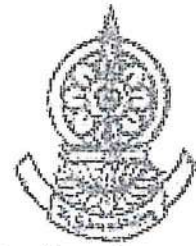


Annex - I

MINUTES
31st Meeting of the Academic Council
September 16, 2022



भौद विद्या संस्थानम्

Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies
(Deemed to be University)
Sarnath, Varanasi – 221007

MINUTES OF THE 31ST MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF CIHTS, SARNATH, VARANASI HELD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2022 AT 2.00 PM IN HYBRID MODE AT COMMITTEES ROOM OF THE VICE CHANCELLORS' OFFICE, CIHTS.

The Following members were present:

1. Prof. Geshe N. Samten,	Vice Chancellor	Chairman
2. Prof. Mukul Raj Mehta	BHU, Varanasi	Member
3. Prof. Lalji Shrawak	BHU, Varanasi	Member
4. Prof. Jyoti Shankar Tripathi	BHU, Varanasi	Member
5. Prof. Wangchuk Dorjee Negi	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
6. Prof. Umesh Chandra Singh	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
7. Prof. Dharma Dutta Chaturvedi	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
8. Prof. Tashi Tsering (S)	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
9. Prof. Jampa Samten	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
10. Dr. Tashi Dawa	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
11. Ven. Lhakpa Tsering	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
12. Dr. Jampa Chhophel	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
13. Ven. Tenzin Norbu	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
14. Dr. Ramesh Chandra Negi	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
15. Ven. G. T. Chogdan	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
16. Dr. Urgyen	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
17. Dr. Tashi Tsering (J)	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
18. Ven. Dorjee Damdul	CIHTS, Varanasi	Special Invitee
19. Dr. Mahesh Sharma	CIHTS, Varanasi	Special Invitee
20. Drs. Himanshu Pandey	Registrar, CIHTS	Non-member Secretary

Geshe Dorjee Damdul, Director, Tibet House, Prof. Lallan Mishra, BHU, Varanasi, Prof. Ajai Pratap Singh, BHU, Varanasi, Prof. Lobsang Tenzin, CIHTS, Ven. G.L.L. Wangchuk and Shri Jigme, CIHTS, Sarnath could not attend the meeting.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor welcomed all the members for attending the meeting. He particularly thanked Dr. Dorjee Damdul, Dean, Sowa Rigpa and Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Member Secretary, IQAC for attending the meeting as Special Invitee.

Thereafter, the Agenda Items were taken one by one:

Agenda Item No. 31.1	<p>Confirmation of the minutes of the last (30th) meeting of the Academic Council held on June 30, 2020.</p> <p>The minutes of the last (30th) meeting of the Academic Council held on June 30, 2020 was attached as Appendix –A of the Agenda Notes.</p> <p>Since, no comments/suggestions have been received from the August members the Academic Council confirmed the minutes.</p>
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<p>Agenda Item No. 31.2</p>	<p>Considering Action taken/present position on the decision of the Academic Council taken at its last meeting held on June 30, 2020.</p> <p>The details of the Action Taken/present position on the decisions taken in the last meeting of Academic Council held on June 30, 2020 was placed at Appendix-B at page 6-7 of the Agenda Notes.</p> <p>This Academic Council perused and endorsed the same.</p>
<p>Agenda Item No. 31.3</p>	<p>Considering recommendations of the Board of Studies of Department of Tibetan Language and Literature to update the syllabus of Tibetan Language courses.</p> <p>The recommendation of the Board of Studies of Department of Tibetan Language and Literature to update the syllabus of Tibetan Language courses was placed as Appendix – C at Page no. 9 - 45</p> <p>Dr. Lhakpa Tsering, HoD, Department of Tibetan Language and Literature presented the recommendations of the Board of Studies.</p> <p>After detailed deliberations on the recommendations of the BoS, the Academic Council endorsed for implementation.</p>
<p>Agenda Item No. 31.4</p>	<p>Considering recommendation of the Board of Studies of Department of Bhot Jyotish to update the syllabus from U.M. to Acharya, Department of Bhot Jyotish.</p> <p>The recommendation of the Board of Studies of Department of Bhot Jyotish to update the syllabus from U.M. to Acharya was placed as Appendix – D at Page no. 47 – 68 of the Agenda Notes for perusal of august members.</p> <p>Dr. Jampa Chopel, HoD, Department of Bhot Jyotish presented the recommendations of the Board of Studies.</p> <p>On the issue of deciding the books to be prescribed as text books of Buddhist Philosophy in the syllabus from U.M. to Acharya, it was decided to constitute a Committee consisting of following members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. W. D. Negi, Dean, Fac. of Hetu Evam Adhyatma Vidya • Dr. Tashi Tsering, Associate Professor, Bhot Jyotish • Ven. Tenzin Norbu, HoD, Mool Shastra • Dr. Jampa Samten, Visiting Professor, Tibetan History <p>With the above observations, the recommendations of the BoS of Department of Bhot Jyotish to update the syllabus from U.M. to Acharya was approved by the Academic Council.</p>

