



VINAYAKA MISSIONS SIKKIM UNIVERSITY
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[Established under the provisions of section 4(2) of
Vinayaka Missions Sikkim University, Sikkim Act (Act 11 of 2008)
Vide Notification of the Government of Sikkim
No.GOS/DTE/2006/VI(24)/321, dated 29th August 2009]

FIRST STATUTES

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 27 of Vinayaka Missions Sikkim University, Sikkim Act, Act 11 of 2008, the Board of Governors hereby makes the following Statutes, namely:-

1.0	Short title, extent and commencement	<p>(1) These statutes may be called “The First Statutes” of Vinayaka Missions Sikkim University, Sikkim, 2009.</p> <p>(2) The first statutes are applicable to Vinayaka Missions Sikkim University, Sikkim and any matter relating to or and incidental thereto.</p> <p>(3) They shall come into force at the date of their framing by the Board of Governors.</p> <p>(4) The registered office of Vinayaka Missions Sikkim University, Sikkim shall be situated in a leased facility until the permanent campus is established, the registered office will be at Plot Number 438, NH-31A, Sang Phatak Road, Middle Tadong, P.O. Daragaon, East Sikkim. Pincode – 737102.</p>
2.0	Definitions	<p>(a) “Act” means, Vinayaka Missions Sikkim University, Sikkim Act 11 of 2008;</p> <p>(b) “Academic Year” means the period from June 1 of any year to May 31 of the following year;</p> <p>(c) “Ad-hoc Committee” means a committee constituted under the Section 15.0 of the First Statutes;</p> <p>(d) “Affiliation” means and includes recognition of colleges, association of colleges located in or outside Sikkim, and admission of such colleges under the University for the purpose of conducting the educational and professional programs of the University;</p> <p>(e) “Authorities” mean authorities mentioned under Section 20 of the Act;</p> <p>(f) “Academic Council” means the Academic Council constituted under section 23 of the Act and under Section 13.1 of the First Statutes;</p> <p>(g) “Board” means the Board of Governors of the University constituted under Section 21 of the Act and under section 11 of the first statutes;</p> <p>(h) “Chancellor” means the Chancellor of the University as mentioned in section 13 of the Act and section 6.0 of the First Statutes;</p> <p>(i) “Committee” means all committees constituted under Sections 14.0, 15.0, 16.0 & 17.0 of the First Statutes;</p> <p>(j) “Course” includes programs and courses of studies imparted in the classroom framework and also in the distance mode;</p> <p>(k) “Distance Education” includes the education/course/ programs provided to students on campus or off campus or off shore campus or Distance Education mode;</p> <p>(l) “Endowment Fund” means the fund established under Section 41 of the Act and Section 21.0 of the First Statutes;</p> <p>(m) “General Fund” means the fund established under Section 42 of the Act and Section 22.0 of the First Statutes;</p> <p>(n) “Development Fund” means the fund established under Section 43 of</p>



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		<p>the Act and Section 23.0 of the First Statutes;</p> <p>(o) “Financial Year” means the period commencing on the 1st April of any year and ending with 31st March of the following year;</p> <p>(p) “Finance Committee” means the Finance Committee constituted under Section 24 of the Act and Section 15.0 of the First Statutes;</p> <p>(q) “Government” means the Government of the State of Sikkim;</p> <p>(r) He includes She and His includes Her;</p> <p>(s) “Institute or College or School” means any institute constituted as part of the University to deal in different disciplines, located within or outside the state of Sikkim;</p> <p>(t) “Manual of Instructions” includes all rules, procedures, instructions and systems laid down by various committees, Boards, authorities, Officers of the University for the purpose of smoothly conducting the business of the University;</p> <p>(u) “Rules” mean the Rules made under section 30 of the Act;</p> <p>(v) “States” means the States of India formulated under the relevant legislation of the Parliament;</p> <p>(w) “Statutes” means the Statutes made under Section 27 of the Act and includes the amendments, alternations and modifications of the Statutes made under Section 29 of the Act;</p> <p>(x) “Sponsor” means Thirumuruga Kirupananda Variyar Thavathiru Sundara Swamigal Medical Education and Charitable Trust, Salem, TamilNadu;</p> <p>(y) “Student” means a student of the University and includes any person who is enrolled to pursue any Program or Course of study of the University;</p> <p>(z) “Staff” means the teaching and non-teaching employees of the University who are on direct permanent payroll of the University and does not include any casual, temporary, contractual, ad-hoc employees or visiting persons who may be engaged for a specific assignment or task;</p> <p>(aa) “University” means Vinayaka Missions Sikkim University, Sikkim established under Section 4(2) of the Act 11 of 2008 and will have the same meaning as stated in Section 2(f) of University Grants Commission Act, 1956;</p> <p>(bb) “Vice-Chancellor” means the Vice-chancellor of the University appointed within the meaning of section 15 of the Act and Section 8.0 of the First Statutes;</p> <p>(cc) “Visitor” means the Visitor as defined under Section 12(1) of the Act;</p>
3.0	Objects of the University	<p>The objectives for which the University is established are as follows:</p> <p>(a) To provide instruction, teaching, training and research in Medical, Dental, Homoeopathy, Naturopathy, Nursing, Paramedical, Engineering, Management, Arts and Science, Education, Law, Agriculture, Physical Education, Veterinary Science, Fashion Technology, Vocational and allied courses and related subjects and make provisions for research, advancement and dissemination of knowledge therein ;</p> <p>(b) to establish a campus in the State of Sikkim, and to have study centres, campuses and examination centres at different places in India and abroad;</p> <p>(c) to offer continuing and distance education programs;</p> <p>(d) to institute degrees, diplomas, charters, certificates and other academic</p>



