

MINUTES

OF

162™ MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

HELD ON

23rd NOVEMBER 2023 AT 03.00 PM
IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF DELNET GUEST HOUSE
JNU CAMPUS, NEW DELHI

ASSAM UNIVERSITY

(A CENTRAL UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHED BY AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT)

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Assam University, Silchar

Minutes of 162nd Meeting of the Executive Council to be held on 23rd November 2023 at 3.00 P.M. in the Conference Hall of DELNET Guest House, New Delhi

The following Members were present:

Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh

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

Prof. Krishna Pal Singh, Visitor's Nominee
 Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University,

3. Prof. Sarat C. Kakaty, **Visitor's Nominee** : Member Professor, Dept. of Statistics, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh

4. Prof. Alok Sen, Dean, School of Economics & Commerce : Member

5. Prof. Rashmi Ranjan Mishra, Dean, School of Legal Studies : Member

6. Prof. Parthankar Choudhury, Dean, School of Environmental Sc. : Member

7. Dr. Narendra T., Senior most Associate Professor : Member

8. Principal, Nilambazar College, Nilambazar, Karimganj : Member

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

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

Members participated through online in the meeting:

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

Prof. Buno Zetsuvi, Visitor's Nominee
 Professor, Dept. of Education, Nagaland University, Kohima

3. Prof. Baby Pushpa Sinha, Dean of English & Foreign Lang. Studies: Member

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

5. Prof. Piyush Pandey, Director, IQAC, : Special Invitee

Members absent:

1. Prof. Kashi Nath Jena, **Visitor's Nominee** : Member (Absent without intimation)

2. Director, Higher Education, Govt. of Assam : Member (Absent without intimation)

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3. Mr. B. S. Kar, Principal, A. L. Choudhury College, Algapur : Member (Absent with intimation)

4. Principal, Eastern Karbi Anglong College, Sarihajan, Bokajan : Member (Absent without intimation)

At the outset the Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman of the Executive Council welcomed all the members for attending the meeting. The Chairman also welcomed Prof. Krishna Pal Singh, Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University, Bareilly and Prof. Sarat C. Kakaty, Professor, Dept. of Statistics, Dibrugarh University, attending meeting as **Visitor's Nominees**. The Chairman also welcomed Visitor's Nominee Prof. Buno Zetsuvi, Professor, Dept. of Education, Nagaland University, Prof. Sivasish Biswas, Pro-Vice Chancellor, AUDC, Prof. Baby Pushpa Sinha, Dean of English & Foreign Lang. Studies & Prof. Piyush Pandey, Director, IQAC who participated online in the meeting.

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

(A) Item for confirmation:

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 161st meeting of the Executive Council:

EC:162:11-23:01: The minutes of the 161st meeting of the Executive Council held on 17th October 2023 is placed in the meeting for consideration and confirmation. Action taken reports of the above meetings were also placed in the meeting for consideration.

Resolution: The minutes of the 161st meeting of the Executive Council along with Action Taken Report of the meetings were circulated and perused by the members and the Council confirmed the same.

(B) Item for ratification by the Council:

Item No. 2: Grant of one year lien to Dr. T. Sanjay Singh, Asstt. Professor, Dept. of Chemistry:

EC:162:11-23:02: Subject to ratification of the Executive Council, the competent authority has granted the lien to Dr. T. Sanjay Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry for a period of one year w.e.f.16-08-2023 to 15-08-2024 to enable him to join as Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, NEHU, vide order No.103/428/2011-Estt/2065-72 dtd. 11-08-2023. The matter was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution: The Council ratified the same.

Item No. 3: Grant of one year lien to Dr. Pradip Debnath, Asstt. Professor, Dept. of Humanities & Applied Science:

EC:162:11-23:03: Subject to ratification of the Executive Council, the competent authority has granted the lien to Dr. Pradip Debnath, Assistant Professor, Department

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of Humanities & Applied Sciences for a period of one year w.e.f.17-10-2023 to 16-10-2024 to enable him to join as Associate Professor, in the Department of Mathematical Science, Tezpur University Vide order No.103/481/2017-Estt/2544-51, dtd. 12th October, 2023. The matter was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution: The Council ratified the same.

Item No. 4: Termination of lien in respect of Dr. Sujit Kumar Ghosh, Dept. of Chemistry:

EC:162:11-23:04: Dr. Sujit Kumar Ghosh, Asstt. Professor, Department of Chemistry, Assam University was granted Lien for a period of one year w.e.f. 17-08-2022 to 16-08-2023 to enable him to join his new assignment as Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry, Jadavpur University, Kolkata. Subject to ratification of the Executive Council, the competent authority has terminated the lien granted to Dr. Sujit Kumar Ghosh w.e.f. 17-08-2022 vide order No.103/388/2020-Estt/2679-87 dtd. 19th Oct. 2023, on receipt of confirmation of his service at Jadavpur University vide Letter No.P-1/1084/23, dtd.14-09-2023. The matter was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution: The Council ratified the same.