<p>Agenda Item No. 31.5</p>	<p>Considering recommendation of the Board of Studies of Faculty of Shilp Vidya to update the syllabus of various courses under Faculty of Shilp Vidya.</p> <p>The recommendation of the Board of Studies of Faculty of Shilp Vidya to update the syllabus of various courses under Faculty of Shilp Vidya was placed as Appendix – E at Page no. 70-111 of the Agenda Notes.</p> <p>Ven. Dr. Dorjee Damdul, Dean, Faculty of Sowa Rigpa presented the recommendations of the Board of Studies of Faculty of Shilp Vidya to update the syllabus of various courses under Faculty of Shilp Vidya. He informed that Prof. A. K. Singh, Former Director of Bharat Kala Bhavan, BHU and Prof. Manjula Chaturvedi, Former Head, Dept. of Fine Arts, MGKVP, Varanasi, who were involved in designing of the syllabus of the courses since start, are the members of the Board of Studies and the modification in syllabus have been made keeping the UGC NET pattern in mind and for increasing creativity among the students of the subject.</p> <p>Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Special Invitee brought to the notice of the Chair that few books of Fine Arts syllabus with respect to English language have gone out of print and therefore, other books, which are easily available should be included in the syllabus.</p> <p>The Council decided that a fresh proposal in the above regard be brought by the concerned department through Board of Studies in the next meeting of the Academic Council for consideration.</p> <p>With the above observation, the Academic Council approved the recommendation of the Board of Studies of Faculty of Shilp Vidya to update the syllabus of various courses under Faculty of Shilp Vidya.</p>
<p>Agenda Item No. 31.6</p>	<p>Considering recommendation of the Board of Studies of Faculty of Shilp Vidya regarding starting the Ph.D. programme in Shilp Vidya.</p> <p>The recommendation of the Board of Studies of Faculty of Shilp Vidya regarding starting the Ph.D. programme in Shilp Vidya is placed as Appendix – F at Page no. 113-124.</p> <p>Ven. Dr. Dorjee Damdul, Dean, Faculty of Sowa Rigpa presented the recommendations of the Board of Studies of Faculty of Shilp Vidya regarding the start of Ph. D. Programme in the Faculty of Shilpa Vidya. He informed that the Syllabus for Pre Ph.D. Course Work, Rules for Submission of Ph.D. thesis in Fine Arts, Rules for constitution of Departmental Research Committee (DRC) & Research Programme Committee (RPC), Formats for the Presentation and Approval of Research Plan, Course/ Comprehensive Examination/Pre-submission Seminar Completion Certificate & Ph. D. thesis, Declaration by the candidate and supervisor have been framed and put up before the august members for consideration and approval.</p>

