



ASSAM UNIVERSITY~SILCHAR

MINUTES OF THE 17TH MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD HELD ON 7TH MARCH 2017 AT 02.00 P.M. IN THE P. M. G. SABHA KAKSHA

The following members were present :

1. Prof. Dilip Chandra Nath, **Vice-Chancellor** : Chairman
2. Prof. Hirendra Nath Sarma, **Visitors Nominee** : Member
3. Prof. Sujit Sikidar, **Visitors Nominee** : Member
4. Dr. Abhijit Bora, **Visitors Nominee** : Member
5. Prof. Rita Choudhury, **Visitors Nominee** : Member
6. Prof. W. Raghumani Singh, **Dean of Languages & Cultural Studies** : Member
7. Prof. Dulal Ch. Roy, **Dean, School of Environmental Science & Dean i/c, School of Life Sciences** : Member
8. Prof. Sudipto Roy, **Dean, School of Technology** : Member
9. Prof. N. B. Biswas, **Dean, A.M. School of Education** : Member
10. Prof. Sanjib Das, **Dean of Medical & Paramedical Sciences** : Member
11. Prof. Sumanash Dutta, **Dean, School of Library Sciences, Dean i/c, School of Legal Studies & Finance Officer i/c.** : Member
12. Prof. Samira Behera, **Representative of SC/ST** : Special Invitee
13. Dr. Sanjib Bhattacharjee, **Registrar** : Ex-officio Secretary

At the outset the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman welcomed all the members of the Planning Board. The Chairman felicitated and expressed thanks to Prof. Hirendra Nath Sarma, Prof. Sujit Sikidar, Prof. Abhijit Bora and Prof. Rita Choudhury, Visitors' Nominee for attending the meeting for the first time. Following agenda items were taken up and resolutions were adopted.

Item No. 1 : Confirmation of Minutes of the 16th Meeting of Planning Board held on 24th November 2015 :

PB:17:03-17:1 : Minutes of the 16th meeting of the Planning Board held on 24th November 2015 have been circulated to the members of the Board for perusal and record. The minute is placed may be considered for confirmation.

Resolution : The Minutes of the 16th meeting of the Planning Board held on 24th November 2015 were perused and confirmed by the Board.

Item No. 2 : Infrastructural development to be taken up by the University :

PB:17:03-17:2 :

(I)ASSET			
Sl No.	Buildings	Estimated Cost	Remarks (if any)
1	Proposed C/o Pharmaceutical Science Building (G+1) at Assam University Silchar Campus including furniture	Rs 12,50,00,000.00	Listed as per the direction of Competent Authority
2	Proposed C/o Examination Building (G+1) at Assam University Silchar Campus including furniture	Rs 7,50,00,000.00	
3	Proposed C/o 100 Bedded Boys' Hostel at Assam University Silchar Campus including furniture	Rs 8,50,00,000.00	
4	Proposed C/o 100 Bedded Girls' Hostel at Assam University Silchar Campus including furniture	Rs 8,50,00,000.00	
5	Proposed C/o 100 Bedded Boys' Hostel at Assam University Diphu Campus including furniture	Rs 10,00,00,000.00	
6	Proposed C/o Canteen cum Departmental Store at Assam University Silchar Campus including furniture	Rs 3,00,00,000.00	
7	Proposed C/o Mathematics Building at Assam University Silchar Campus including furniture	Rs 4,00,00,000.00	
8	Proposed C/o Performing Arts & Urdu Building at Assam University Silchar Campus including furniture	Rs 5,00,00,000.00	
	TOTAL	Rs 59,00,00,000.00	
(II)CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT			
1	Campus development (Retaining wall, Internal Road, Water supply, External electrification, Boundary fencing, Rain water harvesting etc.)	Rs 15,00,00,00.00	
	TOTAL	Rs 74,00,00,000.00	

The above proposals for major construction works were discussed in different forums including the Building Committee meeting. As these are necessary for infrastructural development of the University, the matter being important is placed before the Board for consideration.

