

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE 20th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON 29-08-2013

### Members present:

- 1, Vice-Chancellor Chairperson
- 2. Professor Mohammad Taher
- 3. Professor P. K. Goswami
- 4. Professor Tabu Ram Taid
- 5. Mrs. Ahalya Gogoi
- 6. Dr. Pabitra Kumar Choudhury
- 7. Sri Abdul Muhib Mazumdar
- 8. Professor Indu Mohan Das
- 9. Sri Keshab Mahanta
- 10. Sri Gajanan Borthakur
- 11. Dean (Academic)
- 12. Dean (Study Centre)
- 13. Registrar
- Member Secretary

### Agenda 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 development.

- As per the decision arrived at the meeting of the Board of Management with the high officials of Finance, Education and Planning & Development Departments of the State government held under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Vice Chancellor submitted a proposal of Rs.49.97 crores to the Chairman, Assam Infrastructural Financing Authority for construction of building infrastructure of the University at its permanent campus at Patgaon, Rani.
- The Vice-Chancellor also submitted the proposal of Rs. 7.06 crores to the Principal Secretary, Planning and Development Department, Government of Assam, for construction of buildings at the Regional Centre at Jorhat.
- The Vice-Chancellor further informed that during an earlier meeting with Hon'ble Chief Minister, he had submitted a panel of four distinguished persons Professor Amartya Sen, Professor Mahammad Yunus, Dr. Hamid Ansari, the Vice-President of India and Lord Meghnad Desai, from which one person is to be invited as the Chief Guest for the first Convocation of the University proposed to be held during first quarter of 2014. On the basis of discussion held with the Hon'ble C.M., the Vice Chancellor expects an invitation in this regard from the CMO. The Board suggested that a feedback on the development of the matter may be obtained from CMO early.

• The Vice-Chancellor informed that as the construction work of the first building of the University at Patgaon, Rani, was nearing completion, the University's main office in all likelihood would be shifted to the new campus during the month of October, 2013.

### Resolution No. BM/20/1/2013:

Resolved that the introductory remarks made by the Vice-Chancellor be noted.

Agenda 2: To consider confirmation of the proceedings of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Board of Management held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April and 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 respectively.

The draft of the proceedings of the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Management held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2013 was circulated among the Hon'ble members of the Board a few days after the meeting, requesting them to suggest modification, if any, to the draft. A few Hon'ble members ,notably, Professor M. Taher, Professor T.R. Taid and Professor I. M. Das suggested certain modifications to the draft and these modifications had been incorporated and final draft of the proceedings of the meeting (Annexure-I)is placed before the Board of Management for consideration for confirmation.

The proceedings of the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting (Emergency) held on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 (Annexure-II) are also placed before the Board for consideration for confirmation.

### Resolution No. BM/20/2/2013:

Resolved that the proceedings of both the 18th and 19th meetings of the Board of Management held on 2nd April and 18th August, 2013, respectively be confirmed.

Agenda 3: To place the reports on the actions taken on the decisions of the 18th. and 19th meetings of the Board of Management.

The following reports on the actions taken on the decisions of the meetings of the BoM held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April and 18<sup>th</sup>July, 2013, were placed before the Board of Management by the Registrar for appraisal.

# Action Taken Report of the Registrar on some resolutions adopted in the meetings of the BoM held on 02.04.2013 and 18.07.2013

Resolution No. BM/18/9/2013:

Relating to recommendation on the procedure and assignment of marks in interview for selection to the posts of Asstt. Controller of Examination, Assistant Registrar (PR), Assistant. Regional Director and Systems Analyst by a committee constituted with Prof. M. Taher, Prof. T.R. Taid, Prof. I.M. Das and Registrar as Convener for the purpose:

Action Taken: The committee has since recommended the selection procedures including assignment of marks for various components of interviews not only for the said posts but also for the posts of Asstts., Jr. Assistants, Attendants and Attendant cum Driver on the request of the Vice-Chancellor. The process for selection of the officers has already started.

