OFFICE OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

MORIGAON COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

MORIGAON, ASSAM

Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Academic Council, Morigaon College (Autonomous) held online on 21 August, 2026 at 2:00 pm via googlemeet https://meet.google.com/mne-azjq-tyt

Members Present in the Meeting:

Sl. No	Name & Designation	Portfolio	Remarks
1.	Dr. Lila Kanta Barthakur Principal Morigaon College Autonomous	Chairperson Academic Council	Attended online
2.	Prof. Krishna Gopal Bhattacharyya Dept. of Chemistry Assam Downtown University & Former Director UGC-ASC Gauhati University	GB's Nominee	Attended online
3.	Prof. Arup Kumar Misra Chairman Assam Pollution Control Board	GB's Nominee	Attended Online
4.	Dr. Dibyajyoti Mahanta Chairman, Eastern Regional Center (ERC). NCTE	GB's Nominee	Attended online
5.	Prof. Prasanta Sharma HoD Department of Commerce Gauhati University	VC's Nominee	Attended Online
6.	Prof. Madhurjya Prasad Bora Dept. of Physics Gauhati University	VC's Nominee	Attended online
7.	Prof. Barnali Sarma Department of History Gauhati University	VC's Nominee	Attended online
8.	Dr. Parag Jyoti Mahanta Assistant Prof. Department of Economics	Principal's Nominee	Attended Online

9.	Mr. Prafulla Kumar Bora Assistant Professor Dept. of Mathematics	Principal's Nominee	Attended online
10.	Dr. Sanjib Hussain Thakuria Associate Prof. Dept. of Philosophy	Principal's Nominee	Attended online
11.	Dr. Hemanta Kumar Nath Associate Prof. Dept. of Geography	Controller of Examinations Morigaon College (Autonomous)	Attended online
12.	Dr. Saradashree Choudhury Assistant Prof. Dept. of English	Member Secretary, Academic Council	Attended online
13.	Dr. Samutjal Saikia Head Department of Assamese	Member	Attended online
14.	Dr. Nilofar Jasmin Head Dept. of Anthropology	Member	Attended online
15.	Ms. Prashasti Bhattacharjee Head Dept. of Business Management	Member	Attended online
16.	Dr. Pranjeet Das Head Dept. of Banking/ Finance	Member	Attended online
17.	Mr. Trideep Chetia Head Dept. of Botany	Member	Attended online
18.	Dr. Swagata Baruah Head Dept. Of Chemistry	Member	Attended online
18.	Dr. Diganta Kumar Nath Head Dept. of English	Member	Attended online
19.	Mr. Agustin Terang Head Dept. of Education	Member	Attended online
20.	Dr. Pranab Jyoti Sarma Head Dept. of Geography	Member	Attended online
21.	Ms. Suman Das Head Dept. History	Member	Attended online
22.	Ms. Upashana Gogoi Head Dept. of Mathematics	Member	Attended online
23.	Dr. Nilamani Phukan Head	Member	Attended online

	Dept. of Philosophy		
24.	Dr. Abdul Quium Osmani Head Dept of Zoology	Member	Attended online

Members Absent in the meeting:

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1.	Mr. P. K. Poddar Advocate Guwahati High Court Guwahati	GB's Nominee	Absent
2.	Mr. Ranjib Sarma Chairman Sitajakhala Dugdha Utpadak Somobaie Somiti Ltd.	GB's Nominee	Absent
3.	Dr. Ajit Konwar Coordinator IQAC Morigaon College (Autonomous)	Principal's Nominee	Absent
4.	Dr. Mriganka Shekhar Pathak Head Dept. of Accountancy	Member	Absent
5.	Ms. Nabanika Sarkar Head Dept. of Computer Application	Member	Absent
6.	Dr. Chandan Sharma Head Dept. of Economics	Member	Absent
7.	Dr. Chayanika Saikia Head Dept of Hindi	Member	Absent
8.	Mr. Babul Talukdar Head Department of Physics	Member	Absent
9.	Dr. Achyut Kumar Das Head Dept. of Political Science	Member	Absent

The online meeting started at 2:00 pm sharp. The Member Secretary of the Academic Council, Dr. Saradashree Choudhury, extended a warm welcome to all members and requested the Honourable Chairperson of the Academic Council, Dr. Lila Kanta Barthakur, Principal, Morigaon College (Autonomous), to chair the online meeting. For initiating the proceedings, the Member Secretary handed over the **Agenda** of the Meeting to the Chairperson, containing the following items:

1. Taking of the Chair.

2. Statement of the Objectives of the meeting.
3. Approval of the minutes of the 3rd Academic Council meeting held on 23/3/2026 & reading of Action Taken Report.
4. Approval of BoS-approved FYUGP Syllabi of Semester 3 & 4.
5. Approval of BoS-approved PG Syllabi of Semester 1 & 2 (English, Assamese, Political Science, Commerce) and BoS-approved PG syllabi of Semester 3 & 4 (Geography & Zoology).
6. Framing of Ph.D. rules and regulations of Morigaon College (Autonomous).
7. Others.

