



MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON 28TH MARCH 2009

Members Present:

1. Prof. Mahendra P. Lama, Vice Chancellor and Chairman
2. Prof. Madhura Swaminathan, Member
3. Prof. Shiv Raj Singh, Member
4. Shri Nawang Gombu, Member
5. Prof. S.A.Suryawanshi, Member

Shri S.K.Sarkar, Registrar and Secretary.

Shri L.P.Barphungpa, Director, Higher Education, Government of Sikkim attended the meeting to represent Shri K.T.Chankapa, Secretary, Human Resources Development Department, Govt. of Sikkim.

Shri P.V.Ravi, Finance Officer and Dr. C.B.Sunwar, Fellow(Academic), Sikkim University attended the meeting.

EC:02:01 The Chairperson calls the house to order

Prof Mahendra P. Lama, Vice Chancellor presided over the meeting and called the house to order.



EC:02:02 Obituary reference

The house noted with deep sense of grief the passing away of the following eminent personalities in the recent past.

1. Shri R.Venkatraman, former President of India
2. Shri V.P.Singh, former Prime Minister of India
3. Princess Pema Tsedum Yabshi, the eldest daughter of Late Chogyal Tashi Namgyal
4. Shri Kazi Lendup Dorji KhangSharpa, first and former Chief Minister of the State of Sikkim
5. Shri S.W.Tenzing, former Chief Secretary, Government of Sikkim
6. Shri T.N.Tenzing, former Director General of Police, Government of Sikkim

The Executive Council resolved to condole the death of Shri R.Venkatraman, former President of India and conveyed its deep sense of sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

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EC:02:03 Welcome to the newly appointed Chancellor of Sikkim University

Vice Chancellor informed the house that the President of India, in her capacity as the Visitor of Sikkim University has been pleased to appoint Prof. M.S.Swaminathan as the Chancellor of the University for the period till 1st July 2012. The Vice Chancellor appraised the house of the illuminating personality of Prof. Swaminathan in the following:

Professor M S Swaminathan has been acclaimed by TIME magazine as one of the twenty most influential Asians of the 20th century and one of the only three from India, the other two being Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore. He has been described by the United Nations Environment Programme as "the Father of Economic Ecology" and by Javier Perez de Cuellar, Secretary General of the United Nations, as "a living legend who will go into the annals of history as a world scientist of rare distinction". He was Chairman of the UN Science Advisory Committee set up in 1980 to



take follow-up action on the Vienna Plan of Action. He has also served as Independent Chairman of the FAO Council and President of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources. He also served as President of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs (2002-07) and present President of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (2005-07).

A plant geneticist by training, Professor Swaminathan's contributions to the agricultural renaissance of India have led to his being widely referred to as the scientific leader of the green revolution movement. His advocacy of sustainable agriculture leading to an ever-green revolution makes him an acknowledged world leader in the field of sustainable food security. The International Association of Women and Development conferred on him the first international award for significant contributions to promoting the knowledge, skill, and technological empowerment of women in agriculture and for his pioneering role in mainstreaming gender considerations in agriculture and rural development. Professor Swaminathan was awarded the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership in 1971, the Albert Einstein World Science Award in 1986, the first World Food Prize in 1987, and Volvo and Tyler Prize for Environment, the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development in 2000 and the Franklin D Roosevelt Four Freedoms Medal and the Mahatma Gandhi Prize of UNESCO in 2000.

Professor Swaminathan is a Fellow of many of the leading scientific academies of India and the world, including the Royal Society of London and the U S National Academy of Sciences. He has received 58 honorary



doctorate degrees from universities around the world. He currently holds the UNESCO Chair in Ecotechnology at the M S Swaminathan Research Foundation in Chennai (Madras), India and formerly Chairman of the National Commission on Farmers, Government of India. He is currently a Member of the Parliament of India (Rajya Sabha), to which position he was nominated by the Government of India in recognition of his outstanding scientific contribution in the field of agriculture.

The Executive Council welcomed the appointment of Prof M.S.Swaminathan as the Chancellor of the University and hoped that the University will be immensely enriched by the leadership and guidance of his erudite personality.

EC:02:04 Observations of the Vice Chancellor

The Vice Chancellor made the following presentations for the information of the house:

The presentation of the Vice Chancellor is given in **Annexure – 2.04**

EC:02:05 Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Council held on 8th August 2008

[Agenda Note:

The minutes had been circulated among the members vide letter No. SU/EC-1/COR/08 dated 1st September, 2008. No comments on the minutes have been received from the members.]

