

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

Minutes of the 70th meeting of the Executive Council held on 20.10.2022 at 12.00 noon in the Meeting Room of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, University of North Bengal.

The following members were present:

1. Professor Om Prakash Mishra, Vice-Chancellor, University of North Bengal – In the Chair
2. Prof. Dyutis Chakrabarti, Associate Professor (Retired), Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal
3. Professor Subhas Ch. Roy, Dean, Faculty Council for PG Studies in Science, University of North Bengal
4. Professor Rathin Bandyopadhyay, Dean, Faculty Council for PG Studies in Arts, Commerce & Law, University of North Bengal
5. The Principal, University B. T. & Evening College
6. The Principal, Indian Institute of Legal Studies
7. The Principal, Siliguri College
8. The Principal/TIC, P.D. Women's College
9. The Principal, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy Government College
10. The Principal/TIC, Maynaguri College
11. The Principal, Kalimpong College
12. Head, Department of Bengali, University of North Bengal
13. Head, Department of Bioinformatics, University of North Bengal
14. Prof. Ranjan Chakraborty, Vice-Chancellor, Netaji Subhas Open University

Prof. Pranab Ghosh, Registrar (Offg.) and invitees Dr. S. N. Saha, Financer Officer (Offg.), Sri Surajit Das, Dy. Finance Officer, Dr. Debasis Dutta, Controller of Examinations, Sri Anirban Goon, Chief Engineer and Sri Palash Paul were present. Leave of absence was granted to Sri Siladitya Basu Ray, Special Commissioner, Higher Education Department, Prof. Shanti Chhetry, Vice-Chancellor, University of Gour Banga and Dr. Anoop Kumar, Head, Department of Biotechnology.

At the outset members of the Executive Council extended hearty welcome to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Professor Om Prakash Mishra for joining as Vice-Chancellor of University of North Bengal on 29 September, 2022.

The Executive Council welcomed three new heads namely Head, Department of Bengali, Head, Department of Bioinformatics and Head, Department of Biotechnology as members of the Executive Council. The members also welcomed Prof. Dyutis Chakrabarti and Prof. Ranjan Chakraborty as the new members of the Executive Council.

Agenda:-

1. To confirm the minutes of the 69th meeting of the Executive Council held on 02.06.2022.

Decision: Resolved that the Minutes of the 69th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 02.06.2022 be confirmed except item no. 14 pertaining to the management of private colleges affiliated to the University.

2. To consider the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decision of the Executive Council held on 02.06.2022.

Decision: Noted and approved.

3. To consider the fixation of pay of the following Teachers/Officer/Non-Teaching employees as prepared by the office of the Finance Officer:

Sl.No	Name	Designation	Due to
1	Dr. Palash Mandal	Associate Professor, Dept. of Botany	Promotion
2	Dr. Pradip Samanta	Assistant Professor, Dept. of Geology	Promotion
3	Dr. Kinkar Biswas	Associate Professor, Dept. of Chemistry	Direct Appointment
4	Dr. J. George	Associate Professor, Dept. of Bioinformatics	Direct Appointment
5	Dr. Sudip Mandal	Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sanskrit	Promotion
6	Mr. Barun Roy	Assistant Professor, Dept. of Mass Communication	Direct Appointment
7	Dr. Gangotree Ghosh	Associate Professor, Dept. of Commerce	Direct Appointment
8	Dr. Sidhartha Sankar Laha	Associate Professor, Dept. of Lifelong Learning & Extension	Direct Appointment
9	Ms. Saraswati Lama	Assistant Professor, Dept. of Commerce	Direct Appointment
10	Dr. Swarnendu Roy	Assistant Professor, Dept. of Botany	Direct Appointment

Decision: Resolved that the fixation of pay of the abovementioned Teachers/Officer/Non-Teaching employees as prepared by the office of the Finance Officer be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

4. To consider the proposal of the Head of the Department of Economics, NBU regarding establishment of mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of higher education between the Department of Economics, University of North Bengal and the Ural State University of Economics (USUE), Russia.

Decision: The members agreed with the proposal of the Head of the Department of Economics, NBU regarding establishment of mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of higher education between the Department of Economics, University of North Bengal and the Ural State University of Economics (USUE), Russia in principle. It was decided to recommend routing of the proposal through the respective Faculty Council of the University.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

5. To consider the note of the Joint Registrar dated 28.7.22 regarding Group Health Insurance / Accidental Insurance of Students at NBU.

Decision: The members accepted the proposal and resolved to refer the proposal to the Finance Committee of the University for vetting and consideration.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

6. To consider the note of the Joint Registrar, dated 1.8.22 regarding proposals of CIS for short term courses.

Decision: The members accepted the proposal and resolved to refer the issue to the Controller of Examinations of the University.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

7. To consider the proposal of the Head, Department of Management, NBU duly endorsed by the Departmental Committee and the Office of the Controller of Examinations in regard to the conduct of special supplementary Examination for MBA students (3rd & 4th Semester Examinations) separately and the proposal of insertion of a supplementary clause in the Regulations for MBA Examinations (3rd & 4th Semester Examinations) *w.e.f.* the academic session 2022-2023.

