

MINUTES

OF

153[®] MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

HELD ON

22ND NOVEMBER 2022 AT 3.30 P.M.
IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF DELNET GUEST HOUSE,
NEW DELHI

ASSAM UNIVERSITY

(A CENTRAL UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHED BY AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT)

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Assam University, Silchar

Minutes of 153rd Meeting of the Executive Council held on 22nd November 2022 at 3.30 P.M. in the Conference Hall of DELNET Guest House, New Delhi

The following Members were present:

1. Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant, Vice-Chancellor : Chairman

2. Prof. Sivasish Biswas, Pro-Vice Chancellor i/c, AUDC : Member

3. Prof. Chira Ranjan Bhattacharjee, Dean, School of Physical Sciences: Member

4. Prof. Supratim Ray, Dean of Medical & Paramedical Sciences : Member

5. Prof. Asoke K Sen, Senior most Professor : Member

6. Dr. Mukut Sarmah, Senior most Associate Professor : 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 online:

1. Prof. Sajal Nag, Dean, School of Social Sciences : Member

2. Prof. A. L. Ghosh, Dean, School of Management Studies

: Member

Members absent:

1. 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. Mukut Sarmah, Senior most Associate Professor, who attended in the meeting as new member.

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

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(A) Agenda item for confirmation:

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 148th meeting, 149th meeting(Special), 150th meeting(Emergent), 151st meeting (Emergent) & 152nd meeting(Special) of the Executive Council:

EC:153:11-22:01: The minutes of the 148th meeting, 149th meeting(Special), 150th meeting(Emergent), 151st meeting (Emergent) & 152nd meeting(Special) of the Executive Council held on 20th April 2022, 30th May 2022, 13th July 2022 & 5th August 2022 respectively was placed in the meeting for consideration and confirmation. Actions taken report of the above meetings were placed in the meeting.

Resolution: The Council perused the minutes of the 148th meeting, 149th meeting(Special), 150th meeting(Emergent), 151st meeting (Emergent) & 152nd meeting(Special) of the Executive Council held on 20th April 2022, 30th May 2022, 13th July 2022 & 5th August 2022 respectively. The members suggested for placing the Minutes of the respective Statutory bodies in their subsequent meeting for confirmation in reference to resolution No **EC:148:04-22:22** of the 148th meeting dated 20th April 2022 of the EC.

Further, it was noted in reference to extract of the resolution No. **EC:152:09-22:02(a)** of 152nd EC meeting dtd. 29th September 2022 that the date of effect of promotion of following teachers' under CAS shall be as follows:

SI. No.	Name of the Faculty	Department	From Academic Level	To Academic Level	Selection committee Recommended Date of Effect
10	Dr. Tarun Bikash Sukai	Social Work	13A	14	18-08-2021
13.	Dr. Nirakar Mallick	Sociology	13A	14	04-12-2014

Also in regard to resolution No. **EC:152:09-22:16.1** of 152nd EC meeting dtd. 29th September 2022, the intake capacity of Mathematics will be 58 instead of 35 and with regard to resolution No. **EC:152:09-22:16.3** of 152nd EC meeting dtd. 29th September 2022, the total fee enhancement recommended will be Rs. 2575.00 instead of Rs. 2375.00.

As there were no other comments from members on any other resolutions, the minutes were considered as confirmed.

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(B) Agenda item for ratification by the Council:

Item No. 2: Appointment of Heads of the Departments

EC:153:11-22:02: The competent authority has appointed the following faculty members as HODs or HOD in-charge which were placed for ratification by the Executive Council:

Sl. No.	Name of the Faculty	Department	Effective Date	Order No.	Period
1.	Dr. Ajita Tiwari (HOD i/c)	Agricultural Engineering	31.05.2022	103/220/2006- Pers/1835-43 dated. 31.05.2022	Until further order
2.	Prof. Mohammed Basheer K.	Arabic	01.08.2022	102/4/2020-Estt dated, 18.07,2022	3 Years
3.	Dr. Mukut Sarmah	Library & Information Science	27.08.2022	102/4/2020-Estt dated. 18.07.2022	3 Years
4.	Prof. Supratim Ray	Pharmaceutical Science	21.09.2022	102/4/2020-Estt dated. 15.09.2022	3 Years
5.	Prof. M. Faruque Hussain	Earth Science	23.09.2022	102/4/2020-Estt dated. 15.09.2022	3 Years
6.	Prof. Suparna Roy	History	30.09.2022	102/4/2020-Estt dated. 15.09.2022	3 Years

Resolution: The Council ratified the appointments of Heads of the Departments.