The Executive Council considered the minutes of the meeting held on 8th August 2008 and confirmed the same with the observation that since in terms of Section 30 (2) of Sikkim University Act, 2006, Vice-Chancellor is



empowered to make the first Ordinances, he may proceed accordingly. Consequentially, the minutes made under item No.EC:01:08 dated 8th August, 2008 have become redundant.

The last sentence in page 15 under Agenda item No. EC:01:08 will be replaced as “With these suggestions, the Council advised the Vice Chancellor to endorse the final draft of Ordinances to the MHRD.”

EC:02:06 Action taken report on the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Council held on 8th August 2008

[Agenda Note:

The Action Taken Report will be placed on the table.]

The Action Taken Report on the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council held on 8th August 2008 was placed on the table and the same was accepted by the House as in **Annexure – 2.06**.

EC:02:07 To note the minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 17th October 2008 and consideration of the recommendations thereof

[Agenda Note:

The minutes are enclosed as Annexure-2.07]

The Executive Council noted the minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 17th October, 2008 and considered and accepted the same as



in **Annexure-2.07**. However, on matters concerning first ordinances, the Vice-Chancellor may proceed in terms of 30 (2) of Sikkim University Act, 2006.

EC:02:08 To note the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 8th February 2009 and consideration of the recommendations thereof

[Agenda Note:

The minutes are enclosed as Annexure-2.08]

The Executive Council noted the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 8th February 2009 and considered and accepted the same as in **Annexure-2.08**.

As accepted by the Finance Committee, the Executive Council resolved –

- a) to approve the Annual Budgets for the years 2008-09 and 2009-10.
- b) to approve the Annual Accounts for the year 2007-08 with the suggestion that the budget and the accounts be placed again in the subsequent meeting of the Executive Council with quorum.

EC:02:09 To consider the proposal for making of new/additional Statutes in terms of Section 29 (2) of Sikkim University Act, 2006

[Agenda Note:

Section 29 of Sikkim University Act, 2006 deals with power of the University to make Statutes. The Section is quoted below for ready reference:



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29. (1) *The First Statutes are those set out in the Schedule.*

(2) ***The Executive Council may, from time to time, make new or additional Statutes or may amend or repeal the Statutes referred to in sub-section (1):***

Provided that Executive Council shall not make, amend or repeal any Statutes affecting the status, powers and constitution of any authority of the University until such authority has been given an opportunity of expressing an opinion in writing on the proposed changes, and any opinion so expressed shall be considered by the Executive Council.

(3) *Every new Statute or addition to the Statutes or any amendment or repeal of a Statute shall require the assent of the Visitor who may assent thereto or withhold assent or remit to the Executive Council for re-consideration.*

(4) *A new Statute or a Statute amending or repealing an existing Statute shall have no validity unless it has been assented by the Visitor.*

(5) *Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing sub-section, the Visitor may make new or additional Statutes or amend or repeal the Statutes referred to in sub-section (1), during the period of three years immediately after commencement of the Act:*

Provided that the Visitor may, on the expiry of the said period of three years, make within one year from the date of such expiry, such detailed Statutes as he may consider necessary and such detailed Statutes shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

(6) *Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing sub-sections, the Visitor may direct to make provisions in the Statutes in respect of any matter specified by him and if the Executive Council is unable to implement such direction within 60 days of its receipt, the Visitor may, after considering the reasons, if any, communicated by the Executive Council for its inability to comply with such directions, make or amend the Statutes suitably.*

Unquote

The following draft new/additional Statutes are placed for consideration of the Executive Council for making new/additional Statutes in terms of Section 29(2) of the Sikkim University Act, 2006 and for forwarding the same to the Visitor in terms of Statute 29(3) for Her kind assent.



(a) *New Statutes on Other officers of the University vide Sections 10 (9), 19 and 28 (c) of The Sikkim University Act, 2006*

In terms of Section 10 of the Sikkim University Act, 2006 the following shall be the Officers of the University:-

- (1) the Chancellor;*
- (2) the Vice Chancellor;*
- (3) the Pro-Vice Chancellor;*
- (4) the Deans of Schools;*
- (5) the Registrar;*
- (6) the Finance Officer;*
- (7) the Controller of Examinations;*
- (8) the Librarian; and*
- (9) Such other officers as may be declared by the Statutes to be officers of the University.*

In terms of Section 19 of the Act, the manner of appointment and powers and duties of other officers of the University shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

In terms of Section 28(c) of the Act, subject to the provisions of this Act, the Statutes may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely, the appointment, powers and duties of the officers of the University and their emoluments.

