

VISVA-BHARATI
SANTINIKETAN



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL (SIKSHA-SAMITI) (NO. 3 of 2019) HELD ON SATURDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER, 2019 AT 3.00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE HALL, CENTRAL LIBRARY, SANTINIKETAN

The meeting was attended by:

1. Prof. Bidyut Chakrabarty, Vice-Chancellor – Chairman

External Members:

2. Mr. Justice Sanjib Banerjee
3. Mr. Justice Arijit Banerjee
4. Prof. Sudhakar Yarlagadda
5. Prof. Lipi Ghosh

Members:

6. Prof. Vibhas Chandra Jha
7. Prof. Manadendranath Saha
8. Prof. Amal Pal
9. Prof. Manadendra Mukhopadhyay
10. Prof. Bikash Chandra Gupta
11. Prof. Sruti Bandopadhyay
12. Prof. Yaikhom Hemanta Kumar
13. Prof. Kashinath Chatterjee
14. Prof. Ashis Bhattacharya
15. Prof. Debasis Bhattacharya
16. Prof. Kashinath Bhattacharya
17. Prof. Santanu Rakshit
18. Prof. Kailash Pattanaik
19. Prof. Amit Kumar Hazra
20. Prof. Avijit Banerjee
21. Prof. Ashok Kuamr Goon
22. Prof. Pranesh Chowdhury
23. Prof. Bhabatosh Mandal
24. Prof. Kanu Charan Sahoo
25. Prof. Dibyendu Banerjee
26. Prof. Rabindranath Mishra

27. Dr. Jayanta Kumar Bhattacharya
28. Prof. Madhusudan Ghosh
29. Prof. Anil Kumar
30. Prof. Arun Ranjan Mishra
31. Prof. Sujit Kumar Paul
32. Prof. Niaz Ahamed Khan
33. Prof. Sisir Sahana
34. Prof. Pankaj Panwar
35. Prof. Paramartha Dutta
36. Prof. Niranjana Jena
37. Prof. Manaranjan Pradhan
38. Prof. Dipak Kumar Mandal
39. Prof. Pijush K. Ghosh
40. Prof. Debashis Sarkar
41. Prof. Hirak Chatterjee
42. Prof. Arun Kumar Barik
43. Dr. Debashish Mahalanobish
44. Prof. Utpal Roy
45. Prof. Siddhartha Deb Mukhopadhyay
46. Prof. Arabinda Mondal
47. Prof. Amitava Paul
48. Prof. Benudhar Chinara
49. Prof. Sabyasachi Sarkhel
50. Prof. Abhijit Sen
51. Prof. Brajanath Kundu
52. Prof. Subhasis Ray
53. Prof. Ganesh Chandra Malik
54. Prof. Sarbajit Sengupta
55. Prof. Biplob Loha Choudhury
56. Prof. Narayan Chandra Mandal
57. Prof. Sankar Majumder
58. Prof. Sudipta Bhattacharyya
59. Dr. Gita A. Keeni
60. Prof. Kumkum Bhattacharya
61. Prof. Tapas Kumar Kundu
62. Prof. Sarthak Chowdhury
63. Prof. Sabita Pradhan
64. Shri Mati Lal Kalai
65. Prof. Uma Shankar Malik
66. Prof. Souvik Ghosh
67. Prof. Ranjan Nath
68. Dr. Arnab Ghosh
69. Prof. Goutam Kumar Ghosh

70. Smt. Bodhirupa Sinha
71. Prof. Premangshu Chakrabarty
72. Prof. Larisha M. Lyndem
73. Prof. Tathagata Choudhury
74. Prof. Samar Kumar Saha
75. Prof. Manjari Bhattacharji
76. Prof. Samiran Mandal
77. Shri Partha Chakravorty
78. Smt. Sujata Mitra
79. Smt. Uma Chatterjee
80. Prof. Sutapa Mukhopadhyay
81. Prof. Amit Roy
82. Prof. Tarapada Bag
83. Prof. Madan Mohan Panja
84. Prof. Sanjib Kumar Das
85. Prof. Asok Kumar Sarkar
86. Prof. Adinath Majee
87. Prof. Subrata Sinha
88. Dr. Nimai Chand Saha
89. Prof. Subrata Mondal
90. Prof. Pranab Sarkar
91. Prof. K. Sunita Devi
92. Prof. Madhabi Ruj
93. Prof. Sukanta Mishra
94. Prof. Bipasha Raha
95. Prof. Aparna Roy
96. Prof. Arun Kumar Mondal
97. Prof. Pranab Kumar Chattopadhyay
98. Prof. Pratap Kumar Padhy
99. Prof. Sagarika Bandyopadhyay
100. Dr. Mohammad Faique
101. Prof. S. P. Sinhababu
102. Prof. Debotosh Sinha
103. Prof. Chowdhury H. Rahaman
104. Prof. Amit Sen
105. Prof. Swapan Kumar Ghosh
106. Prof. Syed Ejaz Hassian
107. Prof. Rup Kumar Kar
108. Prof. Sanjoy Kuamr Mallik
109. Prof. Swati Ganguly
110. Prof. Binoy Kumar Saren
111. Prof. Md. Sirajul Islam
112. Prof. Bijoy Kumar Dalui

