

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

Minutes of the 71st meeting of the Executive Council held on 25.11.2022 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 Om Prakash Mishra, Vice-Chancellor, University of North Bengal – In the Chair
2. Prof. Dyutis Chakrabarti, Associate Professor (Retired), Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal
3. Professor Subhas Ch. Roy, Dean, Faculty Council for PG Studies in Science, University of North Bengal
4. Professor Rathin Bandyopadhyay, Dean, Faculty Council for PG Studies in Arts, Commerce & Law, University of North Bengal
5. The Principal, University B. T. & Evening College
6. The Principal, Indian Institute of Legal Studies
7. The Principal, Siliguri College
8. The Principal, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy Government College
9. The Principal/TIC, Maynaguri College
10. The Principal, Kalimpong College
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

Leave of absence was granted to Director of Public Instruction, Govt. of West Bengal, Sri Siladitya Basu Ray, Special Commissioner, Higher Education Department, Prof. Shanti Chhetry, Vice-Chancellor, University of Gour Banga and Principal, P.D. Women's College. It was noted that the term of the Chancellor's Nominee – The Vice-Chancellor of NSOU Professor Ranjan Chakraborty has expired.

Zero Hour

Professor Rathin Bandyopadhyay, requested that agenda and the relevant papers should be sent to the members in due time. The Chairman requested the Registrar and Secretary, Executive Council to do the needful in this regard in future.

Agenda:-

1. To confirm the minutes of the 70th meeting of the Executive Council held on 20.10.2022

Decision: Resolved that the Minutes of the 70th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 20.10.2022 be confirmed.

2. To consider the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions of the Executive Council held on 20.10.2022

Decision: Noted and approved. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman reported that the following two committees i.e. Vision Document on NBU Jalpaiguri Campus and the formation of the Committee on DDE issue could not materialise as per resolution of the last Executive Council meeting. This would be undertaken as soon as possible.

3. To note the decision in the Cabinet, Govt. of West Bengal held on September 19, 2022 on the Proposal for transfer of user right in respect of 5.00 acres of land at North Bengal University Campus for setting up of an Institute of Hotel Management in NBU Campus.

Discussion: The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NBU and the Chairman, Executive Council, NBU, presented the detailed background of the decision of the Cabinet of Government of West Bengal on the subject of setting up of an institute for imparting courses and programmes on hotel management. He categorically stated that the proposed institute is going to be a government controlled institution. There is no company or corporate entity involved. The proposal has the following background:

- ❖ On 08.11.2019 the Executive Council of the University under Item No. 4(vi)(d) resolved to send a proposal to the Department of Higher Education for a sanction of grants of Rs. 15.00 crore for the opening of a programme of Hotel and Tourism Management at North Bengal University vide letter No. 1096/R-19 dated 08.11.2019.
- ❖ On 03.12.2019 the University was informed by the Department of Higher Education that an Expert Committee has been formed for considering all the aspects vide letter dated 27th November, 2019.
- ❖ On 23.12.2019 the said Committee met at NBU Kolkata Camp Office and prepared a Report for submission before the Department of Higher Education with the commitment to identify five acres of land at NBU Campus along with other relevant information and sent the same to the Principal Secretary to the GoWB, Department of Higher Education vide letter No. 52/R-2020 dated 15.01.2020.

- ❖ On 27.10.2021 the University sent a letter of request to the Department of Higher Education, GoWB expediting the process of establishment of the said course at NBU and to make a policy decision vide letter No. 530/R-21 dated 27.10.2021.
- ❖ During the month of March, 2022 a team comprising Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, District Magistrate of Darjeeling, Estate Officer, NBU visited the proposed site and identified the land of about 5 acres in the Northern part of the Campus.
- ❖ Following a meeting between the Vice-Chancellor in-Charge (Dean Science), Registrar (Officiating), Joint Registrar and others as well as Tourism Department Official, Sri Jyoti Ghosh from the office of the Tourism Department, Siliguri visited the proposed area and the land identified by the BLRO (Memo No. 944, Dated 14.02.2022) about 12 acres of land from a piece of 44.60 acres under LR Khatian 370 of which 6.5 acres were under Rubber and Tea Plantation leaving 4.5 acres free and vacant and 1 acre of land with old tea bushes. The copy of the sketch map was shared with the BDO.
- ❖ The Department of Tourism proceeded to prepare the DPR and shared the details with the University through the Deputy Secretary, Department of Tourism (No. 584-DT/TM-15013(99) dated 20.06.2022.
- ❖ On 14.10.2022 a draft MOU for establishing State Institute of Hotel Management was shared by the Department of Tourism for initial signing by the University Nominee and Representatives of the Higher Education Department and Tourism Department. The University intends to proceed further on the basis that no cost of infrastructure development is to be incurred by the University and the Department of Higher Education has the concurrence in the use of earmarked land by the Department of Tourism, Government of West Bengal at the initial stage after which further arrangements may be considered.
- ❖ On 19.10.2022 the University received a letter vide No. 526-EDN/NCC/1L-01/2022 (Part) intimating the approval of the proposal by the Cabinet of Government of West Bengal on 19.09.2022.
- ❖ Later the University sent a four member Study Team at the State Institute of Hotel Management, Durgapur comprising three teachers and one officer under the Chairmanship of Professor Arnab Sen, a senior Professor of the University, Department of Botany to submit a report on the activities, programme and management structure of SIHM, Durgapur.