(C) Item for approval/decision by the Council:

Item No. 5: Consideration of 30th Annual Report for the year 2022-23:

EC:162:11-23:05: The 30th Annual Report (By-lingual) for the year 2022-23 has been prepared by the Directorate of IQAC, Assam University and the report was placed by the Registrar before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

Resolution: The Executive Council considered and approved the 30th Annual Report of the University for the Year 2022-23 and directed the University to submit the Annual Report of the University for the year 2022-23 to the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India within the stipulated time for placing before both the Houses of Parliament.

Item No. 6: Approval of the recommendations of 68th meeting of the Finance Committee of Assam University slated on 23rd November 2023:

EC:162:11-23:06: The minutes of the 68th meeting of the Finance Committee of the University slated on 23rd November 2023 was placed in the meeting for consideration and approval by the Executive Council.

Resolution: The Finance Officer had placed the minutes of the 68th meeting of the Finance Committee of the University slated on 23rd November 2023 at 11.00 am before the Council. On perusal of the same the Council approved the minutes of the 68th meeting of the Finance Committee of the University.

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Item No. 7: 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 2022-23.

EC:162:11-23:07: The Audited Annual Accounts of the University for the Financial Year 2022-23 in a separate folder and the Separate Audit Report (SAR) along with Annexure on the Accounts of the Assam University for the financial year 2022-23 vide No. INSPETION WING/2023-2024/DIS-1133342, dated 20th September 2023 was placed in the meeting for consideration and adoption.

The compliance/reply to the Separate Audit Report (SAR) of the C&AG on the Accounts of the Assam University for the financial year 2022-23 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 2022-23 and the Separate Audit Report (SAR) along with Annexure on the Accounts of the Assam University for the financial year 2022-23.

The Council approved the compliance/reply to the Separate Audit Report (SAR) on the Accounts of the Assam University for the financial year 2022-23 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 2022-23 to the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India within the stipulated time for placing before both the Houses of Parliament.

Item No. 8: Date of Meeting of the University Court.

EC:162:11-23:08: As per Clause 11(3) of AU Act the date of annual meeting of the Court to be fixed by the Executive Council.

The matter was placed before the Council for decision.

Resolution : The Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to fix a suitable date on finalization of the date of the next Convocation.

Item No. 9: Matter of Date of Effect of Faculty Promotion from Level 14 to 15 (Senior Professor):

EC:162:11-23:09: The University has received application from two dated 9th October, 2023 to reconsider the date of effect of promotion from Level 14 to 15 (Senior Professor) in light of UGC Regulation in force i.e promotion from the date of eligibility. The University has adopted the date of approval of the E.C. as the date of effect of promotion vides EC:146:01-22:44 and EC:152:09-22(a) in the case of Prof. G.P. Pandey and Prof. G. Ram (Rtd.) Since the Executive Council approved the decision of promotion, the matter was placed before the Council for decision.

Resolution : The Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to form a Committee to look into the matter and suggest appropriately.

Item No. 10: Funding of Construction Projects through HEFA

EC:162:11-23:10: As per the directives of the GOI, funding for construction of new building projects are to be primarily through HEFA. Further, as per HEFA guidelines, 10% of the principal cost has to be deposited in 20 equal installments in 10 years by the University. Therefore, the academic departments which require construction of additional buildings may apply for fund through the University from HEFA subject to provisions for payment of 10% principal cost in 20 equal installments in 10 years from Annual Course Fee Fund (ACFF) of the concerned department. In case of inability of the concerned department to bear the full burden of the 10% principal cost, the burden shall be limited to 50% of the ACFF of the Department further subject to feasibility analysis by Finance Section of meeting the balance part of 10% principal cost from Internal Resource Generation (IRG) of the University. The maximum limit of IRG to meet the 10% of principal cost of HEFA projects of the University be limited to 5% of total IRG excluding ACFF.

Resolution: The Council approved the same.

Item No. 11: Item from the Chair:

EC:162:11-23:11: Matter related to promotion/Upgradation of Stenographer Grade-II/PA's to Private Secretary:

Assam University vide EC resolution No. 102:06-15:14 dtd. 26th June 2015 accorded non functional promotion from Stenographer Grade-II/Personal Assistant with Grade Pay 4200.00 to Private Secretary (PS)/Stenographer Grade-I with GP 4600.00 on 27-7-2015 to 23 nos of Stenographer Grade-II/Personal Assistant as per Assam University RoP Rules 2013 based on UGC letter No. F.31-15/97(CU)/JCRC) dtd. 21/11/2008. However, CAG Audit vide Audit Para No. 7.5 of 2015-16 observed that theses upgradations/promotions have been made beyond sanctioned strength. These 23 Non functional promotions / upgradations may be treated as personal pay to the incumbent concerned and shall cease to exist once the person superannuates/leaves University service. The list of stenographers Gr-II whom promotion has been granted to PS/Stenographer Gr-I is appended herewith.

Resolution: The matter has been discussed in detail by the Council and the members authorized the Vice Chancellor to constitute a Committee to examine the same and submit a report for placing in the next meeting of the Executive Council.

There being no other agenda, the meeting ended with a vote of 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
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