



**KRISHNA KANTA HANDIQUI STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY**

**Proceedings of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management held on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2014**

**Members present:**

1. Vice Chancellor – Chairperson
2. Professor P. K. Goswami
3. Professor T.R. Taid
4. Mrs. Ahalya Gogoi
5. Sri A.M. Mazumdar
6. Professor I. M. Das
7. Sri Keshab Mahanta
8. Sri G. Borthakur
9. Dean (Academic)
10. Dean (Study Centre)
11. Registrar – Member Secretary

**1. Agenda item No. 1: *Introductory remarks by Vice-Chancellor***

While extending a warm welcome to all the Hon'ble members to the meeting, the Vice-Chancellor apprised the Board of Management of the following developments.

- i) Professor M. Taher has intimated over phone his inability to attend the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Board as he is hospitalised for illness.
- ii) The Foundation Day of the University will be observed on 20<sup>th</sup> July at Vivekananda Kendra. Professor Birendranath Datta will deliver the Foundation Day Lecture. His Excellency the Governor of Assam will be the Chief Guest and will inaugurate the function. Professor A.C. Bhagabati, former Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, has consented to be the Guest of Honour.
- iii) The Ministry of Human Resource Development has taken steps to pass a bill in the Parliament to establish Distance Education Council of India (DECI) to regulate distance education in the country.
- iv) The construction work of the academic building at the permanent campus has been delayed due to non-receipt of the environment clearance from the

concerned authority. Steps have been taken to get the clearance at the earliest.

- v) Convocation date has not been finalized as Professor Swaminathan has expressed his inability to attend due to ill-health.
- vi) The non-recurring grants for 2013-14 financial year from the government of Assam was received on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.

**Resolution No. BM/23/1/2014:** *Resolved that the Vice-Chancellor's introductory remarks be noted. The members of the Board also pray for early recovery of Professor M. Taher from his illness.*

2. **Agenda item No. 2 :** *To consider the confirmation of the proceedings of the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Board of Management held on 5<sup>th</sup> May , 2013.*

The draft of the proceedings of the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Board of Management held on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 was circulated among the Hon'ble members of the Board for modification and correction, if any, so that immediate action could be taken on the decisions. Feedback was received from Professor M. Taher, Professor T.R. Taid and Professor I.M. Das. Appropriate corrections and modifications have been incorporated and the final draft proceedings is placed before the Board of Management of consideration of confirmation.( Annexure-I )

**Resolution No. BM/23/2/2014:** *Resolved that the proceedings of the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Board of Management held on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 be confirmed.*

3. **Agenda item No. 3 :** *To apprise the action taken report on the decisions of the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the BoM and decisions of certain urgent items of the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Board of Management.*

The report on the actions taken on the decisions of the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the BoM and decisions of certain urgent items of the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Board of Management held on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2014, is placed before the Board of Management by the Registrar for information (Annexure-II).

**Resolution No. BM/23/3/2014:** *Resolved that the action taken report placed by Registrar be noted.*

4. **Agenda item No. 4 :** *To apprise the decision of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 (Annexure-III)*

The proceedings of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> June is placed before the Board of Management for information.

**Resolution No. BM/23/4/2014:** *Resolved that the decisions of the Academic Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2014, be noted.*

5. **Agenda item No. 5 :** To consider the Status of interview for the post of Finance Officer and Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor.

Applications were invited for the posts of Finance Officer and Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor vide advertisement No. R4/2013. Three applications were received for the posts of Finance Officer out of which only one applicant fulfils the required qualification. Similarly five applications were received for the post of Secretary to the Vice Chancellor but none of the applicants fulfils the required qualification.

Placed before the Board to consider a decision.

The Board discussed the matter thoroughly in the light of the VC's observation and resolved as follows :

**Resolution No. BM/23/5/2014:** *Resolved that (1) the post of Finance Officer be re-advertised as there was only one eligible candidate (in response to the last advertisement) and (2) the post of Secretary to the VC be also re-advertised with the relaxation in essential qualification in case of candidates having the experience of working in similar position in other universities or the State government.*

6. **Agenda item No. 6 :** To consider ex post facto approval of the examination results already declared by the University.

The Examination results declared after 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 (furnished in Annexure-IV) are placed before the Board for consideration of approval .

**Resolution No. BM/23/6/2014:** *Resolved that the examination results declared after 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2014, be approved.*

7. **Agenda item No. 7:** To consider the declaration of Ph.D. degree

Ms. Sukmaya Lama submitted her Ph.D. thesis for evaluation and award of the Ph.D. degree. On recommendation of the examiners, the Viva Voce examination of the candidate held on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 , was conducted by Professor S.A. Qadri and the guide Professor Priyam Goswami and they recommended the award of the Ph.D. degree to the candidate. Details are furnished below:

Name and address Ofthe Candidate	Ms. Sukmaya Lama RTA, KKHSOU, Housefed Complex, Guwahati -781006
Title of the thesis	Emergence and Growth of Distance Education in Assam
Name of the guide	Professor Priyam Goswami, Department of History, Gauhati University
Name of Examiners	1. Professor S.A. Qadri Departmental History, NEHU, Shillong 2. Professor Jahnabi Gogoi Nath Department of History, Dibrugarh University 3. Professor Priyam Goswami Professor of History, Gauhati University
The Viva-voce examination was conducted by Professor S.A. Qadri and Professor Priyam Goswami	

Placed before the Board to consider the award of the Ph.D. degree

**Resolution No. BM/23/7/2014 : Resolved that Ms. Sukmaya Lama be awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy for her thesis entitled "Emergence and Growth of Distance Education in Assam".**

**8. Agenda item No. 8: Matter relating to the first Convocation:**

Professor M.S. Swaminathan, the renowned agricultural scientist earlier agreed to attend the first Convocation of the University to deliver the Convocation Address. But later, he expressed his inability to attend due to his ill-health.

