

## UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

**Minutes of the 73<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Executive Council held on 19.05.2023 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, Nominee of the WBSCHE
3. Professor Subhas Ch. Roy, Dean, Faculty Council for PG Studies in Science, NBU
4. Professor Rathin Bandyopadhyay, Dean, Faculty Council for PG Studies in Arts, Commerce & Law, NBU
5. Principal, Darjeeling Govt. College
6. Principal, Jalpaguri Law College
7. Principal, Ananda Chandra College
8. Principal, University B. T. & Evening College
9. Principal, Alipurduar Mahila Mahavidyalaya
10. Principal I/C, Suryasen Mahavidyalaya
11. Principal, Sukanta Mahavidyalaya
12. Head, Department of Bengali, University of North Bengal
13. Head, Department of Bioinformatics, University of North Bengal
14. Head, Department of Biotechnology, University of North Bengal

Registrar Dr. Nupur Das, Secretary to the Executive Council was present.

Prof. Ranjita Chakraborty, Director HRDC, Finance Officer, System Manager, Deputy Finance Officer, Joint Registrar, Chief Engineer and the Development Officer attended the meeting as invitee member.

### **Zero Hour**

Firstly, The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor focused on the attendance details. The absence of some members of the Executive Council of University of North Bengal namely Sri Siladitya Basu Ray, Senior Special Secretary, Higher Education Department, The Principal Secretary, Department of Finance, Govt. of West Bengal, The Director of Public Instruction, Education Directorate was noted.

15. Secondly, the members of the Executive Council welcomed seven new principals members namely Principal, Darjeeling Govt. College, Principal, Jalpaguri Law College, Principal, Ananda Chandra College, Principal, University B. T. & Evening College, Principal, Alipurduar Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Principal, Suryasen Mahavidyalaya and Principal, Sukanta Mahavidyalaya.

Thirdly, the members of the Executive Council acknowledged with appreciation the valuable contributions of the previous six principals namely Principal, University B. T. & Evening College, Principal, Indian Institute of Legal Studies, Principal, Siliguri College, Principal, P.D. Women's College, Principal, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy Government College, Principal, Maynaguri College and Principal, Kalimpong College.

**Agenda: -**

1. To confirm the minutes of the 72<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Executive Council held on 25.04.2023.  
**Decision:** Resolved that the Minutes of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council held on 25.04.2023 be confirmed with partial modifications
  - A. under agenda 8 wherein the Deans of the Faculty concerned shall be member of the admission committee of Ph.D. Programme under Regulation 2022
  - B. under agenda item no 39, to read as "the share would be 5 per cent of the total fees collected by such colleges/institutes. The change was effected because the colleges/institutes are already collecting 15 per cent, something brought out to the notice of the EC now. Also, the effect of this decision would not be retrospective, rather from the upcoming session.
  - C. under agenda item no 72, Prof. Gangotri Chakraborty, Former Professor Law, NBU be included in the Committee constituted by the HVC.
2. To consider the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions of the Executive Council held on 25.04.2023.  
**Decision:** The Executive Council noted and approved the Action Taken Report and appreciated the qualitative upgradation of the report as formulated by the Joint Registrar, NBU.
3. To consider the policy of the University for issuing final Degree Certificate of P.G. and U.G. Examinations to the passed out candidates for the academic session 2022-2023 pending Convocation of the University as per the note of the Controller of the Examinations vide no. 920/B/CE-23 dated 12.05.2023.

**Decision:** Resolved that the policy of the University for issuing final Degree Certificate of P.G. and U.G. Examinations to the passed out candidates for the academic session 2022-2023 pending Convocation of the University as per the note of the Controller of the Examinations vide no. 920/B/CE-23 dated 12.05.2023 be noted and approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

4. To consider the note of the Controller of the Examinations vide no. 844/B/CE-23 dated 08.05.2023 regarding duration of publication of results P.G. & U.G. of University Examinations.

**Decision:** Resolved that the note of the Controller of the Examinations vide no. 844/B/CE-23 dated 08.05.2023 regarding duration of publication of results P.G. & U.G. of University Examinations as recommended by the NAAC expert committee to complete the process within 20 days was noted, appreciated and approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

5. To consider the prayer of Babika Khawas, Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Sociology dated 13.04.2023 regarding Re-registration for the submission of Ph.D.

