



Assam University, Silchar

Minutes of 140th Meeting (Special) of the Executive Council held on 12th March 2021 at 03.00 P.M. in the Hemanga Biswas Committee Room of the Vice-Chancellor's Secretariat, Assam University, Silchar.

The following Members were present :

1. Prof. Dilip Chandra Nath, Vice-Chancellor : Chairman
2. Prof. Sivasish Biswas, Pro-Vice Chancellor, AUDC : Member
3. Prof. Manoj Kr. Sinha, Dean, School of Library Sciences : Member
4. Prof. Madhumita Dhar Sarkar, Dean, School of Legal Studies : Member
5. Prof. Gopalji Mishra, Senior most Professor : Member
6. Dr. P. K. Deva Sarma, Senior most Associate Professor : Member
7. Dr. Debashish Roy, Principal, Radhamadab College, Silchar : Member
8. Dr. Baharul Islam Laskar, Principal, M.C.D. College, Sonai : Member
9. Dr. Subhadeep Dhar, Finance Officer i/c. : Permanent Invitee
10. Dr. Pradosh Kiran Nath, Registrar i/c : Ex-officio Secretary

Members participated in the meeting through video conference :

1. Prof. Amarendra Kumar Das, Visitor's Nominee : Member
Department of Design, Indian Institute of Technology, Ghy.
2. Dr. Bharati Singh, Visitor's Nominee : Member
Director, Dept. of Home Science Extension Education,
Institute of Home Science, Khandari, Agra.
3. Prof. Dipendu Das, Dean of English & Foreign Languages Studies : Member

Members absent :

1. Dr. Anupam Mishra, Visitor's Nominee : Member
Director, ICAR-ATARI, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh
(Absent without intimation)

2. Shri Jahnu Barua, Visitor's Nominee : Member
(Absent without intimation)
3. Dr. Devika Barman, Visitor's Nominee : Member
(Absent without intimation)
4. Smt. Drimsibon Kharkongor, Visitor's Nominee : Member
(Absent without intimation)
5. Prof. G.P. Pandey, Dean of Creative Arts & Comm. Studies : Member
(Absent without intimation)
6. Dr. M. K. Sharma, Principal, Diphu Govt. College : Member
(Absent without intimation)
7. Dr. G Phukan, Director, Higher Education, Govt. of Assam : Member
(Absent without intimation)

At the outset the Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman welcomed all the members of the Executive Council. The Chairman also welcomed Prof. Amarendra Kumar Das & Dr. Bharati Singh, Visitor's Nominees for attending the meeting through video conference. Thereafter the meeting formally started and following agenda items were taken up for discussion and resolutions were adopted accordingly.

Item No 1 : Recruitment for teaching and non-teaching posts of the University :

EC:140:03-21:01 : Recruitment drive for a number of teaching posts advertised vide employment notification no. 4/2020 dtd. 03/11/2020 is complete. The same is to be declared.

Similarly, the recruitment drive for a number of non-teaching posts advertised vide employment notification no 04/2017 dtd. 09.08.2017, 2/2020 dtd. 28/05/2020 and 3/2020 dtd. 21/09/2020 is almost complete and is to be placed before DPC for final recommendation and selection. As model code of conduct due to Assembly election in Assam is in force, the matter is placed before the Council for direction for further course of action.

Resolution : The Council deliberated on the matter and noted that inspite of writing to Chief Election Commissioner, India seeking permission for completing ongoing recruitment process of Assam University vide letter No. AUR/15-1/2021 dated 26th February 2021, no response has been received till date. Therefore, in partial modification of the earlier decision vide resolution no EC:139:02-21:16 the Council resolved to hold the final outcome of the recruitment process (teaching and non-teaching posts) till the model code of conduct imposed due to ongoing Assembly election is over. The Council also noted that the recruitment process (except DPC and publication of result) of all non-teaching posts except LDC for which skill test is on 13th March 2021 is over. The Council also directed Registrar to hold DPC, wherever required and convene a meeting of Executive Council in this regard when model code of conduct is over and authorized Vice-Chancellor to place the result of the ongoing recruitment drive in the meeting of Executive Council before the end of tenure of the present Vice-Chancellor as the

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University is suffering from acute shortage of staff and the Ministry of Education is also insisting on early completion of recruitment process.

Item No. 2 : CAS promotion of teachers' of the University :

EC:140:03-21:02 : Matter related to CAS promotion of a number of teachers' has been screened and Selection Committee meeting was held as per the provisions of UGC Regulation as applicable. The matter shall be placed in the Council for further direction.

Resolution : The Council resolved to hold the final outcome of the CAS promotion of teachers' till the model code of conduct imposed due to ongoing Assembly election is over. The Council further directed Registrar to convene a meeting of Executive Council in this regard when model code of conduct is over and authorized Vice-Chancellor to place the result of CAS screening/selection committee decision in the meeting of Executive Council before the end of tenure of the present Vice-Chancellor.

