

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 68th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
MANAGEMENT OF KRISHNA KANTA HANDIQUI STATE OPEN
UNIVERSITY HELD ON 18.11.2022 AT 11 AM IN THE CONFERENCE
HALL, CITY OFFICE, KHANAPARA**

Members Present:

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| 1) Vice Chancellor | : Chairperson |
| 2) Prof. Amalendu Chakraborty | : Member |
| 3) Prof. Muneesh Kumar | : Member (Online) |
| 4) Dr. Mridul Hazarika | : Member |
| 5) Prof. Hem Chandra Gautam | : Member |
| 6) Dr. Sangeeta Gogoi | : Member |
| 7) Smti Tarali Das | : Member |
| Deputy Secretary
Representative from Commissioner & Secretary,
Higher Education Deptt., Govt. of Assam | |
| 8) Shri Bipul Borah | : Member |
| Under Secretary
Representative from Commissioner & Secretary,
Finance Deptt., Govt. of Assam | |
| 9) Dean (Study Centre) | : Member |
| 10) Dean (Academic) i/c | : Member |
| 11) Registrar | : Member Secretary |

At the very beginning, the Registrar welcomed all the members to the meeting and the esteemed Members of the Board felicitated the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on his joining in this University.

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

On behalf of the K. K. Handiqui State Open University, the Vice Chancellor welcomed all the esteemed members to the 68th Meeting of the Board of Management. As this was the first meeting of the Vice Chancellor with the Board of Management after taking over the charge, he sought the kind cooperation and

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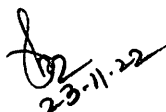
guidance from all the Members to make this University as one of the best Open Universities in the country.

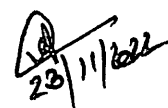
The Vice Chancellor placed before the Board the following development of the University since the last meeting of the Board of Management held in 1st September, 2022 before moving to the main agenda items.

1. At the outset the best piece of news for all the esteemed members is that the University started the admission process for the Academic session 2022-23 from 1st of August, 2022. The last date of admission was 15th November, 2022. A total of 34,032 nos. of learners got enrolled in various Certificate, Diploma, UG and PG programmes of this University during this Academic session. Till last year the admission used to be 13,725. The Vice Chancellor appreciated the hard work and dedication of all stakeholders, in general, and Dr Dibyajyoti Mahanta, the Dean (Study Centres) in particular, in this landmark achievement in the 16 years history of the University. The University organized **awareness programmes at various study centres** to develop awareness among learners using various social media platforms to motivate large number of learners around the state to enrol in various programmes. The Vice Chancellor interacted with all the Study Centres online in presence of the Dean (Study Centes) and Registrar during the admission process to suggest strategies appropriate for enhancing enrollment.
2. The Vice Chancellor visited 3 study centres of Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi districts in Barak Valley with the Dean (Study centres) during 14-16 October, 2022 to inspect about the enrollment and for the smooth conduct of examinations from 1st week of December, 2022.
3. On September 20, 2022, an online lecture on “Fragmented History of Assam’s engagement with the anti-colonial struggle: Kanaklata Barua” as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava celebration was organized. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Bornali Sharma, Head of the Department of History, Cotton University, Guwahati.
4. On September 23, 2022, a special online lecture on “Geo-Politics of Indo-Pacific: An Indian Perspective” was delivered by Rajiv Bhatia, IFS (Retd.), Former Ambassador and Distinguished Fellow at Gateway House, Mumbai.
5. Two new MOOCs courses have been recently approved on 11 November, 2022. One is on “Functional English” developed by Dr. Prasenjit Das, Associate Professor, Discipline of English and the other one is on “Poetry in

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- Assamese” developed by Prof. Pranjit Bora, School of Humanities. Now in total, there are 4 MOOC courses and 4 more are in the pipeline.
6. The University celebrated the National Unity day to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallav Bhai Patel with an exhibition title “Sardar Patel-the architect of unification” on 29th October, 2022. The programme was inaugurated by eminent personality Shri Swapnanil Barua.
 7. A NCW (National Commission for Women, New Delhi) sponsored one-day National Seminar on “Role of Fast Track Courts in delivering justice to Women” was organized by the University on 28th October, 2022. Prof. Nani Gopal Mahanta, Adviser, Education, Govt. of Assam was the Chief Guest of the seminar while the Former Justice Rumi Kumari Phukan was present as the Key Note Speaker.
 8. On 5th November, 2022, the Vice Chancellor interacted with the Faculty Members, Directors of the University regarding the Preparedness of the University for introducing new courses in the new academic session in accordance with the Vision reflected in the NEP2020 and the proposed programmes to be submitted to UGC meeting in the month of March, 2023.
 9. On 7th November, 2022, an interaction meeting with the members of a high level delegation from Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Assam regarding the delivery of education through online and digital mode as a part of digital learning in the context of NEP 2020 was held in the City Campus of the University was held.
 10. A Technical Committee meeting was held on 19/10/2022 to assess the ongoing development of the construction work at City Campus, Khanapara and its possible date of completion. A message has been conveyed to the contractor that penalty clause of Govt. of Assam will be imposed as per provision if they fail to complete the work within the stipulated date.
 11. The **Examination Committee** meeting was held on 01.11.2022 to discuss various possibilities for safety, security and smooth conduct of examinations.
 12. The University organized an Online Counselling Programme to prepare the Learners for the Examinations and Related Matters on 11th November, 2022. The officials from the University addressed the learners of 2nd, 4th and 6th Semesters for making them aware of various examination related issues especially with respect to formative assessment, summative assessment, preparation of examinations, mode of examinations and other range of issues from the City Campus of the University. There were around 300 learners who actively took part in this online counselling programme.


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13. The University organized an Induction Programme at Bhawanipur Anchalik College as a part of making the learners aware of different aspects of Open and Distance Education on 06th November, 2022. Dr. Pranab Saikia Director i/c, Centre for Internal Quality Assurance explained the features of Distance and Open Education with particular reference to KKHSOU.
14. The preparation of the 17th Foundation Day celebration is going on. A meeting of the organizing Committee was held to finalize the programme schedule. This is to inform the esteemed members of the Board that Prof. Nageswar Rao, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, New Delhi has given his consent to be the Chief Guest of the Foundation Day programme. Hon'ble Education Minister, Govt. of Assam, Dr. Ranoj Pegu will be the Distinguished Guest. The Foundation Day lecture will be delivered by Prof. Debabrata Das, Vice Chancellor, Assam Rajiv Gandhi University of Cooperative Management.

Resolution No. BM/68/1/2022: Resolved that the above appraisal of the Vice Chancellor be noted and endorsed.

