

113th MEETING (EMERGENT) OF THE

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

HELD ON
8th AUGUST 2017 AT 02.00 P.M.
AT HEMANGA BISWAS COMMITTEE ROOM OF
THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SECRETARIAT

ASSAM UNIVERSITY

(A CENTRAL UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHED BY AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT)

SILCHAR

Assam University, Silchar

Minutes of the 113th Meeting (Emergent) of the Executive Council held on the 8th August, 2017 at 02.00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Vice-Chancellor's Secretariat, Assam University, Silchar

Members present:

1. Prof. Dilip Chandra Nath, Vice-Chancellor	: Chairman
2. Prof. Sivasish Biswas, Pro-Vice Chancellor, A.U. Diphu C	Campus: Member
3. Prof. Ramesh C. Deka, Visitor's Nominee	: Member
4. Prof. Anil Kr. Goswami, Visitor's Nominee	: Member
5. Prof. Sanjib Das, Dean, School of Medical & Pharmaceut	ical Sc. : Member
6. Prof. Sudipta Roy, Dean, School of Technology	: Member
7. Prof. Nagendra Pandey, Dean, School of Earth Sciences	: Member
8. Prof. A. Mazumder, Dean, School of Management	: Member
9. Dr. Mortuja Hussain, Principal, N. C. College, Badarpur	: Member
10. Dr. Mizanur Rahman, Principal, Haflong Govt. College	: Member
11. CMA(Dr.) B. B. Mishra, Finance Officer	: Permanent Invitee
12. Representative of SC/ST, Prof. Samira Behera	: Special Invitee
13. Dr. Sanjib Bhattacharjee, Registrar	: Ex-officio Secretary

Members absent:

1. Padmashree Dr. L. N. Bora, Visitor's Nominee (Absent with intimation)	: Member
2. Padmashree Dr. (Prof.) Indira Nath, Visitor's Nominee (Absent with intimation)	: Member
3. Prof. N. N. Pandey, Dept. of Education	: Member
4. Dr. Purnendu Kumar, Principal, Nehru College, Pailapool	: Member
5. Director, Higher Education, Govt. of Assam (Absent with intimation)	: Member

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the Members. On being permitted by the Chairman, the meeting formally started.



Agenda Item No. 1. Disciplinary proceedings against Prof. N.N. Pandey, Professor, Dept. of Education, Assam University, Silchar:

EC:113:08-17:01: Dr. N.N. Pandey, Professor, Department of Education, Assam University, Silchar was issued Article of Charges vide Article (i) and Article (vii) for major penalty under Rule 14 of CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965, vide Memorandum No. AUR/SECRET-II/2008-9, dated 1st May, 2008 as per the direction of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Govt. of India for doing gross violation of financial rules of the Government and that he functioned in a manner which compromise the financial propriety when he was working in the capacity of a Director at Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra during the period April 1, 2002 to June 2004.

Prof. Pandey has given full opportunity for making his submissions and submits his written statements and defences before the Inquiry Officer appointed for the said purpose under Rule 15(1A) of CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965. On making detailed enquiry as per the provisions of CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965, the Inquiry Officer established the Article of Charges imposed on Prof. Pandey on dated 19th December 2008. The matter was delayed for a long period. On the basis of the request made by Prof. Pandey, a review was made by a constituted Review Committee. The Review Committee set aside the Article of Charges framed against Prof. Pandey. However, Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) vide Commissions O.M. No. 010/EDM/038/331687, dated 19.12.2016 expressed its disagreement with the view of the Review Committee and advised to proceed under major penalty punishment against Prof. N.N. Pandey which was communicated by the MHRD vide D.O. No. C-1/14011/2/2009/Vig, dated 25th May 2017. Considering the above, necessary decision may be taken by the Executive Council.

Resolution:

Considering the Article of Charges framed against Prof. N.N. Pandey, working at present as a Professor, Department of Education, Assam University, Silchar; establishment of the Article of Charges by the Inquiry Officer on his Enquiry Report dated 19th December, 2008; and the Orders of the Central Vigilance Commission vide Commissions O.M. No. 010/EDM/038/331687, dated 19.12.2016 which expressed its disagreement with the view of the Review Committee and advised to proceed under major penalty punishment against Prof. N.N. Pandey, the Executive Council of the University imposed a major penalty against Prof. N.N. Pandey under Rule 11 of CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965 by giving him compulsory retirement.

Agenda Item No. 2: Disciplinary proceedings for the irregularities made in violating the provisions of GFRs & CVC guidelines and financial loss made in networking work of the Assam University:

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EC:113:08-17:02: A PIDR complaint was lodged to Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) on 18th June 2011. Based on which a prima facie enquiry was conducted by Two Members Committee. The Committee submitted the Report on 3rd October 2015 after thorough investigation and scrutiny of the records and found prima facie irregularities, violating the provisions of GFRs & CVC guidelines and financial losses made in awarding the work of Networking at Assam University.

Further, a Review Committee/Two Members Committee has also again constituted and the Committee in their report on dated 17th June 2017 have recommended for disciplinary proceedings against the delinquent officers and faculty members responsible for such financial irregularities and violation of the provisions of GFRs and CVC guidelines, resulted financial loss to the University.