113. Dr. Shedup Tenzin
114. Prof. Gourab Kanti Das
115. Prof. Tapas Roy Mahapatra
116. Prof. Manas Maity
117. Sri Romit Roy
118. Prof. Asha Mukherjee, Registrar (Acting) - Secretary

Officials Present:

1. Dr. Prashant Meshram, Joint Registrar, Academic & Research Section
2. Sri Debasis Dutta, Joint Registrar, Examination Section
3. Dr. Sanjoy Ghosh, Joint Registrar, Accounts Office
4. Shri Prasanta Kumar Ghosh, Deputy Registrar, Academic & Research Section
5. Shri Suranjan Ghosh, Assistant Registrar, Examination Section

Leave of Absence : Prof. Tapati Guha Thakurata, Prof. Sabyasachi Basu Roychoudhury, Prof. Avinash Khare and Prof. V.K. Tiwari communicated their inability to attend the meeting . Therefore, leave of absence was granted to them.

Prof. Bidyut Chakrabarty, Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati presided over the meeting.

Obituary Reference:

Since the last meeting of Siksha-Samiti (Academic-Council) held on 07th June, 2019, the University has lost the following former employees:

1.	Nirmal Das Bairagya	-	Former USS, Senior Lab Assistant
2.	Arun Kr. Dalui	-	Former Driver, C.T.C
3.	Sachi Mohan Mitra -	-	Former, Senior Assistant, I.A.O

The house observed one-minute silence in the memory of the departed souls. The Academic Council (Siksha-Samiti) puts on record its profound sense of grief and condolences to the members of the bereaved families.

The meeting started with opening song from the Upanishada.

Introductory remarks of the Chairman:

The Vice Chancellor and Chairman, Academic Council (Siksha-Samiti) made a few introductory remarks before taking up the agenda.

A. Progress Report:

1. The Hon'ble Vice President of India, Mr. Venkaiah Naidu visited Santiniketan on 16th August, 2019 and rededicated 'Shyamali' the historic mud house at Rabindra-Bhavana

- after its renovation by Archeological Survey of India(ASI) to the nation. He made a short visit this time and assured to visit Santiniketan again for a longer period.
2. He told that as per announcement in the previous meeting, this meeting of the Academic Council (Siksha-Samiti) meeting will be held paperless. This is unique for the University to conduct such a large meeting paperless in order to save paper, ink etc.
 3. He explained the financial position of the University. He mentioned that the University has no resources on its own to undertake any development work particularly, the repairing works of the Academic Building. In order to overcome the situation, the University applied for loan through HEFA and Rs. 68 Crores have been sanctioned to the University for the purpose. Efforts have been made to get financial support from financial institutions like State Bank of India, Axix Bank, Bandhan Bank, Yes Bank, ONGC, V.B. Co-operative Credit Society etc. and some assistance has been received.
 4. He mentioned that functions and cultural activities are being observed as scheduled. He mentioned that 25th Baisakha, 22nd Sravana and Rabindra Saptaha have been observed and Saradotsava is going on.
 5. Convocation of the University has been proposed to be held in the last week of November or first week of December this year. The exact date will be finalized upon confirmation by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi who is the Chancellor of Visva-Bharati and Hon'ble President of India, Mr. Ramnath Kobind, who is the Paridarsaka(Visitor) of the University. Efforts are on to have both of them this time.
 6. The Chinese Consulate General in Kolkata has agreed for Officers' Exchange Programme with Visva-Bharati and a few Universities of China. This is a new approach and till date only teachers and students are covered in educational exchange programme. Total (Eighteen)18 Officers including Joint Registrars, Deputy Registrars, and Assistant Registrars will visit China for the purpose and the first batch officers is expected to visit in November. 2019.
 7. The Chairman has also informed the house that he has visited Bangladesh and China and delivered lectures. During his visit to Bangladesh, Visva-Bharati has signed a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with National University of ~~Gazipur~~, Bangladesh. ^{at}
 8. Prof. ^{Gazipur} Adinath Majee, Department of Chemistry, Siskha-Bhavana has been awarded Bronze Medal by the Chemical Research Society of India (CRSI).

