

**TEZPUR UNIVERSITY**  
**MINUTES OF THE 39<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD**  
**ON 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, TEZPUR**  
**UNIVERSITY**

**Members present:**

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**(A) Offline Mode**

1. Prof. V.K. Jain, Vice-Chancellor
2. Prof. D. K. Saikia, Pro Vice-Chancellor
3. Prof. D. K. Bhattacharya, Dean, Academic Affairs
4. Prof. S. K. Sinha, Dean, School of Engineering
5. Prof. D. Hazarika, Dean, School of Sciences
6. Prof. P. K. Das, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
7. Prof. P. Baruah, Dean, School of Management Sciences
8. Prof. D. Deka, Dean, Students Welfare
9. Prof. N. Karak, Dean, Research & Development
10. Prof. U. K. Das, Dean, Planning & Development
11. Prof. T. K. Maji, Dept. of Chemical Sciences
12. Prof. S. G. Maji, Head, Dept. of Commerce
13. Prof. R. Borah, Head, Dept. of Chemical Sciences
14. Prof. M.K. Das, Head, Dept. of Physics
15. Prof. P. P. Sahu, Head, Dept. of Electronics & Com. Engineering
16. Prof. D. C. Baruah, Head, Dept. of Energy
17. Prof. N. M. Kakoty, Head(i/c), Dept. of Design
18. Dr. Dipak Nath, Head (i/c), Centre for Disaster Management
19. Dr. R. K. Doley, Director, CID
20. Dr. B. Das, Registrar
21. Dr. L. Boral, Controller of Examinations

**(B) Online mode**

1. Prof. M. Hazarika, Head, Dept. of Mathematical Sciences
2. Prof. R. Doley, Head, Dept. of MBBT
3. Prof. R. R. Hoque, Head, Dept. of Environmental Sc
4. Prof. Chandan Goswami, Head, Dept. of Business Administration
5. Prof. B. Borah, Head, Dept. of CSE
6. Prof. T. K. Gogoi, Head, Dept. of Mechanical Engg.
7. Prof. N. Sit, Head, Dept. of FET
8. Prof. Saumik Roy, Head (i/c), Dept. of EE
9. Prof. Parasmoni Dutta, Head, Dept. of Cultural Studies
10. Prof. Joya Chakraborty, Head, Dept. of MCJ
11. Prof. R. Deka, Head, Dept. of Sociology
12. Prof. N. R. Roy, Head, Dept. of Education
13. Dr. Anju Lata, Head, Dept. of Hindi
14. Dr. Priya R. Kumar, Head, Dept. of Law
15. Dr. D. Mohapatra, Head (i/c), Dept. of English
16. Dr. S. J. Neog, Head, Dept. of Assamese
17. Prof. Pabitra Nath, Head, SAIC

18. Prof. C. L. Mahanta, Head, Department of Applied Science
19. Prof. Chandan Kr. Sharma, Head, Department of Social work
20. Dr. Dambarudhar Mohanta, Dept. of Physics
21. Dr. Riku Chetia, Dept. of ECE
22. Dr. Reetamini Narzary, Dept. of English
23. Prof. M.K. Sarma, Dept. of Business Administration, Spl. Invitee,

The Vice Chancellor welcome the members and called upon the Controller of Examinations to present the agenda items of the meeting. The agenda items long with notes and decisions as given below:

Item No.	Agenda with notes
AC.39/2021/ 1/1.1	<p><b>Confirmation of the Minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council were circulated to all members for perusal and comments.</p> <p>Note</p> <p>No comment has been received.</p> <p>Submitted for perusal and consideration of confirmation of the minutes.</p>
Decision	Confirmed.
AC.39/2021/ 1/1.2	<p><b>Proposal for acceptance the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup>September 2020</b></p> <p>Action Taken Report on the decisions of 38<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council is placed at <b>Annexure - I, pp: 1-27</b></p> <p>Note</p> <p>Submitted for perusal and consideration of acceptance.</p>

Discussion	Controller of Examinations reported that as per decision of the agenda number AC.38/2020/1/4.1 of the 38 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council, the syllabi of various programs with POC and LOC in revised format have been submitted by the Departments for consideration of the University.
Decision	Accepted the action taken report and approved the syllabi with POCs and LOCs of the programs.


