

## Assam University, Silchar

Minutes of 104th Meeting (Special) of the Executive Council held on 27th November 2015 at 12 Noon in the Conference Room of the Vice-Chancellor's Secretariat, Assam University, Silchar

## The following Members were present:

1.	Prof. Debasish Bhattacharjee, Vice-Chancellor (Acting)	: Chairman
2.	Prof. R.N. Sharan, Professor, NEHU & Visitor's Nominee	: Member
3.	Prof. B.S. Purkayastha, Dean, School of Physical Sciences	: Member
4.	Prof. N.B. Biswas, Dean, School of Education	: Member
5.	Prof. Nagendra Pandey, Dean, School of Earth Sciences	: Member
6.	Prof. N. N. Pandey, Professor, Dept. of Education	: Member
7.	Prof. Amalesh Bhowal, In-charge, AUDC	: Spl. Invitee
8.	Dr. P.J. Goswami, Associate Professor, Dept. of Commerc	e : Member
9.	CMA(Dr.) B. B. Mishra, Finance Officer	: Permanent Invitee
10	. Prof. Prof. Samira Behera, Representative of SC/ST	: Spl. Invitee
11	. Mr. Debasish Chakraborty, President, AUNTEA	: Spl. Invitee
12	. Dr. Sanjib Bhattacharjee, Registrar :	Ex-officio Secretary

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the Members and he expressed his thanks and gratitude to Prof. R. N. Sharan (Visitor's Nominee) for remaining present in almost all meetings and guided the University in a right path as EC Member of Assam University.

## Item No. 1: Annual Report for the year 2014-2015:

**EC:104:11-15:1**: The Annual Report for the year 2014-2015 was placed before the Council for consideration and approval. The same is required to be forwarded to MHRD for placing before the Parliament.

The Council perused and approved the Annual Report of the University for the year 2014-2015 and authorized the Vice-Chancellor to submit the same to MHRD for placing before the Parliament.

Item No. 2: Approval of the Minutes of the 41st Meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on 27th November, 2015.

**EC:104:11-15:2**: The Minutes of the 41st meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on 27th November, 2015 was placed for consideration and approval of the Council.

The Council discussed the minutes and approved the same.

Item No. 3: Recommendation for approval of compliances of the Separate Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the Accounts of the University for the financial year 2014-15.

**EC:104:11-15:3**: The Comptroller and Auditor General of India has conducted the audit of the Accounts of the University for the financial year 2014-15 under Section 19(2) of the Comptroller and Auditor General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971 read with Section 31(1) of Assam University Act, 1989. The University has submitted the compliances to the Draft Separate Audit Report on the Accounts of the University for the financial year 2014-15 to the Director General of Audit, Central, Kolkata. The C&AG have submitted the Separate Audit Report on the Accounts of the Assam University for the financial year 2014-15.

The compliances of the SAR and Management Letter of the C&AG on the Accounts of the Assam University for the year 2014-15 which were recommended by the Finance Committee in its 41st meeting held on 27th November, 2015 may be considered for approval.

The Finance Officer appraised the Council in details the recommendations and after a threadbare discussion, the Council approved the compliances recommended by the Finance Committee.

Item No. 4: Approval of Revised Budget Estimates of Non-Plan Grants of the University for the Financial Year 2015-16 and Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2016-17.

EC:104:11-15:4: Estimates of expenditure under various heads have been worked out at the barest minimum under the Revised Budget Estimates of Non- Plan Grants for the Financial Year 2015-16 for kind perusal of the members. The BE of Rs. 6689.00 lac for the FY 2015-16 has since been approved by the Finance Committee in its 39th meeting held on 29th November 2014 which was also endorsed by the UGC in the meeting held on 10th September 2015 at New Delhi with Registrar and Finance Officer.

Consequent upon the merger of XI Plan Posts (Teaching & Non-Teaching) into Non Plan, sanctioned by the UGC vide letter no. F.30-15/2007(CU), dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015, there will be a need of booking the salary for such posts into Non Plan head which was communicated by the University to the UGC vide letter no.AUR/10-1/2015/3940, dated 09.11.2015 amounting to Rs. 1071.40 lac (Teaching Rs. 802.19 lac & Non-teaching Rs 269.21 lac) which were included in the Revised Budget for the Financial Year 2015-16. There are no other changes in RE for the financial year 2015-16. Therefore, RE for Rs. 7770.40 lac for

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the year 2015-16 which was recommended by the Finance Committee in its 41<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 may kindly be approved.

The Budget Estimates of Rs. 8961.00 lac for the Financial Year 2016-17 under Non-Plan Grants of the University is placed in the Annexure which was recommended by the Finance Committee in its 41st meeting held on 27th November, 2015 may kindly be considered of approval.

The Finance Officer appraised the Council in details the recommendation and after a threadbare discussion the Council approved the Revised Budget Estimate for the financial year 2015-16 and Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2016-17.

**Item No. 5**: To approve the Passing of Grace of graduates for the 15<sup>th</sup> Convocation of Assam University

**EC:104:11-15:5**: The 15<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the Assam University is scheduled to be held in February 2016 to confer degrees to the candidates who graduated from Assam University in the year 2015 and in some cases 2014.