**Decision:** Resolved that the prayer of Babika Khawas, Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Sociology dated 13.04.2023 be granted further re-registration for the submission of Ph.D. for a period of two years with effect from the date of her application.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

6. To consider the minutes of the Guest House Committee Meeting held on 16.05.2023.

**Decision:** Resolved that the minutes of the Guest House Committee Meeting held on 16.05.2023 be approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

7. To consider the minutes of the Committee for Recommendation of the names of Visiting Professors/Fellows held on 11.05.2023.

The below note was circulated regarding International Visiting Professors' Scheme, University of North Bengal

As conceptualized by Prof. Om Prakash Mishra, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University of North Bengal (NBU), the University has taken the initiative of inviting Professors and Scholars of eminence under the International Visiting Professors' Scheme. The scheme envisions to benefit from the knowledge and exposure of the eminent scholars and teachers in various disciplines.

A Committee of eminent academician was constituted by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NBU with Prof. Sanchari Roy Mukherjee, Dept. of Economics, NBU & Former Vice-Chancellor, Dakshin Dinajpur University to identify and recommend names of internationally acclaimed national and international

scholars and academicians who can be invited as Visiting Professor. The scholars and academicians would render their services in an honorary capacity and their association with the University would be subject to necessary clearances/permission from their respective institutes/universities as well as the necessity of obtaining any formal permissions under the rules in force in India. As recommended by the Committee, the goal of the Scheme to invite professors and academicians to –

- Deliver formal lectures through online and/or offline mode for at least 10 hours of lectures per semester
- Mentor PG students and Research Scholars through formal or informal discussions
- Act as Co-supervisor of Research Scholars
- Undertake collaborative research with the Departmental Faculty
- Present papers at University's seminar/conferences

The Committee in its meeting recommended few names of eminent academicians and also sought nominations from each of the academic Departments in the respective field expertise. Based on this, and after scrutinizing the profile, the following 113 names have been finalized initially. The list includes eminent national academicians across the country and foreign academicians across the globe. Consent of the invited Professors has already been taken from these scholars informally through the academic Departments of NBU. Formal invitation will be done in due course.

The University is further considering another 100 names received, and suitable names from these will be selected in phases. Moreover, the constituted Committee would be continuously identifying the best talent and recommend names to broaden the specialization.

The International Visiting Professors Scheme will be implemented through the Office of the Development Officer, NBU where the Development Officer will be the Nodal Officer for the scheme. The following three teachers will coordinate the scheme in close association with the Development Officer. A detailed terms of reference will be formulated by the University in this regard. –

1. Dr. Sajal Das, Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, NBU
2. Dr. Amrita Mondal, Assistant Professor, Dept. of History, NBU
3. Dr. Indrajit Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Geography and Applied Geography, NBU

Necessary budgetary allocation for the Scheme has been considered by the Finance Committee of the University on 17<sup>th</sup> may 2023.

**Decision:** The Executive Council considered the entirety of the Scheme, lauded the initiative as a landmark decision and approved the above note together with the names of 112 Professors/Scholars

**Confirmed with immediate effect.**

8. To consider the minutes of the Space Allotment Committee Meeting held on 01.12.2022, 06.12.2022, 29.03.2023 and 12.05.2023.

**Decision:** Resolved that the minutes of the Space Allotment Committee Meeting held on 01.12.2022, 06.12.2022, 29.03.2023 and 12.05.2023 be approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

9. To consider the minutes of the 125<sup>th</sup> Purchase Committee meeting held on 15.05.2023.

**Decision:** Resolved that the minutes of the 125<sup>th</sup> Purchase Committee meeting held on 15.05.2023 be approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

10. To consider the minutes of the 198<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee meeting held on 16.05.2023.

**Decision:** Resolved that the minutes of the 198<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee meeting held on 16.05.2023 be approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

11. To consider the minutes of the Building Committee meeting held on 16.05.2023.

**Decision:** Resolved that the minutes of the Building Committee meeting held on 16.05.2023 be approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

12. To consider formation of a Committee on the Extension Services & Outreach Activities (EXOA) for varied activities of the University with the following members.