Item No. 3: Appointment of Deans of Schools:

EC:153:11-22:03: The competent authority has appointed the following faculty members as Deans or Dean in-charge which were placed for ratification by the Executive Council:

Sl. No.	Name of the Faculty	School	Effective Date	Order No.	Period
1.	Prof. Rashmi Ranjan Mishra	Legal Studies	12.04.2022	102/3/2020-Estt dtd. 25.03.2022	3 Years
2.	Prof. Gyan Prakash Pandey	Creative Arts & Communication Studies	06.06.2022	102/3/2020-Estt dated. 23.05.2022	3 years or till the date of superannuation whichever is earlier
3.	Prof. Alok Sen	Economics & Commerce	18.07.2022	102/3/2020-Estt dtd. 23.05.2022	3 Years
4.	Prof. Chira Ranjan Bhattacharjee (Dean i/c)	Technology	31.05.2022	103/220/2006- Pers/1827-34 dtd. 31.05.2022	Until further order

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5.	Prof. Parthankar	Environmental	22.08.2022	104/3/98-	3 Years
	Choudhury	Science		Pers/Part I dtd.	
				18.07.2022	
6.	Prof. M. Faruque	Earth Sciences	30.09.2022	104/3/2020-Estt	3 Years
	Hussain		(A/N)	dtd. 15.09.2022	
7	Prof. Joyati	Social Science	22.01.2023	102/3/2020-Estt	3 Years
	Bhattacharya			dtd. 15.11.2022	
8	Prof. Karabi	Physical Science	09.01.2023	102/3/2020-Estt	3 Years
	Dutta			dtd. 15.11.2022	
	Choudhury				
9	Prof. Haomam	Management	01.02.2023	102/3/2020-Estt	3 Years
	Ramanada Singh	Studies		dtd. 15.11.2022	

Resolution: The Council ratified the appointment of Deans of Schools.

Item No. 4: Termination of lien in respect of Dr A Senorita Devi, Dept of Physics

EC:153:11-22:04: Subject to ratification of the Executive Council the competent authority has terminated the lien granted to Dr A Senorita Devi, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics w.e.f. 29/3/2022 (A/N) as her lien period was completed on 29/3/2022. The item was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution: The Council ratified the termination of lien.

Item No. 5: Grant of lien to Dr Sujit Kumar Ghosh, Asstt Professor, Dept of Chemistry:

EC:153:11-22:05: Consequent upon appointment of Dr Sujit Kumar Ghosh, Asstt Professor, Dept of Chemistry, Assam University, Silchar as Associate Professor in the department of Chemistry of Jadavpur University, Kolkata and subject to ratification by the Executive Council, the competent authority was pleased to grant him lien for one year to enable him to join his new assignment on 17/8/2022. The item was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution: The Council ratified the same.

Item No. 6: Termination of lien in respect of Dr Umesh Kumar, Dept of Law:

EC:153:11-22:06: Dr Umesh Kumar, Asstt Professor, Dept of Law, Assam University, Silchar was granted lien for one year w.e.f. 30/3/2021 to 29/3/2022 to join his new assignment as Professor in the Department of Law at Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla. Subject to ratification of the Executive Council the competent authority has terminated the lien granted to Dr Umesh Kumar, Asstt Professor, Dept of Law w.e.f. 29/3/2022 (A/N) as his lien period was over on 29/3/2022.

The item was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution: The Council ratified the same.

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Item No. 7: Extension of period of suspension in respect of Dr Laxmi Narayan Sethi, Dept of Agricultural Engineering:

EC:153:11-22:07: Dr Laxmi Narayan Sethi, Professor, Dept of Agricultural Engineering was placed under suspension vide order no. 103/220/2006-Pers/2086-94 dated 8th August 2022. Subject to ratification of the Executive Council the competent authority has extended the period of suspension of Prof Sethi for further period of 90 days from the date of completion of initial period of suspension under Rule 10 (6) of CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965 vide order no. 103/220/2006-Pers/3334-44 dated 4 November 2022. The item was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution: The Council ratified the same.

Item No. 8: Extension of period of suspension in respect of Shri Murali Basa, Dept of Performing Arts:

EC:153:11-22:08: Shri Murali Basa, Asstt Professor, Dept of Performing Arts was placed under suspension vide order no. 103/469/2017-Estt/2095-2106 dated 8th August 2022. Subject to ratification of the Executive Council the competent authority has extended the period of suspension of Shri Basa for further period of 90 days from the date of completion of initial period of suspension under Rule 10 (6) of CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965 vide order no.103/469/2017-Estt/3345-52 dated 4 November 2022. Meanwhile, a letter has been received from Mr. Basa which was placed in the meeting for discussion & further direction.

Resolution: The Council had a thorough discussion on the matter. It was resolved that the apology by the alleged may not be sufficient to absolve him of all the Charges. It is equally necessary to address the concerns of the complainants. Therefore, the Council authorized Vice-Chancellor to understand the views and concerns of the complainant and take appropriate action as deem fit.