Decision: Resolved that the proposal of the Head, Department of Management, NBU duly endorsed by the Departmental Committee and the Office of the Controller of Examinations in regard to the conduct of special supplementary Examination for MBA students (3rd & 4th Semester Examinations) separately be accepted and the proposal of insertion of a supplementary clause in the Regulations for MBA Examinations (3rd & 4th Semester Examinations) *w.e.f.* the academic session 2022-2023 be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

8. To consider the note of the Chief Engineer dated 22.8.22 regarding Inspection Report for condition of the hollow brick single storied building beside University Press.

Decision: The members accepted the proposal and resolved to refer the entire matter before the Building Committee of the University to take further necessary action.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

9. To consider the prayer of Dr. Deepak Subba, Head, Department of Management dated 16.8.2022 regarding pay related deficiency in the AICTE Approval Process as the contractual teachers do not have any pay structure.

Decision: It was resolved in the meeting to constitute a Committee for making appropriate recommendations in view of the financial implications.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

10. To consider the proposal of Circle Site Acquisition New Build Lead dated 6.7.22 regarding installation of Cellular Mobile Tower in club premises for providing enhanced & quality cellular service.

Decision: The item was deferred.

11. To consider the prayer of few students of Dept. of Psychology, Salesian College (Siliguri) dated 15.8.2022 requesting to start psychology department in NBU.

Decision: The members appreciated the suggestion and agreed that the initiative in this regard may be undertaken in future.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

12. To consider the letter of the Head, Department of Computer Science & Technology dated 31.08.2022 regarding approval to start a new 3 year Self-Financed Part time Master of Technology (M.Tech.) in Computer Science and Technology course.

Decision: The members accepted the proposal and resolved that the proposal to be routed through the Faculty Council and the Office of the Finance Officer in co-ordination with the Dean, Faculty Council for PG Studies in Science, NBU.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

13. To consider the letter of the Head, Department of Tea Science dated 14.09.2022 regarding creation of three University Research Fellows and State Research Fellows for the Department of Tea Science.

Decision: Resolved that the matter be left to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Committee to look into all the relevant aspects including the numbers.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

14. To consider the note of the Professor-Director, UGC HRDC dated 14.09.2022 regarding three NBU fellowships.

Decision: Resolved that the matter be left to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Committee to look into all the relevant aspects including the numbers.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

15. To consider the letter of the Head, Department of Pharmaceutical Technology dated 19.01.2022 regarding creation of two University Research Fellowships and one State Research Fellowship for the Department of Pharmaceutical Technology.

Decision: Resolved that the matter be left to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Committee to look into all the relevant aspects including the numbers.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

16. To consider the letter of the Head, Department of Management vide ref. no. MBA 21/39/192 dated 26.09.2022 regarding Bifurcation of MBA Fees.

Decision: Resolved that the proposal be approved. However, it was also recommended that the proposal be routed through the Finance Committee of the University.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

17. To consider the letter of the Head, Department of Management vide ref. no. MBA 22/39/190 dated 26.09.2022 regarding recruitment of contractual Teachers for MBA in Rural Management.

Decision: Resolved that the proposal be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

18. To consider the letter of the Legal Retainer dated 28.09.2022 regarding opinion for the post of O/C Watch & Ward.

Decision: Resolved that the opinion of the Legal Retainer dated 28.09.2022 regarding the post of O/C Watch & Ward be approved and Sri Tushar Moitra be informed accordingly.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

19. To consider the report regarding anomalies in pay fixation of some teachers of the University and proposal for resolution thereof.

Decision: Resolved to refer the matter to the Finance Committee of the University.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

20. To consider the inspection report for permanent affiliation of Bijanbari Degree College.

Decision: Resolved that the inspection report for permanent affiliation of Bijanbari Degree College be approved and necessary communication be made.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

21. To consider the note of the Development Officer vide no. 127-1(2)/126/D-2022 dated 11.10.2022 to constitute of Policy Planning and Development Board.

Decision: Members discussed the proposal in detail and resolved that the proposal be approved. Necessary amendments in the Statute may be required and the same may be undertaken. In the meanwhile operationalisation of the proposal may be undertaken.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

22. To consider the report of the NAAC Peer Team.

Decision: Prof. Soumitra De, Director, IQAC apprised the members in details. It was resolved in the meeting that an Expert Committee be formed to examine the report and make appropriate recommendations. The Committee should comprise of experts from outside the University. It was also resolved that a Workshop in the University be organized to assess the Report of the NAAC Peer Team.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

23. To consider enhancement of telephone allowances of Academic Heads, Officers and Deans.

Decision: The members principally agreed with the proposal and resolved to route it through the Finance Committee of the University.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

24. To consider the prayer of Sri Santanu Bose, Casual Group-C Staff, Office of the Sports Board dated 15.06.2022 appealing nine days casual leave with pay on medical ground.

Decision: Taken out. The matter be left to the Registrar.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

25. To consider the note of the Joint Registrar dated 05.08.2022 regarding Pay protection of Dr. Samten Tamang, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics.

Decision: Resolved that the note of the Joint Registrar dated 05.08.2022 regarding Pay protection of Dr. Samten Tamang, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics be approved as per rules.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

26. To consider the prayer of Dr. Dipsikha Acharya, Assistant Professor, Department of History regarding Quarantine Leave from 11.7.22 to 1.8.22.

