

MINUTES

OF

145[™] MEETING (EMERGENT) OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

HELD ON
21st SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 03.00 P.M.
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 145th Meeting (Emergent) of the Executive Council held on 21st September 2021 at 03.00 P.M. 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 : Chairman

2. Prof. Dipendu Das, Dean of English & Foreign Language Studies : Member

3. Prof. Madhumita Dhar Sarkar, Dean, School of Legal Studies : Member

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

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

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

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

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

Members participated in the meeting through video conference:

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

2. Dr. Bharati Singh, Visitor's Nominee : Member Director, Dept. of Home Science Extension Education, Institute of Home Science, Khandari, Agra.

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

4. Dr. Subrata Hazarika, Senior most Associate Professor : Member

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

Members absent:

1. Dr. Anupam Mishra, Visitor's Nominee : Member (Absent with intimation)

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

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3. Dr. Devika Barman, Visitor's Nominee (Absent without intimation)

: Member

4. Smt. Drimsibon Kharkongor, Visitor's Nominee (Absent without intimation)

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5. Prof. Gopalji Mishra, Senior most Professor (Absent without intimation)

: Member

6. Dr. M. K. Sharma, Principal, Diphu Govt. College (Absent without intimation)

: Member

7. Director, Higher Education, Govt. of Assam (Absent without intimation)

: Member

At the outset the Vice-Chancellor cum Chairman of the meeting welcomed all the members of the Executive Council. The Chairman also welcomed Dr. Bharati Singh and Prof. Amarendra Kumar Das, Visitor's Nominees for attending 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: Matter related to recent direction of the Hon'ble Guwahati High Court in respect of conversion of CPF to GPF:

EC:145:09-21:01: The Chairman briefed about the recent direction of the Hon'ble Guwahati High Court in respect of conversion of CPF to GPF received by the University and thereafter the Registrar with permission from the Chair has produced all the relevant papers and communications made in this regard before the Hon'ble members of the Council and sought suggestions for the next course of action to be taken by the University.

Resolution: The Chairman placed the directives of the Hon'ble High Court of Gauhati on Cont.Cas(C)/230/2019 dated 15th September 2021 before the Council and sought their views for enabling compliance of the order of Hon'ble High Court. The Chairman also asked Finance Officer i/c, who is permanent invitee to the Executive Council to put forward views. The Finance officer of the University placed forth the financial constraints and hardships in which the University is functioning. The Finance officer informed the Council that the University is not able to pay full salary and pension to its regular and retired employees for last three months (July, August & September 2021) due to paucity of fund for which already representations have been submitted by various employees associations. Therefore, inspite of best intentions to comply with the order of Hon'ble Court, the fact is that the University doesn't have any fund to pay pension to the petitioners unless the UGC/MoE grants us additional fund for complying with the order of the Hon'ble High Court. The Registrar informed that the University has written time and again to UGC and Ministry of Education to grant us fund for compliance of the order of the Hon'ble Court. However, no response has been received till date. The Ministry of Education (MoE) only informed that an SLP has

been filed in Hon'ble Supreme Court by MoE vide SLP diary No. 17724/2021 with regard to the conversion cases.

After considering all aspects of the issue and the response made by the Finance Officer and the information provided by the Registrar, the Council was of the opinion that since the University is facing acute shortage of fund for paying pension, the Council felt it necessary to consult the Standing Counsel about the need for briefing the Hon'ble Court accordingly. Further, the EC directed the administration to appeal before the Hon'ble Court through the Standing Counsel that necessary disbursement of pension as directed by the Hon'ble Court will be made as soon as necessary fund is made available to University by the funding agency. The Registrar was advised to pursue the matter with the Ministry/UGC for granting immediate concurrence on the appropriate amount required to release as pension to petitioners as per the order of Hon'ble Court. The Council advised that the Registrar to try to find out the SLP status filed by the Ministry in Supreme Court in this regard.

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