	<p>The Chairman stated that starting the Ph.D. programme in Shilp Vidya is very meaningful keeping the fact in mind that most of the writers who have worked in the field of Tibetan Shilp Vidya are foreign nationals. He expressed that with the start of this programme, it is expected that more and more scholars will emerge from the Institute to be able to bring the enormous knowledge base of the subject before the bigger world platform.</p> <p>With this, the Academic Council approved the recommendations of the BoS to start the programme of Ph.D. in Fine Arts (Tibetan Traditional Painting) and Ph.D. in Fine Arts (Tibetan Traditional Woodcraft).</p>
<p>Agenda Item No. 31.7</p>	<p>Considering Performance Based Assessment System (PBAS): <i>Criteria and Methodology proforma Based on UGC Regulation for promotion cases of teaching faculties under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) of UGC (As per UGC Regulations, 2010 & amendments made thereon time to time and UGC Regulations, 2018.</i></p>
	<p>Dr. Himanshu Pandey, Registrar (I/c) and the Non Member Secretary of the Academic Council presented the proposal on Performance Based Assessment System (PBAS) which was placed as Appendix – G (Page No. 126) of the Agenda Notes.</p> <p>After detailed discussions, there emerged a consensus among the members to publish a new Institutional journal covering the subjects like Buddhist religion and philosophy, Tibetan/Himalayan studies, Buddhist art and aesthetics and history & expansion of Shraman traditional system accepting the articles written in English and other traditional Indian languages.</p> <p>It was also suggested by the members that the Institute should forward a list, having details of few journals of repute in the scholastic society, to be included in the UGC Care list of Journals particularly in the field of Buddhist Philosophy to the University Grants Commission. This will serve in the larger interest of the students and scholars of the field.</p> <p>After detailed discussions on the above points, it was decided by the Council to constitute a Committee consisting of Prof. Lalji Shrivastava, BHU, Prof. Jampa Samten, CIHTS, Prof. W. D. Negi, CIHTS and Dr. Mahesh Sharma, CIHTS to-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) formulate objectives, scope, methodology and style sheet of the Journal to be published by the CIHTS & ii) select and recommend other journals to be forwarded to UGC for inclusion in the UGC Care list. <p>With the above observations, the Academic Council approved Performance Based Assessment System (PBAS): <i>Criteria and Methodology proforma Based on UGC Regulation for promotion cases of teaching faculties under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) of UGC (As per UGC Regulations, 2010 & amendments made thereon time to time and UGC Regulations, 2018.</i></p>

Agenda Item No. 31.8	Considering the revision of the Ph. D. Ordinance of the Institute.
	<p>Dr. Himanshu Pandey, Registrar (I/c) and the Non-member Secretary of the Academic Council presented the revision of the Ph. D. Ordinance of the Institute which was placed as Appendix – H (Page No. 163-178) of the Agenda Notes.</p> <p>After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council approved the revision in the Ph. D. Ordinance of the Institute.</p>
Agenda Item No. 31.9	Considering re-constitution of Examination Committee/checking of answer sheet & Central Evaluation of Answer Sheets at CIHTS.
	<p>A. Re-constitution of Examination Committee It was informed by the Registrar that as the existing Examination Committee tenure is valid till academic session 2022-23 i.e. 30th June, 2023, it is proposed that Examination Committee may be reconstituted for another three academic sessions i.e. 2023-24, 2024-25 & 2025-26.</p> <p>The Academic Council, seeing the long span of time remaining before the expiry of the tenure of present committee, deferred the matter to be put up in the next meeting of Academic Council.</p> <p>B. Re-checking of answer sheet: It was informed that as per Examination manual of CIHTS, only re-totaling is allowed. However, in other universities/institutions rechecking of answer sheet is permissible. UGC also, vide its letter D.O. No. 9-27/2018(CPP-II) dated 19.07.2018, has requested all Vice Chancellors/Registrars to suo-moto bring out the guidelines for revaluation of the answer sheets. In view of the above, it was proposed that (i) instead of re-totaling of numbers, re-evaluation of the answer sheets may be permitted which will also include re-totaling of number and (ii) retotaling may be withdrawn.</p> <p>The Academic Council considered and approved the same with the observation that instead of re-totaling of numbers, revaluation of the answer sheets may be permitted as per UGC norms or as per the norms of the specialization where applicable.</p> <p>C. Central Evaluation of answer sheet at CIHTS It was informed that as per the present practice of evaluation, it takes around 48 days after the examinations are over, to declare the results. This is because a lot of time is consumed in safe transportation of answer sheets to and from the examiners. In the present scenario, many institutions have adopted Centralized Evaluation System which saves time and effort.</p> <p>In view of the above, it was proposed that from the forthcoming semester, Central Evaluation of answer sheet may be done in the Institute.</p> <p>The Academic Council considered and endorsed the same.</p>

