

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

Minutes of the 74th meeting of the Executive Council held on 26.06.2023 at 12.00 noon in the Meeting Room of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, University of North Bengal.

The following members were present:

1. Professor Sanchari Roy Mukherjee, Vice-Chancellor, University of North Bengal – In the Chair
2. Professor Subhas Ch. Roy, Dean, Faculty Council for PG Studies in Science, NBU
3. Professor Rathin Bandyopadhyay, Dean, Faculty Council for PG Studies in Arts, Commerce & Law, NBU
4. Principal, Darjeeling Govt. College
5. Principal, Jalpaguri Law College
6. Principal, Ananda Chandra College
7. Principal, University B. T. & Evening College
8. Principal, Alipurduar Mahila Mahavidyalaya
9. Principal, Suryasen Mahavidyalaya
10. Principal, Sukanta Mahavidyalaya
11. Head, Department of Bengali, University of North Bengal
12. Head, Department of Bioinformatics, University of North Bengal
13. Head, Department of Biotechnology, University of North Bengal

Registrar Dr. Nupur Das, Secretary to the Executive Council was present.

Finance Officer, Deputy Finance Officer, Joint Registrar and Chief Engineer attended the meeting as invitee member.

Zero Hour

At the outset members of the Executive Council extended hearty welcome to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sanchari Roy Mukherjee for joining as Vice-Chancellor of University of North Bengal on 22nd May, 2023.

Prof. Ranadhir Chakraborty, HOD, Department of Biotechnology and Member, Executive Council expressed great concern about the quality of research work. He specifically apprised the Executive Council about the present ranking of NIRF of the University which is not at all satisfactory. He also emphasized that the contractual teacher with more than five years continuous teaching experience may be given the opportunity to guide research scholar. Hon'ble Vice – Chancellor informed the house that the Ph.d Regulation, 2022 which was framed in the light of the UGC Regulation, 2022 shall be again placed before the next Faculty Council meeting for necessary amendments.

Agenda: -

1. To confirm the minutes of the 73rd meeting of the Executive Council held on 19.05.2023.

Decision: Resolved that the Minutes of the 73rd meeting of the Executive Council held on 19.05.2023 be confirmed with the following modifications in relation to agenda no. 12 and 37 which are to be suspended and the effect therein to be withdrawn temporarily.

Agenda No. 7 be modified as per the following inclusion in the Decision

As per recommendation of the committee, the University shall provide the following to the Visiting Professors / Fellows –

- Reimbursement of domestic travel by air in economy class
- Local conveyance, food and lodging
- Honorarium
- Certificate of Recognition
- Display of Profile and Biodata on the University's website

In case of Visiting Professors/Fellows from other countries, the concerned Department may coordinate with them to know their likely period of visit to India and can plan their visit to the University to avail his/her expertise.

2. To consider the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions of the Executive Council held on 19.05.2023.

Decision: The Executive Council noted and approved the Action Taken Report.

3. To consider the letter for lien of Prof. Sanchari Roy Mukherjee, Department of Economics dated 22.05.2023 to join as Vice-Chancellor, University of North Bengal *w.e.f.* 22.05.2023 (forenoon).

Decision: Resolved that Prof. Sanchari Roy Mukherjee, Department of Economics be granted lien *w.e.f.* 22.05.2023 (forenoon) for six months or any other order which may be issued by the Competent Authority, whichever is earlier.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

4. To consider the letter of the Head, Department of Microbiology vide Ref. No. Micro/2023-24/38(A) dated 15.05.2023 regarding creation of substantive teaching posts [three (3) Assistant Professor & one (1) Professor] and one (1) substantive Technical Assistant for laboratory.

Decision: Resolved that the matter regarding creation of substantive teaching and non – teaching posts in the Department of Microbiology, University of North Bengal be sent to the Higher Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal with necessary justification alongwith the filled up proforma of the Finance Department of the Government.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

5. To consider the letter of the Head, Department of Anthropology, NBU vide no. VC/Anth-23/245 dated 23.05.2023 regarding discontinuation of UG Honours Course in Anthropology from the session 2023-2024 in the Department of Anthropology, NBU.

Decision: Resolved that the letter of the Head, Department of Anthropology, NBU vide no. VC/Anth-23/245 dated 23.05.2023 regarding discontinuation of UG Honours Course in Anthropology from the session 2023-2024 in the Department of Anthropology, NBU be approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

6. To consider the proposal submitted by the Finance Officer (Offg.) dated 30.05.2023 regarding amendment of the University Financial and Accounts Rules under clause no. (10)(i) and (ii)(a) of Chapter XXIII as recommended by the Chief Engineer in connection of the Decision of 198th Finance Committee meeting under item no. 10 dated 17.05.2023 which is duly approved by the EC dated 19.05.2023.