- ❖ The Study Team on completion of their visit on 09.11.2022 submitted a report which was placed before the Executive Council on 25.11.2022 wherein it has been categorically mentioned that SIHM is under the affiliation of the NCHMCT under the control of the Department of Tourism, Govt. of West Bengal and there is no private participation and control of any private players or companies in whatsoever matters of the Institution, whether regulatory, academic or otherwise.
- ❖ In the said Decision in the Cabinet it has also been found that in compliance of the Legal aspects, Financial aspects and the Land and Land Reforms Departmental aspects the decision was as under:

“The Higher Education Department now proposes for approval of the proposal as enclosed with the Cabinet Memorandum for granting user right of 5.00 acres of land in favour of the State Institute of Hotel management, Siliguri by the North Bengal University for setting up the State Institute of Hotel Management at North Bengal University Campus and for permitting the North Bengal University and the State Institute of Hotel Management, Siliguri to execute the proposed MoU as enclosed, with the Tourism Department and the Higher Education Department as confirming parties.”

On completion of the brief presentation, the Chairman, Executive Council requested the members to share their observation and opinion in this matter. Accordingly, each and every member presents in the Meeting placed their opinion one by one.

- (i) Principal, University B.T. & Evening College: It is the Decision in the Cabinet, Govt. of West Bengal. We should counter the misgivings on this issue.
- (ii) Dr. John J. George, Head Department of Bioinformatics: It is the Decision in the Cabinet, Government of West Bengal and there is no reason not to accept.
- (iii) Dr. Sujit Ghosh, Principal, Siliguri College expressed the same views as above.
- (iv) Dr. Mayukh Sarkar, Principal, APC, Govt. College: It should be a fully Government organisation. It is a very good concept which will cater to the needs of the youth of this region. Moreover, it is the Decision in the Cabinet, Govt. of West Bengal.
- (v) Dr. Ganeshji Tiwari, Principal, ILS: It is going to be a Government organisation. He mentioned that there is an institute in Sikkim also. Moreover, job opportunities can be created.
- (vi) Principal, Maynaguri College: It is a demanding course, and students will largely be benefitted if such an institute is opened in the NBU Campus.

- (vii) Dr. Anoop Kumar, Head, Department of Bio-technology: It will be beneficial for the University. An area has already been earmarked. Students from across all over India will take admission through Joint Entrance Board.
- (viii) Dr. R. P. Dhakal, Principal, Kalimpong College: It is a technical matter but since a Decision in the Cabinet, Govt. of West Bengal has already been taken, University need to respect.
- (ix) Professor Utpal Mandal: It is good to start an academic institute. There may be some communication gap, I think. However, the entire process has been done in compliance of the Legal aspects, financial aspects and the Land and Land Reforms Departmental aspects.
- (x) Prof. Dyutis Chakraborty: The proposal was mooted by the NBU in 2019. Dissemination of knowledge, training up of students and teachers, vocational training would benefit as the institute would be under the aegis of the State and Central Government bodies.
- (xi) Professor Rathin Bandyopadhyay, Dean, FC of Arts, Commerce & Law: I do not support the way it is being done. Legal opinion is taken or not? A lot of clarity is required. There are plenty of land, why it is in the University?
In his opinion, the decision in the Cabinet should have been “Noted” only.
- (xii) Professor S. C. Roy, Dean, FC of Science: I request all the members to go through the details of the papers started since 2019. It is the Decision in the Cabinet, Govt. of West Bengal and it seems that legal opinion was obtained by the Government.

It was clarified by the Chairman that the land earmarked by the University is not at all in the front of the University and that there is no provision in the proposed MOU to involve any private company or corporate entity. He also pointed out that both the Higher Education and the Tourism Department of Government of West Bengal, would be confirming the proposed MOU.

Decision: After threadbare discussion on this issue it is resolved to Note the Decision in the Cabinet, Govt. of West Bengal dated 19.09.2022 and undertake all necessary follow up actions including signing of an MOU. It was also decided that the MOU would clearly stipulate that land would be under the ownership of the University.

Out of the total number of twelve members all accepted the decision except for Prof. Rathin Bandyopadhyay. His reservation is noted.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

4. To note the letter received from the Hon'ble Chancellor, NBU and Governor of West Bengal regarding the meeting of The Court, University of North Bengal.

Decision: Noted.

5. To consider the reconstitution of the Research and Development Cell in the University in compliance with UGC Guidelines vide no. 1-5/2021(NEP/Desk-parl) dated 29.04.2022.

Decision: Resolved that Prof. (Dr.) Pranab Ghosh, Department of Chemistry be nominated as the Director of the Research and Development Cell of the University of North Bengal. On several occasions UGC requested the University Authority to implement the Guidelines for establishment of Research and Development Cell in Higher Education Institutions which pave the way for integrating the key elements – Research, Innovation and Technology Development of India. Considering the importance and urgency of the matter the Executive Council proposes the name of Prof. (Dr.) Pranab Ghosh, Department of Chemistry as the Director of the Research and Development Cell of the University of North Bengal, keeping in mind his vast experience of Teaching and Research and his administrative experience of performing additional duties of the Post of Registrar of this University. Prof. Ghosh is requested to suggest formation of various committees related to the Cell for taking future course of action from the part of the University.

