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The following members were present :

1. Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant, Vice-Chancellor : Chairman
2. Prof. Ajit Kr. Baishya, Dean, School of Languages & Cultural Studies : Member
3. Prof. G. P. Pandey, Dean, School of Creative Arts & Comm. Studies : Member
4. Prof. Baby Pushpa Sinha, Dean, School of English & Foreign Lang. Studies : Member
5. Prof. Geetika Bagchi, Dean, School of Educational Studies : Member
6. Prof. M. Faruque Hussain, Dean, School of Earth Sciences : Member
7. Prof. Rashmi Ranjan Mishra, Dean, School of Legal Studies : Member
8. Prof. Manoj Kr. Sinha, Dean, School of Library Sciences : Member
9. Prof. Debaprasad Das, Dean, School of Technology : Member
10. Dr. Atiqur Rahman, Principal, Nilambazar College, Nilambazar : Member
11. Dr. Subhadeep Dhar, Finance Officer i/c : Permanent Invitee
12. Prof. Piyush Pandey, Director, IQAC : Special Invitee
13. Mr. Jayanta Bhattacharjee, Director i/c, CDC : Special Invitee
14. Dr. Suprabir Dutta Roy, Controller of Examinations : Special Invitee
15. Dr. Pradosh Kiran Nath, Registrar : Ex-officio Secretary

At the outset the Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman of the Planning Board welcomed all the members of the Planning Board for attending the meeting. The Chairman also welcomed the members who have attended the meeting for the first time as Deans of Schools and Principals of affiliated college.

Thereafter following agenda items were taken up for discussion and resolutions were adopted accordingly.

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Item No. 1 : Confirmation of Minutes of 21st Meeting of Planning Board held on 2nd May 2022 :

PB:22:03-23:1 : Minutes of the 21st meeting of the Planning Board held on 2nd May 2022 were placed in the meeting for perusal by the members. The minutes as placed may be considered for confirmation.

Resolution : The members of the Board perused the resolutions taken in the 21st meeting of the Planning Board held on 2nd May 2022 and on consideration of the same the Board confirmed the minutes except **Reviewing of current academic programme offered by the University** under item No. 2 of the said minutes where it has been directed that the Assam University Admission Committee is required to submit a report to the Vice Chancellor of the University within 15 days.

Further, on perusal of the agenda items, it was noticed that there was printing error in maintaining serial number of agenda which was duly corrected.

Item No. 2 : Proposal from the Dept. of Social Work :

PB:22:03-23:2 :

- (i) There is revision of BSW and MSW course structure as per NEP 2020.
- (ii) There is a proposal of Post Graduate degree in Rural Development in collaboration with NIRD (MOU with Assam University) with a condition of providing new infrastructure and new additional faculties and staff.

a) Man Power Resources

Sl	Name of the Post	No of Post	Pay Scale	Remarks
1	Professor	1	As Per UGC	
2	Associate professor	1	As Per UGC	
2	Assistant Professor	1	As Per UGC	
3	Lower Division Assistant	1	As Per UGC	
4	MTS	1	As Per UGC	
5	House Keeping	1	As Per UGC	

b) Infrastructure

Sl	Rooms	No of rooms	Size in Sq.ft	Remarks
1	Training Hall	1	1200x1=1200	
2	Library	1	800x1=800	
3	Large Classroom	2	600x2= 1200	
4	Small Classroom	2	400x2= 800	
5	Faculty Room	3	400x3=1200	
6	Office Room	1	600x1= 600	

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(iii) **THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK NEEDS AN ADDITIONAL BUILDING FROM THE EXISTING BUILDING.**

The Department of Social Work runs an integrated programme (BSW and MSW) and PhD programme with almost 280 students with sanctioned post of 15 faculties and inadequate no. of staff. The existing building is very small to have many optional subjects with specialization in respect to NEP 2020. Thus, the department is in urgent need of more space with additional building. The following are the requirements.

- (I) Skill laboratory is required in the department where students of BSW and MSW will be taught of different skills before they practice in the community or agencies.

a) Infrastructure & Furniture

Sl	Rooms	No of rooms	Size	Remarks
1	Hall	1	60x30=1800 sq.ft.	

b) Furniture

Sl	Items	Quantity	Remarks
1	Study Chair for Classroom	60	
2	Public Address System	2 Sets	
3	ICT Panel	1	

- (II) Conference Hall is required with 300 capacity seats.

a) Infrastructure & Furniture

Sl	Rooms	No of rooms	Size	Remarks
1	Hall	1	3500 sq.ft.	

b) Furniture

Sl	Items	Quantity	Remarks
1	ICT Panel	1	
2	Public Address System	2 sets	
3	Chairs with Mic for Conference Hall	300	

