

The 20th meeting of the Library Committee was held on 13/08/98 at 1 p.m. at the Conference Hall, Administrative Building, University of North Bengal.

Members present :

1. The Vice-Chancellor, University of North Bengal
2. Prof. B. Bhattacharya, Dean of the Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Science, University of North Bengal
3. Dr. T.K. Chatterjee, Registrar, University of North Bengal
4. Prof. Pradip Kumar Sengupta, Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal
5. Dr. Biswanath Bhattacharya, Department of Mathematics, University of North Bengal
6. Dr. J.C. Basak, Department of Philosophy, University of North Bengal
7. Dr. Ananda Mukhopadhyay, Department of Zoology, University of North Bengal
8. Dr. (Smt.) Chhanda Chakraborty, Department of History, University of North Bengal
9. Dr. (Smt.) Karubaki Datta, Centre for Himalayan Studies, University of North Bengal
10. Sri Soumitra Sarkar, Convener, Library Committee
11. Dr. Ladly Roy, Assistant Librarian attended the meeting as a special invitee

Minutes :

Agenda 1 : To confirm the minutes of the 19th meeting of the Library Committee held on 26/08/1997.

Decision: The minutes of the 19th meeting of the Library Committee held on 26/08/1997 were confirmed.

Agenda 2 : To consider the budget proposals for the year 1999-2000 and the revised estimate for the year 1998-99 of the University Library.

Decision : The Budget proposals were approved with the following modifications -

1. The item of expenditure against the head 'computer' be renamed as 'Computer Stationery and Accessories'.
2. To maintain the newly established INFILIBNET system of the Library a new head named 'INFILIBNET SYSTEM Maintenance' be created.
3. Expenditure for remuneration of the casual staffs were made earlier from Working Expenses. A new head named "Remuneration of the Casual Staffs" was approved by the members.

Incorporating the modifications, the budget is approved in the following form -

(Amount in Rs.)

Items of Expenditure/ Receipts	Actual 97-98	Original Estimate 98-99	Actual for 4 months i.e. upto 31.7.98	Estimate for next 8 months of 98-99	Revised Estimate 98-99 (4+5)	Budget Estimate for 1999-2000
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
*1. Journals & Periodicals for Teaching Department & Library	30,36,716	88,88,000	3,04,211 (Supplementary bills, due to increase in the exchange rate of Rs.3,04,211 have been forwarded to F.O for payment)	35,00,000	38,04,211	50,00,000
2. Computer Stationery and Accessories	7,150	35,000	Nil	35,000	35,000	40,000
2A. INFLIBNET System Maintenance	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	75,000
3. Reprography	22,821	55,000	5,835	35,000	40,835	45,000
4. Bindings	5,410	1,10,000	Nil	80,000	80,000	85,000
5. Stock-taking	Nil	20,000	Nil	20,000	20,000	20,000
6. Maintenance of Equipment for Maintenance of equipment during the year 1997-98 were made from contingency head, i.e. Working Expenses)	16,610	48,000	1,250	35,000	36,250	40,000
7. Remuneration of the casual staffs (Expenditure for remuneration of the casual staffs during the year 1997-98 were made from the head, contingency i.e., Working Expenses)	21,387	Nil	7,437	14,000		25,000
8. Working Expenses (for Sl.No.6, 7 and 8)	79,876	62,000	18,204	43,500	61,704	60,000

- *1) Special assistance for periodicals and journals to University of North Bengal is needed on singular basis for :
- a) Of all State Universities of West Bengal, University of North Bengal has a locational disadvantage being situated at a place far away

from Calcutta. Compared to other Universities it has a very remote access to the journals of different organisations available at the metropolitan centre.

- 2) University of North Bengal is the only Library of North Bengal zone which facilitates research and higher learning by providing journals and periodicals to the students, teachers and researchers of the vast area of six districts of North Bengal.

(Confirmed for forwarding to the Finance Branch)

Agenda 3 : To report the progress achieved so far in respect of subscription to periodicals for 1998.

Decision : The members were apprised about the progress achieved so far in respect of subscription to periodicals for the year 1998. It was further reported that the total number of periodicals subscribed for the year 1998 is 586 as against 551 of the previous year. The members were happy to note the progress.

Agenda 4 : To report the development regarding refund of subscription of non-receipt issues of periodicals amounting to Rs. 91,198.26 for the period 1984 to 1991 from M/s. International Book House.

Decision : It was reported that M/s. International Book House has agreed to refund the entire amount of subscription of non-receipt issues of periodicals amounting to Rs. 91,198.26 for the period 1984 to 1991 in instalments.

The members were also told that out of Rs. 91,198.26, an amount of Rs. 29,993.91 had already been realised from M/s. International Book House in two instalments. A letter was already sent to M/s. International Book House requesting them to release the next instalment at the earliest.

The members expressed satisfaction to note the development.