Agenda Item No. 31.10	Considering recommendation of the Board of Studies of Faculty of Sowa-Rigpa to revise and reframe Sowa-Rigpa Undergraduate Program
	<p>The salient features of the recommendations of the Board of Studies of Faculty of Sowa-Rigpa, relating to revision and reframing of Sowa-Rigpa Undergraduate Program, was put up in detail by Dr. Tashi Dawa, the HoD of Sowa Rigpa. During the discussions, he also informed that the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) has shouldered the responsibility of conducting National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) to this Institute for the two consecutive years i.e. 2021-22 and 2022-23.</p> <p>Congratulating the whole Sowa Rigpa team for flawlessly organizing the prestigious and complex national level NEET examination, the Chairman further informed that the Institute has received an Appreciation Letter from the NCISM, which is a matter of pride for the Institution. All the members applauded on this achievement.</p> <p>With the above observations, the Academic Council approved the Recommendation of the Board of Studies of Faculty of Sowa-Rigpa to revise and reframe Sowa-Rigpa Undergraduate Program.</p>
Agenda Item No. 31.11	Considering recommendation of the Board of Studies of Faculty of Sowa-Rigpa to consider the Ph. D. Coursework for Sowa-Rigpa
	<p>Dr. Tashi Dawa, HoD, Sowa Rigpa read out the Recommendation of the Board of Studies of Faculty of Sowa-Rigpa to consider the Ph.D. coursework for Sowa-Rigpa framed on 12th December 2020</p> <p>After detailed discussions, particularly on the issue of giving credit scores in the subject of Research Methodology, the Academic Council directed to put the matter again through Board of Studies consisting of two external subject experts within a month for the consideration of the Academic Council through circulation.</p>
Agenda Item No. 31.12	Consideration for change of Nomenclature as per the directives from the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM), New Delhi
	<p>The HoD, Sowa Rigpa informed that as per the mail received from the secretary I/C, Medical Assessment and Rating Board, NCISM, New Delhi, few changes are to be made with regard to the nomenclature. Accordingly, the proposal submitted by the faculty members of the Faculty of Sowa-Rigpa is put up before the august members of the Academic Council for consideration:</p> <p>The Academic Council considered and approved with the following observations:</p>

Sl. No.	Existing Nomenclature	Proposed Nomenclature as per NCISM directives
1.	Faculty of Sowa-Rigpa and Bhot Jyotish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • यूथोग सोवा-रिग्पा चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय एवं अस्पताल (in Hindi) • Yuthog Sowa-Rigpa Medical College and Hospital (in English)
2.	Dean	प्राचार्य Principal
3.	Guest Faculty	सहायक प्रोफेसर (संविदा) Assistant Professor (Contractual)

Agenda Item No. 31.13

Considering implementation of following measures proposed by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the Institute.

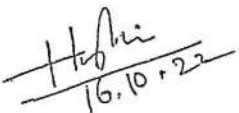
Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Member Secretary, IQAC put up detailed note on each and every measures proposed by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the Institute for the In-principle approval of the Academic Council:

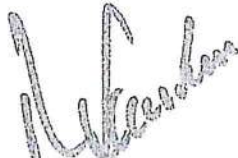
1. Inclusion of IQAC Coordinator as ex-officio member of the Academic Council of the Institute.
2. Provision of one-time Incentive to the Employees for publication of articles in the listed journals or pursuing a certificate/diploma course/training programme, as per the advice received from NAAC guidelines and R & D Cell of the Institute.
3. Integrating New Educational Policy (NEP) into the course curriculum.
4. Launching of various Certificate and Diploma courses.
5. UGC care listing process for the Research Journals.
6. Timely & Mandatory submission of Feed-back of all the stake holders of the Institute.
7. Internal assessment (Reforms in Examination & Assessment) : In-class test & presentation
8. Establishment of on-campus MOOC Recording & Editing Studio
9. Start of Skill Development program for students
10. Launching of 30-hour Tibetan language/Sanskrit Language/Buddhist Manuscriptology Evening Courses for the benefit of nearby vicinity as mandated by NAAC.
11. Establishment of on-campus Manuscript Resource Centre
12. Establishment of free digital Repository through INFLIBNET.