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		<p>distinctions on the basis of examination, or any other method of evaluation;</p> <p>(e) to collaborate with other colleges or universities, research institutions, industry associations, professional associations in India or abroad, to conceptualize, design and develop specific educational and research programs, training programs and exchange programs for students, faculty members and others ;</p> <p>(f) to disseminate knowledge through seminars, conferences, executive education programs, community development programs, publications, and training programs;</p> <p>(g) to undertake programs for the training and development of faculty members of the University and other institutions in India or abroad;</p> <p>(h) to undertake collaborative research with any organization in India or abroad;</p> <p>(i) to create higher levels of intellectual abilities;</p> <p>(j) to provide consultancy to industry, Government and Public Organization;</p> <p>(k) to ensure that the standard of the degrees, diplomas, charters, certificates and other academic distinctions are not lower than those laid down by University Grants Commission (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Bar Council of India (BCI), the Distance Education Council (DEC), the Dental Council of India (DCI), the Indian Nursing Council (INC), the Medical Council of India (MCI), the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) and the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) and other National Accreditation bodies;</p> <p>(l) to do all things necessary or expedient to promote the above objectives;</p> <p>(m) to pursue any other objective as may be approved by the State Government.</p>
4.0	Powers of the University	<p>Subject to provisions of the Act, the Statutes or rules made thereunder or any other relevant laws for the time being in force, the University shall have the following powers, namely :-</p> <p>(a) to establish, maintain and recognize such Regional Centres and Study Centres as may be determined by the University from time to time in the manner laid down by the statutes;</p> <p>(b) to carry out all such other activities as may be necessary or feasible in furtherance of the object of the University;</p> <p>(c) to confer degrees, diplomas, charters, certificates or other academic distinctions and professional designations Capacity Building Programs, Doctorate Programs and Designation in the manner and under conditions laid down in the Statutes;</p> <p>(d) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships and prizes etc. in accordance with the Statutes;</p> <p>(e) to demand and receive such fees, bills, invoices and collect charges as may be fixed by the Statutes or rules, as the case may be;</p> <p>(f) to make provisions for extra curricular activities for students and employees;</p> <p>(g) to make appointments of the staff, officers and employees of the University or a constituent college, affiliated colleges, Regional Centres, Study Centres located in India and abroad;</p> <p>(h) to receive donations and gifts of any kind and to acquire, hold, manage, maintain and dispose off any movable or immovable property, including trust and endowment properties for the purpose of the</p>



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		<p>University or a constituent college, or a Regional Centre, Study Centre;</p> <p>(i) to institute and maintain halls and to recognize places of residence for Students of the University or a constituent college at the main campus and other campuses in India and abroad;</p> <p>(j) to supervise and control the residence, and to regulate the discipline among the students and all categories of employees and to lay down the conditions of service of such employees, including their Code of Conduct;</p> <p>(k) to create Academic, Administrative and support staff and other necessary posts;</p> <p>(l) to co-operate and collaborate with other Universities and Institutions in such a manner and for such purposes as the University may determine from time to time;</p> <p>(m) to offer programs on distance learning basis and continuing education and the manner in which such programs are offered by the University;</p> <p>(n) to organize and conduct refresher courses, orientation courses, workshops, seminars and other programs for teachers, developers of courseware, evaluators and other academic staff;</p> <p>(o) to determine standards of admission to the University or a constituent colleges, affiliated colleges, Regional Centres, Study Centres with the approval of Academic Council;</p> <p>(p) to make special provision for students belonging to the State of Sikkim for admission in any course of the University or in a Constituent College, affiliated college, Regional Centre or Study Centre;</p> <p>(q) To establish job oriented Vocational Courses to facilitate the masses and solve unemployment;</p> <p>(r) to do all such other acts or things whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not, as may be necessary to further the objects of the University;</p> <p>(s) to prescribe such courses for Bachelor Degree, Master Degree, Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Science Degrees and Research and other Degrees, Diplomas, Charters, Certificates etc.;</p> <p>(t) to provide for the preparation of instructional materials, including films, cassettes, tapes, video cassettes, CD, VCD and other software;</p> <p>(u) to recognize examinations or periods of study (whether in full or in part) of other Universities, Institutions or other places of Higher learning as equivalent to examinations or periods of study in the University and to withdraw such recognition at any time;</p> <p>(v) to raise, collect, subscribe and borrow with the approval of the Board of Governors whether on the security of the property of the University, money for the purposes of the University;</p> <p>(w) to enter into, carry out, vary or cancel contracts.</p> <p>(x) to do all things necessary or expedient to exercise the above powers.</p>
5.0	The Powers of Visitor	<p>(1) The Governor of Sikkim will be the Visitor of the University.</p> <p>(2) The Visitor shall, when present, preside at the Convocation of the University for conferring Degrees, Diplomas, Charters, Designations and Certificates.</p> <p>(3) The Visitor shall have the following powers to be exercised in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Statutes, namely:</p> <p>(a) to call for any paper or information relating to the affairs of the University;</p>



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		<p>(b) On the basis of the information received by the Visitor, if he is satisfied that any order, proceeding, or decision taken by any authority of the University is not in conformity with the Act, Statutes or Rules, he may issue such directions as he may deem fit in the interest of the University and the directions so issued shall be complied with by all concerned.</p>
6.0	<p>Appointment and Powers of the Chancellor</p>	<p>(1) The Chancellor shall be appointed by the Sponsor with the prior approval of the Visitor.</p> <p>(2) The term of the office of the Chancellor shall be five years, and he may be reappointed for a second term at the pleasure of the Sponsor with the approval of the Visitor.</p> <p>(3) The Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the Board of Governors and the Head of the University.</p> <p>(4) The Chancellor shall preside at the meeting of the Board of Governors and shall, when the Visitor is not present, preside at the convocation of the University for conferring degrees, diplomas, Charters, Designations or Certificates.</p> <p>(5) The Chancellor shall have the following powers:</p> <p>(a) To call for any information or record;</p> <p>(b) To appoint and to remove the Pro-Chancellors;</p> <p>(c) To appoint and to remove the Vice-Chancellor;</p> <p>(i) Such other powers as may be conferred on him by this Act or the Statutes made thereunder.</p> <p>(6) If in the opinion of the Sponsor, the actions of the Chancellor are found to be in any way detrimental to the interests of the University, the Sponsor shall appoint such other person as may be found appropriate in the position of Chancellor to succeed the person so acting after proper enquiry; provided that, the Sponsor shall seek the prior approval of the Visitor before appointing such other person as the Chancellor. The Sponsor may stipulate the date from which such other person shall assume the office of the Chancellor.</p> <p>(7) The Sponsor may from time to time decide on the honorarium and/or the pay and/or allowances to be paid to the Chancellor and/or perquisites to be provided to the Chancellor.</p> <p>(8) The office of the Chancellor may be located anywhere in India or overseas.</p>
7.0	<p>Appointment and Powers of Pro-Chancellor (Administration and Academics)</p>	<p>(1) The sponsor shall appoint two Pro-Chancellors of the University viz. Pro-Chancellor (Administration) and Pro-Chancellor (Academic)</p> <p>(2) The Pro-Chancellor so appointed shall hold the office for a period of five years.</p> <p>(3) The Pro-Chancellor shall preside at the meeting of the Board of Governors when the Chancellor is not present and shall, when the Visitor or Chancellor is not present, preside at the convocation of the University for conferring degrees, diplomas, Charters, Designations or Certificates.</p> <p>(4) The Pro-Chancellor (Administration) shall have following powers.</p> <p>a. To call for any information related to the entire administration of the University.</p>