(C) Agenda item for approval/decision by the Council:

Item No. 9: Confirmation of Service of Teachers (Silchar HQ)

EC:153:11-22:09: It has been found that the following faculty members of Silchar HQ have already completed one year of service as stipulated in the terms and condition of offer of appointment as per the date indicated against their names. It is also verified administratively about the satisfactory performance of concerned faculties.

In pursuance of the provisions of Clause 11 of the UGC Regulations of "Minimum Qualification for Appointment of Teacher and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standard in Higher Education, 2018" the teachers are found eligible for confirmation.

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Sl. No.	Name of the Teacher	Department	Designation	Date of joining	Date of completion of probation period
1	Mr. Saurav Dey	Bus. Admin.	Asstt. Prof.	03.08.2020	02.08.2021
2	Dr. Sudip Saha	History	Asstt. Prof.	09.07.2021	08.07.2022
3	Dr. Raj Kumar Thakur	History	Asstt. Prof.	12.07.2021	11.07.2022
4	Dr. Shailendra Kumar	Sociology	Asso. Prof.	12.07.2021	11.07.2022
5	Dr. Sanjay Sinha	Economics	Asstt. Prof.	14.07.2021	13.07.2022
6	Dr. Pranesh Debnath	Commerce	Asstt. Prof.	20.07.2021	19.07.2022
7	Dr. Soumendra Nath Biswas	Hospt. & Tour. Mgt.	Asso. Prof.	29.07.2021	28.07.2022
8	Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Saxena		Asso. Prof.	03.08.2021	02.08.2022
9	Dr. Khemnath Patir	Applied Sc. & Humanities	Asstt. Prof.	05.08.2021	04.08.2022
10	Dr. Govind Sharma	Sanskrit	Asso. Prof.	06.07.2021	05.07.2022
11	Dr. Diwakar Kumar	Microbiology	Asso. Prof.	06.07.2021	05.07.2022
12	Dr. Arunjyoti Nath	Ecology & Envtl. Sc.	Asstt. Prof.	06.07.2021	05.07.2022

The matter was placed before the Council for approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the confirmation of service of above teachers with a correction of designation of Dr. Arunjyoti Nath which is read as Associate Professor in place of Asstt. Professor mentioned in the agenda item.

Item No. 10: Correction of date of completion of probation period:

EC:153:11-22:10: The 148th EC meeting, vide its resolution no. EC:148:04-22:14, the date of completion of probation period of Sl. No. 5 Dr. Mohammed Basheer K. and Sl. No. 13 Dr. Anup Kr. Das were inadvertently written as 11.08.2020 and 15.12.2020 instead of 11.08.2021 and 15.12.2021 respectively. Hence the matter is placed before the Executive Council for consideration of correction of the date of completion of probation period.

Sl. No.	Name	Department	Date of completion of probation period entered	Corrected Date of completion of probation period
1.	Prof. Mohammed Basheer K.	Arabic	11.08.2020	11.08.2021
2.	Dr. Anup Kr. Das Assistant Professor	Pharm. Sc.	15.12.2020	15.12.2021

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The matter was submitted before the Council for approval.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No. 11: Nomination of Members to the Executive Council of Assam University

EC:153:11-22:11: As per Clause No. 12(vi) of A U Statute there shall be "Three Principals of affiliated Colleges out of which two will be from Barak Valley and one from hill, by rotation according to seniority to be determined with reference to the date of establishment of the college concerned, to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor" to the Executive Council of the University.

Only permanent Principals of affiliated Colleges shall be nominated by the Vice Chancellor from the permanently affiliated colleges (one from each Govt. College, Provincialised College & Private College).

The matter was placed before the Council for decision and direction.

Resolution: The Council heard the invited member Director CDC and thereafter held detailed discussion on the matter. The Council recommended for constitution of a Committee to look into the matter. The Council also authorized the Vice Chancellor to select Colleges provisionally to ensure inclusiveness in representation.

Item No. 12: Nomination of Members to the Academic Council of Assam University

EC:153:11-22:12: As per Clause No. 14(xii) of A U Statute there shall be "Six teachers of the degree Colleges, four from Barak Valley and two from hills, and one teacher each from the Medical, Engineering, Law and B.Ed. Colleges to be elected from amongst themselves" to the Academic Council of the University.

The existing Ordinance is required to be amended considering the present scenario of the Colleges as follows.

