratified

AGENDA: Nomination of Member of Government of Sikkim in Governing Council

On superannuation of Shri K Sreenivasulu, Additional Chief Secretary (Health & FW, GoS), Shri D Anandan, IAS, Commissioner-cum- Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Sikkim, nominated as representative of Government of Sikkim for the Governing Council of SMU.

As per SMU Act 1995, the nomination is for a period of three years (i.e. valid till 02 April 2026 or cessation of his holding the office/ appointment, whichever is earlier.

Placed for the ratification of the Council.

Decision: Ratified



AGENDA: Implementation of National Pension Scheme (NPS)

Reference to approval in principle by 44th Governing Council held on 13 October 2018

Implementation of National Pension Scheme instituted through HDFC Securities with effect from 01 October 2022 for all regular employees of SMU (excluding PRE & Fixed Term Contract Staff) with employer contribution of 10% on basic salary.

Placed for the ratification of the Council.

Decision: The query on due process being followed was clarified; and ratified accordingly.

AGENDA: University Support to AIC – SMUTBI

AIC – SMUTBI was approved as Centre of Excellence by 50th Governing Council. AIC – SMUTBI plans to upscale its operations, thereby projecting it & SMU as the Start-Up Hub of Northeast India.

Acute shortage of manpower is the hindrance to upscale the operation & functional efficiency.

It is therefore proposed that SMU support with augmented contractual manpower at the following cost from the FY 2022- 23 be ratified.

Manpower	Cost/ Month/ Employee	Number of Personnel	Annual Cost
Business Development Executive	Rs 30000	02	Rs 7.20 Lakhs

15th University Management Committee has concurred the proposal.

Placed for the ratification by the Council.

Decision: Ratified



AGENDA: Dr Ramdas M Pai Scholarship (100% Course Fee Waiver) to Deserving Students for FY 2022-23

Dr Ramdas M Pai Scholarships in terms of 100 % course fee waiver to students who lost their sole earning member of the family was granted during FY 2022- 23:

04 students from SMIT & 04 students from SMCON were beneficiaries, in the year 2022-23 with effect from 17 September 2022 (enclosed in Annexure I).

The scholarship was granted based on the defined eligibility criteria and its continuity will be monitored based on the Group policy.

Placed for the ratification by the Council.

Decision: Ratified

AGENDA: Provision of Higher Studies for Two In-Service Nurses at Central Referral Hospital for M Sc Nursing at Sikkim Manipal College of Nursing (SMCON)

SMCON has 25 seats with 05 seats for the Government of Sikkim. Out of these 20 seats, 02 seats are being proposed for higher studies of in-service nurses at Central Referral Hospital. Eligibility criteria for selection are enumerated in Annexure II.

This has concurrence of the University Management Committee.

Placed for the ratification of the Council.

Decision: Ratified

INFORMATION: Revision of Entitlement of Diem Allowance (DA), Travel Allowance (TA) & Accommodation Allowance for Various Categories of Cadre

Reference: -

(a) SMU/REG/2014-373, SMU Domestic Travel Policy: Amendment No. 1, dated 08 Sep 2014

(b) SMU/REG/2011-77, SMU Domestic Travel Policy, dated 29 Mar 2011

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TA, DA & accommodation allowance entitled for teaching, non-teaching & administrative cadres have been suitably revised.

This has been presented to 21st University Management Committee Meeting on 28 September 2022.

This has the endorsement of VC & approval of the Group President (HR & Academia), MEMG.

Placed for the information of the Council.

Decision: Noted

AGENDA: Proposal to augment Patient Intake in Central Referral Hospital (CRH)

The scheme of 150 free beds in CRH has given a major boost to the image of CRH among the local populace and governance. Central Referral Hospital further proposes free OPD for Senior Citizens, Differently Abled and OPD patients of OBG department for increasing footfall.

This will further help improve the clinical material for medical and allied healthcare students at the University.

Placed for the approval of the Council.

Decision: The Council approved the proposal with a suggestion that the scheme to be reviewed and recalibrated to minimize losses which should be reduced considerably.

The Council further advised SMIMS to coordinate with GoS to factor 510 beds, required for clinical teachings by SMIMS, entirely by STNMH with CRH IP data for augmentation of bed occupancy.

AGENDA: Provision of an Additional Elevator at CRH

CRH proposes for the installation of one more elevator at main CRH building in addition to existing three elevators since the previous elevator has exceeded its life and beyond economic repair. Proposed to be budgeted for FY 2023-24.

Placed for the approval in principle by the Council.

Decision: Approved



AGENDA: Upgradation of Radiodiagnostic Machines at CRH

CRH proposes for the upgradation of CT-Scan and MRI machine work-station at an approximate cost of Rs. 70 Lakhs in financial year 2023 - 24.

Placed for the approval of the Council.

Decision: Approved

AGENDA: Sale of Unutilised Healthcare Machines at CRH to MHEPL

CRH proposes the sale of unutilized CRRT Dialysis machine and Heart Lung Machine on sale basis. Communication has been undertaken with MHEPL, however rates offered are not viable for sale of the machines. Open sale for best rates (value for money) is, therefore, proposed.

This has concurrence of the University Management Committee.

Placed for the approval by the Council.

Decision: Not approved. The Council suggested to retain the equipment for future use at CRH.

AGENDA: CRH Community Connect

CRH proposes:

- (i) An association with an NGO run health facility at Darjeeling district as feeder hospital for CRH.
- (ii) Adoption of 02 PHCs or Rural Health Centre by CRH as discussed with State Government & UMC Meeting.

Placed for the approval in principle of the Council.

Decision: Approved.



AGENDA: Major Repair Work at CRH

CRH proposes for the repairing of the defective duct shafts of CRH as there is constant seepage coming on the walls of various areas due to the leakage from ducts.

