

The 13th meeting of the Library Committee was held on 24/3/94 at 3 P.M. at the office of the Vice-Chancellor, Administrative Building, North Bengal University.

Members present :-

1. The Vice-Chancellor in the Chair.
2. Prof. T.K. Roychowdhury, Dean of the Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Arts, Commerce & Law.
3. Prof. B. Bhattacharyya, Dean of the Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Science.
4. Dr. (Mrs.) Manjulika Ghosh, Department of Philosophy.
5. Dr. M.M. Mukherjee, Department of History.
6. Dr. B. Basu, Department of Chemistry.
7. Dr. R.K. Samanta, Department of M.C.A.
8. Dr. Debesh Chandra Deb, Department of Zoology.
9. Sri Debdas Chakravarty, Department of Physics.
10. Prof. A.K. Chakraborty, Centre for Life Sciences.
11. Dr. M.M. Jana, Deptt. of Geography & Applied Geography.
12. Dr. H.K. Chakraborty, Department of Economics.
13. The Registrar, North Bengal University.

Sri Jyotirmay Roy, D. Librarian was also present in the meeting as a special invitee.

Sri Debashis Paul, G.S., Students' Asson. attended the meeting after obtaining permission from the Chairman.

Minutes :-

Item I : To confirm the minutes of the 12th meeting of the Library Committee held on 3.8.93 (Annexure 1).

Resolution

The minutes of the 12th meeting of the Library Committee held on 3/8/93 were confirmed.

(a) While confirming the above minutes it was felt that the following should be added to the Resolution 5 of the same meeting :

"The following was the configuration of the PC & other accessories proposed to be purchased for the Library -

- (1) 80486 (33 MHz) CPU
- 128 KB CACHE MEMORY
- 4 MB RAM
- 1 x 1.2 MB FDD both 5.25" and 3.5" each
- 1 x 70/80 MB HDD
- 14 inch monitor with MCA Card
- Desk Top Cabinet with PSU
- 101 keys keyboard
- 2 serial & 2 parallel ports
- RTC with battery back-up

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- (2) MS DCS (software) latest version
- (3) 132 column high speed good resolution dot matrix printer
- (4) One word-processing package (software) with special emphasis on WORDSTAR (latest version) or CH-1 writer.

(b) The following lines should be added to the Resolution 3 (three) of the last meeting :-

"It was felt that reference facilities should be made available to the interested students of the Coaching Centre for Higher Services/Competitive Examinations."

Item II : To consider a joint application from some Technical Staff of the University for getting more borrowing facilities.

Resolution

The joint application was read out in the meeting. The members felt that such enhanced facilities as demanded by the signatories could not be given presently. Such application could be considered favourably if necessary infra-structural facilities were available.

Item III : To report that arrangements are being made to subscribe to some of the foreign periodicals for 1994 for each P.G. Deptt. and Centre.

Resolution

The Library In-charge reported that necessary arrangements in respect of subscription to some periodicals for 1994 had already been made. He further reported that a sum of Rs. 13 lakhs was expected to be made available for the above purpose. The members noted that all the foreign periodicals which were subscribed to during 1991 for Arts and Humanities departments and also the Deptt. of Geography & Applied Geography were being subscribed to for 1994. A few basic journals for each Science departments i.e., Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Computer Science, Zoology & Botany were also being subscribed to for 1994. Those science journals would be subscribed to in addition to the existing COPSAT, DDS & CCOD services.

The members felt that more funds should be made available for subscription of foreign periodicals. Vice-Chancellor assured that necessary efforts should be made in this respect in the next year.

Prof. T.K. Roychowdhury suggested that services identical to COPSAT, DDS etc should also be introduced for the Humanities departments also.

Item IV : To discuss problems relating to shortage of staff in the library.

Resolution

The problem was considered and the difficulties faced by the library were duly shared by the members. But in view of the fact that no easy solution was in view it was decided to bear with the situation.

Item V : To consider a proposal from INFLIBNET for COPSAT service on floppy diskettes.

Resolution

The members opined that COPSAT on floppy diskettes should not be considered in view of the fact that there was only 1 PC which usually remained busy for doing other work. It was resolved that the existing COPSAT service in print-form should be continued.