Decision: Resolved that the proposed amendments of University “Financial and Accounts Rules” under clause no. (10)(i) and 10(ii)(a) of Chapter XXIII duly considered by the Finance Committee in its meeting dated 17.05.2023 was approved. The Finance Officer was requested to insert the said amendments in the concerned chapter of the University “Financial and Accounts Rules”.

It was further resolved that the proposed “Revised Rate” for “Tender Documents”, “Agreements Fees”, “Cost of Form No. 2911” be effective from the date of the meeting of the Executive Council. The Chief Engineer was requested to adopt the rate at par with the Govt. of West Bengal rate in all such cases as and when revised subject to approval of the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

7. To consider the letter of Prof. Sanjay Roy, Department of Sociology vide Ref. No. Socio/23/042 dated 31.05.2023 addressed to the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor regarding issue related to Earned Leave Account of teachers.

Decision: Resolved that the matter of granting earned leave beyond 300 days to the university teachers be referred to the Higher Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal for necessary directives. Further resolved that in the meantime, the practice of the other state aided universities regarding granting of earned leave exceeding 300 days may be sought.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

8. To consider the Holiday List of the University and its colleges affiliated to this University for the year 2023 (July 2023 to December 2023).

Decision: Resolved that the Holiday List of the University and its affiliated colleges for the year 2023 (July 2023 to December 2023) be approved with following modification:

‘Winter holiday’s for the colleges other than hills areas be substituted with ‘Winter recess’.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

9. To consider the note of the Joint Registrar dated 06.06.2023 to frame a policy on the basis of prayer of some casual/contractual employees of Watch and Ward Department regarding holiday/leave/extra remuneration.

Decision: The item be deferred. A committee to be constituted by the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor with request to submit a comprehensive report.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

10. To consider the proposal of the construction of “Watch & Ward Building” at NBU Jalpaiguri Campus submitted by the Chief Engineer, NBU dated 07.06.2023.

Decision: Resolved that the proposal of the construction of “Watch & Ward Building” at NBU Jalpaiguri Campus submitted by the Chief Engineer, NBU dated 07.06.2023 be approved. However, no University fund is to be utilized till receipt of the funds from the Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

11. To consider the joint letter of the President & General Secretary, NBUEA dated 02.06.2023 regarding charter of demands relating to transfer of Mr. Jayanta Mukherjee.

Decision: Resolved that the decision of transfer of Mr. Jayanta Mukherjee, SAE be revoked with immediate effect including Biplab Roy, SAE Contractual Engineering Branch who were posted in the NBU Jalpaiguri Campus. Further proposed that based on necessary requirements, the Chief Engineer, University of North Bengal shall depute employees of engineering branch on rotational basis to NBU Jalpaiguri Campus subject to the approval of the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor. It was also resolved that the employees who will be deputed in the Jalpaiguri Campus for urgent requirement will be paid conveyance charge @ Rs 200/- per day.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

12. To consider a confidential letter received from Joint Registrar, University of North Bengal in the matter of P. D. Women’s College, Jalpaiguri.

Decision: Resolved that the one man inquiry report submitted by the Joint Registrar, University of North Bengal be approved. Action as suggested in the report be taken forthwith. Further resolved that President, P.D. Women's College, Jalpaiguri be cautioned that without taking consent of the Governing Body, no policy matter henceforth be taken by himself at his own discretion.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

13. To consider the minutes of the 199th Finance Committee meeting held on 22.06.2023.

Decision: Resolved that the minutes of the 199th Finance Committee meeting held on 22.06.2023 be approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

14. To consider the note of the Inspector of Colleges vide no. 153/Int/Insp/23 dated 19.06.2023 regarding inspection reports for introduction of various subjects including NCC pursuant to G.O. 956(20)-Edn(U)/EH11 IU-49/21 dated 12.11.2021 and new seat matrix of Jalpaiguri Law College, Jalpaiguri, for giving effect to G.O. 339-Edn(CS)-OM-74L-2023 dated 26.05.2023.

Decision: Resolved that the note of the Inspector of Colleges vide no. 153/Int/Insp/23 dated 19.06.2023 regarding inspection reports for introduction of various subjects including NCC pursuant to G.O. 956(20)-Edn(U)/EH11 IU-49/21 dated 12.11.2021 and new seat matrix of Jalpaiguri Law College, Jalpaiguri, for giving effect to G.O. 339-Edn(CS)-OM-74L-2023 dated 26.05.2023 be approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

15. To consider the matter relating to Ph.D. Supervision and submission of thesis under the supervision of Prof. Sanchari Roy Mukherjee, Department of Economics and the present Vice-Chancellor of University of North Bengal.

