

KHANGCHENDZONGA STATE UNIVERSITY, SIKKIM

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MINUTES

OF

6th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

OF

KHANGCHENDZONGA STATE UNIVERSITY, SIKKIM

HELD ON

23rd February, 2024

at Hotel Denzong Regency, Gangtok

Sikkim

Khangchendzonga State University, Sikkim

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Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 23rd February, 2024
at 11.00 A.M. at Hotel Denzong Regency, Gangtok, Sikkim.

Members Present:

1. Prof. (Dr.) Ashis Sharma :Chairman
Vice Chancellor
Khangchendzonga State University, Sikkim
2. Shri. Bhim Thatal :Member
Director, Higher Education
Education Department, Government of Sikkim
(Representative of Additional Chief Secretary,
Education Department, Government of Sikkim)
3. Prof. S.S. Chahal :Member
Professor Emeritus, Punjab University,
Former Vice Chancellor of MPUAT Udaipur,
DBU and Khalsa University Punjab
4. Justice Anand Prasad Subba :Member
Chairperson, Lokayukta of Sikkim
& Retired Judge, High Court of Sikkim
5. Shri. Tshering Namgyal Bhutia :Member
Retired Secretary, Government of Sikkim
Syari, Gangtok
6. Shri. Karma Sonam Bhutia : Member Secretary
Registrar
Khangchendzonga State University, Sikkim

Members Absent:

1. Prof. Avinash Khare :Member
Vice Chancellor
Sikkim University
2. Padmashree Ms. Kipu Lepcha :Member
Social Worker and Padmashree Awardee

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Opening remarks by the Vice Chancellor:

The Vice Chancellor, Khangchendzonga State University, Sikkim Prof. (Dr.) Ashis Sharma welcomed the Members to the 6th Executive Council Meeting of Khangchendzonga State University, Sikkim. He made a Power Point presentation on the working/activities of the University during the period 2023-2024. The presentation broadly covered the following areas: i) Joining of new faculty ii) Opening of new departments iii) Admission 2023-24 iv) Activities organized by the University during the year v) New initiatives like Special Lecture series, Course on Sanskrit for Beginners, Workshop cum Seminar on how to write research articles vi) Faculty Publications and achievements of University Officials and Faculty vii) Update on the construction of the permanent campus viii) Announcement of Grant of Rs 20.00 crore to the University under PM-USHA Scheme under the head grant to strengthen universities.

The Executive Council appreciated the work done by the University during the year despite limited resources and also suggested the following:

- i) **Admission:** To ascertain if the minimum cutoff for admission for each department was showing improvement year on year.
- ii) **Library:** To identify the possibility of creating e library for the benefit of students
- iii) **Organize exposure trips:** The University may try to organize for the students, if possible, out of the state.
- iv) **Website:** Improve the existing website which was outdated in design and content
- v) **Sanctioning of Professor Post:** Request the Government of Sikkim to sanction post for at least one professor per Department for better functioning of the Department as well as managing various University activities.

During the above deliberations, the Vice Chancellor requested Director, Higher & Technical Education to include the University students whenever the Directorate of Higher Education, Education Department organises exposure visits for government college students. He also apprised the Director, Higher & Technical Education the necessity to provide Student Bus for the University due to the increase in the number of students as well as the students of the University has to attend programmes organised by the Raj Bhavan, different Government Departments and Agencies. Further, the Vice Chancellor informed the house that work on new website was on going and was expected to be launched within March'24. He assured the members that the other suggestions given by the Council Members would be examined thoroughly by the team and action initiated accordingly.

Agenda –Items of the 6th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 23rd February, 2024 and the Resolution taken on.

Section-1

(Confirmation of the Minutes and Action Taken Report)

EC6:2023:1:1. Confirmation of the Proceedings/Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 23rd June, 2023.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council Meeting for confirmation and approval.

Resolution: The Executive Council unanimously confirmed the Proceedings/Minutes of the 5th Executive Council Meeting held on 23rd June, 2023.

EC6:2023:1:2. Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 23rd June, 2023.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council Meeting for consideration and approval.

Resolution: The Executive Council unanimously approved the Report on the Actions Taken by the University.

Section-2

(Reporting Items)

EC6:2024:2:1. Appointment of Teaching Staffs.

1. Dr. Ratna Bahadur Rasaily, Dr. Suchan Pradhan and Dr. Reena Rai having been appointed as Assistant Professor in the Department of Nepali joined on 27/07/2023.
2. Dr. Liladhar Bhattarai and Dr. Yuvaraj Ghimirey having been appointed as Assistant Professor in the Department of Sanskrit joined on 27/07/2023.

