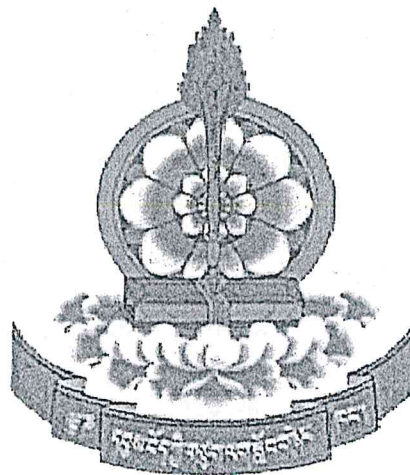


Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies
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Sarnath, Varanasi

Thirty Third (33rd) Meeting of Academic Council
March 16, 2024 at 10:00 AM

MINUTES



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

MINUTES OF THE 33rd MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF CIHTS, SARNATH, VARANASI HELD ON MARCH 16, 2024 AT 10.00 AM IN THE COMMITTEES ROOM OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE, CIHTS

The Following members were present:

1.	Prof. Wangchuk Dorjee Negi	Vice Chancellor	Chairman
2.	Prof. Umesh Chandra Singh	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
3.	Prof. D. D. Chaturvedi	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
4.	Ven. Tenzin Norbu	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
5.	Ven. C. G. S. Phuntsok Nyima	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
6.	Dr. Himanshu Pandey	CTE, CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
7.	Ven. Lhakpa Tsering	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
8.	Dr. Amit Mishra	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
9.	Dr. Tashi Dawa	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
10.	Dr. Jampa Chhophel	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
11.	Dr. Shuchita Sharma	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
12.	Dr. Dorjee Damdul	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
13.	Geshe Lobsang Wangdrak	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
14.	Ven. Dakpa Senge	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
15.	Dr. Anurag Tripathi	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
16.	Dr. Urgyen	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
17.	Dr. Tashi Tsering (J)	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
18.	Dr. Mahesh Sharma	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
19.	Ven. Sanga Tenzin (Invitee Member)	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
20.	Shri Sunil Kumar (Invitee Member)	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
21.	Dr. Sunita Chandra	Registrar, CIHTS	Non-member Secretary

Dr. Amit Mishra and Geshe Lobsang Wangdrak of CIHTS could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor welcomed all the members of the Academic Council. He said that the agenda items, which are put up in the meeting for discussion have already been well thought upon in the Board of Studies or Faculty Council meetings of the concerned departments and therefore much deliberations may not be required on each agenda items. He then directed Dr. Himanshu Pandey, Dy. Registrar (Academic) to put up the agenda one by one.

Thereafter, the Agenda Items were discussed one by one:

Item No.33.1 To confirm the minutes of the last (32nd) meeting of the Academic Council held on March 01, 2023.

It was informed that the minutes of the last (32nd) meeting of the Academic Council held on 1st March 2023 was circulated among the august members of the Academic Council vide letter bearing No. CIHTS/Admn-I/AC/32/2023 dated 16.03.2023 asking comments/ suggestions. Since no comments/suggestions have been received from the members, this may be confirmed.

Observing that no comments/suggestions have been received from the members, the Academic Council confirmed the minutes of the last meeting of the Academic Council.

Item No.33.2 Action Taken Report on the minutes of the last (32nd) meeting of Academic Council.

The Dy. Registrar informed that the minutes of the Academic Council are put up for concurrence in the next meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute. But, since no meeting of the BoG has taken place after the 32nd meeting of Academic Council, most of the recommendations made in the same meeting are pending for implementation. However, few recommendations that required immediate execution have been implemented with the approval of the competent authority. After this, he read out all the recommendations of the 32nd meeting of the Council. Detailed discussions were held on each of the items, and following recommendations were made by the Council:

- A. Coordinator/Member Secretary of the R & D Cell be invited for the meeting of Academic Council whenever agenda related to Research/Ph. D. is put up for consideration.
- B. A Committee be constituted to assess the pros and cons of the conversion of the Centre for Tibetan Literature into Dept. of Tibetan Literature in the Faculty of Research.

With the above recommendations, the Council approved the Action Taken Report.

Item No.33.3 Considering recommendation of Faculty Council Meeting of the Department of Sowa-Rigpa to finalize the BSRMS Professional- I's Academic Calendar for the AY- 2023-24-25 (18 months).

Dr. Tashi Dawa, the Head of the Department of Sowa Rigpa presented the agenda related to formation of Academic Calendar of BSRMS Professional-I for AY 2023-24-25 (18 months) as per the recommendation of the Department's Faculty Council in detail.

After thorough discussions, the Academic Council approved the Agenda.

