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57th EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
57TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
03 APRIL 2025 (THURSDAY)

Time: 11:45 AM

Venue: Conference Hall, Level III, SMIMS

Dr. K. Ramnarayan, Pro Chancellor & Chairman, Executive Committee, Sikkim Manipal University greeted and welcomed all the members of Executive Committee and expressed gratitude for their gracious presence.

Members present: Dr. K. Ramnarayan, Pro Chancellor, SMU; Dr. Ranjan Pai, Chairman, MEMG; Shri Vaitheeswaran S., Vice Chairman & MD, MEMG; Shri Shridhar Hegde, Senior Vice President-Finance, MEMG; Dr Tshering Pema Bhutia, Director, Medical Education Unit (MEU), Health & Family Welfare Department, GoS; Mrs. Bibhuti Pradhan, SCS, Additional Secretary, Technical Education, Education Department, GoS; Air Vice Marshal (Dr) D C Agarwal (Retd), VSM, Vice Chancellor, SMU; Prof (Dr) K.S. Sherpa, Registrar, SMU; Dr Muralidhar V Pai, Dean, SMIMS; Prof (Dr) G.L. Sharma, Director, SMIT

Special Invitee: Mr. S. V Ravi Sankar, Senior Finance Officer, SMU; Mr. Subhendu Prakash, COO, CRH; Dr. Sudip Dutta, Medical Superintendent, CRH; Prof (Dr) Sourav Dhar, Director, SMU-CDOE

In the opening remarks, Air Vice Marshal (Dr.) D C Agarwal (Retd), VSM, Vice Chancellor, SMU thanked the members from Government of Sikkim and expressed his sincere gratitude for their presence and support. He further welcomed Chairman, MEMG and all other esteemed members to the meeting.



The committee discussed and deliberated on various agenda points placed by the university and the decisions taken (against each agenda point) are mentioned below:

PART - I

Item - 1: Minutes of Meeting of 56th Executive Committee.

56th Executive Committee (EC) meeting was held on 15 November 2024 and the Minutes of Meeting were circulated to all members.

There were no comments by the Members on the draft Minutes of Meeting.

Placed before the Committee for confirmation.

Decision: Confirmed

Item-2: Minutes of Meeting of 66th Academic Senate Meeting.

64th Academic Senate Meet was held on 13 January 2025 at SMU and the Minutes of Meeting were circulated to all the members concerned.

There were no comments by the Members on the draft Minutes of Meeting.

Placed before the Committee for ratification.

Decision: Ratified





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PART – II

ITEM – 3: Relieve from SMU Roll & Remittance of the Office.

Sl. No	Name	Entity	Date of Joining	Dept	Desig	Date Of Rel	Place of Joining
1	Dr. Nayan Kamal Bhattacharyya	SMIT	2-Sep-04	Chemistry	Additional Professor	23-Nov-24	Controller of Examination, Assam Women's University, Jorhat
2	Dr. Mousumi Gupta	SMIT	25-Aug-07	Computer Application	Associate Professor	09-Dec-24	Research Lead, Asian Development of Research Institute ADRI, Patna
3	Dr. Ajeya Jha	SMIT	21-Feb-00	Management Studies	Professor	28-Jan-25	VC, Arunachal University of Studies
4	Dr. Vinod Kumar Sayal	SMIT	14-Oct-99	Physics	Professor	20-Feb-25 (Retired)	Retired

Placed before the Committee for information.

Decision: Noted



PART -III
AGENDA POINTS
57TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA 1: New Nominees of Pro Chancellor in Academic Senate of SMU

Pro Chancellor, SMU nominated new external expert into the university Academic Senate and has recommended tenure extension of one of the member, the detail is mentioned below:

Outgoing Members	Pro Chancellor's Nominee
Prof. Avinash Khare, Former VC, Sikkim University (superannuated)	Dr. Manoj Nagasampige, Director, Centre of Directorate of Online Education, MAHE
Dr. Vinod V Thomas, Registrar - Evaluation, MAHE	Extended for another term of 3 years

Placed before the Committee for ratification.

Decision: Ratified

AGENDA 2: Full-Time Research Scholars.

SMU proposes increasing the number of full-time Ph.D. scholars with fellowship to 55 by the AY 2025-26 as proposed below:

<u>Academic Year (AY)</u>	<u>Full-Time Ph.D</u>
Upto 2024	15
2024-2025	15 + 20 = 35
2025-2026	35 + 20 = 55

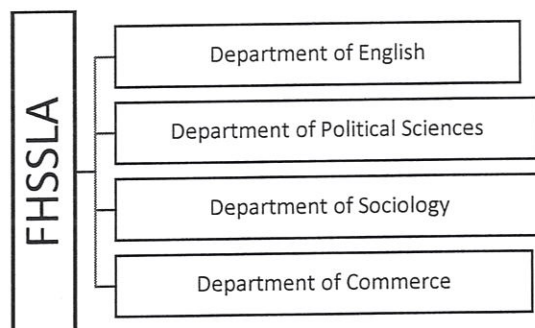
Placed before the committee for approval.

Decision: Approved



AGENDA 3: Re-Orientation of Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences & Liberal Arts (FHSS&LA).

It is proposed to re-orient the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences & Liberal Arts (FHSSLA)



- Each Department will be supervised by Head of the Department (HoD).
- HoD will be among the faculty members of Associate Professor Grade and above.
- HoD will be selected among the panel of eligible faculty by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.
- Tenure of HoD will be 3 years extendable by one year, maximum up to 5 years. The term of the HoD may be terminated at any point in time if the performance is not found to be satisfactory.

Placed before the committee for approval.

Decision: Approved

AGENDA 4: Amendment in the clause of NFTE (Not Fit For Technical Education) rules & regulations for UGC Govern courses.

