

**KRISHNA KANTA HANDIQUI STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY
GUWAHATI**

Proceedings of the 37th meeting of the Board of Management held on
03.07.2017 in the Conference Room of Housefed Complex, Dispur,
Guwahati at 11.30 AM

Members Present:

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| 1) Vice Chancellor | : Chairman |
| 2) Shri Ramendra Narayan Kalita, MLA | : Member |
| 3) Professor T. R. Taid | : Member |
| 4) Professor I. M. Das | : Member |
| 5) Professor Munin Kakati | : Member |
| 6) Mrs. Ahalya Gogoi | : Member |
| 7) Dr. Mamani Barua
(Representative from Commissioner & Secretary,
Govt. of Assam, Higher Education Department) | : Member |
| 8) Dr. Lokendra Prasad Deka | : Member |
| 9) Dean (Study Centre) | : Member |
| 10) Dean (Academic) | : Member |
| 11) Registrar (i/c) | : Member Secretary |

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

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/37/1/2017: *Resolved that the Vice Chancellor address of welcome and introductory remarks be noted.*

Item No: 2 Confirmation of the proceedings of the 36th meeting of the Board of Management held on 28.03.2017.

The proceedings of the above meeting was circulated amongst all the members of the Board of Management. The Board was requested to go through the proceedings and point out any change that may arise in recording the same.

Resolution No: BM/37/2/2017: Resolved that the Proceedings of the 36th meeting of the Board of Management held on 28.03.2017 be approved with the following corrections:

Item No: 5 (In the 6th line) the Government of Assam approached – be read as the Government of Assam was approached.

Resolution No. BM/36/7(d)/2017: be read as – Further resolved that Rs. 50.00 (Rupees Fifty crores) from the source of KKHSOU (including Rs. 37.00 crores which was earlier earmarked for purchasing a six storied building from Housefed Authority) be approved to start with the construction works both at City Campus at Khanapara and the Regional Office at Jorhat.

Item No: 3 Action taken report on the decision of the 36th meeting of the Board of Management held on 28.03.2017.

The action taken report on the decision of 36th meeting of the Board of Management held on 28.03.2017 was circulated amongst the members of the Board of Management.

Resolution No: BM/37/3/2017: Resolved that the action taken report of the above mentioned meeting be noted.

Item No: 4 To consider and approve the recommendations of the Selection Committee for appointment to various posts.

(I) Dean, Academic

The recommendation of the Selection Committee for the post of Dean, Academic was placed before the Board of Management. The Selection Committee recommended the names of the following candidates for appointment to the post of Dean, Academic in order of merit:

- 1) Dr. Arupjyoti Choudhury
- 2) Dr. Rupak Gupta

Resolution No. BM/37/4(a)/2017 : Resolved that the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the post of Dean, Academic be accepted and that the candidate recommended first viz., Dr. Arupjyoti Choudhury be appointed as the Dean, Academic.

Resolved further that the appointment letter be issued as per the 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.

(II) **Junior Accounts Assistant:** Before placing the recommendation of the selection committee for the post of Junior Accounts Assistant, the Board was apprised that as per the decision of the earlier Board meeting, 10 (ten) candidates were called for interview against two numbers of permanent vacancies by maintaining the ratio of 1:5. However only one candidate was selected. As there is dearth of accounts personnel in the accounts section, it was decided not to advertise again but to call another 5 (five) candidates from the list who were enlisted in order of merit to avoid the procedural delay.

The Board considered the matter and decided to accept the recommendation of the selection committee.

The recommendation of the Selection Committee for the post of Junior Accounts Assistant was placed before the Board of Management. The Selection Committee recommended the names of the following candidates for the appointment in the post of Junior Account Assistant in order of merit:

1. *Shri Sunil Deka*
2. *Shri Koushik Deka*

Resolution No. BM/37/4(b)/2017 : *Resolved that the decision to call five more candidates from the earlier list in order of merit be approved*

Resolution No. BM/37/4(c)/2017 : *Resolved that the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the post of Junior Account Assistant be accepted and that the candidate recommended first viz., Shri Sunil Deka be appointed as the Junior Accounts Assistant.*

Resolved further that the appointment letter be issued as per the 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 period for one year.

Item No: 5 To consider the plan & Estimate of the City Campus, prepared by Mr. Ranjeeb Baruah, Architect.