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		<p>b. Such other powers as may be conferred on him by this Act or the Statutes made thereunder;</p> <p>(5) The Pro-Chancellor (Academic) shall have following powers.</p> <p>a. To call for any information related to the entire Academic including research proceedings of the University.</p> <p>b. Such other powers as may be conferred on him by this Act or the Statutes made thereunder</p> <p>(6) The Chancellor is empowered to remove the Pro-Chancellor.</p>
8.0	Appointment, Powers and Responsibilities of the Vice-Chancellor	<p>(1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes for a term of five years by the Chancellor.</p> <p>(2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor from a panel of three persons recommended by the Board of Governors and shall hold office for a term of five years. Provided that, after expiration of the term of five years, the Vice-Chancellor shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term not exceeding five years.</p> <p>(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Principal executive for administration and academic head of the University and shall exercise general supervision and control over the affairs of the University and give effect to the decisions of the authorities of the University.</p> <p>(4) The Vice-Chancellor shall draw such salary, allowances and be entitled for such perquisites which shall be decided by the Board of Management.</p> <p>(5) If in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor it is necessary to take immediate action on any matter for which powers are conferred on any other authority by or under this Act, he may take such action as he deems necessary and shall at the earliest opportunity thereafter report his action to such officers or authority as would have in the ordinary course dealt with the matter :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided that if in the opinion of the concerned authority such action should not have been taken by the Vice-Chancellor, then such case shall be referred to the Chancellor, whose decision thereon shall be final ; • Provided further that where any such action taken by the Vice-Chancellor affects any person in the service of the University, such person shall be entitled to prefer, within three months from the date on which such action is communicated to him, an appeal to the Board of Governors and the Board of Governors may confirm or modify or reverse the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor. <p>(6) If in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor any decision of any authority of the University is outside the powers conferred by this Act, Statutes or is likely to be prejudicial to the interest of the University, he shall request the concerned authority to revise its decision within seven days from the date of his decision and in case the authority refuses to revise such decision wholly or partly or fails to take any decision within seven days, then such matter shall be referred to the Chancellor and his decision thereon shall be final.</p> <p>(7) The Vice-Chancellor shall exercise such other powers and perform</p>



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		<p>such other duties as may be laid down by the Statutes or the rules.</p> <p>(8) The Vice-Chancellor shall preside at the convocation of the University in the absence of the Visitor, the Chancellor and the Pro-Chancellors, for conferring degrees, diplomas, Charters, Designations or Certificates.</p> <p>(9) The Chancellor is empowered to enquire the complaints against the Vice-Chancellor by a Committee. The Chancellor can remove the Vice-Chancellor based on committee recommendation. It will be open to the Chancellor to suspend the Vice-Chancellor during enquiry depending upon the seriousness of the charges, as he may deem fit. The Vice-Chancellor can appeal to the recommendation made by the committee to the Chancellor and subsequent decision taken by the Chancellor is final.</p>
9.0	Appointment, Powers and Responsibilities of the Registrar	<p>(1) The Registrar shall be appointed by the Chancellor, based on the recommendation of the Selection Committee appointed for the purpose.</p> <p>(2) The Selection Committee shall consist of the following members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) One representative of the Chancellor ; (b) One representative of the Sponsor who is also a member of the Board of Governors ; <p>(3) The term of office of the Registrar shall be as mentioned in the order of his appointment by the Chancellor.</p> <p>(4) The Registrar shall have such qualifications and experience as may be prescribed by the Board of Management from time to time.</p> <p>(5) The Registrar shall draw such salary, allowances and be entitled for such perquisites which shall be decided by the Board of Management.</p> <p>(6) The Registrar shall undertake such functions as may be specified by the Board of Governors or the Board of Management or the Vice-Chancellor.</p> <p>(7) The Registrar shall be the ex-officio Secretary of the Board of Governors, Board of Management, the Academic Council and such other authorities and bodies as may be constituted by or under the Act or the Statutes or the Rules.</p> <p>(8) All contracts shall be signed and all documents and records shall be authenticated by the Registrar on behalf of the University;</p> <p>(9) The Registrar shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed or may be required from time to time, by the Board of Governors;</p> <p>(10) The Registrar shall be responsible for the due custody of the records and the common seal of the University and shall be bound to place before the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor(s), the Vice-Chancellor or any other authority, all such information and documents as may be necessary for transaction of their business.</p> <p>(11) The Registrar shall report to the Vice-Chancellor.</p> <p>(12) The following shall be the duties of the Registrar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) to be the custodian of the records, common seal and such other property of the University as the Board of Governors or the Board of Management, shall commit to his charge; (b) to conduct the official correspondence on behalf of the authorities of the University ; (c) to make Agenda and issue Notices of meetings of the authorities

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		<p>of the University and all committees and sub-committees appointed by any of these authorities with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor ;</p> <p>(d) to keep the minutes of the meetings of all the authorities of the University and all the committees and sub-committees appointed by any of these authorities and circulate the same among the members, with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor ;</p> <p>(e) to represent the University in suits or proceedings by or against the University, sign powers of attorney and plead in such cases or depute his representatives for this purpose ;</p> <p>(f) to enter into agreements, contracts on behalf of the University and make amendments and alterations in the terms of such agreements or contracts as may be directed by the Board of Management ;</p> <p>(g) to sign documents and authenticate records on behalf of the University ;</p> <p>(h) to submit information, reports and documents to the Government and conduct liaison with the State Government, Central Government, University Grants Commission and other Government authorities ;</p> <p>(i) to generally supervise the administrative functions of the University ;</p> <p>(j) to collect all income and disburse the same for the purposes of the University as sanctioned by the Vice-Chancellor ;</p> <p>(k) to perform such other duties as may be specified by the Board of Management or the Vice-Chancellor from time to time ;</p>
10.0	Appointment, powers and responsibilities of the Finance Officer	<p>(1) The Finance Officer shall be appointed by the Board of Governors based on the recommendation of the selection committee appointed for the purpose.</p> <p>(2) The selection committee shall consist of :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Chancellor One representative of the Vice-Chancellor. One representative of the Sponsor who is also a member of the Board of Governors <p>(3) The Finance Officer shall have such qualifications and experience as may be prescribed by the Board of Management from time to time.</p> <p>(4) The Finance Officer shall draw such salary, allowances and be entitled for such perquisites which shall be decided by the Board of Management.</p> <p>(5) The term of office and the terms of appointment of the Finance Officer shall be prescribed by the Board of governors or as the case may be by the Chancellor.</p> <p>(6) The Chancellor may appoint a person to officiate as the Finance Officer in the event of temporary absence of the Finance Officer.</p> <p>(7) The Finance Officer shall exercise general supervision over the funds of the University and shall have such powers and responsibilities as may be delegated or assigned to him by the Board of Management.</p> <p>(8) The Finance Officer shall report to the Vice Chancellor.</p>
11.0	The Board of Governors	The Board of Governors shall be the Supreme authority and Principal Governing Body of the University.



