

**KRISHNA KANTA HANDIQUI STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY
GUWAHATI**

**Proceedings of the 43rd meeting of the Board of Management held on
07.05.2018 in the Conference Room of Housefed Complex, Dispur,
Guwahati at 11:30 AM**

Members Present:

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| 1) | Vice Chancellor | : Chairman |
| 2) | Prof. Munin Kakati | : Member |
| 3) | Shri Ramendra Narayan Kalita | : Member |
| 4) | Dr. Atindra Kumar Adhikari | : Member |
| 5) | Shri Ramen Sarma | : Member |
| 6) | Prof. Sudeshna Bhattacharjee | : Member |
| 7) | Ms. Baishali Nayak , ACS | : Member |
| | (Representative from the Principal Secretary,
Govt. of Assam, Higher Education Department) | |
| 8) | Sri Gautam Talukdar, ACS , Joint Secretary | |
| | (Representative from the Principal Secretary,
Finance Department) | : Member |
| 9) | Dean, Academics | : Member |
| 10) | Dean, Study Centre | : 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 Vice Chancellor welcomed all the esteemed members of the Board of Management. The Chairman apprised the following matters:

- 1) Shri Bhabesh Kalita, MLA who was nominated as the Member of the Board of Management has been recently elevated as the Minister, Irrigation

Department etc., As such; the Principal Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly will be requested to nominate one member from the Assam Legislative Assembly in lieu of Shri Bhabesh Kalita.

- 2) That; five girls candidate, who cleared Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) in preliminary written examinations were awarded Rs. 1.00 (one) lakh each as the scholarship on behalf of the university community. It is for kind information of the Board that out of five aspirants, two of them namely Ms. Bipasa Kalita (Rank 41) and Ms Yosodhara Das (Rank 894) have qualified the UPSC examination . The Board is already aware of the fact that the above scholarship programme was introduced by APJ Abdul Kalam Students' Welfare Mission, in which all the employees of the University are contributing a part of their salary on regular monthly basis.

The Board noted the above. The Board is of the view that Shri Bhabesh Kalita be congratulated on behalf of the Board of Management.

Resolution No: BM/43/1/2018: The Board of Management of KKHSOU in its meeting held on 07.05.2018 resolved that Shri Bhabesh Kalita, MLA be congratulated for being elevated as the Minister, Irrigation Dept. etc. Government of Assam.

Item No.2 Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 41st & 42nd meeting of the Board of Management

The copies of the proceedings of the above meetings were circulated to the members of the Board of Management. The members were requested to point out the mistakes, if any, in recording the proceedings. (Copies enclosed and marked as Annexure – 1)

The Board was requested to approve the Proceedings as recorded.

Resolution No:BM/43/2/2018: Resolved that the Proceedings of the 41st & 42nd meeting of the Board of Management be approved as recorded.

Item No. 3 To apprise the Action Taken Report on the decision of the 41st & 42nd Meeting of the Board of Management.

The Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 41st & 42nd meetings of the Board of Management were circulated to the members of the Board of Management.
(Copies enclosed and marked as Annexure -2)

The Board was requested to approve the above.

Resolution No:BM/43/3/2018: Resolved that the action taken report of the 41st & 42nd Meeting of the Board of Management be approved.

Item No. 4 To consider and approve the declaration of Ph. D. Degree

The following Research Scholar has submitted her thesis after completion of all formalities.

Mr. Mathur Barman submitted his PhD thesis for evaluation and award of Degree. On the basis of the recommendation of the examiners, the viva-voce examination of the candidate was held on 1st April, 2018. The examination was conducted by Professor Bhaskarjyoti Bora of Gauhati University who recommended the award of the PhD degree to the candidate. The details are furnished below:

Name and address of the candidate	Mr. Mathur Barman, Assistant Professor, Dispur College, Guwahati
Title of the thesis	"Learner's Cost Effectiveness And Quality In Distance Education-A Study on Select Under Graduate BBA, BCA And B.Com Course In Assam."
Name of the guide	1. Professor Debabrata Das Tezpur University 2. Dr. Smritisikha Choudhury KKHSOU
Name of the Examiners	1. Professor Bhaskarjyoti Bora Department of Commerce Gauhati University 2. Professor Debabrata Das Department of Business Administration Tezpur University 3. Dr. T K Sarma, Tezpur University 4. Dr. Smritisikha Choudhury Department of Management

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	The Viva-voce examination was conducted by Professor Bhaskarjyoti Bora, Professor Debabrata Das and Dr. Smritisikha Choudhury.
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The Board was requested to consider and approve the award of Ph.D degree.

Resolution No:BM/43/4/2018: *Resolved that the award of Ph.D degree to Mr. Mathur Barman be approved as proposed above.*

Item No: 5 **To consider the Legal Opinion received from the Legal Adviser of KKHSOU on the Enquiry Report submitted by Justice (Retd.) H N Sarma in respect of Shri Rajat Baran Mahanta, Registrar (under suspension) and comments/views received from Shri Rajat Baran Mahanta on the report of the Enquiry Officer.**

It is for kind information of the Board of Management that in terms of the decisions of the 42nd Meeting of the Board of Management (emergent) held on 01.04.2018, the Enquiry Report submitted by Justice (Retd.) H N Sarma in respect of Shri Rajat Baran Mahanta, Registrar (under suspension) was forwarded to the Legal Adviser of the University with a request to suggest punitive measures to be taken on the basis of the findings of the Enquiry Report. The Legal Adviser has now submitted his opinion on the Report of the Enquiry Officer. A copy of the Report of the Enquiry Officer was sent to the Delinquent Officer, Shri Rajat Baran Mahanta. In the meantime the University has received the response/comments of Sri Rajat Baran Mahanta on the report of the Enquiry Officer.

