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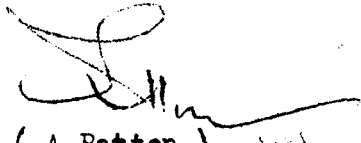
The Members of
the Academic Council,
North-Eastern Hill University.

Subject : Agenda papers for the 36th Meeting of the Academic
Council.

Sir/Madam,

I am forwarding herewith the Agenda papers for the 36th
Meeting of the Academic Council to be held on the 23rd February, 1989
at 2.00 P.M. for favour of your information and consideration.

Yours faithfully.


(A. Patton)
Registrar

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Encl: a. a.

NORTH-EASTERN HILL UNIVERSITY
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A G E N D A

THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING
OF THE
ACADEMIC COUNCIL.

23rd February, 1988, Shillong.

AGENDA PAPERS FOR THE THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

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Item No. 1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE
THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC
COUNCIL HELD ON THE 14TH DECEMBER, 1988

The minutes of the 35th Meeting of the Academic Council were circulated amongst the members, with a request to give comments, if any.

Since no comments were received from the members the minutes may be taken as confirmed.

5:5:1:(1)

5:5 - EXAMINATION MATTERS :

(i) Panel of Examiners (M. Phil)

The Panels of examiners to examine the M. Phil dissertations of the following candidates are put up before the Council for favour of its consideration and approval.

<u>NAME OF CANDIDATES</u>	<u>DEPARTMENTS</u>
1. Lalriata	English
2. S. Panigrahi	D

5:8 - Others

- (i) Draft Regulations for Conduct of Meetings of the Academic Council .

The draft Regulations for Conduct of meetings of the Academic Council has been framed. The draft may be considered for favour of approval. The draft Regulation is placed at Annexure 'A'.

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REGULATIONS FOR CONDUCT OF MEETINGS OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

1. The meetings of the Academic Council shall be held quarterly in a year and at such other times as the Vice-Chancellor may deem necessary.
2. Each member shall sign the register of attendance at the meeting.
3. The Vice-Chancellor, if present, shall be the Chairman at the meeting of the Academic Council. In the absence of the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall act as the Chairman. And in case both are absent the members present shall invite one of the Deans who is the senior most in age to preside at the meeting.
4. At all meetings of the Academic Council, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
5. As laid down under Statute 14A, half the total members shall form the quorum.
6. If there is no quorum 15 minutes after the notified time of the meeting, the Chairman will adjourn the meeting to such other time and date as he may appoint. Such adjournment shall be recorded by the Registrar under signature of the Chairman. In the case of a meeting adjourned for want of quorum, no quorum will be required and no subject other than that mentioned in the agenda before the meeting so adjourned shall be taken up for discussion at such consequent meeting.
7. The Registrar shall not less than 35 days previous to each meeting of the Academic Council, issue to each members a notice stating the time and place of the meeting.
8. Notice of a motion or resolution to be included in the agenda of meeting of the Academic Council must be in the hands of the Registrar not less than 20 days before the meeting.
9. The Registrar shall not less than 15 days previous to each meeting of the Academic Council issue to each member the agenda papers.

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10. Notice of an amendment to a motion or resolution of which notice has been given must, if it is to be included in the Supplementary agenda be in the hands of Registrar at least ten days before the meeting of the Academic Council at which the motion or resolution is to be moved.
11. No item shall be included in the agenda for any meeting without the prior approval of the Vice-Chancellor-In case any resolution proposed by a member is rejected for inclusion in the agenda a letter explaining the cause of such rejection shall be sent to the proposer.
12. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations, the Chairman may allow a motion or an amendment of which the notice required thereby has not been given.
13. An emergent meeting may be convened by the Vice-Chancellor at a notice of at least 5(five) days indicating thereat the matter(s) to be discussed.
14. The non-receipt of the agenda papers by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of the meeting.
15. The Vice-Chancellor may bring business which in his opinion is urgent before any meeting with short notice or without placing the same on the agenda papers.
16. Minutes of the meeting shall be prepared by the Registrar and countersigned by the Chairman. Confirmation of minutes will be the first item on the agenda of the next regular meeting.
17. The order of speaking and conduct of business shall be under the control of the Chairman.