Item No.33.4 Considering implementation of following measures proposed by the recommendation of Faculty Council Meeting of the Department of Sowa-Rigpa:

33.4.1 Establishment of 2 new Departments and change in the nomenclature of 6 departments under the Yuthog Sowa-Rigpa Medical College and Hospital as per NCISM and MSE regulations.

33.4.2 Change in Sowa-Rigpa Class lecture duration of One hour per lecture as per NCISM norms.

33.4.3 Re-examination Provision for running batches admitted in AY 2020-2021 & 2021-2022 under the 2017 CCIM norms.

33.4.4 Framework of Syllabus for BSRMS Professional I, II& III as per NCISM MSE 2022 regulation.

33.4.5 Requirement of teaching staffs, their appointments and promotion as per NCISM MSE and MES regulations.

33.4.6 Requirement of manpower in Yuthog Sowa-Rigpa Teaching Hospital.

33.4.7 Requirement of non-teaching staffs in Yuthog Sowa-Rigpa Medical College and Hospital.

Dr. Tashi Dawa, the HoD of the Department of Sowa Rigpa presented all the 7 recommendations made by the Faculty Council in its meeting held on 6th, 10th and 13th of January, 2024 in detail.

After thorough deliberations, the Council approved the recommendations of the Faculty Council with the observation that a Committee be constituted by the Faculty Council of the Sowa Rigpa Department to address the issues related to change of syllabus and Re-examination provision for running batches.

Item No.33.5

Considering the following measures proposed by recommendation of BOS Meeting of the Department of Sanskrit.

33.5.1 To Start the Rigorous Sanskrit Training courses.

A proposal jointly put up by the Sanskrit and Mool Shastra Department to start the "Rigorous Sanskrit Training Course" was put up by Prof. D. D. Chaturvedi, the Dean of the Shabda Vidya Faculty. Giving a detailed background of the course he said that the above-mentioned course was offered twice during 1980s and contributed a lot in providing scholars of high academic level with skills of great significance in the field of translation and restoration of Tibetan/Sanskrit classical canons. Thus, the course, which got discontinued in 90s resulted into non availability of scholars well versed in translation/restoration of classical Buddhist texts and hence needs to be revived for enhancing the scholarly capability of the students interested in translation and restoration of lost Sanskrit texts but available in Tibetan, the work being undertaken by the Restoration and Translation Research Departments of the Institute.

The Academic Council, after through discussions approved the proposal for **2-year Post Graduate Rigorous Training Program in Restoration/Translation of Buddhist Treatises into Sanskrit/Hindi/English from Tibetan)** with the following observations:

1. An entrance Test be conducted for admission in the course.
2. Only Acharya passed or Ph.D. pursuing or Ph.D. awarded scholars be eligible for admission.

3. The Course shall be of 2-years duration which may be started from the next Academic Session i.e. 2024-25.
4. A maximum of 10-15 scholars be admitted.
5. The admitted scholars be provided with accommodation and stipend of Rs. 25000/- per month.
6. The pursuing scholars of 2nd year will have to write and submit a project and pass the course-end examination.

33.5.2 To Start the online Sanskrit Diploma course.

This proposal was also put up by the Dean, Faculty of Shabda Vidya. He said that the aim of the courses is to develop Tibetan knowing scholars more knowledgeable with respect to literary aspects of Sanskrit language such as Alankar, Kavya, Rasa, Sahitya, Chhanda etc. The 6-month Diploma Courses shall be open for external students only.

It was observed by the Academic Council that the Nomenclature and other modalities of the course need to be reviewed and hence directed to put up the matter again in the next meeting after getting suggestions from the IQAC of the Institute.

Item No.33.6. Considering recommendation of Board of Studies of Faculty of Shilpa Vidya regarding the certificate and diploma courses for Painting and Woodcraft.

The matter was put up by Dr. Shuchita Sharma, Hod, Shilpa Vidya Department. After thorough discussions, the following was resolved by Council:

A Committee consisting of subject scholars including member from IQAC be framed to propose the nomenclature, course structure, eligibility and other modalities of the certificate and diploma courses and the recommendations be put up in the next meeting of Academic Council for consideration.

Item No.33.7 Considering recommendation of Board of Studies of Department of Bhot Jyotish to start the Ph.D. Course work in Bhot Jyotish.

The recommendations of the meeting of the Board of Studies of the Bhot Jyotish Department was put up by the HoD, Dr. Jampa Chopel.

The Academic council approved the recommendations.

Item No.33.8 Considering recommendation of Board of Studies of Department of Sampradaya Shastra regarding modification of syllabus of Gelug, Sakya and Nyingma Sampradaya.