Placed for the approval in principle of the Council.

Decision: Deferred. The Council suggested to conduct need analysis and financial implications be elucidated.

AGENDA: Employee under Post Retirement Engagement as Consultant

Employees under Post Retirement Engagement were given 5% increase with effect from July-22. The format of Letter of Engagement of PRE is revised with effect from 01 August 22, as suggested by MEMG. With the new letter of engagement, they are being treated as Consultant and GST shall be applicable. Previously employees in this category were not eligible for increments.

Placed for the approval of the Council.

Decision: Approved.

AGENDA: Policy on Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment at workplace

Policy on Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment at workplace has been revised with effect from 28-April-22. Policy attached in Annexure IV.

Placed for the approval of the Council.

Decision: Approved.

AGENDA: Revision of Minimum Wages, Government of Sikkim

In reference to the revision of minimum wages for unskilled, semi-skilled, skilled and highly skilled employees (as tabulated below), vide Department of Labour, Government of Sikkim, Notification no. 29/DL, dated 14 September 2022,



implementation of the revised wages with effect from 11 July 2022 has been promulgated for all workers.

Category	Existing rate of daily wages	Proposal rate of daily wages
Unskilled	300	500
Semi-Skilled	320	520
Skilled	335	535
Highly-Skilled	365	565

The financial implication for FY: 2022-2023 is Rs 4.6/- Cr (Rupees Four Crore Sixty Lakh) and annual financial impact for the FY: 2023-2024 is Rs 6.36/ Cr (Rupees Six Crore Thirty Six Lakh)

Placed for the approval of the Council.

Decision: Approved

AGENDA: Revision of Conference Grant Entitlement for Faculty Members

At present the Conference Grant Entitlement for faculty is Rs. 40,000/-.

Hence, it is proposed to revise the entitlement to Rs 60,000 which would encourage faculty members to participate in the conferences abroad with more institutional visibility on global fora.

Placed for the approval of the Council.

Decision: Approved.

AGENDA: Industry Attachment of Faculty Members

It is proposed that permanent faculty members (Assistant Professor to Professor), having served the Institute for minimum of two years across all academic departments of SMIT, to be attached to industry for a period of maximum of 15 days, based on defined selection and eligibility criteria.

Placed for the approval of the Council.

Decision: Approved



AGENDA: New Academic & Sports Complex

Reference to the approval in principle by 51st Governing Council

Academic & Sports Complex proposed and approved during the 46th Governing Council could not be undertaken due to the COVID pandemic, promulgation to latest NMC guidelines and need to plan for futuristic requirements.

SMU proposes the revised phased establishment of Academic & Sports Complex at new locations with tentative financial projection of Rs 84 Cr over three financial years with guidance from Adviser, MEMG.

Consultancy, architectural design and rough cost were projected. Detailed project report will accordingly be prepared.

Placed for the concurrence by the Council.

Decision: Concurred in principle. The Council advised to work out the consolidated cost of the proposal along with realistic financial implications for establishment of the proposed complex.

AGENDA: Financial Assistance to the Family of the Deceased Employee

In an event of unusual occurrence (demise) of both on-roll and off-roll employees, an Ex-gratia amount of Rs 10000 (Rupees Ten Thousand) to be given to the family of the deceased.

Placed for the approval of the Council.

Decision: Approved.

AGENDA: Improvement of Admission Status for Core Engineering Branches & Under Subscribed Programs

SMIT & SMU are facing problem in admission status especially in core branches (i.e ECE/EEE & ME) and in some undersubscribed programs. Hence to improve and attract the greater number of brilliant under privileged students. The following scholarship schemes are proposed:



Name of the scholarship	Description / Eligibility	Social impact	Benefit to SMIT
Unnat Bharat Scholarship	For under privileged students and village adopted under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan.	The under privileged students will also be able avail good quality education.	The perception that “Manipal is only for elite class” may be addressed. The middle class and lower middle class may also start thinking about taking admission in SMIT.
Sukanya Scholarship	Only for the “single girl child” whose parent income is below Rs 5 Lakh	This concept is existing in the Kendriya Vidyalayas. Encouragement to girl child.	Revenue generation as well as advertisement.
Beti bachao-Beti Padhao Scholarship	For any female students whose parent income is below Rs 3 Lakh	Encouragement to girl child.	Revenue generation as well as advertisement.
Atmanirbhar Bharat Scholarship	For any students with income less than 2.5 Lakh	India needs more eligible core engineers for “Make in India” production. Promoting the core engineering sector.	Revenue generation as well as advertisement.

In addition to the above, a well deliberated, credible, calibrated & collegiate mechanism shall be adopted for graded fee waivers based on fair eligibility/qualifying criteria to enhance students acquisitions in undersubscribed courses in consonance with the advice of the Corporate Leadership, as discussed in UMC & MEMG Leadership Meetings.

Placed for the approval of the Council.

Decision: Deferred. The Council suggested to review the proposal after analysis of financial implication envisaged.

AGENDA: Establishment of Centre for Online Education to offer Online Programs from Academic Session 2023-24

Reference to the approval in principle by 46th Governing Council held on 19 March 2019

University Grants Commission (UGC) had notified UGC (Online Courses or Programmes) Regulations, 2018.

Sikkim Manipal University, having an experience of providing distance education programs in the country and recently being accredited with A+ grade by NAAC, it proposes to establish “**Centre for Online Education**” to offer online courses/ programs.

Placed for the approval by the Council

Decision: Approved. The Council suggested for a focussed team for draft of proposal and to formulate a viable plan different from SMU DE. The Council further suggested the proposal be presented by January 2023.

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



Registrar, SMU