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The following members were present :

1. Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant, Vice-Chancellor : Chairman
2. Prof. Ajit Kr. Baishya, Dean, School of Languages & Cultural Studies : Member
3. Prof. Parthankar Choudhury, Dean, School of Environmental Studies : Member
4. Prof. P. B. Mazumder, Dean, School of Life Sciences : Member
5. Prof. Baby Pushpa Sinha, Dean, School of English & Foreign Lang. Studies : Member
6. Prof. Alok Sen, Dean, School of Economic & Commerce : Member
7. Prof. R. Balakrishnan, Dean, School of Educational Studies : Member
8. Prof. Sanjib Das, Dean, School of Medical & Paramedical Sciences : Member
9. Prof. M. Faruque Hussain, Dean, School of Earth Sciences : Member
10. Prof. Rashmi Ranjan Mishra, Dean, School of Legal Studies : Member
11. Prof. Manoj Kr. Sinha, Dean, School of Library Sciences : Member
12. Prof. Debaprasad Das, Dean, School of Technology : Member
13. Prof. Karabi Dutta Choudhury, Dean of Physical Sciences : Member
14. Dr. Debashis Paul, Principal, Janata College, Kabuganj, Cachar : Member
15. Dr. Subhadeep Dhar, Finance Officer i/c : Permanent Invitee
16. Prof. Piyush Pandey, Director, IQAC : Special Invitee
17. Dr. Suprabir Dutta Roy, Controller of Examinations : Special Invitee
18. Dr. Pradosh Kiran Nath, Registrar : Ex-officio Secretary

At the outset the Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman of the Planning Board welcomed all the members of the Planning Board for attending the meeting. The Chairman also welcomed the members who have attended the meeting for the first time as Deans of Schools and Principals of affiliated college.

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Thereafter following agenda items were taken up for discussion and resolutions were adopted accordingly.

Item No. 1 : Confirmation of Minutes of 22nd Meeting of Planning Board held on 2nd March 2023 :

PB:23:09-24:1 : Minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Planning Board held on 2nd March 2023 was placed in the meeting for perusal by the members. The minutes as placed may be considered for confirmation.

Resolution : The members of the Board perused the resolutions taken in the 22nd meeting of the Planning Board held on 2nd March 2023 and on consideration of the same the Board confirmed the minutes.

Item No. 2 : Emphasis on Skill Development courses/training and setting up of Skill Development Centre at Assam University :

PB:23:09-24:2 : In accordance with NEP 2020, Assam University has already embarked into various skill development initiatives. However, to bring further momentum into it the University is in the process of drafting a roadmap for skill development initiatives to be taken up. The University may also set up a Skill Development Centre. The same was placed before the Board for perusal and direction.

Resolution : The Board appreciated the initiatives taken so far and approved the agenda item.

Item No. 3 : Vision of the University :

PB:23:09-24:3 : With changing time, there is need to re-look into the vision set by the University. Director, IQAC has placed the vision of the University as envisaged in Institution Development Plan of the University for further deliberation and suggestion from the Board Members.

Resolution : The Director IQAC presented a draft of Institutional Development Plan, as per the guidelines of UGC. The Board noted the same. Further the Planning Board observed that the mission and vision statements may be elaborated and revised following necessary procedures. The Planning Board directed IQAC of the University to take necessary action on the matter .

Item No. 4 : Emphasizing Indian Knowledge System (IKS) and Value Oriented Education in Academic Curriculum :

PB:23:09-24:4 : In accordance with the priorities set by Dept. of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, GoI, the University has already incorporated IKS and Value Oriented Education as a part of Higher Education. However, there may be need for greater emphasis on the matter.

The same was placed before the Board for deliberation and direction in this regard.

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Resolution : The Director IQAC informed about the proposal submitted to authorities to include IKS components in regular academic activities of the University, as per NEP 2020 guidelines. Accordingly, some units may be included in some course in all subjects, that is based on IKS in respective subjects. Also, the departments may propose and initiate diploma or certificate courses, as value added course. The IKS activities to be strengthened through IKS Centre.

Item No. 5 : Review of D. Litt/D. Sc courses offered by Assam University :

PB:23:09-24:5 : Matter shall be placed for discussion by the Chairman of Planning Board.

Resolution : The Chairperson informed the Board about recent steps by some Universities to discontinue the Programme in their said Universities. The matter of DSc/DLitt Regulation of the University which is still under review was also discussed. After detailed discussion on the issues it was felt by the Planning Board that the admission to the Courses needs to be put on hold till the issues are sorted out.

Item No. 6 : Holding of Convocation Programme immediately after Foundation Day of the University :

PB:23:09-24:6 : The 115th meeting of the Executive Council vide resolution No. EC:115:11-17:19 and the 146th meeting of the Executive Council vide resolution No. EC:146:01-22:32 dtd. 12th January 2022 has taken decisions on holding of Convocation Programme in the 1st quarter of every year. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has proposed to hold Convocation immediate after the Foundation Day of the University (The University Foundation Day is on 21st January).

The same was placed before the Planning Board for perusal and direction, if any.

Resolution : The Board agreed to the same subject to feasibility analysis on year to year basis by Examination branch and Administration of the University

Item No. 7 : Proposal for appointment of Distinguished Visiting Faculty & Professor of Practice hereinafter :

PB:23:09-24:7 : The University proposes for appointment of Distinguished Visiting Faculty and Professor of Practice in the University as per guidelines of the UGC as per requirement hereinafter.

The same was placed before the Board for perusal and direction.

Resolution : The Council approved the proposal of appointment of Distinguished Visiting Faculty and Professor of Practice as per UGC norms.

Item No. 8 : Item from the Chair :

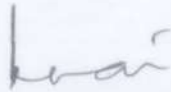
PB:23:09-24:8 : There was no item from the Chair.

Item No. 9 : Proposal of IQAC to prepare Financial plan for the Academic departments for running various Courses :

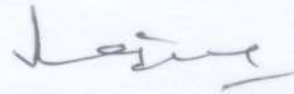
PB:23:09-24:9 : The Director, IQAC with permission from the Chair has proposed for preparation of Financial plan for the Academic departments for running various Courses in the University.

Resolution : The item was discussed in detail and the Planning Board authorised the Director, IQAC to prepare Financial Plan for the Academic departments for running various Courses by March of every year for the following Financial Year.

There being no other item to discuss, the meeting ended with thanks from & to the Chair.



(Dr. Pradosh Kiron Nath)
Ex-officio-Secretary
Planning Board
Assam University, Silchar



(Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant)
Vice Chancellor & Chairman
Planning Board
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