- i. Prof. Saptarshi Ghosh, Department of Library & Information Science (Chairman)
- ii. Dr. Siddhartha Sankar Laha, Associate Professor, DLLE
- iii. Dr. Tilak Saha, Associate Professor, Dept. of Zoology
- iv. Dr. Ranabir Sahu, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Tech. (Convener)
- v. Dr. Dipshikha Acharyya, Assistant Professor, Dept. of History
- vi. Director, Centre for Local Language & Studies
- vii. President, Aikyatan Cultural Club
- viii. Assistant Curator, NBU AKMH Museum

**Decision:** HVC requested for the inclusion of Dr. Ramesh Dural as the Joint Convener together with Dr Ranabir Sahu and of Dr. Sudash Lama, Programme Coordinator NSS, NBU.

Resolved that the Committee proposed above and together with the suggestion is approved, modified.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

13. To consider reconstitution of Training & Student Placement Cell of the University.

**Decision:** Resolved that Prof. Ranadhir Chakraborty be appointed as Advisor- Director of Training & Student Placement Cell until further order along with Dr. Pragyamita Dasgupta and Dr. Amitabha Roy have Joint Conveners. Other members of the Committee may be finalized by the Advisor-Director in consultation with the Joint Conveners.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

14. To consider hoisting of Research Scholar data in the University Website.

**Decision:** Resolved that for the first time, NBU has launched its very own Research Scholars' Portal, a platform where anyone can find information and resources related to the research students pursuing their PhD at NBU. This portal is designed to connect the researchers, their ongoing researches, and to network with other researchers. In future, this portal will be the single window to manage researchers' progress and showcase their research achievements and publications. This portal is currently housing information of 400+ registered research students of NBU. Further resolved that System Manager, CIRM be requested to hoist the research scholar data forthwith.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

15. To consider the note of the Director, IQAC vide no. 1128/IQAC/23 dated 11.05.2023 regarding online submission of AQAR for the year 2021-22 by May, 2023.

**Decision:** Resolved that the note of the Director, IQAC vide no. 1128/IQAC/23 dated 11.05.2023 regarding online submission of AQAR for the year 2021-22 by May, 2023 be approved. The Executive Council proposed that Prof. Ranjita Chakraborty, Department of Political Science henceforth be nominated as Director, IQAC, NBU *w.e.f.* 01.06.2023.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

16. To consider the letter of Dr. Binayak Sundas, Superintendent, Vivekananda Hall of Residence vide no. VK/424/23 dated 10.05.2023 regarding construction of a new Hostel.

**Decision:** Resolved that the letter of Dr. Binayak Sundas, Superintendent, Vivekananda Hall of Residence vide no. VK/424/23 dated 10.05.2023 regarding construction of a new Hostel be further explored. HVC pointed out that State Bank of India is being approached for financially supporting the construction of the new hostel. This was noted EC also noted the assurances provided by the SJDA for helping to construct the new hostel. Dr. Binayak Sundas be requested to take all necessary action in this regard with SBI and SJDA and explore other agencies for funds regarding the construction of the Hostel. Further resolved that the note of the Dean,

Faculty Council for PG Studies in Science and also the Chairman, Hostel Monitoring Committee also be noted.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

17. To consider the note of the Joint Registrar dated 10.05.2023 regarding the matter of Study Leave of Dr. Sujoy Rana, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry who availed study leave *w.e.f.* 01.08.2022 to 31.01.2023.

**Decision:** Resolved that Dr. Sujoy Rana, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry who availed study leave *w.e.f.* 01.08.2022 to 31.01.2023 without pay be granted study leave with pay considering University's decision to promote research and motivate faculty researchers. This is also consistent with practices followed by other State aided universities.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

18. To consider the note of the Dy. Finance Officer duly endorsed by the Finance Officer regarding present status of contractual and casual employees engaged in the University and vis-à-vis outlay of fund for payment of remuneration under different funds of the University.

**Decision:** Resolved that the note of the Dy. Finance Officer duly endorsed by the Finance Officer regarding present status of contractual and casual employees engaged in the University vis-à-vis outlay of fund for payment of remuneration under different funds of the University be considered and adequate measures to obtain the financial support of the state government be adopted at different levels. It was noted that the state government was paying/reimbursing the salary/remuneration of such casual and contractual employees up to some months into 2018. There is an unrepresented financial crisis faced by the University due to the stoppage of such financial assistance/remuneration from 2018 onwards.

Resolved that Executive Council requests the state government to assume the responsibility for the payment of salary/remuneration of the casual and contractual non-teaching staffs and the payment for the teachers engaged in contractual positions. Further resolved that Dean, Faculty Council for PG Studies in Arts, Commerce & Law and the Finance Officer be requested to prepare back up note to place the financial liability of the University in the Higher Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal in consultation with the Dy. Finance Officer & Joint Registrar.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

19. To consider the inspection report for the introduction of P.G. Diploma Course in Geoinformatics at Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya.

