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TWENTYFOURTH MEETING
of the
ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Thursday, the 17th October, 1985.
Shillong.

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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY FOURTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

The Twenty-fourth meeting of the Academic Council was held on Thursday, the 17th October, 1985, at 2.00 P.M., in the Seminar Hall, Mayurbhanj Complex, NEHU, Shillong.

PRESENT:

The List of members participating in the meeting is appended as Appendix - 1.

WELCOME:

The Council welcomed the new members :

1. Shri A.B. Dutta, St. Anthony's College, Shillong.
2. Shri Jaytish Bhagabati, St. Edmund's College, Shillong.
3. Smt. Alvareon Diancy Tham, Lady Keane Girls' College, Shillong.
4. Shri Nin F. Whiso, Kohima Science College, Kohima.
5. Shri K. Kikon, Dimapur College, Dimapur.
6. Shri C. Lalbiakthanga, Kolasib College, Kolasib.

and placed on record the services rendered by the outgoing members.

The Council took up discussions on the Agenda and the following decisions were taken:

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Item No. 1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE
23RD MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
HELD ON 15-16 MAY, 1985 :

AC:24:85:01: RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Twenty-third meeting of the Academic Council held on 15-16 May, 1985, be confirmed with the observation that the comment received from Prof. M.N.Karna - in fact it was one of the views expressed by the members and not the decision of the Council.

Item No. 2 REPORTING ITEMS :

AC:24:85:02: RESOLVED that in Item No. 2 the first sub-item 2(i) if there are more than sub-items, as a matter of routine indicate the action taken on the decisions of the Council.

Item No. 3 RATIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE
VICE-CHANCELLOR :

(i) Grant of special permission for appearing
at final LL.B. examination of November, 1985 -

AC:24:85:03(i): The Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in granting special permission to eight candidates in addition to Shri M.Sangma for appearing at the LL.B. Final Examination.

(ii) Rate of re-evaluation of Script -

AC:24:85:03(ii): The Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in fixing a minimum of Rs 25.00 as remuneration for re-evaluation of scripts. It was, however, desired that Finance Committee be approached for a general revision of remuneration rates and particularly the remuneration for Ph.D. evaluation in respect of foreign examiners be raised to \$ 100.00.

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- (iii) Special permission to students to appear for B.Sc. examination -

AC:24:85:03(iii): The Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in permitting the students to appear at B.Sc. examination (those who have taken Mathematics but could not qualify in Mathematics at P.U. level) as a very special case.

Item No. 4 DEFERRED ITEMS :

- (i) Report of the Committee consisting of Prof. R.R.Mishra and Prof. M.Miri on the institutionalisation of research associateship in NEHU -

AC:24:85:04(i): The Council accepted the report of the Committee in principle and desired that the matter be taken up with U.G.C. as part of the VII Plan proposal.

- (ii) Representation in the Academic Council from teachers of the constituent colleges -

AC:24:85:04(ii): RESOLVED that the representation for affiliated/constituent colleges to the Academic Council be raised as under :-

Meghalaya	- 3
Nagaland	- 2
Mizoram	- 2

The College of Agriculture, Medziphema being under the School of Agricultural Sciences & Rural Development will, however, be excluded from that.

RESOLVED further that the relevant Statutes may be amended and placed before the Executive Council.

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The Council observed that since the College of Agriculture was converted into a School of Agricultural Sciences & Rural Development, all Professors are members of the Academic Council.

The Chairman informed the Council that during his last visit to the College of Agriculture, the structure of the Departments was considered and it was suggested that two core Departments, namely, the Department of Social Sciences and Humanities and the Department of Basic Sciences be created and the existing Departments in the College be clubbed together under these two Departments. The Council welcomed the proposal

(iii) Introduction of Western & Church Music -

AC:24:85:04(iii): RESOLVED that the University may consider the establishment of a Centre for Music in the VII Plan and forward the proposals through the Planning Board.

