



MINUTES
OF
149TH MEETING (SPECIAL)
OF THE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

HELD ON
30th MAY 2022 AT 11.30 A.M.
IN THE HEMANGA BISWAS MEETING HALL OF
THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SECRETARIAT

ASSAM UNIVERSITY
(A CENTRAL UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHED BY AN ACT OF
PARLIAMENT)
SILCHAR



Assam University, Silchar

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to be held on 30th May 2022 at 11.30 A.M. in the Hemanga Biswas
Committee Room of the Vice-Chancellor's Secretariat,
Assam University, Silchar.**

The following Members were present :

1. Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant, Vice-Chancellor : Chairman
2. Prof. Sivasish Biswas, Pro-Vice Chancellor i/c, AUDC : Member
3. Prof. G.P. Pandey, Dean of Creative Arts & Communication Studies : Member
4. Prof. Sumanash Dutta, Dean of Economics & Commerce : Member
5. Prof. Jayashree Rout, Dean, School of Environmental Sciences : Member
6. Prof. Chira Ranjan Bhattacharjee, Dean, School of Physical Sciences : Member
7. Prof. Gopalji Mishra, Senior most Professor : 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 : Ex-officio Secretary

Members participated in the meeting through online :

1. Dr. Ajit Kumar Tamuli, Senior most Associate Professor : Member
2. Dr. Debashish Roy, Principal, Radhamadab College, Silchar : Member

Members absent :

1. Dr. M. K. Sharma, Principal, Diphu Govt. College : Member
(Absent without intimation)
2. Director, Higher Education, Govt. of Assam : Member
(Absent without intimation)

At the outset the Vice-Chancellor cum Chairman of the meeting welcomed all the members of the Executive Council. The Chairman also welcomed Prof. Chira Ranjan Bhattacharjee, Dean, School of Physical Sciences, who attended in the meeting as new member.

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Thereafter the meeting formally started and following agenda items were taken up for discussion and resolutions were adopted accordingly.

(A) Agenda item for decision/approval by the Council:

Item No 1 : Matter related to Medical claim of the Employees of the University :

EC:149:05-22:01 : Assam University doesn't have cashless treatment facilities for its employees. The matter is proposed to be taken up as per CGHS guidelines. The details of the matter shall be tabled in the meeting for discussion and direction.

Resolution : The proposal of the Administration was discussed in detail in the meeting and the Council agreed on the proposal for taking up cashless transactions during the treatment of the employees and their dependants under CGHS provisions and to empanel good hospitals with CGHS rate. The Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to constitute a Committee to identify hospitals across the country and to frame the guidelines for the purpose in line with GoI guidelines..

Item No 2 : Conduct of election for Students Council of Assam University :

EC:149:05-22:02 : Due to pandemic the election of Students Council of Assam University could not be conducted in last two years. The election of Students Council for ensuing session 2022-23 is proposed to be conducted.

The matter was placed before the Council for decision.

Resolution : On discussion on the issue the Council agreed in principle that the election for Students Council shall be conducted at the earliest possible as per the convenience of the University Administration and therefore the Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to constitute a Committee to look into the matter and submit its report at the earliest.

Item No 3 : Proposal for signing of MoU with INVESTOR EDUCATION AND PROTECTION FUND AUTHORITY (IEPF AUTHORITY), Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Govt. of India :

EC:149:05-22:03 : Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPF Authority) is providing financial and technical supports to educational institutions for providing financial education to the students of Schools, Colleges and Universities. In this regard, UGC has requested all the Vice Chancellors of Universities through its letter dated 22 October 2021 for participating in the activities of IEPF Authority. As per procedure, the Assam University is required to sign a MoU with IEPF Authority without any financial liability.

IEPF Authority will provide financial and technical support for organizing Seminar/Conference/Awareness Campaign/Workshops/Students Campaign, Competitions etc.

The matter was placed before the Council for decision.

Resolution : Dr. H. R. Laskar, Dept. of Business Administration being the proposer of the agenda was invited during the meeting for deliberation on the issue and on being heard, the Council agreed on the proposal as placed. However, the Council was of the opinion that further administrative verification shall take place before entering into signing of MoU in this regard.

