

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Online Meeting date: 30/07/2020 :: Meeting platform: Google Meet

A meeting of the academic subcommittee was convened on 30/07/2020 on the virtual platform to consider following agenda. Dr. Satyabrata Sahoo, the Principal & Chairperson, Academic Sub-Committee, presided over the meeting. The below mentioned members were present in the meeting.

Members present:

1. Dr. Satyabrata Sahoo
2. Prof. Susanta Saha
3. Prof Shyamal Banerjee
4. Prof. Tarak Dey
5. Dr. Mossior Rahaman
6. Dr. Sovona Ghosh
7. Prof. Sudakshina Sengupta
8. Dr. Manika Rakshit
9. Dr. Bratati Dey
10. Dr. Subhasree Thakur
11. Prof. Sipra Halder
12. Dr. Rupa Acharya
13. Prof. Manas Mandal
14. Dr. Prabir Ghosh
15. Prof. Rasidul Karim
16. Dr. Subhasis Bhattacharya
17. Dr. Partha Biswas
18. Dr. Malini Basu
19. Prof. Biswajit Majhi
20. Dr. Sreerupa Ghose
21. Prof. Sreeparna Ghose

Agenda:

1. Participation of academic departments in Admission 2020.
2. Online teaching -learning of 3rd & 5th Semester (2020-21 Session) students of our college under lockdown -- possibility and prospect.
3. Departmental suggestion/opinion in framing Odd-semester (off-line) weekly class routine.
4. Miscellaneous.

Discussion and decision:

1. The convenor informed the head of all academic departments that processing of admission in the first Semester of 2020-21 session has been started. The whole process will be conducted online. As per Govt. notification, students will be present in the college only when classes will commence. In this context, participation and cooperation of the teachers from all academic departments is essential.

The Principal mentioned that the admission committee has framed a time schedule and the whole admission process will be conducted according to that schedule. It will be possible for the admission committee to maintain the time schedule only if all academic departmental teachers sincerely cooperate with it.

2. The convenor analyzed, in brief, the present miserable state of teaching & learning of students of our college vis-à-vis their habit of getting offline classes. We had tried to remain connected

with 2nd and 4th Semester students (2019-20 Session) of our college through different social media (WhatsApp) and Virtual platform (Zoom/ Google Meet etc.). But as per time frame of CBCS, time has now appeared to start odd semester classes of these students as early as possible in the month of August, 2020. As there is no notification from the Govt. regarding reopening of college for normal classes, the time has now appeared to take decision at our institutional level regarding continuation of teaching and learning of odd semester students on virtual platform. The cooperation from the teachers of all departments is the utmost requirement for such alternative teaching-learning process.

The Principal requested the departmental heads to take the issue of online teaching-learning through virtual platform sincerely to ensure that our students are not deprived from learning their lessons. He also confirmed that all type of technical support will be provided by the institute (if required).


Some of the members raised some points of inconvenience which they might face in online teaching-learning process. These are unavailability of (i) strong internet connectivity, (ii) required devices, such as laptop/ desktop/ smart phone etc. mainly at the students' end. Hence all of them will not be able to avail the benefit of this alternative method of teaching and learning.

The Principal suggested thinking over the matter from a different angle. He argued that let the students first join in these classes who are equipped to get this opportunity. The message that online classes are being conducted will spread among the students. Over time more and more students will become equipped to avail these classes.

The members, present in the meeting, agreed to arrange online classes according to a special routine framed by each department for their own. The H.o.Ds will send the copy of this routine to the convenor, ASC which will be published in the college website subsequently.

3. The convenor sought opinion/ suggestion from the members about preparation for off-line weekly classe routine for 3rd and 5th Semester students of 2020-21 session. He explained the matter from the angle of ease of commencing odd semester classes as and when it will be announced by the government. The members present did not oppose the proposal but expressed their apprehension about commencement of off-line classes in the near future. It was decided unanimously that a draft routine for off-line classes may be kept ready beforehand and the same will be converted into final routine within a short span of time after the official announcement from the Govt. about reopening of educational institutions.
4. There was no more issue to discuss.
The meeting ended with thanks to all members.

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