Development Officer be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

6. To consider various issues related to Solar Power plant instituted by the North Bengal Development Department, Govt of West Bengal at NBU Main Campus.

Decision: The Chief Engineer of the University of North Bengal apprised the members the background history of the Solar Power plant issue and the outcome of the meeting with the Principal Secretary, NBDD and the Chief Engineer, NBDD with the officials of North Bengal University in the presence of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. The University raised questions both related to the activation of the Solar Panel and the damage to the roofs of the various buildings. University requested that the NBDD should reimburse the expenses related to the repair and restoration of the roofs of the several buildings and also undertake the remaining work of repair and reconstruction. The NBDD officials pointed out that they did not receive necessary cooperation and that they are short of funds. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and the Principal Secretary, NBDD have asked both the sides to work together and it was decided in the meeting Solar Panel would be activated within 28th February 2023.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

7. To consider the proposed MoU between Institute of Language Studies and Research (ISLR), Kolkata, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of West Bengal with the UGC-HRDC, NBU.

Decision: Resolved that the proposed MoU between Institute of Language Studies and Research (ISLR), Kolkata, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of West Bengal with the UGC-HRDC,

NBU be approved. It was also resolved that Faculty Development Programme, Doctoral and Post Doctoral Works can also be undertaken jointly by both the sides in accordance with the desired academic standards.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take further necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

8. To consider the proposed MoU between Centre of Floriculture and Agribusiness Management (COFAM'S) revenue-sharing PPP with Ecobhumi Bioagri Concepts Pvt. Ltd. (EBCPL).

Decision: Resolved that the proposed MoU between Centre of Floriculture and Agribusiness Management (COFAM'S) revenue-sharing PPP with Ecobhumi Bioagri Concepts Pvt. Ltd. (EBCPL) is agreed in principle. On the direction of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Professor Subhas Ch. Roy, Dean, Faculty Council for PG Studies in Science, Professor Ranadhir Chakraborty, Department of Biotechnology, Professor Anoop Kumar, Head, Department of Biotechnology and Dr. S. N. Saha, Finance Officer (Offg.) of the University have agreed to follow various steps and procedure to take forward the proposal. The Executive Council decided to constitute a Committee of the above teachers to finalise terms and conditions with the Dean, Faculty Council of Science as Chairperson and Head, Department of Biotechnology as Convener in this regard.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

9. To consider rules of conduct of business and procedure of the meetings of the Executive Council of the University.

Decision: Resolved that a committee be formed with the following members to frame the rules of conduct of business and procedure of the meetings of the Executive Council of the University in line with the conduct of business and procedure of The Court, University of North Bengal:

- a) Prof. Soumitra De, Department of Political Science – Chairman
- b) Prof. Ranjan Ghosh, Department of English
- c) Dr. Mayukh Sarkar, Principal, APC Govt. College, Matigara
- d) Finance Officer (Offg.), NBU
- e) Joint Registrar, NBU -- Convener

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

10. To consider the note of the Controller of Examination vide no. 3407/A/CE-2022 dated 11.11.2022 regarding the amendment of decision of the EC meeting dated 20.10.2022 under item no. 7 as "A Special Supplementary Examination shall be conducted for the candidates

having back papers in 3rd & 4th Semester Examinations within six weeks after Post Publication Scrutiny results. However, the total number of chances to pass in a particular paper shall be limited to three including the chance in the Special Supplementary Examination.”

Decision: Resolved that the note of the Controller of Examination vide no. 3407/A/CE-2022 dated 11.11.2022 be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

11. To consider the proposal of Resource Mapping of the University Land.

Decision: The proposal of Resource Mapping of the University Land would be most welcome. This is necessary in order to execute proper planning, conservation and development of all the bio-resources within the vast NBU Campus which includes land, greenery, open and covered areas, flora and fauna. The following members are nominated:

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| 1. Prof. Ranjan Roy, Department of Geography & Applied Geography, NBU | - Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Saptarshi Ghosh, Department of Library & Information Science, NBU | -Member |
| 3. Prof. Monoranjan Choudhury, Department of Botany, NBU | - Member |
| 4. Prof. Dhiraj Saha, Department of Zoology, NBU | -Member |
| 5. Mr. Apurba Paul., Center for Himalayan Studies, NBU | -Member Convener |

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

12. To consider the proposal of Construction of a Multipurpose Hall inside the NBU Campus.

Decision: Resolved that the proposal of Construction of a Multipurpose Hall inside the NBU Campus be approved. However, utilization of existing infrastructure should also be taken up while carrying out the work.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

13. To consider the proposal of the Directorate of Distance Education, NBU to create Study Centres at different locations.

Decision: Resolved that the proposal of the Directorate of Distance Education, NBU to create Study Centres at different locations be approved. It was further resolved that the Kolkata Camp Office be used for this purpose also. Necessary measures be taken up to create a Study Centre there as well.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

14. To consider the Budget Estimate of the University for the Year 2023-2024 and Revised Estimate of 2022-2023 of the University of North Bengal as recommended by the Finance Committee in its meeting held on 23.11.2022 under item no. 4.