B. Academic achievements of different departments:

1. Prof. Goutam Brahmachari, Department of Chemistry, Siskha-Bhavana has been awarded Teachers Award by the Indian National Science Academy (INSA).

2. Four students of Integrated Science Education & Research Centre qualified NET with good ranking.
3. (a) The Department of Japanese successfully conducted the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) in July 7, 2019 in collaboration with the Japan Foundation and support of the Consulate of Japan in Kolkata.
(b) The Department of Japanese received Library support from the Japan Foundation.
(c) Ms. Shreya Das, Student, Department of Japanese got the Japanese Government Scholarship to study at Hosei University, Japan for a period of one year.
(d) One Ph.D student of the Department of Japanese cleared NET-JRF in July, 2019.
4. (a) Cheena-Bhavana in association with Consulate General of People's Republic of China organized International Conference on "Perspectives on India-China Development dynamics" from 6th to 7th September, 2019.
(b) Eighteen(18) students got jobs at four(4) trans-national companies after completion of Graduation and Post graduation.
(c) Two(2) students awarded with prestigious scholarship from Renmin University of China for pursuing two year Postgraduate study at China.
5. Dr. Amit Kumar Verma, Assistant Professor, Department of Hindustani Classical Music, Sangit Bhavana selected for Uttar Pradesh Natak Academy Award-2016 for his contribution in the field of music writing.
6. a) Prof. Santanu Ray was invited to deliver plenary lecture at International Conference at Salzburg, Austria.
b) Four research scholars of the Department of Zoology got sponsorship to attend Workshop /Conferences at Italy, West-Estonia and Austria.
7. Prof. Padmini Balaram, Head, Silpa-Sadana awarded Ishibashi Foundation, Japan Fellowship to research on Japanese art for 2019-20.

Agenda No.1-: Confirm the minutes of the meeting of the **Academic Council (Siksha-Samiti) held on 07.06.2019** as at **Appendix-I**.

Resolution: It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the **Academic Council (Siksha-Samiti) held on 07.06.2019** as at **Appendix-I** circulated earlier be taken as read and confirmed.

Agenda No.2-: **Action Taken Report (ATR)** on the minutes of **Academic Council (Siksha-Samiti)** meeting held on **07.06.2019** as at **Appendix-II**.

Resolution: It was **RESOLVED** that the **Action Taken Report (ATR)** on the minutes of **Academic Council (Siksha-Samiti) held on 07.06.2019** as at **Appendix-II** be taken as read and confirmed.

Agenda No. 3: Introduction of three year B.A.(Hons.) in Education under Vidya-Bhavana from the academic session 2020-21 along with detail syllabus for the Course as at **Appendix-III**.

Discussion : The Adhyaksha, Vidya-Bhavana explained the necessity of having the course in view of two young faculty in Education have been placed at Vidya-Bhavana from Vinaya-Bhavana by the University.

Resolution : After threadbare discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that a Committee comprising of three faculty from Vidya-Bhavana and three faculty from Vinaya-Bhavana be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to examine all aspects of introduction of the course and suggest suitable recommendations.

Agenda No. 4: Proposal of the Adhyaksha, Vidya-Bhavana, duly endorsed by the Institute Board of Vidya-Bhavana with regard to

- (a) modification of syllabus for M.A. in Geography to be effective from even Semester examination, 2020;
- (b) modification of syllabus for Generic Elective Course in Education at the Undergraduate level under Vidya-Bhavana; and
- (c) offer of Generic Elective Course on Women's Studies: Understanding the Concepts and Challenges at the Undergraduate level under Vidya-Bhavana from the academic session 2020-21 along with syllabus as at **Appendix-IV**.

