

University of North Bengal

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the North Bengal University Court held on 20.7.12 at 2.00 p.m. in the Conference Hall of the Administrative Building.

Members present:

1. Professor Samir Kumar Das, Vice-Chancellor
2. Professor Manas Banerjee, Burdwan University
3. Prof. (Dr.) Manimala Das, ADPI, Govt. of West Bengal
4. Dr. R. E. Wangdi, South Field College
5. Head, Department of Anthropology
6. Head, Department of Bengali
7. Head, Department of Biotechnology
8. Head, Department of Botany
9. Head, Department of Commerce
10. Head, Department of Computer Science and Applications
11. Head, Department of Economics
12. Head, Department of English
13. Head, Department of Geography and Applied Geography
14. Head, Department of Hindi
15. Head, Department of History
16. Head, Department of Law
17. Head, Department of Library & Information Science
18. Head, Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension
19. Head, Department of Management
20. Head, Department of Mass Communication
21. Head, Department of Mathematics
22. Head, Department of Microbiology
23. Head, Department of Nepali
24. Head, Department of Physics
25. Head, Department of Political Science
26. Head, Department of Sociology
27. Head, Department of Tea Science
28. Head, Department of Zoology
29. Professor Subodh Kumar Jash, Department of Bengali
30. Professor B. N. Chakraborty, Deptt. Of Botany
31. Professor P.R. Sengupta, Department of Commerce
32. Professor R.K. Samanta, Deptt. Of Computer Science & Application
33. Principal, Maynaguri College
34. Principal, A.C. Training College, Jalpaiguri
35. Principal, Indian Institute of Legal Studies, Dagapur, Siliguri
36. Principal, Darjeeling Govt. College
37. Principal, Kurseong College
38. Principal, Islampur College
39. Principal, Tufanganj College
40. Professor Kalyan Kumar Datta, Kolkata.
41. Professor Bipul Kumar Bhadra, Jadavpur University
42. Professor Arunoday Saha, Vice-chancellor, Tripura University

In the Chair

1. To consider preparation for 44th Convocation.

Decision: Resolved that the recommendation made by the Executive Council in its meeting held on 15/07/2012 for the conferment of Honoris Causa be approved.

Recommendations of the Executive Council:

The following names have been recommended for Honorary D.Sc.

1. Prof. Lalji Singh
2. Prof. J.V. Narlikar
3. Prof. Asis Dutta
4. Dr. Srikumar Banerjee

The following names have been recommended for Honorary D.Lit.:

1. Miss Aung San Suu Kyi
2. Mr. Girish Karnad
3. His Excellency Mr. Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck
4. Prof. Partha Chatterjee
5. Mr. Amitav Ghosh

Further resolved that Hon'ble Chancellor be requested to give a convenient date and time for holding the 44th Convocation of the University either in the first fortnight of October, 2012, or immediately after the Puja Vacation (21-11-2012 to 29.11.2012) or any other date as his Excellency may find convenient.

2. To consider nomination of a member in the Search Committee for Selection of the Vice-Chancellor

Decision: The House unanimously resolved that Professor Sugata Marjit, RBI Professor, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, R-1, B.P. Township, Kolkata-700 094 be nominated as a nominee of the North Bengal University Court in the Search Committee for preparation of a panel for selection of the next Vice-chancellor of the University of North Bengal.

Registrar (Officiating) is requested to take necessary action.

3. To consider the communication from the UGC vide its letter no. F.7-68/2007 (WS) dated 21.3.12 about sanction of 14 nos. of teaching and non-teaching position and also to consider for seeking concurrence of the State Govt. for continuation of these positions as approved by the Executive Council dated 11.5.12 against agenda no. 15: (Annexure-A)

(1) Assistant Professor	-	one No.
(2) Research Associate	-	one No.
(3) Professional Assistant	-	one No.
(4) Attendant	-	one No.

Decision: The House considered the communication from the UGC vide its letter no. F.7-68/2007 (WS) dated 21.3.12 and resolved to seek concurrence of the State Government for all the teaching and non teaching posts as sanctioned by the University Grants Commission.

Registrar (Officiating) is requested to take necessary action.

4. To consider annual report of University of North Bengal 2009-10 as approved by the Executive Council dated 5.3.12 & 6.3.12.

Decision: Resolved that the Annual Report placed in the House be approved.

Development Officer is requested to take necessary action.

5. To consider a note of the Vice-Chancellor, University of North Bengal, for sending proposal to the Higher Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal, for creation of a post of Law Officer in the appropriate scale in the University of North Bengal as approved by the Executive Council dated 5.3.12 & 6.3.12 against agenda no. 93.

Decision: The House considered the proposal for creation of a post of Law Officer in the appropriate scale in the University of North Bengal. Having considered all the aspects, it approved the proposal.

Registrar (Offg.) is requested to take necessary action for sending the proposal to the State Government for necessary action.