*In view of the above draft new Statutes on Other officers of the University vide Sections 10(9), 19 and 28(c) of The Sikkim University Act, 2006 is placed for the consideration of the Executive Council and is enclosed as **Annexure-2.09(a)**.*

(b) *Additional Statutes on establishment and abolition of Schools, Departments, Centres, Halls, Colleges and Institutions of the University vide Section 28(l) of the Sikkim University Act, 2006*

In terms of Section 28(l) of the Act, subject to the provisions of this Act, the Statutes may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:-

the establishment and abolition of Schools, Departments, Centres, Halls, Colleges and Institutions.



The Statute 15 of the First Statutes of the University as given in THE SCHEDULE of the Sikkim University Act, 2006 is quoted below.

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15. (1) The University shall have such Schools of Studies as may be specified in the Statutes.

(2) Every School shall have a School Board and the members of the first School Board shall be nominated by the Executive Council for a period of three years.

(3) The composition, powers and functions of a School Board shall be prescribed by the Ordinances.

(4) The conduct of the meetings of a School Board and the quorum required for such meetings shall be prescribed by the Ordinances.

(5) (a) Every School shall consist of such Departments as may be assigned to it by the Ordinances:

Provided that the Executive Council may, on the recommendation of the Academic Council, establish Centres of Studies to which may be assigned such teachers of the University as the Executive Council may consider necessary.

(b) Each Department shall consist of the following members, namely:-

- (i) Teachers of the Department;*
- (ii) Persons conducting research in the Department;*
- (iii) Dean of the School;*
- (iv) Honorary Professors, if any, attached to the Department; and*
- (v) Such other persons as may be members of the Department in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinances.*

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*In the light of the above draft additional Statutes on establishment and abolition of Schools, Departments, Centres, Halls, Colleges and Institutions of the University vide Section 28(l) of the Sikkim University Act, 2006 is placed for the consideration of the Executive Council and is enclosed as **Annexure-2.09 (b).**]*



After due consideration of the above,

A). the Executive Council –

- (1) Resolved that the draft new Statutes as given in **Annexure-2.09(a)** be approved.
- (2) Resolved further that Statutes 43(1), 43(2), 43(3), 43(4), 43(5), 43(6), 43(7), 43(8), 43(9), 43(10), 43(11) and 43(12) as given in **Annexure-2.09(a)** be made in terms of Section 29(2) of Sikkim University Act, 2006.
- (3) Resolved further that the said Statutes 43(1), 43(2), 43(3), 43(4), 43(5), 43(6), 43(7), 43(8), 43(9), 43(10), 43(11) and 43(12) be forwarded to the Honorable Visitor for Her kind assent in terms of Section 29(3) of Sikkim University Act, 2006.

B). the Executive Council –

- (1) Resolved that the draft new Statutes as given in **Annexure-2.09(b)** be approved.
- (2) Resolved further that Statute 15(1)(a) as given in **Annexure-2.09(b)** be made in terms of Section 29(2) of Sikkim University Act, 2006.
- (3) Resolved further that the said Statute 15(1)(a) be forwarded to the Honorable Visitor for Her kind assent in terms of Section 29(3) of Sikkim University Act, 2006.



EC:02:10 Rules for appointment to the post of Controller of Examinations and conditions of service including his powers and duties

[Agenda Note:

In terms of Section 17 of the Sikkim University Act, 2006 the Controller of Examinations shall be appointed in such manner and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

The Statute 8 of the First Statutes of the University as given in THE SCHEDULE of the Sikkim University Act, 2006 is quoted below.

Quote

8.(1) The Controller of Examinations shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendations of a Selection Committee constituted for the purpose and he shall be a whole time salaried officer of the University.

(2) The Controller of Examinations shall be appointed for a term of five years and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(3) The emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of the Controller of Examinations shall be such as may be prescribed by the Executive Council from time to time:

Provided that the Controller of Examinations shall retire on attaining the age of sixty-two years:

Provide further that the Controller of Examinations shall, notwithstanding his attaining the age of sixty-two years, continue in office until his successor is appointed and enters upon his office or until the expiry of a period of one year, whichever is earlier.