(iv) Career Guidance Course - Rotary Club -

AC:24:85:04(iv): The Item was withdrawn.

Item No. 5 ACADEMIC MATTERS :

5:1 - Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations & Rules -

(i) Amendment to Ordinance OB - 10 on the Verrier Elwin Memorial Lecture -

AC:24:85:05:1(i): RESOLVED that the amendment to the Ordinance be forwarded to the Executive Council for approval.

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- (ii) Proposed addition to Ordinance - GC-4
on the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) Programme -

AC:24:85:05:1(ii): RESOLVED that Clause (viii) be added to the existing Ordinance and further RESOLVED to forward the same to the Executive Council for approval.

5:2 - Syllabus -

- (i) Introduction of special M.Phil course
for Modern Indian Language Teachers -

AC:24:85:05:2(i): The Council considered the draft syllabus for the special M.Phil course for Modern Indian Language Teachers submitted by the Committee constituted for the purpose.

The Council, after careful consideration, RESOLVED that the Committee be requested to redraft the syllabus by including one Modern Indian Novel by Indian Author replacing the pieces of the Illiad by Homer and improving Course I by incorporating a Reading List of 25 books and that the Reading List in Course II be expanded.

- (ii) Minutes of the meeting of the Board
of Under-Graduate Studies in Hindi -

AC:24:85:05:2(ii): RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Board of Under-Graduate Studies with regard to the Hindi syllabys for Pre-University, MIL and Elective, be approved.

5:3 - Research -

- (i) To treat the date of application of
eligible candidates as the date of
provisional registration for Ph.D. -

AC:24:85:05:3(i): It was RESOLVED to continue the present practice.

The Head of the Department of Economics pointed out that the Department has to run a special M.Phil course in Commerce and Statistics for the two students without receiving any application. The Council authorised the Head of the Department to sort out the matter. The Council was also informed that as decided in the earlier meeting of the Council, the students of Commerce can go to the Economics.

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The Head of the Department of Philosophy informed the Council that one teacher from UCC has applied for doing special M.Phil in the Department of Philosophy and the Council agreed to the same.

5:5 - Examination Matters -

- (i) Panels of Examiners for examining the Ph.D. theses of the candidates of the School of Physical Sciences -

AC:24:85:05:5(i): RESOLVED that the panels of examiners as forwarded by the Board of Research Studies, be approved.

- (ii) Panels of Examiners for examining the Ph.D. thesis and M.Phil dissertations of the candidates of the School of Social Sciences -

AC:24:85:05:5(ii): RESOLVED that the panels of examiners as forwarded by the School Board/Board of Research Studies, be approved.

- (iii) M.Phil/M.Phil(Special) registration in Physics -

AC:24:85:05:5(iii): The request of Shri R.K.Das of Physics Department was not acceded to. However, he may be advised to go through the formalities required in connection with pursuing special M.Phil programme like other candidates, if he so desires.

- (iv) Petition by B.Sc.(Home Science) students of St. Mary's College -

AC:24:85:05:5(iv): RESOLVED that the post of Reader in the subject "Child Development" be advertised by the University and recruitment be made to take care of the subject.

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5:6 - Establishment of new Departments/
Centres/Courses -

- (i) Introduction of NCC as optional/
additional subject in the University -

AC:24:85:05:6(i): RESOLVED that a Committee consisting of the following may go into the details of the proposal and submit its recommendations to the Council for its consideration:

Prof. C.L.Anand, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Shillong.
Prof. J.B.Bhattacharjee, Department of History, NEHU.
Shri H.W.T. Syiem, Officer on Special Duty, NEHU.
Dr C. Nunthara, Dean, Students' Welfare, NEHU.

- (ii) Certificate Course in Linguistics -

AC:24:85:05:6(ii): RESOLVED that the proposal for a Certificate Course in Linguistics be approved but the structure of the course be revised by a Committee consisting of the following :

Prof. R.R.Mehrotra
Prof. S. Homchaudhuri
Prof. B.N.Saraswati
Shri P. Jhingan.