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	Constitution of the Board of Governors	<p>(1) The Board of Governors shall consist of the following members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">The Chancellor – ChairmanThe Pro-Chancellor (Administration)The Pro-Chancellor (Academics)The Vice-ChancellorA nominee of the UGCThree persons nominated by the sponsorOne representative of the State GovernmentTwo persons of repute to be nominated by the visitorTwo academicians to be nominated by the Chancellor. <p>(2) The Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the Board of Governors.</p> <p>(3) The Registrar shall be an ex-officio Secretary of the Board of Governors.</p>
11.2	Term of the Board of Governors	The members of the Board of Governors shall have a term of three years.
11.3	Disqualifications of the Members of the Board of Governors	<p>The members of the Board of Governors shall cease to be members under the following circumstances:-</p> <p>(a) If the individual member is convicted in a court of law for any criminal act including acts of moral turpitude or for any other reason and no stay order has been passed by the higher court against conviction.</p> <p>(b) If in the opinion of the Chancellor, a member of the Board of Governors acts in a way detrimental to the interests of the University, the Chancellor may, with the majority approval of the nominating authority, ask such member to relinquish his office from such date as may be specified.</p>
11.4	Powers of the Board of Governors	<p>(1) The Board of Governors shall have the following powers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">To appoint the Statutory Auditors of the University;To lay down policies to be pursued by the University;To review decisions of the other authorities of the University if they are not in conformity with the provisions of this Act, or the statutes or the rules;to approve the budget and annual report of the University;to make new or additional Statutes and rules or amend or repeal the earlier Statutes and rules;to take decision about voluntary winding up of the University;to approve proposals for submission to the State Government; andto affiliate any college or institution and lay down the manner of and procedure and conditions for affiliating any college or other institution in accordance with the provisions of Sec 6(2) of the Act;subject to the provisions of the Act, to delegate such powers as it may deem fit to the Board of Management and other authorities or officers of the University.to take such decisions and steps as are found desirable for effectively carrying out the objects of the University;The Board of Governors shall, meet at least twice in a calendar year at such time and place as the Chancellor thinks fit;



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11.5	Reserve powers of Board of Governors	<p>(1) In case of any deadlock in the Board(s) and operations of the University cannot be conducted in the normal course, the board of governors reserves the powers to do all necessary things including superseding the Board and forming a new Board to facilitate smooth functioning of the University.</p> <p>(2) The reserve powers of the Board of Governors shall be exercised only when there is a written report sent by the Registrar to the Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor about the deadlock in the Board, and when the operations of the University cannot be conducted in the normal course.</p> <p>(3) Upon receipt of such a written report, the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor(s) shall direct the Registrar to convene a special meeting of the Board within 15 days, for restoration of normalcy in operations. In the event of Registrar not convening such a special meeting, the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor(s) shall convene such a meeting.</p> <p>(4) The decisions taken by the Board of Governors and implemented by the officers under this clause shall be final and binding on all the Members of the Board and on all the Members of the other authorities.</p>
11.6	Meeting of the Board of Governors	<p>(1) The Board of Governors shall meet at least twice in a calendar year, on any working day, at the headquarters of the University or any other location as the Chancellor thinks fit.</p> <p>(2) The Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the Board of Governors and shall preside over the meetings of the Board of Governors. In the absence of the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor shall preside over the meeting. In the absence of the Pro-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor shall preside over the meeting.</p> <p>(3) A notice of 21 days shall be given to the members stating the agenda for the meeting. A notice less than 21 days may be considered sufficient if majority of the members agree to such a shorter notice.</p> <p>(4) The quorum of the meeting shall be 3 members present in person or through teleconferencing or video conferencing or any other form of distance participation.</p> <p>(5) Each member of the Board of Governors including the Presiding Officer shall have one vote and decisions at the meeting shall be adopted by simple majority. In case of a tie, the Presiding Officer shall have a casting vote.</p> <p>(6) The Presiding Officer of the meeting shall cause the minutes of the meeting to be recorded and circulated to the members within a period of one month from the date of such meeting.</p> <p>(7) The Vice-Chancellor may, under exigencies, obtain the consent of the Board of Governors by circulating appropriate resolution among its members, and any resolution so circulated and approved by a simple majority shall be as effective and binding as if such resolution had been passed at the meeting of the Board of Governors.</p>



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11.7	Extraordinary meeting of the Board of Governors	<p>(1) In the event of exigency, the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor(s) or the Vice-Chancellor with the concurrence of the Chancellor may call for the extraordinary general meeting of the Board of Governors.</p> <p>(2) The Sponsor may, in the event of exigency and /or in the interest of the administration of University, request the Chancellor or in his absence, the Pro-Chancellor(s) or the Vice-Chancellor either to call an extraordinary meeting or circulate the resolution among the members of the Board of Governors.</p> <p>(3) The Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor(s) or the Vice-Chancellor with the concurrence of the Chancellor, may, under exigencies, obtain the consent of the Board of Governors by circulating appropriate resolution among its members, and any resolution so circulated and approved by a simple majority shall be as effective and binding as if such resolution had been passed at the meeting of the Board of Governors.</p>
12.0	The Board of Management	The Board of Management shall be the principal executive body of the University.
12.1	Constitution of the Board of Management	<p>(1) Following members shall constitute the Board of Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Vice-Chancellor; (ii) The Registrar; (iii) four persons, nominated by the Sponsor; (iv) two Deans of the faculties as nominated by the Chancellor; (v) one representative nominated by the State Government; <p>(2) The tenure of the members of Board of Management shall be three years, except in the case of Ex-officio members;</p> <p>(3) The Vice-chancellor shall preside over the meetings of the Board of Management and in the absence of the Vice-Chancellor; the Registrar shall conduct the proceedings of the meeting.</p>
12.2	Disqualifications of the Members of the Board of Management	<p>The members of the Board of Management shall cease to be members under the following circumstances: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) If the individual member is convicted in a court of law for any criminal act including acts of moral turpitude or for any other reason and no stay order has been passed by the higher court against conviction. (b) If in the opinion of the Chancellor, a member of the Board acts in a way detrimental to the interests of the University, the Chancellor may, with the majority approval of the nominating authority, ask such members to relinquishes office from such date as may be specified.