Item No. 3 : Extension of validity period of panel for recruitment of faculty of Pharmaceutical Science :

EC:140:03-21:03 : The Council vides its resolution No EC: 128:10-19.2 has approved the panel of candidates recommended by the Selection Committee for appointment of Assistant Professor in the department of Pharmaceutical Science, of the Sushrutu School of Medical & Paramedical Sciences against the Employment Notification no 4/2019 Dated 8th August,2019.

The issue of offer of appointment got delayed due to **Covid-19 and nationwide lockdown** in the first instant and subsequently time elapsed to get verdict/order of the Honourable High Court of Gauhati against the Writ Petition **WP@/7421/2019** filed in relation to the shortlist of candidates for Assistant Professor in the department of Pharmaceutical Science, of the Sushrutu School of Medical & Paramedical Sciences against the Employment Notification no 4/2019 Dated 8th August, 2019.

Thereafter the offer of appointment was issued to Dr Pragyanshu Khare on 10th December, 2020 as per approval and order of the High Court of Gauhati referred above, but subsequently Dr Khare requested to the university authority for extension of joining time as he went to Germany for research assignment. It is pertinent to mention that, the appointee could not report for duty within the extended time of joining till February 10, 2021 due some personal reasons. The University thereafter issued offer of appointment to the next fellow in the panel [from wait list -1] Dr Rakesk k Singh so as to enable to join by 12th March, 2021, but he too has requested the authority on 5th March, 2021 for extension of joining time for one month, and the competent authority has already approved for extension of his joining time till 12th April, 2021. In case Dr Singh would not join for any unforeseen reason; there is one more waitlisted candidate at Waitlist No-2, who might be issued offer of appointment if it is a demand for the uninterrupted teaching & learning process.

In view of the facts detailed above, it is imperative to have an extended validity of the

panel recommended by the Selection Committee for appointment of Assistant Professor in the department of Pharmaceutical Science, of the Sushrutu School of Medical & Paramedical Sciences against the Employment Notification no 4/2019 Dated 8th August,2019.

Resolution : The Council directed Registrar to take legal views in this regard and authorized Vice-Chancellor to act accordingly.

Item No. 4 : Matter relating to the Inquiry against PIDR complaint against officials of Assam University relating to Networking of the University :

EC:140:03-21:04 : The 139th meeting of the Executive Council vide resolution No EC:139:02-21/22 Dtd. 23/02/2021 authorized Vice-Chancellor to obtain legal views on the matter as per advice of the CVO of the University. The legal opinion on the matter has been obtained from Mr. S C Keyal, Standing Counsel of the University at Gauhati High Court. Legal views so obtained shall be placed in the meeting for further direction in accordance with the spirit of the resolution of the meeting of Executive Council mentioned above.

Resolution : The Council perused various correspondences made to Ministry of Education and CVC, GoI in this regard vis-à-vis the legal views obtained from Standing Counsel of the University at Honourable Gauhati High Court. The members of the Council unanimously opined that "justice delayed is justice denied" and accepted the views of the legal counsel. Accordingly the Council resolved to exonerate the Charged officials from all the Charges as no Charges could be found to hold against any of the officials after a thorough Inquiry in terms of the provisions of CCS(CCA) Rule 1965 and other GoI guidelines in this regard. The Council directed the Registrar to issue letter of exoneration accordingly to all Charged officials.


Item No. 5 : Matter relating to inquiry into the charges against Dr. Sanjib Bhattacharjee, former Registrar, Assam University :


EC:140:03-21:05 : Inquiry against the Charges against Dr. Sanjib Bhattacharjee, former Registrar was conducted as per provision of CCS(CCA) rule 1965 and other provisions of GoI as issued from time to time. Inquiry officer has submitted the Inquiry report which was forwarded to the Charged Officer, Dr. Sanjib Bhattacharjee for his final submission before the Disciplinary Authority. The Inquiry Report was also forwarded to Mr. S C Keyal, Standing Counsel of the University at Gauhati High Court. The Inquiry report, final submission of Charged Officer and the legal views obtained from Standing Counsel shall be placed in the meeting for further direction on the matter as per rules and provisions.

Resolution : The Inquiry report was placed before the Council and a brief presentation of the same was made with the help of PPT. The members perused each of the Charges and the findings of the Inquiry. After thorough perusal the Council where several Charges were found to hold against the delinquent official, the Council considered it as a

fit case for imposition of major penalty. However, as the delinquent official was on a tenure post and his parent employer is Directorate of Higher Education, therefore, as per provision of CCS(CCA) Rules 1965; the Council decided to transmit the record of the case to parent Department for appropriate action at their end with a copy to the Principal G. C. College, Silchar for information.

There being no other agenda, the meeting ended with thanks to and from the chair.


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Registrar & Ex-officio-Secretary
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Vice Chancellor & Chairman
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