On this, the hon'ble Chairman informed that as per the letter received from UGC, the University is actively involved in preparing MOOCS courses on the subject Buddhist and Pali Studies. There are four courses in it, namely-

1. History of Buddhism
2. Buddhist Philosophy

	<p>3. Thervaad/Pali Buddhism 4. Buddhist Archaeology & Tourism</p> <p>Out of the above, recording for two courses has almost been completed and efforts are on to establish MOOCS Recording & Editing Studio in the campus. He also informed that the institute has already submitted its proposal for establishment of Manuscript Resource Centre almost 10 years before relating to the plan and other arrangements. Only one post has been demanded in it.</p> <p>All the members expressed their pleasure on this.</p> <p>The Academic Council gave its In-principle approval to all the suggestions proposed by the IQAC and advised to constitute separate committees for implementation of proposals 2, 3, 4, 9 & 10. It also recommended to implement the proposals in a time-bound manner.</p>
<p>Agenda Item No. 31.14</p>	<p>Any other items with the permission of the Chair.</p> <p>It was informed by the Chairman that the University Grants Commission had advised all the Higher Education Institutions to implement guidelines for establishment of Research & Development Cell under NEP. Accordingly this Institute has constituted the R&D Cell of the Institute consisting of Chairman, Director, Collaboration & Community Coordinator, Coordinator of IPR, Legal & Ethical Matter, Coordinator of Research Programme Policy Development, Coordinator of Finance & Infrastructure. A room has been allocated for the Committee and the notification has been issued and communicated to the UGC.</p> <p>Few members of the Council raised concern over decreasing number of students in the core subjects of the Institute at the PG and UG level stating that due to the availability of other professional courses in and outside the Institute, the students are giving less preference to these courses. Hon'ble Chairman assured that the matter shall be dealt separately by holding meeting of Deans & HoDs for their suggestions.</p> <p>The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.</p>


 (Dr. Himanshu Pandey)
 Registrar (Add. Charge)


 (Prof. (Geshe) N. Samten)
 Vice Chancellor

Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies
(Declared as "Deemed to be University" under section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956)
Sarnath, Varanasi

Thirty Second (32nd) Meeting of Academic Council
March 01, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

MINUTES



Venue

The Committee Room of Vice Chancellor's Office,
CIHTS, Sarnath, Varanasi

MINUTES OF THE 32nd MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF CIHTS, SARNATH, VARANASI HELD ON MARCH 01, 2023 AT 2.30 PM IN THE COMMITTEES ROOM OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE, CIHTS

The Following members were present:

1. Prof. Geshe N. Samten,	Vice Chancellor	Chairman
2. Prof. Lalji Shrawak	BHU, Varanasi	Member
3. Prof. Jyoti Shankar Tripathi	BHU, Varanasi	Member
4. Prof. Wangchuk Dorjee Negi	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
5. Prof. Umesh Chandra Singh	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
6. Prof. Dharma Dutta Chaturvedi	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
7. Prof. Tashi Tsering (S)	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
8. Ven. Tenzin Norbu	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
9. Ven. C. G. S. Phuntsok Nyima	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
10. Dr. Himanshu Pandey	CTE, CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
11. Ven. Lhakpa Tsering	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
12. Dr. Amit Mishra	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
13. Dr. Tashi Dawa	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
14. Dr. Jampa Chhophel	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
15. Dr. Shuchita Sharma	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
16. Geshe Lobsang Wangdrak	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
17. Dr. Anurag Tripathi	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
18. Dr. Urgyen	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
19. Dr. Mahesh Sharma	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
20. Dr. Himanshu Pandey	Registrar, CIHTS	Non-member Secretary

Dr. Dorjee Damdul, Ven. Dakpa Senge and Dr. Tashi Tsering (J) of CIHTS could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor welcomed all the members for attending the meeting. He particularly thanked Prof. Lalji Shrawak, Department of Pali & Buddhist Studies, BHU and Prof. Jyoti Shankar Tripathi, Department of Kaya Chikitsa, Faculty of Ayurveda, IMS, BHU, Varanasi for attending the meeting.

Thereafter, the Agenda Items were discussed one by one:

Item No.32.1 To consider and confirm the minutes of the last (31st) meeting of the Academic Council held on September 16, 2022.

The Chairman informed the members that the last meeting of the Academic Council was held on 16th September 2022 and its Minutes were circulated to the members vide letter dated 21.12.2022. Since, no comments/suggestions have been received from the August members the Academic Council may confirm the minutes.

The Academic Council confirmed the minutes of the last (31st) meeting of the Academic Council.



Item No.32.2 To peruse and approve the report of action taken on the decisions of the last (31st) meeting of the Academic Council.