Item No.2 Confirmation of the proceedings of the 67th meeting of the Board of Management held on 01.09.2022.

The copy of the Proceedings of the 67th meeting of the Board of Management held on 01.09.2022 was placed before the Board of Management for consideration and approval.

Resolution No. BM/68/2/2022: Resolved that the proceedings of the 67th meeting of the Board of Management be approved as reproduced below.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 67th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF KRISHNA KANTA HANDIQUI STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD ON 01.09.2022 AT 11 AM IN THE CONFERENCE HALL, CITY OFFICE, KHANAPARA

Members Present:

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| 1) Vice Chancellor (i/c) | : Chairperson |
| 2) Prof. Amalendu Chakraborty | : Member |
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| 6) Dr. Sangeeta Gogoi | : Member |
| 7) Shri Pradip Kr. Sarma | : Member |

Deputy Secretary
Representative from Commissioner & Secretary,
Finance Deptt., Govt. of Assam

- 8) Dean (Study Centre) : Member
9) Dean (Academic) i/c : Member
10) Registrar : Member Secretary

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

Before calling the meeting to order, the Vice Chancellor (i/c), on behalf of the University, welcomed all the esteemed members of the Board to the 67th meeting of the Board of Management. He then appraised the members of the Board that the selection procedure for the new Vice Chancellor of the University is not yet completed and the matter is under judicial consideration. He further placed the following information concerning the period since the last meeting of the Board of Management held on 08.02.2022 before the Board of Management:

1. During this period, the schools of studies of the University continued their academic activities and organized various programmes as detailed below:
 - i. Surya Kumar Bhuyan School of Social Sciences (SKBSSS) organized a national level two-week FDP on dealing with NSS Unit Level Data
 - ii. A panel discussion on Union and State Budget, 2022-23 was organized by the Discipline of Economics, SKBSS. Dr. M. P. Bezbaruah and Dr. Bodhisattva Sengupta were present as Resource Persons.
 - iii. 3rd Indian Philosopher's Day Lecture was organized by SKBSSS on 23rd May, 2022. The lecture was delivered by Prof. Sibnath Sarma, Retd. Professor, Gauhati University
 - iv. As a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, SKBSSS organised a special lecture on 15 June, 2022 to commemorate the Death Anniversary of Martyr Kushal Konwar.
 - v. Padmanath Gohain Barua School of Humanities (PGBSOH) organised an online lecture on "Assamese Cinema: Milestones in the Journey" on 28 February, 2022.
 - vi. PGBSOH also celebrated various occasion like the World Poetry Day, World Theatre Day, World Book Day. They organized a special talk celebrating 150 years of Asam Bilasini.
 - vii. The 216th Birth Anniversary of Maniram Dewan was celebrated by the Maniram Dewan School of Management (MDSOM) by organizing a talk on "The Legacy of Entrepreneurship in Assam" on 17th April, 2022.
 - viii. MDSOM also organised online lectures on "Educational Leadership in India" and "Research and Publication Opportunities"; a webinar on "Commodity derivative market awareness programme" during this period.
 - ix. A three-day training programme on Planting Material Production of Horticultural Crops, Preparation of Potting Mixture and Compost" was organised by the Guru Prasad Das School of Vocational and Interdisciplinary Studies from 26th to 28th April, 2022.
 - x. The Bhupen Hazarika School of Mass Communication had also organised a number of events like celebration of World Radio Day, National Public Relations Day, World Press Freedom day. The BHSOMC also organised an online masterclass on Screenplay Writing with renowned film maker Shri bhaskar Hazarika.
2. A virtual workshop on "Creativity and Innovation in ODL" was organized by the Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA), KKHSOU for the Teachers, Officers, Directors of Schools, Content Writers, Content Editors etc. of the University.
3. A training programme for the MTS of the University was also organized by the CIQA.
4. A 5-day online training programme on Capacity Building and Personality Development was organized for the UG and PG female learners of the University. The training programme was sponsored by the National Commission for Women, New Delhi.

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5. *An one-day National Conference of the CIQA Directors of the Open Universities of the country was organized on 1st July, 2022. The theme of the conference was "Implementation of NEP, 2020 by Open Universities: Preparing a Road Map". CIQA Directors of 10 State Open Universities of India had participated in the event where Dr. Avichal Kapur, Joint Secretary, UGC-DEB was present as the Chief Guest.*
6. *CIQA also organized one Faculty Development Programme (FDP) for the faculty members of the University on "How to Develop the Curricular Framework in the light of NEP, 2020" on 19th July, 2022. Prof. Manujika Srivastava and Prof. Swaraj Basu of IGNOU were present as Resource Persons.*
7. *It is for appraisal of the Board that University week was organized from 09.03.2022 for the first time with various sports and literary events. This time only the employees and Research scholars have participated in the event. However, necessary steps will be taken to involve the learners under various study centres in the coming years.*
8. *The Women's Day for the year 2022 was celebrated by the University at one of its adopted village, Hanapara.*
9. *The 8th K.K. Handiqui Memorial Lecture was organized in offline mode on 20th July, 2022 at the Conference Hall of the City Office, Khanapara. The lecture was delivered by Prof. Dipak Kumar Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Nalbari.*
10. *The University celebrated the World Environment Day on 5th June, 2022 with a plantation drive in both the campuses (Rani and Khanapara).*
11. *The University also celebrated the International Day of Yoga on 21st June, 2022 in its City Campus at Khanapara with active sessions of yoga by Yogacharya Subhasish of Yoga Culture and Yoga Therapy Centre, Guwahati.*
12. *Pre-admission counselling cum Awareness programmes were organized in various LSCs in different districts of the state viz. Furkating College, NLB City College, Tinsukia College, Tinsukia Commerce College, Doomdooma College, J B College, Darrang College etc.*
13. *The University celebrated the 75th Independence day in a 3-day programme as per guidelines of the Government of Assam as well as the UGC. The University also took active participation in the massive plantation programme under the scheme of "Chief Minister's Institutional Plantation Programme from 18th July to 15th August, 2022.*
14. *The University applied to AICTE for approval of the MBA programme. After verification of all credentials, the AICTE has accorded approval for the MBA programme vide their letter No. F.No. Eastern/2022-23/1-11304304541 dated 30.05.2022. Further, the University has also submitted the consent form for 5 years NOC for ODL/OL courses to AICTE.*
15. *The process of admission for the academic session 2022-23 has been started from 1st August, 2022 and it will continue upto 31 October, 2022. During this first month of the ongoing admission, 8,500 learners have already enrolled in various UG, PG, Diploma and Certificate courses of the University. Efforts are being given to increase the public awareness by organising various meetings with the LSCs, publishing advertisement on various social media platform etc.*

Resolution No. BM/67/1/2022: Resolved that the above appraisal of the Vice Chancellor be noted and endorsed. Further, the members of the Board suggested that documentation of the events with photographs should be archived properly in view of preparation of AQAR etc. for NAAC.

