## UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

# The Minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Council held on 08.01.2015 at 2.00 PM in the Meeting Room of the Vice-Chancellor, University of North Bengal.

#### The following members were present:

- 1. Prof Somnath Ghosh, Vice-Chancellor, University of North Bengal In the Chair
- 2. Sri Siladitya Basu Ray, Jt. Secretary, Higher Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal
- 3. Prof. Dipak Ranjan Mandal, Nominee of the Chairman, West Bengal State Council of Higher Education and Vice-Chancellor, Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University
- 4. Director of Public Instruction, Government of West Bengal
- 5. Prof. Palas R. Sengupta, Dean, Faculty Council for PG Studies in Arts, Commerce & Law, University of North Bengal
- 6. Prof. Amitabha Mukhopadhyay, Dean, Faculty Council for PG Studies in Science, University of North Bengal
- 7. Dr. S. B. Modak, Principal, A C Training College, Jalpaiguri
- 8. Sri Abhijit Bhattacharjee, Teacher-in-Charge, Jalpaiguri Law College
- 9. Dr. Debkumar Mukherjee, Principal (on lien), Maynaguri College, Jalpaiguri
- 10. Ms. S. Ray, Head, Department of Economics, NBU
- 11. Mr. Ardhendu Mandal, Head, Department of Computer Science & Application
- 12. Dr. C. Laha, Head, Department of English, NBU
- 13. Prof. Mahendra P. Lama, Former Vice-Chancellor, Sikkim University, Nominee of the Chancellor, NBU.
- 1. To confirm the minutes of the  $23^{rd}$  meeting of the Executive Council held on 5.12.14.

**Decision:** Resolved that the minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Executive Council held on 5.12.14 be approved with following minor suggestions:

- (i) Under Item No. Misc (xx) (b) (i) & (ii) emphasis be given in terms of aptitude for selection of teachers in Tourism.
- (j) Professor M. P. Lama suggested to include a column for the Action Taken Report.
- 2. To consider all the report of adjudication along with the *viva-voce* report of the Ph.D. thesis of the following candidate as per Old Ordinances:

SI. No	Name of the Candidate	Name of the Supervisor(s)	Subject	Title of the Thesis
1	Sudipta Chattopadhyay	Prof. B.B. Chakrabarti	Philosophy	REALITY OF THE CONCEPT OF MOTION: EAST - WEST DIALOGUE
2	Debajani Nath	Prof. B.B. Chakrabarti	Philosophy	THE CONCEPT OF SELF IN INDIAN PHILOSOPHY
3	Naresh Chandra Khati	Independent	Nepali	KAVI ISHWAR BALLABHKA KAVYA KRITIKO VISHLESANATMAK ADHYAYAN RA MULYANKAN
4	Rashi Subba	Dr. Binod C. Sharma- Supervisor, Darjeeling Govt. College and Dr. A. Saha -co-supervisor, NBU	Botany	ISOLATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF PHOSPHATE SOLUBILISING MICROBES FROM DARJEELING SOILS FOR THEIR USE AS POTENTIAL INOCULANTS IN UPLAND FARMING SYSTEMS

**Decision:** Resolved that the reports of the *viva-voce* of the above mentioned candidates as per Old Ordinances be approved and the candidates be admitted to the degree of Ph.D. in the subject or discipline mentioned against them.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action.

 To consider the letter of the Officer-in-Charge, Govt. College of Physical Education for Women, Dinhata dated 5.11.14 regarding co-option as the member of Board of Study for Physical Education of Dr. S. R. Barma and Dr. Somshankar Chatterjee in place of Dr. Pintu Sil and Sri Saroj Kr. Basu.

**Decision:** Resolved that Dr. S. R. Barma, Officer-in-Charge, Govt. College of Physical Education for Women, Dinhata has been nominated as one of the Member in the Board of Study for Physical Education from Govt. College and one teacher from a Non-Govt. College under Pay Packet in absence of Dr. Somshankar Chatterjee to be nominated.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action.

4. To consider the Policy/Guideline for usage of Guest House at NBU Kolkata Camp Office as proposed by the Finance Officer dated 14.11.14.

