KRISHNA KANTA HANDIQUI STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY GUWAHATI

Proceedings of the 33rd MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON 20.09.2016 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF HOUSEFED COMPLEX: DISPUR, GUWAHATI AT 11.30 AM

Members present:

1) Vice Chancellor	:	Chairman
2) Shri Ramendra Narayan Kalita, MLA	:	Member
3) Prof. T.R. Taid	:	Member
4) Prof. I. M. Das	:	Member
5) Mrs. Ahalya Gogoi	:	Member
6) Dr. P.K. Goswami	:	Member
7) Dr. P.K. Choudhury	• :	Member
8) Dr. Lokendra Prasad Deka	:	Member
9) Dean, Study Centre	:	Member
10) Dean, Academic & Registrar i/c	:	Member

Shri S N Misra, Secretary to Vice-Chancellor and Public Relations Officer was present for recording the proceedings.

Agenda Item No. 1 : Vice Chancellor's address of welcome and introductory briefing

Before calling the meeting to order, the Chairman welcomed all the esteemed members of the Board of Management.

Resolution No. BM/33/1/2016: Resolved that the Vice Chancellor's address of welcome and introductory remarks be noted.

Agenda Item No. 2 : Confirmation of the proceedings of the 32nd (Regular) BoM held on 21.08.2016

The proceedings of the 32nd (Regular) meeting of the Board of Management were placed before the Board. The Board was requested to go through the proceedings and point out any changes that may arise in recording the same.

The Chairman pointed out the following typing corrections to be made in the recording of the proceedings:

Under Agenda itemNo.8 To consider the note of the Vice-Chancellor on the performance of the Registrar, KKHSOU:

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Part –A : In the first paragraph :The date 14.07.2016 be

read as 01.07.2016

Part -B :Point No. 1 second para : As the Registrar clearly

refused to out the order be read As the Registrar

clearly refused to carry out the order,

Point No. 9 :The date 22.05.2016 be read as 20.5.2016

Resolution No. BM/33/2/2016: Resolved that the proceedings of the 32nd meeting of the Board of Management held on 20.09.2016 be approved with correction of typographical mistakes where necessary and the above corrections as pointed out by the Chairman.

Agenda Item No. 3 :To consider and approve the recommendations of the Selection Committee for appointment to the post of Controller of Examinations

The recommendation of the Selection Committee for appointment to the post of Controller of Examinations was placed in the meeting of the Board. The Selection Committee recommended the names of the following candidates for appointment in the post of Controller of Examinations in order of merit:

- 1) Dr. Shyamanta Chakraborty
- 2) Dr. Bhabaranjan Sarmah

Resolution No. BM/33/3/2016: Resolved that the recommendation of the Selection Committee for the post of Controller of Examinations be accepted and that the Candidate recommended first viz., Dr. Shyamanta Chakraborty be appointed as the Controller of Examinations.

Resolved further that the appointment letter be issued as per terms of the appointment under the University rules without waiting for confirmation and that the Select List shall remain valid for one year from today so that the next candidate in order may be appointed, should any vacancy (ies) arise due to any reason during the said year. The appointment shall be for the period as per the provision in the ordinance with probation for one year.

Agenda Item No. 4 :To consider the decision of closing down of 130 existing Study Centres as per the direction of UGC

The Board was apprised that as per the direction of the University Grants Commission, 130 number existing Study Centres run by private institutions has been closed. However, a meeting with the Coordinators and Centre in charges of those centres has been convened on 18/09/2016 to apprise the present situation under which the University had to take such decision. The Chairman further informed that a Task Force with Dean, Study Centre as the Chairman has been constituted to oversee the matter so that the learners of different centres are not affected.

The Board considered the matter and authorized the Vice-Chancellor to take necessary action as he deem fits and proper in the event of any complicacy that may arise for closing down of the centres run by the Private Institutions. The Council resolved as under:

Resolution No. BM/33/4/2016: Resolved that the decision of closing down of 130 Study Centres run by the Private Institutions as per direction of University Grants Commission be approved.

Resolved further that the Vice Chancellor be authorized to take future course of action if any complicacy arises after closing down of the above mentioned study centres.