The Chairman informed the Council that the Government of India have selected North-Eastern Hill University to take up a project on Concurrent Assessment of Integrated Rural Development Programme and that the Vice-Chancellor had tentatively accepted it.

The Council welcomed it and RESOLVED that a Cell may be established for the purpose.

- (iii) Establishment of a College of Civil
Engineering and Architecture -

AC:24:85:05:6(iii): RESOLVED that the proposal be routed through the Planning Board as part of VII Plan proposals to be submitted to the UGC.

- (iv) Introduction of Three-year Degree Course in
Physical Education, Health Education and
Sports in multi-faculty colleges -

AC:24:85:05:6(iv): RESOLVED that the matter be considered by the Committee appointed under Item No. 5:6(i).

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(v) Centre for Bio-Physics -

AC:24:85:05:6(v): The Chairman apprised the Council about the approval of the Centre for Bio-Physics by the University Grants Commission. The Council noted the decision with appreciation.

5:7 - Affiliation, etc -

(i) Minutes of the Screening Committee on Affiliation -

AC:24:85:05:7(i): The Council noted the decisions taken by the Screening Committee for affiliation. The Council was informed that action for grant of permanent colleges as per guidelines of the Council is in progress.

The Council RESOLVED that the Colleges which have not been affiliated to the University may be notified for general information and that students admitted to those Colleges will not be allowed to appear for University Examination from other Colleges.

The Council further observed that preliminary scrutiny of applications for affiliation may be made by the Office before placing them before the Screening Committee in order to avoid delay and defective applications may be returned to the Colleges concerned together with the fees of Rs 1,000/- submitted for the purpose.

(ii) Report of the Committee for affiliation of Mathematics at F.U. level in Synod College, Shillong -

AC:24:85:05:7(ii): The Council accepted the recommendations and RESOLVED to grant affiliation for Mathematics at Pre-University level to Synod College, Shillong.

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- (iii) Temporary affiliation to Wankhao College, Mon, upto F.U. level -

AC:24:85:05:7(iii): The Council accepted the recommendations of the Committee and RESOLVED to grant temporary affiliation at Pre-University level to Wankhao College, Mon, Nagaland.

- (iv) Report of the Visiting Teams for opening of Honours course in Mizoram Colleges -

AC:24:85:05:7(iv): The Council desired that for grant of affiliation for Honours, the report of the Committees be routed through the Board of Post-Graduate Studies in the subject concerned. The Board of Post-Graduate Studies should not only consider the preparedness of a particular College for starting honours programme but also take an overall view of the facilities already created for the study of the subject in different units so that limited resources can be optimally utilised.

- (v) Minutes of the Third and Fourth meetings of the Board of Pre-University Education -

AC:24:85:05:7(v): The Council approved the recommendations of the Board of Pre-University Education made by it in its meeting held on 16th October, 1985. (Appendix - 2).

The Chairman informed the Council that the Debating Team had not been sent this time inadvertently. He also informed that henceforth the University Calendar will be prepared and sent to all the Colleges say by November, so that the Colleges may prepare their own academic Schedules including sports.

The Council noted the same.

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5:8 - Others -

- (i) VII Plan proposals from the Centre for Science and Mathematics Education -

AC:24:85:05:8(i): The Council considered in details the matter concerning the management of Centres of the University and organisation of activities by the Centres, After thorough deliberations the Council took a general decision about management of the Centres in the University and RESOLVED that each Centre should be governed by an Advisory Committee with the Director/Incharge of the Centre as its Member-Secretary besides various experts drawn from outside. In addition, each Centre may have a Sub-Committee of the Advisory Committee for its day-to-day management.

The Council authorised the Vice-Chancellor to draft the Ordinance on the matter and to forward the same to the Executive Council for approval.