Item No.2 Confirmation of the proceedings of the 66th meeting of the Board of Management.

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Resolution No. BM/67/2/2022: Resolved that the proceedings of the 66th meeting of the Board of Management be approved as noted.

Item No. 3: To appraise the Action Taken Report on the decision of the 66th meeting of the Board of Management.

The action taken reports on the decision of the 66th meeting of the Board of Management were circulated to the members of the Board of Management.

The Board was requested to consider and approve the report.

Resolution No: BM/67/3/2022: Resolved that the action taken report on the decision of the 66th meeting of the Board as Management be noted.

Item No. 4 To ratify the resolution taken by circulation to approve the Annual Budget of the University for the FY 2022-23 and Revised Budget for FY 2021-22.

The resolution taken by the Board of Management by circulation dated 23rd March, 2022 to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee in its 39th meeting held on 28.02.2022 regarding adoption of the Annual Budget of the University for the FY 2022-23 and Revised Budget for the FY 2021-22 was placed before the Board for ratification.

Resolution No. BM/67/4/2022: Resolved that the resolution taken by circulation to approve the proceedings of the 39th meeting of the Finance Committee be ratified.

Action to be taken by: Finance Officer, KKHSOU

Item No. 5 To consider and approve the proceedings of the 40th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 20.08.2022.

The proceedings of the 40th meeting of the Finance Committee was placed before the Board of Management for necessary approval.

Moreover, In connection with the Resolution No. FC/40/04 of the 40th meeting of the Finance Committee, the Board was apprised by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor that a Notification regarding Fixation of Pay on re-employment of Pensioners issued by the Finance Establishment(B) Department, Govt. of Assam came to the knowledge of the authority only after the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 20.08.2022. In view of the same, the Vice Chancellor proposed that the matter relating to fixation of salary in respect of Prof. Jayanta Kumar Sarma will be considered as per the said notification and the same will again be placed before the Finance Committee for necessary recommendations.

Resolution No. BM/67/5(A)/2022: Resolved that the proceedings of the 40th meeting of Finance Committee held on 20.08.2022 be approved as noted.

Resolution No. BM/67/5(B)/2022: Resolved that the proposal of the Vice Chancellor to consider the matter regarding fixation of salary in respect of Prof. Jayanta Kumar Sarma considering the notification issued by the Govt. of Assam and further placing the same before the Finance Committee be approved.

Action to be taken by: Finance Officer, KKHSOU

Item No. 6 To consider and approve the proceedings of the meeting of the Planning & Development Committee held on 18.08.2022.

The proceedings of the meeting of the Planning & Development Committee held on 18.08.2022 was placed before the Board for necessary approval.

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Resolution No. BM/67/6/2022:

Resolved that the proceedings of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on 18.08.2022 be approved as noted.

However, the Board opined that the idea of constructing a Guest House at Rani may not seem to be feasible from communication and financial point of view. Instead, emphasis may be given to develop a Skill Development Centre at the Rani Campus. The Hon'ble Members of Board requested to place their opinion before the Committee constituted as per recommendation of the Planning and Development Committee to assess the need of the Guest House at Rani Campus.

Action to be taken by: Registrar, KKHSOU

Item No. 7 To fix and approve the depreciated value of the items provided in the residence of former Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kandarpa Das.

The Board was appraised that Prof. Kandarpa Das, Former Vice Chancellor, KKHSOU resigned from the post of Vice Chancellor on 24 January, 2022. Thereafter, he requested to take back the household items provided to him at his residence as Vice Chancellor or allow him to retain the items at a depreciated value. The items provided to the former Vice Chancellor at his residence were –

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| 1. Air Conditioner | - | 1 no. |
| 2. Executive Table & Chair | - | 1 pair |
| 3. Executive Visitor Chair | - | 2 nos. |
| 4. Washing Machine | - | 1 no. |
| 5. Dinner Set | - | 1 set |
| 6. VIP Briefcase | - | 1 no. |

As per the rate of depreciation under Disposal Rule of the University, the depreciated value of the said items were calculated and fixed at Rs. 93,233/- (Rupees ninety three thousand two hundred and thirty three only). However, the University had decided to place the matter before the Board of Management to approve the depreciated value as calculated or to fix a specific rate of depreciation if required.

Moreover, three more items were provided to the Former Vice Chancellor at his residence from the IT Cell viz. 1 no. of Desktop Computer, 1 no. of Laptop and 1 no. of Epson Printer; which depreciation values could not be calculated as those were purchased long back. As such, the authority of KKHSOU had proposed that the said items may be returned to the University.

The Board was requested to take an appropriate resolution regarding the depreciation value and also suggest the action to be taken in case of the computer items provided to the Former Vice Chancellor.

Resolution No. BM/67/7/2022:

Resolved that the reusable items provided to Prof. Kandarpa Das, former Vice Chancellor, KKHSOU be returned to the University and the other items be retained by the former Vice Chancellor at the depreciated value as calculated.

Further resolved that henceforth, matter regarding calculation of depreciation value etc. be taken up administratively and not be placed before the Board of Management.

Action to be taken by: Registrar, KKHSOU

Item No.8 To confirm the service of Dr. Gobinda Deka, Associate Professor in Commerce after technical resignation from his post at his parent organisation.

Dr Gobinda Deka joined this University as Associate Professor in Commerce on 7th January, 2020 on lien from Chandra Kamal Bezbaruah Commerce College, Jorhat. However, he had technically resigned from his post of Associate Professor, Department of Banking, CKB Commerce College to continue his service in KKHSOU. His resignation has been approved by the Office of the Director of Higher Education, Assam, vide Memo No. DHE/CE/Misc/Lien/156/2020/15 dated 28.02.2022.

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The Board was requested to confirm the services of Dr. Gobinda Deka, Associate Professor in Commerce after approval of his technical resignation from CKB Commerce College, Jorhat.

Resolution No. BM/67/8/2022: Resolved that the service of Dr. Gobinda Deka, Associate Professor in Commerce be confirmed with effect from 01.03.2022.

Action to be taken by: Registrar, KKHSOU

Item No. 9 To consider and approve declaration of Ph.D results by the University

1. Mr. Rishi Chakravarty submitted his Ph.D. Thesis for evaluation and award of Ph.D. Degree. On the basis of the recommendation of the examiners, the viva-voce examination of the candidate was held on 22nd February, 2022 in presence of subject expert Dr. Maya Kant Awasthi, Professor, Department of Agribusiness Management, IIM Lucknow, Internal examiner, Director of concerned School, Dean Academic i/c and faculty members of respective School. The committee recommended the name of Mr. Rishi Chakravarty for the award of Ph.D. degree. The details are furnished below.