Decision: Resolved that the prayer of Dr. Dipsikha Acharya, Assistant Professor, Department of History regarding Quarantine Leave from 11.7.22 to 1.8.22 be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

27. To consider the prayer of Shri Sushanta Barman dated 8.8.22 regarding leave as special case from 5.7.22 to 5.8.22.

Decision: Taken out. The matter be left to the Registrar.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

28. To consider the prayer of Mr. H. P. Jana, Jana Enterprise dated 13.7.2022 regarding increasing the meal rate for Guest House Canteen.

Decision: Resolved that the matter be considered by a small committee by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and the decision may follow the Committee's report.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

29. To consider the prayer of Shri Rahul Chowdhury, Group D (Mandays), NBU Jalpaiguri Campus, dated 17.8.22 regarding leave as special case from 2.9.22 to 14.9.22.

Decision: Taken out. The matter be left to the Registrar.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

30. To consider the note of the Joint Registrar, dated 18.8.2022 regarding renewal of agreement of service of Dr. Bimalendu Nath Bhaumik, Asstt. Professor (Contractual) in Political Science, DDE .

Decision: The request to extend the contractual service beyond sixty years be regretted.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

31. To consider the note of the Jt. Registrar dated 8.9.22 regarding special leave for the period of 18.9.22 to 23.9.22 of Mr. Rabi Roy, Engineering Department.

Decision: Taken out. The matter be left to the Registrar.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

32. To consider the note of the Joint Registrar dated 19.09.2022 regarding study leave of Shri Sumit Ray, Assistant Professor, Department of English for the period of six months *w.e.f.* 02.11.2022 to 01.05.2023.

Decision: Resolved that the note of the Joint Registrar dated 19.09.2022 regarding study leave of Shri Sumit Ray, Assistant Professor, Department of English for the period of six months *w.e.f.* 02.11.2022 to 01.05.2023 be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

33. To consider the IC report regarding Salesian College.

Decision: The members accepted the proposal and the report of the Inspector of Colleges, NBU. Keeping in mind the UGC notification of Autonomous Colleges, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor is requested to constitute a three member Committee, consider their report and take appropriate action. Entire process should be completed within two months.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

34. To consider the report of the Director, DDE relating to the issues of Distance Education.

Decision: Noted. Resolved that the matter be left to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for constitution of a High Power Committee for studying the strength and weaknesses of programmes offered by DDE, potentials, new areas, opportunities and the various steps necessary to realise the objectives.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

35. To consider the status of various construction / requirements of repair / renovation in the main campus of the University.

Decision: Noted.

36. To consider the requirement of teaching positions of academic departments and the difficulties thereof faced by them.

Decision: Noted.

37. To consider the note of the Deans, ACL & Sc. regarding the status of recruitment process of teaching positions advertised.

Decision: Resolved that the Backward Classes Welfare Department of Govt. of West Bengal be approached for considering the exceptional situation of non-availability of suitable and qualified candidates and applicants despite three or even more advertisements for a large number of teaching posts and to consider necessary permission to advertise the posts in open category.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

38. To consider the prayer of Dr. Sudash Lama, General Secretary, NBU SC & ST Association dated 8.9.2022 in the matter of constitution of Space Allotment Committee.

Decision: Resolved that a Space Allotment Committee be formed by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to study and recommend use of space in the University.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

39. To consider the proposal for an open house discussion with all the stakeholders on a particular date of each month.

Decision: The members appreciated the proposal. It was proposed to arrange an Open House discussion with all the stakeholders at least once in two months. The first of such of an Open House be proposed in the 2nd week of December, 2022. A Committee be constituted by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to chalk out the modalities and details.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

40. To report that the University has received Green University Award.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted.

41. To report that the following candidates have been admitted/awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the subject mentioned against their name *w.e.f.* their respective dates of recommendations by the Boards of Examiners of Viva-Voce Examinations:

Sl.No.	Name of the Candidate	Name of the Supervisor(s)	Subject	Topic	Date when Admitted
01	Hrisikesh Mandal	Prof. A. Saha & Dr. D. Saha	Botany	Isolation and characterization of <i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> (Smith) Yabuuchi et al. causing bacterial wilt of tomato from sub-Himalayan West Bengal and its management	06/06/2022
02	Gargi Sen	Dr. Malay Bhattacharya	Tea Science	Riddles of Soil Actinobacteria in tea gardens and selected other biotopes	08/06/2022
03	Puja Basak	Prof. P. Ghosh	Chemistry	ORGANIC TRANSFORMATIONS USING NOVEL CATALYTIC SYSTEM	10/06/2022
04	Samir Das	Prof. M.N. Roy & Dr. Deepak Ekka, CBPU	Chemistry	INVESTIGATION OF SOLUTION BEHAVIOUR AND INCLUSION COMPLEXATION OF SOME NOTEWORTHY COMPOUNDS WITH THE MANIFESTATION OF ASSORTED	*16/06/2022 (NAAC B ⁺⁺ w.e.f.

