

University of North Bengal

The minutes of the 15th meeting of the North Bengal University Court held on 18th May, 2017 at 2.00 P.M. in the Conference Hall of the Administrative Building

Members Present:

1. Professor Somnath Ghosh, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, University of North Bengal – in the Chair
2. Prof. Subir Sarkar, Dean, Faculty Council for PG Studies in Science, NBU
3. Prof. Ghanashyam Nepal, Dean, Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Arts, Commerce & Law, NBU
4. The Head, Department of Anthropology, NBU
5. The Head, Department of Bengali, NBU
6. The Head, Department of Bio-technology, NBU
7. The Head, Department of Botany, NBU
8. The Head, Department of Chemistry, NBU
9. The Head, Department of Computer Science & Application, NBU
10. The Head, Department of English, NBU
11. The Head, Department of Geography & Applied Geography, NBU
12. The Head, Department of Hindi, NBU
13. The Head, Department of Library & Information Science, NBU
14. The Head, Department of Life Long Learning & Extension, NBU
15. The Head, Department of Mass Communication, NBU
16. The Head, Department of Mathematics, NBU
17. The Head, Department of Microbiology, NBU
18. The Head, Department of Philosophy, NBU
19. The Head, Department of Political Science, NBU
20. The Head, Department of Zoology, NBU
21. Prof. Subir Sarkar, Department of Geography & Applied Geography, NBU
22. Prof. Ghanashyam Nepal, Department of Nepali, NBU
23. Prof. Suparna De Sarkar, Department of Mathematics, NBU
24. Prof. Col. Dr. Ranajit Sen, Nominee of the Hon'ble Chancellor, NBU

1. To report that minutes of the 14th meeting of the North Bengal University Court held on 28th September, 2016 has already been confirmed in the said meeting.

Decision: Noted.

2. To report that Hon'ble Chancellor, University of North Bengal has fixed the date of the 47th Annual Convocation of the University on 02.06.2017.

Decision: Noted.

3. To finalize the Panel of Dignitaries of the Chief Guest, D.Litt. (*Honaris Causa*) and D.Sc. (*Honaris Causa*) for the 47th Annual Convocation of the University.

Decision: It was discussed that after the meeting of the Steering Committee dated 2.11.2016 the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor met the Hon'ble Chancellor of the University of North Bengal for his kind consideration and approval on the minutes of the Steering Committee dated 2.11.2016 where a panel of dignitaries of Guest-in-Chief, D.Sc. (*Honoris Causa*) and D.Litt. (*Honoris Causa*) for the 47th Annual Convocation was proposed. It was reported by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor that the proposed panel was accepted by the Hon'ble Chancellor of the University of North Bengal subject to the final approval of the Court. Subsequently, it was placed in the next meeting of the Steering Committee held on 15.5.2017 and it was decided that Dr. Sekhar Basu, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission (A.E.C.) be recommended to the Court Meeting for the Guest-in-Chief as well as for conferment of D.Sc. (*Honoris Causa*) for consideration. Sri Shirshendu Mukhopadhyay be also considered in the Court meeting for conferment of the D.Litt. (*Honoris Causa*) of the University of North Bengal in the 47th Annual Convocation of the University of North Bengal.

After a threadbare discussion in the meeting of the Court, the members of the Court noted the minutes of the two meetings of the Steering Committee held on 2.11.2016 & 15.5.2017 and unanimously recommended that the following dignitaries be invited as Guest-in-Chief, Recipient of D.Sc. (*Honoris Causa*) and D.Litt. (*Honoris Causa*) for the 47th Annual Convocation of the University:

- I. Guest-in-Chief : Dr. Sekhar Basu, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission
- II. D.Sc. (*Honoris Causa*) : (i) Dr. Sekhar Basu, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission
- (ii) Prof. Amitava Raychaudhuri, Sir Tarak Nath Palit Professor of Physics, Calcutta University

- III. D.Litt. (*Honoris Causa*) : (i) Sri Shirshendu Mukhopadhyay, Noted Author & Eminent Bengali Writer
- (ii) Sri Pradip Kumar Banerjee, Distinguished football player and football coach

It is also recommended that Smt. Mamata Banerjee, Hon'ble Chief Minister of the State of West Bengal and Dr. Partha Chatterjee, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Departments of Primary Education & Higher Education, Science & Technology and Biotechnology, Parliamentary Affairs, Government of West Bengal be invited in the 47th Annual Convocation as Special Guest of Honour and Guest of Honour respectively.

Note: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

4. To report the decision of the Medal Committee held on 02.05.2017.

Decision: It is noted and approved with the following modification in the last line of the decision:

The words "same prices" be replaced by the words "at a price not exceeding the rate of the previous year".

It is also resolved that a letter with partial modification as mentioned above be issued to M/s Haridas Dutta Jewellers, Bowbazar, Kolkata by the Registrar (Officiating).

Note: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

5. To discuss the progress regarding 47th Annual Convocation of the University.

Decision: The matter regarding the progress of 47th Annual Convocation of the University was discussed in details and the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor informed the members about the various actions which have already been taken for 47th Annual Convocation.

The Court members unanimously accepted, agreed and approved the actions taken by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for smooth conduct of the 47th Annual Convocation of the University of North Bengal.

NOTE: Confirmed with immediate effect by the Chair.

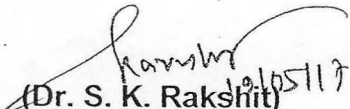
Any other agenda placed by the Chair:

- I. To report that the Hon'ble Chancellor, University of North Bengal was pleased to accord his assent to the amendment of the University Ordinances relating to M.A./M.Sc./M.Com. Courses under the University of North Bengal adding the following provision in Ordinance 3 to Clause (e):


"Provided that a candidate who does not have any back paper in 1st and/or 2nd semester but has back paper(s) in 3rd and/or 4th semester shall have option to appear in Special Supplementary Examination to be conducted for such papers of the Semester(s) concerned within six weeks after the publication of reassessment result of the 4th Semester Examination. However, the total number of chances to pass in a particular paper (including the chance of special Supplementary Examination) shall be limited to three."

Decision: Noted.

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


(Dr. S. K. Rakshit)
Secretary

Registrar (Officiating)
University of North Bengal


19.5.2017
(Prof. Somnath Ghosh)
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