The Chairman informed that since the necessary approval on the Minutes of the 31st meeting of Academic Council from the Board of Governors of the Institute is pending, the implementation of the decisions could not be made. As such, the report of action taken on the decisions of the last (31st) meeting of the Academic Council shall be put up in the next meeting of the Academic Council.

The Academic Council endorsed the same.

Item No.32.3 To consider and approve the Eminent Scholars for conferring Degree Honoris Causa.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed that the Institute has planned to convene its 16th Convocation in the coming month and confer Degree Honoris Causa to the Eminent Scholars, who have made outstanding contributions to the field of Buddhism and Tibetan studies. Along with that, the CIHTS confers the Degrees to eminent scholars who have made outstanding contributions to the fields of Indian philosophical systems like Vedanta, Nyaya, Jaina and so forth as they were active participants in the profound interaction with Buddhism making significant contributions to the development of Indian knowledge system. He then proposed the following names for consideration to award Degree Honoris Causa:

1. H. E. Drikung Kyabgon Chetsang Rinpoche,
Chairman,
Drikung Kagyn Institute,
Dehradun
2. Most Venerable Pallegama Hemarathana Nayake Thero
Chief Abbot of Atmasthanana,
Shri Lanka
3. Prof. Jeffrey Hopkins,
Professor Emeritus of Tibetan Studies,
University of Virginia
4. Prof. Shrinivas Varkhedi
Vice Chancellor,
Central Sanskrit University
New Delhi

After detailed discussions, the Academic Council approved the above names for conferring the degree Honoris Causa.



Item No.32.4 To confirm the award of Degrees:

32.4.1 Ph.D. Degree to 05 Research Scholars.

The Council approved to award Ph.D. Degree to the 5 Research Scholars of the Academic Session 2019, 2020 & 2021 as detailed on Appendix C at page 17 of the Agenda Notes.

32.4.2 M.Phil. Degree to 11 Students.

The Council approved to award M.Phil. Degree to the 11 Students of the Academic Session 2018 & 2020 as detailed on Appendix D at page 18 of the agenda notes.

32.4.3 Acharya (M.A.) Degree (Buddhist Philosophy) to 44 Students.

The Council approved to award Acharya (M.A.) Degree (Buddhist Philosophy) to 44 Students of the Academic Session 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022 as detailed on Appendix E at page 19-22 of the Agenda Notes.

32.4.4 Acharya (M.A.) Degree (Tibetan Language & Literature) to 40 Students.

The Council approved to award Acharya (M.A.) Degree (Tibetan Language & Literature) to 40 Students of the Academic Session 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022 as detailed on Appendix F at page 23-26 of the Agenda Notes.

32.4.5 Acharya (M.A.) Degree (Tibetan History & Culture) to 10 Students.

The Council approved to award Acharya (M.A.) Degree (Tibetan History & Culture) to 10 Students of the Academic Session 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022 as detailed on Appendix G at page 27-30 of the Agenda Notes.

32.4.6 MFA Degree to 02 Students.

The Council approved to award MFA Degree to 02 Students of the Academic Session 2019 & 2022 as detailed on Appendix H at page 31-32 of the Agenda Notes.

32.4.7 Shastri (B.A.) Degree to 115 Students.

The Council approved to award Shastri (B.A.) Degree to 115 Students of the Academic Session 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022 as detailed on Appendix I at page 33-37 of the Agenda Notes.

32.4.8 BFA Degree to 07 Students.

The Council approved to award BFA Degree to 07 Students of the Academic Session 2020, 2021 & 2022 as detailed on Appendix J at page 38-40 of the Agenda Notes.





32.4.9 BSRMS Degree to 15 Students.

The Council approved to award BSRMS Degree to 15 Students of the Academic Session 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022 as detailed on Appendix K at page 41-43 of the Agenda Notes.

32.4.10 B.Ed. Degree to 50 Students.

The Council approved to award B.Ed. Degree to 50 Students of the Academic Session 2019, 2021 & 2022 as detailed on Appendix L at page 44-48 of the Agenda Notes.

32.4.11 B.A., B.Ed. Degree to 32 Students.

The Council approved to award B.A., B.Ed. Degree to 32 Students of the Academic Session 2019 & 2022 as detailed on Appendix M at page 47-48 of the Agenda Notes.

Item No.32.5 Considering to co-opt 5 persons for their specialized knowledge as member of Academic Council.