Resolution : It was **RESOLVED** that the proposal of the Adhyaksha, Vidya-Bhavana, duly endorsed by the Institute Board of Vidya-Bhavana with regard to

- (a) modification of syllabus for M.A. in Geography to be effective from even Semester examination, 2020 as at **Appendix-IV** be referred back to the

Board of Studies in Geography for further discussion. Prof. V.C.Jha, Department of Geography will submit his observations on the proposed modification to the Head, Department of Geography for discussion in Board of Studies;

- (b) modification of syllabus for Generic Elective Course in Education at the Undergraduate level under Vidya-Bhavana ; and
- (c) offer of Generic Elective Course on Women's Studies: Understanding the Concepts and Challenges at the Undergraduate level under Vidya-Bhavana from the academic session 2020-21 along with syllabus **as at Appendix-IV** be accepted.

Agenda No.5: Recommendation of the Research Board held on 31/08/2019 vide Agenda No. 11 with regard to registration of three scholars for award of D.Litt. and D.Sc Degree of the University **as at Appendix-V.**

Resolution : It was **RESOLVED** that recommendation of the Research Board held on 31/08/2019 vide Agenda No.11 with regard to registration of (i) Dr. Praphulla Kumar Pan; (ii) Md. Habibur Rahaman be referred back to the Committee of Bhasha-Bhavana constituted in terms of Clause- 3 of the Ordinances governing the award of the degree of D.Litt. and D.Sc. with the observations that the educational qualifications mentioned in his application by (i) Dr. Praphulla Kumar Pan are incomplete and (ii) Md. Habibur Rahaman has one year M.A Degree.

In respect of (iii), recommendation of the Research Board with regard to registration of Dr.Goutam Brahmachari for D.Sc. was accepted.

Agenda No.6: Recommendation (Sr. no. 3) of the joint Institute Board meeting of Patha-Bhavana and Siksha-Satra held on 14/07/2019 with regard to the students who were unsuccessful to get promoted from Class XI to Class XII may be allowed to repeat Class XI with change of their course (from Science to Humanities stream).

Resolution : After threadbare discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that

- (i) the recommendation (Sr. no. 3) of the joint Institute Board meeting of Patha-Bhavana and Siksha-Satra held on 14/07/2019 with regard to the students who were unsuccessful to get promoted from Class XI to Class XII may be allowed to repeat Class XI with change of their stream(from Science to Humanities) be accepted; and
- (ii) henceforth, change of stream (from Science to Humanities) at the Pre-Degree (10+2) level be allowed to the students within three months from

the date of admission at Class XI subject to fulfillment of admission criteria.

Agenda No.7: Preparation of Academic Calender and Diary of the University for the year 2020.

Resolution : It was **RESOLVED** that a Committee be constituted with the following members to prepare Academic Calender and Academic Diary of the University for the year 2020

- i) Prof. Vibhas Chandra Jha, Department of Geography- Chairman;
- ii) Prof. Debasis Bhattacharya, Deptt. of Agriculture Statistics - Member;
- iii) Prof. Kashinath Chatterjee, Department of Statistics- Member;
- iv) Prof. Asok Kumar Sarkar, Department of Social Work- Member;
- v) Prof. Benudhar Chinara, Department of Education- Member;
- vi) Prof. Pijush K. Ghosh, Department of Physics- Member;
- vii) Prof. Sudipta Bhattacharya, Deptt. of Economics & Politics- Member;
- viii) Prof. Biplab Loha Choudhury, Centre for Journalism and Mass Communication- Member;
- ix) Prof. Sutapa Mukhopadhyay, Deptt. of Geography- Member; and
- x) Joint Registrar(Academic and Research)- Convener

The Committee is requested to prepare draft Academic Calender and Academic Diary of the University for the year 2020 specifying schedule of admission, schedule of semester wise examination, gazetted holidays, summer vacation, autumn recess, cultural events etc. of the University and submit its report within 30th November, 2019..

Agenda No.8: Modification of syllabi for B.A.(Hons.) in A.I.H.C&A, M.A. in A.I.H.C&A and M.Phil. in A.I.H.C&A courses of the Department of Ancient Indian History Culture and Archaeology under Vidya-Bhavana from the academic session 2019-20 as at **Appendix-VI**.