### Resolution No. BM/19/2/2013 & Resolution No. BM/18/11/2013:

Relating to purchase of a plot of land for the University's City Centre at a suitable location by the side of NH-37 between Lokhra and Boragaon:-

Action Taken: A plot of land measuring 1 bigha covered by Dag No. 482 and Patta No. 1304 in village Boragaon close to Maniram Dewan Trade Centre was found most suitable from among three offers. Since the price quoted (63 lakhs per katha) was found to be a little high, the Board's meeting of 18th July, 2013 authorised the university to further negotiate on the rate vide the Resolution No. BM/19/3/2013 is as under -

"Considering the locational advantage and being nearest to the ISBT, it is resolved to purchase the plot of land measuring one bigha (Patta No. 1304, Dag No. 482) owned by Ms. Queen Talukdar Baishya. However, the University administration is authorised to negotiate the rate per katha below the quoted rate."

After negotiation, the price was brought down to 61 lakhs and agreement for sale was signed on 01.08.2013 and the land owner was paid Rs. 15 (Rupees fifteen) lakhs in advance.

Now, application for permission to sell the land is under the consideration of D.C. Kamrup (Metro).

### Resolution No. BM/18/15/2013:

Relating to approaching the govt. for appointment on deputation of suitable persons on the verge of retirement to the post of Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor and P.S. to Registrar:-

Action Taken: It is felt that before writing in general to the government, some discreet search may be conducted, and willingness may be ascertained and thereafter the

government may be requested with the proposal. So no correspondence has been made so far.

### Resolution No. BM/18/17/2013:

Relating to adoption of a song of Parbati Prasad Barua "Tur Nai Je Bandhowa Baat" for the University Anthem and Board's observation on certain parts of the poem as under:-

The members of the Board discussed the matter in detail. The members of the Board considered that although the first part of the poem reflects the philosophy of open and distance learning, the last stanza of the poem appears not to be in conformity with ODL philosophy and suggested deletion of the same. Certain members also expressed reservations about the reference to Lord Shiva. Some members also felt that if the role of the University was reflected, it would have been much better. The Board suggested the deletion of the last stanza, and also rewording of Lord Shiva of the song in consultation with the family members of Parbati Prasad Baruah, who gave the consent to make the song as the University Anthem. It was also suggested that a lyric, composed by a noted living lyricist, which fully reflects the ODL philosophy and the role played by the University, might be more suitable as the University Anthem. However, in the context of what had already taken place in this regard the following resolution be adopted.

Resolved that the Board's observations be brought to the notice of the family members of Parbati Prasad Baruah and their reaction to the same be brought again to the Board for finalization.

Action Taken: Several attempts were made to personally contact Ms. Bandana Hazarika, the eldest daughter of Parbati Prasad Baruah, who had initially agreed to university's proposal to adopt the song as University Anthem, but to no avail. She has been out of station for about a month. However, she will be apprised of the Board's observation after her arrival and her reaction, for that matter, the reaction of the family will be placed before the Board in its next meeting for perusal.

## Resolution No. BM/19/3/2013:

Relating to acceptance of the rental offer of Shri Rajib Kr. Acharjya for setting up the Regional Centre at Jorhat:-

Action Taken: Agreement with Shri Rajib Kr. Acharjya has been signed on 30.07.2013 at Jorhat, and Shri Acharjya has been requested to undertake some repairing work so that the Regional Centre can operate towards the middle of September, 2013.

### Resolution No. BM/20/3/2013:

Resolved that the reports on the actions taken on the decisions of the meetings of the BoM held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April and 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 placed by the Registrar be noted with the following suggestions:

- (i) That before execution of the final deed of registration of the land at Betkuchi, possession of the said land, even if token in nature, should be taken at the earliest.
- (ii) That keeping in mind the sensitivity of such issue, the family of late Parbati Prasad Baruah should be apprised of the Board's critical observations on the adoption of the proposed song for University's Anthem very politely.