Decision: Resolved that the Budget Estimate of the University for the Year 2023-2024 and Revised Estimate of 2022-2023 of the University of North Bengal as recommended by the Finance Committee in its meeting held on 23.11.2022 under item no. 4 be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

15. To consider the Annual Accounts comprising of the Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure Account and Receipts & Payments Account of the University of the Year 2020-2021 as recommended by the Finance Committee in its meeting held on 23.11.2022 under item no. 5.

Decision: Resolved that the Annual Accounts comprising of the Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure Account and Receipts & Payments Account of the University of the Year 2020-2021 as recommended by the Finance Committee in its meeting held on 23.11.2022 under item no. 5 be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

16. To consider the Minutes of the 122nd meeting of the Purchase Committee held on 21.11.2022.

Decision: Resolved that the Minutes of the 122nd meeting of the Purchase Committee held on 21.11.2022 be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

17. To consider the Minutes of the 195th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 23.11.2022.

Decision: Resolved that the Minutes of the 195th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 23.11.2022 be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

18. To consider the Minutes of the meeting of the Building Committee held on 16.11.2022.

Decision: Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Building Committee held on 16.11.2022 be approved. It was also informed by the Chief Engineer that with the approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor the ongoing projects at NBU where 90% to 95% works have been completed, the University Fund has been utilized for the remaining works in anticipation of receipt of the State Govt. grant.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

19. To consider the letter of Dr. Bhaskar Biswas, Professor, Department of Chemistry dated 10.11.2022 regarding incentivization of 50% of allotted overhead charge to a Principal Investigator of a Research Project.

Decision: Resolved that the letter of Dr. Bhaskar Biswas, Professor, Department of Chemistry dated 10.11.2022 regarding incentivization of 25% of allotted overhead charge to a Principal Investigator of a Research Project be approved. This will be from the 50% of allotted overhead charge to the concerned department where the project is located.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

20. To consider the note of the Inspector of Colleges vide no. 194/68/Int/Insp-22 dated 16.11.2022 regarding inspection report considering affiliation (permanent) of Lilabati Mahavidyalaya.

Decision: Resolved that the note of the Inspector of Colleges vide no. 194/68/Int/Insp-22 dated 16.11.2022 regarding inspection report considering affiliation (permanent) of Lilabati Mahavidyalaya be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

21. To consider the Joint Inspection Report considering affiliation (temporary) of Uttar Banga Maheshwari College (proposed) vide no. 68/Int/Insp-22 dated 18.04.2022.

Decision: Resolved that the Joint Inspection Report considering affiliation (temporary) of Uttar Banga Maheshwari College (proposed) vide no. 68/Int/Insp-22 dated 18.04.2022 be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

22. To consider the note of the Inspector of Colleges vide no. 199/Int/Insp-22 dated 18.11.2022 in the matter of formation of Governing Body in self-financed colleges.

Decision: Resolved that the note of the Inspector of Colleges vide no. 199/Int/Insp-22 dated 18.11.2022 in the matter of formation of Governing Body in self-financed colleges be approved and there will be one nominee of the University instead of two nominees in these colleges.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

23. To consider the note of the Controller of Examinations dated 14.10.2022 in the matter of prayer of Ms. Sunita Rai who was a student of this university bearing Registrar No. AG 6437 in the academic session 1994-95 seeking transcript for her studying in two colleges not having any transfer policy on undergraduate courses of the University at that time.

Decision: Resolved that the note of the Controller of Examinations dated 14.10.2022 be approved as a special case and this is not to be cited as precedence.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

24. To consider the fixation of pay of the following Teacher(s)/Officer/Non-Teaching employees as prepared by the office of the Finance Officer:

Sl.No	Name	Designation	Due to
1	Dr. Gangotree Ghosh	Associate Professor, Dept. of Commerce	Direct Appointment

Decision: Resolved that the fixation of pay of the abovementioned Teacher(s)/Officer/Non-Teaching employees as prepared by the office of the Finance Officer be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

25. To consider the letter of the Head, Department of Biotechnology dated 04.11.2022 regarding sanction of a new faculty post (Regular) for PG programme of the said department.

Decision: Resolved that the letter of the Head, Department of Biotechnology dated 04.11.2022 regarding sanction of a new faculty post (Regular) for PG programme of the said department be approved and the State Govt. be moved accordingly.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

26. To consider the note of the Director, Centre for Distance and Online Education dated 03.11.2022 regarding introduction of new courses.

Decision: Resolved that the note of the Director, Centre for Distance and Online Education dated 03.11.2022 regarding introduction of new courses i.e. one year diploma programmes, six months certificate courses with flexible entry and exit system be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

27. To consider the letter of the Head, Department of Geology dated 04.11.2022 regarding urgent requirement of faculty members in the said department.

Decision: Resolved to constitute a Committee to look into the matter.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

28. To consider the letter of the Head, Department of Geology dated 10.11.2022 regarding requirement of contractual faculty in the said department.

Decision: The Item was taken out.

29. To consider the nomination of a member of the Executive Council to the Finance Committee of the University.

Decision: Resolved that Prof. Dyutis Chakraborty be nominated as the member to the Finance Committee from the Executive Council, NBU.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

30. To consider the Nomination of two Experts to the Standing Committee for the recruitment of Registrar and Finance Officer of the University.