Resolution: The Executive Council took note of the appointment/joining of Regular Teaching Staffs in the University.

EC6:2024:2: Commencement of M.A. Programmes in Bhutia, Lepcha and Limboo from the Academic Session 2023-2024.

M.A. programmes in Bhutia, Lepcha and Limboo started in the University from the Academic Session 2023-2024 with In-take capacity of 20 students each.

Resolution: The Executive Council took note and congratulated the University for starting M.A. Programmes in Bhutia, Lepcha and Limboo from the Academic Session 2023-2024 in the University.

Section-3

(Ratification Matters)

EC6:2024:3:1. Consideration of Report on the Actions taken by the Vice Chancellor.

- a) Constitution of Various Committees.

- (i) In anticipation of the approval of the Executive Council, the Vice Chancellor has constituted Local Selection Committee for Walk-in Interview for the selection of Assistant Professor in the Department of Lepcha, KSUS on Contractual Basis.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council Meeting for approval.

- (ii) In anticipation of the approval of the Executive Council, the Vice Chancellor has constituted Local Selection Committee for Walk-in Interview for the selection of Assistant Professor in the Department of Bhutia, KSUS on Contractual Basis.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council Meeting for approval

- (iii) In anticipation of the approval of the Executive Council, the Vice Chancellor has constituted Students Grievance Redressal Committee (SGRC) of Khangchendzonga State University, Sikkim in pursuance to the UGC Notification on Redressal of Grievances of Students Regulations, 2023 dated: 11/04/2023.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council Meeting for approval.

- (iv) In anticipation of the approval of the Executive Council, the Vice Chancellor has constituted Anti-Ragging Committee of Khangchendzonga State University, Sikkim in compliance with the regulations/guidelines issued from the UGC.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council Meeting for approval.

- (v) In anticipation of the approval of the Executive Council, the Vice Chancellor has constituted Anti-Ragging Squad of Khangchendzonga State University, Sikkim in compliance with the regulations/guidelines issued from the UGC.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council Meeting for approval.

- (vi) In anticipation of the approval of the Executive Council, the Vice Chancellor has constituted Purchase Committee of the Khangchendzonga State University, Sikkim for a term of one year.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council Meeting for approval.

b) Appointments of Faculty.

- (i) In anticipation of the approval of the Executive Council, the Vice Chancellor has extended the service of Dr. Pradeep Sharma Luitel, Assistant Professor on Adhoc Basis, Department of Sanskrit further up to 15/07/2023 as his term of appointment has ended on 30/06/2023.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council Meeting for approval.

- (ii) In anticipation of the approval of the Executive Council, the Vice Chancellor has re-appointed Dr. Pradeep Sharma Luitel, Assistant Professor, Department of Sanskrit and Dr. Krishna Kumar Sapkota, Department of Nepali on Adhoc

Basis w.e.f. 01.08.2023 till 11.06.2024 OR till the appointment of Regular Faculty whichever is earlier.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council Meeting for approval.

- (iii) In anticipation of the approval of the Executive Council, the Vice Chancellor has appointed Ms. Tshering Doma Bhutia, Department of Bhutia and Ms. Phurmit Lepcha as Assistant Professor on Contractual Basis from the date of their joining till 11.06.2024 OR till the appointment of Regular Faculty whichever is earlier as per the recommendation made by the respective Local Selection Committee.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council Meeting for approval.

- (iv) In anticipation of the approval of the Executive Council, the Vice Chancellor has appointed Assistant Professors from the Department of Bhutia, Department of Lepcha and Department of Limboo, Nar Bahadur Bhandari Government College, Tadong as Guest Faculty for the Department of Bhutia, Department of Lepcha and Department of Limboo, KSU, Sikkim w.e.f. 10.08.2023 to 31.12.2023 OR till the appointment of Regular Faculty whichever is earlier.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council Meeting for approval.

- (v) In anticipation of the approval of the Executive Council, the Vice Chancellor has re-appointed Assistant Professors from the Department of Bhutia, Department of Lepcha and Department of Limboo, Nar Bahadur Bhandari Government College, Tadong as Guest Faculty for the Department of Bhutia, Department of Lepcha and Department of Limboo w.e.f. 01.02.2024 to 31.07.2024 OR till the appointment of Regular Faculty whichever is earlier.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council Meeting for approval.

- (vi) In anticipation of the approval of the Executive Council, the Vice Chancellor has appointed Prof. (Dr.) Mohan Prasad Dahal, Retired Professor, Department of Nepali, North Bengal University as Ombudsperson for redressal of grievances of students of the University in pursuance to UGC Notification on Redressal of Grievances of Students Regulations, 2023 dated: 11/04/2023. **(Annexure-XIII)**

c) Appointment of Statutory Auditor.