Agenda item No. 4: To place the proceedings of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> the proceedings of the meeting was placed before the Board of Management for appraisal and approval. (Annexure-III)

### Resolution No. BM/20/4/2013:

Resolved that the decisions of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 25th August, 2013, be noted and also approved the launching of the following academic programmes be approved.

- i. Master's in Economics
- ii. Master's in Applied Economics
- iii. Master's in History
- iv. Master's in Philosophy
- v. B.Ed.
- vi. BA.B.Ed
- vii. Two year BPP

# Agenda 5: To consider ex-post facto approval of the release of Dr. Lohit Hazarika, Deputy Registrar (Examinations)

Dr. Lohit Hazarika, Assistant Professor of Lakhimpur Girls College, joined as Deputy Registrar (Examinations) on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2012, on lien, initially for a period of one year. On expiry of one year lien, Dr. Hazarika had expressed his desire to return to his original post and resigned from the post of Deputy Registrar (Examinations). He was released from the University service with effect from 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 by the Vice-Chancellor.

Placed before the Board for ex-post-facto approval.

#### Resolution No. BM/20/5/2013:

Resolved that the action of the Vice-Chancellor in releasing Dr. Lohit Hazarika to enable him to join his parent post in Lakhimpur Girls College be approved.

Agenda 6: To consider the approval of the temporary engagement of two retired and experienced teachers of Cotton College by the Vice-Chancellor in the Examination Section considering the emergency.

The examination section, already running short of senior and supervisory level officers, had to face more serious problems after the release of the Deputy Registrar (Examinations) in conducting about 50 examinations a year. In view of the urgency of the situation, the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the OSD(Examinations) appointed temporarily Professor Biswajit Bhagawati and Professor Sudhendu Mohan Bhadra, both retired teachers of Cotton College, having vast experience in examination works, as Consultants for a period of one year on a monthly honararium of Rs. 25,000 /-

Placed before the Board of Management for ex-post facto approval of the decision of Vice-Chancellor.

### Resolution No. BM/20/6/2013:

Discussed the matter in detail and appreciated the problems faced by the examination section in managing about 50 examinations in a year.

Resolved that the engagement of Shri Biswajit Bhagawati and Shri Sudhendu Mohan Bhadra as Consultants in the examination section for a period of one year on a monthly honorarium of Rs. 25,000/- be approved.

Agenda 7: To consider the approval of giving temporary charge of Deputy Registrar (Examinations) to Sri Arabinda Saikia, Assistant Professor in Computer Science.

Consequent upon the release of Dr. Lohit Hazarika from the post of Deputy Registrar (Examinations) on 29th. May, 2013, Vice-Chancellor temporarily gave additional responsibility to Sri Arabinda Saikia, Assistant Professor in Computer Science, as In-charge Deputy Registrar (Examinations) in addition to his normal duties on the recommendation of OSD (Examinations) till the examination system and Sri Arabinda Saikia's engagement as In-charge Deputy Registrar (Examinations) should facilitate the automation process, besides other administrative work relating to examinations.

Placed before the Board of Management for ex-post facto approval.

### Resolution No. BM/20/7/2013:

Resolved that the giving of additional responsibilities to Shri Arabinda Saikia, Assistant approved.

Resolved that the giving of additional responsibilities to Shri Arabinda Saikia, Assistant approved.

### Agenda 8: To consider the provision of residential accommodation for Vice-Chancellor.

As per the terms of appointment of Vice-Chancellor, the University has to provide free-furnished residential accommodation to the Vice-Chancellor and accordingly he was provided a free-furnished flat near the Housefed Complex since March, 2007 paying Rs. 14,000/- as rent per month in addition to bearing the cost of electricity, four newspapers, cable T.V., and other consumables for maintenance of the residence, etc. The owner of the flat Mrs. Shamina Hussain requested the University administration to vacate the flat for her own use with effect from April, 2013. The administration looked for suitable accommodation for Vice Chancellor in and around the University and no suitable accommodation was found. The Finance Officer suggested that like the Vice-Chancellor of Assam Science and Technology University, The KKHSOU Vice-Chancellor might also stay in his newly constructed house at Tetelia. Guwahati, with a maintenance cost of Rs. 10,000/- per month which will include the cost of electricity, telephone, cable TV, five newspapers, service of cleaner, other consumables for maintenance of the residence, etc. Moreover, the distance from Tetelia to Rani Campus will be shorter by about 10 k.m. compared to a residence near Beltola area in view of the proposed shifting of the administrative office to Rani in the month of September, 2013. Accordingly, the Vice-Chancellor had shifted to his Tetelia house on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2013.