Resolution : The members appreciated the initiative of the University administration and advised the Vice Chancellor to go ahead with the projects as reported maintaining the established norms of GOI as in existence.

Item No. 3 : Financial requirement of Plan Budget (Recurring & Non-recurring) for 2017-18 for the University :

PB:17:03-17:3 : The statement of financial requirement of Plan Budget (Recurring & Non-recurring) for 2017-18 for the University is placed before the Board for consideration.

Resolution : The members appreciated the deliberation of the Finance Officer and on being satisfied the Board noted the same.

Item No. 4 : Proposal for opening of P.G. Course in Bengali at Assam University Diphu Campus (AUDC) :

PB:17:03-17:4 : The President, Barak Upatyaka Banga Sahitya O Sanskriti Sammelan, Cachar Zela Samiti has submitted a proposal for opening of Departments of Bengali (M.A., M.Phil. & Ph.D. courses) at Assam University Diphu Campus (AUDC).

The matter was accepted in principle by the Academic Council meeting vide resolution No. AC:76:10-16:9 subject to feasibility report to be submitted by the said department of the University.

The matter is reported to the Planning Board for consideration.

Resolution : The decision of the Academic Council has been referred and the members of the Board recommended the same.

Item No. 5 : Proposal for opening of a Department of Bodo Language at Assam University Diphu Campus (AUDC) and allied matters :

PB:17:03-17:5 : The Karbi Anglong District Committee of All Bodo Students Union (ABSU) has Submitted a memorandum requesting Assam University authority to consider the following :-

- (i) Proposal for opening of a Department of Bodo Language at Assam University Diphu Campus (AUDC) for greater interest of Bodo students of Karbi Anglong district.

- (ii) To introduce Major in Bodo in those Colleges of Karbi Anglong District where offering Bodo as MIL subject exists. These Colleges are Thong Nokbe College, Rukasen College, Howraghat College and Diphu Govt. College.
- (iii) To introduce Bodo as MIL subject in other Colleges other than Thong Nokbe College, Rukasen College, Howraghat College and Diphu Govt. College in the Karbi Anglong District for facilitating to the students willing to offer Bodo as their MIL.

The Academic Council meeting vide resolution No. AC:76:10-16:6 discussed the matter and authorized the Chairman to constitute a Committee to see the feasibility and report of the Committee required to be placed in the next Academic Council meeting.

The matter is reported to the Planning Board for information.

Resolution : The decision of the Academic Council has been referred and the members of the Board recommended the same.

Item No. 6 : Proposal for starting NSS as elective subject :

PB:17:03-17:6 : The Secretary, UGC vide letter No. D.O. No.F.1-7/2011(CPP-II) dtd. 13th August 2015 has requested to start NSS as elective subject in Assam University from the current academic year.

The matter was discussed and accepted in principle by the Academic Council meeting vide resolution No. AC:76:10-16:11.

The matter is reported to the Planning Board for consideration.

Resolution : The decision of the Academic Council has been referred and the members of the Board recommended the same.

Item No. 7 : Introduction of MOOCs courses through SWAYAM platform :

PB:17:03-17:7 : The Director, CDC, AUS has submitted a proposal received from Secretary, UGC vide letter No. D.O.F.No.1-100/2016(MOOCs/c-content) dtd. 27th July 2016 for introduction of MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) courses through SWAYAM (Study Web of Active Learning by Young and Aspiring Minds) platform of Govt. of India for the benefit of students of the University/affiliated colleges. The list of MOOCs courses are available in the UGC website. The UGC (Credit Framework for Online Learning Courses through SWAYAM) Regulation, 2016.

The matter was discussed and accepted in principle by the Academic Council meeting vide resolution No. AC:76:10-16:23.

The matter is placed before the Board for consideration.

Resolution : The decision of the Academic Council has been referred and the members of the Board recommended the same.