Name, Registration No. and Address of the candidate	Mr. Rishi Chakravarty (R. No.- 17027930) Guwahati, Assam
Title of the thesis	"Advertising Influence on buyer attitude formation – A Study with reference to select consumer durable products."
Name of the guide	Prof. Nripendra Narayan Sarma KKHSOU
Name of the Examiners	1. Prof. Rinalini Pathak Kakati, Department of Business Administration, Gauhati University. (External). 2. Prof. Maya Kant Awasthi, Department of Agribusiness Management, IIM Lucknow. (External). 3. Prof. Nripendra Narayan Sarma, Supervisor.

2. Mr. Hitesh Choudhury submitted his Ph.D. Thesis for evaluation and award of Ph.D. Degree. On the basis of the recommendation of the examiners, the viva-voce examination of the candidate was held on 27th April, 2022 in presence of subject expert Dr. Lipi B. Mahanta, Associate Professor-II, Department of MCS, IASST Guwahati, Internal examiner, Director of concerned School, Dean Academic i/c and faculty members of respective School. The committee recommended the name of Mr. Hitesh Choudhury for the award of Ph.D. degree. The details are furnished below.

Name, Registration No. and Address of the candidate	Mr. Hitesh Choudhury (R. No.- 11000000004) Guwahati, Assam
Title of the thesis	"Prospects and Adoption of E-Learning Platform in ODL Institutions in North-East India: A Study."
Name of the guide	Dr. Tapashi Kashyap Das Assistant Professor, KKHSOU.

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Name of the Examiners	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Lipi B. Mahanta, Associate Professor, Department of MCS, IASST, Guwahati (External). 2. Prof. V.V. Subrahmanyam, Director, Centre for Online Education, IGNOU. (External). 3. Dr. Tapashi Kashyap Das, Supervisor.
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The matter was placed before the Board of Management for consideration and ex-post facto approval of the award of Ph.D Degree to the aforesaid scholars of the University.

Resolution No. BM/67/9/2022: Resolved that the award of degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) to Mr. Rishi Chakravarty and Mr. Hitesh Choudhury be approved ex-post facto. Further, the Board suggested not to include the names of the examiners for evaluation of thesis in the agenda notes for meetings of the Board of Management.

Action to be taken by: Dean (Academic), KKHSOU

Item No.10 Any Other Matter.

A. To approve the release of enhanced Dearness Allowance to the employees of the University ex post facto.

In pursuant to the Govt. of Assam, Finance Department notification No. FEG.08/2017/115 dated 25/04/2022, the University enhanced the rate of Dearness Allowance as regards to its regular employees as per the rate below vide notification No. KKHSOU/Acctt/Notification/21/201 8/13 dated 26.04.2022

Period from which payable	Rate of enhancement	Rate of DA per men sum
From 01/01/2022	3%	34% of Basic Pay

The matter was placed before the Board for ex-post facto approval.

Resolution No. BM/67/10(A)/2022: Resolved that the release of enhanced Dearness allowance to the employees of the University be approved ex-post facto.

B. To apprise about information sought from the Office of the Hon'ble Chancellor, KKHSOU regarding various matters.

- i. The Board was also apprised about the communications received from the Office of the Hon'ble Chancellor, KKHSOU in connection with a petition submitted to the Chancellor regarding appointment of Professor Jayanta Kumar Sarma.

A letter vide no. GSA.22/18/Pt.III/214 dated 05.02.2022 was received from Deputy Secretary to the Governor, Assam forwarding a copy of the said petition dated 07.01.2022 regarding gross anomalies in selection and appo intment of Shri Jayanta Kumar Sarma as Professor in Bhupen Hazarika School of Mass Communication wherein it was requested to examine and furnish a report on the matter to the Hon'ble Chancellor, KKHSOU. As such, a report was sent from the Office of the Registrar, KKHSOU vide letter No. KKHSOU/PF/08/2021/20/1154 dated 17.02.2022.

Further, another communication received from the Secretary of the Governor, Assam requesting to furnish a copy of the Biodata along with the application form submitted by the other candidate namely, Dr. Dipendra Kumar Mazumdar for the post of Professor in Bhupen Hazarika School of Mass Communication. The reply was sent from the Office of the Registrar vide letter no. KKHSOU/Governor/105/2008/319/1247 dated 11.03.2022.

- ii. The Board was apprised that there were 16 audit observations as included in the Inspection Report on the accounts of KKHSOU for the period 2006-07 to 2017-18 prepared by the Office of the Accountant General (Audit), Assam. In this regard, a letter was received from the Secretary to Governor, Assam with Ref. No. GSA.06/2022/366 dated 06.04.2022 whereby she conveyed the desire of the Hon'ble Governor, Assam cum Chancellor, KKHSOU that the University should expedite and take up the matter related to Audit observations for the period 2011-12 to 2019-20 with the Office of the Accountant General, Assam for submitting all replies along with all supporting documents. It was also stated in the letter that the University should earnestly target the completion of the reconciliation, submission of satisfactory replies and follow up on rectification etc. so that the pending Audit observations be dropped within two months of time.

In reference to the above mentioned letter, the Registrar, KKHSOU informed the Secretary to the Governor, Assam vide letter No. KKSHOU/Governor/ 105/2008/341/1410 dated 24.05.2022 that the University has taken up the matter with the Office of the Accountant General, Assam so that the pending observations could be dropped at the earliest and the response from them is still awaited.

Resolution No. BM/67/10(B)/2022: Resolved that the appraisal regarding communication received from the Office of the Chancellor, KKHSOU be noted.

C. To discuss matter regarding application made by Dr. Dibyajyoti Mahanta, Dean (Study Centres)

The Board was apprised that an application had been received from Dr. Dibyajyoti Mahanta, Dean (Study Centres), KKHSOU for deletion of a clause from his appointment letter.

Before initiating the discussion for the matter, the Chairperson requested Dr. Dibyajyoti Mahanta, Dean (Study centres) who is also a Hon'ble Member of the Board, to withdraw himself from the discussion and requested the Registrar, KKHSOU to brief the matter before the Hon'ble Members.

