



# MINUTES

OF

## 164<sup>TH</sup> MEETING (EMERGENT) OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

HELD ON

8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 AT 03.00 PM

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 164<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Emergent) of the Executive Council  
held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 3.00 P.M. in the Hemanga Biswas  
Committee Room of the Vice-Chancellor's Secretariat,  
Assam University, Silchar.**

**The following Members were present :**

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| 1. Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant, <b>Vice-Chancellor</b>                  | : Chairman             |
| 2. Prof. Rashmi Ranjan Mishra, Dean, School of Legal Studies        | : Member               |
| 3. Prof. Baby Pushpa Sinha, Dean of English & Foreign Lang. Studies | : Member               |
| 4. Prof. Parthankar Choudhury, Dean, School of Environmental Sc.    | : Member               |
| 5. Dr. Narendra T., Senior most Associate Professor                 | : Member               |
| 6. Prof. Piyush Pandey, Director, IQAC,                             | : Special Invitee      |
| 7. Mr. L. Bojen Singh, Finance Officer i/c.                         | : Permanent Invitee    |
| 8. Dr. Pradosh Kiran Nath, <b>Registrar</b>                         | : Ex-officio Secretary |

**Members participated through online in the meeting :**

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| 1. Prof. Kashi Nath Jena, <b>Visitor's Nominee</b>                        | : Member |
| 2. Prof. Sarat C. Kakaty, <b>Visitor's Nominee</b>                        | : Member |
| 3. Prof. Sivasish Biswas, <b>Pro-Vice Chancellor, AUDC</b>                | : Member |
| 4. Prof. Alok Sen, Dean, School of Economics & Commerce                   | : Member |
| 5. Dr. Anil Ch. Das, Principal, Eastern Karbi Anglong College, Sarihajan: | Member   |

**Members absent :**

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| 1. Prof. Krishna Pal Singh, <b>Visitor's Nominee</b>            | : Member |
| 2. Prof. Buno Zetsuvi, <b>Visitor's Nominee</b>                 | : Member |
| 3. Prof. Asoke K Sen, Senior most Professor                     | : Member |
| 4. Director, Higher Education, Govt. of Assam                   | : Member |
| 5. Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Principal, Nilambazar College, Nilambazar | : Member |
| 6. Mr. B. S. Kar, Principal, A. L. Choudhury College, Algapur   | : Member |

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At the outset the Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman of the Executive Council welcomed all the members for attending the meeting and also participating online.

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

***(A) Agenda item for decision/approval by the Executive Council:***

**Item No 1 : PROMOTION UNDER CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHEME (CAS):-**

**EC:164:02-24:01 :** The duly constituted Selection Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof Rajive Mohan Pant, Vice-Chancellor in its meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2024 has recommended the following promotion / placement of faculty members under the Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) according to the provisions of the UGC Regulations 2018. The matter was placed before the Council for the approval.

The Chairperson placed before the Council the recommendation of the Selection Committee as detailed below :

**Department of Life Sciences & Bio-informatics :-**

| SL.No | Name of Faculty                  | Promotion/Placement      | Date of Effect |
|-------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1.    | Prof. Manabendra Dutta Choudhury | Academic Level 14 to 15  | 08.02.2024     |
| 2.    | Dr. Suchismita Das               | Academic Level 13A to 14 | 01.04.2021     |
| 3.    | Dr. Anupam Das Talukdar          | Academic Level 13A to 14 | 13.03.2023     |
| 4.    | Dr Shuvasish Choudhury           | Academic Level 12 to 13A | 26.08.2023     |
| 5.    | Dr. Linga Raju Nikku (Diphu)     | Academic Level 12 to 13A | 26.03.2022     |

**Department of Commerce :-**

| SL.No | Name of Faculty           | Promotion/Placement      | Date of Effect |
|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1.    | Dr Kingshuk Adhikari      | Academic Level 12 to 13A | 17.03.2022     |
| 2.    | Dr Soma Dey Roy Choudhury | Academic Level 12 to 13A | 23.03.2022     |
| 3.    | Dr. Ram Chandra Das       | Academic Level 12 to 13A | 24.01.2021     |
| 4.    | Dr. A.S. Yarso            | Academic Level 12 to 13A | 23.03.2022     |