Decision: Resolved that the matter relating to Ph.D. Supervision and submission of thesis under the supervision of Prof. Sanchari Roy Mukherjee, Department of Economics and the present Vice - Chancellor of University of North Bengal be left to the Dean, Faculty Council for P.G. Studies Arts, Commerce & Law for further action as per extant regulation / rules etc.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

16. To consider the minutes of the House Allotment Committee Meeting dated 16.06.2023.

Decision: Resolved that the minutes of the House Allotment Committee Meeting dated 16.06.2023 be approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

17. To consider the FYUGP Regulations for B.A./B.Com./BBA/B.Ac./BCA 4-year undergraduate program (FYUGP) with single major under the new curriculum and credit framework, 2022.

Decision: Resolved that the FYUGP Regulations for B.A./B.Com./BBA/B.Ac./BCA 4-year undergraduate program (FYUGP) with single major under the new curriculum and credit framework, 2022 be approved with minor modification.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

18. To report that the following candidates have been admitted/awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the subject mentioned against their name *w.e.f.* their respective dates of recommendations by the Boards of Examiners of Viva-Voce Examinations:

Sl.No.	Name of the Candidate	Name of the Supervisor(s)	Subject	Topic	Date when Admitted
01	Kousik Das	Prof. M. Singha	Mathematics	Topological Hyperalgebra with special emphasis on Topological Hypergroups	15/05/2023
02	Bappaditya Ghosh	Prof. Min Bahadur & Prof. A. Mukhopadhyay (co-supervisor)	Zoology	Genetic Characterization of Nucleopolyhedrovirus Isolated from <i>Hyposidra talaca</i> Walkar (Lepidoptera : Geometridae), a Tea Pest in Terai Region of Darjeeling Foothills, India	22/05/2023
03	Prashanta Sarkar	Prof. S.K. Dwivedi	Hindi	UDAY PRAKASH KA KATHA SAHITYA : BHOOMANDALIKARAN KA PARIPREKSHYA	30/05/2023

Decision: Resolved that the reports of the *viva-voce* of the above-mentioned candidates as per Regulations relating to M.Phil. & Ph.D. Programme [framed in compliance with the UGC (minimum standard and procedure for award M.Phil./Ph.D. degree) Regulations 2016] be approved and the incumbent be awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the subject mentioned against their name *w.e.f.* their respective dates of recommendations by the Boards of Examiners of Viva-Voce Examinations vide EC decision 10.03.2018 under item no. 3. The incumbent shall be provided with the ceremonial certificate in the next Convocation of the University.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

19. To report that Prof. Sanchari Roy Mukherjee joined as Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of University of North Bengal as per Order no. WBG/AB/245 dated 19.05.2023 on 22.05.2023 (forenoon).

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

20. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the admissibility report in respect of Dr. Priyanka Karmakar, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology regarding advance increment for Ph.D. degree.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

21. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the note of the Joint Registrar dated 31.05.2023 regarding assignment of Shri Mahash Esh, Sr. Information Scientist, NBU as Officer-in-Charge, NBU Kolkata Camp Office *w.e.f.* 01.06.2023.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

22. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the up-gradation of pay of Shri Manash Esh, Sr. Information Scientist, University Library, NBU.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

23. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the admissibility report in respect of Dr. Binayak Sundas, Assistant Professor, Centre for Himalayan Studies regarding advance increment for Ph.D. degree.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

24. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the note of the Controller of Examinations vide ref. no. 247/C/CE-2023 dated 02.06.2023 regarding special chance to clear back papers for the UG Candidates of 2020-2021 session who could not clear their 1st semester examination within three consecutive chances, which not to be cited as precedence.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

25. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has appointed Shri Surajit Das, Deputy Finance Officer, NBU to act as Audit and Accounts Officer, NBU for a period of two months *w.e.f.* 04.06.2023 in addition to his normal duties as Deputy Finance Officer, NBU or any other order whichever is earlier.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

26. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved study leave to Shri Rabi Bera, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science for the period of two years *w.e.f.* 18.06.2023 to 17.06.2025.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

27. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has appointed Advocates Shri Arunabha Banerjee and Shri Kallol Basu in the matter of defending the interests of the University, The Registrar, The Chancellor (As directed by Hon'ble Chancellor 's Office) and the Vice Chancellor in the PIL.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

28. To consider the letter of the Principal, University B. T. & Evening College vide no. 881/VC/EBTEC/2023 dated 17.06.2023 regarding recruitment of Gr. D and Gr. C staff.

Decision: Resolved that the legal opinion as sent by the University lawyer, Siliguri be accepted. University shall initiate the process of interview forthwith following the extant ordinances of the University.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

29. To consider the prayer of General students of the University dated 19.06.2023 regarding collection of Sports fee and association fee.