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12.3	Meetings of the Board of Management	<ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) The Board of Management shall meet as often as necessary, and at least twice in a calendar year.(2) The meetings shall be called by the Registrar.(3) A notice of 7 days shall be given for the meeting, provided that an emergency meeting may be convened at the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor at a short notice.(4) The quorum of the meeting shall be three members present in person or through teleconferencing or video conferencing or any other form of distance participation.(5) Each member of the Board of Management including the Chairman / Presiding Officer shall have one vote and decisions at the meeting shall be taken by simple majority. In case of a tie, the Presiding Officer shall exercise a casting vote.(6) The Registrar shall cause recording of minutes of the meeting, with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor and circulate them to the members concerned within a period of one month from the date of conducting the meeting.(7) The Vice-Chancellor may, under exigencies, obtain the consent of the Board of Management by circulating appropriate resolution among its members and any resolution so circulated and approved by a simple majority shall be as effective and binding as if such resolution had been passed at the meeting of the Board of Management.
12.4	Powers of Board of Management	<p>Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Board of Management shall have the powers to take all the necessary decisions for smooth and efficient functioning of the University. The powers shall, inter-alia, include, but not limited to, the following: -</p> <p>(1) Financial matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(a) To consider the budget as recommended by the Finance Committee and to approve the same with or without modifications.(b) To manage and administer the revenues and properties of the University and carrying out all administrative affairs of the University not otherwise specifically provided for.(c) To manage and regulate the finance, accounts, investments, property and all other administrative affairs of the University and for that purpose to appoint such agent or agents as it may deem fit.(d) To open account or accounts of the University with any one or more scheduled banks and to lay-down the procedure for operating the same.(e) To draw, accept, make, endorse, discount and negotiate securities of the Government, promissory notes, bills and exchange, cheques or other negotiable instruments.(f) To issue appeals for funds for carrying out the objects of the University.(g) To receive grants, donations, contributions, gifts, prizes, scholarships, fees and other moneys and give grants and donations to award prizes, scholarships etc.(h) To purchase, take on lease or accept, as gift or otherwise, any land or buildings or works which may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the University and on such terms and conditions as it may deem fit and proper and to construct or alter and maintain any such buildings or works.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To acquire intellectual property rights, copyrights, trade marks and the like from any institution or organization on such terms and conditions as the Board of Management may determine and pay such compensation for the acquisition as may be just and equitable (j) To transfer or accept transfers of any moveable property on behalf of the University. (k) To execute in consultation with the Holding Trustees (if any)/ Sponsor, conveyance, transfer, re-conveyances, mortgages, leases, bonds, licenses and agreements in respect of property, moveable or immovable belonging to the University or to be acquired for the purposes of the University. (l) To appoint, in order to execute an instrument or transact any business of the University, any person as attorney of the University with such powers as it may deem fit. (m) To invest the funds of the University or money entrusted to the University, in such securities and in such manner as it may deem fit and from time to time transpose any investment. (n) In consultation with the Holding Trustees (if any)/ Sponsor, to raise and borrow money on bonds, mortgages, promissory notes or other obligations or securities by providing properties and assets of the University as security, or borrow money without any securities, and upon such terms and conditions as it may think fit, and to pay out of the funds of the University, all expenses, incidental to the raising of money and to repay and redeem any money borrowed. (o) To maintain and operate the General Fund as stipulated in clause 22 of these First Statutes. (p) To maintain proper accounts and other relevant records and prepare Annual Statement of Accounts including the Balance Sheet for every previous financial year, in such form as may be prescribed by the Rules and submit the same to the Board of Governors for their approval. <p>(2) Appointments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) To create teaching and academic posts and to decide on the number, qualifications and cadres thereof and to determine the emoluments of such posts. (b) To appoint Directors, Principals, Deans, Professors, Associate Professors and other senior academic and operational staff, as may be necessary. (c) To lay down rules with respect to emoluments and duties for the various academic and non-academic staff recruited by the University. (d) To lay down rules for appointment of Visiting Fellows and Visiting Professors and their emoluments. (e) To appoint internal auditors to undertake audit of the various functions of the University. <p>(3) Academic Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) To generally lay down, in consultation with the Academic Council, the academic policies, education and teaching standards and policies relating to student admission, examinations and award of degrees, diplomas and certificate and other academic awards or distinctions. (b) To establish, on the advice of the Academic Council, Divisions and Departments for the academic work and functions of the University and to allocate areas of Study, Teaching and Research to them. (c) To lay down policy in relation to fees and other charges payable by the |
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	<p>students of the University on the advice of the Academic Council.</p> <p>(d) To institute Fellowships, Scholarships, Studentships, Medals and Prizes in accordance with the Rules.</p> <p>(e) To lay down rules regarding the emoluments and traveling and other allowances of examiners, moderators, tabulators and such other personnel appointed for examinations, in consultation with the Academic Council and the Finance Committee.</p> <p>(f) To formulate and modify or revise schemes for the organization of the faculties, and to assign to such faculties their respective subjects and also to report to the division of any faculty or the combination of one faculty with another.</p> <p>(4) Student Matters and Discipline</p> <p>(a) To regulate and enforce discipline among the employees and the students of the University and to take appropriate disciplinary action, wherever necessary.</p> <p>(b) To entertain and adjudicate upon any grievance of the employees and students of the University and to set up Committees for attending to such grievances.</p> <p>(c) To establish and regulate the maintenance of hostels for the students of the University and recognize hostels established by outside parties, on the basis of the recommendations of a committee established for the purpose.</p> <p>(5) Administrative and Legal matters</p> <p>(a) To approve contracts and works.</p> <p>(b) To create administrative, ministerial and other necessary departments & posts and fix compensation for persons recruited to such posts.</p> <p>(c) To grant leave of absence to the Vice-Chancellor or any other officer of the University and to make necessary arrangements to carry out the functions of such officers proceeding on leave during their absence.</p> <p>(d) To conduct inspections and enquiries, in various departments, centres, institutions and affiliate colleges of the University and initiate corrective action wherever needed.</p> <p>(6) Formation of Sub-Committees</p> <p>The Board of Management may form Sub-Committees and/or Ad-hoc Committees for discharging any of the functions of the Board by clearly specifying their scope, jurisdiction, authority, powers and functions.</p> <p>(7) Delegation of Powers</p> <p>The Board of Management may, by a resolution, delegate to the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Standing Committee or the Ad-hoc Committee, such of its powers as it may deem fit, subject to the condition that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar or the Standing Committee or the Ad-hoc Committee, or any of their Officers to whom such powers are delegated, shall be reported at the next meeting of the Board of Management.</p>
13.0 The Academic Council	<p>The Academic Council shall be the principal academic body of the University and shall, subject to the provisions of the Act, the Statutes and the Rules coordinate and exercise general supervision over the academic policies of the University and shall have the control over and be responsible for the maintenance of standards of education, teaching and training, inter-departmental co-ordination, research, examinations and tests within the</p>