Agenda 5 : To consider the report submitted by the sub-committee constituted for recommending the possibility of extending the lending period for students and also keeping the current periodical section open upto 7-30 p.m.

Decision : The report was placed before the Library Committee. The members discussed the report and in the course of discussion the Vice-Chancellor proposed to explore the possibility of extending the lending hours and the services in the current periodical section upto 6.00 p.m. by the existing staff by paying overtime allowance for the extra time and also keeping the University Library open on Sundays and other holidays (excepting the National holidays) for about 5 hours.

It was resolved that the Deputy Librarian will submit a report to this effect to the Vice-Chancellor within 15 days.

Agenda 6 : To report the progress and difficulties in implementing the INFLIBNET programme in the University Library.

Decision : The successful installation of the computer system under INFLIBNET programme was reported to the members. The members were further informed that it is expected that services under the programme will be available to the users within a short time.

The members expressed concern to learn UGC's proposal of shifting the liability of recurring expenditure of INFLIBNET programme to 9th plan Development Grant.

Agenda 7 : To report that a letter has been sent to the Deputy Secretary, UGC for sanction of recurring grant to University Library under INFLIBNET programme.

Decision : Noted and explained.

Agenda 8 : To report the actions taken by the University Library regarding formation of a separate section on the Human Rights Books in the Central Library as per instructions issued by the UGC.

Decision : It was reported that as per instructions by the UGC the University Library has kept in a separate place books and other reading materials on the Human Rights for consultation of the users.

Agenda 9 : To report regarding the proposed exhibition of books to be held in the Library from 10 September to 12 September, 1998 by the British Council Division, Allied Publishers Limited and Publications Division, Govt. of India.

Decision : The members were happy to note that an exhibition of books is being arranged in the Library from 10-12 September, 1998 in collaboration with the British Council Division, Allied Publishers Limited and Publications Division, Govt. of India.

Agenda 10: To consider a proposal of the Secretary, NBU Officers' Association for increasing the number of books to be borrowed from the Library from 15 to 30 for the Officers placed in academic departments for scientific and technical duties.

Decision : The proposal of the Secretary, NBU Officers' Association was placed for consideration. The committee after discussion decided to increase the number of books to be borrowed from the Library from 15 to 25 by the officers placed in academic departments for scientific and technical duties.

Agenda 11 : To report that the University Library has received a good number of books as gift from Dr. James Evans, Professor of Physics, The University of Puget Sound, U.S.A.

Decision : It was reported that Dr. James Evans had kindly donated 89 books to the University Library (list attached).

The members appreciated the kind donation of Dr. James Evans.

Agenda 12 : To report that Prof. Kalipada Deb, Department of Commerce, University of North Bengal has donated a copy of his latest book, 'The Challenge of Rural Development' to the University Library.

Decision : The members appreciated the kind donation of Prof. Deb.

Agenda 13 : To report that the following members of the Library have lost the books mentioned against their names. The latest price of the books had been realised from them as per rules.

- 1) Dr. Arupananda Acharya
 - i) Dicke & Witke - Quantum Mechanics - £ 12.50
 - ii) Bethe & Jackiw - Intermediate Mechanics - £ 8.95
 - iii) Trouless - Many Body Problems - £ 8.00
- 2) Dr. A. Bhattacharya
 - i) Jones G - Geography and Human Geology - Rs. 216.87
 - ii) Enrlich, P.R. - Population Resources and Development - Rs. 3820.22
 - iii) Kundu, A - Indian Economy - Rs. 227.50
 - iv) Halder, D.K. - Urban Transport Problem - Rs. 160.00
 - v) Mason, B - Elements of Minerals - Rs. 2359.00
 - vi) Silter, R.U. De - Structural Geography - Rs. 135.41
- 3) Sri Sukharanjan Sarkar
 - i) Books in Print - \$ 6.95
 - ii)
- 4) Smt. Sabita Pradhan
 - i) Srestha, Abinash - Kali Haribhakta Katuwal - Rs. 53.00

Decision : Noted and approved.

Agenda 14 : To consider a proposal to weed out some books since these can no longer be used (list to be submitted in the meeting).

Decision : Resolved that the books as per lists submitted by the Deputy Librarian be weeded out as per standard practice of the Library.

Further resolved that new copies of the weeded out books, which are mentioned below, be purchased, if available.

List of damaged books

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Accession No.</u>	<u>Price</u>
1) Fielding Tom John	Tome Jones	50490	\$6.95 = Rs. 300/-
2) Vogler, T.A.	Wuthering Heights	50491	Rs. 300/-1976
3) M. Filonnenko Borodich	Theory of Elasticity	15566	1966
4) Haranath Pal		64201	Rs. 7.00(1976)

The meeting was ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

S. S. S.
24/08/1958
(Soumitra Sarker)
Convener

R. G. Mukherjee
(Prof. R.G. Mukherjee)
Chairman