Items for approval (AC.39/2021/ 1/2)

AC.39/2021/ 1/2.1 Note	<p><b>List of eligible candidates for award of Degrees, Diplomas and Gold medals in the XVIII Convocation to be held on 22.01.2021</b></p> <p>There are 1222 students who have qualified for award of degrees and diplomas in the 18<sup>th</sup> Convocation to be held on 22.01.2021. These students have successfully completed the programmes of study in the month of July,2020. The names of those students of previous batches who have completed the programme in December 2019, after the date of 17<sup>th</sup> convocation, have also been included in the list for award of the degrees and diplomas.</p> <p>Details are given below:</p> <p>1. Number of awardees:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>a) PG Degree</td> <td>:725 (including 1 from distance mode)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b) UG Degree</td> <td>:371</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c) PG Diploma</td> <td>:36 (including 20 from distance mode)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>d) <u>PhD Degree</u></td> <td><u>:90</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>:1222</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Annexure - II, pp: 28-29</b></p> <p>2. Every year the toppers of all the PG/UG programmes are awarded with Gold medals. This year, there are 46 toppers who are eligible for the Gold medals. List of the Gold Medal</p>	a) PG Degree	:725 (including 1 from distance mode)	b) UG Degree	:371	c) PG Diploma	:36 (including 20 from distance mode)	d) <u>PhD Degree</u>	<u>:90</u>	Total	:1222
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	<p>awardees is placed at <b>Annexure-III, pp:30-31</b></p> <p>Out of 46 Gold Medals, three Gold medals are awarded from the Endowment funds.</p> <p>The Gold medals to the <b>toppers of MCA and B. Tech in Electronics and Communication Engineering</b> are awarded from the <b>Sitaram Jindal Foundation Endowment Fund</b>. The names of the toppers are given below:</p> <p>(a) Aman Verma- MCA  (b) Ritushree Sahu – B.Tech in ECE</p> <p>Another Gold Medal is awarded to the <b>topper of B.Com (module)</b> of Integrated M.Com programme from the <b>ICAI Endowment fund</b>. The name of the topper is given below:</p> <p>(a) <b>Sneha Saha –B.Com(Module)</b></p> <p>3. Gold Medals are also awarded to Best Graduate and Best Post-graduate every year based on 75% weightage on the academic performance and 25% weightage on the co-curricular activities such as Sports, Cultural, Organisational, Intellectual and Professional activities as per approved guidelines.</p> <p>A committee with Prof. Dhanapati Deka (DSW) as Chairman was constituted for selection of candidates for the Spring Valley Best Graduate Award and T&amp;I Best Postgraduate Award for the year 2020.</p> <p><b>The committee has recommended the following candidates</b></p> <p>(a) <b>Ms. Pratiksha Sarmah</b>(Roll No. BVF 17001) of B. Voc in Food Processing programme for the <b>Spring Valley Best Graduate Award and</b></p> <p>(b) <b>Ms. Ananya Borkotoky</b>(Roll No. ECD18004) for the <b>T&amp;I Best Postgraduate Award for the year 2020</b>  ( Annexure-IV, pp: 32-33)</p> <p>List of all Degree and Diploma awardees are placed at <b>Annexure-IV, pp: 34-80</b></p> <p>Submitted for perusal and consideration of recommendation to the BoM.</p>
<b>Decision</b>	<b>Approved.</b>