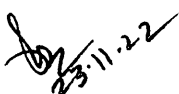
The Registrar then placed the following facts before the Board related to the application received from Dr. Mahanta:

- 1) That there was an advertisement in the Assam Tribune on 05/09/2020 for the post of Dean (Study Centre). Dr. Dibyajyoti Mahanta applied for the same and got selected for appointment. The appointment letter was issued vide no. KKHSOU/53/2013/PT/3177 dated 20 October, 2020.
- 2) Dr. Dibyajyoti Mahanta subsequently joined as Dean (Study Centres) on 03.11.2020.
- 3) In the appointment letter, it is mentioned that "the term of the office of the Dean (Study Centre) will be of 5 years as per statutes of the University (Section-3 of Chapter-V) or till attainment of 60 years whichever is earlier".
- 4) It was on 30/12/2021 that the Dean (Study Centre) has submitted a petition for the withdrawal of the term "till attainment of 60 years whichever is earlier" from the text of the appointment letter.

The matter was placed before the Board of Management for suggestion regarding future course of action.

Resolution No. BM/67/10(C)/2022: The Board discussed various possibilities related to the matter and resolved that a Committee be constituted with the following three members of the Board of Management to thoroughly examine every aspects of the matter. The Registrar will provide the necessary logistic support and relevant papers as and when requested by the Committee.

1. Dr. Mridul Hazarika - Chairperson
2. Prof. Muneesh Kumar - Member
3. Prof. Amalendu Chakraborty - Member

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Action to be taken by: Registrar, KKHSOU

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(Nripendra Narayan Sarma)
Vice Chancellor (i/c), KKHSOU
Chairperson, BoM, KKHSOU

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(Arupjyoti Choudhury)
Registrar, KKHSOU
Member Secretary, BoM, KKHSOU

Item No. 3: To appraise the Action Taken Report on the decision of the 67th meeting of the Board of Management.


The action taken report on the decision of the 67th meeting of the Board of Management was circulated to the members of the Board of Management.

The Board was requested to consider and approve the report.

Resolution No: BM/68/3/2022: Resolved that the action taken report on the decision of the 67th meeting of the Board as Management be noted as reproduced below.

Action taken report on the Resolutions adopted in the meeting of Board of Management held on 08.02.2022 (67th meeting)

Agenda Item No.	Resolution No.	Action Taken
Item No.1: <i>Vice Chancellor's address of welcome and introductory briefing.</i>	BM/67/1/2022	Noted and endorsed
Item No.2: <i>Confirmation of the proceedings of the 67th Meeting of the Board of Management.</i>	BM/67/2/2022	Noted
Item No.3: <i>To appraise the Action Taken Report on the decision of the 67th Meeting of the Board of Management</i>	BM/67/3/2022	Noted
Item No.4: <i>To ratify the resolution taken by circulation to approve the Annual Budget of the University for the FY 2022-23 and Revised Budget for FY 2021-22.</i>	BM/67/4/2022	Ratified and noted
Item No.5: <i>To consider and approve the proceedings of 40th meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on 20.08.2022</i>	BM/67/5(A)/2022	Noted
	BM/67/5(B)/2022	The matter regarding fixation of salary in respect of Prof. Jayanta Kumar Sarma will be placed in the next Finance Committee meeting.


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Item No.6: To consider and approve the proceedings of Planning and Development meeting of to be held on 18.08.2022	BM/67/6(A)/2022	Noted and Action Taken
Item No. 7: To fix and approve the depreciated value of the items provided in the residence of former Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kandarpa Das	BM/67/7/2022	Letter has been sent to Prof. Kandarpa Das informing him about the resolution and he deposited the depreciated value of Rs. 93,233/- to the University.
Item No. 8: To confirm the service of Dr. Gobinda Deka, Associate Professor in Commerce after technical resignation from his post at his parent organisation.	BM/67/8/2022	Service of Dr. Gobinda Deka has been confirmed w.e.f. 01.03.2022
Item No. 9: To consider and approve declaration of PhD results by the University	BM/67/9/2022	Action Taken.
Item no. 10: Any other item A. To approve the release of enhanced Dearness Allowance to the employees of the University ex post facto.	BM/67/10(A)/2022	Noted
B. To apprise about information sought from the Office of the Hon'ble Chancellor, KKHSOU regarding various matters.	BM/67/10(B)/2022	Noted
C. To discuss matter regarding application made by Dr. Dibyajyoti Mahanta, Dean (Study Centres)	BM/67/10(C)/2022	The Committee has been constituted as per the resolution.

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(Arupjyoti Choudhury)
Registrar, KKHSOU

Item No. 4 To consider and approve the Proceedings of the 41st meeting of Finance Committee held on 16.11.2022

The proceedings of the 41st meeting of the Finance Committee held on 16.11.2022 was placed before the Board of Management for necessary approval.

Resolution No. BM/68/4/2022: Resolved that the proceedings of the 41st meeting of the Finance Committee held on 16.11.2022 be approved except Agenda No. FC/41/3 as reproduced below. However, the Board suggested that University should take follow up actions to get the TDS receivables for the previous Financial Years as mentioned in the Annual Accounts for the FY 2021-22 and the liabilities

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of the University should be classified into different categories in the Annual Accounts to be prepared in coming Financial Years.

Proceedings of the 41st Finance Committee Meeting of KKHSOU held on 16-11-2022 in the VC's Conference Hall at University's City Centre, Khanapara

Member Present :

1. Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das, Vice Chancellor, KKHSOU
2. Prof. Muneesh Kumar, Hon'ble member, Board of Management
3. Sri Bipul Bora, Under Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Assam
4. Dr. Arupjyoti Choudhury, Registrar, KKHSOU
5. Dr. Deepak Kalita, Finance Officer, KKHSOU

Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das, Vice Chancellor, KKHSOU welcomed all the members present in the meeting and then requested Member Secretary of Finance Committee to initiate the proceeding as agenda items.

Item No. FC/41/01 : To Empower Registrar for approval as per the Clause 3.9 (f) of Chapter IV of the First Statute of the Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University.

For smooth functioning of the University, the honourable Vice Chancellor has empowered the Registrar as per the clause 3.9, Chapter IV of the First Statutes on the following matters –

- i) All the procurement related to the Vice Chancellors residence & other expenditures will be approved by the Registrar for payment subject to maximum of Rs. 25,000.00
- ii) Any expenditures maximum of Rs. 20,000.00 will be approved by the Registrar
- iii) Imprest Money reimbursement of all departments/branches will be approved by the Registrar.

The matter is placed before the Finance Committee for recommendation for placing before the Board of Management for approval.

Resolution No. FC/41/01: After threadbare discussion the members of the committee recommended to authorise Registrar with the financial powers on the following matters for placing before BOM for approval –

- i) All the procurement related to the Vice Chancellors residence & other expenditures will be approved by the Registrar.
- ii) Existing Imprest Money reimbursement of all departments/branches will be approved by the Registrar.
- iii) The Imprest Money of the Vice chancellor's office is enhanced from Rs.10,000/- to Rs. 25,000/-.