Decision: Resolved that the prayer of General students of the University dated 19.06.2023 regarding collection of Sports fee amounting Rs. 75/-and association fee be proportionality be enhanced.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

30. To consider the letter of the General Secretary, NBUEA dated 23.06.2023 regarding festival advance for the year 2023 amounting Rs. 30,000/-.

Decision: Resolved that Rs. 27,500/- as Festival Advance of 2023-24 be granted to the University Employees working under substantive capacity. The eligible Contractual Employees will be granted festival advance of 2023-24 as previous year practice and procedures. It was further resolved that no enhancement shall be made of festival advance for the employees till the year 2026-27.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

31. To consider the minutes of the meeting of the committee constituted by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor dated 22.06.2023.

Decision: Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the committee constituted by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor dated 22.06.2023 be approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

32. To consider the letter of the Director, IQAC vide ref. no. 1153/IQAC/2023 dated 22.06.2023 regarding reconstitution of IQAC Committee.

Decision: Resolved that the following members be included in the new IQAC committee w.e.f. 03.07.2023 for a period of two years.

Member of the IQAC, NBU:

1. Hon'ble Vice – Chancellor, NBU – Chairperson
2. Prof. Debabrata Mitra, Department of Commerce, NBU
3. Prof. Bikash Ch Paul, Department of Physics, NBU
4. Prof. Subhas Ch Roy, Department of Botany, NBU
5. Prof. Ranadhir Chakraborty, Department of Biotechnology, NBU
6. Prof. Manoranjan Singha, Department of Mathematics, NBU
7. Prof. Saptarshi Ghosh, Department of Library Science, NBU
8. Prof. Rathin Bandopadhyay, Department of Law, NBU
9. Dr. Ardhendu Mandal, Department of Computer Science & Technology, NBU
10. Dr. Gobindo Choudhury, Department of Economics, NBU
11. Dr. Tilak Saha, Department of Zoology, NBU
12. Dr. Swagata Ghosh, Department of Philosophy, NBU
13. Dr. Sujoy Rana, Department of Chemistry, NBU
14. Dr. Manoj Biswakarma, Department of Hindi, NBU

15. Principal, Darjeeling Govt College
16. Mr. Anirban Biswas, Head, CIRM, NBU
17. Dr. S. K. Rakshit, Joint Registrar, NBU
18. Mr. Gautam Deb, Mayor, Siliguri Municipal Corporation, Siliguri
19. Ms. Laxmi Limbu Kaushal, CII
20. Mr. Raj Basu, Tourism Industrialist.
21. Mr. Pradip Agarwal, CII, North Bengal
22. Prof. Ranjita Chakraborty, Director & Co-ordinator, NBU

Confirmed with immediate effect.

33. To consider the note of the Inspector of Colleges vide no. 165/Int/Insp/23 dated 23.06.2023 regarding revised seat matrix Colleges.

Decision: Resolved that the note of the Inspector of Colleges vide no. 165/Int/Insp/23 dated 23.06.2023 regarding revised seat matrix for Colleges be approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

34. To consider the note of the Registrar (Offg.) dated 26.06.2023 regarding Generalized and Specific pointers.

Decision: Resolved that the note of the Registrar (Offg.) dated 26.06.2023 regarding Generalized and Specific pointers be approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

35. To consider the note of the Registrar (Offg.) dated 26.06.2023 regarding budget provision for organizing conference between the Hon'ble Chancellor and Vice-Chancellors of the various universities at NBU on 28.06.2023.

Decision: Resolved that the note of the Registrar (Offg.) dated 26.06.2023 regarding budget provision for organizing conference between the Hon'ble Chancellor and Vice-Chancellors of the various universities at NBU on 28.06.2023 be approved.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

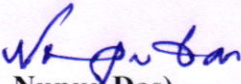
36. To consider the note of the Finance Officer (Offg.) dated 23.06.2023 duly endorsed by the Finance Committee dated 22.06.2023 under item no. supplementary XVI regarding the final report of the Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor dated 03.09.2022 to explore the possibility for enhancement of remuneration of casual and contractual non-teaching employees.

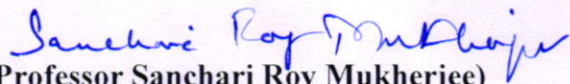
Decision: Item be deferred.

37. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has approved the note of the Inspector of Colleges vide ref. no. 164/Int/Insp-23 dated 23.06.2023 regarding inspection report on the introduction of Geography in U.G. Course in self-financing mode and Marketing and Sales Management as one of the Career Oriented Programs in Birsa Munda College, Hatighisa and NCC in Alipurduar College.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified.

As there was no other business to consider, the meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.


(Dr. Nupur Das)
Secretary
and Registrar


(Professor Sanchari Roy Mukherjee)
Chairperson
and Honorable Vice-Chancellor