**Decision:** Resolved that any on spot payment for usage of Guest House at NBU Kolkata Camp Office will be collected by OSD. However, all other bills to be raised by Finance Officer or his nominee. Finance Officer will give a proposal for a policy regarding this for consideration in Executive Council.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

5. To consider the prayer of Vice-President of NBU Aasthayee Sikhkha Karmi Association dated 20.10.2014 for recognition of their organization.

**Decision:** Resolved that University will examine the matter as per Rules, Regulations and Statutes and report back to the Executive Council.

6. To consider the recommendation of the Screening Committee for re-employment of Prof. Manoj Kumar Bose, Department of Mathematics for another one year w.e.f. 22.4.15 (last term – 5<sup>th</sup> year).

**Decision:** Resolved that the recommendation of the Screening Committee for re-employment of Prof. Manoj Kumar Bose, Department of Mathematics for another one year w.e.f. 22.4.15 (last term  $-5^{\text{th}}$  year) be approved.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action.

### NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

- 7. To consider proposed fixation of pay of the following employees as prepared by the Office of the Finance Officer:
  - b. Mr. Parimal Chandra Roy, Asstt. Librarian Gr.-I, University Library
  - c. Mr. Shyamal Kanti Dey, Sorter, University Library

**Decision:** Resolved that fixation of pay of the above mentioned employees as prepared by the Office of the Finance Officer be approved.

To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the security arrangement for smooth & fair poll of North Bengal University Student Association in consultation with police personnel.

Decision: Noted and approved.

9. To consider the communication from NCTE vide no. ERC/NCTE/Impln.Regul.2014/28054 dated 11.12.14 relating to implementation regarding Notification of NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulation, 2014 on all recognized Institutions.

**Decision:** Resolved that Chairman of the Centralized B. Ed. Admission Cell shall prepare a comprehensive report (existing and future requirement) to send it to Higher Education Department in terms of the need of infrastructure, space, staff strength, laboratory, library & faculty. It is further resolved that one Workshop be organized to frame syllabus, evaluation pattern etc. as per the NCTE communication. Ordinances and Rules also to be framed for switching from one year to two year B. Ed. Courses from 2015-2016 onwards.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

10. To consider the note of the Controller of Examinations dated 8.12.14 regarding amendment of Regulations in respect of one special chance for appearing in B.A. LL.B. Courses.

**Decision:** Resolved that the Controller of Examinations be requested to propose the draft amendment regulations along with a brief report to be placed in the Executive Council within seven days. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor be authorized to send the amendment regulations to the Chancellor for approval.

Controller of Examinations be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

11. To consider the note of the Controller of Examinations dated 18.12.14 regarding malpractice cases in connection with B.A. Part I, II, III (Hons./General) Examinations, 2014.

**Decision:** Resolved that the note of the Controller of Examinations dated 18.12.14 regarding malpractice cases in connection with B.A. Part I, II, III (Hons./General) Examinations, 2014 be approved.

Controller of Examinations be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

12. To consider the note of the Controller of Examinations dated 11.12.14 regarding malpractice cases in connection with M.A./M.Com 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Semester Examinations 2014 in Bengali, Geography & Applied Geography and Commerce.

**Decision:** Resolved that the note of the Controller of Examinations dated 11.12.14 regarding malpractice cases in connection with M.A./M.Com 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Semester Examinations 2014 in Bengali, Geography & Applied Geography and Commerce be approved.

Controller of Examinations be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair. *3.* To consider the note of the Controller of Examinations dated 15.10.14 regarding issue of degree certificate in the next convocation who have passed in the year 1995 & 1996.

**Decision:** Resolved that the note of the Controller of Examinations dated 15.10.14 regarding issue of degree certificate in the next convocation who have passed in the year 1995 & 1996 be approved.

Controller of Examinations be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

14. To consider the letter of the Head, Department of English dated 17.12.14 regarding Emeritus Fellowship of Prof. G. N. Ray.

Decision: The Item was taken out.

15. To consider the legal opinion in respect of holding selection committee meeting for the appointment of non-teaching employees of Raiganj College (University College), Uttar Dinajpur and University B.T. & Evening College, Cooch Behar.

