

**KRISHNA KANTA HANDIQUI STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY  
GUWAHATI**

**Proceedings of the 34<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management (Emergency)  
held on 03.10.2016 at Housefed Complex, Dispur, Guwahati at 11.00 AM**

**Members present :**

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| 1) Vice-Chancellor                 | : | Chairman |
| 2) Prof. Tabu Ram Taid             | : | Member   |
| 3) Prof. Indu Mohan Das            | : | Member   |
| 4) Dr. P K Choudhury               | : | Member   |
| 5) Dr. Pradyut Kumar Goswami       | : | Member   |
| 6) Mrs. Ahalya Gogoi               | : | Member   |
| 7) Dr. Lokendra Prasad Deka        | : | Member   |
| 8) Shri Ramendra Narayan Kalita    | : | Member   |
| 9) Shri Bhabesh Kalita             | : | Member   |
| 10) Dean (Academic)& Registrar i/c | : | Member   |
| 11) Dean (Study Centre)            | : | Member   |

**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. The Chairman apprised the members of the Board of Management that in terms of the decision of the 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Board held on 20.9.2016, the legal opinion in respect of Shri Rajat Barant Mahanta, Registrar (on leave) has been received and as such the emergency meeting of the Board has been convened to decide on the future course of action.

**Resolution No. BM/34/1/2016 :** Resolved that the Vice Chancellor's address of welcome and introductory remarks be noted.

**Agenda Item No.2: Confirmation of the proceedings of the 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Board of Management held on 20.09.2016**

The proceedings of the 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Board of Management were placed before the Board. The Hon'ble members of the Board was requested to go through the proceedings and point out any change that may arise in the recording the same.

**Resolution No. BM/34/2/2016:** *Resolved that the proceedings of the 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Board of Management held on 20.09.2016 be confirmed as recorded with correction of typographical mistakes wherever arises.*

**Agenda Item No.3 : To consider the legal opinion in respect of Shri Rajat Baran Mahanta , Registrar (on leave) and future course of action.**

The Board was informed that in terms of the decision of the 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Board of Management held on 20.09.2016 vide Resolution No. BM/33/6(a)/2016 and Resolution No. BM/33/6(b)/2016 , the Enquiry Report submitted by Dr. Nirmal Kumar Chaudhury, former Vice Chancellor, Gauhati University in respect of Shri Rajat Baran Mahanta , Registrar (on leave) was referred to the Legal Adviser, KKHSOU, Sri Arup Borbora, Senior Advocate , Gauhati High Court for taking legal opinion and suggest further necessary action to be taken in this matter. The legal opinion obtained from the Legal Adviser was placed before the member of the Board of Management. As per the legal opinion, the following offences on the part of the Registrar may be constituted:

- 1) Gross defiance and insubordination of the Vice Chancellor;
- 2) Dereliction of duty;
- 3) Negligence of duty;
- 4) Conduct unbecoming of a highly important official like the Registrar of a University;
- 5) Acting against the functional and administrative interest of the University to the extent of resulting in hampering of academic interest in general;
- 6) Causing huge monetary loss to the University by way of unauthorized actions;

- 7) Causing pecuniary loss for not revealing highly important matters like the end of the prescribed tenure of a couple of members in the Board of Management necessitating subsequent nullification of decision by the Board of Management with such members in it and thereby causing loss of valuable time and money vis-à-vis resultant delaying of important projects.

The members of the BoM dwelt at length on the matter and considering the seriousness of allegations decided to initiate disciplinary proceedings against Sri Rajat Baran Mahanta (on leave) KKHSOU. The Board also decided that for ensuring a fair enquiry, Shri Rajat Baran Mahanta , Registrar (on leave) be placed under suspension from the service with immediate effect pending drawal of departmental proceedings and also be furnished a formal Show Cause Notice within a short time incorporating charges as contained in the Agenda Item No. 8 of 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Board of Management of the University. The Board was apprised that there are few more charges against the Registrar which may be included along with the charges incorporated under Agenda Item No. 8 of the 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Board of Management. The Board decided to incorporate the following charges along with the charges contained in Agenda Item No. 8 of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Board of Management in the Show Cause Notice:

- 1) Delay in issuing D.El. Ed. Certificate to the passed out candidates for the year 2013-15.
- 2) Delay in submission of application to NCTE for recognition of D.El. Ed .Programme through ODL mode.
- 3) Appointments of third grade and fourth grade employees without issuing any appointment letters and were allowed to continue for the second term with regular salary.
- 4) Drawing of UGC arrear with effect from 01.01.2006 without receiving the amount from the Government.
- 5) Misguiding the BoM in the fixation of pay protection in respect of Shri Rajat Baran Mahanta.
- 6) Meeting and representing to the Hon'ble Chancellor of the University without formal permission from the higher authority.

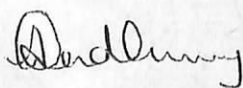
After detailed discussions, the Board of Management resolved as follows:

**Resolution No. BM/34/3(a)/2016** : Resolved that Pending drawal of departmental proceedings, Shri Rajat Baran Mahanta, Registrar (on leave) , Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University be placed under suspension from service with immediate effect.

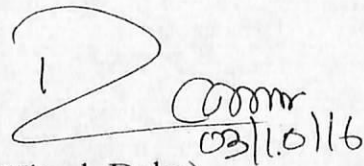
**Resolution No. BM/34/3(b)/2016:** Resolved that a formal Show Cause notice on the charges brought against Shri Rajat Baran Mahanta, Registrar (on leave) as contained in the Agenda Item No. 8 in the 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Board of Management of the University along with additional charges be issued within a short period of issuing the suspension order.

**Resolution No. BM/34/3(c)/2016:** Resolved that the resolution taken in the 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Board of Management vide Resolution No. BM/32/8(c)/2016 on the nature of Earned Leave shall be no more effective after issuance of Suspension Order of Shri Rajat Baran Mahanta, Registrar, (on leave)

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



(Arupjyoti Choudhury)  
Registrar i/c and Member Secretary,  
Board of Management, KKHSOU



(Hitesh Deka)  
Vice Chancellor and Chairman  
Board of Management, KKHSOU