Resolution : The Academic Council (Siksha-Samiti) considered and noted the action taken by the competent authority with regard to modification of syllabi for B.A.(Hons.) in A.I.H.C&A, M.A. in A.I.H.C&A and M.Phil. in A.I.H.C&A courses of the Department of Ancient Indian History Culture and Archaeology under Vidya-Bhavana from the academic session 2019-20 as at **Appendix-VI**.

Agenda No.9: Modification of syllabus for B.A.(Hons.) in Philosophy course of the Department of Philosophy and Religion under Vidya-Bhavana from the academic session 2019-20 as at **Appendix-VII**.

Resolution : The Academic Council (Siksha-Samiti) considered and noted the action taken by the competent authority with regard to modification of syllabus for B.A.(Hons.) in Philosophy course of the Department of Philosophy and Religion under Vidya-Bhavana from the academic session 2019-20 as per CBCS Scheme **as at Appendix-VII.**

Agenda No.10: Appointment of Adjunct Faculty (Yoga Teachers/Therapists/ Instructor) of the Department of Yogic Art & Science under Vinaya-Bhavana **as at Appendix-VIII.**

Resolution : The Academic Council (Siksha-Samiti) considered and noted the action taken by the competent authority regarding appointment of Adjunct Faculty (Yoga Teachers/Therapists/ Instructor) of the Department of Yogic Art & Science under Vinaya-Bhavana **as at Appendix-VIII.**

Agenda No.11: Recommendations of the Standing Disciplinary Committee on Examinations regarding penalization of some students for having adopted unfairmeans in the University Examinations **as at Appendix-IX.**

Resolution : The Academic Council (Siksha-Samiti) considered and noted the recommendations of the Standing Disciplinary Committee on Examinations regarding penalization of some students for having adopted unfairmeans in the University Examinations **as at Appendix-IX.**

Agenda No.12: Reconstitution of the Committee in order to shortlist the applications for Faculty/Teaching positions of the University in line with UGC Guidelines **as at Appendix-X.**

Resolution : The Academic Council (Siksha-Samiti) considered and noted the action taken by the competent authority to reconstitute the Committee in order to shortlist the applications for Faculty/Teaching positions of the University in line with UGC Guidelines **as at Appendix-X.**

Agenda No.13: Recommendation of the Committee regarding guidelines for appointment of Vice-Principal of the Bhavanas/Vibhaga in the University **as at Appendix-XI.**

Resolution : The Academic Council (Siksha-Samiti) considered and noted the action taken by the competent authority with regard to recommendation of the Committee regarding guidelines for the appointment of Vice-Principal of the Bhavanas/Vibhaga in the University **as at Appendix-XI.**

Agenda No.14: Miscellaneous

- (i) Proposals of Prof. Pijush Kanti Ghosh : Few anomalies in the merit list for admission to UG courses for the academic session 2019-20

Discussion : Prof. Pijush Kanti Ghosh pointed out certain anomalies in the merit list for admission to UG courses particularly about the display of marks obtained at Higher Secondary(10+2) level and total marks. The Co-ordinator, Admission Co-ordination Cell explained that a candidate is expected to enter actual marks scored vis-à-vis total marks. At the time of physical verification of records, all such cases, if admitted to, have been detected and deleted from the merit list.

Resolution : It was **RESOLVED** that, Prof. Pijush Kanti Ghosh shall place in the next Academic Council(Siksha-Samiti) exact cases of students who got admitted due to anomalous entries of marks obtained and total marks.

- (ii) Proposal to reduce application Fes for admission to different UG & PG Courses

Discussion : It was discussed that, application fees for students from Below Poverty Line families be exempted, because of their inability to pay.

Resolution : It was **RESOLVED** that a letter may be sent to UGC seeking clarification for application form fees exemption to BPL students.

- (iii) Proposal by Prof. Manas Maity, Tapas Kumar Kundu, Prof. Bikash Chandra Gupta, Prof. Tathagata Choudhury, Prof. Madan Mohan Panja and Prof. Samar Kumar Saha for framing criterion by Board of Studies for short listing of applications for faculty position and videography of interview.

Resolution : It was **RESOLVED** that, the proposal with relevant rule provision and documents in support may be placed in the next Academic Council.

- (iv) Proposal of Prof. Arun Kr. Mondal, Prof. Niranjan Jena and Prof. Rampramol Roy for not restricting selection of Ph.D. students in a particular group of specialization of particular subject.

Discussion : It was discussed that, research should not be restricted in a particular subject specialization. Research should not be restricted in watertight compartments.