**Decision:** Resolved that the legal opinion in respect of holding selection committee meeting for the appointment of non-teaching employees of Raiganj College (University College) and University B.T. & Evening College be accepted.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

16. To reconstitute the Roster Committee as the tenure of the existing member of the said committee has already been expired on 24.10.14.

**Decision:** Resolved that the tenure of the existing Roster Committee be extended for another six months w.e.f. 24.10.2014 as approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor on 24.12.2014.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action.

#### NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

17. To consider confidential reports received from the Advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India in respect of Dr. D. K. Sarkar.

**Decision:** Resolved that the Executive Council unanimously noted and accepted the legal opinion of the Attorney General of India, Mr. Mukul Rohatgi dated 20.11.2014 relating to the suspension order of Dr. Dilip Kumar Sarkar.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

 To consider the letter of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University dated 26.12.14 regarding accommodation at NBU Kolkata Camp Office.

**Decision:** Resolved that the University Engineer be sent to the Kolkata Camp Office to see the feasibility of erecting the partition as requested by the Vice-Chancellor, Sidho-Kanho Birsha University.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action.

 To consider the note of the Registrar (Offg.) dated 27.11.14 regarding the matter of Sri Rajendra Nath Adhikary.

**Decision:** Resolved that the period of absence of Sri Rajendra Nath Adhikary be treated as leave without pay. Accordingly, retirement benefits will be extended as per University Rules.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action.

20. To consider the letter of the Convener, SBTSBS, NBU Unit dated 19.12.14 regarding charter of demands.

The members discussed the matter along with the previous letters as mentioned in the letter of 19.12.2014 and opined to consider the demands as mentioned in letter of SBTSBS, NBU dated 02.09.2014.

Decision: Resolved the following:

Against Point No. (1) Matter be referred to the Higher Education Department.

Against Point No.(2) As per previous EC resolution, fund required will be released from the University. Liveries be given to the casual workers after compliance of the University extant rules. Casual workers those who have completed one year service will be eligible for liveries with a colour difference in dress.

Against Point No. (3) Absorption of temporary mess staff be engaged in the Research Scholars' hostel and Law hostel when they require them.

Against Point No. (4) Monthly salary of the Casual workers be made through Bank with a condition of zero balance account at the Office of the Estate Officer, NBU.

Against Point No. (5) Process of pay anomalies of University Press staff be initiated after the receipt of the report from Professor Indrajit Ray.

Against Point No. (6) CAS process of Hostel Mess Staff already initiated

Against Point No. (7) Already noticed. An FIR to be lodged at Matigara Police Station and the DFO be also communicated.

Against Point No. (8). Grant to be provided as per convention or procedure for the Health Check Up Camp.

Against Point No. (9) One year with a break of one working day be given to the Contractual employees.

It is further resolved that Employees Provident Fund Department, Govt. of India be contacted for admissibility of Provident Fund for Contractual staff.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

21. To consider the note of the Registrar (Offg.) dated 27.11.14 regarding CAS of University teachers.

**Decision:** Resolved that a notification of a Committee formation be issued and the report of the Committee regarding CAS of University teachers be given within fifteen days.

 To consider the confidential report received from Smt. Shampa Sarkar, Calcutta High Court in respect of Dr. D. Dutta.

As directed by the Hon'ble Justice Dipankar Dutta of Hon'ble Calcutta High Court. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of North Bengal University placed the preliminary enquiry report submitted by the Enquiry Officer, Mr. Gour Krishna Pattanayak, the Finance Officer of Jadavpur University before the Executive Council in its 24<sup>th</sup> meeting dated 08.01.2015 under Agenda No. 22.

After a considerable discussion on the report, the EC observed that the report ignored the terms of reference of the enquiry, intimated to the Enquiry Officer by a letter issued by the Registrar (Officiating) [Letter dated 08.09.2014, Ref. No. 3779(A)/R-14].

