

(iii) Evaluation/Exam Report.

The Academic Council in its 62nd meeting vide its Resolution No.AC:62:99:5:5:(iii) had resolved that a Committee be appointed to look into the system of evaluation & other matters relating to examinations. The said Committee was constituted vide Notification No:AC:62-4/Conf/99-1530 dated 27.1.2000 and its report is placed as Annexure-'I'.

The report of the Committee was placed before the 63rd meeting of the Academic Council and the Council RESOLVED to accept the recommendations of the Committee and further RESOLVED that all complaints on evaluation and examination matters shall be addressed to the Controller of Examinations who will then place such complaints before an Advisory Committee on examination matters. This Committee shall also frame a Regulation in the lines of RC-5 for the purpose of moderation of internal assessment for the Under-Graduate examinations also. The chairman was authorised to constitute the Advisory Committee.

The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH ACADEMIC COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO:AC:62:99:5:5: (iii):  
TO LOOK INTO THE SYSTEM OF EVALUATION AND  
EXAMINATION REFORMS.**

The Committee met on two occasions, that is, on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2000 and 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2000 to look into the problems faced in the system of evaluation and examinations and also into the recommendations of the UGC's Expert Committee on examination matters. The Committee also decided to involve some of the College principals in its deliberations before finalising the recommendations. And accordingly two Principals from Mizoram, one from Jowai, one from Tura and five from Shillong were invited to a meeting of the Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2000.

The final recommendation of the Committee with due consultation of the Principals is placed as ANNEXURE 'A'.

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Convener

## OBSERVATIONS / DIFFICULTIES

## COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The UGC Expert Committee that was appointed towards the settlement of CR (PIL) No.1 (SH) / 97 - Shri BJ Bhattacharjee Vrs. NEHU & Ors, among others, recommend as follows:-

"As per the guidelines and the Statute, 180 number of days are available, whether this is actually adhered to is uncertain and University should not issue circulars which may reduce this number. The System can be put on a better footing by providing a cushion against the unforeseen disruptions of the academic calendar. The Academic year could begin in February instead of April - May and the examination could be conducted and completed in November - December. If adopted, it could also reduce the long period of gap of waiting for the teaching for certain classes to begin".

The UGC Expert Committee that was appointed towards the settlement of CR (PIL) No.1 (SH) 97 Shri BJ Bhattacharjee Vrs. NEHU & Ors. As follows:-

"The Committee is of the view that at this point in time when a large number of experts and committees all over the world including India are of the opinion that examination and assessment is the part and parcel of the profession of teaching, it is hardly necessary for it to emphasise that NEHU should take urgent steps towards making it mandatory for all teachers to perform the examination duties whether as paper setters, evaluators or invigilators as part of their duty. The plea very often put forth by the teachers that since the examination work is a "paid work", therefore, they have the option to not to undertake it "has no meaning". If the logic is taken to its conclusion then the teaching itself is a paid job as undoubtedly the teachers get their salaries. Therefore, if the extra remuneration is a problem, it may be done away with. NEHU may consider amending its relevant Ordinances to provide for mandatory examination work to be performed by the teachers as necessary part of their duty".

To enable 180 days for teaching the Committee recommended that examinations should start on 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of February, schedule to include Saturdays and gaps shall be reduced in order to complete the examinations process at the earliest but not later than mid April.

The majority of the Colleges under NEHU are not constituent but affiliating. In other words the teachers of these Colleges are not the employees of the University and therefore, administrative control over them would not be possible. Same problem applies to external examiners. Therefore, this in itself will not solve the problem.

NEHU cannot take a decision in isolation, therefore, other Universities are also to be consulted.

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A. SETTING / MODERATION ETC:

1. Senior-most teachers are not always appointed for such works.

Appointment of examiners is done on the basis of eligibility as per RC-10 on recommendation of the BUGS Chairpersons. Appointment based solely on seniority will affect confidentiality of examination.

2. Complaints on Questions Papers are not attended to.

For dealing with this problem a mechanism exists and is functioning well.