				INTERACTIONS PREVALENT IN AQUEOUS AND NON-AQUEOUS SYSTEMS	14/6/2022)
05	Samapika Ray	Prof. M.N. Roy	Chemistry	STUDY TO EXPLORE INCLUSION COMPLEXATIONS AND ASSORTED INTERACTIONS OF SOME INDUSTRIALLY AND BIOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT MOLECULES IN DIVERSE SYSTEMS	16/06/2022
06	Sutanuka Chattaraj	Prof. S. Bhattacharjee & Prof. N. K. Bera, NBMCH	Zoology	Detection of Human Polyomavirus JC (JCV) and its Genotyping in Immunocompromised and Non-Immunocompromised Individuals from sub-Himalayan West Bengal	21/06/2022
07	Sahabuddin Ahamed Jamader	Prof. L.K. Padhi	Philosophy	RELATION BETWEEN ETHICS OF DUTY AND ETHICS OF VIRTUE : A CRITICAL STUDY	22/06/2022
08	Sylee Roy	Prof. A. Sengupta	English	"City Plays" : A Study of Urban Theatre in India since the 1970s	08/07/2022
09	Seuli Basak	Dr. Surya Lama	Bengali	হাংরি, শ্রুতি ও শাস্ত্রবি-রাষ্ট্র সাহিত্য-আন্দোলন-র মুখপত্রে প্রকাশিত বাংলা সাহিত্য : বিষয়বস্তু ও শৈলী বি-শ্লেষণ	22/07/2022
10	Subhashis Choudhury	Prof. R. Sahu	Geography (under centre for Himalayan Studies)	STRUCTURE AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF MIGRANT POPULATION IN EAST AND SOUTH DISTRICTS OF SIKKIM SINCE 1975 : A GEOGRAPHICAL STUDY	29/07/2022
11	Sunny Rawat	Prof. M. Choudhury	Geography & Applied Geography (under centre for Himalayan Studies)	RURAL TOURISM FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN DARJEELING HIMALAYA	29/07/2022
12	Madhumita Das	Prof. K.K. Bagchi	Economics	AN ENQUIRY INTO THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF SLUM DWELLERS IN SILIGURI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AREA WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO HEALTH AND EDUCATION	04/08/2022
13	Prafulla Kumar Mudi	Prof. Bhaskar Biswas	Chemistry	Design, Structural Characterization and Bio-inspired Catalysis of some Coordination Compounds Containing Polydentate Chelators	10/08/2022
14	Bishnupriya Saha	Prof. K. Joardar	Philosophy	POSSIBILITY OF METAPHYSICS	12/08/2022
15	Aditya Misra	Prof. Ranjan Ghosh	English	THINKING THE 'HERO', PERFORMING THE 'SUPER' : PHILOSOPHICAL INTERVENTIONS IN THE CONCEPT OF THE SUPERHERO TODAY	16/08/2022
16	Rabindra Kumar Barman	Prof. N.C. Roy	Bengali	"দিব্যান্দু পালিতের উপন্যাস : বিষয়বৈচিত্র্য চরিত্রের মনোবি-শ্লেষণ ও শিল্পপরিচিতি	17/08/2022
17	Jayashree Dey	Prof. Maitreyee Choudhury	Geography & Applied Geography (under centre for Himalayan Studies)	The Elderly People in Darjeeling Hills and Their Quality of Life	18/08/2022
18	Debashree	Prof. Hirak Roy	Commerce	DOMESTIC FINANCIAL MARKET	24/08/2022

	Dey	& Prof. S.N. Dhar (Co-supervisor)		INTEGRATION: A STUDY ON INTER - LINKAGE AMONGST INDIAN MONEY, CAPITAL AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET	
19	Abdus Salam	Prof. N.C. Roy	Bengali	রবীন্দ্রনাথের রূপক-সাংকেতিক নাটকে চিত্রকল্প	26/08/2022
20	Kunsang Ongmu Bhutia	Prof. Saswati Biswas	Sociology	The Bhutia (Lhopo), Shamans of Sikkim: A Study in Change and Continuity	26/08/2022
21	Babai Das	Prof. M. Bera	Bengali	ভাগবত অনুবাদে ধারায় মালাধর বসুর শ্রীকৃষ্ণবিজয় ও রঘুনাথ ভাগবতচর্চারে শ্রীকৃষ্ণপ্রেমতরঙ্গিণী : একটি তুলনামূলক অধ্যয়ন	05/09/2022
22	Manojit Barman	Prof. M. Bera	Bengali	ধর্মমঙ্গল কাব্যে মধ্যযুগের সমাজ-সংস্কৃতি ও জীবনচর্চার বৈচিত্র্য অন্বেষণ	05/09/2022
23	Balaram Pandey	Prof. M.P. Dahal	Nepali	SIKKIM LEPCHAHARUKO BHASIK VYAWAHAR : SAMAJBHASIK ADHYAYAN	15/09/2022
24	Prapti Chakraborty	Dr. U. Mukherjee	Bengal	রবীন্দ্র-উপন্যাসের গ্রন্থন-বিন্যাস : প্রেক্ষিত আখ্যানতত্ত্ব	16/09/2022
25	Punama Sen	Prof. Ranjan Roy	Geography & Applied Geography	EDUCATIONAL STATUS OF TRIBAL POPULATION IN SILIGURI SUB-DIVISION, DARJILING DISTRICT, WEST BENGAL: A GEOGRAPHICAL ANALYSIS	16/09/2022
26	Barnali Barman	Prof. M.K. Das	Physics	PHASE TRANSITIONS AND PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SOME MESOGENIC COMPOUNDS AND THEIR BINARY MIXTURES	19/09/2022