6. To consider a proposal for introduction of "Advanced Post-M. Sc. PG diploma in Molecular Biotechnology and Research Design" in the North Bengal University and to send a requisition to the State Govt. for creation of Post of teachers for running the course after cessation of UGC grant as approved by the Executive Council dated 23.3.12 against agenda no. 21(i)

Decision: The House considered the proposal and approved the introduction of PG diploma in Molecular Biotechnology and Research Design. Further resolved that for running the above courses and also for the Department of Biotechnology, the State Government be approached for sanctioning of two additional posts of Assistant Professor.

7. To consider note no. ASC/232/VC/10 dated 2.6.10 of Honorary Deputy Director, UGC Academic Staff College, University of North Bengal regarding proposal for seeking concurrence from the State Government for posts in the UGC Academic Staff College, University of North Bengal as approved by the Executive Council dated 19.7.10 against agenda no. 22.

Decision: Considered the note no. ASC/232/VC/10 dated 2.6.10 of Honorary Deputy Director, UGC Academic Staff College, University of North Bengal regarding proposal for seeking concurrence from the State Government for posts in the UGC Academic Staff College, University of North Bengal and approved the proposal for seeking concurrence from the State Government.

8. To consider a note of the Vice-Chancellor vide its no. F.14/VC-11/785 dated 29.8.11 regarding Audit observation of the Examiner of local accounts on the Annual Accounts of the University of North Bengal for the year 2007-08.

Decision: The House considered the note of the Vice-chancellor vide its No. F.14/VC-11/785 dated 29.8.11 regarding Audit observation of the Examiner of local accounts on the Annual Accounts of the University of North Bengal for the year 2007-08 and resolved that the audit observations given in the audit report "Audit-Notes together with draft replies on the accounts of the University of North Bengal- for the year 2007-2008" be noted and approved. Members expressed their concern about various observations found in the report and raised various points about the anomalies in the land used for the purpose of Tea (A) and Rubber (B) Plantations and the encroachment of land done by the planters. Members also expressed concern about 4.6 in page-4 about the defalcation, fraud, loss of money in the Controller Examinations' Branch and everyone felt the necessity of instituting an Inquiry Committee to fix up the responsibilities for encroachment of land by the planters. Thus, the University Court directed the Executive Council to institute an inquiry committee preferably by a retired judge and who should not be a member or associated with this University. As the Secretary of the Court pointed out the appointment of Arbitrator on the said issue, it was resolved that legal opinion be sought before instituting the said inquiry committee. Members also felt the necessity of instituting an inquiry committee for defalcation, fraud, loss of money in the Controller Examinations' Branch preferably with a retired judge and who is not associated with this University in any way. However, before instituting such an inquiry committee legal opinion be sought as the matter is sub judice. Legal Retainer will give opinion mainly on: is it possible to institute an inquiry

committee on an issue which is sub judice or the University may wait till disposal of the cases by the Court/s.

Registrar (Offg.) is requested to take necessary action in this regard.

9. To consider a note of the Controller of Examinations regarding cancellation of B.Ed. degree of Mr. Swapan Pain as per the North Bengal University Act, 1981 under clause 18(1)(VI).

Decision: After considering all the aspects the University Court resolved that the B.Ed. Degree of Sri Swapan Kumar Pain as per the North Bengal University Act, 1981 under clause 18(1)(VI) be cancelled.

10. To report that the Hon'ble Chancellor, University of North Bengal has assented to the amendment of Ordinances relating to Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in the faculty of Arts, Commerce & Law and in Science & Technology vide letter no. 561-Edn(U) dated 11.8.11.

Decision: Noted.

11. To report that the Hon'ble Chancellor, University of North Bengal has assented to the Ordinances relating to the Master of Laws (LL M) Course.

Decision: Noted

12. Any other Agenda placed by the Chair.

- a. To consider the establishment of the "Department of Tea Science" in the Faculty of Science in place of "PG Diploma in Tea Management" w.e.f. 06.03.12 as approved by the Executive Council dated 05.03.12 & 06.03.12 against item no. 200.

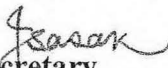
Decision: Resolved that the establishment of the "Department of Tea Science" in the Faculty of Science in place of "PG Diploma in Tea Management" w.e.f. 06.03.12 be noted and approved.

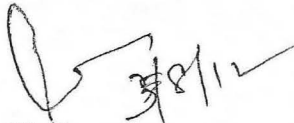
- b. To create/institute a post of Vivekananda Chair Professor in the Department of Philosophy as decided by the Executive Council in its meeting held on 09.06.12 against item no. 45(x) on the basis of a letter of Assistant Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal, Higher Education Department, University Branch vide its no. 309(13)-Edn(U)/1U-01/12 dated 26.3.12.

Decision: Resolved that the proposal to create/institute a post of Vivekananda Chair Professor in the Department of Philosophy, University of North Bengal, as recommended by the Executive Council in its meeting held on 09.06.12 against item no. 45(x) on the basis of a letter of Assistant Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal, Higher Education Department, University Branch vide its no. 309(13)-Edn(U)/1U-01/12 dated 26.3.12 be approved. Members further urged upon the authority for preparation of a proposal for beginning of a Centre for Vivekananda Studies and the proposal be sent to the UGC for sanctioning such a Centre under Epoch-making Thinkers' Scheme.

Registrar (Offg.) is requested to take necessary action in this regard.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.


Secretary


Chairman