The estimate for the proposed construction of City Centre at Khanapara Guwahati amounting to Rs. 69,68,70,891.00 (Rupees Sixty nine crores sixty eight lakhs seventy thousands eight hundred and ninety one) only was placed before the Board of Management. The Board observed that as the University does not have any Engineering department, it would be in the fitness of things that the Assam Agricultural University which was kind enough to transfer the plot of land to KKHSOU, should be entrusted to implement the proposed construction by their engineering Department. The Board was informed that Shri Ranjeeb Baruah, the Architect of the proposed construction was supposed to make a power point presentation before the Board of Management. However the same could not be arranged due to sudden indisposition of Shri Baruah. The Board resolved as follows:

Resolution No. BM/37/5(a)/2017 Resolved that the plan and estimate amounting to Rs. 69,68,70,891.00 (Rupees Sixty Nine Cores Sixty Eight lakhs Seventy thousand Eight hundred Ninety one) for the proposed construction of city campus at Khanapara as submitted by the Architect, Shri Ranjeeb Baruah be approved.

Resolution No. BM/37/5(b)/2017 Resolved that the Assam Agricultural University be entrusted to execute the construction works of the city campus of Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University at Khanapara on behalf of the university subject to acceptance of the following terms and conditions:

- 1) An MOU between the AAU and the KKHSOU shall be executed for the construction of City Campus of KKHSOU at Khanapara, Guwahati.
- 2) The project profile of the proposed construction shall be prepared by the approved Consultant of KKHSOU viz Designer Plenum.
- 3) The estimate would be prepared by the Consultant on SOR of Assam PWD 2013-14 on plinth area basis without escalation and GST.

- 4) *The time for completion of the project shall be 24 months.*
- 5) *The AAU will prepare a time-bar chart of completion of project before signing of MOU*
- 6) *The AAU will engage one technical person exclusively for this project to maintain smooth communication during the execution of the project.*
- 7) *The AAU will provide the copies of agreement and every communications with the contractors/sub-contractors to the Registrar, KKHSOU.*
- 8) *The Consultant will directly deliver the drawings and specifications to AAU with a copy to the Registrar, KKHSOU.*
- 9) *The AAU will engage/depute competent technical persons for supervision of the construction works during execution of the project.*
- 10) *Payment to the contractors/sub-contractors shall be done directly by KKHSOU after approval of bills from AAU and the technical approval from the Consultant.*
- 11) *The KKHSOU will provide adequate supply of power and water at the construction site.*
- 12) *The AAU will prepare a time-bar chart of dismantling and shifting of the garbage of existing 3(three) buildings at site before signing the MOU.*
- 13) *The AAU will extend all necessary support to get the NOC from different departments, if necessary.*
- 14) *The AAU will arrange for putting up site laboratory for material testing and RMC plant at site maintaining proper quality control of the construction works.*
- 15) *The other terms and conditions will be mutually agreed upon.*

Resolution No. BM/37/5(c)/2017: *Resolved that the construction works of City Campus at Khanapara be awarded to the Assam Agricultural University without waiting for confirmation of the proceedings.*

Item No: 6 **To consider the Audit reports (internal) of the University from the financial year 2006 to 2016.**

A note submitted by the Finance Officer of KKHSOU on the Auditors report submitted by Pradeep Modi and Associates, Chartered Accountant was placed before the Board of Management. The Board observed that the Balance Sheets are not reflecting the entire view on the accounts of the University for the year

audited from 2008-09 to 2013-14. In view of the above the Board could not accept the audit report. Since the party has not taken the matter seriously, the Board authorised the Vice Chancellor to select another party for auditing the accounts of the University since its inception. While deliberating on this matter the Board also noted with all seriousness on the role of the finance Officer, under whose leadership, the audit should have been completed. The Board desired that the Finance Officer should be more pro active on such matter and get the matter completed within a specific time bound period. After detailed deliberation, the Board adopted the following resolutions:

Resolution No. BM/37/6/2017 : *Resolved that the audit report submitted by Pradeep Modi and Associates, Chartered Accountants be not accepted.*

Resolution No. BM/37/6(a)/2017 : *Resolved that the Vice Chancellor, KKHSOU be authorised to select a new party to get the accounts of the University audited within a specific time bound period.*

Item No: 7 To consider the note of the Vice Chancellor on the alleged irregularities during the tenure of the former Vice- Chancellor, Prof. Srinath Barua.