**Decision:** Resolved that the inspection report for the introduction of P.G. Diploma Course in Geoinformatics at Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya be approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

20. To consider the inspection report for the introduction of Mass Communication & Journalism as GE subject at Siliguri College.

**Decision:** Resolved that the inspection report for the introduction of Mass Communication & Journalism as GE subject at Siliguri College be approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

21. To consider the inspection report for the introduction of NCC as an elective subject at Ananda Chandra College.

**Decision:** Resolved that the inspection report for the introduction of NCC as an elective subject at Ananda Chandra College be approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

22. To consider the inspection report for the introduction of Bengali as GE subject at Birsa Munda College, Hatighisa.

**Decision:** Resolved that the inspection report for the introduction of Bengali as GE subject at Birsa Munda College, Hatighisa be approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

23. To consider the minutes of the Advisory Committee of CIS, NBU.

**Decision:** Resolved that the minutes of the Advisory Committee of CIS, NBU be approved with minor modification wherein the Principal Secretary, Undergraduate Council be nominated as a member to the Advisory Committee of CIS.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

24. To consider the note of the Development Officer regarding formation of Student Services Centre (SSC) and Student Welfare Committee as per UGC Guidelines.

**Decision:** Resolved that the Executive Council in principle considered the constitution of Students Service Centre (SSC) and Student Welfare Committee as per UGC Guidelines. The formation of the Committees be left to the Vice-Chancellor.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

25. To consider a proposal of the Director/Professor, UGC HRDC, NBU to initiate Skill Enhancement Programme for the Year 2023-2024 and onwards for non-teaching employees (contractual) of NBU.



**Decision:** Resolved that a proposal of the Director/Professor, UGC HRDC, NBU to initiate Skill Enhancement Programme for the Year 2023-2024 and onwards for all non-teaching employees including contractual staff of University be approved. Further resolved that the official staff of the SJDA be also engaged in this programme. Further resolved to confirm the proposal in regard to mentoring of such employees.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

26. To consider NAAC review feed-back report and the recommendation of the Committee constituted to study the Report.

**Decision:** Resolved that NAAC review feed-back report and the recommendation of the Committee constituted to study the Report be considered. It was also decided that continuous efforts be made to implement the recommendations of the NAAC Report Review Expert Committee and the Committee constituted by the University to further study and prepare action points.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

27. To consider 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 17.05.2023:

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

**Decision:** Resolved that the minutes of the Board of Research Studies on the abovementioned subjects under the Faculty Council for PG Studies in Arts, Commerce & Law held on 17.05.2023 be approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

28. To consider the minutes of the Board of Research Studies on the following subjects under the Faculty Council for PG Studies in Science held on 17.05.2023:

- i. Botany
- ii. Chemistry
- iii. Zoology
- iv. Physics
- v. Mathematics

- vi. Anthropology
- vii. Bio-informatics
- viii. Geography and Applied Geography

**Decision:** Resolved that the minutes of the Board of Research Studies on the abovementioned subjects under the Faculty Council for PG Studies in Science held on 17.05.2023 be approved. Confirmed with immediate effect.

29. To consider establishment of a new center, 'NBU Center for Strategy and Regional Security (with Multiple External Collaborative Organization)'

The Vision document following consultation with 33 Corps Indian Army was circulated amongst the members.

**Decision:** Resolved to establish NBU Center for Strategy and Regional Security. It was also resolved to collaborate with Trishakti Corps, XXXIII Corps of the Indian Army for the establishment of the Centre.

Initiative of the HVC in this respect was noted, appreciated and approved.

It was further resolved to nominate Prof. Soumitra De as Director of the Research Centre. He shall be supported by a core team of researchers—Dr Souryadeep Sen, Dr Verma Priyadarshini, Dr Binayak Sundas and Shri Adwaita Thapa. The Director and the core team is authorised to finalise all modalities and contours of the collaborative research together with the Indian Army and other organisations. It was also resolved to approach Indian army to support the Centre with a corpus of fund. Finally, the Executive Council also resolved to provide a sum of Rs. 20 lakhs as seed money from the University fund to the Centre for carrying out the work of setting up of the centre and consultation/seminar/conferences etc.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

30. To consider report of the Committee constituted by the EC meeting held on 25.04.2023 under agenda no. 32 and the notice issued by the Joint Registrar University of North Bengal (Reference no. 1942/R-2023 dated 10.05.2023) on research projects.

