

**Minutes of the 46th meeting of the Executive Council held on 25th November
2024 at Meeting Room, Barad Sadan Academic Block**

The 46th meeting of the Executive Council was held on 25th November 2024 at 11 AM in Meeting Room of Barad Sadan Academic Block, Sikkim University, Tadong. Following members were present:

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| 1. Prof. Jyoti Prakash Tamang
Vice-Chancellor (Off.), Sikkim University | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. G.P. Prasain
Vice-Chancellor,
Tripura University | - | Member |
| 3. Prof. Dhananjai Pandey
Distinguished Professor,
Department of School of Materials Science and Technology,
Indian Institute of Technology – BHU | - | Member |
| 4. Prof. V. Krishna Ananth
Dean, School of Social Sciences, SU | - | Member |
| 5. Prof. Rosy Chamling
Dean, School of Languages & Literature, SU | - | Member |
| 6. Prof. Swarup Roy
Dean, School of Physical Sciences, SU | - | Member |
| 7. Prof. Sanjay Dahal
Dean, Students Welfare, SU | - | Member |
| 8. Prof. Amitabha Bhattacharyya
Associate Professor, Department of Physics, SU | - | Member |
| 9. Prof. S.S. Mahapatra
Finance Officer (In-charge), SU | - | Special Invitee |
| 10. Prof. Laxuman Sharma
Dean, School of Life Sciences/
Registrar (In-charge), SU | - | Member (as Dean,
School of Life Sciences)
& Secretary
(as Registrar I/C) |

Following members attended the meeting online through video conferencing:

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| 11. Prof. Annapurna Nautiyal
Former Vice-Chancellor
Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University | - | Member |
| 12. Dr. Payal Mago,
Principal,
Shaheed Rajguru College of Applied Sciences for Women,
University of Delhi | - | Member |

Prof. S.S. Mahapatra, Finance Officer (In-charge) attended as Special Invitee. Shri Bhim Thatal, Director, Education Department, Government of Sikkim represented Shri R. Telang, Principal Secretary, Education Department, Government of Sikkim in his absence. Ms. Grace D. Chankapa, Deputy Registrar was present to assist the Executive Council.

The 46th meeting of the Executive Council of Sikkim University began with a warm welcome to all members, especially to the new members: Prof. G.P. Prasain, Prof. Annapurna Nautiyal, Prof. Dhananjai Pandey, Dr. Payal Mago, Prof. V. Krishna Ananth, and Prof. Swarup Roy, led by the Vice-Chancellor (Chairperson).

The Chairperson expressed appreciation for the outgoing members, specifically Prof. Avinash Khare, former Vice-Chancellor of Sikkim University, recognizing his service from October 11, 2018, to July 31, 2024. Gratitude was also extended to Prof. H.C.S. Rathore, former Vice-Chancellor of Central University of South Bihar, who served as a member of Executive Committee (UGC nominee) and Prof. Sohel Firdos, former Dean of the School of Human Sciences, Sikkim University for their valuable contributions as Executive Council members.

The Vice-Chancellor presented a PowerPoint to the Council members about how the construction of the University's permanent campus in Yangang is progressing.

Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up as under:

Note: Prof. Jyoti Prakash Tamang, Vice-Chancellor (Off.)-cum member of Executive Council as a Senior Professor, and the non-members of the Executive Council including Prof. S.S. Mahapatra, Shri Bhim Thatal and Ms. Grace D. Chankapa recused themselves when table item: *Nomination of the members for Search Committee for appointment of the Vice-Chancellor* was taken up.

SECTION-1

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES AND ACTION TAKEN REPORT

EC 46.1.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 45th meeting of the Executive Council held on 30th July 2024

The minutes of the 45th meeting of the Executive Council held on 30th July 2024 were circulated to all the members on the 12th August 2024. No comments were received from any of the members of the Executive Council.

The minutes of the 45th meeting of the Executive Council held on 30th July 2024 were confirmed.