After taking the Chair, the Chairperson welcomed all the members and apprised the Council on the importance of the Agenda. He asked the Member Secretary to state the Objectives of the Meeting and brief the Council on the vital issues. The Member Secretary informed that the Board of Studies (BoS) of the Departments were working assiduously to prepare the syllabi of the UG and PG courses. She pointed out that some items in the Agenda were related to syllabus approval, and thereby acknowledged the contribution of the Boards in the functioning of the College as an Autonomous Institution. She also informed that the College was keen to boost its research work and that the parent University has been offering steady support in this matter by encouraging the constitution and formation of a "Research Council of Morigaon College (Autonomous)". She expressed hopes that each item on the Agenda would be discussed threadbare in the meeting so that the best decision could be implemented in the interest of the College. Following the statement of the objectives, the Chairperson thanked the Member Secretary and placed the 3rd item on the Agenda for discussion and approval.

Item No. 3: Approval of the minutes of the 3rd Academic Council meeting held on 23/3/2026 & reading of Action Taken Report.

The Member Secretary apprised that the minutes of the 3rd meeting had been circulated to all the Honourable members of the Academic Council for perusal and feedback. Subsequent to receiving feedback from some of the Honourable members, the minutes were finalized for implementation in the academic matters of the College. She also informed that the Action Taken Report based on the minutes of the 3rd meeting was prepared and sent to all the members for perusal. The Chairperson requested the Council to offer comments and feedback on the Action Taken Report and raise queries, if any. The members perused the ATR and expressed satisfaction with the actions taken against the Resolutions of the 3rd meeting. The Council decided that the Minutes of the 3rd meeting as well as its Action Taken Report be approved by the Council.

Resolution No. 1: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Academic Council and the Action Taken Report on the same be approved in today's meeting and the Member Secretary be asked to take necessary steps for uploading the same on the website of the College.

Item No. 4: Approval of BoS-approved FYUGP Syllabi of Semester 3 & 4.

The Member Secretary apprised the house that the Academic Council had already approved the FYUGP Syllabi for Sem 1 & 2 as prepared by the Board of Studies of each department, in its second meeting held on 22 January, 2026, vide Resolution No. 3(a). Further, to maintain the momentum, the Council had resolved vide Resolution No. 3 (b) in its meeting dated, 22 January, 2026 that the FYUGP syllabi of Semester 3 & 4 be prepared by the Board of Studies and submitted to the Council for further approval. In keeping with this Resolution of the Council, the Boards had accordingly prepared the syllabi, which were now awaiting the Council's approval. The Chairperson announced that he was pleased to place the BoS-approved FYUGP syllabi for Semester 3 and 4 for necessary approval of the Honourable Council. The Honourable members discussed the matter and unanimously decided that as the subject experts of the Boards of Studies have thoroughly scrutinized and framed the syllabi, the same could be approved by the Council in this meeting, enabling the college to take the necessary steps for their implementation.

The Chairperson informed the house that since the syllabi were prepared in a phased manner, the Departments need to gear up next for framing the syllabi of FYUGP Semester 5 and 6. The Council approved of the opinion of the Chairperson and decided that all the Departments of Morigaon College (Autonomous) would prepare and submit the BoS-approved syllabi of Semester 5 and 6 to the Chairperson/Member Secretary by November, 2026, for onward submission to the Academic Council in its subsequent meeting.

Resolution No. 2 (a): Be it resolved that the Semester 3 & Semester 4 syllabi of all FYUG Programs offered by Morigaon College (Autonomous) be approved by the Academic Council. Be it also resolved that the newly framed syllabi for Semester 3 & 4 be implemented by the College, keeping in tune with the spirit of autonomy conferred upon it.

Resolution No. 2 (b): Be it resolved that the BoS-approved syllabi of Semester 5 & 6 of all FYUG Programmes be submitted by the respective departments to the Chairperson/Member Secretary by November 2026, for onward submission to the Academic Council in its subsequent meeting for necessary approval.

Item No. 5: Approval of BoS-approved PG Syllabi of Semester 1 & 2 (English, Assamese, Political Science, Commerce) and BoS-approved PG syllabi of Semester 3 & 4 (Geography & Zoology).

The Member Secretary apprised the house that as per Resolution No. 8 of the Council's meeting dated 22 January, 2026, the Departments of Assamese, English, Political Science and Commerce were required to submit the BoS-approved PG syllabi of Semester 1 & 2, so that the same could be implemented from the academic session 2026-27. She further stated that in keeping with the Council's Resolution, the said departments had duly submitted the syllabi for PG 1st and 2nd semesters and the same were circulated via email to the honourable members for perusal.

