

Proceedings of the 15th Meeting of the Board of Management held on 2nd August, 2012

Members present:

- 1. Vice-Chancellor
- 2. Professor Mohammad Taher
- 3. Professor Tabu Ram Taid
- 4. Professor Mohan Lal Brahma
- 5. Professor Indu Mohan Das
- 6. Mrs. Ahalaya Gogoi
- 7. Sri Keshab Mahanta
- 8. Sri Gajananda Borthakur
- 9. Sri Rajendra Prasad Majumdar
- 10. Registrar

Agenda item No. 1: Introductory remarks by Vice-Chancellor;

The Vice-Chancellor, while extending a very warm welcome to all the members of the Board, reported the following matters for the information of the Board.

- Foundation Day Function of the University held on 20th. July, 2012, was attended by the Hon'ble Chief Minister besides noted academicians. The Foundation Day Lecture was delivered by Professor Udayon Mishra, the topic of the lecture being "University Education at the Crossroads".
- Met the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 10th. July, 2012 and discussed the matter of extension of Sri R. B. Mahanta, then Registrar, for another one year. The Hon'ble Chief Minister explained the difficulty of extending the deputation of govt. officers beyond five years except in very extra-ordinary situations and suggested that the scope as well as the terms and conditions of recruitment to the post of Registrar may be widened appropriablely to attract Assam Civil Services officers to the post in the formative stage of the University. The

provision of fund for the construction of infrastructure of the Regional Centre at Jorhat was also discussed with him and Hon'ble Chief Minister suggested that necessary proposal for provision of fund for the purpose may be submitted in time.

- The Government of Assam earmarked Rs. 75 crores during Twelfth Five Year Plan period for building infrastructure of the University and asked the University to submit proposals accordingly. The University would submit the proposal with a couple of days.
- The Government of Assam has entrusted the University to conduct a one month Induction Programme for recently recruited school teachers (about 26,000 in number) during the ensuing academic session. Moreover, the Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed.) would be launched in August, 2012 through about 120 Study Centres including some B.Ed. colleges. The SLM for D.El.Ed. programme was ready and preparations for the Induction Programme have already started in full swing.
- The University would organise National Library Day on 12th. August, 2012, in collaboration with Assam Library Association and Assam College Library Association.

Resolution No. BM/2012/15/1 : Resolved that the information provided by the Vice-Chancellor be noted.

Agenda item No. 2: To consider the confirmation of the proceedings of the last meeting of the Board of Management held on 15th June, 2012;

Registrar placed the proceedings of the meeting of the Board of Management held on 15th June, 2012, before the Board for consideration of confirmation. (Annexure –I).

Resolution No. BM/2012/15/2: The Board, after detailed discussion confirmed the proceedings of the 14th. meeting held on 15th. June, 2012 and resolved that the proceedings of the 14th. meeting of the Board of Management be confirmed.

Agenda item No. 3: :To apprise the Board of the action taken on the decisions of the Board of Management by the Registrar

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The action taken report on the decisions of the meeting of the Board of Management held on 26th. April, 2012, was placed by Registrar for consideration. (Annexure-II)

Resolution No. BM/2012/15/3 :After hearing the Registrar, the Board of Management resolved that the action taken report on the decisions of the 14th meeting of BoM be noted.

Agenda item No. 4: Consideration and approval of the proceedings of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 23rd. July, 2012

The proceedings of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 23rd July, 2012 was placed before the Board of Management for consideration and approval . (Annexure-III)

Resolution No. BM/2012/15/4: After detailed discussion, the Board considered and noted the decisions of the Academic Council on the status of programme on Diploma in Elementary Education and resolved to approve the following.

- 1. Recommendations of the Research Council
- 2. Declaration of results of the first batch of degree students
- 3. Recognition of 41 new Study Centres
- 4. Finalisation of the names of the Schools
 - (i) School of Humanities as Padmanath Gohain Baruah School of Humanities
 - (ii) School of Social Sciences as Surjya Kumar Bhuyan School of Social Sciences.
 - (iii) School of Professional Studies as Maniram Dewan School of Professional Studies
 - (iv) School of Mass Communication as Bhupen Hazarika School of Mass communication
 - (v) School of Vocational Studies as Guruprasad Das School of Vocational Studies
 - (vi) School of Sciences deferred the decision
 - (vii) School of Technological Studies deferred the decision

(viii) University Research Centre as Banikanta Kakati Research Centre.

