

University of North Bengal

*The Minutes of the 50th*  
Meeting of the North Bengal University Court held on 31.8.2001 at 1 p.m. in the  
Conference Hall of the Administrative Building.

**Members present:**

1. Prof. P.K. Saha, Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair).
2. Prof. P.K. Sengupta, Dean, Faculty Council for P.G. Studies Arts, Commerce & Law.
3. Prof. D.K. Hazra, Dean, Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Science.
4. The President, West Bengal Board of Secondary Education.
5. The Principal, North Bengal Medical College.
6. Prof. Bhim Kant Upadhyay.
7. Dr. Samirendra Nath Dhar.
8. Dr. Subodh Kumar Jash.
9. Dr. Ashis Kumar Nanda.
10. Dr. Suman Sao.
11. Sri Tarasankar Gupta.
12. Dr. Aniruddha Sengupta.
13. Smt. Sudebi Paul.
14. Prof. Udayan Ganguly.
15. Dr. Saibal Gupta.
16. Sri Gopal Ch. Sarkar.
17. Sri Bimal Kr. Sarma Choudhury.
18. Sri Milan Sarkar.
19. Sri Sukumar Ch. Chakraborty.
20. Smt. Shanta Chhetri.
21. Sri Nirmal Das.
22. Sri Lakshmi Kanta Roy.
23. Sri Rajiv Sen.
24. Sri Tanmay Mandal.
25. Sri Bichitra Birjya Mandal.
26. Sri Ranjit Kr. Ghosh.
27. Sri Fazlul Hoque.
28. Md. Farukh Azam.

1. **To consider the minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Court held on 7.3.2001.**

Resolved that the minutes be confirmed.

2. **To consider a memorandum for award of D.Litt. Degree ( Honoris Causa ) to Late Amiya Bhusan Majumder as recommended by the Executive Council on 2.7.2001.**

Resolved that D.Litt. Degree (Honoris Causa) be conferred post-humously to Late Amiya Bhusan Majumder at the next Annual Convocation of the University for his outstanding contributions in arts and literature.

3. **To report that M.Sc. in Bio-technology has been introduced in the University w.e.f. 2001-2002 session with financial assistance of the DBT. Classes commenced on 8.8.2001.**

The report was noted with satisfaction.

4. **To consider introduction of M.Sc. Course in Computer Science and M.Sc. in Anthropology in the University from 2001-2002.**

The report was noted with satisfaction.

5. **To consider amendment of the Statutes relating to Fees for courses of studies and admission to examinations etc. as approved by the Executive Council on 31.7.2001.**

Resolved that the draft of the Statutes be approved and the same be forwarded to the Chancellor for assent.

Resolved further that subject to the approval of the Chancellor, the revised fees be introduced w.e.f. 31.8.01 in the interest of the University.

6. **To consider the Statutes relating to the following posts of Officers:-**
  - [a] **Information Scientist**
  - [b] **Technical Officer (III)**
  - [c] **Technical Officer (I)**

Resolved that the draft of the Statutes be approved and the same be forwarded to the Chancellor for assent.

#### **7. Miscellaneous Items.**

i) It was reported that the following Centres have been established in the University during the year 2000-2001:

- [a] Centre for Women Studies with financial assistance of the UGC.
- [b] Centre for Remote Sensing Application with financial assistance of the ISRO.
- [c] Centre for Development Studies for implementing consultancy Projects in science, technology and social science disciplines. It was reported that projects with a total outlay of about Rs. 60.00 lakhs were in progress and the University

will be able to generate at least 10 lakhs of income from such projects as over head.

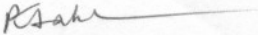
[d] Technology Development Centre with technical and other support of the ~~Confederation~~ Confederation of Indian Industries (C.I.I).


[e] Centre for Distance Education. Five postgraduate courses have been introduced under the centre in the session 2000-2001. In the next year undergraduate courses will be introduced together with one-year bridge course.

[f] Centre for Studies in Local Languages and Culture. This is in pursuance of a proposal received from the State Govt. for research in the local ethno-linguistic groups and communities and their socio-cultural distinctions.

- ii) It was reported that in collaboration with the Zee Interactive Learning System Ltd., two new Courses in the disciplines of Information Technology namely, B.Sc. in Software Systems and B.Sc. in Internet Sciences have been introduced in various Zed CA Centres from the 2001-2002 academic session. The Courses have been approved by the UGC as well as the West Bengal Council for Higher Education. The Courses have been started from 1<sup>st</sup> August. It was reported that introduction of this new Courses under MOU with ZILS will enable the University to generate *substantial revenue for development of the University.*
- iii) Sri Nirmal Das drew the attention of the members to acute scarcity of teachers in the Colleges and requested the University to persue with CSC so that the posts are filled up at the earliest.
- iv) Several members urged the Vice-Chancellor to consider further increase of the intake capacity in postgraduate courses in the University in the interest of the applicants from North Bengal region.
- v) Dr. Anuruddha Sengupta apprised the members about physical assault of some teacher-invigilators of Balurghat College on 14<sup>th</sup> July during University Examination by some students and outside elements. The Vice-Chancellor stated that an Enquiry Committee has already been constituted to go into all the relevant aspects and on receipt of the report stern action will be taken against the miscreants.
- vi) Sri Nirmal Das requested that henceforth action taken report on the decisions of the Court may be presented at the outset.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

  
(Prof. P.K. Saha)  
President

  
(Dr. T.K. Chatterjee)  
Secretary