**Department of Political Science:-**

| SL.No | Name of Faculty            | Promotion/Placement      | Date of Effect |
|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1.    | Dr. Khokan Ch Das (Diphu)  | Academic Level 13A to 14 | Not promoted   |
| 2.    | Dr. Harsha S               | Academic Level 13A to 14 | Not promoted   |
| 3.    | Dr. Bikash Ch Dash (Diphu) | Academic Level 13A to 14 | 11.10.2022     |
| 4.    | Dr. Debotosh Chakraborty   | Academic Level 13A to 14 | 17.07.2023     |
| 5.    | Dr. P. Kanaka Rao          | Academic Level 12 to 13A | 16.10.2020     |

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**Department of French :-**

| SL.No | Name of Faculty          | Promotion/Placement      | Date of Effect |
|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1     | Dr. Amalendu Chakraborty | Academic Level 12 to 13A | 29.06.2017     |

**Department of English:-**

| SL.No | Name of Faculty         | Promotion/Placement      | Date of Effect |
|-------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1.    | Dr. Jaydeep Chakrabarty | Academic Level 12 to 13A | 17.06.2018     |
| 2.    | Dr. Lalthikim Hmar      | Academic Level 12 to 13A | 10.01.2021     |

**Department of Economics:-**

| SL.No | Name of Faculty  | Promotion/Placement      | Date of Effect |
|-------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1.    | Dr. Raju Mondal  | Academic Level 13A to 14 | 01.02.2023     |
| 2.    | Dr. Sagarika Dey | Academic Level 12 to 13A | 20.09.2022     |

**Department of Computer Science & Engineering:-**

| SL.No | Name of Faculty       | Promotion/Placement      | Date of Effect |
|-------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1.    | Dr. Sunita Sarkar     | Academic Level 13A to 14 | Not promoted   |
| 2.    | Dr. Tapodhir Acharjee | Academic Level 12 to 13A | 15.12.2021     |

**Department of Physics:-**

| SL.No | Name of Faculty         | Promotion/Placement      | Date of Effect |
|-------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1.    | Dr. Himadri Sekhar Das  | Academic Level 13A to 14 | 03.10.2022     |
| 2.    | Dr. Bidhan Mohanta      | Academic Level 12 to 13A | 09.07.2022     |
| 3.    | Dr. Abhijit Das (Diphu) | Academic Level 11 to 12  | 27.11.2013     |

**Department of Business Administration:-**

| SL.No | Name of Faculty    | Promotion/Placement      | Date of Effect |
|-------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1.    | Dr. Juthika Konwar | Academic Level 12 to 13A | 20.11.2022     |

**Department of Hindi:-**

| SL.No | Name of Faculty              | Promotion/Placement      | Date of Effect |
|-------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1.    | Dr. Akash Verma              | Academic Level 12 to 13A | 09.11.2021     |
| 2.    | Dr. Sheetanshu Kumar (Diphu) | Academic Level 13A to 14 | 06.11.2022     |

**Department of Manipuri:-**

| SL.No | Name of Faculty       | Promotion/Placement      | Date of Effect |
|-------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1     | Dr. H Rajamoni Singha | Academic Level 12 to 13A | 29.12.2020     |

**Department of Chemistry:-**

| SL.No | Name of Faculty   | Promotion/Placement      | Date of Effect |
|-------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1     | Dr. Sujit K Ghose | Academic Level 12 to 13A | 29.03.2022     |

**Resolution :** The Council approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee.

**Item No 2 : Commencement of PG course in Performing Arts (MPA) :-**

**EC:164:02-24:02 :** In pursuance to the decision of the 93<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Academic Council vide resolution No. AC:93:04-23:40.3 dtd. 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and subsequently approval of the



156<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Council vide resolution No. EC:156:04-23:11 dtd. 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 University has submitted the proposal with a request to the UGC for granting NOC for commencement for Master in Performing Arts (MPA) in the Dept. of Performing Arts from 2024-25 academic session. Accordingly, the University shall advertise for admission into the programme for the ensuing academic session.

