

Library committee

The 21st meeting of the Library Committee was held on 3/2/99 at 3 p.m. at the Conference Hall, Administrative Building, University of North Bengal.

Members present :

1. Prof. R.G. Mukerjee, the Vice Chancellor (in the chair)
2. Prof. B. Bhattacharya, Dean of the Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Science
3. Prof. D.G. Bhownick, Dean of the Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Arts, Commerce & Law
4. Dr. Joydeb Pal, Department of Zoology
5. Dr. Sachit Sur, Department of Geography
6. Dr. (Mrs.) Chhanda Chakraborty, Department of History
7. Dr. (Smt.) Karubaki Datta, Centre for Himalayan Studies
8. Dr. Aniruddha Saha, Department of Botany
9. Dr. Kanak Kanti Bagchi, Department of Economics
10. Dr. J.C. Basak, Department of Philosophy
11. Dr. Sandip Das, Department of Computer Science & Application
12. Sri S.R. Sharma, Department of Nepali
13. Dr. Soumitra Sarkar, Convener, Library Committee
14. Dr. Lady Roy, Assistant Librarian, attended the meeting as a special invitee.

Minutes :-

Agenda 1 : To confirm the minutes of the 20th meeting of the Library Committee held on 13/08/98 (Annexure-1).

Decision : The minutes of the 20th meeting of the Library Committee were confirmed.

Agenda 2 : To consider the report submitted by the Sub-Committee constituted to oversee implementation of INFLIBNET programme regarding procedure for access to INTERNET and E-Mail facilities in the University Library, maintenance of INFLIBNET system and database creation under INFLIBNET programme.

Decision : The report of the sub-committee was placed before the Library Committee (Annexure-2).

Resolved that the recommendations of the Sub-Committee constituted to oversee implementation of INFLIBNET programme be approved.

Note : The members approved in principle the Sub-Committee's proposal for the purchase of 2 PCs in the Library out of 9th Plan Fund allocated for 'Computerisation of Office.' However, it was decided that the same would be considered subject to receipt of next phase of grant from the U.G.C.

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Agenda 3 : To report the progress of and the difficulties in implementing INFLIBNET programme in the Library.

Decision : i) The Deputy Librarian apprised the members about the progress of automation and networking of the University Library under INFLIBNET programme. The members were happy to note the progress.

ii) The Deputy Librarian reported that the storage capacity of Hard Disks of the existing computers in the Library is required to be developed to run the Library Software, LIBSYS and the INTERNET successfully and an estimated cost of Rs. 25,000/- would be needed for the purpose.

The proposal was approved.

iii) The Library Committee expressed its concern over non-availability of important academic journals through INFLIBNET. During discussion the members pointed out that with the establishment of INFLIBNET, initiated by the UGC, it was expected that it should be possible to economise expenditure in respect of periodical subscription. The realities are however different. INFLIBNET is yet to take shape in its incipient form. Such being the case, it was therefore resolved that a letter be sent to the UGC requesting to take appropriate steps so that access to important academic journals are available through INFLIBNET.

Agenda 4 : To report the progress achieved so far in respect of purchase of books for 9th Plan.

Decision : The Deputy Librarian apprised the members about the progress achieved so far in respect of purchase of books for 9th Plan.

The members expressed satisfaction to note the progress.

Agenda 5 : To consider the representation made by the Students' Association for sufficient number of books in the Library.

Decision : The members discussed the matter. It was pointed out that the University Library has recently purchased a good number of books out of 9th Plan UGC Book grant. The members felt that the students would be benefited by making use of the resources.

Agenda 6 : To report the problems in stacking books and bound periodicals due to shortage of space in the University Library.

Decision : The Deputy Librarian reported that the University Library is facing acute problems in stacking books and bound periodicals due to shortage of space. The members discussed the matter and in the course of discussion the Vice-Chancellor apprised the members that the proposal for construction of an annexe library building has been submitted to the UGC in the 9th Plan.

The members felt that the acute space problem which the University Library was confronting would be eased after this project is implemented in the 9th Floor.

Agenda 7 : To report that Vipasana Kendra, Calcutta has donated 'Tripitaka,' volumes 56 to 65 & 66 to 76 to the University Library.

Decision : The members appreciated the kind donation of Vipasana Kendra, Calcutta.

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

- 1) Dr. Ashutosh Banerjee :
  - a) Critical commentary on Browning's men and women, Acc.No. 27970
  - b) Shakespeare and his comedies, Acc. No. 34859
  - c) The Metaphysical Tradition, Acc. No. 17925
- 2) Dr. Bhupen Sarma :
  - a) Bhutan, Acc. No. 108481
  - b) Political Economy of Indian Agriculture, Acc. No. 111110
  - c) Problems and Strategies of Development in the East Himalayas, Acc. No. 111019
- 3) Smt. Biplob Pal :
  - a) Tensor Analysis, Acc. No. 43718
- 4) Smt. Mitelata Saha :
  - a) Women under different social and religious laws, Acc. No. 52997

Decision : Noted and approved.

Misc. Items :

With kind permission of the chairman the following matters were discussed.

- i) A letter dated 1/2/99, received from Dr.(Mrs.) Chhanda Chakraborty, Reader, Department of History regarding photocopying of unpublished thesis from the library, mainly by P.G. Students, was placed in the meeting. The members discussed the subject and resolved that henceforth for photocopying of unpublished thesis, students and research scholars must obtain written permission from the respective head of the department or Research Supervisor as the case may be and produce the same to the Librarian.

ii) The question of lending books, having only one copy in the library, was discussed in the meeting.

The Deputy Librarian was requested to invite opinion from the heads of the department in this regard. It was resolved that the suggestions of the heads of the department should be placed in the next meeting of the Library Committee for decision.

There being no other item, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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