



University of North Bengal

The meeting of the North Bengal University Court held on 15.3.2000
at 1 p.m. in the Conference Hall of the Administrative Building.

Members Present :

1. Prof. P.K. Saha, Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair).
2. Prof. P.K. Sengupta, Dean, Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Arts, Commerce & Law.
3. Prof. D.K. Hazra, Dean, Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Science.
4. Prof. Sitansu Bimal Karanjai.
5. Prof. Bhim Prasad Pradhan.
6. Dr. Debes Ch. Deb.
7. Dr. Subodh Kumar Jash.
8. Dr. Mahammad Yasin.
9. Dr. Ashis Kumar Nanda.
10. Dr. Ranjit Kumar Samanta.
11. Dr. Suman Sao.
12. Sri Ramala Prasad Das.
13. Sri Tarasankar Gupta.
14. Dr. Shyamal Ch. Guha Roy.
15. Dr. Aniruddha Sengupta.
16. Smt. Ringee Eden Wangdi.
17. Smt. Sudebi Paul.
18. Dr. Dhirendra Kr. Das.
19. Sri Bimal Kr. Sarma Choudhury.
20. Sri Sukumar Ch. Chakraborty.
21. Smt. Shanta Chhetri.
22. Smt. Monomita Sarkar.
23. Sri Swapan Kumar Bagchi.
24. Sri Ranjit Kr. Kundu.
25. Sri Ranjit Kr. Ghosh.
26. Sri Jibesh Kr. Datta Biswas.
27. Sri Manik Sanyal.

At the outset, the members condoled the demise of Dr. Sankar Dayal Sharma, Former President of India and an erudite scholar and of Smt. Geeta Mukherjee, Member of Parliament and a forefront leader of the democratic movement and women's struggle in India. The members stood in silence for one minute to pay respect to their memory. Resolved that the condolence messages be sent to the bereaved families.

1. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the North Bengal University Court held on 30.11.99.

The minutes were confirmed subject to the following correction :-

In Sl.no. (iv) of Item no. 2, the following paragraph be inserted :-

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draw attention of the members to the excess expenditure over income in the 1998-99 financial year for the Diploma in Cultural Tourism Course."

2. To consider the proposed amendment of the N.B.U. Act, 1981 relating to the composition of the Council for U.G. Studies in Engineering & Technology as approved by the Executive Council on 26.11.99.

Draft of the amendment

Sub-clause (ii), (iii) and (iv) of Clause 3(a) of Section 24 be substituted by the following sub-clause :

- a) Principals of all the Engineering Colleges affiliated to the University.
- b) Heads of the teaching Departments of all the Engineering Colleges affiliated to the University.
- c) One teacher from each branch of study elected jointly by the teachers of Engineering colleges affiliated to the University.

Resolved the proposal be referred back to the Executive Council for redrafting in the model of composition of other U.G. Councils.

3. To consider the amendment of the Statutes relating to the Board of U.G. Studies in Engineering & Technology as approved by the Executive Council on 26.11.99.

Draft of the amendment

- a) Clause (b), (c), (d) and (e) of the Statute 17 be substituted by the following clauses :
- b) Professors of all the Engineering colleges affiliated to the University.
- c) Head of teaching Departments of all the Engineering colleges affiliated to the University.
- d) Teachers of the Engineering colleges, not being Professors or Heads of teaching departments, one from each branch of study, elected by the Council for U.G. Studies in Engineering & Technology in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Statutes relating to the constitution of and elections to the Court and other authorities of the University.
- e) One Superintendent of Workshops of the Engineering colleges elected by such Superintendents from amongst themselves.

Resolved that the proposal be referred back to the Executive Council for redrafting in the model of other Boards of studies and separately for each engineering subject.

4. To consider the Annual Report for the year 1997-98 as approved by the Executive Council on 12.5.99.

Resolved that the Annual Report for 1997-98 be approved.

5. To consider the Annual Accounts for the years 1991-92 to 1998-99 as approved by the Executive Council on 8.10.99.

Resolved that the Annual Accounts for the years 1991-92 to 1998-99 be approved.

6. To consider amendment of the Statutes relating to Fees of Courses of Studies as approved by the Executive Council.

Resolved that the draft amendments be approved and forwarded to the Chancellor for assent.

7. To consider recommendation of the Executive Council for conferment of Honorary D.Litt./D.Sc. degrees on the following persons at the 32nd Annual Convocation :

- 1) Prof. Asesh Prasad Mitra - D.Sc.
- 2) Prof. Barun Dey - D. Litt.
- 3) Smt. Pratima Barua - D. Litt.

Resolved that the recommendations of the Executive Council be approved.

8. To report that the 32nd Annual Convocation of the University has been fixed on 5.4.2000.

Noted and approved.

9. To consider suggestions, if any, from the members for general development of the University and affiliated colleges.

- a) The Vice-Chancellor reported that steps have been initiated for establishment of (i) a Centre for Developmental Studies (ii) a Centre for Energy Studies. Reported further that (i) the N.B.U. Weather Service Station will be formally inaugurated on 16th March by Sri A. Bhattacharjee, Hon'ble MIC, Deptt. of Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, Govt. of West Bengal (ii) UGC has sanctioned a Centre for Women's Studies in the 9th Plan and (iii) Rs. 50.00 lakhs for Comprehensive computer networking of the academic and administrative departments of the University has been sanctioned by the UGC.
- b) Dr. A. Sengupta placed a detailed report on the gross irregularities and chaotic situation prevailing in the South Malda College causing total collapse of academic and administrative activities and sought immediate intervention of the University through appointment of an Administrator.
- c) Smt. R.E. Wangdi mentioned some problems of the hill Colleges. She also reported that Mother Domien, Principal of the Loreto College was to lay down office w.e.f. 22nd March after an outstanding career as a Principal and academic stalwart.
- d) Sri J. Dutta Biswas mentioned (i) need to start Postgraduate Course in Physical Education (ii) need for surprise inspections of colleges and routine inspections on a regular basis (iii) increase of scrutiny fee for enrolment forms of University examinations and (iv) problems relating to distribution of University certificates to students from the colleges.
- e) Smt. Sudebi Paul mentioned academic difficulties over vacant teaching posts in most of the colleges.
- f) Sri Bimal Choudhury stressed the need for early publication of University examination results, revamping of the University Examination Department and tackling student unrest over examination matters.



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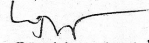
The Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar offered clarifications on all these points. The Vice-Chancellor assured the members that necessary action will be taken within the rules for better functioning of the University system.

10. Miscellaneous Items :

The members noted with sorrow that Mother Domien, Principal, Loreto College was to lay down office on 22nd March and remembered with gratitude her great contribution for growth of higher education in the hill areas in general and Darjeeling town in particular. Mother Domien has spent most of her life in the service of higher education and has built Loreto College as one of the best colleges of the country. Her association with many academic activities of the University has been very long and most productive at all times. The members wished her a long and happy retired life.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Prof. P.K. Saha)
President


(Dr. T.K. Chatterjee)
Secretary