The EC found that the report did not specifically address the issue "whether there are prima facie materials to proceed against "the petitioner departmentally or not". The report also failed to shed light on the charges framed earlier against Dr. Debasis Dutta, which the report was expected to do as per the terms of reference intimated to the Enquiry Officer. Besides, there are several in consistencies in the report.

**Decision**: In view of the above, the Executive Council unanimously resolved that the preliminary enquiry report prepared by the Enquiry Officer is not to be accepted. It was further resolved that a fresh enquiry regarding this matter should be initiated and completed expeditiously.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action. **NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.** 

23. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved and communicated Mr. Vivek Kumar, Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of West Bengal the inspection report regarding possibility of commencement of M.A. Course in Urdu in Islampur College from the Academic Session 2015-16.

Decision: Noted and approved.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

24. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved two Holiday lists for University and for affiliated colleges respectively along with 3 (three) holidays at the discretion of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

Decision: Noted and approved.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

25. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of Dr. Utpal Mandal as Head of the Department of Bengali w.e.f. 1.1.15 for two years.

Decision: Noted and approved.

26. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the recommendation of the Screening Committee for re-employment of Prof. Tapas Kumar Chaudhuri, Department of Zoology for another two years w.e.f. 1.1.15 (1<sup>st</sup> term – two years).

Decision: Noted and approved.

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Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action. **NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.** 

27. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the recommendation of the Screening Committee for re-employment of Prof. Tapas Kumar Chaudhuri, Department of Zoology for another two years w.e.f. 1.1.15 (1<sup>st</sup> term – two years).

Decision: Already resolved under Item No. 26.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action. **NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.** 

 To report that the Hon'ble Vice-chancellor has approved the recommendation of the Screening Committee for re-employment of Prof. Swapan Kumar Saha, Department of Chemistry for another one year w.e.f. 6.1.15 (last term – 5<sup>th</sup> year).

Decision: Noted and approved.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action. **NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.** 

29. To report that the Vice-Chancellor has approved re-employment of (i) Sri Naresh Chandra Khati, Department of Nepali for three months w.e.f. 22.12.14 (ii) Prof. Rangadhar Sahu, Centre for Himalayan Studies for three months w.e.f. 1.12.14.

Decision: Noted and approved.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action. **NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.** 

30. To report that Prof. C. N. R. Rao and Prof. Ashok Sen for the panel of Chief Guest approved by the Hon'ble Chancellor have expressed their inability to attend the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation as Chief Guest due to their preoccupation.

Decision: Noted.

31. To prepare a panel of dignitaries who will be invited in the forthcoming 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation as Chief Guest.

**Decision:** Resolved that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor be authorized to prepare the panel of dignitaries for the Chief Guest.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

32. To report that out of the two D.Litts (*Honoris Causa*) recipients approved by the Hon'ble Chancellor, Sri S. Majumder will attend the Convocation in person and Prof. Arindam Chakraborty has accepted to receive the award but expressed his inability to attend the convocation in person due to his preoccupation. Prof. Arindam Chakraborty is willing to accept the award through his nominee. The entire matter has been brought to the kind attention of the Hon'ble Chancellor, for his kind information and direction.

Decision: Noted.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

33. To report that out of the two D.Sc. (Honoris Causa) awardees approved by the Hon'ble Chancellor, Dr. Deby Setthy has accepted to receive the award through his nominee and Prof. Sabyasachi Bhattacharya also accepted to receive the award but expressed his inability to attend the convocation in person due to prescheduled programme. The entire matter has been brought to the kind attention of the Hon'ble Chancellor, for his kind information and direction.

Decision: Noted.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

- 34. To report that Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has accepted the recommendation of the Selection Committee for the appointment of Contractual and part-time teachers' for the Department of Law and accordingly appointment letters have been issued for the following posts:
  - a. Asstt. Professor in Law (Full-time Contractual) 4 posts
  - b. Asstt. Professor in English (Full-time Contractual) 1 post
  - c. Asstt. Professor in Political Science (Full-time Contractual) 1 post

Decision: Noted and approved.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

- 35. Any other Agenda to be placed by the Chair.
- i. To consider the note of the Controller of Examinations dated 24.12.14 regarding malpractice cases in connection with B.Ed. Examination, 2014.