Item No. 8 : To consider the proposal of Sports Quota in Admission :

PB:17:03-17:8 : In order to boost and encourage students and also augment the University Sports, the Sports Board recommended earmarking at least one seat as 'Sports Quota' for admission into integrated and PG courses of study, subject to availability of the eligible candidates. The proposal may be scrutinized at the appropriate Council / Board's meeting and on approval, the same may be incorporated in the admission prospectus. The matter concerning Sports Quota in admission has been discussed in the 5th meeting of AU Sports Board held on 10th February 2014.

The matter was discussed in the Academic Council meeting vide resolution No. AC:76:10-16:27 and decided to refer the same to the Admission Committee for necessary action to be taken.

The matter is placed before the Board for information and consideration.

Resolution : The decision of the Academic Council has been referred and the members of the Board recommended the same.

Item No. 9 : MoU between Assam University, Silchar and International Buddhist Studies College :

PB:17:03-17:9 : The Dean, S. R. School of Philosophy, Assam University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with International Buddhist Studies College, Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Bangkok, Thailand (IBSC-MCU) for academic and research exchange activities between the two institutions. He has signed the draft MoU on behalf of Assam University with approval of Vice Chancellor.

The matter was accepted in the Academic Council meeting vide resolution No. AC:76:10-16:20 and decided to refer the same to MHRD/GOI for approval.

The matter is placed before the Board for information and consideration.

Resolution : The matter was discussed and noted by the Board.



Item No. 10 : Proposal for introduction of Post Graduate programme in Colleges affiliated to Assam University :

PB:17:03-17:10 : The Director, CDC has submitted the revised Regulations for introduction of Post Graduate programme in Colleges affiliated to Assam University.

The matter was discussed in the Academic Council meeting vide resolution No. AC:76:10-16:17 and the same is under process for finalization.

The matter is placed before the Board for information and consideration.

Resolution : The matter was discussed and noted by the Board.

Item No. 11 : To start PG courses through distant mode :

PB:17:03-17:11 : The University authority desires to start PG courses through distance mode in subjects like English, Bengali, Economics, Political Science, History, Commerce and Mathematics w.e.f. academic session 2017-18.

The Academic Council discussed the matter in detail and decided to include Philosophy also. The matter was accepted by the 76th meeting of the Academic Council held on 4th October 2016 vide resolution No. AC:76:10-16:30. The recommendation of the Academic Council was approved in the Executive Council meeting vide resolution No. EC:107:11-16:24 with the observations that all actions for running the courses shall be dealt by the Cell itself constituted for the purpose.

The matter is placed before the Board for consideration.

Resolution : The matter was discussed and the Board recommended the decision of the Executive Council for implementation.

Item No. 12 : Adoption of M. Phil/ Ph. D regulation : UGC Notification NO F. 1-2/ 2009 (EC/PS) V(1) vol. II dated 5th May 2016 :

PB:17:03-17:12 : It was decided that Assam University will adopt M.Phil/Ph.D. Regulation, 2016 notified by UGC (UGC & MHRD directives vide UGC Notification NO F. 1-2/ 2009 (EC/PS) V(1) vol. II dated 27th September 2016 from January, 2017.

The matter was discussed in the Academic Council meeting vide resolution No. AC:76:10-16:37.4 and the same is under process.

The matter is reported before the Board for information.

Resolution : The decision of the Academic Council has been considered by the Board and the Vice Chancellor was advised to take early action on the same.

Item No. 13 : Introduction of a CHAIR in the name of Pandit Rajmohan Nath :

PB:17:03-17:13 : The President, Barak Upatyaka Banga Sahitya O Sanskriti Sammelan, Cachar has urged the University Administration to introduce a **CHAIR** in the name of **Pandit Rajmohan Nath**, in the University, a very learned and renowned personality of the valley.

The Academic Council meeting vide resolution No. **AC:76:10-16:37.14** appreciated the proposal and decided to introduce the same in the Centre for Indian Heritage and Business Studies (CIHBS) under the J. N. School of Management Studies.

The matter was discussed in the Executive Council meeting vide resolution No. **EC:107:11-16:29** and decided that the matter needs to be forwarded to the UGC/MHRD for their consent. Also the Council advised the University administration to approach other organization like ONGC/Tea Gardens etc. to support the issue.