Placed before the Board for information and direction.

The Board discussed the matter and resolved as follows:

**Resolution No. BM/23/8/2014 : Resolved that the inability of Professor MS Swaminathan to attend the convocation be noted. Resolved further that any one of the following persons who can attend the Convocation as the Chief Guest at the earliest be invited.**

1. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
2. Dr. C.N.R. Rao
3. Professor Andre Beteille

9. **Agenda item No. 9:** To consider the decision of the Tender Committee meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.

The meeting of the Tender Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 passed a Resolution, authorising the Vice Chancellor to finalise and approve the rate of quotation, if the rate of an individual item is less than Rs. 10,000 but total expenditure did not exceed Rs. 50,000 at one go and Rs. 2 lakhs in a financial year (Annexure-V).

Placed before the Board for a final approval.

**Resolution No. BM/23/9/2014 :** *Resolved that the recommendation of the Tender Committee be approved.*

10. **Agenda item No. 10 :** To consider the approval of new Study Centres:

The Academic Council in its meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 recommended the establishment of the following study centres after completing all the formalities including their viability :

Sl. No	Name of the Study Centre	Status	District
1	Halflong Government College	Government	Halflong , Dima Hasao
2	Sapatgram College	Degree college	Sapatgram, Dhuburi
3	Bikali College	Degree college	Dhupdhara, Goalpara
4	LTK College	Degree college	Azad, Lakhimpur
5	Nilambazar College	Degree college	Karimganj
6	Aryabhata Junior College	Junior College	Guwahati, Kamrup(M)
7	Agia College	Degree college	Agia, Goalpara
8	Bhaswati Deb Memorial for Higher Education	Private College	Silchar, Cachar
9	Patidarrang College	Private College	Nasatra, Kamrup
10	iFuture Computer Education	Private College	Guwahati , Kamrup (M)
11	Jigyas Academy	Private College	Guwahati , Kamrup (M)
12	S.B. Deorah College	Degree college	Guwahati , Kamrup (M)
13	Dakhin Karrup Girls' College	Degree college	Mirza, Kamrup
14	Swahid Maniram Dewan College	Degree college	Charing, Sibsagar
15	Lakhimpur Commerce College	Degree college	Lakhimpur

Placed before the Board for consideration of approval.

**Resolution No. BM/23/10/2014 :** *Resolved that the above mentioned academic institutions be approved as new study centres of the University.*

11. **Agenda item No. 11 :** To consider allowing the university to enter into negotiation with Housefed authority for purchase of a complete building under construction at the

Housefed complex, as the Housefed authority has, in the meantime, reduced the price from Rs. 9,000 per sq.ft to Rs. 7,500 per sq.ft. Moreover, it may be mentioned that as desired by the Board, the University has been able to recover Rs. 99,00,000 out of the advance of Rs. 1 crore earlier paid to the landowner, M/S Pankhi Health Establishment Pvt. Ltd. against the land purchase agreement cancelled besides the process of recovery of the remaining Rs. 1,00,000 is on.

Placed before the Board for direction.

**Resolution No. BM/23/10/2014 :** *Resolved that the above information be noted and the university administration be directed to further negotiate the rate per sqft with the Housefed authority keeping in view the market rate of new buildings in that locality. Resolved further that the remaining Rs. 1 lakh be recovered from Pankhi Health Establishment and that the payment to the advocate be made directly by the University on submission of bill by the advocate.*

12. **Agenda item No. 12 :** To consider the approval of grant of subsidy to the staff members taking food at the University canteen.

About 35 teaching and non-teaching staff are working in the Headquarters at Rani Campus. The canteen is the only place where the employees can get food and they do not have any option for eating in and around the university building at Patgaon. Bu the number of staff is barely adequate for the survival of the canteen. So in order to encourage more and more people to take food in the canteen, a subsidy to the extent of 20% of the food package is proposed for the employees of the University, for the time being.

Placed before the Board for consideration of approval.

**Resolution No. BM/23/112/2014 :** *Resolved that the proposal of food subsidy to the extent of 20% in the University canteen at Patgaon be approved for the university employees.*

13. **Agenda item No. 13:** To consider the nomination of a member to the Search Committee for the selection of Vice Chancellor by the University

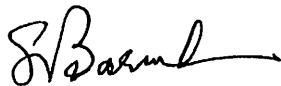
The term of the office of the present Vice Chancellor will be over on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 . An Advisory Board ( Search Committee) has to be constituted by the Chancellor to start the process for appointment of next Vice-Chancellor under Section 1.1 of Chapter-IV of the Statutes with the following members -

1. One member to be elected by the Board of Management
2. One member to be nominated by the State government
3. One member who shall be the Chairman of the Committee to be nominated by the Chancellor

The University Grants Commission in its Regulation , 2010, vide No. F.3-1/2009 dated 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 under section 7.3.0. specified that the members of the Search Committee shall be persons of eminence in the sphere of higher education and shall not be connected in any manner with the university concerned.

Placed before the Board to consider nomination of a member to the Search Committee.

**Resolution No. BM/23/13/2014:** Noted the above information and **resolved** that Professor Mohan Lal Brahma, former Vice Chancellor of Bodoland University, be elected as the nominee of the Board of Management for the Advisory Committee.



Vice Chancellor

Registrar