Placed before the Board for consideration of approval.

### Resolution No. BM/20/8/2013:

Discussed the matter in detail and appreciated the problem of getting good and appropriate accommodation for the Vice-Chancellor in suitable locality. The Board endorsed the view of Finance Officer that the Vice-Chancellor might stay in his own residence at Tetelia and resolved in this connection that an amount of `10,000/- be paid per month for the maintenance of the residence (cost of electricity, telephone, cable TV, five newspapers, service of cleaner, other consumables for maintenance of the residence) with effect from the date of vacating the rented house.

# Agenda 9: To consider the ex-post-facto approval of signing the Memorandum of Understanding with Vardhaman Mahaveer Open University, Rajasthan.

Vardhaman Mahaveer Open University, Kota, Rajasthan, (a State University) requested this University to allow to adopt our self-learning materials in five programmes for their learners. The five subjects are Master of Computer Application (MCA), Computer Hardware and Networking (DCHN), Post-graduate Diploma in Broadcast Journalism (PGDBJ), Post-graduate Diploma in Mass Communication (PGDMC) and Diploma in Journalism and Mass Communication (DJMC) The MoU was signed on 25<sup>th</sup>August, 2013 by the Registrars of the two Universities in presence of the Vice-Chancellors and senior officials and faculty of both the Universities at Guwahati.

The copy of the MoU is placed before the Board for ex-post facto approval (Annexure-IV).

### **Resolution No. BM/20/9/2013:**

The Board recorded its appreciation of the effort of the administration and faculty in bringing out quality self-learning materials, which other open universities of the country are willing to adopt.

Resolved that the MoU signed between Vardhaman Mahaveer Open University, Kota, Rajasthan, (a State University) and KKHSOU in allowing the SLMs of KKHSOU in five academic programmes to be adopted by Vardhaman Mahaveer Open University, Kota, Rajasthan be approved.

Agenda 10: To consider the approval of the draft of Memorandum of Understanding to be signed between KKHSOU and the Ministry of Information and Public Relations, Government of Assam for the establishment of Community Radio stations in Assam.

The Assam government has decided to establish initially about 10 community radio stations in the State and has declared Information and Public Relations department as the funding agency and KKHSOU as the implementing agency for settging up and running these proposed community radio stations vide Notification No. IPRD.3/2012/63 dated 12th. August, 2013. Prior to it, the University assisted two of its Study Centres, Tezpur College and Lakhimpur Girls' College, in obtaining the Letter of Intent (LOI) from the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India. Now, these two Study Centres are being identified for establishment of Community Radio in the first phase. But there is a necessity of agreement between the Funding and Implementing Agencies for smooth implementation of the project.

A draft Memorandum of Understanding is placed before the Board to consider for approval (Annexure-V).

### Resolution No. BM/20/10/2013:

Resolved that the draft of the Memorandum of Understanding to be signed between KKHSOU and the Ministry of Information and Public Relations, Government of Assam on implementing the establishment of Community Radio be approved.

Agenda 11: To apprise about the proposed Memorandum of Understanding to be signed between KKHSOU and the British Council of India on sharing of their multimedia materials for teacher

The British Council of India has made an offer of sharing their multi-media materials in English Language teaching in connection with the teacher training programme. Since the University is currently conducting Two year Diploma in Elementary Education for the in-service teachers, the multi-media materials will be immensely helpful for the programme and therefore the university has expressed its willingness to share the multimedia resources.