The Board was requested to consider the legal opinion and the reply of Shri Rajat Barn Mahanta, Registrar (under suspension) and guide future course of action in this regard.

After detailed discussion, the Board of the Management decided as follows:

Resolution No. BM/43/5(a)/2018: *Today's meeting has considered the representation submitted by Sri Rajat Baran Mahanta, Registrar (under suspension) against the Enquiry Report of Justice H N Sarma (Retd.) pertaining to the charges levelled against Sri Rajat Baran Mahanta. On perusal of the aforesaid*

representation it has been resolved that the contentions raised therein are not acceptable.

Resolution No. BM/43/5(b)/2018: Today's meeting also discussed at threadbare about the gravity of the charges found to have been proved by the Enquiry Officer and therefore resolved that the penalty of Compulsory Retirement should be inflicted upon the erring official namely Sri Rajat Baran Mahanta with immediate effect and such an order of Compulsory Retirement may be issued by the University.

Resolution No. BM/43/5(c)/2018: Today's meeting further resolved that the above decisions on Sri Rajat Baran Mahanta be implemented without waiting for confirmation of the proceedings.

Item No: 6 To consider and approve the MoU to be signed between the Assam Agricultural University and the Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University on the construction of the City Campus of KKHSOU.

The Board is aware that in terms of the decision of the Meeting of the Board of Management an agreement on the construction of the City Campus of KKHSOU has been signed by the Assam Agricultural University and the Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University. (Copy enclosed and marked as Annexure – 3)

The Board was requested to consider and approve the MoU.

Resolution No:BM/43/6/2018: Resolved that the MoU to be signed between the Assam Agricultural University and the Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University on the construction of the City Campus of KKHSOU be approved.

Item No: 7 To consider and approve the proposed modification of MoU to be signed between the Study Centres and the KKHSOU.

It is for kind information of the Board of Management that the existing MoU between the Study Centres and the KKHSOU needs some modification. The copy of the proposed MoU with necessary modification is enclosed and marked as Annexure - 4.

The Board was requested to consider and approve the proposal.

Resolution No:BM/43/7/2018: Resolved that the proposed modification of MoU to be signed between the Study Centres and the KKHSOU be approved.

Item No: 8 To consider and approve the formation of a Search Committee for National Award, 2018.

The Board is aware that as a part of social responsibilities and to recognize the untiring spirit of research and dedication in various fields, Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University instituted a National Award since 2015 to a distinguished person. The award carries Rs. 5.00 (five) lacs with a citation and memento. The award is presented on the Foundation Day of our University which falls on 11th December every year. A Search Committee is to be constituted to recommend suitable persons as per the guidelines already fixed by the University.

The Board was requested to consider and approve the proposal.

Resolution No:BM/43/8/2018: Resolved that a Search Committee with the following members be constituted to recommend the names of eligible persons for National Award 2018:

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| 1. Prof. T R Taid
(Former Director, Higher Education, Assam) | : Chairman |
| 2. Dr. Pradyut Goswami
(Former Vice Chancellor,
Assam Science & Technology University) | : Member |
| 3. Shri Prasanta Rajguru
(Editor, Amar Asom) | : Member |
| 4. Dean, Study Centers, KKHSOU | : Convenor |

Item No: 9 To consider and approve the recommendations of the Screening Committee for placement of Senior Scale to the Faculty Members.

The Screening-cum-evaluation Committee meeting was held on 24.04.2018 to recommend the faculty members for placement of the senior scales as per the provision of the UGC. The recommendations of the Committee were placed before the Board of Management.

The Board was requested to consider and approve the recommendation.

Resolution No:BM/43/9/2018: Resolved that the following Assistant Professors of the University except Dr. Tapashi Kashyap be placed in the Senior Scale with effect from the date as shown against their names:

Sl No	Name	Recommended with effect from
1.	Dr. Bhaskar Bhattacharya	18.02.2018
2.	Dr. Abhijit Bhuyan	18.02.2018
3.	Dr. Trisha D Baruah	12.11.2017
4.	Dr. Smritisikha Choudhury Barman	27.03.2018
5.	Dr. Ritimoni Bordoloi	18.02.2018
6.	Dr. Tapashi Kashyap	deferred

Item No: 10 To consider the Legal opinion in respect of the employees who were appointed without any appointment letters.

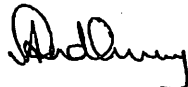
In terms of the decisions of the Board of Management, a legal opinion was sought from the standing legal counselor in respect of the employees who were appointed without any appointment letters during the period of earlier Vice Chancellor.

The legal opinion could not be placed on the day of the meeting and as such the matter was deferred.

Resolution No:BM/43/10/2018: Resolved that the Agenda Item No 10 be deferred.

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


(Hitesh Deka) 08/05/18
Vice Chancellor &
Chairman, BoM


(Arupjyoti Choudhury)
Registrar (i/c) &
Member Secretary, BoM