**Decision:** Resolved that report of the Committee constituted by the EC meeting held on 25.04.2023 under agenda no. 32 and the notice issued by the Joint Registrar University of North Bengal (Reference no. 1942/R-2023 dated 10.05.2023) on research projects be approved. Further resolved that the report of the Committee be uploaded on the website of the University for wide circulation amongst the faculty members.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

31. To consider the note of the Finance Officer dated 15.05.23 regarding payment of Adhoc Bonus and Puja Exgratia.

**Decision:** Resolved that the note of the Finance Officer dated 15.05.23 regarding payment of Adhoc Bonus and Puja Exgratia be approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

32. To consider the note of the Joint Registrar dated 11.05.2023 regarding rectification of date and period of study leave of Ms. Krishna Maya Manger, Assistant Professor, Department of Nepali *w.e.f.* 03.07.2023 to 30.09.2023.

**Decision:** Resolved that the note of the Joint Registrar dated 11.05.2023 regarding rectification of date and period of study leave of Ms. Krishna Maya Manger, Assistant Professor, Department of Nepali *w.e.f.* 03.07.2023 to 30.09.2023 be approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

33. To constitute Student Grievance Redressal Committee (SGRC) as per UGC's D O No. F1-1312022 (CPP-II) dated 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.

**Decision:** Resolved that the Executive Council approved the constitution of Students Grievance Redressal Cell at NBU as per UGC guidelines. The formation of the Committee be left to the Vice-Chancellor.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

34. To consider change of nomenclature of Co-coordinator, Jalpaiguri campus as Director of NBU Jalpaiguri campus as suggested by the NAAC Peer Team during their visit to Jalpaiguri campus on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**Decision:** Resolved that change of nomenclature of Co-coordinator, Jalpaiguri campus as Director of NBU Jalpaiguri campus as suggested by the NAAC Peer Team during their visit to Jalpaiguri campus on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 be approved. It was also decided to provide some support for transport and other expenses to the Director. The matter be decided in the Finance Committee of the University.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

35. To consider appointment of the following posts purely on contractual basis for HRDC:

- i. Technical Officer
- ii. Computer Operator

**Decision:** Resolved that the members of Executive Council have unanimously decided that, HRDC will appoint the following non-teaching staff on purely Contractual basis as per the UGC Guidelines 2019

1. Technical Officer: 1
2. Section Officer: 1
3. Senior Assistant : 1
4. Junior Assistant : 1
5. Documentation Assistant (at the level of Professional Assistant): 1
6. Computer Operator : 1
7. Peon :1
8. Hostel Attendant: 1

It has further been resolved that the advertisement and appointment shall be carried on emergent basis. The qualification and consolidated salary will be in accordance with University of North Bengal as per UGC guidelines. The salary of the contractual staff shall be claimed from UGC. If any contractual appointment has already been made the same may be continued be fitted with the existing staff pattern and emolument as per UGC Guidelines. Also, If any advertisement for a non-teaching post as approved by the Govt. of West Bengal was made, the same will be kept outside the contractual appointment process. Registrar is authorised to comply all necessary formalities as required to fill up the abovementioned posts on contractual basis forthwith.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

36. To consider the note of the Controller of Examinations vide no. 837/B/CE-23 dated 04.05.2023 regarding new regulations of examination of MBA.

**Decision:** Resolved that the note of the Controller of Examinations vide no. 837/B/CE-23 dated 04.05.2023 regarding new regulations of examination of MBA programme keeping parity with the existing regulations of the PG Programmes be approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

37. To consider the proposal for the Establishing Modern Nursery unit for the production of quality planting material under Centre of Floriculture Agri Business Management (COFAM).

**Decision:** It was resolved that COFAM shall be henceforth under the administrative control of the office of the Registrar and would be administered by the newly constituted Committee on Extension Services and Outreach Activities. Faculties from Biotechnology, Botany, Zoology, Life Long Learning and other Departments and Centres are to be encouraged to carry out research activities. Further resolved that the proposal for the Establishing Modern Nursery unit for the production of quality planting material under COFAM be approved in principal and the

financial aspects to be finalized by the Registrar and the Finance Officer and reported to the Finance Committee in due course.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

38. To consider to issues related to teaching of U.G. and P.G. Classes by the teachers of the University including in the Jalpaiguri Campus.