- (i) The Standing Election Committee needs to be modified as follows:
 - (a) One Senior Professor to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor as Chairman,
 - (b) One Senior Associate Professor to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor as Member,
 - (c) One Senior Assistant Professor to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor as Member,
- (ii) The term 'Constituency' as mentioned in the Ordinance needs to be defined exhaustively. Accordingly, it is suggested the 'Constituency' will mean the affiliated Colleges under Assam University.
- (iii) The matter of representation from temporarily Affiliated Colleges and Private Colleges may be considered and its terms need to be defined.
- (iv) Only the permanent teachers of Affiliated Colleges (Permanent & Temporary Colleges) will be in the electoral role for selection of their representatives under above referred Act.

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The detail was placed by the Director i/c, Colleges Development Council, Assam University, in the meeting.

The matter was placed before the Council for decision and direction.

Resolution : The Council heard the invited member Director CDC and thereafter resolved that:

- 1. A committee may be formed to revisit the Ordinance.
- 2. Provisionally, all Colleges as of now are permitted to take part in election.

Item No. 13: Consideration of Annual Report for the year 2021-22:

EC:153:11-22:13: The Annual Report (Bi-lingual) for the year 2021-22 has been prepared by the Directorate of IQAC, Assam University and the report was tabled by the Registrar before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Resolution: The Executive Council considered and approved Annual Report of the University for the Year 2021-22 and directed the University to submit the Annual Report of the University for the year 2021-22 to the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India within the stipulated time for placing before both the Houses of Parliament.

Item No. 14: Approval of the recommendations of Minutes of 52nd meeting of Academic Council of Assam University:

EC:153:11-22:14: The minutes of the 52nd meeting of the Academic Council of the University slated on 18th November 2022 was placed on the table for consideration and approval by the Executive Council.

Resolution: It was noted that in the agenda item " 52^{nd} meeting of Academic Council" was written, it will be 92^{nd} meeting of the Academic Council instead of 52^{nd} meeting. The Registrar placed the minutes of the 92^{nd} meeting of the Academic Council of the University held on 18^{th} November 2022 before the Council. After threadbare discussion the Council approved the minutes of the 92^{nd} meeting of the Academic Council with the following decision/observations:

Item No. 5 : Regulations - 2022 on UG & PG based on NEP - 2020 and finalisation of syllabus :

The Council accepted the recommendation of the 92^{nd} meeting of the Academic Council with following modification :

As UGC has also informed that, UGC is going to come up with 4 years TDC programme from 2023-24. Therefore, the Council decided that the existing draft Regulation for UG Course may accordingly be further refined in light of fresh inputs by the State & UGC.

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Item No. 9: Matter related to draft D.Litt. and D.Sc. Regulation:

New Regulations as recommended by 92nd meeting of the Academic Council has been approved by the Executive Council. However, if there is any difficulty in implementation of the Regulations in respect of candidates already admitted under D.Litt/D.Sc. porgramme, the Council authorizes the Vice Chancellor to remove difficulties on case to case basis to ensure that candidates already admitted are not placed in undue hardship.

Item No. 15: Approval of the recommendations of 65th meeting of the Finance Committee of Assam University slated on 22nd November 2022:

EC:153:11-22:15: The minutes of the 65th meeting of the Finance Committee of the University slated on 22nd November 2022 was placed on the table for consideration and approval by the Executive Council.

Resolution: The Finance Officer has placed the minutes of the 65th meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on 22nd November 2022 at 11.00 am before the Council. On perusal of the same the Council approved the minutes of the 65th meeting of the Finance Committee of the University.

Item No. 16: Approval of the compliances of the Separate Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the Accounts of the Assam University for the financial year 2021-22.

EC:153:11-22:16: The Audited Annual Accounts of the University for the Financial Year 2021-22 and Management Letter and the Separate Audit Report (SAR) along with Annexure on the Accounts of the Assam University for the financial year 2021-22 vide No. OA-II(AB)/AR/2021-22/AU/461, dtd. 11.10.2022 was placed in the meeting for consideration and adoption.

The compliance/reply to the Management Letter and Separate Audit Report (SAR) of the C&AG on the Accounts of the Assam University for the financial year 2021-22 has been sent by the University to the office of the Director General of Audit, Central, Kolkata vide letter No. AUF/716/2021-22/779, dtd. 17.10.2022 was placed in the meeting for approval.

Resolution: The Executive Council considered and adopted the Audited Annual Accounts of the University for the Financial Year 2021-22 and Management Letter and the Separate Audit Report (SAR) along with Annexure on the Accounts of the Assam University for the financial year 2021-22.

The Council approved the compliance/reply to the Management Letter and the Separate Audit Report (SAR) on the Accounts of the Assam University for the financial year 2021-22 and directed the University to submit the Audited Bilingual Annual Accounts along with Separate Audit Report (SAR) with Annexure of the University for the financial year

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2021-22 to the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India within the stipulated time for placing before both the Houses of Parliament.

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. Rajive Mohan Pant)
Vice Chancellor & Chairman
Executive Council
Assam University, Silchar