The matter is placed before the Board for information and consideration.

Resolution : The matter was discussed and the Board advised the Vice Chancellor to take appropriate action as per resolution of the Executive Council.

Item No. 14 : Establishment of an Institute of Medical Science in the University campus :

PB:17:03-17:14 : The Vice Chancellor and the Chairman of the Executive Council has proposed for establishment of an Institute of Medical Science in the University campus and to make it success, he has already taken initiative as informed in the concerned EC meeting. The members of the Executive Council welcomed the proposal and appreciated the Chairman for taking up of such a huge job which will definitely help the people of the nearby areas and in the field of Medical Science as felt. The Executive Council meeting vide resolution No. **EC:107:11-16:33.5** directed the University administration to take appropriate steps as early as possible.

The matter is placed before the Board for information and consideration.

Resolution : The matter was discussed and the Board advised the Vice Chancellor to take appropriate action as per resolution of the Executive Council.

Item No. 15 : Placement of a modern Cafeteria in the University campus

PB:17:03-17:15 : The long pending demand for construction of a building for setting up of a Cafeteria was considered by the Executive Council meeting vide its resolution No. EC:107:11-16:33.6. The EC welcomed the proposal and discussed its necessity in a Central University like AUS and advised the University administration to prepare a DPR and appropriate action shall be taken. The matter is placed before the Board for information and consideration.

Resolution : The initiative taken by the University have been appreciated by the Board and it was expected by the members that University administration shall take appropriate action for the same.

Item No. 16 : Signing of MOU with Gifu and Sizuka University of Japan :

PB:17:03-17:16 : The Vice Chancellor and the Chairman of the Executive Council proposed for signing of MOU with Gifu and Sizuka University of Japan to bring excellence towards the academic atmosphere of the University. The Executive Council meeting vide resolution No. EC:107:11-16:33.7 accepted the proposal from the Chair and authorized the Vice Chancellor to take necessary initiative for the same.

The matter is placed before the Board for information and consideration.

Resolution : The matter was discussed and noted by the Board.

Item No. 17 : Establishment of School of Education as a separate school:

PB:17:03-17:17 : On being permitted by the Chairman the Dean, School of Education and the Head, Dept. of Education have submitted the proposal for establishment of School of Education as a separate school under which the academic activities of the Dept. of Education, Dept. of Teachers Education and Centre for Educational Planning and Management (CEPM) of Assam University will function was discussed and the Executive Council meeting vide resolution No. EC:105:05-16:79.1 agreed on the same in principle. Further, it was resolved that the teaching and the non-teaching posts as sanctioned shall be filled up as per the latest UGC Guidelines/Regulations and the Recruitment and Promotion Policy of Non-Teaching Employees, 2013 respectively.

The matter is placed before the Board for information and consideration.

Resolution : The matter was discussed and the resolution of the Executive Council was recommended.

Item No. 18 : Allotment of land to establish a Cultural Research Centre in Barak Valley to be named after the great Saint. Swami Vivekananda :

PB:17:03-17:18 : The Deputy Commissioner, Cachar has communicated the issue of establishing a Cultural Research Centre in Barak Valley to be named after the great Saint Swami Vivekananda and requested the University administration for allotting a plot of land within the University campus. The matter is initially accepted by the University by the Executive Council meeting vide resolution No. **EC:110:02-17:9** and also resolved that the AU administration shall take necessary action for getting the things done.

The matter is placed before the Board for information.

Resolution : The initiative taken by the University have been appreciated by the Board and it was expected by the members that University administration shall take appropriate action for the same.

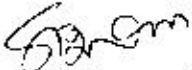
Item No. 19 : Item from the Chair

PB:17:03-17:19.1 : Guest House at Kumbhirgram airport :

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor apprised the members that there is a need of establishing a Guest House nearby Silchar Airport to facilitate the guests of the University.

Resolution : The member appreciated the matter and authorised the Registrar to take necessary action for preparing details required for the project.

There being no other item to discuss, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.


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