A note on the alleged irregularities during the tenure of the former Vice Chancellor was placed before the Board of Management and enclosed as Annexure -4. The Vice Chancellor gave a brief description and underlined the need for placing such a vulnerable issue before the esteemed members of the Board of Management. He further stated that most of the alleged irregularities are involving huge amounts of money and as such; it is the bounden duty of the Vice Chancellor to place the matter before the august house.

The members dwelt at length on the entire matter and expressed their dissatisfaction on the alleged irregularities particularly on the issues where huge financial transactions were involved. The members of the Board while deliberating on these issues were of the view that public money should be used properly and while doing so it should be more transparent and should adhere to the existing financial rules of the University. The Board of Management observed that such illegal actions were not expected from the head of institution like Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University. Therefore, the BoM was of the view that it would be improper if the allegations are not thoroughly enquired by an independent

agency .The Board of Management in unison finally decided that the alleged irregularities in respect of Prof. Srinath Baruah, former Vice Chancellor, KKHSOU be referred to the Government of Assam with a request to conduct an inquiry by the Chief Minister's Vigilance Cell so that the financial irregularities vis-à-vis the loss of state exchequer is detected. After detailed deliberations, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolution No. BM/37/7/2017 : *Resolved that the alleged irregularities in respect of Prof. Srinath Baruah, former Vice Chancellor , KKHSOU during his tenure as the Vice Chancellor being of very serious nature, be referred to the Government of Assam with a request to enquire into the allegations by the Chief Minister's Vigilance Cell for investigation and appropriate action under the law.*

Item No: 8 To consider and approve the proposal for utilization of Government grants for publication of "Assam Sishu Kosh".

The Board considered the agenda and overviewed the entire matter. The Board observed that the proposal of "Assam Sishu Kosh" amounting to Rs. 150.00 lakhs was forwarded to the Government of Assam including a few other proposals , the total amount of which was estimated at Rs. 350.00 lakhs. Subsequently, the government of Assam released the grants amounting to Rs. 300.00 lakhs as infrastructure grants and there was no mention of the proposal for Assam Sishu Kosh. The University approached the Government of Assam to clarify the matter and wanted to know whether the amount of Rs. 150.00 as envisaged for the Assam Sishu Kosh was included or not. The Government of Assam clarified that infrastructure grant cannot be used other than infrastructure development. In view of the above, the amount earmarked for "Assam Sishu Kosh" be spent from the own source of the University.

The Board was requested to consider and approve the proposal.

The members of the Board dwelt at length and resolved as follows:

Resolution No. BM/37/8/2017 : *Resolved that Rs. 150.00 lakhs be spent from the University's fund to implement the project "Assam Sishu Kosh". However the Government of Assam be requested to incorporate the same amount in the next grants likely to be released to the University in future.*

Item No: 9 To consider and approve the payment to Assam Agricultural University as a package of compensation to the existing buildings on the transferred plot of land to KKHSOU.

The Board was apprised that in terms of the agreement made with the Assam Agricultural University, the University is to compensate the cost of the existing buildings along with other structures to the Assam Agricultural University on the allotted plot of land to KKHSOU. The cost was assessed by the Assam Agricultural University which stands at 4.50 cores. Pending approval of the Board of Management the amount has already been paid.

The Board was requested to consider and approve the proposal.

Resolution No. BM/37/9/2017 : *Resolved that the payment of Rs. 4.50 cores being the cost of compensation of the existing structure on the transferred plot of land to KKHSOU by the Assam Agricultural University be approved.*

Item No: 10 To consider and approve the budget for the proposed International Seminar to be held on 16th and 17th December, 2017.

The Board was aware that an International Conference is being organized by the Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University on 16th and 17th December, 2017 on "Developmental Interventions and Open Learning in Empowering and Transforming Society" at NEDFi Convention Centre, Guwahati. Prof. Asha Kanwar, Head of Commonwealth of Learning, Vancouver, Canada has kindly given her consent to deliver the key note Address. In this connection, the Organizing Committee has submitted a budget amounting to Rs. 15, 94,000/- for smooth conduct of the Seminar.

The Board was requested to consider and approve the budget.