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13.1	Constitution of the Academic Council	<p>(1) The Academic Council shall consist of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Vice Chancellor - Chairman (ii) The Registrar - Secretary (iii) All Deans of all the faculties (iv) Heads of various institutions under the university (v) Two outside experts nominated by the chancellor <p>(2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the Academic Council</p> <p>(3) The Registrar shall be the Secretary of the Academic Council.</p> <p>(4) The term of members of the Academic Council shall be three years, except in the case of the employees of the University who are members of the Academic Council. The term of such members who are employees ends immediately after their relinquishing their office at the University.</p> <p>(5) Subject to the provisions of this Act, Statutes and the Rules the Academic Council shall have the power to control, regulate and maintain the standards of education, instruction and examinations of the University and shall exercise such other powers and functions as may be conferred or imposed upon it by this Act, Statutes or the Board of Management.</p> <p>(6) The Vice-Chancellor may invite such other persons, as he may deem fit, to attend the meetings of the Academic Council from time to time. However, such persons invited shall not be eligible to vote on any of the resolutions of the Academic Council.</p>
13.2	Disqualification of the Members of the Academic Council	<p>(1) Where a person has become a member of the Academic Council by reason of the office or appointment he holds, his membership shall terminate when he ceases to hold that office or appointment.</p> <p>(2) A member of the Academic Council shall cease to be a member in the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) If the Member resigns from the Academic Council, (ii) If the Member becomes mentally unsound, (iii) If the Member had been convicted of a criminal offence involving moral turpitude or any other reason, and a higher court has not stayed such conviction. (iv) If the Member fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Academic Council, without leave of the Chairman.
13.3	Meetings of the Academic Council	<p>(1) The Academic Council shall meet atleast once in six months and any place.</p> <p>(2) One third of the total members of the Academic Council shall constitute the quorum of the meeting of the Academic Council present in person or through teleconferencing or video conferencing or any other form of distance participation.</p> <p>(3) Resolutions of the Academic Council may be passed through circulation of such Resolutions among all the members, except in cases where such Resolutions are required to be passed at a meeting convened. The Resolution so circulated and approved by a simple majority shall be effective and binding as if such Resolution had been passed in the meeting of the Academic Council, provided that at least one half of the total number of the members of the Academic Council</p>



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		have recorded their views on the Resolution.
13.4	Functions and powers of the Academic Council	<p>Subject to the provisions of the Act, Statutes and the Rules, the powers of the Academic Council shall include, inter-alia, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) To report and act on any matter referred or delegated to it by the Board. (b) To formulate different courses and programs to be imparted to the students of the University. (c) To lay down the curriculum and frame syllabus for any of the courses and programs offered by the University. (d) To make recommendations to the Board, with regard to the creation, abolition or classification of teaching posts in the University and the emoluments and the duties attached thereto. (e) To formulate and modify or revise schemes for the organization of the faculties, and to assign to such faculties their respective subjects and also to report to the Board as to the expediency of the abolition or sub-division of any faculty or the combination of one faculty with another. (f) To make arrangements through regulations for the instruction and examination of persons other than those enrolled in the University. (g) To promote research activities and programs, and to ask for, from time to time, reports on such research activities and programs. (h) To consider proposals submitted by the Faculties relating to instructions, teaching facilities, etc., (i) To appoint committees for admission of students to the University. (j) To recognize diplomas and degrees of other Universities and Institutions and to determine their equivalence in relation to the diplomas and degrees of the University on reciprocal basis; (k) To approve conferment of degrees, honors, diplomas, licenses, titles and marks of honors on the basis of the results declared; (l) To prepare guidelines for the award of fellowships, stipends, scholarships, medals and prizes, etc., and empower the Vice-Chancellor or any other officer of the University to approve the eligible candidates for such awards; (m) To prepare such forms and registers as are, from time to time, prescribed by the Rules and to perform, in relation to academic matters, all such duties and to do all such acts as may be necessary for the proper carrying out of the provisions of the Act and / or the Rules (n) To make recommendations to the Board of Management on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Measures for improving standard of teaching, training and research and examinations, (ii) Institution of Fellowships, Exchange Programs, Scholarships, Medals, Prizes etc. (iii) Regulations covering the academic functioning of the Institute, discipline, residence, admissions, examinations, award of fellowships and studentships, freships, concessions, attendance etc. and submit the same to the Board of Management for approval. (o) To suggest measures for departmental co-ordination (p) To appoint committees, consisting of such members as the Academic Council may deem fit, to deal with any of the matters ordinarily dealt with by the Academic Council
14.0	Controller of	(1) The COE shall be appointed by the Chancellor, based on the