Decision: Resolved that the matter of nomination of Experts be left to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

31. To consider the report submitted by the Study Team on completion of their visit to the State Institute of the Hotel Management, Durgapur.

Decision: Noted. Resolved that the decision of this item be read as taken under Agenda no. 3.

32. To consider the Holiday List 2023 prepared by the Office of the Registrar, NBU and the preparation of University Calendar and Diary for the year 2023.

Decision: Resolved that a committee be formed with the following members to look into all the aspects and may be requested to submit their report at the earliest. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor shall decide after the report is submitted. The members of committee are:

a) Dean, Faculty of PG Science – Chairman

b) Dean, Faculty of ACL

c) Controller of Examinations

d) Joint Registrar -- Convener

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

33. To consider the proposal of Establishment of a Statue of Mahatma Gandhi at NBU Campus.

Decision: Resolved that the proposal of establish a Statue of Mahatma Gandhi at NBU Campus and 2nd October, 2023 proposed for the unveiling of the Statue.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

34. To report that the Chemistry Board of Undergraduate Council has been reconstituted in view of the resignation of the Chairman.

Decision: Resolved that Prof. Anirban Misra, Department of Chemistry be the Chairman of the Board of Undergraduate Council in Chemistry.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

35. To consider the report of the Committee submitted in the matter of meal rate of the guest house canteen of the University.

Decision: Resolved that the report of the Committee submitted in the matter of meal rate of the guest house canteen of the University be approved with 10% increase.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

36. To consider the note of the Joint Registrar dated 28.7.22 regarding enhancement of the pay of Jr. Pharmacist.

Decision: Resolved that a committee be formed with the following members to look into the matter and submit a report for onward transmission to State Govt. The members of the committee would be:

a) Dean, Faculty of PG Science – Chairman

b) Finance Officer (Offg.), NBU

c) Joint Registrar -- Convener

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

37. To consider a letter dated 21.11.2022 of Smt. Anureema Bhattacharyya, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, NBU requesting to allow her to continue research work here and submit her thesis in self-supervision.

Decision: The letter was discussed in detail. Self-supervision of thesis by teachers has been a feature and practice in many Universities. There is every reason to encourage this in our University. However, the concerned teacher(s) must have been teaching at least for five years and should have some research publications. Moreover, the entire mater should be incorporated in the Ph.D. Regulations by the Committee recently constituted in the University following the UGC guidelines of 7th November, 2022.

Since, Smt. Anureema Bhattacharyya, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, NBU fulfills the above stipulation she is permitted to register for Ph.D. under self-supervision. It is

noted that she is registered for Ph.D. under University Calcutta and has been involved in research work.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

38. 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	Joy Sarkar	Prof.Hirak Ray & Prof. S.N. Dhar (Co-sup.)	Commerce	RELATION BETWEEN STOCK MARKET AND SELECT MACRO-ECONOMIC VARIABLES : A STUDY ON PRE AND POST LIBERALIZATION EXPERIENCES IN INDIA	03/11/2022
02	Reha Labar	Prof. A. Sen & Dr. Malay Bhattacharya (Co-sup.)	Botany	Medicinal and molecular profiling of selected tea varieties of Darjeeling and Doors	04/11/2022
03	Dilip Kumar Das	Dr. Debkumar Mukhopadhyay	Economics	INDO - SAARC TRADE: PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS IN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBALIZATION (1985 – 2018)	14/11/2022
04	Debasmita Das	Prof. M.N. Roy	Chemistry	SYNTHESIS, CHARACTERIZATION AND APPLICATIONS OF SOME NANOPARTICLES SUPPLEMENTED WITH LIVING AND CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES	14/11/2022
05	Pranish Bomzan	Prof. M.N. Roy	Chemistry	SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERISATION OF HOST-GUEST INCLUSION COMPLEXES FOR BETTER APPLICATIONS BY PHYSICOCHEMICAL TECHNIQUES	14/11/2022
06	Sudip Sarkar	Prof. A. Misra	Chemistry	Theoretical study of spin polarized electrical and thermal transport properties of mesoscopic systems	16/11/2022
07	Sagar Dey	Prof. B.C. Paul	Physics	Study of Compact Objects with Relativistic Solutions in Different Gravitational Theories	16/11/2022
08	Priyanka Basak	Prof. Debika Saha	Philosophy	Deconstructing the Concept of Body: A Critical Study	21/11/2022
09	Subrata Das	Prof. Utpal Mandal	Bengali	প-২'১০L৳jil -Oj-ol Lbip;çq-aÉ hjPijçm S£h-el Ahru : HLçV çh-nÔoZjaÉL AdÉue	16.11.2022

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 immediately next Convocation of the University.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

39. To report the nomination of University Nominees to the Governing Body of Naxalbari College and Lilabati Mahavidyalay.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified. The following persons were nominated:

Naxalbari Collge : (1) Prof. Shilpi Ghosh, Department of Biotechnology, NBU (2) Prof. Pinak Tarafdar, Department of Anthropology, NBU

Lilabati Mahavidyalay: (1) Smt. Bratati Saren, Assistant Professor in Geography, Birpara College (2) Sri Abhijit Sarkar, Assistant Professor in Geography, Saheed Kshudiram College.