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(ii) Placement of Lecturers in the Senior
Scale/Selection Grade -

The Academic Council vide Resolution No. AC:34:88:5:08 (vii) considered the recommendations of the Sub-Committee and RESOLVED to approve the recommendations with the following modifications :

- (a) The self-assessment report of the candidate be not sent to external experts;
- (b) The Selection Committee will be as under :-
 - 1. Vice-Chancellor - Chairman
 - 2. Dean of School concerned.
 - 3. Head of the Department concerned.
 - 4. Not more than three Professors of the Department concerned.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council in its 64th meeting held on the 5th January, 1989 for its consideration and approval. The Executive Council felt that the self-assessment report of candidates should be sent to external experts and that it be referred to the Academic Council for re-consideration.

The matter is, therefore, placed for consideration of the Council.

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(iii) Institution of the Degree of Doctor of Science, Doctor of Literature and Doctor of Medicine.

It is proposed to institute the Degree of Doctor of Science, the Doctor of Literature and Doctor of Medicine in the following manner :

(1) The intention of the D.Sc Degree is to recognise person(s) with continuous interest in Science (Physical, biological and with an in depth original study and scholarship. The D.Sc. Degree will be opened to workers in any field of natural sciences like Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Bio-Physics, Bio-Chemistry, Geology, Psychology, Life Sciences and quantitative studies in any field including Economics. The D.Litt. would similarly recognise workers in humanities and liberal arts and Dr. Med. in Medical sciences.

(A) The Degree will be available to any person who has a Doctorate Degree. Only in very rare instances, a person(s) without a Doctorate Degree but who is eminent in his work, is to be considered for the award of the Degree.

(B) The research work ought to be outstanding in character, quality, originality establishing the candidate as authority in the field. For the purpose of original work/research, four criteria are laid down -

(i) It must be 'new' not conceived on the basis of existing facts and theories; (ii) It must be true i.e. reproduceable under the given conditions; (iii) It should be generalisable, (iv) It should have sizable spin off i.e. it must open many new doors of knowledge.

(C) The publication must be in a journal, which has an Editorial Policy which has a critical referral system, which is abstracted by international agencies, and is recognised by Citation Index.

(D) The number of publication is not important rather than quality of work will be the sole criteria.

(E) The candidate will be registered on the basis report of published work, any time he/she is ready by applying to the Dean whose school is closest to his study. The process of evaluation shall comprise of written evaluation by at least three experts in the field with international status, though not necessarily foreigners. They shall evaluate and communicate to the University within six months of the receipt of the work, their categorical opinion about award or non-award of the degree, along with grounds on which their opinion is based.

(F) The recommendations of the referees will be communicated to the Vice-Chancellor by the Dean of the School in that area in which major part of the work falls. Vice-Chancellor will put it before the Executive Council for discussion and acceptance. There will be a Degree Roll prepared for these Degree and the candidates will be entitled to wear a special scarf provided by the University and to be worn on formal academic occasions like the Convocation. The Scientist shall have the right to write the degree D.Sc/D.Litt/Dr.Med. after his name, as the case may be.

The panel of referees will be selected by the Dean's Committees for each candidate. The candidate will have a right to suggest a panel of experts for guidance based on

his work. He shall also be entitled to suggest a negative panel, for example, persons whose work the candidate has adversely criticised. He shall give reasons for each person whom he does not want as a referee. The Dean's Committee may accept or reject his suggestion.

The rules and regulations for Emeritus Professorship

The Emeritus Professors will be called Emeritus Professors or Distinguished Service Professor as the recipient may choose. All persons who have brought honour and recognition to the University by their academic work will be eligible for consideration.

The candidate will be proposed by a Department by at least 3/4th of all teaching staff of the Department and their candidature will be voted upon by the Academic Council to be ratified by the EC. The Academic Council will decide by a simple majority of person(s) present and voting by a single non-transferable vote. The Emeritus Professors will be provided with an Office, an LDC and access to Laboratories, Library and locational facility in the University.

There will be no salary to be paid to the Emeritus Professor but he will be allowed contingency grant of Rs.15,000/- per annum and he will be entitled to an honorarium of Rs.2500/- per month.