**Decision:** Resolved that all teachers of the concerned departments offering courses in the Jalpaiguri campus would take classes and the same be reflected in the schedule/routine. It was also resolved that teachers would be assigned classes for both P.G as well as U.G courses in the Departments offering U.G Courses, namely, Anthropology, Tea Sciences, Geology and Law. No exceptions in this regard be made for the sake of students and academic standards. Routine/schedule of the classes be made within a week and classes conducted by all the teachers. Confirmed with immediate effect.

39. To consider the note of the Dean, Faculty Council for PG Studies in Science for appointment of Registrar and Finance Officer at least for few months.

**Decision:** Resolved that Dr. Nupur Das and Dr. Amlan Majumdar shall continue in their respective assignments as Registrar and Finance Officer for the period of four months *w.e.f.* 21.05.2023 in addition to their normal existing duties or till the appointment of permanent Registrar and Finance Officer whichever is earlier.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

40. To report that Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the proposal of the Estate Officer (Additional Charge) to install four number of boards/billboards in the Campus where the University community can post their suggestion/grievance/demand posters unlike the present practice of posting at random places. The installation work of the boards/billboards to be conducted by the Office of the Chief Engineer on Urgent basis.

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

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: (to be placed)

Sl.No.	Name of the Candidate	Name of the Supervisor(s)	Subject	Topic	Date when Admitted
01	Reshmee Sarkar	Prof. K.L. Das	Philosophy	THE PROBLEM OF MEANING : A FREGEAN ACCOUNT	17/04/2023
02	Kamalesh Mandal	Dr. Ashis Roy	Bengali	Evfm c-šl e;VL : e;VÉçQç¹; J l;S*efal h;U*ha;	24/04/2023
03	Sailesh Chettri	Prof. B. Sinha Dr. Dhiraj Brahman (Co-sup.)	Chemistry	Exploration of Catalytic Activities of Some Transition Metal Borates for Green Synthesis of Nitrogen Containing Heterocyclic Compounds	12/05/2023
04	Sourav Basak	Dr. Urbi Mukherjee	Bengali	qçlnwLI Smc;-pl BMÉ;eçhnÅ : çejÅhNÑEu -Qae;l B-m;-L	12/05/2023

**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.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

42. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has appointed Dr. Debasis Dutta, Controller of Examinations, NBU to act as Inspector of Colleges (Officiating) from 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2023 in addition to his normal duties as a Controller of Examinations or any other order whichever is earlier.

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

43. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has appointed Dr. Sudash Lama, Associate Professor, Department of History to act as Program Co-ordinator, National Service Scheme (NSS), NBU in place of Dr. Manoranjan Chowdhury, Professor, Department of Botany, NBU *w.e.f.* 28.04.2023 in addition to his normal duties as Associate Professor in the Department of History, NBU or any other order whichever is earlier.

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

44. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has appointed Dr. Varun Kumar Roy, Associate Professor, Department of History to act as Officer-in-Charge, Watch & Ward Department, NBU

in place of Dr. Sudash Lama, Associate Professor, Department of History *w.e.f.* 28.04.2023 in addition to his normal duties as Associate Professor in the Department of History, NBU or any other order whichever is earlier.

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

45. To report that the University of North Bengal has engaged the stakeholders to directly connect with the students of the University in the NBU-University Connect Programme considering broad objectives of the G20 Goals under its outreach programme.

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

46. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the proposal for amendment of the Clause-11(a) in the regulations relating to B.A./B.Sc./B.Com./B.B.A./B.C.A. (under CBCS Courses by replacing the word 'excluding' before the word Environmental Studies by the word 'including' as the eligibility criteria for admission to above U.G. Courses.

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

47. To report that Undergraduate courses in Anthropology & Tea Science of NBU has been brought under the centralized admission programme controlled by the WBSCHE.

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

48. To consider SJDA-NBU to collaborate for infrastructure and human resource development.

**Decision:** Resolved that the following collaborative measures between SJDA-NBU be approved.

1. SJDA will explore the possibility of providing support to construct a 300 student's capacity new V K Hostel
2. NBU will help SJDA to formulate 2045 vision document with focus on urbanization and city planning
3. NBU will also provide technical help to SJDA in regard to development of Tea Tourism as well as infrastructure in the tea gardens
4. SJDA proposed to enrich the AKM Heritage Museum at NBU by way of providing support for historical items
5. SJDA may help the Centre for Himalayan Studies Library
6. NBU to extend its new programme Skill Enhancement and Expertise Development (SEED) for human resource development of SJDA staff

Confirmed with immediate effect.