Accordingly, the Article of Charges will be framed, if approved to all responsible officers, former officers and faculty members for such act which is unbecoming to the Govt. Servant and with a request to submit the written statement and defence before the Inquiry Officer under Rule 15 (1A) of CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965.

The Executive Council may consider for issue of Article of Charges and appoint an Inquiry Officer and a Presenting Officer of the case under Rule 14(5) of the CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965 for proceedings against such delinquent officers and faculty members.

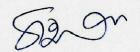
Resolution:

Considering the prima facie evidences in the Enquiry Reports dated 3rd October 2015 and 17th June 2017, the Executive Council approved to frame Article of Charges against the delinquent officers, former officers and faculty members including outside faculty members.

Further, the Executive Council resolved that on requirement, the Vice-Chancellor, Assam University is authorised to appoint Inquiry Officer & Presenting Officer under Rule 14(5) of CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965. The Executive Council also opined that the enquiry proceedings should be completed within a period of 45 days.

Agenda Item No. 3: Decision on the representation of Assam University Teachers
Association (AUTA):

EC:113:08-17:03: A representation dated 28th July 2017 addressed to Hon'ble President of India and the Visitor of Assam University was given by the General Secretary and the President of Assam University Teachers Association (AUTA) through proper channel i.e. the Vice-Chancellor, Assam University relating to the irregular



appointments of Deans in the Executive Council of the University in violation of the Assam University Act, 1989. The copy of the letter of AUTA is placed at Annexure-A.

As regards to nomination of the Deans to the Executive Council, the Statute 12(1)(iii) stipulates that "four Deans of the Schools by rotation according to the seniority to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor".

The matter was discussed in the Executive Council in its 111th meeting vide Resolution No. EC:111:05-17:43.4 and the Executive Council resolved that "the matter of membership in the Executive Council as Dean was discussed and the Council authorised the Vice-Chancellor to have administrative views on the issue of finalisation of seniority list of the Dean(s) and the present Dean(s) attending the meeting as member will continue as member of the Executive Council till the term of three years or Deanship continue whichever is earlier.

Under the above circumstances and representation dated 28th July 2017 of AUTA, necessary decision may be taken by the Executive Council.

Resolution:

The Executive Council has taken a note in to the content of the letter dated 28.07.2017 of the General Secretary and the President of Assam University Teachers Association (AUTA). The demand of the AUTA was deliberated in detail and considering all aspects of the issue, the Executive Council reiterated the decision of the Executive Council made in 111th meeting held on 20.05.2017 vide Resolution No. EC:111:05-17:43.4. Further, the Executive Council opined that Registrar should send an intimation to the AUTA accordingly.

Agenda Item No. 4: Authorisation for payment of Revised Pay and Allowances on 7th Pay Commission on approval from UGC/MHRD:

EC:113:08-17:04: Govt. of India has already implemented the revised pay and allowances to all Central Government Employees and which have also been extended by Govt. of India to all employees of Autonomous Organisations. However, UGC/MHRD has not yet issued any notification for payment of revised pay and allowances to the Central University Employees including the Teachers which is at present in active consideration of UGC/MHRD and University may get the order at any time for implementation. Therefore, to avoid further delay on implementation, the Executive Council may authorise the Vice-Chancellor for adoption and implementation of the revised pay and allowances of 7th CPC after getting necessary order/approval from UGC/MHRD.

The matter will be placed in the subsequent Executive Council meeting of the University for ratification.

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Resolution:

To avoid further delay on implementation of Revised Pay and Allowances on 7th Pay Commission, the Executive Council authorised the Vice-Chancellor for adoption and implementation of the revised pay and allowances of 7th CPC after getting necessary order/approval from UGC/MHRD.

Agenda Item No. 5 : Approval of Board of Research Studies (SSH & Science) held on 12th and 18th April 2017 and adoption of M.Phil/Ph.D UGC Regulations 2017 :

EC:113:08-17:05: The Academic Council vide Resolution No. AC:78:04-17:15 resolved that "after threadbare discussion, the Council proposed to convene a special BRS meeting jointly with Social Science & Science and authorised the Vice-Chancellor to forward the same to the Executive Council for final approval".

Accordingly, a Joint Meeting of BRS (SSH & Science) was held on 12th and 18th April 2017 and the copy of the Resolution of the meeting is placed at Annexure-B. The recommendation of BRS (SSH & Science) held on 12th and 18th April 2017 may kindly be approved and based on the Resolution of 78th Academic Council vide Resolution No. AC:78:04-17:15, the Executive Council may approve and adopt the M.Phil and Ph.D UGC Regulations 2017.

Resolution:

The Executive Council approved the recommendations of BRS (SSH & Science) held on 12th and 18th April 2017. Further, based on the Resolution of 78th Academic Council vide Resolution No. AC:78:04-17:15, the Executive Council approved and adopted the M.Phil and Ph.D UGC Regulations 2017.

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

(Dr. Sanjib Bhattacharjee) Ex-officio-Secretary Executive Council

Assam University, Silchar

(Prof. Dilip Chandra Nath)
Vice Chancellor & Chairman
Executive Council
Assam University, Silchar