Controller of Examinations has informed that complaints on the Question Papers are invariably brought to the notice of the concerned Chairman for comments and on his / her instructions, necessary remedial measures are taken. The Committee emphasizes that this practice be strictly adhered to and that all complaints relating to Question Papers must be routed through Centre In-Charge to the Controller of Examinations, NEHU. The latter will acknowledge all such complaints.

3. Some question papers contain a number of typographical errors.

Instructions are given to the paper setters, particularly for the language papers, to submit type-written papers. But on many occasions the paper setters do not adhere to such instructions. The Committee recommends that at the time of moderation, the Chairpersons should ensure that the Question Papers are written legibly and clearly.

4. Setting up of Question Papers for Practicals.

All Question Papers for Practicals should be set in such a manner that the confidentiality is not lost even if examinations are being held on different dates at different Centres. The external and internal examiners shall jointly decide the exact material to be given for Practicals at the time of examination. The College shall stock reasonable amount of experimental materials. The practice of setting instructions may be discontinued.

5. Panel of Practical Examiners.

Panel of Examiners for Practicals shall be submitted by the BUGS Chairperson to the Controller of Examinations. The Panel should be exhaustive in nature and shall include all those who are eligible for it.

B. EVALUATION

1. Some of the examiners are given too many answer scripts for evaluation.

Sometimes due to shortage of examiners, arising mainly from non availability of teachers having required years of experience, the examination branch gives more scripts to some examiners. However, every examiner is given sufficient time to complete the process of evaluation. Efforts are being made to distribute the papers to more examiners.

However, if there is shortage of time, this should be brought to the notice of the Controller of Examinations.

2. A considerable number of candidates obtain just pass marks - making some doubt that the Examination Department has been awarding marginal marks without evaluation.

The University has not been reflecting the marks awarded through the grace principle separately. The Committee recommends that in future grace marks should be reflected in the mark sheet.

3. Complaints are sometimes received that NEHU is quite stingy in its marking.

The Question Papers consist of 40% objective type and 60% essay type questions. Therefore, the scope for subjectiveness is limited and evaluation is realistic. The Moderation Board for results is consulted by the Controller of Examinations if there is a general case of under - marking or other extraordinarily circumstances. The Moderation Board will be reminded to take care of such problems.

4. Complaints are sometimes received that answers to all the questions have not been examined.

The University has the provision for Chief Examiner to check such possibilities at the level of scrutiny who goes through all the scripts of the first examiner, to see such possibilities at the level of scrutiny..

- 5. Sometimes complaints are received from candidates that some questions are ambiguous, outside the syllabus or set beyond their levels. Such complaints should be dealt with by referring them to the Moderation Board and BUGS Chairpersons.

C. TABULATION / RESULTS

- 1. Complaints are sometimes received that the NEHU Results are published late. Controller of Examinations has assured that this problem does not exist now.

- 2. Complaints are sometimes received that the names of many candidates are miss-spelt in their documents. Very often the candidates, while filling up their examination forms, provide incomplete information about their names and other details leading to such complaints. Examination Department is taking care to minimise this. Examination forms should be filled in Block Letters and efforts should be made to computerise the printing and issue of marksheets.

- 3. Grace principle is not applicable to the practical papers. We are of the opinion that the grace principle should equally be applicable to the practical papers as well.

- 4. It has been observed by some that there should be paper-wise moderation of results. Complaints are sometimes received from some candidates that some examiners award marks ranging from 30 to 50 only. We are of the view that this is not feasible. However, in cases of mass failures or large variations, paper-wise moderation of results is resorted to.

D. RE-EVALUATION

- 1. A misconception prevails that a candidate applying for re-evaluation does has a better chance of passing. Re-evaluation is another process of evaluation and the large variations in marking, if any, are taken care of during moderation.

- 2. There should not be any limitation on the number of papers or marks for re-evaluation. It would be opening up a Pandora's Box if such privileges are not restricted.

E. PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH:

- 1. Panel of examiners / paper setters submitted by the department. Sometimes such panels contain the names of persons who have expired, out of the country or have changed the institutions, or do not possess required specialization in such papers. Such unfortunate circumstances curb the efficiency of the examination department. The BUGS Chairperson should be asked to update the panel and that the Principals of Colleges are requested to send annually a list of all teachers in their Colleges (subject and seniority-wise) to the Controller of Examinations who shall forward a copy of the list to all concerned.
- 2. The schedule of fees payable by students and remuneration payable to teachers needs revision. For example, the fees collected from a Ph.D. candidate is about a thousand, while the expenditure incurred for holding a Viva often costs the University about rupees twenty thousand. The fees should be periodically revised preferably every two years.
- 3. Provisions for dissertation for Master Degree Course often delay the results. Dissertation work if necessary, should not stretch beyond the concerned semester.
- 4. Some examiners complain that they have not agreed to set / evaluate papers. Where-ever possible, consent will be taken. As a principle, paper setting & evaluation be de-linked.
- 5. We have been receiving comments that teachers of the University should be entrusted with the conduct of Major Practicals. In principle this is agreed to. Controller of Examinations has informed that the University teachers, more often than not, refuse to go to the Colleges of Outlying Campuses. In order that the outlying Colleges are not discriminated, the University has been entrusting such works to the senior College teachers where available.

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6. Examination Department is unable to make some urgent spot payments (such as TA / DA to examiners and contingent transport arrangements) on non - formal working days.

The Controller of Examinations may be allowed to hold certain amount of contingency for meeting such urgent expenditures.
7. Sometimes candidates get inflated or deflated marks for their internal assessment.

It is felt that there is a need for removal of such anomalies, which occur not so infrequently. Marks of Internal assessment be moderated as being done for the PG Departments(RC-5).
8. Problems are faced in granting of Examination Centre to a College that has been given conditional affiliation.

No Examination Centre should be granted to a College having conditional affiliation.
9. Problems are also faced in granting Examination Centres in a rush manner when a College is granted affiliation at the fag-end of the year.

Such Colleges should not be granted an Examination Centre.
10. Problems are also faced by the Examination Department when they are unaware of the subject affiliation of a College.

There should be an effective co-ordination between Examination and College Development Council.
11. In PG evaluation, it was pointed out that sometime there has been a large variation in marks obtained from paper to paper by a same candidate.

Such cases should be pointed out by the Screening Committee for results constituted in the respective departments.(OC-7:12).

## (iii) Evaluation / Examinations Report.

**EC:107:2000:5:5:(iii):** The Council considered the Report of the Committee to look into examination and evaluation matters **RESOLVED** to accept the same. The Council, further **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation of the Academic Council in constituting an Advisory Committee for examination matters.

**5.6- Establishment of new Deptts. / Centres / Courses.**

## (i) Establishment of the School for Spiritual Studies and Moral Values.

**EC:107:2000:5:6:(i):** The Council considered the recommendation of the Academic Council for the establishment of the School for Spiritual Studies and Moral Values and **RESOLVED** to accept the same and that the Planning Board should be directed to include the School in the Xth Plan Proposal.

## (ii) Opening of new Departments in the NEHU Tura Campus.

**EC:107:2000:5:6:(ii):** The Council considered the establishment of new departments in Tura Campus and noted that action has been taken by the Chairman to provide necessary funds for the starting of at least one new department during the current financial year. The Chairman also placed on record his appreciation to the Deans' Committee for the documents prepared by them which had been submitted to the University Grants Commission.

**5.7- Affiliation etc.**

## (i) Inspection Reports regarding affiliation cases of various Colleges.

**EC:107:2000:5:7:(i):** The Council considered the recommendations of the Academic Council with regard to the affiliation cases of the following Colleges and **RESOLVED** to approve the same.

Name of a College	Subjects	Recommendations
1.Lunglei College, Mizoram.	Morning Pass Course in English, Mizo,(MIL & Elect) History, Pol.Sc., Economics, Education & Commerce.	Extension of provisional affiliation for one year.