The Council also suggested that a Committee may be constituted with the following teachers to assist the Vice-Chancellor in the matter :

1. Prof. Sri Prakash,
2. Dr P.K. Mishra
3. Prof. J.P. Thapliyal.

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- (ii) To nominate three persons not below the rank of Reader as members to the Board of Under-Graduate Studies in Home Science -

AC:24:85:05:0(ii): The Council nominated the following persons as the members of Board of Under-Graduate Studies in Home Science:

1. Prof. R. Lalthantluanga
2. Dr (Ms) M.S. Padma
3. Dr Man Singh

Item No. 6 ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR :

- (i) Regional Seminar on Challenges of Education -

AC:24:85:06(i): The Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that NEHU will be organising a Regional Seminar on 'Challenges of Education' on 18th, 19th and 20th November, 1985 for all the seven Units of the North-East.

The Council suggested that the following eminent Educationists who are well-versed with the North-East be also requested to attend the Seminar :

1. Prof. Amlan Dutta
2. Prof. S.C. Dube
3. Prof. S.N. Mishra
4. Prof. B.P. Mohapatra
5. Prof. Surjit Sinha

It was RESOLVED that a Book be published by NEHU on the proceedings of the Seminar. Seven themes on which the deliberations could be centred during the Seminar were approved by the Council.

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(ii) VII Plan proposals : Specialisation
of the Campuses -

AC:24:85:06(ii): It was suggested that as part of the specialisation offered by the three Campuses, the students pursuing Master's Degree programme be permitted to move from one Campus to the other for one semester so that they may earn the credits in the respective semester from the Campus Department and return to their Campus for completing the course.

The Council approved the suggestion and desired that NEHU may approach other leading Universities for a similar mobility from NEHU to the University and vice-versa. The Vice-Chancellor was requested to take up the matter at the next meeting of the Central Universities Vice-Chancellors. The Council also RESOLVED that the earlier decision to broad base the Masters' courses and introduce flexibility ensuing that the core courses are seriously taken be also operationalised.

(iii) Department of Public Administrations:

AC:24:85:06(iii): The Council was informed that the Department of Public Administration which will enroll students for regular Master Degree programme from March 1987 will be conducting a Certificate Course in Public Administration during the next session for Government servants. It will be of one semester duration in the form of an orientation course.

The Council approved the programme.

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(iv) NEHU Publications -

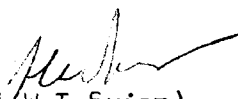
AC:24:85:06(iv): The Council also approved the following proposals:

- (a) The setting up of a Committee for production of Literature in Languages primarily spoken under NEHU's jurisdiction such as Mizo, Khasi, Garo, etc.
- (b) Publication of Historical documents, State papers, Ethnographical studies with introduction and annotation from the University wherever required.

The Council desired that an Editorial Board be constituted for the purpose and the work be taken up immediately.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks from the Chair.

Sd/- D.B.Sharma,
Chairman,
Academic Council.


(H.W.T.Syiem)
Secretary,
Academic Council,
NEHU

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PRE-UNIVERSITY
EDUCATION, NEHU, SHILLONG.

The 4th meeting of the Board of Pre-University Education was held on 16th October, 1985, at 4.00 p.m., in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, NEHU, under the Chairmanship of Prof. C.L. Anand, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Shillong and presided over by the Vice-Chancellor, NEHU.

A list of the members attending the meeting is appended as Annexure - I while the list of the members intimating their inability to attend the meeting due to their pre-occupation is appended at Annexure - II.

Item No. 1 : The Minutes of the third meeting of the Board of Pre-University Education held on 28th June, 1985, circulated to all the members were confirmed.

Item No. 2 : Action taken. The Secretary apprised the members of the action taken by the University on the suggestions made by the Board in its third meeting held on 28th June, 1985 as under :

- i) The Board was informed that the subject Committees in English and Physics met between 9-11 July, 1985, and retouched the syllabus.
- ii) The Board was also informed that the syllabus on Mathematical Language as a pre-requisite has also been finalised and accordingly it has been drafted in the following manner:

Mathematical Language I for students offering Physics but not Mathematics;

Mathematical Language II for students offering Economics, Biology and Chemistry;

Mathematical Language III for students offering Anthropology, Education, Geology and Geography.