The Chairman informed that as envisaged under para (vi) of clause 15 of the MoA and Rules & Bye Laws of the Institute, the Academic Council has to co-opt Not more than 5 persons who are not member of the teaching staff for their specialized knowledge. Accordingly, the Institute proposes following 05 names to be considered as co-opted members for the Academic Council:

1. Prof. Avinash Chandra Pandey
Director,
Inter University Accelerator Centre, New Delhi
2. Prof. Meenakshi Thapan
Prof. (Rtd.)
Department of Sociology,
Delhi University
3. Prof. Mukul Raj Mehta
Department of Philosophy and Religion
Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
4. Geshe Dorjee Damdul,
Director,
Tibet House, New Delhi
5. Geshe Lhakdor,
Director,
LTWA, Dharamsala
Himachal Pradesh

After thorough discussions, the Academic Council approved to co-opt above scholars as members of Academic Council.

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Item No.32.6. To formulate the Criteria (%) for award of Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals in case where only 5 or less than 5 students are enrolled in a class.

After detailed discussions on the issue, the Council decided to adopt a benchmark of 60% (First Division) for awarding medals to the students, i.e., only when a candidate receives equal to or more than 60% aggregate marks in the subjects of his study, he will be considered for award of medals. The Highest ranker will get the Gold, the 2nd highest, the silver and the 3rd highest will get the bronze medal as per the merit list prepared for the class. It was further decided to bring a fresh proposal in the next meeting of the Academic Council for award of the University Medal to the all-round best student.

Item No.32.7 To consider and approve Course Curriculum for first professional B.S.R.M.S. (Prescribed by NCISM, Ministry of Ayush), proposed by Sowa Rigpa Department.

The HoD, Sowa Rigpa informed that as per the Gazette of India notification CG-DL-E-17112022-240373 no. 587 Extraordinary Part III Section 4 dated Thursday November 17, 2022, a new "National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standard of Undergraduate Sowa-Rigpa Education) Regulation, 2022" has been notified by National Commission for Indian system of Medicine, which has been forwarded to all the Sowa Rigpa, Colleges/Institutions for the effective implementation of the same from the date of its notification. Moreover, the same shall be applicable for the students admitted in the Sowa Rigpa Colleges from the Academic Session 2022-23 onwards.

In pursuance of the above, the proposed Course Curriculum for First Professional B.S.R.M.S. (Prescribed by NCISM) was placed separately as Appendix O.

After thorough deliberations, it was decided to adopt the "National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standard of Undergraduate Sowa-Rigpa Education) Regulation, 2022" in principle with the observation that, if necessary, modifications may be made to it considering the unique nature of the Institute.

Item No.32.8 To consider and approve the name of Experts.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stated that the Institute requires a panel of Experts for constitution of various committees, Expert Committees for CAS, Direct Selection, etc. time to time. Accordingly, a subject wise list of Experts is put up on table for consideration of the members of the Academic Council as Appendix O.

The Academic Council approved the List of Experts.



Item No.32.9

Considering to convert Centre for Tibetan Literature into Department of Tibetan Literature.

Briefing the members about this agenda item, the Chairman stated that the Centre for Tibetan Literature was established with a vision to research and work on the rich Tibetan Literature. He said that although the Tibetan Literature is enormous and vast, to date no detailed history of Tibetan Literature has come to light except one small book. Since this project requires an independent scholar, an erudite Tibetan scholar of the field, Ven. Geshe Beri Jigme, was invited to the Institute and has been engaged in writing a comprehensive history of the development of Tibetan literature from the Pre-Buddhist era till contemporary era and initiated the Centre for Tibetan literature which has a big vision to accomplish. The rough draft of four hefty volumes of "History of Tibetan literature" has been completed by the Centre and the final shape is being given. Many scholars in the field have praised the work on the history of Tibetan Literature being carried out in the Institute. Other important works of the Centre, as planned, are to write critics on important poetic works of Sanskrit and Tibetan Literature and to translate important literary and poetic works from Sanskrit and other languages into Tibetan.

The Chairman further apprised that the process that started in the 7th century in Tibet for translation of Sanskrit literary works and other classical scriptures into Tibetan language almost stopped by the end of 13th century due to destruction of the great learning centres of Buddhism in India. Restarting the translation of the root Sanskrit literary works, the Centre has begun to initiate translating important literary works like Saraswati Kanthabharana, Bhamaha's Kavyalankar, Kalidasa's Meghdutam and Mummat's Kavya Prakash and many more.