**Decision:** Resolved that the note of the Controller of Examinations dated 24.12.14 regarding malpractice cases in connection with B.Ed. Examination, 2014 be approved.

Controller of Examinations be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair. ii. To consider the note of the Finance Officer dated 30.12.14 regarding bills for License fees.

**Decision:** Resolved that the note of the Finance Officer dated 30.12.14 regarding bills for License fees be approved.

Finance Officer be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

iii. To consider the letter of the Convener, SBTSBS dated 19.11.14 regarding CAS & Promotion of mess employees of this university.

**Decision:** Resolved that Higher Education Department be approached for promotion of the mess employees and CAS process of Hostel Mess Staff already initiated

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action. **NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.** 

iv. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the note of the Registrar (Offg.) dated 2.1.15 regarding releasing the fund amounting Rs. 5,00,000/- relating to 22<sup>nd</sup> West Bengal State Science & Technology Congress-2015.

Decision: Noted and approved.

- v. To report that a communication has been received from the Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal vide no. 1064-Edn(CS)/10M-82/2014 dated 29.12.14 regarding issues of self-attestation.
  Decision: Noted.
- vi. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the Draft Programme for B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. Part I, II & III (Honours & General) Examinations, 2015 as proposed by the Controller of Examinations.

Decision: Noted and approved.

Controller of Examinations be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

vii. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the extension of period for another 3 (three) months w.e.f. 1.1.2015 of catering service of NBU Guest House with existing terms & conditions and as per rules.

Decision: Noted and approved.

viii. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the extension of date of admission under Distance Education Mode with late fee from 2.1.15 to 25.1.15 as proposed by the Dy. Director, DDE, NBU dated 26.12.14.

Decision: Noted and approved.

ix. Misc. item:

a. To consider the note of the Registrar (Offg.) dated 7.1.15 as applied by the Dy. Controller of Examinations dated 24.4.14.

Decision: Resolved that the note of the Registrar (Offg) dated 7.01.2015 be approved.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

b. To consider the letter of the Secretary, NBUEA dated 6.1.15 regarding charter of demands.

Decision: Resolved the following:

Against Point No. (1) under process

Against Point No. (2) in progress

Against Point No. (3) under consideration

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

c. To consider the letter of Prof. Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury dated 6.1.15 regarding MOU with University of Lodz.

**Decision:** Resolved that the University will explore the avenues for signing the MOU with the University of Lodz.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

d. To consider the letter of the Dean, Faculty of Science dated 7.1.15 regarding resignation from the Headship of the Department of Tea Science.

**Decision:** Resolved that the resignation of the Dean, FC for P.G. Studies in Science from the Headship of the Department of Tea Science be accepted.

**Dr.** Arnab Sen, Associate Professor, Department of Botany, be appointed as the Head, Department of Tea Science with immediate effect as per rules.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

e. To consider the letter of the Registrar (Offg.) dated 6.1.15 regarding some courses to the UGC.

**Decision:** Resolved that the letter of the Registrar (Offg) dated 6.1.2015 be accepted for sending it to the UGC.

Registrar (Offg) be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

f. To consider the minutes of the Medal Committee held on 6.1.15.

Decision: Resolved that the minutes of the Medal Committee held on 06.01.2015 be approved.

g. To consider the note of the Finance Officer dated 6.1.15 regarding lease agreement with the SBI, NBU Campus Branch.

Decision: Resolved that the item be deferred.

h. To consider the minutes of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Purchase Committee meeting.

**Decision:** Resolved that the minutes of the 83<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Purchase Committee be approved.

Finance Officer be requested to take necessary action. NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

i. To consider the note of the Deputy Registrar dated 7.1.2015 regarding students' registration.

**Decision:** Resolved that the unsigned registration form by the students and/or the Principal of the College will not be accepted. The 37 new entry forms 08 course change forms and 01 subject change form may be accepted. It is also further resolved that from the next academic session no such faulty case of registration will be entertained. A registration committee be formed for the next academic session. The formation of the Committee be left to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

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

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(Dr. B. C. Paul) Secretary

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(Professor Somnath Ghosh) -Chairman