

**Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University**  
**GUWAHATI – 781006**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 27<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
MANAGEMENT HELD ON 31.05.2015**

Members Present :

1.	Vice-Chancellor	--	Chairman
2.	Dr. Lokendra Prasad Deka	--	Member
3.	Dr. Pradyut Kumar Goswami, V.C. <i>Assam Science &amp; Technology University</i>	--	"
4.	Professor Indu Mohan Das	--	"
5.	Professor Tabu Ram Taid	--	"
6.	Shmt. Ahalya Gogoi	--	"
7.	Shri Abdul Muhib Mazumdar, <i>MLA, ALA</i>	--	"
8.	Shri Gautom Talukdar <i>(Rep) of Dy. Secretary, Finance</i>	--	"
9.	Dr. Arupjyoti Choudhury, <i>Dean (Academic)</i>	--	"
10.	Registrar	--	Member-Secretary

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 :**

**Introductory remarks from the Vice-Chancellor.**

The Vice-Chancellor welcoming all the hon'ble members of the Board informed that he took charge on the 11th March, 2015 only and required sometime to prepare for the first meeting. He introduced Dr. Lokendra Prasad Deka as Chancellor's nominee in place of Late Professor Mahammad Taher to the Board and extended to him, with other members of the Board, a warm welcome. He requested all the senior members with their long experience in the field to advise and guide him in taking the University forward in the right direction.

Giving a brief account of the event that took place after his joining as the Vice-Chancellor, he stated that the growth and development of the ethnic languages of the State had always been one of this priority areas and therefore, a day long programme of open exchange of opinion with the student leaders and

representatives of the literary organisations of the ethnic communities of the State was held on 17.05.2015 with an objective to protect, preserve and nurture their languages and cultures. The response was very positive and enthusiastic. In order to carry the exercise forward he wished that the University could develop some short term language learning programme or similar type of programme on the ethnic languages and cultures.

Hon'ble members of the Board agreed with his view that the University could think of making some contribution in its own way and adopted the following resolution.

**Resolution No. BM/27/1/2015:** *Resolved that the introductory remark of the Vice-Chancellor be taken note of, particularly his initiative to promote ethnic language and culture of the State.*

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 :**

**To consider the confirmation of the proceedings of the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Management held on March 8, 2015.**

The meeting discussed and agreed to incorporate the amendments suggested by two honourable members, namely, Prof. T.R. Taid and Prof. I.M. Das and adopted the resolution as follows.

**Resolution No. BM/27/2/2015 :** *Resolved that the proceedings of the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BoM held on March 8, 2015 be deferred subject to confirmation of certain issues in the next meeting.*

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 :**

**To apprise the action taken report of the Registrar on the decisions of the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BoM held on March 8, 2015.**

The meeting took note of the action taken report and discussed about certain issues as follows.

i) **On the Validity of Select List and appointment of the next candidate on the 1st candidate's refusal to join/resignation within a year :**

When the Registrar reported that one candidate of the select list expressed unwillingness to join for the University's inability to protect his salary

drawing at that time and another had left the job after few days of service, the second candidate in the respective select lists could not be appointed under instruction, the Vice-Chancellor raised doubt about the selection of more than one candidate for one post and opined that perhaps, only one candidate can be selected for one post leaving no scope for a second candidate in the list as per the FRBM Act. Registrar clarified that the provision in the FRBM Act (the Assam Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2005) was restricted to appointment only and not extended to the select list and also that the University could have its own rules without contradicting the provisions in the FRBM Act. Vice-Chancellor, Assam Science & Technology University stressed that FRBM Act expressly required all the State Universities to follow its provisions which prohibited selection of more than one candidate for a post. Registrar again clarified that there was no such provision and therefore, many of the Service Rules had provision for select lists that remain valid for one year. However, to come to right decision free from any doubt and in conformity with the FRBM Act, Vice-Chancellor & Chairman of the Board suggested constitution of a small committee to give its considered opinion.