- (i) In anticipation of the approval of the Executive Council, the Vice Chancellor has approved the appointment of M/S Sushil Das & Associates, Chartered Accountants as a Statutory Auditors of Khangchendzonga State University, Sikkim for the Financial Year 2023-2024. The remuneration of Rs. 15,000/- (Rupees. Fifteen Thousand Only) plus GST will be paid for their Audit service to KSU, Sikkim.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council Meeting for approval

Resolution: All the matters pertaining to the Agenda-Item No. EC6:2024:3:1 on Consideration of Report on the Actions taken by the Vice Chancellor was unanimously approved by the Executive Council. Further, the Executive Council approved the procedure to be adopted by the Purchase Committee of the University as contained in the Office Order No. 08/Committees/KSUS/2022/23-24/151-155 dated: 03/02/2024.

Section-4

(Matters for Consideration and Approval)

EC6:2024:4:1. Relaxation of Roster Point in Unfilled Faculty Positions in the Department of Sanskrit

The University conducted the interview for Faculty Position for the Department of Nepali and Department of Sanskrit in the month of May, 2023. The following positions in the Department of Sanskrit remained unfilled due to un-availability of eligible candidates:

1. Assistant Professor- 1 Bhutia-Lepcha
2. Assistant Professor- 1 OBC (Central List)

The University has sent a proposal to the Government of Sikkim for Relaxation of Roster Point of the above positions which is under active consideration by the State Government. If the proposal is approved the University may be permitted to fill up the positions by open advertisement and the appointments may be approved by the Vice Chancellor which may on a later date ratified by the Executive Council.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council Meeting for approval

Resolution: The Executive Council unanimously approved the proposal of the University to fill up the Unfilled Faculty Positions in the Department of Sanskrit by open advertisement and the appointments to be approved by the Vice Chancellor which may on later date be ratified by the Executive Council in case of the Relaxation of Roster Point of the following Faculty Positions in the Department of Sanskrit:

1. Assistant Professor- 1 Bhutia-Lepcha
2. Assistant Professor- 1 OBC (Central List)

EC6:2024:4:2. Inclusion of Alumni and Class Representatives as invitee members in the Board of Studies.

As per the Regulation of Khangchendzonga State University, Sikkim the constitution of Board of Studies of each Department shall comprise of following members:

- i) Head of the Department- Chairperson
- ii) All Professors of the Department;
- iii) One Associate Professor and two Assistant Professors of the Department on seniority-cum-rotation basis;
- iv) One teacher from other departments within the School on rotation basis by the Vice Chancellor;
- v) Not more than three teachers teaching the concerned subject from affiliated colleges nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;

- vi) Not more than two teachers nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from colleges/universities.

It is proposed to allow the Chairperson of Board of Studies to Co-opt a meritorious-alumni and Class Representatives as Invitee members in the Board of Studies of each Department of the University whose inputs may be of valuable significance while finalizing the revised syllabus of a subject.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council Meeting for approval.

Resolution: The Executive Council approved to allow the Chairperson of Board of Studies to Co-opt One (1) Meritorious Alumni /Class Representatives/Eminent Academician/Industry Expert as Invitee Members in the Board of Studies of each Department of the University with following conditions:

- i) Prior Approval of Vice Chancellor to be sought.
- ii) The invitee member(s) will not have voting rights

EC6:2024:4:3. Consideration for Approval of Financial Estimate (Budget) of the University for the Financial Year 2024-25.

The Budget Proposals of the University for the Financial Year 2024-2025 having a Receipts of Rs. 462.30 Lakhs and Expenditures of Rs. 452.85 Lakhs is placed before the Executive Council for approval. This Budget Proposals has the recommendation of the Finance Committee in its meeting held on 19th February. 2024.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council for its consideration and approval

Resolution: The Executive Council unanimously approved the Budget Proposal of the University for the Financial Year 2024-2025 having a Receipts of Rs. 462.30 Lakhs and Expenditures of Rs. 452.85 Lakhs along with the revised Budget Estimates of Financial Year 2023-2024 as per the recommendation of the Finance Committee in its meeting held on 19th February. 2024.

Section-5

(Minutes of Authorities/Committees)

EC4:2022:5:1. Minutes of the 4th Finance Committee Meeting.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council for its consideration and approval

Resolution: The Executive Council unanimously approved the Minutes of the 4th Finance Committee Meeting held on 19th February, 2024.

Sd/-

(Karma Sonam Bhutia)

Registrar

Khangchendzonga State University, Sikkim

Sd/-

(Prof.(Dr.) Ashis Sharma)

Vice Chancellor

Khangchendzonga State University, Sikkim