40. To report that the Vice-Chancellor has appointed Dr. Pranab Ghosh, Professor, Department of Chemistry to act as Registrar (Offg.) for a period of one month *w.e.f.* 02.11.2022 (forenoon) in addition to his normal duties as a Professor in the Department of Chemistry or any other order whichever is earlier.

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

41. To report that the Vice-Chancellor has approved the note of the Director, CDOE, NBU dated 09.11.2022 regarding admission to programmes offered by the CDOE without producing any migration Certificate in case of pursuing another programme simultaneously in full time physical mode.

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

42. To report that the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has nominated Professor Ranjita Chakraborty Department of Political Science, NBU as the NAAC Coordinator of NBU.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified. It was noted that the agenda item has been wrongly framed. Professor Ranjita Chakraborty is hereby nominated as Convener of the External Expert Committee to review the report of NAAC.

43. To report that the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has nominated the following persons to the Faculty Council of Post Graduate Studies in Arts, Commerce and Law.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified. The following persons are nominated:

One teacher from the Constituent College or Professional College	Dr. Mousakhi Roy, Siliguri College
Nominee of the Vice-Chancellor, NBU	Prof. Sibaji Pratim Basu, Vice-Chancellor, Vidyasagar University
Research Scholar	Sri Ratan Das, Research Scholar, Department of Bengali, NBU
P.G. Student	Sri Avinaba Roy, Department of Education, NBU

44. To report that the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has nominated the following persons to the Faculty Council of Post Graduate Studies in Science.

Decision: Action of the Vice-Chancellor is noted, approved and ratified. The following persons are nominated:

Nominee of the Vice-Chancellor, NBU	Prof. Anuradha Mukhopadhyay, Vice-Chancellor, The Sanskrit College & University, Kolkata
Research Scholar	Shri Prabir Sarkar, Research Scholar (CSIR Fellow), Department of Physics, NBU
P.G. Student	Shri Rajarshi Sarkar, Student of P.G. 2 nd Semester, Department of Botany, NBU

45. To report that the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has constituted a Committee relating to the creation of NBU fellowships vide its advisory No F66/VC-22/69. Dt 03.11.2022.

Decision: The following persons were nominated:

- (1) Prof. Bikash Ch. Paul, Department of Physics, NBU – Chairman
- (2) Prof. Ranjita Chakraborty, Department of Political Science – Member
- (3) Prof. Manoranjan Singha, Department of Mathematics – Member Convener

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

46. To report that the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has constituted a Committee to consider the report regarding autonomous status of Salesian College vide its advisory No F66/VC-22/71. Dt 03.11.2022.

Decision: The following persons were nominated:

- (1) Prof. Soumitra De, Department of Political Science, NBU – Chairman
- (2) Prof. Samar Kr. Biswas, Department of Anthropology, NBU – Member
- (3) Dr. Nupur Das, Principal Secretary, Undergraduate Council – Member Convener

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

47. To report that the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has constituted a Committee to broaden and strengthen media interaction and outreach of the University vide its advisory No F66/VC-22/70. Dt 03.11.2022.

Decision: The following persons were nominated:

1. Dr. Nupur Das, Principal Secretary, Council for Undergraduate Studies, University of North Bengal-Member
2. Mr. Palash Paul, Development Officer, University of North Bengal-Member (Spokesperson for MIC)
3. Dr. Sudash Lama, Department of History, University of North Bengal-Member (Spokesperson for MIC)
4. Mr. Subhrajyoti Kundu, Department of Mass Communication, University of North Bengal-Member
5. Dr. Prajanamita Dasgupta, Scientific Officer, Department of Chemistry, University of North Bengal-Member

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

48. To report that the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has constituted a Committee relating to the Meal Rate of the guest house canteen of the University vide its advisory No F66/VC-22/68. Dt 03.11.2022.

Decision: The following persons were nominated:

- (1) Dr. Arindam Bhattacharjee, Department of Microbiology, NBU – Chairman
- (2) Dr. Pradip Samanta, Department of Geology, NBU – Member
- (3) Mr. Kalyan Saha, Department of Mathematics, NBU – Member Convener

They have already submitted their report and the same has been accepted by the Executive Council in previous agendum under item no. 35 of this meeting.

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

49. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has appointed the following teacher/officer as Head/Director of the respective department(s):

Sl.no.	Name of the Department/Centre	Name of the Head	With effect from	For the period of
1	Geology	Mr. Koushik Saha	26.11.2022	two years

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

50. To report that Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NBU has nominated Prof. Soumen Bhattacharjee, Head, Department of Zoology as his nominee to represent the University in the Global Education Symposium on the theme of Research and Development in Higher Education to be held at Pune on 23-25 November, 2022.

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

51. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NBU has constituted a committee for an Open House Discussion with all stakeholders of the University at least once in two months.

Decision: The following persons were nominated:

- (1) Prof. Soumitra De, Department of Political Science, NBU-Chairman
- (2) Dr. Saptarshi Ghosh, Department of Library and Information Science, University of North Bengal-Member
- (3) Dr. Manoranjan Choudhury, Department of Botany, University of North Bengal-Convener

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

52. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NBU has constituted a Space Allotment Committee to study and recommend the space of the University.