**Resolution No. BM/27/3(a)/2015 :** Resolved that in order to examine the validity of the select list prepared by the Selection Committees for Selection of Teachers and Supporting Staff a committee be constituted with the following members of the Board who would submit their report for consideration in the next meeting -

- i) Dr. Pradyut Kumar Goswami, Member, BoM
  - ii) Dr. Lokendra Prasad Deka, Member, BoM
  - ii) Commissioner, Finance or his nominee, Member, BoM
  - iii) Registrar, KKHSOU
- ii) **On the agreement for purchase of Housefed's G+6 Block under construction :**

Vice-Chancellor and Chairman of the Board observed that though Housefed had agreed after the University's request to reduce the rate per sq.ft. from ₹ 9000/- to ₹ 7000/- in the matter of purchase of the G+6 Block, it was still higher and the location itself was not suitable in view of the narrow approach road for establishment of the University's City Office. Rather, he would prefer some suitable private land by the side of the NH Way in between Khanapara and Jalukbari, which would save money and give more space. Recalling the past experience in this regard, Registrar opined that

dealing with private party, particularly in the purchase of land, by a State University was always fraught with problem and therefore, not advisable. But that apart and more importantly, even if the rate was conceded as higher, a State PSU like Housefed would be preferred to an individual, as an organization would be profited thereby, not an individual. It would also be unfair to write off the Housefed Complex from where the University grew and shone. Besides, and more importantly, for the University's Community Radio Service (CRS), the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and Ministry of Information of Technology, Govt. of India had issued the operating license for the station located at Housefed Complex. Any change of location would require their prior permission following the due procedure of fresh application to Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, for the license with the co-ordinates of the new location. However, keeping in view that the Registrar had also approached the State Government for use of government land on a sharing basis with the government departments for construction of its city office at Dispur Last Gate, the following resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. BM/27/3(b)/2015 :** *Resolved that the University should initially move for one or two floors only instead of the new Housefed Block under construction as private land having similar or, better locational advantage at a lesser cost on construction will be preferred. But before finalizing any such deal Registrar should first exhaust the possibilities of the use of government land at Dispur Last Gate.*

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 :**

**To consider the proposal made by the Vice-Chancellor in connection with "National Award" and "Fellowship" initiatives.**

Vice-Chancellor & Chairman proposed that the University should institute **National Award** and offer **Fellowship** to some selected outstanding persons, initially within the State, who had been rendering great service to the community and the State on their own initiative without any assistance from outside, so that they felt appreciated and encouraged in their present. He cited the example of Shri Uddhav Bharali, the 'Innovator' and Shri Jadav Payeng, the 'Forest Man'. The meeting discussed and appreciated the idea and adopted the following resolution.

**Resolution No. BM/27/4/2015 :** Resolved that a committee may be constituted with the following members to prepare the modalities and work out the terms and conditions to institute **National Award** and offer such **Fellowship**-

1. Prof. I.M. Das
2. Prof. T.R. Taid
3. Dean (Academic)

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 :**

**To consider the proposal made by the Vice-Chancellor in connection with "Krishna Kanta Handiqui Memorial Lecture".**

Vice-Chancellor observed that the Foundation Day of the University should be separated from the Birth Anniversary of Krishna Kanta Handiqui and both the days should be observed in a befitting manner.

The matter was discussed and during the discussion the Registrar informed that due to confusion over the right date to be chosen for the Foundation Day it was earlier decided that the date of birth of Krishna Kanta Handiqui would also be treated as the Foundation Day of the University. However, as some honourable members endorsed the Vice-Chancellor's view the following resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. BM/27/5/2015 :** Resolved that the Vice-Chancellor's proposal for separation of the University's Foundation Day from the birth day of Krishna Kanta Handiqui be accepted in principle and both the days should be observed in a befitting manner.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 :**

**To consider the proposal made by the Vice-Chancellor in connection with Publication Wing of the University.**

The matter was taken up for discussion during which the Vice-Chancellor expressed his opinion the University should be able to look beyond the immediate need and think of a publication wing similar to other world class universities like Oxford, Cambridge or Chicago. Honourable members opined that if research and

original works carried out in the University could necessitate the creation of a publication wing the proposal could be accepted.

**Resolution No. BM/27/6/2015 :** *Resolved that the University should create its own publication wing and encourage its faculty members to take up original research work worth publishing.*

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 :**

**To consider the proposal made by the Vice-Chancellor in connection with 'Social Responsibility' of the University.**

Vice-Chancellor referred to a letter from the Chancellor urging the University to adopt some villages besides taking part in 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'. Some honourable members queried about the actual meaning of adoption and the University's role. Vice-Chancellor explained that it was basically a study about the necessities of the selected villages and role of the State and other agencies in meeting those needs and the University's possible assistance in this regard.

**Resolution No. BM/27/7/2015 :** *Resolved that the policy of adoption of villages as outlined be accepted in principle.*

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 :**

**To consider the proposal made by the Vice-Chancellor in connection with 'Contractual Term' of the employees of the University.**

The meeting discussed about the issue in brief and suggested that the proposal should be thoroughly examined covering all aspects of it by a committee and adopted the following resolution.