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	Examination (COE)	<p>recommendation of the Selection Committee appointed for the purpose.</p> <p>(2) The Selection Committee shall consist of the following members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> One representative of the Chancellor ; One representative of the Sponsor who is also a member of the Board of Governors ; <p>(3) The term of office of the COE shall be as mentioned in the order of his appointment by the Chancellor.</p> <p>(4) The COE shall have such qualifications and experience as may be prescribed by the Board of Management from time to time.</p> <p>(5) The COE shall draw such salary, allowances and be entitled for such perquisites which shall be decided by the Board of Management.</p> <p>(6) The COE shall undertake such functions as may be specified by the Board of Governors or the Board of Management or the Vice-Chancellor.</p> <p>(7) The Academic council will provide guidelines for appointment of examiner for question paper settings, valuation methods, scheme of examination, remuneration etc. for the various courses or programs of study under the university to COE.</p> <p>(8) COE will prepare panel of examiners for each courses (subjects) of study under the faculty based on the guidelines.</p> <p>(9) The Vice-Chancellor shall ordinarily appoint examiners from the panel recommended by the COE, provided that with the approval of the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor(s), he may appoint examiners outside the panel, if he deems fit and necessary.</p> <p>(1) The Academic Council shall frame necessary regulations for moderation and publication of results.</p>
15.0	The Finance Committee and its constitution	<p>(1) The Board of Governors shall appoint Finance Committee.</p> <p>(2) The Finance Committee shall consist of the following members, namely:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Vice-Chancellor, The Registrar, The Finance Officer, Two nominee of the Sponsor. <p>(3) The Vice-chancellor shall be the Chairman of the Committee and in his absence the Registrar shall preside over the meetings of the committee.</p> <p>(4) The Registrar shall be the Secretary of Finance Committee;</p> <p>(5) The Finance Committee shall be the principal financial body of the University to take care of financial matters and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, Statutes and Rules co-ordinate and exercise general supervision over the financial matters of the University.</p>
15.1	Meeting of the Finance Committee	<p>(1) The Committee shall meet at least once in six months at any place.</p> <p>(2) The quorum of the meetings shall be two third of the members of the Committee, present in person in the meeting or through teleconferencing or video conferencing or any other form of distance participation.</p> <p>(3) The Registrar shall call the meeting of the Finance Committee with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor.</p> <p>(4) A notice of 7 days shall be given to its members stating the agenda, time and place of the meeting, provided that an emergency meeting can be called by the Vice-Chancellor at a shorter notice.</p>



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		<p>(5) The Registrar may, cause recording of the minutes and resolutions of the meeting with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, and circulate the same to the concerned members within a period of two weeks from the date of conducting the meeting.</p> <p>(6) The Registrar may, under exigencies, obtain the consent of the Finance Committee by circulating appropriate resolution among its members and any resolution so circulated and approved by a simple majority shall be as effective and binding as if such resolution had been passed at the meeting of the Finance Committee.</p>
15.2	Powers and Functions of the Finance Committee	<p>The powers and functions of the Finance Committee shall be :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To make recommendation on all financial matters to the Board of Management. To consider all proposals for capital expenditure and to make recommendations to the Board of Management. To examine the annual accounts of the University and advice the Board of Management thereon. To examine the annual budget estimate and advice the Board of Management thereon. To review the financial position of the University from time to time and recommend any action to be taken, to the Board of Management. To review the internal controls and act on the comments of the internal auditors. To make recommendations to the Board of Management on all proposals involving the raising of funds, receipts and expenditure. To determine and fix the fee payable by the students of the University and lay down the procedure therefore and to fix the basis for charging consultancy and other fee to be charged by the University. To generally perform and act on any of the activities that may be delegated by the Vice-Chancellor, or the Board of Management or the Board of Governors.
16.0	Constitution of Standing Committees and Ad-hoc Committees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Board of Governors and/or the Board of Management may, at the appropriate time, by a resolution in a duly conducted meeting, and or in accordance with the directions of the Chancellor, appoint standing committees or ad-hoc committees, and/or enquiry committees by defining: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The purpose of appointment The constitution The tenure of the committee The financial budget The procedure to be adopted The rights and obligations of the committee The remuneration payable to the members of the committee. The facilities to be acquired and other matters relevant or incidental to complete the purpose for which it is appointed. The Committees so appointed shall exercise their powers and functions within the delegated authority. Neither the university nor the Board of Governors, nor the Board of Management shall be accountable for the authority or powers used outside the scope of delegation by such authorities. Such Committees shall be automatically dissolved on completion of



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		their tenure or after completion of the tasks assigned to them by the authority appointing them, unless extension in the tenure is granted by the said authority.
17.0	Advisory Committees	<p>(1) The Board of Management may, with the concurrence of the Chancellor, appoint an Advisory Committee consisting of five members for the purpose of providing advice to the Board of Management in matters relating to the conduct of various affairs of the University.</p> <p>(2) The Board of Management may direct the Academic Council, Finance Committee and/or any other committee set up under the Act or these Statutes, to appoint and/or follow the recommendations of the Advisory Board.</p> <p>(3) The Board of Management may define the functions, and powers while establishing such committees.</p>
18.0	Deans and Faculties	<p>(1) There shall be a Dean for each Faculty who shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from among the Professors in the Colleges/Schools or Directors of the Centres for such term as he deems fit.</p> <p>(2) Deans shall report to the Vice Chancellor.</p> <p>(3) The Dean shall have the following powers :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) He shall preside at the meetings of the Board of Faculty and shall see that the various decisions of the Board of Faculty are implemented; (ii) He shall be responsible for bringing the financial and other needs of the Faculty to the notice of the Vice-Chancellor; (iii) He shall take necessary measures for the proper custody and maintenance of libraries, laboratories, and other assets of the departments comprised in the Faculty; (iv) He shall submit annual reports and periodical reports of his School or College to the Vice-Chancellor; (v) He shall deal with such other matters as required by the Academic Council or the Vice-Chancellor.
18.1	Procedure for Appointment of Faculty Members	<p>(1) The Board of Management may appoint Faculty Members on obtaining the information relating to vacancies from the Heads of the various faculties, based on the recommendation of the Selection Committee.</p> <p>(2) The Board shall appoint a selection committee to recommend names of the persons to the posts of Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, and such other academic posts as may be prescribed by the Board of Management.</p> <p>(3) The Selection Committee so appointed shall consist of:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) One experts in the relevant disciplines nominated by the Vice-Chancellor. (ii) One Nominee of the Board of Management. (iii) Dean of the faculty. (iv) Head of the concerned Department/Allied Department.
19.0	Service Conditions for Faculty Members, Officers and other Employees	<p>(1) The Board of Management shall formulate the terms and conditions of appointment and service of faculty members officers and employees.</p> <p>(2) The Registrar shall issue the appointment letters to faculty members, officers and employees in accordance with the policies and procedures</p>