- (III) **Ramp** is urgently required for PWD in both the entrances of Dept. of Social Work. **It is categorically mentioned during NAAC visit in 2021.**

- (IV) 5 separate rooms are required for faculties of the Dept. of Social Work

a) Infrastructure

Sl	Rooms	No of rooms	Size in Sq.ft	Remarks
1	Asstt. Professor	5	400x5= 2000	

*One for newly recruited, 4 for existing faculty,

- (V) A 50 seated Computer Laboratory is required with necessary infrastructure and equipment

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a) Infrastructure

Sl	Rooms	No of rooms	Size in Sq.ft	Remarks
1	Computer Laboratory	1	1400x1	

b) Furniture and Equipment

Sl	Items	Quantity	Remarks
1	Desktop	50	
2	Computer Table with Chair	50	
3	Printers	50	

(VI) Research Scholar's Room

a) Infrastructure

Sl	Rooms	No of rooms	Size in Sq.ft	Remarks
1	Large Room	1	800x1= 800	

*There are 48 scholars in the Department in present academic year.

(VII) RCC canteen is required to accommodate 280 students of the Dept. of Social Work as the present canteen is temporary & made of mud and bamboo.

(VIII) Vehicle shed is required in front of the Department of Social Work for faculties, staff and students.

(IX) For village adoption related financial support and materials required for Department of Social Work.

(X) 5 ICT Panels and 5 Podiums required for classrooms of 3 BSW, 1 Ph.D. and 1 Conference room cum library & computer room.

The matter was placed before the Planning Board for consideration.

Resolution : The proposal from the Dept. of Social Work as placed was discussed in detail and on consideration of the issue the members were of the opinion that the department shall be advised to submit a DPR for construction projects for further processing. The Board recommended for starting PG Diploma courses in Rural Development in collaboration with NIRD.

Item No. 3 : Proposal for construction of wing - B of Pharmaceutical Sciences building :

PB:22:03-23:3 : The UGC allotted Rs. 9.0 crore for construction of wing - B of Pharmaceutical Sciences building. But considering the norms from Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) the sanctioned amount (9.0 crore) is not sufficient to construct a building with necessary specification where B. Pharma course can carried out. Then at

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appropriate level it was decided to divide the building plan in two parts, i.e, wing **A** and wing **B**.

The allotted Rs. 9.0 crore is being utilized for construction of **wing A** and the building will be utilized for running PG course (M. Pharm). At present, B Pharm course is running in temporary accommodation. However as per mandate of Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) and All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) permanent building with minimum space, minimum classrooms, Laboratories etc, are mandatory and this needs to avoid re-recognition from PCI. Therefore, construction of a separate permanent building is need of the hour.

The Departmental Affair Committee (DAC) meeting held on 19-01-2023 for the Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences proposed for the construction of **Wing B** of Pharmaceutical Sciences building by taking loan from HEFA. The building will be as per Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) norms.

The matter was placed before the Planning Board for consideration.

Resolution : The representation from the Dept. of Pharmaceutical Science for construction of wing - B of Pharmaceutical Sciences building was perused by the members and on discussion on the same the Board advised the University Administration to explore the possibilities of doing the work under PPP (Public-Private Partnership) model.

Item No. 4 : Proposal from the Dept. of Performing Arts :

PB:22:03-23:4 :

(i) Introduction of MPA Programme & Ph.D. Programme :

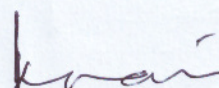
Presently Dept. of Performing Arts is running the B.P.A. course only. As per the plan of the University probably from the next session (2024-2025) Integrated Master Degree courses will also be introduced to the U.G. departments of the AUS. In this regard, we would like to bring your kind notice that if you can also consider the matter to start the MPA and Ph.D. programme at DPA, it will be beneficial for all the students and the faculties too.

Students of Assam especially the students of the entire Barak valley even the whole of North East India depend on AUS for higher education.

Performing Arts as a University subject is not very common to all the Universities in North East even in other parts of India. It will be worth mentioning here that this region is full of resources for the indigenous culture of our country. Students from other states of the country are regularly enquiring at our D.P.A. regarding M.P.A. and Ph.D. courses. For many of our students, it is not affordable to go far for their higher education after completing B.P.A. from our University.

It is therefore proposed for starting M.P.A. and Ph.D. courses as early as possible at the Department of Performing Arts.

Resolution : The issue of introduction of MPA Programme & Ph.D. Programme in the Dept. of Performing Arts was placed before the Board and on perusal of the same



the members of the Board agreed in principle for the programmes. However, it was felt that the proposal in detail shall be moved through proper process and in case of Ph.D programme it was decided that the same may be put on hold as of now.