SMU proposes the maximum duration to complete a UG/ PG course is

$$N * 2 + 1$$

where N stands for total duration of UG / PG course for the normal or minimum duration prescribed by UGC for completion of the programme.



In exceptional circumstances a one-year extension may be granted by the Vice Chancellor (+ 1 in the formula mentioned).

For MBBS, MS/MD and Nursing courses, NMC and INC guidelines will be applicable.

This has the approval of the 66th Academic Senate.

Placed before the Committee for ratification.

Decision: Ratified.

AGENDA 5: Seat rationalisation of B.Tech program from Academic Year 2025-26.

SMIT proposes increase/reduction in the intake of B.Tech programs. Increase in intake of B.Tech in CSE (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning) from 60 to 90 seats, by reducing 30 number out of 60 seats from B.Tech CSE (IoT and Cyber Security including Block Chain Technology). The details are as follows:

S/No	B.Tech Program	Existing	Proposed	Remarks
1.	B.Tech CSE (AI&ML)	60	90	Increase
2.	B.Tech CSE (IoT and Cyber Security Including Block Chain Technology)	60	30	Reduction

These increase/reduction in the intake has the approval of 66th Academic Senate.

Placed before the Committee for the ratification

Decision: Ratified.



AGENDA 6: Change of nomenclature from B. Tech Information Technology to B. Tech in Computer Science and Information Technology.

To enhance visibility, SMIT proposes to rename the B.Tech (Information Technology) to B.Tech (Computer Science and Information Technology) with an intake of 30 seats from the Academic Year 2025-26

This has the approval of 66th Academic Senate.

Placed before the Committee for ratification.

Decision: Ratified

AGENDA 7: Inclusion of L&T Edutech-Educate India courses into the existing curriculum as integrated credit courses under the Program Electives or Open Elective under the Department of EEE

Department of EEE proposes inclusion of L&T Edutech-Educate India Courses into the existing curriculum as Integrated credit courses under programme elective and open elective semester wise as follows:

S/N o	Courses	Preferred Sem	Program/ Open Elective	Credit
01.	Power Transmission and Protection Studies	IV	Program Elective II	4
02.	Power System Protection and Relay co-ordination	V	Program Elective III	3
03.	Advance Power System Analysis and Transmission Line Studies	VI	Program Elective IV	4
04.	Renewable Energy Technologies and Grid Integration	VI	Program Elective V	4

The 66th Academic Senate has approved the proposal.

Placed before the Committee for ratification.

Decision: Ratified



AGENDA 8: Ratification of Remedial Measures to make up attendance and Internal Assessment as per NMC guidelines

SMIMS proposes SOP for Remedial Measures to improve Internal Assessment (IA) for MBBS students as per NMC recommendations.

The SOP has been endorsed by the College Council of SMIMS and approved in University 66th ASM

The University Academic Senate has given its approval for the SOP.

Placed before the Committee for ratification.

Decision: Ratified. The Chairman, MEMG suggested for uniformity of such measures among the Group Institutes and could be discussed in Group Medical Dean's Council for application among PAN Group Institutions.

AGENDA 9: Adoption of CBME (Competency-Based Medical Education) 2024 of NMC from Batch 2024.

SMIMS proposes adoption of CBME 2024 of NMC from Batch 2024.

The University Academic Senate has given its approval for the proposal.

Placed before the Committee for ratification.

Decision: Ratified

AGENDA 10: Lateral entry to the 3rd Semester of the Allied Health Professions Courses.

Department of Allied Health Professions, SMIMS introduced lateral entry to the 3rd semester of all its UG courses w.e.f 2023-2024 admitted batch

The proposed number of seats for lateral entry:

- ✓ 20% of total seat (60) i.e. 12 of the total seats



- ✓ Out of 12 seat 20% (3 seats) are reserved for Sikkim government quota

This has the concurrence of Academic Senate.

Placed before the Committee for ratification.

Decision: Ratified

AGENDA 11: Admission of Male candidate for Undergraduate and Postgraduate Nursing program.

Since inception of the college, SMCON has only admitted female candidate for BSc. Nursing and MSc. Nursing course.

SMCON proposes admission of 10% male candidate in BSc. Nursing and MSc. Nursing as per the State Nursing Council. This will be implemented from Academic Year 2025 – 26.

SMCON proposes admission of 10% male candidate (According to State Nursing Council) in BSc. Nursing and MSc. Nursing as per the State Nursing Council from Academic Session 2025 – 26.

The proposal was approved during the 66th Academic Senate Meeting.

Placed before the Committee for ratification.

Decision: Approved

AGENDA 12: Transcript format of Semester System of BSc. Nursing.

The Indian Nursing Council has changed the curriculum from Annual system to Semester system, since 2021. It is proposed to implement a new transcript format from batch 2021 onwards as per new curriculum.

The proposal was approved during the 66th Academic Senate Meeting.

Placed before the Committee for ratification.

Decision: Ratified



AGENDA 13: Introduce a new specialization - Health care Management.

Department of Management Studies proposes to introduce a new specialization namely 'Health care Management' in the MBA program from the Academic Year 2025-26 onwards.

Department offers dual specialization in which marketing specialization is flexible instead of mandatory & the bucket of specialization are as follows:

- ✓ Marketing
- ✓ Human Resource Management
- ✓ Financial Management
- ✓ System Management
- ✓ Operation & Supply Chain Management
- ✓ Healthcare Management

The Academic Senate has given its approval to the proposal

Placed before the Committee for ratification.

Decision: Ratified.

Hon'ble Pro Chancellor, SMU thanked all the Esteemed Members of Executive Committee for their presence and valuable inputs and concluded the meeting.

**Prof (Dr) K.S Sherpa
Registrar, SMU**