Item No. FC/41/02 : Approval of formation of Investment Committee

Reference to the notification vide no. KKHSOU/Finance/43/08/Part/1754 dated 31/10/2022 an Investment Committee is constituted to suggest measures for the best productive use of the University resources.

The matter is placed before the Finance Committee for discussion regarding the terms of reference of the Committee.

Resolution No. FC/41/02: After threadbare discussion the members of the committee opined that a specific terms of reference may be defined for placing before the BOM for approval. The members also opined that any

amount beyond Rs. 2.00 crore (Rupees Two Crore) only should be kept in the forms of Fixed Deposit for a short period instead of University savings bank account so that the University Can earn more interest.

Item No. FC/41/03 : **Fixation of Pay Scale of Grade III Employees & Arrear arises thereon**

Regarding pay parity of scale of some Grade III employees the Higher Education Department, Govt. of Assam has examined the proposal and found discrepancy between the various Universities. In view of above, Govt. in Higher Education Department has approved the proposal sent by the University to make pay parity with other Universities with immediate effect vide letter no. AHE.625/2019/Pt/48 dated 31st August 2022.

The matter was circulated among the members of the Finance Committee and resolved that – “The members of the committee recommended the payment as per proposal sent to the Government i.e. from inception as per the letter vide no. KKHSOU/State Govt./49/2011/138/460 dated 22-02-2021. The committee also recommended that the arrear payment of the period prior to the date of effect as per Govt. letter may be made from University fund”.

Since there is no clarity regarding the fixation of the date, now the matter is placed before the Finance Committee again for discussion whether the fixation be made from Inception, 7th pay scale of revision date i.e. from 01/04/2016 or date of issue of notification i.e. 31/08/2022.

Resolution No. FC/41/03: After threadbare discussion the members of the committee recommended to constitute a committee consisting Finance Officer and Deputy Registrar (administration) to examine the matter with other Universities and prepare a report for placing again in the Finance Committee within 2 weeks so that the University can take appropriate decision..

Item No. FC/41/04 : **Ex-Post facto approval for enhancement of Festival Advance**

Festival advance has been increased from Rs. 20,000.00 to Rs. 30,000.00 for Grade III employees and from Rs. 15,000.00 to Rs. 20,000.00 for Grade IV employees keeping the recovery terms same i.e. 10 equal monthly instalment, with the approval of Vice-Chancellor pending approval of the Finance Committee.

Now the matter is placed before the Finance Committee for ex-post facto approval.

Resolution No. FC/41/04: After threadbare discussion the committee approved ex-post facto enhancement of festival advance from Rs. 20,000.00 to Rs. 30,000.00 for Grade III employees and from Rs. 15,000.00 to Rs. 20,000.00 for Grade IV employees keeping the recovery terms same i.e. 10 equal monthly instalment.

Item No. FC/41/05 : **Adoption of Annual Account for the year 2021-2022**

Annual Account for the year 2021-2022 has been prepared and the Internal Auditor S.K. Pataodi & Associates, Chartered Accountant has examined the books and records of the University and found the Balance Sheet and the Income & Expenditure as on 31/03/2022 are in agreement with the Books and Records.


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Now the Annual Accounts for the year 2021-2022 is placed before the Finance Committee for adoption and recommendation for placing before the Board of Management for approval.

Resolution No. FC/41/05: The Committee accepted the Annual Accounts for the year 2021-2022 and recommended for placing before the Board of Management for approval subject to the correction of date by the Chartered Accountant, Internal Auditor.

AOB (1) : **Approval of Budget for Celebration of 17th Foundation Day of KKHSOU to be held on 11th December 2022**

A budget for Rs. 2,97,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand) only is submitted by the Chairman and Convenor of the Foundation Day Celebration Committee for celebration of 17th Foundation Day to be held on 11th December 2022.

Now the Budget is placed before the Finance Committee for adoption and recommendation for placing before the Board of Management for approval.

Resolution No. AOB(1) : The Committee accepted the Budget for celebration of 17th Foundation Day of KKHSOU to be held on 11th December 2022 and recommended for placing the budget proposal before the Board of Management for final approval.

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(Dr. Deepak Kalita)
Member Secretary
Finance Committee
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Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das
Chairman
Finance Committee
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Resolution No. BM/68/4(B)/2022: Regarding the Agenda Item No. FC/41/03; the Board resolved that the salary of the employees as mentioned be fixed since revision of Pay Scale i.e. on 01.04.2016. The Vice Chancellor is authorized to decide on the payment of arrears. The Board also resolved that each employee will have to give an undertaking to refund the money in case of any dispute that may arise regarding date of fixation and release of arrears.

Action to be taken by: Finance Officer, KKHSOU

Item No. 5 To consider and approve the Proceedings of the Planning & Development Committee meeting held on 10.11.2022.

The proceedings of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee was placed before the Board for necessary approval.

Resolution No. BM/68/5/2022: Resolved that the proceedings of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on 10.11.2022 be approved as reproduced below:

Proceedings for Planning and Development Committee meeting held on 10/11/2022 at KKHSOU City Campus, Khanapara

Members Present:

1. Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das, Vice Chancellor
2. Dr. Arupjyoti Choudhury, Registrar, KKHSOU
3. Mrs Chandana Basumatary, S.E.(D.D.) PED
4. Mr Atonu Baruah, Deputy Architect, PWD
5. Dr Deepak Kalita, Finance Officer, KKHSOU
6. Dr Limpon Bora, Dean (Academic) i/c
7. Mr Manoranjan Das, Project Manager


The Planning and Development Committee meeting was held on 10/11/2022 at Conference Hall, City campus, KKHSOU, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 at 11.30 a.m. Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, KKHSOU presided over the meeting. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor started his observations welcoming all the members present in the meeting and discussed the agenda for the meeting.

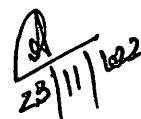
Item No.1: To discuss about Construction of transit guest house at University's city campus at Khanapara.

Dr Arupjyoti Choudhury, Registrar, informed the meeting that there were certain issues regarding the ownership of the land here and opinion have been taken from an Advocate who is in the panel of the University and on the basis of the report and consultation with the advocate, we may have a general green signal from Planning and Development committee to go for construction provided we ensure our absolute ownership of the University land after final payment of the entire amount in terms of land revenue etc. He further informed that it was on the basis of an agreement between two Universities, i.e., Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University and Assam Agricultural University through a land transfer deed only the construction work started. It is in the verge of completion. In fact, there were two deeds on the basis of which the land was transferred. However, there is a provision in both the deeds that the absolute ownership of the KKHSOU would be ensured only when relevant land revenue, property taxes are paid by the University. Therefore, the committee discussed and felt that construction of the Transit Guest House in the city campus could only be started after the University pays the dues as per due procedure and ownership of the land is ensured in the name of the University, after which the transit Guest House may be built.