Given the fact that this Centre can make a significant contribution to the Tibetan literary field, be it the writing of History of Tibetan Literature, translating the ancient Sanskrit literary works or writing critics on important Tibetan and Sanskrit Literary texts, there is a need to convert this Centre into a department like other research departments not only for the matter of similarity in nomenclature with other research departments but also to give permanent status to the important functions of this Centre. It was also informed by the Chairman, that the matter to convert this Centre into a new department like other Research departments was considered in the last (61st) BOG meeting and the Board had unanimously accepted the proposal and it was resolved that the proposal may be submitted. He further informed that the proposal for posts was also included in the plan proposal for the establishment of new departments and expansion of existing departments submitted several times to the administrative Ministry, Govt of India.

After deliberate discussions on the matter, the council approved converting the Centre for Tibetan Literature into the Department of Tibetan Literature like other Research departments of the Institute.





Item No.32.10 To consider and approve the Handbook for Ph. D. Programme.

Briefing the matter to the members of the Council, Dr. Mahesh Sharma of R&D Cell, CIHTS informed that After detailed deliberations in its last meeting, the Academic Council had approved the revision in the Ph. D. Ordinance of the Institute. With slight modifications and further consideration of the recommendation of the UGC guidelines of Research, the R&D Cell of the Institute has proposed a draft of "Handbook for the PhD Students" as appendix S of the Agenda. The handbook shall be distributed to the guides and Research scholars at the time of admission.

After detailed discussions, the Council decided to approve the Handbook with the observation that the Ph. D. Thesis should initially be sent to two external experts for examination and only in the case, one of the reports is found negative, the Ph. D. Thesis should be sent for examination to the third external expert.

Item No.32.11 Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

Item No.32.11.1 To consider Five Departments under the Faculty of Research.

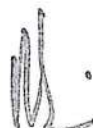
Presenting the agenda, the Hon'ble VC mentioned that it has long been felt that the Research Departments namely Restoration, Translation, Rare Buddhist Texts Research and Dictionary must come under the ambit of a faculty for administrative and organizational point and to accommodate all the wings/departments/centres involved in the research activities under one umbrella for better coordination among them.

After detailed discussions, the Council endorsed to consider the Research Departments namely Restoration, Translation, Rare Buddhist Texts Research, Dictionary and the Department of Tibetan Literature (approved vide item no. 32.09 of this meeting) under the Faculty of Research.

Item No.32.11.2 Considering Question Paper format for Ph.D. Entrance exam.

According to the Ph.D. ordinance of the Institute, the R & D Cell presented the Question Paper Format for Ph.D. Entrance Examination.

After thorough discussions, the council approved the format of Question Paper for Ph.D. Entrance Exam with minor modifications in the distribution of marks which shall be incorporated while finalizing the Format for circulation.



Item No.32.11.3 Evening Course in Tibetan Language and Literature

Dr. Mahesh Sharma, the Member Secretary, IQAC stated that according to the recommendation of NAAC Peer Team Visit, the Institute has to move towards dissemination of the knowledge of Tibetan Language and Literature for both In house and out-side students. For the same, the IQAC proposes the launch of Certificate/Diploma/Evening course in Tibetan Language and Literature. He further presented a gazette notification consisting the rules for forming such courses.

The council unanimously approved to start the Evening Course in Tibetan Language and Literature and suggested to circulate a gazette notification consisting the rules for forming such courses.

Item No.32.11.4 Launch of 30 hours Certificate programmes in Skill Development.

Putting forward the agenda, Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Member Secretary, IQAC stated that considering the NEP 2020 and NAAC guidelines, there is a need to start various Certified Skill Development Programmes like Incense stick making, candle making, craft, Video recording and Editing, Heritage Studies etc. He further presented a gazette notification consisting of the rules for forming such courses.

After detailed discussions, the council unanimously approved to start the 30 hours Certificate Programmes in skill development and suggested to circulate the gazette notification consisting the rules for forming such courses.

There being no further Agenda Items, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Dr. Himanshu Pandey)
Registrar (Add. Charge)



(Prof. (Geshe) N. Samten)
Vice Chancellor