Agenda item No. 5:To consider the Draft advertisement of the post of Registrar

Pursuant to the decision of the Board of Management bide Resolution No. BM/4/2012/6 dated 15th June, 2012, the draft advertisement for the the post of Registrar is placed before the Board of Management for consideration of approval. (Annexure-IV)

Resolution No. BM/2012/15/5 : Discussed the contents of the draft advertisement for the post of Registrar and resolved that the draft advertisement be approved.

Agenda item No. 6 :To consider the construction of boundary wall in the land acquired for the Jorhat Regional Centre.

The land for the Regional Centre at Jorhat has been developed by filling up about 200 trucks of soil. But the boundary wall has to be constructed immediately for retention of filled up soil and to avoid encroachment. The University may go ahead with the construction of the boundary wall at the PWD rate or less by inviting tender in a local daily of Jorhat. The cost of construction will be met out of the development grant of State government.

Placed before the Board of Management for consideration and approval.

Resolution No. BM/2012/15/6: The Board expressed the view that the boundary wall needs to be erected immediately and the architecture firm approved by the University be requested to make the design and estimate. It is resolved that the boundary wall be constructed urgently through a tender in a local daily of Jorhat constructed and the nominee of Chief Engineer in the Construction Committee of the University be consulted for execution of the work.

Agenda item No. 7: Hiring of building for Regional Centre at Jorhat:

As per the decision of the Board, an advertisement was issued with required specification in the local daily of Jorhat (The Janambhumi) for rental accommodation for setting up the Regional centre at Jorhat Altogether, nine quotations were received. After carrying out a physical verification of the buildings offered for rent jointly by Registrar and OSD (Academic), an independent house with parking facility was selected based on its locational advantage and rent.

Placed before the Board for consideration and approval.

Resolution No. BM/2012/15/7: Resolved that the independent house selected through physical verification by officials of the University be approved for hiring.

<u>Agenda item No. 8</u>:To consider the note of Finance Officer on the appeal of Deputy Registrar (Examinations)

The note from the Finance Officer on the appeal of the Deputy Registrar (Examination) on his salary was to be placed before the Board of Management for consideration. However, the note in question could not be placed.

Resolution No. BM/2012/15/8: Resolved that the matter be deferred.

<u>Agenda item No. 9</u>: Creation of a post of faculty for Teacher Training Programmes:

The Board of Management was apprised of the status of the D. El. Ed. programme under Agenda item no. 5 of the proceedings of the 14th meeting of the Academic Council. During presentation of the *modus operandi* of the D. El. Ed. programme in New Delhi, it was committed to the NCTE Committee that the University will meet the faculty requirements at the head quarters of the University for effective and successful co-ordination and monitoring of the activities. As per NCTE guidelines, for offering the D. El. Ed. programme under Distance Mode the University should have the following core faculties

Professor - 1
Associate Professor - 1
Assistant Professor - 4

Moreover, the University is planning to launch the B.Ed. programme from 2013. At the moment there are only two Academic Consultants fully engaged in the programme. There is one Assistant Professor in Education who can be associated with D. El. Ed. in addition to her normal duties but this will not be sufficient. In the absence of a Senior Faculty at Professor and Associate Professor levels the NCTE may have adverse opinion and is not likely to permit the launching of the proposed B.Ed programme.

In view of the above and also in the interest of the contemplated B. Ed. programme besides the D. El. Ed. programme the Board may consider creation of one post of Professor, one Associate professor and two Assistant Professors in Education, preferably with additional M. Ed. qualification. The Board may also consider filling up the post mentioned earlier pending approval of the Government. Till that time the Salaries etc. can be met temporarily from out of the fund received from SSA Mission, Assam in connection with Elementary Teacher Education Programme.

Resolution No. BM/2012/15/9 : Discussed the whole matter in detail. *The Board resolved to request the State government to create the following posts for teacher education*

1. Professor: One

2. Associate Professor: One

3. Assistant Professor: Two

The Board also resolves to appoint two retired Professor of Education, as adhoc Professor and adhoc Associate Professor for the teacher training programmes till the posts are sanctioned by the State government.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chair to all the members of the Board.

Registrar

Date: 02-08-2012