The matter was placed before the Council for consideration.

**Resolution :** After detailed discussion the Council approved the same.

**Item No 3 : Matter related to Headship in the Dept. of Sociology :-**

**EC:164:02-24:03 :** Prof. Nirakar Mallick, HoD, Sociology has requested to relieve him from the Headship of the Department vide email dtd. 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024. Accordingly, Prof. Humayun Bokth has been given interim charge. Now, it is proposed that Prof. Humayun Bokth may be considered as regular Head of the Department for a period of three years with immediate effect as per the Statute of the University or till superannuation whichever is earlier. The matter was placed before the Council for approval.

**Resolution :** The Council approved Prof. Humayun Bokth as HoD, Sociology for a period of three years with immediate effect as per the Statute of the University or till superannuation whichever is earlier.

**Item No 4 : Period of probation & confirmation of service - regarding :**

**EC:164:02-24:04 :** Dr. Suratha Kumar Malik joined Assam University on 11-03-2023 as Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and his period of probation is going to be expired on 10-03-2024. It is to be mentioned here that Dr. Suratha Kumar Malik is placed under deemed suspension w.e.f. 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023. Perhaps Dr. Malik is still under custody in connection with Case No. 67 of 2023 Dtd. 25-05-2023, U/S.376 (3)/506 IPC and Sec-4 of POCSO Act-2012 at Medinipur All Women Police Station.

In terms of UGC Regulation-2018, vide Clause No. 11.1 & 11.2, it states that the minimum period of probation of a teacher shall be one year, extendable by maximum period of one more year through a specific order before expiry of the first year.

The matter was placed before the Council for further course of action to be taken on the issue and sought direction.

**Resolution :** The Council perused the case in detail and resolved to repatriate Dr. Suratha Kumar Malik, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science in his parent institution at the earliest.

**Item No. 5 : Change of Schedule of Summer Vacation of Vacational staff (Teaching) of Assam University :**

**EC:164:02-24:05 :** As per resolution of 95<sup>th</sup> Academic Council of Assam University, Vide resolution No.AC:95:09-23:19, a Committee has been constituted vide No.113/20/2023-Estt/3028-31 Dtd. 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2023 for re-looking into the provision of summer vacation period of vacational staff (Teaching) of Assam University, Silchar for compliance of Audit observation. The Committee after detailed discussion resolved that the summer vacation period in respect of Assam University faculty members may be preponed from 26<sup>th</sup> May to

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24<sup>th</sup> June (30 days) in each calendar year instead of earlier practice of summer vacation from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Report of the Committee constituted w.r.t. resolution no. AC:95:09-23:19 of the 95<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council on change of schedule of summer vacation for teaching staff of the University from June 1<sup>st</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup> of every year to May 26<sup>th</sup> - June 24<sup>th</sup> of every year i.e. 30 days has been accepted by the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee of Academic Council (SCAC) vide resolution No. **SCAC:19:12-23:5**.

The matter was placed before the Council for approval.

**Resolution :** The Council approved the same.

**Item No. 6 : Creation of a new Convocation Fund :**

**EC:164:02-24:07 :** A proposal has been received from Finance Officer for creation of a new Fund on Convocation of the University from the financial year 2023-24, for proper maintenance of receipt and payments of the Convocation held every year as per practice.

**Resolution :** The Council approved the same.

**Item No 7 : Item from the Chair :**

**EC:164:02-24:07 : Representation of University legal matter in the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court :**

The Chairperson/Vice-chancellor placed before the Council that there is need for expediting the pending cases for early solution at Hon'ble Gauhati High Court which is not happening at present due to large and varied number of cases in respect of Assam University and lack of enough legal hands on the part of Assam University to deal with such cases. Honourable Vice-Chancellor sought advice from the members in this regard.

**Resolution :** The Council advised Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Committee to make a panel of lawyers from varied field as per standard rules for representing these cases at various Courts as and when necessary.

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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