A draft Memorandum of Understanding being worked out by the British Council, with necessary inputs from the University and the same would be placed before the Board for information in due course.

### Resolution No. BM/20/11/2013:

Discussed the matter in detail. While welcoming the academic tie-up of this University with British Council of India, the Board of Management directed the University administration to carefully consider the financial involvement, if any, in the MoU in sharing the multi-media materials from Agenda 12: To consider the approval of rules of sponsoring faculty members/officers to attend national and international conference/workshop.

The Academic Council vide resolution No. AC/14/6/2012 in its meeting held on 24-7-12 framed rules for sponsoring the faculty members/officers to attend national/international Conference, Seminar, Workshop, etc. The rules are placed before the Board for approval (Annexure-VI)

#### Resolution No. BM/20/12/2013:

Discussed the rules governing the sponsoring of faculty members/officers to attend national/international Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, etc. and resolved that the rules passed by the Academic Council vide Resolution No. AC/14/6/2012 dated 24-7-2012 be accepted.

### Agenda 13: To consider the approval of Examination results

Results of a number of Examinations were declared after the last meeting of the Board of Management (2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2013), the details of which are furnished in the Annexure-VII. Placed before the Board of Management for consideration of approval.

#### Resolution No. BM/20/13/2013:

Resolved that the examination results furnished in Annexure-VII be approved.

### Agenda 14: To consider the approval of the award of Ph.D. degree.

Three Ph.D. students of the first batch—submitted their thesis for evaluation and award of the degree as per the UGC's new Ph.D. Regulation, 2009. While the reports from the External Examiners in respect of two of the candidates are still awaited, the Viva Voce examination of one of the candidates, namely, Trisha D. Baruah, held on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2013 was conducted by Professor Vir Bala Agarwala of Himachal Pradesh University and co-guide Dr. Ankuran Dutta and recommended the award of the Ph.D. degree to the candidate. The details are furnished below:

Name and address of	Trisha Dowerah Baruah			
the Candidate	76, Gauhati University Campus, Guwahati-781014			
Title of the thesis	Effectiveness of Communication tools in Learners' Support Services under Open and Distance Learning: An Empirical Investigation in Assam			
Name(s) of the guide(s)	<ol> <li>Professor .Subash Dhulia,         <ul> <li>Former Director, School of Mass Communication,</li> <li>IGNOU and currently Vice-Chancellor,</li> <li>Uttrakhand Open University</li> </ul> </li> <li>Dr. Ankuran Dutta (Co-guide)</li> <li>Deputy Director, Multimedia, KKHSOU</li> </ol>			
Name of Examiners  1. Prof. Vir Bala Agarwala, Professor of Mass Communication,				

Himachal Pradesh University, Simla

2. Dr. Sanjeev Bhanawat,

Professor & Head, Department of Mass Communication Rajasthan University, Jaipur

3. Dr. Subash Dhulia

Vice-Chancellor,

Uttrakhand Open University

4. Dr. Ankuran Dutta (co-guide)

Deputy Director, (Multi-media), KKHSOU

The Viva-voce examination was conducted by Professor Vir Bala Agarwala and Dr. Ankuran Dutta

### Resolution No. BM/20/14/2013:

Resolved that the degree of Doctor of Philosophy be awarded to Trisha Dowerah Baruah.

### Agenda 15: To apprise the financial position of the University

The University receives fund from three sources – State government, Distance Education Council (DEC) and University's own internal resources. The financial support received from DEC under the scheme as "Development Grants" is for specific item of expenditure in academic activities and use of ICT. The amount of grant received from DEC and its utilization is furnished below:

Financial year	Fund received(`Lakh)	Fund utilized(` Lakh)	T 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
2006-07	100.00		Refunded(`lakh)
2007-08	240.00	75.59	24.41
2008-09		162.82	77.18
	300.00	236.60	63.40
2009-10	350.00	331.30	
2010-11	350.00		18.70
2011-12	420.00	312.94	37.06
2012-13		365.63	54.37
2012-13	400.00	369.56	
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The fund received from the State government and its utilization is furnished below:

Financial year 2006-07	Non-plan (`lakh)	Plan (`. Lakh)	Total Receipt (`Lakh)	Total expenditure the University (* Lakh)	Balance (` Lakh)
2007-08	Nil 42.44	19.93	19.93	9.68	10.25
2008-09	39.87	50.00	82.44 89.87	82.52	(-) 0.08
2009-10 2010-11	49.87 99.87	149.87	199.74	314.50 628.93	(-) 224.63
2011-12	149.87	175.27 349.87	275.14 499.74	1187.06	(-) 429.19 (-) 911.92
2012-13 Total	Nil	350.00	350.00	1814.54 1812.08	(-) 1314.80
	401.85	1115.01	1516.86	5849.31	(-) 1462.08 (-) 4332.45

The University started the mobilization of its internal resources with the introduction of its first academic programme in January, 2008. The year-wise internal resources and its utilization is furnished below:

Financial year	Receipt	Expenditure from own	Balance
	(`Lakh)	source ('. Lakh)	(` Lakh)
2006-07	Nil	Nil	Nil
2007-08	35.20	0.08	35.12
2008-09	241.36	224.63	16.73
2009-10	470.77	429.19	41.58
2010-11	965.55	911.92	53.63
2011-12	1613.30	1314.80	298.50
2012-13	1714.32	1462.08	252.24
-Total	5040.50	4342.70	697.80

Placed before the Board of Management for appraisal.

### Resolution No. BM/20/15/2013:

Resolved that the financial position of the University be noted.

Agenda 16: To consider the approval of the draft advertisement for the post of Controller of Examinations.

The post of Controller of Examinations has to be advertised immediately due to the completion of the extension of the present OSD (Examinations) in January, 2014. A draft on the necessary and desirable qualifications of the Controller of Examinations is placed before the Board (Annexure-VIII) for consideration of approval.

### **Resolution No. BM/20/16/2013:**

Resolved that the draft advertisement furnished in Annexure-VII be approved for advertisement of the post of Controller of Examinations.

Agenda 17: To consider the constitution of Organising Committee and other Committees for the first Convocation of the University to be held in the first quarter of 2014.

### Resolution No. BM/20/17/2013:

Resolved that the following Committees be constituted for the successful organization of the first Convocation:

- 1. Steering Committee
  - (i) Vice-Chancellor Chairperson
    - (ii) All members of the Board of Management
    - (iii) Director CIQA

- (iv) Controller of Examinations /OSD (Examinations)
- (v) Deputy Director (Multimedia)
- (vi) Registrar-Convener

### 2. Organising Committee

- (i) Chairman Vice Chancellor
- (ii) All members of Steering Committee
- (iii) All Chairpersons and Conveners of various sub-Committee
- (iv) Registrar Convener

Resolved further that the Vice-Chancellor be authorized to constitute the following Committees

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- 3. Reception and Invitation Committee
- 4. Hall arrangement and decoration Committee
- 5. Robing and procession Committee
- 6. Finance Committee
- 7. Publicity and Publication Committee
- 8. Accommodation and Refreshment Committee
- 9. Any other Committee considered necessary.

Agenda 18: To consider the proposal for Institution of awards to eminent personalities in the field of Innovation, Higher education, Art and Culture, and Literature. A Committee of the administrative officers constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to look into the matter submitted its proposal (Report) (Annexure-IX). It is placed before the Board of Management for consideration.

### Resolution No. BM/20/18/2013:

The Board of Management appreciated the idea of institution of awards to eminent personalities in the field of Innovation, Higher Education, Art and Culture, and Literature on rotation (one award in one field in a block of four years) and the presentation of the same on the Foundation Day function and agreed that the award may be named after the great scholar, the late Krishna Kanta Handiqui.

Resolved further that an Administrative Committee to be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor would suggest the structure of the Advisory Committee for selection of the nominee(s) for the Award thorough discussion and approval.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

(Srinath Baruah)

Chairperson

(R. B. Mahanta)

Member Secretary