

Annexure - I

The 17th meeting of the Library Committee was held on 8/8/96 at 12 noon at the office of the Vice Chancellor, Administrative Building, North Bengal University.

Members present :-

- 1) The Vice-Chancellor, North Bengal University (Chairman)
- 2) Prof. J.C. Debnath, Dean of the Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Arts, Commerce & Law
- 3) Dr. R.S. Mukhopadhyay, Department of Sociology & Social Anthropology
- 4) Sri Krishnarej Ghatani, Department of Nepali
- 5) Dr. Jaydeb Paul, Department of Zoology
- 6) Dr. Subir Sarker, Department of Geography & Applied Geography
- 7) Dr. (Mrs.) Karubaki Dutta, Centre for Himalayan Studies
- 8) Sri Sandib Das, Dept. of Computer Science & Application
- 9) The Registrar, North Bengal University

M i n u t e s :-

Item 1. To confirm the minutes of the 16th meeting of the Library Committee held on 10/5/96 (Annexure 1).

Resolution The minutes of the 16th meeting of the Library Committee held on 10/5/96 were confirmed.

Item 2 To prepare the revised budget estimate 1996-97 and the budget proposal for 1997-98.

Resolution Resolved that the budget proposal for 1997-98 and the revised budget estimate 1996-97 as mentioned below be recommended.

Item of Exp./Receipts	Actual '95-'96	Approved Estimates '96-'97	Actual for 4 months i.e., upto 31.7.96
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1. Periodicals etc. for teaching depts. & the library	24,80,762.00	80,00,000.00	21,756.00
2. Computer & Reprographic services	61,120.00	80,000.00	3,200.00
3. Binding	68,537.00	1,00,000.00	8,883.00
4. Stock Taking	Nil	18,000.00	Nil
5. Contingency	64,475.58	70,000.00	32,281.00
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Item of Exp./Receipts	Estimate for next 8 months of '96-'97	Revised Estimate for '96-'97 (Col.4+Col.5)	Budget Estimate for 1997-98
	(5)	(6)	(7)
1. Periodicals etc. for teaching depts. & the library	32,00,000.00	40,00,000.00	88,00,000/-
2. Computer & Reprographic services	70,000.00	73,200.00	80,000/-
3. Binding	90,000.00	98,883.00	1,00,000/-
4. Stock Taking	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000/-
5. Contingency	65,000.00	97,281.00	1,00,000/-

While recommending the above budget proposals the members felt it necessary to make a case with the State government for one-time Capital grant of Rs. 15 lacs for purchase of books. Such a move had become imperative in view of the fact that purchase of books had almost been suspended for a long period owing to non-availability of funds.

(Confirmed for immediate implementation)

Item 3 To consider the report submitted by the sub-committee constituted for recommending measures to resolve space problem in the library.

Resolution Resolved that the measures suggested by the sub-committee be approved and implemented with immediate effect.

Item 4 To consider the report of the committee for submitting a comprehensive plan for computerisation etc. (item was deferred in the last meeting).

Resolution Resolved that the report be approved and necessary measures in respect of implementation of the recommendations be taken.

Item 5 To discuss and recommend measures for improving services in the reprographic unit of the library (item was deferred in the last meeting).

Resolution Librarian reported that a committee with the following members had been constituted in the emergency meeting of the library committee held on 7/9/94. The committee was to suggest as to how such improvement would be achieved. But the committee had not submitted any suggestions.

Members of the committee :-

1. Prof. T.K. Roychoudhuri, Department of History
2. Prof. B. Bhattacharjee, Department of Physics
3. Prof. S.P. Pal, Department of Mathematics

It was resolved that the above committee be requested to submit recommendation for improving services in the reprographic unit within one month. The Librarian should convene the meeting as soon as possible.

(Resolution confirmed for immediate implementation)

Item 6

To discuss problem relating to lack of sufficient number of books frequently used by students.

Resolution

The members felt that this was a serious problem and the same could be resolved only by procuring more books for use of students only.

Resolved that a proposal for sanctioning Rs. 5 lacs only be submitted to the Finance Committee in view of the sufferings of the students owing to lack of sufficient number of books.

Item 7

To report that Prof. Ashru K. Sikdar has kindly donated the following books to the University Library.

1. (অসম) - বীজতত্ত্ব - ১৯৬০
2. (অসম) - অসম - (২৫ খণ্ড) - ১৯৬০
3. (অসম) - অসম - (২৫ খণ্ড) - ১৯৬০
4. অসম - অসম - (২৫ খণ্ড) - ১৯৬০
5. অসম - অসম - (২৫ খণ্ড) - ১৯৬০
6. অসম - অসম - (২৫ খণ্ড) - ১৯৬০

Resolution

It was noted that Prof. Ashru K. Sikdar had kindly donated these books to the University Library.

The members appreciated the kind donation of Prof. Sikdar.

Item 8

To report that Sri Upendra Nath Roy, Metali, Dt. Jalpaiguri has been donating "The Economist" from June, '96.

Resolution

It was noted that Sri Upendra Nath Roy, Metali, Jalpaiguri had been donating "The Economist" from June, '96.

The members appreciated the kind gesture of Sri Upendra Nath Roy.

Misc.(1)

It was reported that the following book had been lost by Sm. Ranju Dhamal, Centre for Himalayan Studies and the latest cost price of the book had been realised from her.

1. God's fool : G.N. Patterson
Call No:- 915.15 P 317 g (30981) £1.75 = Rs. 102.00

(2)

The members felt that a policy with regard to determination of the cost prices of the lost books be framed.

- (3) Resolved that a scheme with a view to verifying the library stock be submitted by the Librarian for discussion in the next meeting of the Library Committee.
- (4) Members felt that the library hours (for reading room) should be extended to 9 P.M. It was resolved that the Librarian would explore the possibility of extending the library hours and submit a report in respect of the infrastructural needs for such extension.

As there was no other items to discuss the meeting was terminated with a vote of thanks to and from the chair.

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