Item No 4 : Moderation of expenses of Annual Course Fee fund :

EC:149:05-22:04 : It is observed that the University is not able to provide financial concurrence for engagement of Guest Faculty in various departments until finalization of the Budget Estimate of a Financial Year (FY). As a result, academic activities often suffer. In order to ensure smooth running of the academic activities and best utilization of its available financial resources, following are proposed:

- i. At least 25% of the ACFF of the departments will be centrally pooled to finance for the appointment of the Guest Faculty/ Technical or non-technical staff of other departments on an out sourced basis which don't have sufficient fund to meet such expenses.
- ii. Not more than 40% of the expenditure of the ACFF to be incurred by the department in other than meeting the expenses of Guest Faculty/ Technical or non-technical staff on an outsourced basis. The basic classroom facilities like providing of light/ fans/ repair of window panes etc. to be taken care from the ACFF, if fund permits.
- iii. Entire fund from ACFF may be utilized for meeting expenses of Guest Faculty / Technical or non-technical staff for departments which have insufficient fund to meet such expenses.

Resolution : On perusal of the proposal of the administration in totality the members of the Council were of the opinion that the existing Committee on "Fee payable for different courses" shall review the fee structure of all the courses and the same shall be re-structured keeping uniformity as far as practicable amongst all the departments/courses. Further, it is also recommended that the expenses for appointment of guest faculty, if any may be given priority by the concerned Department from the course fee.

Item No 5 : Roster for Casual / Contractual / Part time appointment :

EC:149:05-22:05 : Roster for Casual / Contractual / Part time employment needs to be finalized. The system has been presently based on earmarking by the Liaison Officer followed by approval of the authority on case to case basis. However, there is no approved final version of the roster with University authority in this regard. Therefore, it is proposed that considering the status of existing man-in-position and their respective category, Reservation Roster may be created by the University for strict compliance of the Govt. guideline as applicable. A committee may be constituted for the purpose to get the things done.

Resolution : With the permission of the Chair, the Registrar briefed about the requirement of Roster for Casual / Contractual / Part time appointment in the

University and on being heard the same the Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to constitute a Committee to frame the said Roster within 15 days from the issue of the date of notification and to submit its report to the Vice Chancellor immediately.

Item No 6 : Regulation on Post Graduate Certificate Course in French for Hospitality and Tourism Management, 2022 :

EC:149:05-22:06 : The Head, i/c of Dept. of French, AUS has forwarded the Regulation on Post Graduate Certificate Course in French for Hospitality and Tourism Management, 2022 which was accepted by the Academic Council in its 91st meeting dtd. 18.04.2022 vide resolution AC:91:04-22:23.

The Regulation as submitted was placed in the meeting for consideration by the Executive Council.

Resolution : After detail discussion, while approving the Regulation on Post Graduate Certificate Course in French for Hospitality and Tourism Management, 2022 the Council was in the observation that the 2nd line of 1st paragraph of the agenda shall be corrected as "in Hospitality" instead of "for Hospitality". At the same time it was also resolved that the Committee on "Fee payable for different courses" shall re-look into the fee structure for the said course.

Item No. 7 : Formation of Directorate of Distance Learning :

EC:149:05-22:07 : Secretary, UGC vide Public notice No. F.No. 3-1/2022 (DEB-III) dtd. 13th May 2022 notified that Higher Educational Institutions entitled to offer online programme without prior approval of UGC as per Regulation 3(B)(a) of UGC (open and Distance Learning Programmes and online Programmes) Regulations, 2020. Assam University being ranked within 100 in NIRF is entitled to offer online programme. Accordingly a Directorate of Distance Learning is required to be constituted.

The matter was placed before the Council for consideration.

Resolution : On perusal of the issue and the concerned guidelines of UGC Regulations, 2020 the Council approved the same.

Item No. 8 : Coverage under Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 in place of National Pension System :

EC:149:05-22:08 : A three-member committee under the Chairmanship of Prof Manoj Kumar Sinha was constituted by the competent authority to examine the matter of faculty members who have given option for coverage under Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 in place of National Pension System against University circular No. 105/8/2020-Estt/3288-93 dtd. 20.07.2020. The committee submitted a report in this regard which is placed at Annexure A. Thereafter to further examine the matter a one-man committee was constituted by the competent authority to examine the report of the three member committee and the one man committee has submitted a report which is placed at Annexure B. The one man committee also examined the details of the 25

faculty members who have given option for coverage under CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 in place of National Pension System and made the following observations.