Resolution No. BM/37/10/2017 : *Resolved that the budget amounting to Rs. 15,94,000.00 (Rupees fifteen lakhs ninety four thousand) for holding the International Conference on 16th and 17th December, 2017 by Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University be approved.*

Item No: 11 To consider and approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee held on 23.06.2017 and 23.03.2017.

The proceedings of the Finance Committee held on 23.06.2017, 23.03.2017 and 03.11.2016 were circulated amongst the member of the Board of Management. The Board while accepting the recommendation of the Finance Committee was of

the view that the LTC be accepted as applicable to the Assam State Government employees.

The decision shall be implemented only after the Govt. Approve the regular service like other State Universities.

The Board was requested to consider and approve the recommendation.

Resolution No. BM/37/11/2017: *Resolved that the proceedings of the Finance Committee held on 23.06.2017, 23.03.2017 and 03.11.2016 be approved.*

Item No: 12 To consider and approve the extension of services of a number of employees.

The Board was informed that a number of employees have completed the first term in the University successfully. On the recommendation of the controlling officers, their services may be extended with effect from the date of completion of the first term.

Resolution No. BM/37/12/2017: *Resolved that the services of the following employees be extended for another period of 5 (Five) years with effect from the date of completion of the first term as per rules of the University.*

Serial No.	Name of employee	Designation	Date of completion of term (five year)
1	Dr. Indrani Deka	Assistant Professor (Sanskrit)	30.04.1017
2.	Dr. Bhaskar Bhattacharyya	Assistant Professor (Philosophy)	30.04.2017
3.	Dr. Ritimoni Bordoloi	Assistant Professor (Education)	30.04.2017
4.	Dr. Abhijit Bhuya	Assistant Professor (Political Science)	30.04.2017

5.	<i>Dr. Debojit Goswami</i>	<i>Assistant Professor (Commerce)</i>	<i>30.04.2017</i>
6.	<i>Dr. Bhaskar Sarma</i>	<i>Assistant Professor(Economics)</i>	<i>30.04.2017</i>
7	<i>Kalpana Mazumdar</i>	<i>(Jr. Office Assistant)</i>	<i>31.05.2017</i>
8	<i>Mr. Madhb Deka</i>	<i>Driver</i>	<i>31.05.2017</i>
9.	<i>Mr. Hemanta Barua</i>	<i>Senior Assistant</i>	<i>31.05.2017</i>
10	<i>Mr. Hem Prakash Mout</i>	<i>Programme Assistant (Multimedia)</i>	<i>30.06.2017</i>
11	<i>Mr. Rajesh Kr Sarma</i>	<i>Technical Attendant (Multimedia)</i>	<i>30.06.2017</i>

Item No: 13 To consider and approve the payment of honorarium to the Inquiry officer, appointed by the University in respect of Shri Rajat Baran Mahanta, Registrar (under suspension)

The Board was aware that in terms of the decision of the Board of Management, Justice H N Sarma (Inquiry Officer) has been appointed as the Inquiry Officer to inquire into the allegations brought against Shri Rajat Baran Mahanta. In this connection, Justice H N Sarma has informed vide his letter dated 17.05.2017 that the fees for conducting the enquiry would be Rs. 10.00 (ten) lakhs. However, the fee for perusal of files/documents and for preparing the enquiry report would be intimated later on. He requested to release Rs. 3.00 (three) lakhs as first instalment of the fee. Pending approval of the Board of Management, Justice Sarma has already paid Rs.3.00 lakhs as advance.

The Board was requested to consider and approved the amount.

Resolution No. BM/37/13/2017: *Resolved that the fees for conducting the enquiry in respect of Shri Rajat Baran Mahanta ,Registrar (under Suspension) be approved as per the letter of the enquiry officer, Justice (Retired) H.N. Sarma vide his letter dated 17.05.2017.*

Item No: 14 To consider and approve the re-designation of 4th Grade employees as Multi Tasking Staff.

It is for the kind information of the Board that most of the 4th Grade employees of the University are duly qualified and even some of them is graduate with additional qualifications like driving, knowledge in computer science etc. If their

designation is changed and re-designated as Multi Tasking Staff, they may be engaged in different activities of the university.

The Board was requested to consider and approve the proposal.