Decision: Resolved that the reports of the *viva-voce* of the above-mentioned candidates as per Regulations relating to M.Phil. & Ph.D. Programme [framed in compliance with the UGC (minimum standard and procedure for award M.Phil./Ph.D. degree) Regulations 2016] be approved and the incumbent be awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the subject mentioned against their name *w.e.f.* their respective dates of recommendations by the Boards of Examiners of Viva-Voce Examinations vide EC decision 10.03.2018 under item no. 3. The incumbent shall be provided with the ceremonial certificate in the immediately next Convocation of the University.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

42. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the note of the Controller of Examinations vide Ref. No. 1799/A/C-22 dated 07.06.2022 regarding the programmes for B.A. / B.Sc. / B. Com. Part II and Part III (Hons. / General) Examinations, 2022 (under 1+1+1 system) (Online Mode).

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

43. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the note of the Controller of Examinations vide Ref. No. 1446/B/CE-2022 dated 10.06.2022 regarding the form fill up the examination forms.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

44. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor (In-Charge) has approved the inspection report regarding introduction of NCC as an elective subject in Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya jointly submitted by the Inspector of Colleges, NBU and NCC Officer (ANO), Siliguri College vide no. 94/14/Int/Insp-22 dated 22.06.2022.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

45. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor (In-Charge) has approved the inspection report regarding introduction of NCC as an elective subject in Nakshalbari College jointly submitted by the Inspector of Colleges, NBU and NCC Officer (ANO), Siliguri College vide no. 95/19/Int/Insp-22 dated 22.06.2022.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

46. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor (In-Charge) has approved the Note of the Inspector of Colleges vide no. 93/Int/Insp-22 dated 22.06.2022 regarding introduction of B.Com. (Honours) Programme and B.Com Programme in the morning shift at the Centre for Innovative Studies (CIS).

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

47. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has appointed the following teacher/officer as Head/Director of the respective department(s):

Sl.no.	Name of the Department/Centre	Name of the Head	With effect from	For the period of
1	Law	Ms. Perna Lepcha	30.06.2022 (afternoon)	two years
2	Lifelong Learning & Extension	Dr. Sidhartha Sankar Laha	01.10.2022	two years
3	Sanskrit, NBU Jalpaiguri Campus	Ms. Lagnajeeta Chakraborty	01.10.2022	two years
4	Anthropology	Prof. Samar Kr. Biswas	01.10.2022	two years
5	Computer Science & Technology	Dr. Ardendu Mandal	01.10.2022	two years
6	Geography & Applied Geography	Prof. Dipak Kr. Mandal	01.10.2022	two years
7	Mathematics	Prof. Manoranjan Singha	01.10.2022	two years
8	Food Technology	Dr. Gyan Chandra Pariyar	01.10.2022	two years

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

48. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor (In-Charge) has advised a cell for enhancement of communication, reading and speaking abilities in the English language.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

49. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has advised Dr. Swapan Kumar Rakshit, Joint Registrar to perform his duties as Registrar (Offg.), NBU on 1st August 2022 in addition to his normal duties.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

50. To report that the Vice-Chancellor has advised Dr. Pranab Ghosh, Professor, Department of Chemistry to act as Registrar (Offg.) for a period of one month *w.e.f.* 02.08.2022 (forenoon) in addition to his normal duties as a Professor in the Department of Chemistry or any other order whichever is earlier.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

51. To report that the Vice-Chancellor has advised Dr. Pranab Ghosh, Professor, Department of Chemistry to act as Registrar (Offg.) for a period of one month *w.e.f.* 02.09.2022 (forenoon) in addition to his normal duties as a Professor in the Department of Chemistry or any other order whichever is earlier.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

52. To report that the Vice-Chancellor has advised Dr. Pranab Ghosh, Professor, Department of Chemistry to act as Registrar (Offg.) for a period of one month *w.e.f.* 02.10.2022 (forenoon) in addition to his normal duties as a Professor in the Department of Chemistry or any other order whichever is earlier.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

53. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the admissibility report on 16.08.2022 of Dr. Mili Ghosh, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science & Application regarding advance increment for Ph.D. degree *w.e.f.* 02.07.2021.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

54. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved to initiate the process related to Post-Graduate (P.G.) Admission 2022-2023.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

55. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has accepted the resignation on 01.09.2022 of Dr. Ritwik Mondal from the post of Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology *w.e.f.* 12.10.2022.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

56. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the minutes of the Board of Research Studies on the following subjects under the Faculty Council for PG Studies in Science held on 07.09.2022:

- i. Chemistry
- ii. Physics
- iii. Pharmaceutical Technology
- iv. Zoology
- v. Geography and Applied Geography
- vi. Anthropology
- vii. Mathematics
- viii. Tea Science
- ix. Biotechnology
- x. Microbiology

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

57. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the minutes of the Board of Research Studies on the following subjects under the Faculty Council for PG Studies in Arts, Commerce & Law held on 07.09.2022:

- i. Philosophy
- ii. Bengali
- iii. English
- iv. Commerce
- v. Economics
- vi. Nepali
- vii. Hindi
- viii. Himalayan Studies
- ix. Political Science
- x. History
- xi. Law
- xii. Education

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

58. To Discuss Social Media Initiatives of the University.

Decision: Resolved that the proposal be approved and be circulated amongst the stakeholders of the University to broaden and strengthen social media interaction and outreach of the University be undertaken and a committee each for social media and for press and information be constituted. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor is requested to take necessary steps in this regards.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

59. To consider the note of the Principal Secretary, Council for Under Graduate Studies vide no. 292/UG-22 dated 11.10.2022 regarding smooth functioning of all Undergraduate Colleges affiliated to the this university.

Decision: It is noted that the University does not have an Undergraduate Council. This important aspect should be addressed and the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor may take measure to constitute an Adhoc Committee for undergraduate studies. The matter be left to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NBU for constituting such a committee.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

60. To consider making available all the University documents especially related to examination, migration and diplomas to be available online on the University website.

Decision: Resolved that the proposal be approved and the Controller of Examinations to take necessary steps in this regards.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

61. To consider the constitution of an Adhoc Committee for under Graduate studies.

Decision: It is noted that the University does not have an Undergraduate Council. This important aspect should be addressed and the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor may take measure to constitute an Adhoc Committee for undergraduate studies. The matter be left to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NBU.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

62. To consider setting up of a Committee to draft a Vision Document for the development and academic programmes in the Jalpaguri Campus of the University.

Decision: A Vision Document and Roadmap for the all round development of Jalpaiguri Campus of the University through academic programmes, collaboration and outreach needs to be taken. Necessary steps may be taken by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NBU.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

63. To consider recommendation of the Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to frame a policy regarding lump sum terminal benefits of casual and contractual non-teaching employees, contractual officer & contractual teachers.

Decision: Considered that the recommendation of the Finance Committee dated 19.10.2022. This was as follows:

Report of the Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor dated 03/09/2022 for recommending a policy regarding lump sum '**Terminal Benefits**' of Casual and Contractual Non-Teaching employees, Contractual Officers and Contractual Teachers.

- The committee Members met twice i.e. on 07/09/2022 & 16/09/2022.
- The committee noted the terms & reference of the notice issued by the Jt. Registrar vide no. 4281/R-2022 dated 05/09/2022 read– with note of Jt. Registrar vide no. 4493/R-22 dated 16/09/2022 in this regard.
- The committee deeply concerned about the present status of all the Contractual employees and the Casual workers who shall be no longer in the University system after attaining the age of 60 years and also not getting any terminal benefits from the University.
- After a prolonged discussion in both the meetings considering the practices followed by the State Government Establishment / Statutory Bodies / Other Autonomous Institutions / other State-aided Universities in the state of West Bengal and more importantly the present financial conditions of the University of North Bengal, the committee recommended a draft policy regarding '**Death-cum-Terminal Benefits**' for the Contractual employees and Casual workers of the University of North Bengal.
- The committee also recommended that before implementation of the proposed scheme, one '**Earmarked Fund**' need to be created for the purpose and the University Authority may create a separate fund with a moderate corpus at the beginning to run the scheme more prudently and transparently. It was further recommended that every year the corpus of the fund shall need to be increased. The requirement of future outlay of fund shall be met up from the accumulated balance of the recommended 'Earmarked Fund'.
- The details of the draft policy regarding '**Death-cum-Terminal Benefits**' for the Contractual employees and Casual workers of the University of North Bengal will be as follows:-

SCHEME

Preliminary

1. This scheme will be called the “**University of North Bengal Contractual Employees and Casual Workers (Death-cum-Terminal Benefit) Scheme, 2022**”.
2. It shall be deemed to have into force with effect from **1st Day of January, 2022**.
3. This scheme shall apply to all the Contractual Employees and Casual Workers of the University of North Bengal (except the workers engaged on Man-days basis). The application of this scheme shall, however, be enforced subject to approval of the Executive Council.

4. In this scheme unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:
- Contractual Employee means Teachers, Officers and Non-Teaching employees engaged in the University on Contractual Basis.
 - Casual Workers means the persons engaged on casual basis in the capacity of Non-Teaching with a monthly fixed remuneration.
 - Consolidated/Fixed Remuneration means the amount which is admissible to be drawn by the Contractual Employees and Casual Workers on monthly basis.
 - 'Family' includes the following relatives of the Contractual Employees and Casual Workers:-
 - Wife in case of male employees/workers.
 - Husband in case of female employees/workers.
 - Sons including step sons and legally adopted sons.
 - Widow and Unmarried Daughters including step daughters and legally adopted daughters.