The recommendations of the Board of Studies of the Department of Sampradaya Shastra regarding modification in the syllabus of Gelug, Sakya and Nyima Samradayas was put up by the HoD, Ven. Sanga Tenzin.

After discussions, the Academic Council approved the proposal to adopt the modifications with the observation that percentage of change in the syllabus be intimated to the IQAC of the Institute to record for NAAC purpose.

Item No.33.9 Considering recommendation of Board of Studies of Department of Moolshastra.

The recommendations of the Board of Studies of the Department of Mool Shastra regarding (i) modification in the syllabus of Mool Shastra and (ii) starting Diploma Course in Mool Shastra (English & Hindi) was put up by the HoD, Geshe Tenzin Norbu.

After discussions, the Academic Council approved the proposal to adopt the modifications with the observation that percentage of change in the syllabus be intimated to the IQAC of the Institute for record of NAAC.

As regards to start the Diploma Course, the Council observed that the modalities of the course need to be reviewed and hence suggested to put up the matter again in the next meeting of Academic Council with the weighing of IQAC.

Item No.33.10 Considering recommendation of Board of Studies of Department of Bon regarding modification of syllabus.

The recommendations of the Board of Studies of the Department of Bon Sampradaya Shastra regarding modification in the syllabus was put up by the HoD, Ven. C. G. S. Phuntsok.

The Academic Council approved the proposal to adopt the modifications with the observation that percentage of change in the syllabus be intimated to the IQAC of the Institute to record for NAAC purpose.

Item No.33.11 Considering recommendation of Board of Studies of Centre for Teacher Education regarding modification of syllabus and adoption of course curriculum as per NCTE Norms.

The recommendations of the Board of Studies of the Centre for Teacher Education regarding modification in the syllabus and adoption of course curriculum as per NCTE norms was put up by the Director I/c Dr. Himanshu Pandey.

After deliberations, the Academic Council approved the proposal to adopt the modification in the syllabus and adoption of course curriculum as NCTE norms with the observation that percentage of change in the syllabus be intimated to the IQAC of the Institute to record for NAAC purpose.



Item No.33.12 Considering the measures proposed by the Examination wing for approval.

Shri Sunil Kumar, the Asstt. Registrar and In-charge of the Examination Wing put up the following proposals for consideration of the Academic Council:

- 33.12.1 To issue of Degree to passed students from Shastri onwards.
- 33.12.2 Re-constitution of Examination Committee.
- 33.12.3 Re-constitution of Admission Committee.
- 33.12.4 Two sets of Question Papers
- 33.12.5 Award of the University Medal to the all-round best student
- 33.12.6 Award of Degrees
- 33.12.7 Regarding Ph.D. Examination Course work Marksheets.
- 33.12.8 Creation of supernumerary seats under PM CARES Children Scheme.
- 33.12.9 Regarding conduct of examination and assignments by the students.

After detailed deliberations, the Council approved the proposals 33.12.1, 33.12.2, 33.12.3, 33.12.6, 33.12.7, 33.12.8 and 33.12.9

As regards to 33.12.4 (two sets of Question Papers), the Council observed that rather making different sets of Question papers, a Question Bank be developed. A committee may be formulated in this regard.

As regards to 33.12.5 (Award of the University Medal to the all-round best student), the Council gave its in-principle approval with the observation that a Committee be constituted to design the modalities in this regard by looking into all aspects related to establishment of awards and honors to the students.

Item No.33.13 To consider and approve the decision taken in the meeting of Faculty Council, Department of Sowa Rigpa.

Dr. Tashi Dawa, the Head of the Department of Sowa Rigpa put up the following recommendations of the Faculty Council, Dept. of Sowa Rigpa:

- 33.13.1 To endorse the decision of Faculty Council meeting of the Department of Sowa-Rigpa held on 1st, 3rd and 4th April, 2023 approved by Academic Council through circulation.
- 33.13.2 To endorse the decision of BoS held on 1st October 2022 regarding PhD course work in Sowa Rigpa.
- 33.13.3 To endorse the decision of Faculty Council meeting of the Department of Sowa-Rigpa held on 14th March 2024.

After thorough discussion, the Academic Council approved the above decisions.

Item No.33.14 To consider the adoption of "University Grants Commission (Institutions deemed to be Universities) Regulations -2023".

Dr. Himanshu Pandey, the Dy. Registrar put up the proposal regarding adoption of "University Grants Commission (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations – 2023".

After thorough discussions, the Council approved the above agenda item.

Item No.33.15 To consider and approve the name of Experts.

Speaking on the matter, the Dy. Registrar said that the Institute requires a panel of Experts for constitution of various committees like selection committees, expert committees for CAS, Direct Selection etc. time to time. Accordingly, a subject wise list of experts shall be put up on table by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for consideration of the august members of the Academic Council.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and the Chairman of the Academic Council put up the list on table which was approved by the Academic Council.

