The 12th meeting of the Library Committee was held on 3.5.93 at 3 p.m. at the ante-room of the Vice Chancellor, Administrative Building, North Bengal University.

Members present in the meeting -

The Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair)
1. Prof. B. Bhattacharjya, Dean of the Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Science
2. Dr. M.S. Mukhopadhyay, Deptt. of Sociology & Social Anthropology
3. Dr. Pranab Sinha Roy, Deptt. of Chemistry
4. Dr. H.K. Senanta, Deptt. of M.C.A.
5. Sri Debasis Chakraborty, Deptt. of Physics
6. Prof. A.K. Ghoshal, Centre for Life Sciences
7. Sri. Kamalakanta Dutta, Centre for Himalayan Studies
8. Sri Malaykr. Das, Research Scholars' Representative

Sri Jyotirmoy Roy, Dy. Librarian was also present in the meeting as a special invitee.

At the outset the following corrections were made in the Agenda Paper:

Item 1 - '10.5.93' instead of '22.5.92' in the last line.
Item 3 - 'Allocated' instead of 'sanctioned' in the first line.
Item 6 - 'Grade II' to be mentioned after the word 'Assistant Librarian' and 'Computer Centre' instead of 'Department of Computer Science and Applications' be mentioned in the third line.

Minutes:

Agenda
Item 1 - To confirm the minutes of the 11th meeting of the Library Committee held on 18.3.93 (Annexure 1)

Resolution

The minutes of the 11th meeting held on 18.3.93 were confirmed.

While confirming the above the word 'profitable' was replaced by 'revenue' in the last line in the resolution of item 2.
Item 2 - To note that COPSIAT service has been introduced in the library and the library has started receiving monthly issues. DDS (Document Delivery Service) associated with COPSIAT service is also being introduced. This service will facilitate the users to get photo-copies of the articles listed in COPSIAT issues.

Resolution

It was noted that COPSIAT and DDS service had been introduced in the library. The Secretary informed that he had already circulated a notice informing the concerned departments to this effect.

Prof. A. Chakraborty, Centre for Life Sciences, pointed out to the needs of the Centre for Life Sciences, Departments of Botany & Zoology. He observed that the journals listed in the COPSIAT programme were inadequate to cater to the needs of the above departments. Hence, he urged that the library should try to get similar services having larger scope. It was resolved that an effort should be made to introduce CAPS service of INSIBDI which listed more journals. In this connection members opined that such services like COPSIAT & CAPS or CCDB with abstracts should not be regarded as substitutes to printed periodicals. It was, therefore, resolved that efforts should be taken to subscribe to foreign periodicals for the Science department as far as possible.

Item 3 - To consider a note from the Registrar, North Bengal University on giving restricted facilities to the students of Coaching Centre for Higher Services/Competitive Examinations.

Resolution

Resolved that the Head of the Coaching Centre for Higher Services/Competitive Examinations be requested to communicate his opinion with regard to the actual needs of the students and how the library could help them.

Item 4 - To report that issues of CCDB with abstracts: Physics, Chemistry & Earth Sciences have been subscribed to for 1992-93 and CCDB with abstracts: Agricultural Biology & Environmental Sciences for 1992.

Resolution

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Item 5 -  To note that an amount of Rs. 1,75,000/- has been allotted for purchasing one PC 486 and other accessories for the library.

Resolution

It was noted that the Development Committee had allotted a sum of Rs. 1,75,000/- only for purchasing one PC 486 along with other accessories. The Secretary informed that considerable progress had been made so far as purchase processes were concerned. He assured the members that the purchase process was likely to be completed within the next 2/3 weeks.

Item 6 - To note that a team consisting of Shri Bimalabha Karakar, Assistant Librarian Grade II, & Shri Nikhil Nath Bhattacharya, Programmer, Department of Computer Science and Applications, have been selected to participate in the 14th Training Course being organised by INPHNET, with a view to developing necessary man power for application of Computer etc. in the library services.

Resolution

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Item 7 - To note that certain partition walls of the Ground Floor of the Library building are being demolished so that the library can utilise the space profitably.

Resolution

It was reported that the demolition work was yet to begin. The members opined that there should not be further delay in this matter. Vice-Chancellor instructed the Library In-charge to do the needful in respect of getting the job completed as soon as possible.

Item 8 - To report that the following members have lent the library books mentioned against their names and they have deposited the cost price of the books:

1) Sri Jatin Chakraborty, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Commerce
1) Gupta, D. - Financial Ratios for Monitoring Corporate Sickness
698.1513 0 976 (B3721)  Rs. 126/-
11) Burnham T.P. & McNicholl Runcan - Macro-economics 350.182 D 4356Am
(4989) Rs. 510/-

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1) Shri Prakash Meherjee - Galpa Sangraha 35.5/ / (74554) Rs. 55/-
2) Shri Dinesh Mandal, Deptt. of Economics, Part I, Roll No. 15
   a) Suhas Sen - 80.9/ / (80282) Rs. 55.00
3) Shri Matiur Rahman, Department of Bengali, Part I, Roll No. 44
   a) Sushil Kumar Dey - Rabindra Mitra 60.2/ / (52314) Rs. 30/-
4) Shri Dilip Barman, Deptt. of Political Science, Part I, Roll No. 40
   a) Dickison, G. Lowes - Plato and his dialogues 321 P 595 p (24755)
5) Shri Ashim Hazra, Lecturer in Bengali
   a) Sucha Mahto - Baglur Ritikaer Dusho Putar 95.3/ / (40159) Rs. 100/-

Resolution
The Library Committee noted that the members mentioned above had lost the library books mentioned against their names and they had deposited the cost price of the books.

Misc. Items

To report that a lot of microfiches have been received from the library of Congress, United States, Field Office, New Delhi as gift.

Resolution
The members were happy to note that the United States Library of Congress, Field Office, New Delhi had donated a good number of microfiches to the library.

b) Shri R.N. Mahapatra proposed that a system of coupon be introduced for getting reprography service in the library. Prevailing system of depositing the charges in the finance department should be done away with since it was inconvenient to the users. It was resolved that the system of coupon be introduced provided that the finance deptt. agreed to it.

b) Some of the members complained about inadequacy of light in the Stack and the Reading Room and that a good number of fans were out of order.

Vice Chancellor advised the Library in-Charge to take up the case with the Engineer so that necessary arrangements in this regard be...

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made as soon as possible.

The meeting was terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Philip Chowdhury)
Library incharge

(Prof. K.N. Chatterjee)
Vice-Chancellor
Chairman
Library Committee