(ii) New and Permanent Building of the Department :

Presently Dept. of Performing Arts is situated at the temporary building. A permanent setup for the department is required for the betterment of the holistic growth of the students. The number of classrooms, size of the classrooms, toilets, common room, seminar or conference hall, auditorium and many other such things are needed to get a better idea of the subjects.

Resolution : For construction of new and permanent building of the Dept. of Performing Arts, it was decided by the Board to explore the requirement under PPP (Public-Private Partnership) model and a detail DPR is required to be framed.

(iii) Departmental Library :

For detail study by the students and the teachers, a library is very much needed in the department. Subject-related core books and reference books will help the students to understand the subject better and to think beyond the syllabus.

As the central library is far from the department, therefore, it is not possible for the teachers or students to access library books as & when required. Hence, a departmental library can fulfill that.

Resolution : The Departmental Library of the Dept. of Performing Arts to be taken up separately in the DPR as resolved.

(iv) Departmental Audio-Video Laboratory :

Subjects of Dept. of Performing Arts are based on audio-video presentations. Digitization is the cry of the time, so our students need to grow up with ICT facilities. That required an Audio-Video Laboratory with a technician.

The matter was placed before the Planning Board for consideration.

Resolution : The Departmental Audio-Video Laboratory of the Dept. of Performing Arts to be taken up separately in the DPR as resolved.

Item No. 5 : Proposal for opening of Constituent Degree College under Assam University, Silchar :

PB:22:03-23:5 : National Education Policy 2020 has emphasized the need of raising gross enrolment ratio in Higher Education from 25% to 50% by 2035. This huge increase in enrolment indirectly emphasizes the requirement of establishment of more and more Higher Educational Institutions throughout the country. On the other hand, while issuing guidelines for transforming Higher Education Institution into Multidisciplinary Institutions, UGC categorically mentioned the need for making constituent colleges by

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every University (Clause 10 – Constituent Colleges of University under NEP Guidelines for Transforming Higher Education Institutions in to Multidisciplinary Institution). To cater the requirements of Multidisciplinary Higher Educational Institutions as per mandate of NEP 2020, proposed constituent college shall have all Science Arts and Commerce streams with vocational subjects.

Keeping in view the said mandate of NEP 2020 at the back drop, looking at the changes that are going to happen in the field of Higher Education in next 25 years and also considering the present scenario when Govt. is promoting autonomous colleges, (one old college i.e, G. C. College has already been given State University status), feeder institutions need to be created to ensure quality education at Assam University. Hence, Assam University may initiate for establishment of a constituent college for Under Graduate courses (BA, B.Sc, B.Com).

The matter was placed before the Planning Board for consideration.

Resolution : The NEP 2020, point 10.4 recommends granting autonomy to the colleges, which over the period of time would develop into autonomous degree granting college or a constituent college of the University. Hence, the NEP 2020 does not refer to opening a new constituent college. However, the members appreciated the intention of the proposal and hence, starting Under Graduate courses in different departments was suggested, which may function in self finance mode.

Item No. 6 : Item from the Chair :

PB:22:03-23:6.1 : Revision of Vision Document of the University :

The Director, IQAC briefed about the requirement of revision of Vision Document of the University as available in respect to its modification for the present education system and latest guidelines issued from the concerned Ministry/UGC.

Resolution : After detail discussion on the issue it was resolved that the revision of Vision Document of the University is required and Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has been authorized to constitute a Committee to review the Vision Document of the University.

PB:22:03-23:6.2 : Rain water harvesting in the University :

The requirement of rain water harvesting in the University was considered as need of the day due to shortage of water in the University. In this regard the views of Engineering Section were considered for taking up necessary action.

Resolution : The Board discussed the issue at length and it was resolved that the Engineering Wing of the University shall submit a detail report for rain water harvesting in the University to the Vice Chancellor at the earliest.

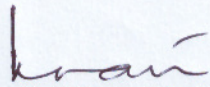
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PB:22:03-23:6.3 : Facilities to be provided to the Divyang category in the University

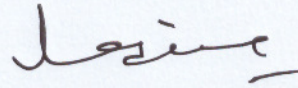
It is required to have adequate facilities for Divyang students for all departments of the University and accordingly necessary steps to be taken.

Resolution : The issue was discussed by the members and it was resolved that to implement the different facilities required for the purpose, the University shall seek fund from the Ministry of Social Justice, Govt. of India. Communication in this regard shall be made at the earliest. However, Engineering Section is required to identify the requirement at the earliest.

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



(Dr. Pradosh Kiron Nath)
Ex-officio-Secretary
Planning Board
Assam University, Silchar



(Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant)
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