The tenure of the Emeritus Professor shall be his life-time provided he is physically and mentally fit to carry on the Academic activities.

The purpose of the Emeritus Professor is to provide true Academic leadership in the campus and to ensure continuity of work by the concerned persons with investigative ability and international status. They would be entitled to guide research of not more than two candidates.

5:8:4:(1)

- (iv) Relaxation of prescribed qualifications in respect of Shri P.Jhingan, Lecturer, Centre for Literary and Cultural Studies .

The request of Shri P.Jhingan, Lecturer, Centre for Literary and Cultural Studies for attaching him to the School of Management was considered by the Executive Council in its 64th and 65th meetings and RESOLVED that Shri P.Jhingan, Lecturer may be adjusted against one of the vacant posts of Lecturer in Management Studies. The prescribed qualifications for the post of Lecturer in Management studies are as follows : (i) Consistently good academic record with at least 55% marks in the Master's degree in the relevant subject or its equivalent grade, (ii) Preference will be given to candidates who have research degrees like M.Phil/Ph.D.

Shri P.Jhingan, Lecturer, Centre for Literary and Cultural Studies possesses the following qualifications :

1. Bachelor of Engineering .
2. Master of Arts (Linguistics).
3. Diploma of proficiency (French).
4. Conducting research for Doctorate degree in Linguistics.

Since posting of Shri P.Jhingan involved relaxation of qualification prescribed for the post of Lecturer in Management Studies, the Executive Council vide its Resolution No. EC:65:88:01(e) RESOLVED that the matter may be referred to the Academic Council.

The matter is, therefore, placed for consideration of the Council.

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(v) Admission of Diploma Holders in M.A.
Programme in Public Administration -

The Academic Council vide its Resolution No. AC:35:88:5.
08 (iv) RESOLVED that "one year Diploma holders can be admitted
to the III Semester of the Post Graduate Programme, provided such
Diploma Holders possessed Honours Degree." In this connection,
the Head, Department of Public Administration wrote to confirm
vide his letter No. MC (PA)/U-11/PSP/88-4 dated the 17th December,
1988 that only those Diploma Holders with an Honours Bachelor's
Degree will be admitted to the III Semester of the M.A. Programme
in the Department of Public Administration.

The matter is put up for information of the Council. Necessary
action is being taken to frame the regulations on the matter.

6:7. Others.

(i) Creation of NEHU Ombudsman - Resolution 6:7:2(1)

A grievance Committee was created. New more data have been obtained about Ombudsman which require the following to be added to the discussion of rules the NEHU Ombudsman -

(i) All complaints shall be addressed to the Vice-Chancellor in the first instance with a copy to the person or persons who are alleged to be the cause of the grievances. The Vice-Chancellor will examine and take suitable action in resolving it by himself, if not will forward the grievances to the Ombudsman.

(ii) The Ombudsman will never receive complaint directly but those referred to them by the Vice-Chancellor or by the aggrieved person(s), if the Vice-Chancellor has not taken action in two months after submission of the grievances.

(iii) There will be no complaint about Selections made by duly constituted Selection Committee unless and until some process has been omitted or committed which may materially affect the decision of the technical experts, unless they are questionable on that ground alone, will have the prime say

(iv) The Ombudsman will reject the complaint if they feel that the prima-facie case is not made out and the complaint is vague and frankly imaginary.

(v) It will be within the discretion of the Ombudsman to give or not to give a personal hearing to the aggrieved person(s): The Ombudsman will follow its own procedure of functioning.

By virtue of the resolution number 6:7:2(1) of the Academic Council ratified by the Executive Council, I hereby constitute the following NEHU Ombudsman -

1. Prof. R.C.Mehrotra - (teacher)
Expertise - General administration of the University and pay structure.
2. Mr. Govinda Mukuti - (Non.-teacher)
- Sr. Supreme Court Lawyer- advocate
(Expert on service matters)
3. Prof. N.M.Swani(Teacher
- Former Director, I.I.T., Delhi, (Expert on Engg. matter)
4. Dr. B.V.Vora (Non-Teacher) (Scientist)
- Former Director of National Bio-technology Laboratory.
5. Dr. Narayan Reddy. (Poet and Univ. administrator)