

MINUTES

OF

142ND MEETING (EMERGENT) OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

HELD ON
15th MAY 2021 AT 12.00 NOON
IN THE 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 142nd Meeting (Emergent) of the Executive Council held on 15th May 2021 at 12.00 noon in the Hemanga Biswas Committee Room of the Vice-Chancellor's Secretariat, Assam University, Silchar.

The following Members were present:

1. Prof. Dilip Chandra Nath, Vice-Chancellor

2. Dr. Pradosh Kiran Nath, Registrar : Ex-officio Secretary

: Chairman

Members participated in the meeting through video conference:

Prof. Sivasish Biswas, Pro-Vice Chancellor, AUDC : Member

2. Prof. Amarendra Kumar Das, Visitor's Nominee : Member Department of Design, Indian Institute of Technology, Ghy.

3. Prof. G.P. Pandey, Dean of Creative Arts & Communication Studies: Member

4. Prof. Dipendu Das, Dean of English & Foreign Languages Studies : Member

5. Prof. Sumanash Dutta, Dean, School of Economics & Commerce : Member

6. Prof. Gopalji Mishra, Senior most Professor : Member

7. Dr. P. K. Deva Sarma, Senior most Associate Professor : Member

8. Dr. Baharul Islam Laskar, Principal, M.C.D. College, Sonai : Member

9. Dr. Debashish Roy, Principal, Radhamadab College, Silchar : Member

10. Dr. Subhadeep Dhar, Finance Officer i/c. : Permanent Invitee

Members absent:

(Absent without intimation)

1. Dr. Anupam Mishra, Visitor's Nominee : Member Director, ICAR-ATARI, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

Dr. Bharati Singh, Visitor's Nominee
 Director, Dept. of Home Science Extension Education,
 Institute of Home Science, Khandari, Agra.
 (Absent without intimation)

3. Shri Jahnu Barua, Visitor's Nominee : Member (Absent without intimation)

4. Dr. Devika Barman, Visitor's Nominee : Member (Absent without intimation)

5. Smt. Drimsibon Kharkongor, Visitor's Nominee : Member (Absent without intimation)

6. Prof. Madhumita Dhar Sarkar, Dean of Legal Studies : Member (Absent without intimation)

7. Dr. M. K. Sharma, Principal, Diphu Govt. College : Member (Absent without intimation)

8. Dr. G Phukan, Director, Higher Education, Govt. of Assam : Member (Absent without intimation)

At the outset the Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman welcomed all the members of the Executive Council. The Chairman also welcomed Prof. Amarendra Kumar Das, Visitor's Nominee for participate the meeting through video conference.

Thereafter the meeting formally started and following agenda items were taken up for discussion and resolutions were adopted accordingly.

Item No 1: Completion of the tenure of the Vice Chancellor and subsequent compliance of Act and Statutes of the University in the matter:

EC:142:05-21:01: The Registrar placed the matter before the Executive Council for consideration and decision of the Council.

Resolution: The meeting was held in the backdrop of completion of tenure of five years by the current Vice-Chancellor of the University. At the outset the Chairman being the Vice-Chancellor thanked all the members of the University fraternity for the help and support he received during his tenure in running the University smoothly. The Council also unanimously appreciated the contribution of the Vice-Chancellor in ensuring development of the University. The members paid a standing ovation to the Vice-Chancellor for being clean, transparent, cordial, development oriented and having an unblemished tenure in the University. Thereafter, the Chairman appraised the Council that till date the University has received no direction from the Ministry of Education regarding action to be taken by the University on completion of his tenure as Vice-Chancellor. This necessitated holding the meeting of Executive Council to take action as per the Acts and Statutes of the University. The Chairman being the Vice-Chancellor, did not want to be a part of the discussion in order to ensure free and fair assessment of the situation in terms of the provision Acts and Statutes of the University and therefore sought to abstain from further discussion on the matter. He accordingly suggested Pro-Vice Chancellor Assam University Diphu Campus to work as Chairman in his absence. The Council consented the same and the Vice-Chancellor left the meeting hall. Thereafter, Prof. Sibhasish Biswas, PVC, AUDC acted as Working Chairman of the meeting.

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The members thoroughly perused the provisions laid down in the Acts and Statutes of the University and the Working Chairman sought views of each member of the Council one by one. The members were unanimously of the opinion that as per Statute 2(4), a clear direction about further course of action is necessary to be issued from the concerned Ministry in a situation where the Vice-Chancellor has completed the tenure. There is no other option given in the Statute about appointment of Vice-Chancellor other than extension of the existing Vice-Chancellor subject to receipt of a direction from the Visitor. Statute 2(6) deals with other situation where the post of Vice-Chancellor is vacant; and, the present context doesn't match with the provisions of Statute 2(6). Thereby, on detail examination of the provisions of Acts and Statutes of the University, the Executive Council was of the opinion that there is no other option available as per the Statute of the University regarding appointment of Vice-Chancellor on completion of tenure. A direction of the Visitor's is a must. The Council resolved to request the current Vice-Chancellor to continue in the post beyond the tenure subject to receipt of extension of tenure from the Ministry. The Council also directed the Registrar to immediately take up the matter with the Ministry once again to ensure that a direction is received immediately. Thereafter, the Working Chairman invited the Vice-Chancellor cum Chairman and briefed the outcome of the discussion.

There being no other agenda, the meeting ended with thanks to and from the chair.

(Dr. Pradosh Kiran Nath)
Registrar & Ex-officio-Secretary
Executive Council
Assam University, Silchar

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