**Resolution No. BM/27/8/2015 :** *Resolved that a committee be constituted with the following members to suggest possible changes to the Ordinance under the University Act relating to the contractual term of the employees –*

- i) Professor I.M. Das, Member, BoM
- ii) Professor T.R. Taid, Member, BoM
- iii) Registrar, KKHSOU

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 :**

**To consider the proposal made by the Vice-Chancellor in connection with Vacation (Summer & Winter).**

Vice-Chancellor informed the Board that faculty members of the University were unable to enjoy vacation as their counterparts do in other universities for want of such provisions in the University rules. Dean (Academic), taking part in the discussion, also urged to declare holiday on Sunday instead of Wednesday for the academic staff. Registrar, however, expressed his contrary view in this regard. After a brief discussion the meeting adopted the following resolution.

**Resolution No. BM/27/9/2015 :** *Resolved that a small committee be constituted with the following members and the committee should submit a report to the Board for a decision -*

- i) Dean (Academic), KKHSOU
- ii) Registrar, KKHSOU

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 :**

**To apprise the decisions of the Academic Council held on the 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.**

The meeting after a brief discussion adopted the following resolution.

**Resolution No. BM/27/10/2015 :** *Resolved to take note of the proceedings of the Academic Council's meeting held on 30.05.2015 and approve the same.*

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 :**

**To consider the recommendation of the Selection Committee for appointment of Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor.**

Registrar placed the recommendation of the Selection Committee for Selection of Officers kept under confidential cover. The Select List prepared by the Selection Committee in order of preference was as follows -

- i) Sri Sachindra Nath Misra
- ii) Sri Ajit Chandra Kalita

After going through the papers in connection with the Selection procedure, the Board passed the following resolution.

**Resolution No. BM/27/11/2015 :** Resolved that Sri Sachindra Nath Misra as per the Selection Committee's recommendation and preference be appointed as Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 :**

To consider ex-post facto approval of the execution of the rental lease deed in respect of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Block No. II and approval for execution of another lease deed in respect of 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Block No. III of Housefed Complex @ ₹ 25/- per sq.ft. These buildings are/being taken on lease by allowing to expire the lease deeds in respect of a three storied building near Ganesh Mandir and the ground floor of another near the Housefed Complex.

**Resolution No. BM/27/12/2015 :** Resolved to give ex-posto approval of the rental lease deed in respect of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Block No. II and approve execution of the proposed lease of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Block No. III of the Housefed Complex.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 :**

To consider ex post facto approval of the temporary engagement of Shri Jyoti Khataniar as Publication Consultant solely for the purpose of preparation, design and development of research publication, annual report, news-letter to be published by the university in the next six months only w.e.f. 13.04.2015 with an honourarium of Rs. 25,000/- p.m.

**Resolution No. BM/27/13/2015 :** Resolved that the temporary engagement of Shri Jyoti Khataniar as Publication Consultant w.e.f. 13.04.2015 with an honourarium of Rs. 25,000/- p.m. for the sole purpose of preparation, design and development of research publication, annual report, news-letter to be published by the University be approved. However, the University will move for creation of a post based on its need and follow proper procedure for recruitment in future.



**AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 :**

To consider the ex post facto approval of the engagement of security personnel at the University Headquarter, Patgaon, Rani provided by Sterling Security Enterprises Pvt. Ltd., the only Study Centre that provides certificate course on security service of the University.

*Resolution No. BM/27/14/2015 :* The Board discussed the matter particularly with regard to necessity of security service in view of the irregular service of the temporary Chowkider engaged on daily wage basis and resolved to grant ex post facto approval of the engagement of security personnel by the Sterling Security Services Pvt. Ltd. w.e.f. 01.04.2015 under a contract.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 :**

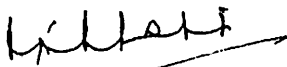
To consider the former Vice-Chancellor's offer either to return or, retain the household items purchased by him at the University's cost for use in his earlier official residence on payment of the depreciated value as may be determined by the Board.

*Resolution No. BM/27/15/2015 :* The Board while appreciating gesture decided not to charge anything from the former Vice-Chancellor for retaining the household items for his use.


**AGENDA ITEM NO. 16 :**

To consider to advertise for the existing vacant posts of Dean (Study Centre), Assistant Registrars (Study Centre & SLM) and some teaching posts.

*Resolution No. BM/27/16/2015 :* Resolved that the posts may be advertised as and when necessary as per procedure.



**Registrar**  
&  
Member-Secretary



**Vice-Chancellor**  
&  
Chairman

22/09/15