(4) When the office of the Controller of Examinations is vacant or when the Controller of Examinations is, by reason of illness, absence or any other cause, unable to perform the duties of his office, the duties of the office shall be performed by such person as the Vice Chancellor may appoint for the purpose.

(5) The Controller of Examinations shall arrange for and superintend the examinations of the University in the manner prescribed by the Ordinances.



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In view of this, the following rules, apart from the Statutes indicated above, are proposed for appointment to the post of Controller of Examinations for consideration and acceptance of the Executive Council.

1. Appointment:

- a. Qualifications: The minimum qualification for appointment to the post shall be as prescribed by the University Grants Commission from time to time as may be accepted by the Executive Council.*
- b. Method of appointment: The following methods of appointments, as the Vice Chancellor may deem appropriate, may be followed in the facts and circumstances which prevail at the relevant point of time.*

- 1. Direct recruitment including regular/ contractual appointment*
- 2. Deputation / Foreign Service*

- c. The recruitment to the post of Controller of Examinations shall be made through an open advertisement or in any other mode as approved by the Vice Chancellor.*
- d. Teachers and officers of Sikkim University who are eligible for appointment to this post may also apply. In their case, it shall be treated as deputation with the facility of retention of lien as per rules of the University on the post held on regular basis in the University.*
- e. The composition of the selection committee shall be as laid down hereunder.*

<i>Vice – Chancellor</i>	<i>: Chair person</i>
<i>One member of the Executive Council nominated by it</i>	<i>: Member</i>
<i>Two persons not in the service of the University who have special knowledge of the subject or of administration, nominated by Executive Council</i>	<i>: Members</i>

Registrar, though not a member of the committee, shall work as its Secretary.

Note:- The Vice Chancellor or in his absence the Pro-Vice Chancellor shall preside at the meeting of the Selection Committee.



Provided that the meeting of the Selection Committee shall be fixed after prior consultation with and subject to the convenience of the experts nominated by the Executive Council:

Provided further that the proceedings of the Selection Committee shall not be valid unless two of the persons nominated by the Executive Council attend the meeting.

2. Conditions of Service

- a. Where any of the methods of appointment specified above is adopted, the persons employed in any of the following organizations shall, subject to the approval of their parent organisation, be allowed to retain their lien in the parent organization for the entire tenure of 5 years.*
- (i) Central or State Governments*
 - (ii) Autonomous Bodies (Central or State) including Universities or Deemed Universities (Central or State)*
 - (iii) Institutes of National Status*
 - (iv) Any other organization as declared by the Executive Council to be covered under this clause.*

The lien is terminable in case of appointment for the second term.

- b. If the selected person holds any post or lien on any post in Sikkim University, approval for his appointment carries with it implied consent of the Executive Council for retention of lien for the initial tenure.*
- c. The Controller of Examinations shall retire on the last day of the calendar month in which he attains the age of 62 (sixty two) years. However, if his date of birth is first day of a calendar month he shall retire on the last day of the calendar month preceding the month in which he attains the age of 62 years.*
- d. Apart from the duties mentioned in the Statutes, the Controller of Examinations shall perform such other duties and functions as may be specified by the Executive Council/Vice-Chancellor from time to time.*
- e. The following will regulate the exercise of disciplinary powers of the Vice-Chancellor and the Executive Council over the Controller of Examinations.*



- a) *For the purpose of determination of question of fact as to what constitutes misconduct, the Controller of Examinations shall be equated with provisions applicable to non-teaching staff.*
- b) *For the purpose of conducting disciplinary proceedings, suspension and exercise of the powers to impose penalties on the Controller of Examinations, he shall be equated with the post of Professor.*
- f. *The Controller of Examinations shall be entitled to avail himself of extra-ordinary leave without pay for a maximum period of three months during his/her full term of five years on medical grounds or otherwise. The Extra Ordinary Leave shall be granted by the Executive Council either in advance or ex-post facto. For a tenure of less than 5 years, proportionate extra-ordinary leave will be available.*
- g. *If the incumbent is in receipt of pension from any other organization (Government or Semi-Government or Private), neither the pension nor the pension equivalent of gratuity shall be deducted from the emoluments payable by the University.*
- h. *As regards retirement benefits, where an officer who is appointed to this post retains lien on any post in another organization, he would continue to be governed by the retirement benefit schemes of his parent organization. The University shall pay such pension contribution or the management contribution to CPF as the case may be as may be prescribed in the rules of the parent organization.*
- i. *Where the Executive Council is satisfied that operation of any of the provisions of these rules cause undue hardship in exceptional circumstances in the matter of entitlement to service benefits, or operates to prejudice the chances of securing the services of meritorious persons it may, by resolution, duly incorporating the reasons, dispense with or relax the requirements of the rules to such extent as may be deemed necessary in terms of equity and stipulate any condition for such favorable dispensation.*