Note:- Adoption or marriage after attaining the age of 60 years will not be considered as the 'Family'.
5. One Time Lump-Sum Terminal Benefit:-
- A '**Lump-sum**' one time terminal benefit of **Rs. 2,00,000 (Rupees Two Lacs)** only shall be given to all the Contractual employees and Casual workers of the University provided he/she rendered at least **20 (Twenty) years** of service on attaining the age of **60 (Sixty) years**.
 - A Contractual Employee or Casual Worker having minimum service of **10 (Ten)** years but less than **20 (Twenty)** years shall be eligible for the said benefit on **pro-rata** basis as below:

$$\frac{[2,00,000 \times \text{No. of years' service rendered}]}{20}$$
 - For **pro-rata** calculation, if the service rendered by the Contractual Employee or Casual Worker less than **6 (Six)** months it will be taken $\frac{1}{2}$ (**Half**) **year** and if more than **6 (Six)** months it will be considered **01 (One)** full year.
 - A Contractual Employee or Casual Worker having **less than 10 (Ten) years** of services **shall not be eligible** for any such benefit.
6. When a Contractual Employee or Casual Worker has completed minimum **01 (One)** year of service and dies while in service, '**One Time Lump-sum Death Benefit**' of **Rs. 2,00,000 (Rupees Two Lacs)** only be paid to the surviving family member(s) of the deceased's family (mentioned under para 4).

The Vice-Chancellor at his discretion shall have power to relax any provision of the scheme in exceptional cases with prior consultation with the Executive Council.

Resolved that the recommendations of the committee constituted by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to frame a policy regarding lump sum terminal benefits of casual and contractual non-teaching employees, contractual officer & contractual teachers be approved *w.e.f.* 01.01.2023. It was further resolved that during the period of 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 a special arrangement be made which shall not be cited as precedents. Regarding fund an opening of a corpus fund of Rupees one crore be generated.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

64. To consider recommendation of the Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to explore the possibility of enhancement of remuneration of casual and contractual non-teaching employees.

Decision: Considered that the recommendation of the Finance Committee dated 19.10.2022.

This was as follows:

Interim report of the Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor dated 03/09/2022 to explore the possibility for enhancement of remuneration of Casual and Contractual Non-Teaching employees.—

- The committee Members met twice i.e. on 07/09/2022 & 16/09/2022.
- The committee noted the terms & reference of the notice issued by the Jt. Registrar vide no. 4281/R-2022 dated 05/09/2022 in this regard.
- The committee also appreciated the sincere service rendered by the Contractual employees and Casual & Daily rated workers for a long period of time with the existing remuneration especially in the pandemic situation when the entire Nation was in crisis.
- After a thread bear discussion considering the practices followed by the State Government Establishment / Statutory Bodies / Other Autonomous Institutions / other State-aided Universities in the state of West Bengal and more importantly the present financial conditions of the University of North Bengal, the committee recommends the following interim enhancement of consolidated remuneration of the Contractual employees and Casual Workers including the persons engaged on Manday basis with effect from **1st day of October, 2022** or any subsequent date as desired by the University Authority:-

TABLE-I

[APPLICABLE FOR CONTRACTUAL NON-TEACHING EMPLOYEES]

EXISTING REMUNERATION	REVISED REMUNERATION	
	Worked up to 10 Years	Worked more than 10 Years
30,650	34,330	35,250
28,670	32,110	32,970
26,555	29,750	30,540

25,925	29,040	29,820
24,125	27,020	27,750
21,785	24,400	25,060
19,175	21,480	22,060
16,700	18,500	19,210

If any one completes 10 years of service on any date after **1st October, 2022** the enhanced remuneration shall be applicable from the **1st day of the next month** when he/she completes **10 years of service** in the University of North Bengal.

TABLE-II
[APPLICABLE FOR CASUAL WORKERS]

EXISTING REMUNERATION	REVISED REMUNERATION	
	Worked up to 10 Years	Worked more than 10 Years
16,300	18,260	18,750
13,660	15,300	15,710

If any one completes 10 years of service on any date after **1st October, 2022** the enhanced remuneration shall be applicable from the **1st day of the next month** when he/she completes **10 years of service** in the University of North Bengal.

For Mandays workers, the rate per day shall be calculated as follows:

For Group-C Workers : 18,260/30 = 609

For Group-D Workers : 15,300/30 = 510

- The estimated annual projected enhancement of expenditure under different funds of the University after implementation of the proposed enhanced remuneration to the Non-Teaching Contractual employees and Casual workers including Mandays workers shall be as under:-

PROJECTED ENHANCEMENT OF EXPENDITURE UNDER DIFFERENT FUNDS

(Rs. IN LACS)

NAME OF THE FUND	ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE	
	2022-23	2023-24 ONWARDS
GENERAL	49.45	120.14
DDE	6.65	15.88
UGC	0.15	0.35
HRDC	0.69	1.67

NOTE:- In addition to that the University contribution to the EPF and allied charges shall also be enhanced few lacs every year. That can only be realised after implantation of the enhanced remuneration as proposed.

- It was unanimously recommended that the University Authority may explore the various avenues towards mobilization of resources to cope up with the projected annual enhancement of the expenditure after implementation of the enhanced remuneration as mentioned under Table-I & II.
- The Members were also in opinion that before submission of final report, discussion with the various stake holders of the University would be very much necessary and as such the time for submission of final report may be extended up to 28/02/2023.

The committee also suggested that the expenditure on account of payment of Contractual employees and Casual workers out of General Fund shall be claimed under Non-COSA Grants from the HED, Government of West Bengal.

