

Agenda Points

24th University Management Committee

21 December 2022 (Wednesday)

12.00 noon - 01.00 pm

AGENDA 1: Fee Structure for Academic Year 2023 - 24

Fee structure of the courses/ programmes offered by SMU and its constituent colleges, institutes & units is proposed shall be discussed to enable it to be finalized for early release of Prospectus by January 2023, duly considering the local competition and existing scenario analysis.

SFO, with inputs from HoIs concerned, will present the proposed fee structure for Academic Year 2023-24

Placed for the concurrence of the UMC & submission for MEMG Leadership Meeting.

AGENDA 2: SMU Academy of Online Education

Ref: Approval of 52nd Governing Council Meeting held on 15 October 2022.

Based on the NAAC A+ grading of SMU, it is proposed to establish 'SMU Academy of Online Education' to offer Online Programmes in

collaboration with UNext, as per UGC Online Programmes Regulations 2020.

Detailed proposal and viable implementation plan will be presented to the University on behalf of the Study Group, by Dr Mallikarjuna G, in first week of January. Post this presentation & deliberations, the proposal & strategy will be presented to the UMC and MEMG Leadership.

Placed for the information of the UMC.

AGENDA 3: Insourcing of Contractual Staff

Ref: 20th UMC meeting held on 24 August 2022, in which Insourcing Study was deferred due to envisaged impact of Govt Circular on revision of Minimum Wages Act, on its promulgation.

Comprehensive analysis on insourcing (of outsourced employees) including fitment cost duly factoring regulatory compliance, has been carried out by Study Group. The analysis and proposals will be presented to the UMC.

AGENDA 4: Remodelling of the Department of Humanities & Social Sciences (DHSS) & Creation of its Satellite Centre of DHSS at Majhitar Campus

The Department of Humanities & Social Sciences (DHSS) established in 2012, has student strength of approximately 370, with 15 regular

faculty members. In consonance with NEP-2020, the department has commenced value added programmes in BA with Honours in English, Sociology, Political Science, Commerce & Psychology; along with PG programmes in English, Political Science, Sociology & Commerce. 40% of faculty members are Ph.D. holders in their respective fields.

The Department is functioning directly under the University with direct supervision of Registrar, till date. It has gained recognition & capability to function as a distinct constituent unit of SMU w.e.f. Academic Year 2024-25. It is proposed to rename this Department as Faculty of Humanities, Arts & Liberal Sciences.

It is further planned to commence a Satellite Centre of Sikkim Manipal Faculty of Humanities, Arts & Liberal Sciences (SMFHALS), to be collocated at SMIT, Majitar with main campus at Tadong w.e.f. Academic Session 2023-24.

This Satellite Centre of SMFHALS at Majhitar proposes to launch new/emerging programmes by optimally leveraging NEP 2020, after due approvals of Academic Senate.

This will also help student acquisition from the region of Singtam, Rangpo, Melli and border areas of North Bengal.

The proposal will have minimal financial implications as the existing infrastructure & facilities at the Tadong & Majitar Campuses will be utilized. Affiliated faculty augmentation from Dept of Management Studies will enable synergy with SMFHALS. The minimal HR

requirement with financial implications thereof, w.e.f AY 2023-24, will be presented to UMC & MEMG Leadership by Feb 2023.

Placed for the concurrence of the UMC.

AGENDA 5: Letter from Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, National Statistical Regional Office, Gangtok

Regional Office, Gangtok (under Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, GoI) vide DO letter no. A-99099/ 09/ 2022-23/ SKM/ 192; dated 16.11.2022 and DO letter no. 223/ ZO / ASUSE-2/ CORR/ 2021 – 22; dated 18.11.2022, (both letters addressed to Dean, SMIMS) have requested for providing information data on various socio-economic parameters regarding CRH & SMIMS.

This Regional Office is collecting data on Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE) in Manufacturing, Trade and Other Service Sectors from the selected enterprises during the period 01 October 2022 to 30 September 2023.

They have requested for a copy of the balance sheet of SMIMS & CRH for the FY 2021 – 22.

Response to the letter has been sent to the Director, Zonal & Regional Offices, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, on 30 November 2022, stating that since SMU is a public private partnership with Govt of Sikkim, the approval of the competent authority in GoS be obtained under intimation to Corporate Leadership. However, the above Regional Office has reiterated the

request. Further advice has been sought from the Corporate Leadership.

Placed for information of the UMC.

AGENDA 6: Letter from Dy Accountant General, Sikkim

Office of the Dy Accountant General, Gangtok (vide D.O. letter No. REP PDP – 03/2020-21/1216; dated 21 October 2022) has sought various information in relation the Memorandum of Agreement between Government of Sikkim & MEMG in March 1992.

Response to the letter was sent to the Office of the Dy Accountant General, Gangtok on 24 November 2022, which was duly informed to the Corporate Office, Bengaluru.

Placed for information of the UMC.

Officiating Registrar

Sikkim Manipal University