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		<p>campuses of the University shall be consolidated by the Finance Officer and he shall prepare the final annual accounts, consisting of the Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet of the University and place the same before the Finance Committee for comments. The appropriations of excess income over expenditure or the absorption of excess expenditure over the income shall be decided by the Finance Committee. The accounts will thereafter be adopted by the Board of Management, after which they will be audited by the Auditors appointed by the Board of Governors.</p> <p>(3) All the assets of the University shall be maintained in the name of the University and shall be used for the settlement of liabilities at the time of liquidation or closure of the University under sections 47 & 48 of the Act.</p> <p>(4) The accounts of the University shall be open to examination by the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor(s) Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Auditor of the University and any other person authorized by the Board of Governors or the Sponsor for the purpose.</p> <p>(5) Every balance sheet and income and expenditure account of the University shall comply with the relevant accounting standards as may be prescribed by the Government of India in consultation with the National Advisory Committee on Accounting Standards.</p> <p>(6) The Vice-Chancellor shall place such audited financial statements before the Board of Governors, along with the report of the Auditors for information.</p> <p>(7) The annual accounts, the Balance sheet and the audit report shall be considered by the Board of Governors at its meeting and the Board of Governors shall forward the same to the Visitor and the State Government along with its observations thereon on or before December 31 each year.</p>
26.0	Admission of Students	<p>(1) Admission to the various programs of the University shall be based only on merit.</p> <p>(2) The University may conduct competitive examination for admission to one or more programs to determine merit, or may choose to admit students on the basis of their performance in the qualifying examination or any other criteria as may be stipulated by the Academic Council.</p> <p>(3) The university will reserve seats for locals of Sikkim as per the bill passed in the assembly in the year 2008, subject to fulfilling the admission criteria and qualifying in the relevant admission tests. Unfilled seats will be offered to Non-Sikkimese students.</p>
27.0	Fee and Scholarships	<p>(1) The Registrar shall cause the rules for the fixation of fee and rules for the grant of scholarships to be made, present the same for approval of the Board of Governors at the earliest opportunity. The Finance Committee may decide on the fee payable for each of the programs of the University and the grant of scholarships, keeping in view the recommendations of the Academic Council and the Rules framed for the purpose.</p> <p>(2) Students who are residents of Sikkim will be given concession of 33% in the tuition fees charged by the University from the other students.</p>
28.0	Cooperation with other	<p>(1) The Vice-Chancellor shall actively explore the avenues for cooperation</p>



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	Universities and Institutions	<p>with other Universities in India and overseas, and establish working relationship with other institutions, which could play a complementary role for furtherance of the objectives of the University.</p> <p>(2) The Vice-Chancellor shall execute and sign such documents as may be needed for forging alliances as aforesaid and place before the Board of Management the details of new alliances in the Board Meeting at the earliest opportunity.</p>
29.0	Convocation	<p>(1) Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees, Post Degrees, Research Degrees, Doctorate Degrees etc. shall be conferred by the University only on successful completion of the academic requirements for a given program.</p> <p>(2) Convocation for conferring its degrees and other academic distinctions may be held by the University once in a year on such date and at such time as the Board of Management may fix.</p> <p>(3) A special Convocation may be held by the University with the prior approval of the Chancellor.</p> <p>(4) The procedure to be observed at the Convocations referred to in this Chapter and other matters connected therewith shall be such as may be laid down in the Rules</p> <p>(5) Where the University does not find it convenient to hold the convocation in accordance with Statutes, the degrees diplomas and other academic distinctions may be handed over personally or dispatched to the candidates concerned by registered post.</p>
30.0	Creation, abolition, or restructuring of faculties and departments	<p>(1) The Board of Management may review the performance and the requirements of individual faculties or departments. The Board of Management may recommend to the Board of Governors to create additional faculties, departments or posts, or suggest abolition or restructuring of the faculties, departments or posts. In all non-teaching and non-academic positions preference will be given to the residents of Sikkim, subject to the suitability of the specific position.</p> <p>(2) The Board of Governors shall at its earliest meeting shall decide on the recommendations of the Board of Management mentioned in (1) above.</p>
31.0	Resolution of disputes and arbitration	<p>Subject to the provisions of Section 34 of the Act: -</p> <p>(a) The Vice-Chancellor shall be responsible for the resolution of disputes and grievances between the teachers, officers and other employees and the students of the University.</p> <p>(b) The Vice-Chancellor may delegate the responsibility for arbitration to the Registrar or the Deans of the Faculties as he may deem fit.</p> <p>(c) Any person who is aggrieved of the decision of the Vice-Chancellor may appeal to the Pro-Chancellor(s) or Chancellor within 15 days of communication of the decision by the Vice-Chancellor.</p> <p>(d) Where it is found necessary, the Pro-Chancellor(s) or Chancellor may appoint an Arbitration Committee to arbitrate such disputes and grievances with such constitution and such powers, as he may deem fit.</p> <p>(e) The procedures for arbitration of disputes shall be laid down by the Board of Management.</p> <p>(f) The Board of Management may lay down the procedure for dealing with appeals and fix the time limit for filing the same in terms of Section 34 of the Act.</p>



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32.0	Rules and Manuals	<p>(1) The Board of Governors may cause the Rules to be made, in accordance with the provisions of Section 30 of the Act, to conduct the business of the University and attain the objectives for which it is established and submit the same to the Government as stipulated in section 31 of the Act.</p> <p>(2) The Rules so made shall be submitted to the State Government for its approval. The State Government may within two months from the date of receipt of the Rules give its approval with or without modification. If the State Government fails to take any decision with respect to the approval of the Rules within the time, the Rules shall be deemed to have been approved by the State Government.</p> <p>(3) On compliance with the provisions of the Section 31 of the Act, the Board may appoint an ad-hoc committee to prepare manuals for different departments / functions of the University and adopt the same. Each and every authority and officer, teaching and non-teaching staff, members of the committees and the students are bound to adhere to the provisions and procedures laid down in the manual of instructions adopted for the purpose.</p> <p>(4) The Board of Governors may, with the prior permission of the State Government make new or additional Rules or amend or repeal the Rules.</p> <p>(5) The Board shall have right to alter, amend, frame new regulations which are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act for the purpose of conducting the activities of the university for which it is established.</p>
33.0	Power to amend Statutes	The Board of Governors shall make, amend, alter, modify these First Statutes as required for the administration of the University and submit the same to the Government for approval.
34.0	Interpretation	<p>(1) In the event of conflict of opinion with regard to the interpretation of the Statutes and Rules and Regulations, the provisions of the Act shall prevail.</p> <p>(2) The decision of the Board of Governors on interpretation shall be final and binding.</p>