Resolved that the recommendation of the Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to explore the possibility of enhancement of remuneration of casual and contractual non-teaching employees be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

65. To consider a report to be presented by the Registrar on the development of Alumni Network of the University.

Decision: Resolved that the report to be presented by the Registrar on the development of Alumni Network of the University be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

66. To consider the proposal of holding 250 years Birth Anniversary of Raja Rammohun Roy and observation of 60 years University Foundation Day.

Decision: Resolved that the Librarian, NBU and Prof. Ananda Gopal Ghosh (Retired), Department of History be requested to arrange the programme.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

67. To consider the minutes of the 121st meeting of the Purchase Committee held on 14.10.2022.

Decision: Resolved that the minutes of the 121st meeting of the Purchase Committee held on 14.10.2022 be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

68. To consider the minutes of the 121st meeting of the Purchase Committee held on 14.10.2022.

Decision: Resolved that the minutes of the 121st meeting of the Purchase Committee held on 14.10.2022 be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

69. To consider the minutes of the 194th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 17.10.2022.

Decision: Resolved that the minutes of the 194th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 17.10.2022 be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

70. To consider the recommendation of the Screening Committee for career advancement on completion of 20 years service of Smt. Archana Kangsa Banik, Senior Peon, Office of the Finance Officer.

Decision: Resolved that the recommendation of the Screening Committee for career advancement on completion of 20 years service of Smt. Archana Kangsa Banik, Senior Peon, Office of the Finance Officer be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

71. To consider the minutes of the Promotion Committee meeting in connection with promotion of Non-teaching employees of University of North Bengal held on 26.05.2022.

Decision: Resolved that the minutes of the Promotion Committee meeting in connection with promotion of Non-teaching employees of University of North Bengal held on 26.05.2022 be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

72. To report that the following candidates have been admitted/awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the subject mentioned against their name *w.e.f.* their respective dates of recommendations by the Boards of Examiners of Viva-Voce Examinations:

Sl.No.	Name of the Candidate	Name of the Supervisor(s)	Subject	Topic	Date when Admitted
01	Sharmistha Paul	Prof. M. Bera	Bengali	স্বপ্নময় চক্রবর্তীর উপন্যাস (১৯৯০ - ২০১৯) জীবন জিজ্ঞাসার ভিন্ন স্বর অনুসন্ধান	06/06/2022
02	Deepa Tamang	Dr. Projwal Ch. Lama (DGC)	Botany	ENHANCEMENT OF SEED VIGOUR AND VIABILITY OF AROMATIC RICE BY USING CHEMICALS UNDER CLIMATIC CONDITIONS OF DARJEELING HILLS	22/09/2022
03	Suvodip Mukherjee	Prof. P. Ghosh	Chemistry	METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH ON CARBON-HETERO BOND FORMATION REACTION	24/09/2022

Decision: Resolved that the reports of the *viva-voce* of the above-mentioned candidates as per Regulations relating to M.Phil. & Ph.D. Programme [framed in compliance with the UGC (minimum standard and procedure for award M.Phil./Ph.D. degree) Regulations 2016] be approved and the incumbent be awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the subject mentioned against their name *w.e.f.* their respective dates of recommendations by the Boards of Examiners of Viva-Voce Examinations vide EC decision 10.03.2018 under item no. 3. The incumbent shall be provided with the ceremonial certificate in the immediately next Convocation of the University.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

73. To consider the minutes of the Emergent meeting of the Finance Committee held on 19.10.2022.

Decision: Resolved that the minutes of the Emergent meeting of the Finance Committee held on 19.10.2022 be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

74. To consider the recommendation of the Finance Committee in its 194th meeting held on 17.10.2022 under item no. supplementary (i) for enhancement of the rate of fees collected through the office of the Registrar.

Decision: Resolved that the recommendation of the Finance Committee in its 194th meeting held on 17.10.2022 under item no. supplementary (i) for enhancement of the rate of fees collected through the office of the Registrar be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

75. To consider the recommendation of the Finance Committee in its 194th meeting held on 17.10.2022 under item no. supplementary (ii) for enhancement of the rate of examination and other fees collected through the office of the Controller of the Examinations.

Decision: Resolved that the recommendation of the Finance Committee in its 194th meeting held on 17.10.2022 under item no. supplementary (ii) for enhancement of the rate of examination and other fees collected through the office of the Controller of the Examinations be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

76. To consider the recommendation of the Tender Committee meeting held on 19.10.2022 to issue work order to Mriganka Paul for installation of a Sculpted Statue of Manishi Thakur Panchanan Barma at total cost of Rs. 1,70,000/- on lowest quotation basis. **(to be placed)**

Decision: Resolved that the recommendation of the Tender Committee meeting held on 19.10.2022 to issue work order to Mriganka Paul for installation of a Sculpted Statue of Manishi Thakur Panchanan Barma at total cost of Rs. 1,70,000/- on lowest quotation basis be approved.


Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate action by the Chair.

In his concluding remarks, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor proposes to introduce a Zero Hour discussion from the next meeting of the Executive Council.

As there was no any other item, the meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.


(Prof. Pranab Ghosh)
Secretary
and Registrar (Offg.)


(Professor Om Prakash Mishra)
Chairman
and Honourable Vice-Chancellor