Resolution No. BM/37/14/2017: *Resolved that all the 4th Grade employees be re designated as Multi Tasking Staff and the following nature of works be allotted to them:*

- 1) *Office cleanliness and keeping up of the sectional unit*
- 2) *Opening & Closing of rooms*
- 3) *Cleaning of Building and Fixtures*
- 4) *Providing refreshments*
- 5) *Driving of Vehicle in case of having a Driving License*
- 6) *Post delivering*
- 7) *Photocopies and sending FAXs etc.*
- 8) *Physical maintenance of records of the section*
- 9) *Paper and files carrying to the several related departments*
- 10) *Watchman or ward duties*
- 11) *Upkeep of parks , lawns, potted plants etc,*
- 12) *Work related to the qualification in case of having ITI diploma or Computer*

- 13) *Helping in daily office work, including diary ,dispatch& computer replacements*
- 14) *Any other work assigned by the Superior authority*

Item No: 15 To consider ex post fact approval on the budget for the Achyut Lahkar Memorial Natye Sandhya held on 12.06.2017

It was for kind information of the Board that as a mark of respect to Late Achyut Lahkar , the noted Producer and Director of Assamese drama , "Achyut Lahkar Memorial event was organized on 12th June, 2017 in collaboration with the Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Government of Assam. A Professional Drama Group from Tangla was invited to stage a Drama "Kino Kam" directed by Shri Pabitra Rabha. While the cost of advertisement and the hiring charge of Ravindra Bhawan were provided by the Directorate of Cultural Affairs, the other cost of the event was borne by the University. **(Annexure – 8)**

The Board was requested to consider and approve the amount.

Resolution No. BM/37/15/2017: *Resolved that the ex post facto approval be given on the budget for the Achyut Lahkar Memorial Natye Sandhya held on 12.06.2017.*

Item No: 16 To consider and approve the remuneration to the Director, CIQA for holding additional charge of Principal Coordinator for D.El.Ed. programme.

The Board was aware that the D.El.Ed. Programme for the in-service elementary teachers sponsored by the Government of Assam is being conducted by our University. Prior to joining Dr. Anirudha Deka, as Director, CIQA, Dr. Madhab Sarma who was appointed as Director, CIQA was also entrusted to act as the Principal Coordinator of D.El. Ed. Programme with an honorarium of Rs. 10,000/- per month. As Dr. Anirudha Deka is also doing the same job, he may be given an honorarium at the rate of Rs. 10,000/- per month as per the earlier practice. It may be informed that pending approval of the Board of Management, Deka has been paid the honorarium with retrospective effect.

The Board was requested to consider and approve the amount.

Resolution No. BM/37/16/2017: *Resolved that the remuneration to the Director, CIQA for holding additional charge of Principal Coordinator for D.El.Ed. programme at the rate of Rs. 10,000.00 (Rupees Ten thousand) only per month be approved.*

Item No: 17 To consider and approve the budget for the K K Handiqui Memorial Lecture to be held on 20.07.2017.

It was for the kind information of the Board of members that K K Handiqui Memorial Lecture would be held on 20.07.2017. In this connection, Prof. Nagen Saikia, Retired Professor, Dibrugarh University and Ex MP has been invited to deliver the key note address.

The Board was requested to consider and approve the budget.

Resolution No. BM/37/17/2017: *Resolved that the budget for holding the K K Handiqui memorial Lecture amounting to Rs.2 be approved. (Annexure-9)*

Any other Business

- 1) To consider and approve the short time appointment of the following employees :

- a) Shri Lakheswar Sarma , as OSD to Registrar
- b) Shri Surajit Sarma as in the Computer Section as a Computer Programmer.

The Board was apprised that in view of urgency the following two employees were engaged purely on temporary basis for a period of 3 months.

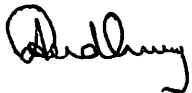
The Board was requested to consider and approve the above.

Resolution No. BM/37/18/2017: *Resolved that the following employees be engaged purely on temporary basis for a period of three months with effect from the date of their joining:*

- a) *Lakheswar Sarma , as OSD to Registrar*
- b) *Shri Surajit Sarma as in the Computer Section as a Computer Programmer.*

The Vice Chancellor is authorised to extend another three months if their services are found to be satisfactory .

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



(Arupjyoti Choudhury)
Registrar (i/c)



(Hitesh Deka)
Vice Chancellor