49. To consider the proposal for Publication of a book in two volumes on the Tribes of Eastern Indian titled as "Tribescape: An Ethnographic Atlas" authored by Krishnopriyo Bhattacharya by the University of North Bengal.

**Decision:** Resolved that the proposal for Publication of a volume on the Tribes of Eastern Indian titled as "Tribescape: An Ethnographic Atlas" authored by Krishnopriyo Bhattacharya by the University of North Bengal be approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

50. To consider re-insertion of clause 12 in the appointment letters of Professor/Director, Deputy Director/Associate Professor and Assistant Director/Assistant Professor of HRDC NBU.

**Decision:** Resolved that a committee be constituted with the following members to explore the possibility of insertion of clause 12 in the appointment letters of Professor/Director, Deputy Director/Associate Professor and Assistant Director/Assistant Professor of HRDC NBU:

- i. Dean Faculty Council for PG Studies in Science
- ii. Dean Faculty Council for PG Studies in Arts, Commerce & Law
- iii. Registrar (Convener)

Confirmed with immediate effect.

51. To consider the note of the Inspector of Colleges vide no. 103/Int/Insp-23 dated 18.05.2023 regarding amendment of the Clause-11(a and b) in the regulations relating to B.A./B.Sc./B.Com./B.B.A./B.C.A. (under CBCS) Courses by deleting the phrase 'excluding Environmental Studies' to make the eligibility criteria for admission to above U.G. Courses which implies that a student is eligible to take admission to B.A./B.Sc./B.Com./B.B.A./B.C.A. (under CBCS) Courses if he/she/transgender has passed in at least four(04) subjects with English as compulsory subject in the Higher Secondary [10+2] Examination held by the WBCHSE or any other Examination which is recognized by the University as equivalent thereto.

**Decision:** Resolved that the proposal received from the Inspector of Colleges (Officiating), vide letter no. 103/Int/Insp-23 dated 18/05/2023 for amendment of the Clause- 11 (a) (b) in the regulations relating to B.A./B.Sc./B.Com./B.B.A./B.C.A. (under CBCS) Courses by deleting the phrase 'excluding Environmental Studies' to make the eligibility criteria for admission to above U.G. Courses which implies that *a student is eligible to take admission to B.A./B.Sc./B.Com./B.B.A./B.C.A. (under CBCS) Courses if he/she/transgender has passed in at least four (04) subjects with English as compulsory subject in the Higher Secondary [10+2] Examination held by the West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education or any other Examination which is recognized by the University as equivalent thereto* be considered and approved.



Confirmed with immediate effect.

52. To consider the note of the Inspector of Colleges vide no. 104/Int/Insp-23 dated 19.05.2023 regarding resolution of an emergency meeting of UG Board of Studies in Education held 02.03.2023 that Students passing from any Stream in the 10+2 examination are eligible to apply for Education Honours.

**Decision:** Resolved that the proposal received from the Inspector of Colleges (Officiating), vide letter no. 104/Int/Insp-23 dated 19/05/2023 for amending the provision in clause-11(b)(ii) of the Regulation relating to B.A./B.Sc./B.Com/B.C.A. & B.B.A. Courses as far as 'Education' is concerned as Students passing from any Stream in 10+2 examination are eligible to apply for Honours in Education be considered and approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

53. 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	Tapash Mandal	Dr. Snehasish Saha	Geography & Appl. Geo.	Trends and Patterns of Agricultural Land use in Maldah District, West Bengal	17.05.2023

**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.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

54. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the admissibility report in respect of Dr. Barun Roy, Assistant Professor, Department of Mass Communication regarding advance increment for Ph.D. degree.

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

55. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the note of Prof. Pranab Ghosh, Department of Chemistry dated 19.05.2023 regarding joint venture with DRDO and University of North Bengal.

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

56. To consider the reconstitution of all the Board of Undergraduates Studies.

**Decision:** Resolved that the reconstitution of all the Board of Undergraduates Studies will be made forthwith. Further resolved that Principal Secretary, Undergraduate Council be authorized to take all necessary action in the respect.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

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

  
(Dr. Nupur Das)  
Secretary  
and Registrar

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