

The 19th meeting of the Library Committee was held on 26.8.97 at 3 P.M. at the office of the Vice-Chancellor, Administrative Building, North Bengal University.

Members Present :

1. The Vice-Chancellor, North Bengal University
2. Dr. Joydeb Paul, Department of Zoology
3. Dr. Prabir Kr. Sarker, Department of Botany
4. Dr. P.K.Mandal, Department of Physics
5. Sri Prabir Kr. Burma, General Secretary, N.B.U.S.A.
6. Dr. Pinaki Bandopadhyaya, Department of Chemistry
7. Dr. (Mrs.) Karubaki Dutta, Centre for Himalayan Studies
8. Dr. B.Bhattacharyya, Dean of the Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Science
9. The Registrar, North Bengal University
10. Dr. Raghunath Ghosh, Department of Philosophy
11. Dr. Rajatsubhra Mukhopadhyay, Dept. of Sociology & Social Anthropology
12. Sri Sandip Das, Deptt. of Computer Science & Applications
13. Dr. Ladly Roy, Convener, Library Committee
14. Sri Tapan Kr. Gupta, Assistant Librarian attended the meeting as a special invitee.

Minutes :

Agenda 1. To confirm the minutes of the 18th meeting of the Library Committee held on 10.12.96.

Decision : The minutes of the 18th meeting of the Library Committee held on 10.12.96 were confirmed.

Matters arising out of the minutes — The suggestion of extending Library lending hours for students was discussed and a committee with the following members formed to explore the possibility of extending lending period for students. The Committee will also examine the possibility of keeping the current periodicals section open upto 7-30 P.M.

- (1) Dr. Joydev Paul
- (2) Dr. Rajatsubhra Mukhopadhyay
- (3) Dr. Prabir Sarker
- (4) Dr. Ladly Roy, Convener

It was suggested that in doing this exercise the committee should take into account the constraints of the library.

Agenda 2. To consider the budget proposals for the year 1998-99 and the revised estimate for the year 1997-98 of the University Library.

Decision : The Budget proposals were approved with the following modifications :

1. Reprography and Computer units should be shown as separate heads.
2. Regular items of expenditure i.e. Annual Contracts for maintenance of equipments, etc. should be separated from the Contingency head.

(Amount in Rs.)

Items of expn/receipts	Actual 1996-97	Original estimate 1997-98	Actual for 4 months i.e. upto 31.7.97	Estimate for next 8 months of 1997-98	Revised Estimate 1997-98 (Col. 4 + 5)	Budget Estimate for 1998-99
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
*1. Periodicals for teaching depts. and Library	27,91,198	88,00,000	13,342	40,00,000	45,00,000	88,88,000
**2. Computer unit	1,725	80,000 (for serial no.2 + 3)	Nil	30,000	30,000	35,000
**3. Reprography Service	43,282		Nil	50,000	50,000	55,000
4. Binding	98,771.25	1,00,000	4,060	95,950	1,00,000	1,10,000
5. Stock Taking	Nil	18,000	Nil	18,000	18,000	20,000
**6. Maintenance of equipments & preservation (Insecticide spray)	25,335 [spent from the contin- gency head]	-	18,386.60 [spent from the contin- gency head]	25,000	43,386	47,724
7. Contingency	79,537.25	1,00,000 (including serial no.6)	28,373 (included item no.6)	28,241	56,614	62,276

*Special financial assistance for periodicals and journals to North Bengal University is needed on regular basis for :-

- (1) Of All State Universities of W.Bengal, North Bengal University has a locational disadvantage being situated at a place faraway from Calcutta. Compared to other universities it has a very remote access to the journals of different organisations available at the metropolitan centre.
- (2) North Bengal University is the only library of North Bengal zone which facilitates research and higher learning by providing journal and periodicals to the Students, Teachers, and Researchers of the vast area of Six Seven District of North Bengal.

**Computer unit of the Library is uplifted with the Computer System for INFLIBNET & E.MAIL. So, the budget head for the Computer and Reprography is being separated.

***Expenditure for Maintenance of equipments were made from Contingency head. A new head named 'Maintenance of equipments' is proposed. The contingency fund is proportionately reduced.

(Confirmed for immediate implementation)

Agenda 3. To consider a proposal for installation VSAT in the University Library.

Decision : The installation of computer system under INFLIBNET programme and E.Mail was reported. The committee after discussion decided not to pursue VSAT proposal at present.

Agenda 4. To consider the representation made by the Students' Association for adequate number of books in the University Library.

Decision : Noted and explained.

Agenda 5. To report that 15 books (7 titles) received from the office of the Inspector of Colleges.

Decision : It was noted that Inspector of Colleges office had kindly donated the books to the University Library. (list attached)

The members appreciated the kind donation of Inspector of Colleges, North Bengal University.

Agenda 6. To report that Sri Bimalendu Bhattacharyya, Reader in Philosophy, Malda College, has kindly donated the following book to the University Library.

(1) Empiricism and the problem of meaning by Bimalendu Bhattacharyya. It was noted that Sri Bimalendu Bhattacharyya of Malda College had kindly donated the above book to the University Library.

Decision : The members appreciated the kind donation of Sri Bhattacharyya.

Agenda 7. To report that Prof. Haripada Dutta, Nischintapur, Rampurhat, Birbhum has kindly donated the following books to the University Library.

Byakarankarika vol.1-6 by Haripada Dutta.

Decision : It was noted that Prof. Haripada Dutta had kindly donated the above books to the University Library.

The members appreciated the kind donation of Prof. Dutta.

Agenda 8. To report that the following members of the University Library have lost the books mentioned against their names and paid compensation.

- (1) Sri Anil Kr. Sarkar : Khadiid, B : Pakisthan : formative phases Rs. 215.75.
- (2) Dr. Sibchandra Lahiri :
 - (a) Kaleryatra : Rabindranath Tagore : Rs. 10.66.
 - (b) Samalochana Sahitya : Srikumar Bandopadhyay & Prasanta Paul : Rs.63.12
 - (c) Bangla Samalochana Parichaya : Subodh Ch. Sengupta : Rs.61.00
- (3) Sm. Sujata Sarkar Pt.1, Political Science.
 - (1) Rabindra Kavya nari : Baidyanath Seal Rs. 48.00

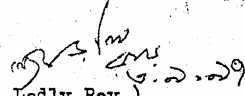
Decision : It was noted that above-mentioned members of the Library lost the books mentioned above and the latest cost price of the books as per Library rule had been realised from them.

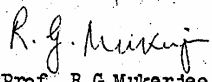
Misc. item

- (1) The Committee discussed the problem of depositing books purchased for project work to the University Library. The Committee decided that all books purchased for project work by Research Scholars, Research Fellows, Teacher Fellows should, after completion of the project, be deposited to the University Library through the Departmental Committee concerned.

Resolved that this decision be communicated to all Heads of Teaching Deptt. & Centres.

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


(Lady Roy)
Convener


(Prof. R.G. Mukerjee)
Chairman