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Item VI : To consider a proposal of CSIR for introducing special information services to be offered by INSDOC on payment.

Resolution

The Library in-charge informed that he had already written to the INSDOC & also to CSIR to know if photocopy services without subscribing to Content & Abstract services was possible. It was resolved that the matter would be taken up for discussion after obtaining necessary details from INSDOC & CSIR in this respect.

Item VII : To consider an appeal by the L.L.M. students for getting library facilities from the University Library.

Resolution

It was resolved that limited facilities in respect of using periodicals in the Library should be given to the best possible extent.

Item VIII : To consider if post construction termite treatment should be undertaken in view of stray signs of termite attack in the ground floor of the library building.

Resolution

The members felt deeply concerned. They opined that an expert should be consulted in this matter. Vice-Chancellor advised that the matter should be taken up with the University Engineer who should be approached for providing necessary help with a view to eradicating termites.

Item IX : To report that the University Library needs some special funds for replacing some defective fans, tube lights, arranging new points for tube lights and repair of broken glass panes.

Resolution

The Library In-charge reported that some complaints in respect of non-functioning tube lights & broken glass panes had been attended to. But still there were many complaints. Vice-Chancellor advised that specific proposals based on genuine needs should be submitted to him in this respect.

Item X : To report that the portion of the ground floor vacated by Examination Branch is ready for use. Necessary measures in respect of procuring furniture etc. are being taken.

Resolution

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Item XI : To report that the following members have lost the library books mentioned against their names and they have deposited the cost prices of the books -

- 1) Sri Robin Kr. Chhetri, Teacher Fellow, Deptt. of Physics
  - i) Ginzburg, V.L. & Syrovatskii, S.I. - Origin of cosmic rays:  
539.7223 G 493 oSM (11927) Price/Rs. 750/-
- 2) Miss Aniza Nasreen, Part II, Deptt. of Sociology & Social Anthropology
  - i) B. Andre - Six essays in comparative sociology:  
301.0954 B 562 s (85682) Price Rs. 40/-

Resolution

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Misc. Item I : It was reported that Shri K.S. Bhattacharyya had lost the following library books and cost price of these books had been realised.

- 1) Marx-Engels : Selected Works, vol.I (13080) 335.4/M 392 sE Rs. 100/-
- 2) Aryal, D. : Nepal District Profile (82532) 315.496/A 796 nRR Rs. 345/-
- 3) Bhambri, C.P. : Janata Party : a profile (72237) 329.95/B 575 j Rs. 75/-
- 4) Kasturi, N. : History of British Occupation in India (8145)  
954.03/B 327 hK Rs. 35/-
- 5) Bentley, P.J. : Comparative vertebrate endocrinology (64921)  
591.142/B 477 c Rs. 465/-
- 6) Singh, G.N. : Landmarks in India.. (1111) 342.5409/S 617 l Rs. 40/-
- 7) Nag and Barman : Today's Works of Rammohun Roy (9704) 294.5/R 888 e Rs. 20/-
- 8) Sen, D.N. : The Paradox of Freedom (22176) 954.04/S 414 p Rs. 35/-
- 9) Blackburn, Explosion in a Subcontinent (47235) 320.954/B 628 e Rs. 80/-

Item II : Resolved that 50 paise would be charged for each computer print out from the members of the Library.

Item III: Resolved that copies of the issues of CGOD would be made available to the concerned departments only on loan for a period of maximum 4 weeks. The Head of the Departments would borrow the copies on behalf of the department. Only one issue could be borrowed at a time.

Item IV: The point of maintenance problems in the library raised by the teachers of the Department of Physics were discussed. The members opined that the problems were genuine and something should be done in respect of resolving these. The Library in-charge reported that some measures in respect of providing sufficient light had already been taken. Other complaints still needed to be attended to. He stressed on the need of enhancing infra-structural facilities as far as possible.

As there was no other item to discuss the meeting of the Library Committee terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Library In-Charge  
Convener  
Library Committee

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Vice-Chancellor  
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Library Committee