<p>AC.39/2021/ 1/2.2</p> <p>Note</p>	<p><b>Proposal for Establishing a Centre for Multi-disciplinary Research</b></p> <p>A Committee with Prof. D.K. Bhattacharyya, Dean Academic Affairs was constituted to prepare a proposal for establishment of a Centre for Multidisciplinary Research in the University. The committee has submitted its report which is placed at <b>Annexure - VI, pp: 81-86</b></p> <p>Submitted for perusal and consideration of approval.</p>
<p><b>Decision</b></p>	<p><b>Approved with the following suggestions:</b></p> <p>1. <del>In addition</del> In addition to carrying out multi-disciplinary research activities, the Centre will focus on offering  (i) PhD programme and  (ii) Specialized professional certificate courses.</p> <p>2. The list of sub-thrust areas may also be specified. 'Bio-electronics and Bio-sensor research' may also be explored as one of the thrust areas.</p>
<p>AC.39/2021/1/2.3</p>	<p><b>Syllabi of Ph. D course work of the Department of Commerce</b></p> <p>The School Board, School of Management Sciences has recommended the detailed syllabi of the Ph. D programme of the Department of Commerce. <b>Annexure -VII, pp: 87-101</b></p> <p>Submitted for perusal and consideration of approval.</p>
<p><b>Decision</b></p>	<p><b>Approved.</b></p>
<p>AC.39/2021/1/2.4</p> <p>Note</p>	<p><b>Proposal for (i) starting of Master of Design (M. Des) programme and (ii) offering an open elective course for the students of other Departments</b></p> <p>The School Board, School of Engineering has recommended the following proposal of the Department of Design:</p> <p>1. Starting of Master of Design (M. Des) Programme from the Academic Year 2021-22.  Eligibility Criteria for admission:  A. Four years Bachelor's degree or equivalent in Design/Engineering/Architecture/Interior Design related field with a minimum CPI/CGPA of 6.0 out of 10 or minimum 60% of marks.  B. Four years Professional Diploma in Design of NID or 5-year Professional Diploma of CEPT with a minimum</p>

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Decision	<p>Approved with a suggestion that fee may be kept in lower side initially to attract the applicants.</p> <p>Head, Department of Design will also take necessary steps for obtaining approval of the program from AICTE/ Ministry of Education.</p> <p>The Council also keeps on record the sincere effort put by Dr. Nayan Moni Kakoty to start the M.Des programme.</p>																
AC.39/2021/1/2.5 Note	<p><b>Proposal for offering MOOCS courses by the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering</b></p> <p>The School Board, School of Engineering has recommended the proposal of the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering for offering following 2(two) new MOOCS of NPTEL from the next Spring Semester (Academic year 2020-21):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. EC- 465 Evolution of Air Interface towards 5G: 2 credits</li> <li>2. EC 466- Electronics equipment integration : 2 credits and prototype building</li> </ol> <p>Annexure -IX, pp: 113-116</p> <p>Submitted for perusal and consideration of approval.</p>																
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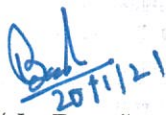
<p>AC.39/2021/1/2.6</p> <p>Note</p>	<p><b>Revised syllabi of the open elective courses offered by the Centre for Disaster Management</b></p> <p>The School Board, School of Management Sciences has recommended the proposal of the Centre for Disaster Management to revise the syllabi of the following open elective courses w.e.f the Spring Semester, 2020-21.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="550 504 1492 795"> <thead> <tr> <th>Course Code</th> <th>Course Name</th> <th>L</th> <th>T</th> <th>P</th> <th>C</th> <th>Level</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>DM-301</td> <td>Fundamentals of Disaster Management</td> <td>3</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>3</td> <td>UG (All streams)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DM501</td> <td>Disaster management Mechanism</td> <td>3</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>3</td> <td>PG (All streams)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Annexure -X, pp: 117-127</b></p> <p>Submitted for perusal and consideration of approval.</p>	Course Code	Course Name	L	T	P	C	Level	DM-301	Fundamentals of Disaster Management	3	0	0	3	UG (All streams)	DM501	Disaster management Mechanism	3	0	0	3	PG (All streams)
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<p><b>Item for Ratification (AC.39/2021/ 1/3):</b></p>																						
<p>AC.39/2021/1/3.1</p> <p>Note</p>	<p><b>Appointment of M. Tech students as Project Assistant:</b></p> <p>Subject to ratification of the Academic Council, it is notified vide Memo. No. DoRD/Guidelines RP/10-06/1524-A dated-14.12.2020 that the Principal Investigator of a sponsored research project may recommend the 2nd year M. Tech students without fellowship for direct appointment as Project Assistant in his/her project against sanctioned position after completion of course work subject to fulfilment of other criteria. And, the period of his/her engagement will be considered as equivalent to internships.</p> <p><b>Annexure - XI, pp: 128</b></p> <p>Submitted for perusal and consideration of ratification.</p>																					
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<p>AC.39/2021/1/3.2</p> <p>Note</p>	<p><b>Academic Calendar for the Spring Semester, 2021(Continuing Students&amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Students)&amp; Autumn Semester 2021</b></p> <p>A Committee with Prof. M. K Sarma as Chairman was constituted to prepare the Academic Calendars for the Spring Semester, 2020-21 (continuing &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> semester students) and Autumn Semester 2021-22. Subject to the ratification by the Academic Council, the Academic Calendars submitted by the</p>																					