Decision: The following persons were nominated:

- (4) Prof. Shilpi Ghosh, Department of Bio-technology, NBU - Chairman
- (5) Dr. Arindam Bhattacharjee, Department of Microbiology, NBU
- (6) Dr. Rupak Bhattacharya, Secretary, Faculty Council of Arts, Commerce & Law, NBU
- (7) The Officer in Charge, Department of Ward and Watch, NBU
- (8) The Estate Officer, NBU- Convener

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

53. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NBU has constituted a committee on the renovation of Kolkata Camp Office.

Decision: The following persons were nominated:

- (1) Prof. Rathin Bandopadhyay, Dean, FC, ACL, NBU – Chairman

- (2) Prof. Utpal Mandal, Department of Bengali, NBU – Member
- (3) Mr. Amitabha Deb Barman, Officer-in-Charge, NBU Kolkata Camp Office – Convener

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

54. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NBU has constituted a Review Committee with five external experts to examine the NAAC Report and make appropriate recommendations.

Decision: The following persons were nominated:

- (1) Dr. R.K Chauhan, Former Secretary, UGC, 258 HavzKhas Apartments, New Delhi-110016, chauhandrrk@gmail.com - Chairman
- (2) Dr. RajatAcharyya, Department of Economics & Director HRDC, Jadavpur University, Kolkata- 700 032, rajat.acharyya@gmail.com
- (3) Professor B. K. Punia, Former Vice-Chancellor, MUD, Rohtak, Haryana School of Business, GJUS&T, Hisar, 125 001. Email: bkpunia@rediffmail.com, bkpunia@gmail.com
- (4) Professor VirBala Aggarwal, Former Professor and Chairperson, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, virbala.aggarwal@rediffmail.com

Prof. (Dr.) Ranjita Chakraborty, Department of Political Science, & the NAAC Co-ordinator, North Bengal University will act as the Convener.

It was also decided to consult Dr. RajanWelukar, Vice Chancellor, Atlas Skilltech University, Tower-1, Equinox Business Park, Ambedkar Nagar, Kurla West, Kurla, Mumbai- 400 070, Maharashtra, rajanwelukar@yahoo.com

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

55. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NBU has constituted an Ad-hoc Committee for the Council for Undergraduate Studies in Science and Arts, Commerce & Law of the University.

Decision: The following persons were nominated:

- (i) The Vice-Chancellor-Chairman.
- (ii) (a) The Dean of the faculty Council for Post- Graduate Studies in Arts. Commerce & Law.
(b) The Dean of the faculty Council for Post- Graduate Studies in Science
- (iii) Twelve Teachers of affiliated colleges of the University of North Bengal
 1. Dr. Anirudra Gurung, Department of Botany, St Josephs College
 2. Dr. Arnab Baul, Department of English, Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya
 3. Dr. Jayisri Pradhan, Department of Botany, Kalimpong College
 4. Dr. Priyadarshini Ghosh, Department of Political Science, Mayanaguri College
 5. Dr. Jhinuk Dasgupta, Department of Chemistry, Siliguri College
 6. Dr. Abhijit Sutradhar, Department of Political Science, Islampur College
 7. Smt. Mita Bala, Department of Environment Studies, Kalipada Ghosh Tarai Mahavidyalaya
 8. Smt. Doli Dey, Department of Education, Sukanta Mahavidyalay
 9. Dr. Saugata Ghosh, Department of Zoology, A.P.C Roy Govt. College, Siliguri
 10. Dr. Sudip Chakraborty, Department of Economics, A.C. College, Jalpiguri

11. Dr. Rajesh Agarwal, Department of Commerce, Parimal Mitra Smriti Mahavidyalaya
 12. Mr. Amal Roy, Department of Sociology, Siliguri College
- (iv) Four Teachers participating in post- graduate teaching in the subject or subjects concerned
1. Prof. Arnab Sen, Department of Botany, University of North Bengal.
 2. Prof. Ranjan Ghosh, Department of English, University of North Bengal.
 3. Dr. Sujit Kr. Biswas, Department of Law, NBU
 4. Dr. Priyanka Chattarjee, Directorate of Distance of Education, University of North Bengal.
- (v) Five Principal/TIC, from undergraduate college affiliated to the University of North Bengal
1. Principal, Ananda Chandra College, Jalpaiguri
 2. Principal, Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya, Siliguri
 3. Principal, Kurseong College
 4. Principal/TIC, Darjeeling Government College
 5. Principal/TIC, Chopra Kamala Paul Smriti Mahavidyalaya
- (vi) Two persons having special knowledge in the subject or subjects concerned to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor. (left to Honourable Vice-Chancellor Sir)
1. Dr. Nazibur Rehaman, Principal, Kalichalk College
 2. Dr. Savita Mishra, Principal, Vidyasagar College of Education, Phansidewa

It was also decided that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor may nominate few more members to give due representation to the various subjects and the Colleges.

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

56. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NBU has constituted a Committee for studying the strength and weakness of the programmes offered by CDOE, NBU.

Decision: The item was taken out.

57. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NBU has constituted a committee on Ph.D. Regulations of the University.