EC 46.1.2: Action taken report on the minutes of 45th meeting of the Executive Council held on 30th July 2024

The Secretary presented the action taken report on the minutes of the 45th meeting of the Executive Council held on 30th July 2024. The Executive Council noted the action taken report by the University. However, Prof. V. Krishna Ananth wanted to put on record his dissent on item no. 4.8 of the Action Taken Report

**SECTION-2
REPORTING ITEMS**

NIL

**SECTION-3
RATIFICATION MATTERS**

EC 46.3.1: Nomination of a member of Executive Council to the Finance Committee

The Executive Council noted that Statute-17(1)(iv) of the Sikkim University Act states that “three persons to be nominated by the Executive Council, out of whom at least one shall be a member of the Executive Council” shall comprise to be the members of the Finance Committee. Under the said Statute, Prof. S.S. Mahapatra, Former Dean, School of Professional Studies was nominated to the Finance Committee as a member of the Executive Council for a period of three years or till he holds the membership of the Executive Council, whichever is earlier. Prof. S.S. Mahapatra ceased to be the member of the Executive Council under Statute 11(1)(iv) subsequent to his completion of tenure of Deanship on 27.06.2024 and successively his membership in the Finance Committee also ended.

The Executive Council ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor in nominating Prof. Laxuman Sharma, Dean, School of Life Sciences and a member of the Executive Council to the Finance Committee in place of Prof. S.S. Mahapatra under the above Statute w.e.f. 21.08.2024.

EC 46.3.2: Release on lien

The Executive Council ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor in accepting the request of the following faculty members and granting them lien for six months with effect from date mentioned alongside their names:

Sl. No	Name and Designation	Department	To join	Released on lien
1.	Dr. Nidhi Saxena, Assistant Professor	Law	University of Delhi	12.09.2024(A/N)
2.	Dr.Veer Mayank, Assistant Professor	Law	Central University of Punjab	23.09.2024(A/N)

EC 46.3.3: Study Leave of Ms. Lekhika Chettri

The Executive Council noted that Ms. Lekhika Chettri, Assistant Professor in the Department of Computer Applications requested for grant of Study Leave of 102 days w.e.f. 19.08.2024 – 28.11.2024 for completion of PhD research. Ms. Lekhika Chettri joined the University on 12.05.2014 and has completed 3 years of continuous service on regular post as on 11.05.2017. The matter was discussed in the Department of Computer Applications and the Department collectively recommended consideration of her application. The Vice-Chancellor accepted the request for Study Leave w.e.f. 16.08.2024 – 12.12.2024 subject to ratification by the Executive Council.

The Executive Council ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor in granting study leave to Ms. Lekhiha Chettri.

EC 46.3.4: Up-gradation of Shri. Sonam Wangchuk, Assistant Registrar

The Executive Council noted that Shri. Sonam Wangchuk, Assistant Registrar joined Sikkim University on 05.02.2015 in the Pay Band of ₹15600-39100 Grade pay ₹5400/-.

The Council also noted that Shri. Sonam Wangchuk has completed 8 years of continuous service on 05.02.2023 and therefore he has been placed in next higher Pay Matrix Level-11 (₹67,700-2,08,700/-) with effect from 06.02.2023 in terms to Ministry of Education letter no. 1-32/2006-U.I(ii) dated 31st December 2008

The Executive Council ratified the action for the Vice-Chancellor for placing Shri. Sonam Wangchuk in the next higher Pay Matrix Level-11.

EC 45.3.5: Application of Dr. Surendra Kumar for extension of lien

The Executive Council noted that in its 42nd meeting held on 26.04.2023, the request of Dr. Surendra Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Music was accepted to be relieved on lien w.e.f. 03.03.2023 to join as Associate Professor at University of Allahabad, Prayagraj.

The Council also noted that Dr. Surendra Kumar requested for extension of lien for 2 years w.e.f. 02.09.2023. The Vice-Chancellor accepted the request and granted an extension of lien for a period of six months w.e.f. 02.09.2023. Upon completion of the six months he again applied for extension of lien and was granted extension for a further period of six

months w.e.f. 03.03.2024, subject to ratification by the Executive Council.

The Executive Council ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor in granting extension of lien to Dr. Surendra Kumar.

SECTION-4

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL

EC 46.4.1: Annual Report 2023-24

The Executive Council noted the draft of the 17th Annual Report 2023-24 placed before the Executive Council and approved the same to be placed before the Parliament.