	<p>committee has been notified after approval of the Vice-Chancellor.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Annexure - XII, pp:129-134</b></p> <p>Submitted for your perusal and consideration of ratification.</p>
<b>Decision</b>	<b>Ratified with a suggestion that starting of session may be delayed for completing the back log courses of practical/ lab conducted in Physical mode in the month of January, 2021.</b>
AC.39/2021/1/3.3	<b>A.O.B.</b>
AC.39/2021/1/3.3.1	<p>Proposal for consideration of draft MOU to be signed between IASST and Tezpur University for Academic Collaboration</p> <p>A draft MoU has been prepared for academic Collaboration between IASST, Guwahati and Tezpur University which broadly includes exchange of students and Research scholars, exchange of Academic and Research information; recognition of IASST as research Centre of TU, recognition of IASST scientist as PhD supervisors, registration of IASST scholars for PhD programme at Tezpur University.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure - XIII,</p> <p>Submitted for perusal and consideration of approval.</p>
<b>Decision</b>	<b>Approved with a modification of the clause No.6.2 as the Supervisor of the IASST scholar registered in Tezpur University for PhD programme will be from the University and IASST Scientists will be Co-supervisors.</b>
AC.39/2021/1/3.3.2	<p>Proposal of CDOE on (a) the duration of One-Year PG Diploma programmes; and (b) the name of the programme 'MA in Mass Communication' offered under CDOE.</p> <p>(a) As per the <i>UGC (Open Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020</i>, the duration of a PG Diploma programme should be two years with 80 Credits (which is equivalent to a Master's programme). Under the existing system, the duration of PG Diploma programmes under CDOE-TU is one year (two semesters) with 30-33 credits.</p> <p>CIQA vide its meeting dated Nov. 6, 2020 recommended that the learners completing one year would be awarded "Diploma" and those completing two years would be awarded "Advanced Diploma" in their respective programmes".</p> <p>(b) As per UGC requirements, the name of the programme 'M.A in Mass Communication' offered under CDOE should be "MA in Mass</p>

	Communication & Journalism" in parity with the program offered by its parent department, i.e., Department of Mass Communication & Journalism, in the conventional mode.
<b>Decision</b>	<p>(a) The meeting suggested the CDOE to place the matter before the next Interface Meeting with UGC-DEB and bring to its notice the issue relating to the duration of the programme.</p> <p>(b) The name of the programme be "M.A. in Mass Communication and Journalism" in parity with the programme offered by its parent department. Necessary Self Study Materials (SLMs) be prepared accordingly.</p>

The meeting also discussed the following:

- (1) The UGC vide letter No F.13-11/2020(CU) dated 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 has sought data of various programs of study of this University for conducting the Central University Common Entrance Test (CUCET). In view of the this, the university will have to join the CUCET conducted centrally by the UGC. However, the TUEE cell will continue its activities.
- (2) Deans meeting under the Chairmanship of PVC may be convened in order to plan the return of the students in phased manner in the spring Semester, 2021.
- (3) The Vice-Chancellor urged all Deans of Schools, especially the Dean, School of Humanities & Social Sciences to take necessary steps so that the Departments under their schools will send some proposals of MOOCs to UGC for approval.
- (a) Further, the Vice Chancellor suggested to the Deans Committee to work out for introducing a four year bachelor's degree program ( by research) as per the National Education Policy 2020. The 4<sup>th</sup> year may be exclusively based on Research. The students who will complete the 4(four) years bachelor's degree program by Research, he/she may join 1(one) year Master Degree program by research in future.

  
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( L. Boral)  
Controller of Examinations



( V. K. Jain)  
Vice Chancellor & Chairman