Resolution : It was **RESOLVED** that, the matter may be referred to the Department Research Committee of Department of Sanskrit, Pali & Prakrit for its observation.

- (v) Proposal of Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, Librarian for starting One year self financing course in B.Lib. I.Sc form the next academic session.

Resolution : It was **RESOLVED** that, a reminder may be sent to the UGC for its approval. The course should not be started unless approved by the UGC.

- (vi) Proposal for Minor modification of M.Sc. (Ag.) Ordinance of Palli Siksha Bhavana by Principal, P.S.B.

Resolution : It was **RESOLVED** that, the amendment of minor modification to M.Sc. (Ag.) ordinance as recommended by the Institute Board of Palli Siksha Bhavana be accepted.

- (vii) Intimation for signing MoU between Indira Kala Sangit Vishwavidyalaya Khairagancy (Chhattisgarh) and Department of HCM, Sangit Bhavana by Principal, Sangit-Bhavana

Resolution : The Academic Council noted the MoU signed between Indira Kala Sangit Vishwavidyalaya Khairagancy and Department of HCM, Sangit Bhavana.

- (viii) Proposal for Change in Date of effect of Vacation Status of the faculty of Silpa Sadana, Palli Samgathana Vibhaga, Sriniketan by Prof. Padmini Balaram, Head of the Department, Silpa-Sadana

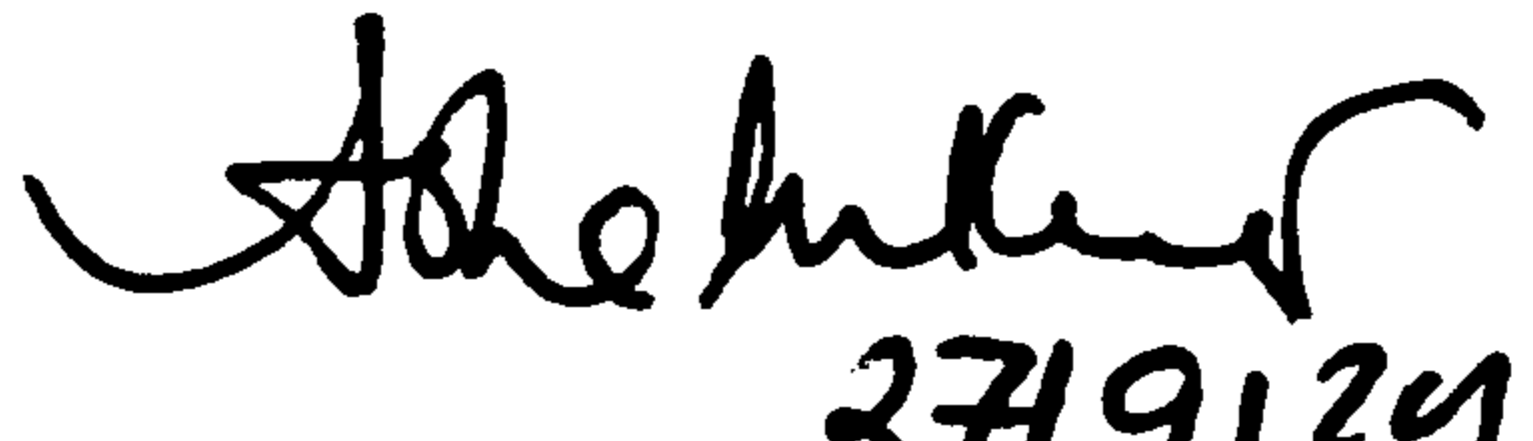
Discussion : In the Academic Council meeting held on 12.01.2019 vide item no. 7, it was **RESOLVED** that, status of existing faculties of Silpa-Sadana PSV be treated as vacation staff of the University and the same shall come into effect from the date of holding next Executive Council meeting. The Executive Council held on 25.02.2019 accepted the recommendations of Academic Council. However, the date of effect has been noted as from the date of Executive Council which needs to be reconsidered.

Resolution : It was **RESOLVED** that, the date of effect from non-vacation to vacation status to the faculty of Silpa-Sadana P.S.V. may be treated from Summer 2013.

At the end, everybody stood up for the National Anthem.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

Memo No. Aca/S-19.2/612 /2019-20
Santiniketan, dated- 27.09.2019


27/9/2019
Registrar (Acting)
Visva-Bharati