M.Phil. and Ph.D. - 2014 (from 23-09-2014 to 31-12-2014) and 2015 (upto 31-12-2015), Postgraduate & Integrated Courses - 2015, LLM - 2014 & 2015, MBBS -2014, PG Diploma (PGDBI, PGDIT, PGDMM) - 2014, B.Ed - 2015, LLB - 2015, Three Year Degree Course (BA, B.Sc. & B.Com) - 2015.

The matter was approved in the 74<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council vide resolution No. AC:74:10-15:36. The Academic Council recommended the matter to the Executive Council for approval.

The matter was approved by the Executive Council.

Item No. 6: Establishment of new Department in Assam University, Silchar:

EC:104:11-15:6: The UGC sanctioned to start following academic departments in the University. The UGC also sanctioned 06 posts of faculty members vide UGC letters No. F.1-1/2013(CU) dtd. 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015. For the Dept. of Law another 06 faculty positions have also been sanctioned. However sanction of Non Teaching post is yet to be received. Follow up action is being processed.

- 1. Department of Performing Arts (Dance, Drama and Music)
- 2. Department of Urdu

The Council perused and noted the matter.

Item No. 7: Item from the Chair:

**EC:104:11-15:7.1**: The Vice Chancellor intimated the Council that the UGC has sanctioned fund for the establishment of the Central School, Wi Fi connectivity and Solar Power in the campus and the process in this regard has already been initiated.

The Council perused and noted the matter and also advised to complete the projects as early as possible.

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**EC:104:11-15:7.2**: The Vice Chancellor reported the Council that the UGC has enhanced the grant for 12<sup>th</sup> five year plan from Rs. 84.0 crore to Rs. 170.0 crore and the member present in the meeting expressed their satisfaction over it.

The Vice Chancellor further reported to the house that the UGC has permitted the University to start two new departments, viz the Department of Performing Arts and the Department of Urdu and four & two post of Assistant Professor were sanctioned respectively for the departments. It was also reported to the Council by the Vice Chancellor that the UGC has sanctioned six posts of Assistant Professor for the Department of Law. The Vice Chancellor sought the approval of the Council for advertising of the posts after knowing the required specialization from the Dean/HOD of the respective School/Department.

The Council approved the same.

EC:104:11-15:7.3: The Vice Chancellor intimated the Council that the term of office of Sri Joydeep Sil, Registrar, IISER, Kolkata as the EC nominated member to the Finance Committee was over on 18-10-2015 and that since Prof. R. R. Dhamala was no longer an EC member, she also ceased to be a member of the Finance Committee. Under the situation stated above, the Vice Chancellor extended the membership of Sri Joydeep Sil till the last (41st) meeting of the Finance Committee and nominated Prof. N.B. Biswas to the last (41st) meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27th November 2015. The matter was placed before the Council for ratification of membership upto 27th November 2015.

The Council ratified the same.

**EC:104:11-15:7.4**: The Vice Chancellor intimated the Council that the UGC has permitted to continue two year M.Ed. course and two year B.Ed. course with expansion of Education building.

**EC:104:11-15:7.5**: The Vice Chancellor intimated the Council that the 74<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council vide resolution No. AC:74:10-15:43 ratified the decision of the School Board of Management Studies, AUS in its meeting held on 01/04/2015 and resolved to initiate the process for switching over from MAT to CAT in phased manner as entry level test for admission to MBA programme. The CAT exam 2015 is likely to be held in the month of December 2015 and as such the process for conducting CAT 2015 has been started with the approval of the Vice Chancellor.

The Council noted and approved the same.

**EC:104:11-15:7.6**: The Vice-Chancellor apprised the Council that the time limit for submission of Annual Report to the MHRD to be placed before both Houses of the Parliament is scheduled on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015. The receipt of academic information from the different departments of Assam University and consolidation & finalisation of Annual Report 2014-15 was delayed and sent to the press on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015 after finalisation of open tendering. Due to very short time of composing and printing with binding, the agency M/s. Sungraphics, Silchar is unable to accept the order to provide the

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printing material (Annual Report 2014-15) by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015. As discussed by the Officers of the University, this was only feasible by engaging extra skilled labour on over time basis by the agency in the late hours and in night shift so that the printing can be possible by the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015. The agency has claimed Rs. 15,000/- in their letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 for extra emergency charges/over time charges for printing of the same.

Considering the gravity of the time for submission of Annual Report to the Parliament, the Vice-Chancellor requested the Council for approval of the said amount as extra charges over and above the tender value of Rs. 2,01,600/- to be paid to M/s. Sungraphics, Silchar for printing of the Annual Report 2014-15 by 30th November 2015 as a special case.

The Council approved the same.

There being no other item to discuss, the meeting ended with thanks to and from the Chair.

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Ex-officio-Secretary
Executive Council
Assam University, Silchar

(Prof. Debasish Bhattackarjee)

Vice Chancellor (Acting) & Chairman

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