In his observation the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor said that since there is no Guest House of the University, the University may construct a transit guest house at University's city campus at Khanapara, immediately only after completion of all procedural formalities and clearance. Even his view was that once the transit work is completed, it would accommodate Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University till the work for the Vice Chancellor's quarter is completed in the main campus at Rani.

Resolution: The meeting resolved that Planning and Development committee has no objection to give green signal to go for construction of transit Guest House in University city Campus


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only after completing and obtaining due clearance from the authority regarding absolute ownership of the land of KKHSOU over the land.

Item No. 2.: To discuss about Construction of Vice Chancellor's quarter, quarters for the officers, non-teaching staff as well as teachers at University's headquarter at Rani.

When this issue was discussed before the committee, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor pointed out in the meeting that during the last NAAC accreditation report the infrastructural issues emerged to be one of the most important deficiencies of the KKHSOU. As there are no accommodation facilities for Vice Chancellor, officers, non-teaching staff as well as teachers in the University which are the basic requirements for any University, therefore, University need to construct quarters urgently for the Vice Chancellor, officers, non-teaching staff as well as teachers at University's headquarter at Rani. He also stated that if the land is not properly utilized it may be taken away by the Government. Therefore, we have to construct our infrastructure on priority basis in the plain area of more than 3 Bighas after duely modified Master Plan which is to be adopted. In the original master plan of these quarters are plotted at the hilltop area of the Rani campus of the University. Therefore, some modifications may be required in the master plan to construct the quarters at foot hills. However, around 60% of our faculty and staff are not from Guwahati and are staying, paying house rent higher than what they receive from University, therefore these facilitates will enable them to live comfortably.

Resolution: The meeting resolved that Planning and Development committee permits to modify original master plan where these quarters were plotted at the hilltop area of the Rani campus of the University and to construct the quarters at foot hills after completing all the required formalities from the different Government agencies. The Project Manager of the University was entrusted to complete the necessary formalities within two weeks and submit the report.

Item No. 3.: To discuss about the Construction of Jorhat Regional Centre at the purchased land in Jorhat.

The Planning and Development Committee meeting held on 18/08/2022 discussed all possible aspect of the matter and recommended to constitute a committee to reassess the need and requirements of the project as well as re-evaluation of the earlier design in view of the current requirement of green building, multimedia studio, laboratory and revenue generation potential. Based on the report of the committee the University may write a letter to the PWD Department, Assam for a suitable design, estimate and execution. The meeting of the committee could not hold as per the advice of the Vice Chancellor i/c, that matter may be taken up with the new Vice Chancellor.

In the meeting Hon'ble vice Chancellor advised the committee to meet and make recommendation for the construction of Jorhat Regional Centre at the land in Jorhat within a month time.

Resolution: The meeting resolved that after assessment by the committee constituted for discussion of all possible aspect of the matter and recommended that on the basis of the recommendation of the committee, the necessary steps could be taken for construction in the land at Jorhat.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor concluded the meeting seeking cooperation from all sides for implementation of the resolutions agreed upon in the meeting.

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(Rajendra Prasad Das)

Vice Chancellor, KKHSOU

Chairperson, BoM, KKHSOU

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(Arupjyoti Choudhury)

Registrar, KKHSOU

Member Secretary, BoM, KKHSOU

Action to be taken by: Registrar, KKHSOU

Item No.6 To consider and approve the proposal regarding installation of a Bronze Statue of Krishna Kanta Handiqui at City Campus, Khanapara

The Board of Management was informed that the University proposes to build a bronze statue of the great Sanskrit scholar, Indologist and Philanthropist of Assam, Krishna Kanta Handiqui, in whose memory the University was established, at its City Campus located at Khanapara, Guwahati, Assam. The University authority sought the approval of the Board of Management to talk to its stakeholders like State Bank of India, Assam Gramin Vikas Bank etc. to meet a part of the financial involvements in the process. The Board was also appraised that the estimated cost of the whole process of installation will be around 24 lakhs.

Resolution No. BM/68/6/2022: Resolved that the proposal regarding installation of a Bronze Statue of Krishna Kanta Handiqui in the City Campus of the University be approved. The Board also suggested that the University may also approach some sponsors including alumni etc. and industrial houses for meeting the financial requirements of the proposal.

Action to be taken by: Registrar, KKHSOU

Item No.7 To consider and approve the proposal of contractual engagement of a physician and procurement of an Ambulance.

The University proposed to engage the service of a physician in Medicine on contractual basis as a part of the welfare measures for the employees of the University. The remuneration for the physician may be fixed approximately at Rs. 40,000/- (Rupees forty thousand only) per month. Further, the University also

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proposed to procure one ambulance in order to deal with any medical emergencies that may arise within the University Campus.

The Board was requested to consider and approve the proposal to engage one physician on contractual basis and also to approve the purchase of the ambulance so that the financial institutions could be approached to provide assistance for procuring the same.

Resolution No. BM/68/7/2022: Resolved that the proposal of engagement of one physician on contractual basis and purchase of an ambulance be approved. The remuneration of the physician be fixed at around Rs. 30,000/- to Rs. 35,000/- per month.

Action to be taken by: Registrar, KKHSOU

Item No.8 Any Other Matters.

1. To approve the release of enhanced Dearness Allowance to the employees of the University ex post facto.

In pursuant to the Govt. of Assam, Finance Department notification No. 2498/130 dated 23/10/2022, the University enhanced the rate of Dearness Allowance as regards to its regular employees as per the rate below vide notification No. KKHSOU/Acctt/Notification/21/201 8/14 dated 31.10.2022

Period from which payable	Rate of enhancement	Rate of DA per mensum
From 01/07/2022	4%	38% of Basic Pay

The matter was placed before the Board for ex-post facto approval.

Resolution No. BM/68/8(1)/2022: Resolved that the release of enhanced Dearness allowance to the employees of the University be approved ex-post facto.

2. Appraisal regarding allotment of the land of the City Campus, Khanapara in favour of KKHSOU.

The Hon'ble Members of the Board was informed that the land at which the building for the City Campus of the University is constructed is yet to be allotted in the name of the University. The University approached to the Office of the Dispur Revenue Circle regarding the matter. Subsequently, a letter vide no.

DIS.07/Allotment/2022/3141 dated 16.11.2022 has been issued from the Circle Officer, Dispur Revenue Circle to the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Land Settlement Branch, Kamrup Metropolitan District, Guwahati for further necessary action towards allotting the land in favour of the University. If the matter is settled at their level, the University will have to spend an amount of Rs. 14,00,000/- (Rupees fourteen lakhs only) (approx.) per katha to get the ownership of this land measuring around 9 Bighas.

