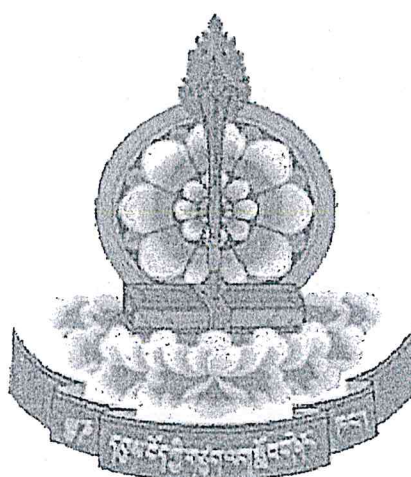


Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies
(Declared as "Deemed to be University" under section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956)
Sarnath, Varanasi

Emergent Meeting of Academic Council
April 12, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

MINUTES



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

MINUTES OF THE EMERGENT MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF CIHTS, SARNATH, VARANASI HELD
ON APRIL 12, 2024 AT 3.00 PM 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. Dharma Dutta 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. Shuchita Sharma	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
11.	Dr. Dorjee Damdul	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
12.	Geshe Lobsang Wangdrak	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
13.	Ven. Dakpa Senga	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
14.	Dr. Anurag Tripathi	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
15.	Dr. Urgyen	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
16.	Dr. Tashi Tsering (J)	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
17.	Dr. Mahesh Sharma	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
18.	Ven. Sanga Tenzin (Invitee Member)	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
19.	Shri Sunil Kumar (Invitee Member)	CIHTS, Varanasi	Member
20.	Dr. Sunita Chandra	Registrar, CIHTS	Member Secretary

Dr. Jampa Chophel, CIHTS, Sarnath, Varanasi could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Wangchuk Dorjee Negi welcomed all the members for attending this emergent meeting of Academic Council.

Thereafter, the agenda items were discussed one by one.

Item No. 1 To consider admission on the vacant seats in Shastri 1st year and Acharya 1st year through entrance examination from the Academic Session 2024-25.

Dr. Sunita Chandra, the Registrar started the discussions and briefed about the circumstances that caused to convene this meeting on emergency basis. She said that the Institute is planning to publish advertisement for admission in the coming academic session 2024-25. She further informed that during the meeting of Admission Committee held on 6th April, 2024, members had raised concern over the fall of almost 50% on Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in Shastri and Acharya courses of the Institute and proposed that provision should be made for admission of external students (other than CIHTS) on the vacant seats of Shastri 1st year and Acharya 1st year by conducting an entrance examination for all the courses of Shastri and Acharya w.e.f. the coming academic session i.e. 2024-25.

She further told that it was decided in the same meeting that the matter should be brought before the members of the Academic Council to seek their advice for increasing the student intake in the Shastri & Acharya courses.

Members of the Council discussed on the issue elaborately. Dr. Mahesh Sharma, the Coordinator of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell and the Coordinator of the New Education Policy explained in detail about the importance of making provision for direct admission of external students as per the NAAC and NEP perspective. After detailed discussions on the pros and cons of considering admission through entrance examination on the vacant seats in Shastri 1st year and Acharya 1st year from the Academic Session 2024-25, following points emerged with consensus in support of the proposal:

- It will bring improvement in the falling rate of admissions in the Shastri & Acharya courses of the Institute.
- It will be a step in furtherance to the implementation of New Education Policy 2020 in the Institute.
- The Institute shall be able to score better in the assessment done by the NAAC for the next cycle of assessment.
- The action will enhance the quality of education among students and improve the overall academic atmosphere of the Institute.
- It will be in the interest of the internal students of the CIHTS to enter into the Graduate and Post Graduate Programs after qualifying the Entrance Examination.

In view of the above, the members unanimously decided to recommend the following for the concurrence of the Board of Governors:

1. The Institute will conduct separate Entrance Examinations for admission to all the Shastri & Acharya courses of the Institute for the aspiring students from the next Academic Session 2024-24. This will be open to all the internal and external eligible students.
2. A Committee be constituted with the approval of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for framing the modalities related to eligibility conditions, earmarking of seats, pattern of entrance examination, medium of language etc. and to submit its report well in time so that the advertisement for admission may be floated and modal papers be published as per the stipulated guidelines.
3. In view that the Board of Governors of the Institute is not in place, to request to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to approve the above recommendations by virtue of being the Chairman of the Board so that the above recommendations be implemented and the administrative ministry be approached for its nod on the above.


All the members welcomed the above decisions with applause.

Item No.2

To consider the recommendation of Faculty of Sowa Rigpa regarding Concept mapping, Oral test Syllabus and guidelines as prescribed by NCISM, New Delhi.

Dr. Tashi Dawa, the Head of the Department of Sowa Rigpa presented the agenda in detail. After detailed discussions on the agenda, The Academic Council endorsed the same.

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


(Dr. Sunita Chandra)
Registrar


(Prof. Wangchuk Dorjee Negi)
Vice Chancellor