Agenda Item No. 5 To consider the recommendation of the Committee for the Selection of National Award

It was informed that in terms of the decision of the Board of Management in its meeting held on 31.03.2016, a Search Committee was constituted for Krishna Kanta Handiqui National Award, 2016 with the following members:

- 1) Prof. A C Bhagabati, former Vice Chancellor, Rajib Gandhi University, Itanagar
- 2) Prof. Amarjyoti Choudhury, former Pro Vice-Chancellor, Tezpur University
- 3) Prof. A Lanunununsung, former Pro Vice Chancellor, Nagaland University
- 4) Dean, Study Centre, KKHSOU Convenor

The Committee recommended the following names not in order of merit but in alphabetic order based on their Surnames for "Krishna Kanta Handiqui National Award, 2016"

- 1) Ao, Dr. Temsula
- 2) Bhattacharya, Prof. Nalinidhar
- 3) Miri, Prof. Mrinal

Resolution No. BM/33/5/2016: Resolved that the recommendation of the Committee for selection of National Award be accepted and Prof. Mrinal Miri be awarded the "Krishna Kanta Handiqui National Award, 2016".

Agenda Item No. 6 To consider the report of Enquiry Committee in respect of Shri Rajat Baran Mahanta, Registrar (on leave).

In terms of the decision of the 32nd Board of Management, a one-man Enquiry Committee with Dr. Nirmal Kumar Chaudhury, former Vice Chancellor, Gauhati University was constituted to enquire into the allegations brought against Shri Rajat Baran Mahanta, Registrar, KKHSOU. The report of the Enquiry Committee was placed before the Board of Management.

The report of the Enquiry Committee was read out by the Registrar i/c Dr. Arupjyoti Choudhury. The Board while accepting the report decided that the matter along with the report of the Enquiry Committee be referred to the Legal

Adviser of the University to suggest necessary steps to be taken in this regard. The Board further decided that the matter be placed in the Board of Management immediately after receipt of legal opinion for taking further necessary action.

Resolution No. BM/33/6 (a)/2016: Resolved that the Enquiry Report submitted by Dr. Nirmal Kumar Choudhury in respect of Shri Rajat Baran Mahanta, Registrar (on leave) KKHSOU be accepted.

Resolution No. BM/33/6 (b)/2016: Resolved that the Enquiry Report submitted by Dr. Nirmal Kumar Choudhury in respect of Shri Rajat Baran Mahanta be referred to the Legal Adviser of the University for taking legal opinion and suggest further necessary action to be taken in this matter.

Agenda Item No. 7 To consider and review the proposal for purchase of land for the City Campus of the University

The Chairman apprised the Board that the Hon'ble Chancellor during a course of discussions—wanted to know the present position on the matter of purchase of land for the City Campus of the University. The Chancellor advised that the Government of Assam should be requested to allot a suitable plot of land for the City Campus of the University. If the Government fails to do so, the university should explore the possibility of purchasing a suitable plot/building or property from the government organizations like, Housefed, Housing Board etc.

The Board discussed the matter at length and decided to cancel the decision of the 32nd BoM taken in this regard. However, the Vice-Chancellor was requested to take up the matter with the Government of Assam to sort out the problem. After detailed discussions, the Board decided as follows:

Resolution No. BM/33/7(a)/2016: Resolved that the decision of the 32nd meeting of the Board of Management regarding purchase of plot of land for the City Campus of the University be cancelled.

Resolution No. BM/33/7(b)/2016: Resolved further that the Government of Assam be approached for a suitable plot of land for the City Campus of the University. Alternatively, possibility be explored by the University to purchase

suitable plot/building or property from the Government agencies like Housefed, Housing Board etc.

Agenda Item No. 8 : Any other Business:

1) Holding of 2nd Convocation:

The Board was informed that the 2nd Convocation of the University has been postponed due to some administrative inconveniences. Now, the Hon'ble Chancellor has agreed to hold the Convocation on 5th February, 2017.

Resolution No. BM/33/8(1)/2016: Resolved that the second Convocation of the University be held on 5th February, 2017.

2) Honorarium to Writer/Composer of University Anthem:

On the request of the University, three noted writers submitted University Anthems for the consideration of the Board. The Board is requested to fix the amount of honorarium to be paid to the writer/composer and the concerned studio.

The members of the BoM desired that before finalization of the Anthem, recommendation from the reputed musician should be obtained on the proposed Anthems so that the Anthem is accepted once for all. The BoM resolved as follows:

Resolution No. BM/33/8(2)/2016: Resolved that the recommendations on the proposed Anthems for the University be obtained from a reputed Musician so that the best one could be accepted as the Anthem of the University.

Resolution No. BM/33/8(3)/2016: Resolved that the Vice Chancellor be authorized to fix the honorarium to be paid to the Writer/Composer and the concerned Studio involved in the finalization of University Anthem of the University, depending on their offer and status of work.

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There being no other business to transact, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

(Arupjyoti Choudhry)
Registrar, i/c and Member
Secretary to BoM.

(Hitesh Deka)

Vice-Chancellor & Chairman, BOM