EC 46.4.2: Completion of probation period of teachers

The Executive Council accepted the confirmation of service on completion of probation for the following faculty member w.e.f. the date following the day of completion of their probation:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Department	Date of joining	Date of Completion of Probation
1	Prof. Vikram Gupta	Professor	Geology	03.08.2023	02.08.2024
2	Dr. Manisha Subba	Assistant Professor	Education	05.07.2023	04.07.2024
3	Dr. Arnab Banerjee	Assistant Professor	Zoology	13.07.2023	12.07.2024

EC 46.4.3: Application of Dr. Krishna Murari for extension of lien

The Executive Council noted that Dr. Krishna Murari, Associate Professor, Department of Management was relieved on lien to join as Associate Professor at Bahasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow w.e.f. 31.05.2024 and was granted extension of lien upto 30.11.2024.

The Executive Council accepted the request of grant of extension of lien of Dr. Krishna Murari for a further period of six months w.e.f. 01.12.2024 under the provisions of lien policy of the University subject to condition that he has not been confirmed to his present position at Bahasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow not exceeding total period of two years as per the provisions of the lien policy.

EC 46.4.4: Application of Dr. Gadde Omprasad for extension of lien

The Executive Council noted the request of Dr. Gadde Omprasad, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science for grant of extension of lien for period of six months.

Based on the lien policy of the University, the Executive Council accepted his request of extension of lien for a period of six months w.e.f. 10.01.2025 till such time his confirmation at his present position at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi whichever is earlier.

EC 46.4.5: Application of Dr. Sebastian N. for extension of lien

The Executive Council noted the request of Dr. Sebastian N., Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations for grant of extension of lien for period of six months.

Based on the lien policy of the University the Executive Council accepted his request of extension of lien for a period of six months w.e.f. 05.12.2024 till such time his confirmation at his present position at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi whichever is earlier.

EC 46.4.6: Extension of Dr. Surendra Kumar for extension of lien

The Executive Council noted the request of Dr. Surendra Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Music for grant of extension of lien for period of six months.

Based on the lien policy of the University the Executive Council accepted his request of extension of lien for a period of six months w.e.f. 03.09.2024 till such time his confirmation at his present position at University of Allahabad, Prayagraj whichever is earlier.

EC 46.4.7: Complaint against Prof. Ambika Dhaka

The Executive Council noted the action taken by the University against the complaint received against Prof. Ambika Dhaka, Professor in Department of History, SU vide OM No. F. No. C33011/01/2024.Vig dated 22.02.2024 forwarded by the Vigilance Section, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education.

The Executive Council noted the latest communication from the Vigilance Section, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education dated 25.09.2024.

Since the allegations were not found true as no allegations could be established against Prof. Dhaka, the Executive Council decided to lift her probation and to restore her position as Head.

SECTION-5
MINUTES OF AUTHORITIES/COMMITTEES

EC 46.5.1: Minutes of the 40th meeting of the Finance Council held on 22nd November 2024

1. Approval for adoption of Audited Annual Accounts and Separate Audit Report (SAR) for the F.Y. 2023-24 for placement before both Houses of Parliament through the Ministry.
2. Submission of Revised Budget Estimates for F.Y. 2024-25 and Budget Estimates for F.Y. 2025-26 (Salary, Recurring & Capital Assets).
3. Submission of realistic requirement of fund amounting of Rs.153.18 Crore for the FY 2024-25 (till December, 2024) for construction of SU Campus at Yangang and present demand for release of Rs.93.18 Crores to meet the upcoming bills of the Contractor.
4. Other observation of CAG during the conduction of Certification Audit for the Financial Year 2023-24.
5. Minutes of the 18 meeting of the Building Committee held on 25th October, 2024.

SECTION-6
ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

EC 46.6.1: Completion of probation period of Dr. Nipun Chaudhary

While confirming the minutes of the 45th meeting of the Executive Council held on 30.07.2024, the Executive Council with respect to item no. EC 45.4.8 on completion of probation period of Dr. Nipun Chaudhary, authorized the Vice-Chancellor to take necessary action as deemed fit on submission of the report of the committee and report the same to the Executive Council.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sd/-
(Prof. Laxuman Sharma)
Registrar (In-charge) & Secretary
Executive Council

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(Prof. Jyoti Prakash Tamang)
Vice-Chancellor (Off.) & Chairman
Executive Council