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iii) The Board was informed that various Departments of the University were requested to send their proposal for holding the Workshop of the teachers for educating them with regard to the new F.U. syllabus. However, so far only one proposal, viz., Department of Philosophy has been received which has been approved while the other Departments are being reminded to submit their proposal at an early date. The Board requested the Heads of the Departments present (English, Physics, Chemistry, History, Political Science) to submit their proposals at an early date.

iv) The progress with regard to the writing material was also brought to the notice of the Board. It was intimated that the book on History has been published and is available now. The manuscript for Mathematical Language is nearing completion and will be ready by the end of November, 1985. It was resolved that the teachers entrusted with the writing of the book of Physics be requested to send their manuscript latest by 10 November whereafter a Workshop for about a week be held in the Department of Physics to finalise the manuscript so that it be ready for sending to the Press by 30 November, 1985 positively. The Head, Department of English assured that Annotation of one of the English books will be ready by the end of November, 1985.

Item No. 3. OTHER ACADEMIC MATTERS :

1. After deliberating various academic matters and examination matters, the Board made the following recommendations for consideration of the Academic Council:

i) The Principal, Patkai Christian College discussed the matter with regard to providing of a suitable instructor for vocation and non-traditional courses. It was desired by the Board that the UGC may be requested to support the non-traditional/vocational courses by providing at least one instructor in each subject to the concerned colleges and till then the University may attach one Agricultural Graduate from the strength of College of Agriculture, Medziphema to Patkai Christian College so that their programme of vocational and non-traditional courses is put on the sound lines.

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- ii) The Principal, Pachhunga University College and the Principal, Govt. College, Turu also expressed the desire of their colleges to start non-traditional and vocational courses with effect from the next academic session.
- iii) The matter with regard to the conduct of practical examination for vocational courses - at Pre-University level in St. Joseph College, Jakhama was discussed and it was recommended that the practicals be evaluated as under :
- 40% on the basis of a record of the entire work done by the candidate which may be kept till the examinations are over and 60% to be awarded by the external examiner during time of practical examinations.
- iv) It was brought to the notice of the Board that many of the teachers who have been assigned the practical examinership declined the assignment thereby causing a lot of inconvenience. It was resolved by the Board that the assignment for the practical examination should be sent through Principal of the concerned colleges and it should be the responsibility of the concerned colleges to ensure that the examiners visit the place assigned to them failing which the Principal will make alternative arrangements. In case they fail to do so, the University will be constrained to disaffiliate the concerned college.
- v) In this connection it was further recommended by the Board that the examiners on practical duty be permitted to travel by air within north-east or be permitted to travel by a shared taxi without prior permission.
- vi) It was recommended that the University may prescribe a Calendar for all its affiliated colleges in order to maintain the uniformity of the academic schedule in various colleges affiliated with the University.

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- vii) It was recommended that no pre-selection test should be held in any college for Honours Class. But the discipline for the requisite attendance of the students in the particular course/subject should be adhered to.
- viii) It was desired that a seminar be organised by the University for English, Science, Mathematics, Education in Pre-University some time in the month of February, 1966 and the work be entrusted to the Centre for School Science & Mathematics.
- ix) It was recommended that for Pre-University the question paper should be split into two parts. Part- A should have one question of 20 marks objective type to be printed separately while the rest of the question paper be of 80 marks- traditional type. The first question alongwith the answer sheet be collected from the students within 45 minutes of the commencement of the examination.
- x) Practical examination be held after the theory exams, from next year to enable the students to have more time for studies.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks from the Chair.

Confirmed.
Sd/- C.L.Anand,
Pro-Vice-Chancellor,
Chairman,
Board of P.U. Education.

Sd/- L.C.Pant,
Secretary,
Board of P.U. Education.