Item No.33.16 Inclusion of a Motto with the existing Logo of the Institute.

The Dy. Registrar informed that it was observed by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and other teaching and administrative members of the Institute that there is no Motto being used with the Logo of the Institute. After thorough deliberations among the senior members of the Institute and with the permission of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, it is proposed before the august members of the Academic Council to incorporate "बुद्धो भवेयं जगतो हिताय" as the Motto of the Institute. The design of the same was displayed on digital screen for perusal of the members.

Dr. Mahesh Sharma informed in brief about the brainstorming that took place in deciding the Motto. Dr. Sunita Chandra, the Registrar specially thanked the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for this historical initiative and suggested the IQAC to look into the aspect of Registration of Institute's Logo and Motto with the appropriate body.

All the members of the Council welcomed the step and approved it with applause.

Item No.33.17 To consider the recommendations of the Research & Development Cell.

Dr. Mahesh Sharma, the Coordinator of the IQAC explained in detail about the following recommendations of the Research & Development Cell:

33.17.1 Major/ Minor departmental courses implemented in the PhD Coursework.

The Academic Council approved the same.

33.17.2 Rules for joining the job during PhD for full time PhD Scholars.

The Academic Council approved the same.

33.17.3 List of journals, in the area of Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, recommended for research scholars.

The Academic Council gave its in-principle approval with the observation that the List of journal, in the area of Tibetan and Buddhist studies recommended for research scholars be first floated among the teaching & research fraternity of the Institute for inviting their comments/suggestion and then finalised after incorporating the so received suggestions.

33.17.4 Research Style sheet for Research Scholar.

The Academic Council gave its in-principle approval with the observation that the Style Sheet for Research Scholars be first floated among the academic fraternity & research scholars of the Institute for inviting their comments/suggestion, and then finalized after incorporating the so received suggestions.

Item No.33.18 To consider the recommendation of the Committee constituted to change the nomenclature of the Guest Faculty to Assistant Professor on contract.

Briefing the agenda item, Dr. Mahesh Sharma, the Coordinator of the IQAC informed that a Committee was constituted by the Competent Authority to look into the matter of changing the nomenclature of the Guest Faculty of the Institute. He further informed that the meeting of the Committee took place on 14th March, 2024 and it was recommended to change the nomenclature of the Guest Faculty of the Institute as "Assistant Professor on contract" in tune with the other Central Universities/Institutions viz., Delhi University, Allahabad University etc. He further said that it was observed in the meeting that the faculty members of the Centre for Teacher Education (CTE) of our Institute have already been designated as Assistant Professor (Contract) as the Centre was initially funded by the MHRD, Govt. of India under the PMMMNMTT Scheme. It was also stated that the NCISM (the Governing body of Sowa Rigpa under Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India, New Delhi) also recommends to follow the nomenclature of "Assistant Professor on contract" for the contractual appointment of the faculty members of the Sowa Rigpa Department.

The said Committee has also recommended that the salary of the "Assistant Professor on Contract" be governed by the rules of the UGC/Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies.

After thorough discussions on the agenda, the Academic Council approved the recommendation of the Committee to change the nomenclature of the Guest Faculty of the Institute to "Assistant Professor on contract". It further recommended that the Honorarium of the Assistant Professor on Contract be fixed similar to the honorarium/salary being provided in the other Central Universities, i.e. Rs. 57700/- per month (i.e. the rationalized entry pay at Academic Level 10 as per the 7th CPC).

Item No.33.19 Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

- The Dy. Registrar informed that the Institute has received a Project Proposal from Shri Harihar Prasad Chaturvedi, the Director of Punarnava Vrihad Shodh Sanskriti Akadami (पुनर्नवा वृहद् शोध संस्कृति अकादमी) regarding publication of a research & culture project aimed to reconstruct Indian history, culture, religion, science, philosophy, industry and art skills in ancient tradition.

The members discussed on the matter and agreed to the proposal in-principle and recommended to the Finance Committee for approval and sanction of funds to the tune of Rs. Three Lakhs.

- The Assistant Registrar & I/c Exam apprised the necessity of comprehensive Examination Management Software from scheduling of the Examination to result generation as per requirement of the examination pattern, which will enhance the administrative efficiency, record keeping with respect to students right from their entry into the Institute till leaving etc.

Academic Council approved the same and advised the AR & I/c Exam for submission of detailed proposal for administrative approval.

There being no other matters to consider, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Dr. Sunita Chandra)
Registrar


(Prof. Wangchuk Dorjee Negi)
Vice Chancellor