The matter was placed before the Board of Management for an updated appraisal and permission to proceed further in the process. Based upon the recommendation of the Board of Management, the matter will be appraised to the Hon'ble Chancellor regarding the final deal.

Resolution No. BM/68/8(2)/2022: Resolved that the appraisal regarding allotment of land of the City Campus, Khanapara in favour of KKHSOU be noted. The Board also permitted to proceed further in the process of getting ownership of the said land.

Action to be taken by: Registrar, KKHSOU

3. To approve proposal regarding accommodation of the Vice Chancellor at rented house.

As per Letter No. AHE.610/2005/150 dated 27.10.2008 issued by the Education (Higher) Department, Govt. of Assam, the Vice Chancellor, KKHSOU is entitled to have a free furnished accommodation. But the University does not have the VC's residence till date. As the earlier Vice Chancellors were from the same city, so the matter remained untouched. Now, as you aware that the new Vice chancellor Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das has joined the University on 11.10.2022, the need of the Vice Chancellor's residence become urgent. In view of the same, the University was seeking approval of the Board of Management to allow the Vice Chancellor to stay in a rented house till the permanent quarters of the Vice Chancellor is constructed.

Resolution No. BM/68/8(3)/2022: Resolved that the proposal regarding accommodation of the Vice Chancellor at a rented house be approved.

Action to be taken by: Registrar, KKHSOU

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4. To approve the resolutions taken in the Examination Committee

The copy of the minutes of the 17th Examination Committee meeting held on 01.11.2022 was placed before the Board of Management for necessary approval.

Resolution No. BM/68/8(4)/2022: Resolved that the proceedings of the Examination Committee held on 01.11.2022 be approved as noted. However, the resolution regarding the enhancement of honorarium for Supervisory Officer and Exam Monitoring Officer be placed before the Finance Committee for recommendation.

Action to be taken by: Controller of Examinations, KKHSOU

5. To allow the constitution of the Construction Committee

The Board was informed that the University did not have any Construction Committee till date. Instead, a Technical Committee was constituted to look after the construction activities at the City Campus of the University. But as there is a mention about a Construction Committee in the Statues of the University; it was proposed to constitute a Construction Committee to inspect all construction works of the University (in both Main Campus, Rani and City Campus, Khanapara).

Resolution No. BM/68/8(5)/2022: Resolved that the Technical Committee constituted for the Construction work at City Campus will remain as it is till completion of all work in the City Campus. The Board further resolved that the Vice Chancellor be authorized to constitute a Construction Committee which will look after all future construction works of the University irrespective of its campuses.

Action to be taken by: Registrar, KKHSOU

6. To approve inclusion of the name of any experienced person with EMPC expertise especially from IGNOU in the Advisory Committee constituted for preparation/modification of technical specifications for Recording Studio and Production Control Room

This is to inform the esteemed members of the Board of Management that the construction of the EMPC Studio of the University is going on. In view of the same,

an Advisory Committee was constituted for the preparation of technical specification for the Recording Studio and Production Control Room with the following Members

1. Dr. Ridip Dev Choudhury, Director i/c, School of Science & Technology - Chairperson
2. Shri Dipak Dutta – External Member
3. Dy. Director, EMPC – Convenor

Now, the University is seeking permission from the Board of Management to include an experienced person with EMPC expertise, specially from IGNOU, may be included in the said Committee.


Resolution No. BM/68/8(6)/2022: Resolved that the Vice Chancellor be authorized to include any experienced person in the Advisory Committee constituted for preparation/modification of technical specifications for Recording Studio and Production Control Room

Action to be taken by: Registrar, KKHSOU

8. Approval of Phd to be awarded to Ms. Jahnabi Devi.

Ms. Jahnabi Devi submitted her Ph.D. Thesis for evaluation and award of Ph.D. Degree. Based on the recommendation of the examiners, the viva-voce examination of the candidate was held on 15th November 2022 in presence of Subject Expert, Internal Examiner, Director of concerned School, Ph.D. Programme Coordinator, Dean Academic i/c and Faculty Members of various disciplines. The name of Ms. Jahnabi Devi was recommended for the award of Ph.D. degree after successful completion of the Ph.D Viva voce examination. The details are furnished below.

Name and Address of the candidate	Ms. Jahnabi Devi Guwahati, Assam
Registration No.	17027936
Discipline	Political Science
Title of the thesis	“Ethnic Conflict and Gender Insecurity: A Study in the Bodoland Territorial Region of Assam.”
Name of the Supervisor	Dr. Bipul Das Associate Professor, KKHSOU.


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Resolution No. BM/68/8(7)/2022: Resolved that the award of degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) to Ms. Jahnabi Devi be approved.

Action to be taken by: Dean (Academic), KKHSOU

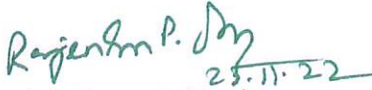
8. Issue regarding appointment letter of Dr. Dibyajyoti Mahanta, Dean (Study Centres)

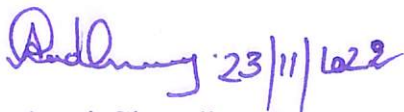
The Board was informed that Dr Dibyajyoti Mahanta, Dean (Study Centres) submitted an application for rectification of the condition in his appointment letter stating that the term of office of the Dean (Study Centres) will be “of 5(five) years as per the First Statutes of the University under Section 3 of Chapter V or till attainment of 60 years, whichever is earlier”. The matter was thoroughly discussed in the last meeting (67th meeting) of the Board of Management held on 01.09.2022 and the Board constituted a Committee with Dr. Mridul Hazarika, Prof. Muneesh Kumar and Prof. Amalendu Chakraborty to examine the matter. Accordingly, the Committee prepared a report consulting all testimonials available regarding that matter and submitted its report before the Board of Management in the 68th meeting for an appropriate decision and further discussion.

Resolution No. BM/68/8(8)/2022: Resolved that the report submitted by the Committee constituted in the 67th meeting of the Board of Management be placed before the Hon'ble Chancellor, KKHSOU for the final decision. The decision of the Chancellor be conveyed to the person concerned with an intimation to the Hon'ble Members of the Board of Management.

Action to be taken by: Registrar, KKHSOU

As concluding remarks, the Hon'ble Members of the Board suggested that the University should give emphasis on local development, corporate interaction as well as diversification of the programme portfolio in order to achieve the objectives of the University. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chairperson.


(Rajendra Prasad Das)
Vice Chancellor, KKHSOU


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Registrar, KKHSOU