Decision: The following persons were nominated:

- i) Prof. Soumitra De, Director, IQAC, NBU – Chairman
- ii) Prof. Arun Kanti Jana, Department of Political Science – Member
- iii) Prof. Ranadhir Chakraborty, Department of Bio-technology, NBU – Member
- iv) Prof. Soumen Bhattacharee, Department of Zoology, NBU – Member
- v) Prof. Utpal Mandal, Head, Department of Bengali, NBU – Member
- vi) Prof. Biswajit Sinha, Head, Department of Chemistry, NBU – Member

vii) Dr. S. K. Rakshit, Joint Registrar, NBU – Convener & Member

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

58. To report the activities and necessary cooperation and coordination on the Darjeeling Hills University.

Decision: The NBU Officials have extended their whole hearted cooperation to run DHU Administration in spite of having various difficulties i.e. examination, finances, off line class related activities etc.

Action of the Vice-Chancellor in regard to the activities, programs and extending cooperation to the Darjeeling Hills University is noted.

59. To report that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NBU has approved the note of the Joint Registrar dated 2.11.2022 regarding Resolution of the Promotion Committee of NTS of University B.T. & Evening College.

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

60. To consider the proposal of constituting Selection Committee for the recruitment of Teachers on Contractual basis and the Guest Faculty in different academic departments of the University.

- a. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NBU or his Nominee – Chairman
- b. Two External Subject Experts nominated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NBU
- c. Respective Dean of the Faculty, NBU
- d. The concerned Head of the Department, NBU
- e. The Registrar, NBU - Convener

Decision: Resolved that the proposal of constituting Selection Committee as mentioned above for the recruitment of Teachers on Contractual basis and the Guest Faculty in different academic departments of the University be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

61. To consider the proposal of opening Canteen facilities in the campus for the use of the University stakeholders as well as the outsiders who visit the University for various academic / administrative reasons.

Decision: Resolved that a committee be formed with the following members:

- a. The Registrar (Offg.), NBU– Chairman
- b. The Finance Officer (Offg.), NBU
- c. The Chief Engineer, NBU
- d. Principal Secretary, Faculty Council for Science, NBU
- e. Secretary, Faculty Council for ACL, NBU -- Convener

The committee will also explore the possibility of opening a canteen facility at NBU Jalpaiguri Campus.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

62. To consider the Minutes of Meeting of the Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Arts, Commerce & Law held on 11.11.2022.

Decision: Resolved that the Minutes of Meeting of the Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Arts, Commerce & Law held on 11.11.2022 be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

63. To consider the Minutes of Meeting of the Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Science held on 11.11.2022.

Decision: Resolved that the Minutes of Meeting of the Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Science held on 11.11.2022 be approved.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

64. To consider the proposal of the creation of Emeritus Professorship in various academic departments depending upon their necessity / needs.

Decision: Resolved that the following Professors (Retired) of different department of the University of North Bengal have been nominated as the Emeritus Professor in the respective department mentioned against their name in recognition of their long and dedicated services provided to the students, scholars as well as to the University.

- a) Prof. Raghunath Ghosh (Retd.), Department of Philosophy
- b) Prof. B. P. Mishra (Retd.), Centre for Himalayan Studies
- c) Prof. Ananda Mukhopadhyay (Retd.), Department of Zoology
- d) Prof. A. G. Ghosh (Retd.), Department of History

It was resolved that their services be treated as honorary. Logistic support including provision of transport facilities be provided to the Hon'ble Professors. The concerned Head of the Departments is requested to provide space / accommodation in the respective Department / Centre for the respected Emeritus Professors. It was further resolved that a separate Budget Head be created in future to provide for the necessary funding in this regard.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

65. To consider the letter of request from research scholars dated 22.11.2022 for restoration of scientific instruments from different departments at a central point for optimal use.

Decision: Resolved that matter be left to the Vice-Chancellor, NBU

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

66. To consider the proposal for inclusion of research scholars and students in the Media Interaction and Outreach Cell.

Decision: Resolved that four nos. Research Scholars/students have been identified for this purpose. Further resolved that the proposal of Community Radio be initiated.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

67. To consider the note of the Joint Registrar dated 22.11.2022 regarding enhancement of pay of Mr. Sudipta Das, Laboratory Technician (Contractual), Department Microbiology,

Decision: Resolved that a Committee be formed with the following members to make appropriate recommendations:

1. The Dean, Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in Science, NBU
2. The Dean, Faculty Council for P.G. Studies in ACL, NBU
3. The Joint Registrar, NBU - Convener

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

68. To consider the note of the Joint Registrar dated 23.11.2022 regarding policy matter and future practice on the basis of prayer of Smt. Rita Mallik mother of Mr. Rosan Mallik, Permanent Jr. Peon requesting 144 days leave.

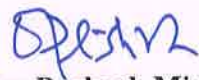
Decision: Resolved that the leave lying at Rosan Mallik's credit be adjusted and the remaining unadjusted leave be treated as without pay.

Registrar (Offg.) be requested to take necessary action.

Confirmed with immediate effect.

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


(Prof. Pranab Ghosh)
Secretary
and Registrar (Offg.)


(Professor Om Prakash Mishra)
Chairman
and Honourable Vice-Chancellor