Provided that where relaxation is proposed to be granted in the matter of qualifications prescribed for recruitment, or any other



factor which is crucial to the process of selection it is invariably subject to fulfillment of the following pre-requisites:

- (1) The fact that the rules of the University contain enabling provision for relaxation should be mentioned prominently in the employment notice.*
 - (2) The Selection Committee makes an unequivocal recommendation for relaxation*
 - (3) The official record which contains the reasons for relaxation is, by standing arrangement, declared as a public document copy of which can be furnished on demand to any of the candidates for selection in routine course by the Registrar without the special permission of any other authority.*
- j. The Controller of Examinations shall be entitled to leave, leave-salary, allowances, Provident Fund and other benefits as prescribed in this behalf by the University from time to time for employees of the Sikkim University except from inclusions and exclusions as may be made by Executive Council from time to time.*
- k. The Controller of Examinations shall be entitled to such terminal benefits and allowances as may be fixed by the Executive Council/Central Government from time to time;*

Provided that where an employee of the University, or a College or an Institution maintained by, or admitted to the privileges of the University, or of any other University or any College or Institution maintained by or admitted to the privileges of, such other University, is appointed as the Controller of Examinations, he/she may be allowed to continue to contribute to any Provident Fund of which he/she is a member and the University shall contribute to the account of such person in that Provident Fund at the same rate at which the person had been contributing immediately before his/her appointment as the Controller of Examinations.

Provided further that where such employee had been member of any pension scheme, the University shall make the necessary contribution to such scheme.



- l. The University shall provide a light vehicle to the Controller of Examinations for his official use.*

- m. Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, the Controller of Examinations appointed under the provisions shall be governed by such other terms and conditions of service as the Executive Council may specify.]*

After due consideration of the above, the Executive Council resolved to prescribe the rules for appointment to the post of Controller of Examinations and conditions of service including his powers and duties with necessary modifications as in **Annexure - 2.10**.

EC:02:11 To consider the proposal for creation of teaching posts

[Agenda Note:

*University Grants Commission, vide letter under D.O.No. F.24-33/2009(CU) dated 16 February 2009 has conveyed sanction of 201 posts of teaching staff including 29 posts of Professors, 68 posts of Associate Professors and 104 posts of Assistant Professors for the University under XI Plan. The department-wise break up for these posts is given in **Annexure-2.11**.*

In terms of Statute 12(2)(i) of the Statutes of the University, The Executive Council shall have, inter alia, the power to create teaching and other academic posts, to determine the number and emoluments of such posts and to define the duties and conditions of service of Professors, Readers, Lecturers and other academic staff.

Provided that no action shall be taken by the Executive Council in respect of the number and qualifications of teachers and other academic staff otherwise than after consideration of the recommendations of the Academic Council.

The University has been running its academic activities so far without any regular teaching posts. Now that the University Grants Commission has sanctioned 201 teaching posts under XI Plan, the Executive Council may kindly approve creation



After due consideration of the above and considering that the sanction of non-teaching posts was yet to be communicated by the University Grants Commission, the Executive Council resolved to authorize the Vice Chancellor to approve creation of non-teaching posts as may be sanctioned by the University Grants Commission under XI Plan period.

However, the sanction given earlier by the Executive Council vide agenda item No.01:05 dated 8th August, 2008 shall have no effect when the proposed non-teaching posts will be created and given effect to.

EC:02:13 To consider the proposal for nominating persons to the membership of the Selection Committee for the post of Librarian

[Agenda Note:

In terms of Statutes 18 (1) and 18 (2) of the Statutes of the University, the Selection Committee for recruitment to the post of Librarian will consist of

- 1) The Vice Chancellor*
- 2) The Visitor's Nominee*
- 3) Two persons not in the service of the University who have special knowledge of the subject of the Library Science/Library Administration nominated by the Executive Council.*
- 4) One person not in the service of the University nominated by the Executive Council.*

In view of the above, the Executive Council may kindly nominate the concerned persons to the Selection Committee for recruitment to the post of Librarian as indicated above.]