1. The committee recommended the case of Prof R Balakrishnan as eligible for the benefit of coverage under CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 in place of NPS as his service gratuity, leave encashment along with CPF subscription and CPF contribution have been transferred to this University.
2. The committee observed that the service gratuity and GPF balance in respect of Prof Parag Shil have been transferred to this University and hence the case of Prof Parag Shil may be considered for coverage under CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 provided the leave encashment is transferred and all other conditions are fulfilled according to the prescribed modalities vide DP&PW's OM No.28/30/2004-P&PW (B) dated 11/6/2020.
3. The committee also found that the remaining 23 faculty members whose cases do not satisfy the requirements of DP&PW's OM No.28/30/2004-P&PW(B) dated 28/10/2009 and also the Assam University's circular vide no. 105/8/2020-Estt/3288-93 dated 28/7/2020 and hence their cases cannot be considered for coverage under CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 in place of NPS.
4. Out of remaining 23 cases, the service of Prof. Sumanash Dutta has also been received thereafter and the same has been dealt with separately and matter has been approved for counting of past service for pensionary benefit by EC in principle vide resolution no. EC:143:06-21:23.

The relevant documents were placed in the meeting for perusal of the members. The item was placed before the Council for consideration.

Resolution : The members of the Council perused the reports of both the Committees and the relevant notification of the University and the OM's of GoI issued in this regard. On detail discussion the Council felt it necessary that before taking any further action on the issue, Administrative vetting is a must for all the cases presented.

The Council also observed that point no. 4 of the agenda needs to be corrected as per EC resolution No. EC:143:06-21:23 and accordingly last line of point 4 is corrected as "approved the admission into GPF subject to compliances of all statutory requirements including verification of calculation sheet" in place of "in principle".

Item No. 9 : Item from the Chair :

EC:149:05-22:09 : Matter related to show cause notice vide No 113/89/2006-Estt/Part-I/2093 dated 30th March 2022 :

Resolution : The Chairman placed before the Council the unwanted activities that led to the issue of show cause notice vide No 113/89/2006-Estt/Part-I/2093 dated 30th March 2022 to Prof. L. N. Sethi, Dept of Agricultural Engineering in respect to defying of the direction of the Vice Chancellor of the University. The report of the Committee constituted under Chairmanship of Prof. Atri Deshmukhya vide No.113/89/2006-Estt/part dated 5th April 2022 in this regard was also placed by the Chairman before the

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Council for perusal, discussion and direction. Legal views in this regard from Standing Counsel of the University were also tabled by the Chairman. The Council noticed several instances of non compliance of directives of the Vice Chancellor which tantamount to insubordination and an act of indiscipline by an Officer. After a detail deliberation, the members authorized the Vice Chancellor to take appropriate administrative steps to ensure that Dr. Paromita Das, Liaison Officer SC/ST may function smoothly. Further, the Council in order to restore academic discipline, unanimously authorized the Vice Chancellor for removal of Prof. L. N. Sethi from all administrative positions/posts for non-compliance of the directive of the Vice Chancellor. The Council also authorized the Vice Chancellor to make suitable alternative arrangement for looking after the responsibilities fallen vacant due to removal of Prof. Sethi.

Item No. 10 : Any other item with permission from the Chair.

EC:149:05-22:10.1 : Opening of PG programme in MPA in the Dept. of Performing Arts :

Resolution : The proposal of the Dean, School of Creative Arts & Communication Studies for opening of PG programme in MPA in the Dept. of Performing Arts was agreed by the Council. Keeping in view the time constraint for passing through the Academic Council, it was resolved that the same shall be placed to Standing Committee of Academic Council at the earliest for its recommendation.

EC:149:05-22:10.2 : Starting of M. Pharm. and Ph.D (Pharmacy) programme from session 2023-24 in the Dept. of Pharmaceutical Science:

Resolution : The proposal of the Dean, School of Medical and Paramedical Sciences for starting of M. Pharm. and Ph.D (Pharmacy) programme from session 2023-24 in the Dept. of Pharmaceutical Science was placed before the Council and after detail discussion the Council was of the opinion that the same shall be placed to Standing Committee of Academic Council at the earliest for its recommendation for further consideration by the Vice Chancellor.

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



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