Honourable member, Prof. Madhurjya Prasad Bora voiced concerns over the available number of teaching faculty in these Departments. He expressed that the faculty strength of the departments introducing PG classes from the session 2026-27 is insufficient and needs to be increased to ensure smooth running of all the programmes offered by these departments. Honourable member, Prof. Krishna Gopal Bhattacharyya, opined that the issue of faculty shortage in any of the Departments of the College would be addressed by the Governing Body, which is vested with discretionary powers to redress the administrative gaps, if any. Thereafter, the Chairperson requested the Council to present

their opinion on the prepared syllabi, whereupon the members reiterated the opinion that, since the PG syllabi too have been prepared under the supervision of the Boards of Studies, the same could be approved by the Council in this meeting. The Chairperson congratulated the aforementioned Departments upon preparation of PG syllabi and the opening of PG classes and urged them further to prepare the syllabi of PG 3rd and 4th semester by November 2026, so that it could be placed in the subsequent meeting of the Academic Council.

The Member Secretary thereafter informed the house that the Departments of Zoology and Geography, which were already running PG Courses, had submitted the BoS-approved syllabi for Semesters 3 & 4 for approval by the Council. The members decided to approve the prepared syllabi.

Resolution No. 3 (a): Be it resolved that the BoS-approved PG syllabi for Semester 1 & 2 of the Departments of Assamese, English, Political Science and Commerce be approved by the Academic Council and recommended for implementation in PG classes from the session 2026-27.

Resolution No. 3 (b): Be it resolved that the BoS-approved PG syllabi for Semester 3 & 4 be submitted by the Departments of Assamese, English, Political Science and Commerce to the Chairperson/Member Secretary by November 2026, for onward submission to the Academic Council in its subsequent meeting for necessary approval.

Resolution No. 3 (c): It is hereby resolved that the BoS-approved PG syllabi for Semester 3 & 4 of the Departments of Geography and Zoology be approved by the Academic Council for implementation in the respective PG classes.

Item No. 6: Framing of Ph.D. rules and regulations of Morigaon College (Autonomous).

The Chairperson apprised the Council that as per section 10.3 of the UGC Notification F. No. 1-18/2021 (CPP-II) dated 03 April, 2023, the Honourable Vice Chancellor of Gauhati University has approved the panel of VC's nominee to the Research Advisory Council of Morigaon College (Autonomous). He also informed the house that the panel of Experts beyond the Parent University and the panel of members from Morigaon College have been sent to the office of the Registrar, Gauhati University, and the approval is awaited. He apprised the house that the formation of the Research Advisory Council in an Autonomous College is vital in ensuring a dynamic research culture in the Institution. He urged the house to discuss the procedures for framing the Ph.D. rules and regulations for Morigaon College (Autonomous). The members deliberated on the matter threadbare and decided to postpone the framing of Ph.D. rules and regulations till the approved body of the Research Advisory Council of Morigaon College (Autonomous) is received from the Office of the Registrar, Gauhati University.

Resolution No. 4: It is hereby resolved that the Ph.D. rules and regulations of Morigaon College (Autonomous) would be framed upon receiving the official notification of formation of the "Research Advisory Council, Morigaon College (Autonomous)" as approved by the Office of the Registrar, Gauhati University.

Item No. 7: Others.

Raising the last item on the Agenda, the Chairperson apprised the House that the BoS of Integrated Teachers' Education Programme (ITEP) has been partially constituted. Whereas the VC's nominee and the Principal's nominee have already been appointed by the corresponding authorities, the Subject Experts beyond the Parent University were yet to be nominated by the Academic Council. The

Chairperson requested honourable member, Dr. Dibyajyoti Mahanta, Chairperson of ERC, National Council for Teachers' Education, to put forward his suggestions in nominating the subject experts. After detailed considerations and deliberations, the Council decided to nominate the following persons, for a period of three years, as Subject Experts beyond the parent University to the Board of Studies of ITEP, Morigaon College (Autonomous):

- Dr. Tribeni Saikia
  Associate Professor and Head
  Department of Education
  Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya, Nagaon, Assam

- Dr. Prasanta Khanikar
  Associate Professor & Head,
  Department of Education
  Nagaon University, Assam

Resolution No. 5: It is resolved that the following Subject Experts be nominated by the Academic Council to the Board of Studies of ITEP, Morigaon College (Autonomous) for a period of three years from the session 2026-27 to 2028-29.

SL No.	Name & Designation	Portfolio	Sector/ Remarks
01	Dr. Tribeni Saikia Associate Professor and Head, Department of Education, Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya (MSSV), Nagaon	Member	Subject Expert beyond the Parent University and Nominee of the Academic Council
02.	Dr. Prasanta Khanikar Associate Professor and Head Department of Education Nagaon University, Nagaon	Member	Subject Expert beyond the Parent University and Nominee of the Academic Council

As all the items on the Agenda were discussed and deliberated upon, the Chairperson thanked the members of the Council for bearing the torch in the path of academic progress of the Institution and formally concluded the meeting.

(Dr. Lila Kanta Barthakur)
Chairperson
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