A few names were discussed. In view of urgency and considering that the convenience and consent of the persons to be nominated are also necessary, the Vice Chancellor was authorized to nominate appropriate persons on behalf of the Executive Council.



EC:02:14 To consider the proposal for nominating persons to the membership of the Selection Committee for the post of Controller of Examinations

[Agenda Note:

In terms of the proposed Rules on Controller of Examinations, the Selection Committee for recruitment to the post of Controller of Examinations will consist of

- *Vice – Chancellor* : *Chair person*
- *One member of the Executive Council nominated by it* : *Member*
- *Two persons not in the service of the University who have special knowledge of the subject or of administration, nominated by Executive Council* : *Members*

In view of the above, the Executive Council may kindly nominate the concerned persons to the Selection Committee for recruitment to the post of Controller of Examinations as indicated above.]

A few names were discussed. In view of urgency and considering that the convenience and consent of the persons to be nominated are also necessary, the Vice Chancellor was authorized to nominate appropriate persons on behalf of the Executive Council.

EC:02:15 To consider the proposal for delegation of authority of the Executive Council to the Vice Chancellor in terms of Statute 42 of the Statutes of the University on some issues of critical and urgent nature for smooth running of the University at the initial stages



[Agenda Note:

In terms of Statute 42, any officer or authority of the University may delegate his or its powers to any other officer or authority or person under his or its respective control and subject to the condition that overall responsibility for the exercise of the powers to so delegated shall continue to vest in the officer or authority delegating such powers.

In view of the above, the Executive Council may kindly consider delegating some of its powers to the Vice-Chancellor on specified issues of critical nature.]

After due consideration of the issue and keeping into consideration that the University, being at the stage of formation, has to take urgent action on recruiting teaching and non-teaching staff, the Executive Council resolved to authorize the Vice Chancellor to take all necessary steps for recruitment like advertising of posts, constitution of the selection committees, nomination of experts and approving the unanimous recommendations of the selection committees, till further decision of the Executive Council in this regard and such action taken by the Vice-Chancellor be placed to the Executive Council in the subsequent meeting(s) for information.

EC:02:16 Any other matter with the permission of the Chairperson

- a) The Executive Council noted that Sikkim, being a border state, is linked with stringent compliance of formalities for entry by foreigners into the state. Since imparting of quality education in the University would involve entry of scholars, educationists and students from abroad in considerable numbers, the Executive Council requested the Govt. of India and the Govt. of Sikkim to take appropriate steps for facilitating entry of scholars, educationists and students from abroad in the greater interest of the University, the state and the country.



- b) The Executive Council noted that the land for the permanent campus of the University at Yangang has not yet been handed over by Government of Sikkim. Sikkim University has already provided 50 percent of Rs 15 crore being the Government of India's share of the estimated cost of Rs 30 crore required in the acquisition of land to the Government of Sikkim. Since two years have already been over out of the XI Plan period, the Executive Council urged upon the Govt. of Sikkim to take early steps for quick handing over of the promised land at Yangang. The Executive Council expressed the apprehension that the allotted money, if not used in time, could get diverted to other states where new Central Universities are being built. The University administration has also been advised to release the full amount of Govt. of India's share of the cost of land to facilitate the Govt. of Sikkim for early acquisition and handing over of the land.
- c) The Executive Council noted the observation of the Finance Committee in the meeting held on 08/02/2009 regarding purchase of land at Gangtok for the city campus of the University. The Executive Council noted that this will also be the headquarters of the University in terms of Section 3(2) of the Sikkim University Act, 2006. However, considering the urgency of the matter and considering that the land at the permanent campus at Yangang is yet to be handed over, the Executive Council reiterated its stand on quick procurement of a piece of land of about 5-10 acres at Gangtok even by making payment from the University fund and requested the Finance Committee to have a re-look on the issue.

The Executive Council noted that only five members out of eleven could attend this meeting resulting in a shortfall in the quorum which requires the presence of seven members. The Council also noted that the items and issues discussed above



are very important and urgent for the University. The members present thus suggested to the Vice Chancellor to consider using his powers in terms of Section 12(3) of Sikkim University Act, 2006 to implement the decisions taken above and to report the actions taken to the Executive Council in the next meeting.

(S.K.Sarkar)
Registrar
Sikkim University and
Secretary, Executive Council