

University of North Bengal

The minutes of the 60th meeting of the North Bengal University Court held on 27.9.05 at 12 noon in the Conference Hall of the Administrative Building.

1. Prof. P.K. Saha, Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair).
2. Prof. P.K. Sengupta, Dean, Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Arts, Commerce & Law.
3. Prof. D.K. Hazra, Dean, Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Science.
4. The Principal, Darjeeling Govt. College.
5. Prof. Abhijit Roy.
6. Prof. Sekh Rahim Mondal.
7. Dr. Anil Bhuimali.
8. Dr. Mir Rejaul Karim.
9. Dr. Subhas Ch. Pal.
10. Dr. Subrata Kr. Ray.
11. Dr. Mahendra Nath Roy.
12. Dr. Aniruddha Saha.
13. Sri Nilangshu Sekhar Das.
14. Dr. Shyamal Ch. Guha Roy.
15. Dr. Tarasankar Gupta.
16. Dr. Subrata Panchanan.
17. Dr. Surendra Kr. Pradhan.
18. Smt. Ringee Eden Wangdi.
19. Dr. Partha Sarathi Das
20. Sri Milan Krishna Sarkar
21. Sri Sukumar Kr. Chakraborty.
22. Sri Nirmal Kr. Das, MLA.
23. Sri Sanat Kr. Adhikary.
24. Sri Soumik Bardhan.
25. Sri Shyamal Guha.
26. Sri Subrta Guha.
27. Sri Fazlur Rahaman.
28. Sri Asit Chakraborty.
29. Sri Jibesh Kumar Datta Biswas.
30. Dr. Dilip Kr. Sarkar.
31. Prof. Sisir Kr. Mukherjee
32. Sri K. K. Mintri.
33. Sri Ashu Sarkar.

1. To confirm the minutes of the 59th meeting of the North Bengal University Court (37th Convocation) held on 14.02.05.
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The minutes of the 59th meeting of the North Bengal University Court (37th Convocation) were confirmed.

2. To consider the Budget estimates for the year 2006-07 and revised Budget estimates for the year 2005-06 as recommended by the Executive Council on 26.9.05.
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Resolved that the Budget estimates for 2006-07 and revised Budget estimates for the year 2005-06 as recommended by the Executive Council on 26.09.05 be approved and the same be forwarded to the State Govt. for approval.

3. To report the introduction of M.A. Course on 'Strategic and Area Studies' in the Centre for Himalayan Studies and also M.Sc. in Microbiology in the 2005-06 session as approved by the Executive Council on 09.06.05.
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Noted and approved.

4. To report the introduction of (i) M.Lib. & Information Science Course (ii) P.G. Diploma in Mass Communication & Video Production (iii) P.G. Diploma in Museum Studies & Cultural Tourism in the University on Self-Financing basis in the 2005-06 session as approved by the Executive Council.
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Noted and approved.

5. To consider the amendment of Statutes relating to terms & conditions of service of teachers of non-govt. affiliated colleges as recommended by the Executive council on 09.06.05.

In the said Statutes, the following paragraphs be inserted after the existing paragraphs:

"Provided further that the following stipulations shall be maintained by each college:

- (a) In a college which remains open for all the six days in a week, an individual teacher can stay away from the college on a scheduled day for doing academic work like preparing lessons, doing library work or research work or evaluating answer scripts. However, every teacher shall have at last 180 days of direct teaching per academic year as shall be ensured by the college authority.
- (b) Direct teaching hours shall be for a minimum of 16 hours per week for all teachers. Two hours of relaxation can be given for those who are actively engaged in research and / or administrative work. The total work load should not be less than 40 hours per working week.
- (c) 'Direct teaching' shall mean (a) delivering lectures and holding tutorial classes for effective teaching (b) conducting practical classes and field work as required for the coverage of the syllabus (c) holding of class tests (d) any other activity within the classroom directly related with academic uplift of the students.
- (d) The stipulations regarding the number of working hours shall not be applicable when a teacher is engaged in conducting field work, excursions and supervision of practice teaching approved by the college authority.

- (e) A teacher shall be available in the college for a at least 5 hours on each working day. The Principal in consultation with the Secretary, Teachers' council shall make an effective programming of the time of teachers by taking among others, steps like increasing the number of teaching hours, introducing tutorial, arranging counseling programmes and group discussion with students, holding Departmental meetings etc. subject to approval of the Governing Body. Such programming shall be essential, particularly during the slack session of a college.
- (f) For Evening Colleges it may be difficult to ensure the minimum attendance of 5 hours for each teachers. These colleges shall enhance the number of working hours as far possible by adjustment with the day time college.”
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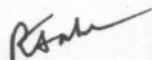
Resolved that the amendments be approved and be forwarded to the Chancellor for assent.

6. Misc.1.: To consider a letter from Sri Nirmal Das for setting up of a Girls' College at Alipurduar under the administrative control and financial assistance of the North Bengal University.
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The procedure of setting up a new college with consent of the West Bengal State Council for Higher Education and of the Deptt. of Higher Education was explained to Sri Das. It was also explained that management of such a College by North Bengal University was neither permissible by the NBU Act. nor feasible. However, the University will definitely assist the local effort in every way for establishment of the college.

Misc.2: It was reported that the University has applied for re-accreditation by NAAC.

The meeting terminated with thanks to the Chair.



(Prof. P.K.Saha)
President



(Dr. T.K. Chatterjee)
Secretary