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Item No:7 FINANCIAL MATTERS

7:1 Finance Committee

(i) Minutes of the 39th meeting of the
Finance Committee.

The Minutes of the 39th meeting of the
Finance Committee held on 5th October'1998 is placed at
Annexure 'A' for consideration of the Council.

NO.FA-2/39th/FC-Minutes/98-3215

NORTH EASTERN HILL UNIVERSITY
SHILLONG

MINUTES OF THE 39TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON
05TH OCTOBER, 1998, IN THE OFFICE CHAMBER OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR,
NEHU, SHILLONG

Members present :-

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| 1. Prof. B Pakem, Vice Chancellor
NEHU, Shillong | : | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. R Lalthantluanga, Pro Vice Chancellor:
Mizoram Campus, NEHU, Aizawl. | : | Member |
| 3. Dr. R K Chauhan, Joint Secretary,
U.G.C., New Delhi. | : | Representative
from U.G.C, New Delhi |
| 4. Shri C Wolflang, Director, Higher &
Technical Education, Govt. of Meghalaya,
Shillong. | : | Member |
| 5. Mrs. Boichhngpuii, Director, Higher &
Technical Education, Govt. Mizoram,
Mizoram. | : | Member |
| 6. Shri L Nampui, Finance Officer NEHU | : | Ex-Officio Secretary. |

Apologies were received from Shri Sudhir Nath, Financial Adviser, Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi, and Prof. A L Verma, Department of Physics, NEHU, Shillong.

The Chairman after welcoming the members particularly the new members of the Finance Committee and initiated the discussion on the items of the agenda and the following decisions/resolutions were adopted by the Committee.

Item No.1: The Minutes of the 38th meeting were circulated to the members of the Finance Committee vide letter No. FA-2/38th F.C/Minutes/97 dt. 16th September, 1997. Since no comments have been received from the members, the Committee resolved to confirm the proceedings of the 38th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 29th August, 1997. Moreover, the Ministry also has conveyed its approval of the Minutes vide Fax No. 0364-760076 (Letter No. F.40-15/98-IFD dt. 5th October, 1998).

Item No.2: Reporting items on the action taken on the resolutions arrived at the 38th meeting of the Finance Committee.

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(i) The Chairman explained to the members of the Committee of the inability to undertake shifting of the Department of Chemistry from Bijni Complex to Permanent Campus in view of the pending legal cases on internal electrification.

(ii) The Committee directed the Finance Department to find out the rate of diet charges in respect of Sports persons from other Central Universities as well as from the Sports Authority of India, J.N Complex, New Delhi.

(iii) As far as the question of replacement of obsolete equipment in the Department of Bio-Chemistry are concerned, the representative from UGC has clarified that there is no such schemes/funds in the 9th Plan for replacement of obsolete equipment and the Committee decided that the Finance Department should inform the Department concerned.

Item No.3: To consider the Revised Estimates 1998-99 and the Budget Estimates 1999-2000.

The Committee while discussing and considering the proposed Revised Estimates 1998-99 and Budget Estimates 1999-2000 has also taken note of the comments and observations conveyed by the Ministry under letter No.F.40-15/98-IFD dt.5.10.98(faxed at No.0364-760076) and ultimately resolved that the Revised Estimates for 1998-99 be restricted to as follows :-

1. Salary Components	:	Rs. 1431.85 Lakhs
2. Non Salary Components	:	Rs. 825.00 lakhs
3. Pension/DCRG	:	Rs. 45.50 lakhs
TOTAL	:	<u>Rs. 2302.35 lakhs</u>

While approving that the Budget Estimates for 1999-2000 be increased by 10 per cent over the Revised Estimates 1998-99, the representative from the UGC has clarified that the Maintenance Grant for 1999-2000 will be determined on the basis of the actual incurred during 1998-99. Further, the representative from UGC has clarified that the actual expenditure on account of revised pay and allowances will be reimbursed separately by the Commission. Hence, the provision of Rs.1431.85 lakhs on account of Salary Components is expected to cover the liabilities on Salary Components since the teachers are still being paid in the pre-revised pay scales.

The Committee also resolved that the meeting of the Finance Committee should be held twice in a year preferably once in the month of March/April and the second meeting either in the month of September/October each year.

In addition to the above, the Committee resolved that the Ministry be requested to sanction and reimburse Rs.240.00 lakhs which the University had to borrow from Plan grant to meet the unavoidable liabilities under Non Plan during 1997-98, since the UGC has sanctioned and released Rs.1607.30 lakhs as Maintenance Grant against the approved estimated expenditure of Rs.2042.51 lakhs to which the Ministry has also conveyed its approval under letter No.F.40-16/97-IFD dated 27.8.97.

Item No. 4: To approve the Annual Accounts for the year 1996-97 and 1997-98.

The Committee while approving the audited accounts of the aforesaid years 1996-97 and the unaudited Annual Accounts for 1997-98 also resolved that copies of the Annual Accounts for the years 1996-97 and 1997-98 be sent to UGC and Ministry immediately.

Additional Items

1. The Committee, after due deliberations on the proposed increase of the number of Awardees for NEHU P.G. Scholarship and the enhancement of the rates from Rs.150/-PM to Rs.250/-PM, resolved that the number of Awardees be increased 85 (Eighty Five) only and the amount of Fellowship be enhanced from Rs.150/-PM to Rs.250/-PM only.
2. The Committee while discussing the additional demand of Rs.8,41,504/- towards interest on the GPF and CPF arrears from UGC requested the Finance Department to furnish a copy of the Govt. of India's letter No.D/P&PW, Dy.No.1983-P&PE Dr. R K Chauhan on 6.10.98.
3. It was also decided that all remittances by Telegraphic Transfer to outlying Campuses be followed by detailed information preferably by FAX.

Item No. 5: Clarification on the Ministry's comments/observations.

Item No. 1 - NOT applicable

Item No. 2 - The matter would be again taken up with the UGC.

Item No. 3(i)-(iii) & retirement benefits. The Committee has taken note of the Ministry's comments and observations while determining the Salary components and the retirement benefits for the current financial year. Nevertheless, the provision of Rs.45.50 lacs on account of Pension/DCRG is arrived at by taking into account the following reasons.

Actuals upto September, 1998	Rs.28.60 lakhs
Anticipated expenditure wef 10/98 to 02/99	Rs.16.90 lakhs
TOTAL :	Rs.45.50 lakhs

The above amount does not include the arrears of Rs.26.21 lakhs on revised Pension as the UGC is reimbursing separately. Hence, the proposed provision of Rs.33.98 lakhs by the Ministry is found inadequate, therefore, resolved to approve the proposal.

Non Salary Components (I) Noted for necessary action

(ii) The actual expdr. on account of NEHU Central School (KV) is as follows:-

1996-97	:	Rs.27,12,864/-
1997-98	:	Rs.25,43,000/-
1998-99 (upto 30.9.98)	:	Rs.25,00,000/-

The above expenditure towards NEHU Central School was not shown separately as it falls under the Non Salary components. However, the provision of Rs.25.00 lakhs as shown in the prescribed proforma is an additional liability relating towards payment of arrear revised Pay & allowances in respect of the NEHU Central School employees.

(iii) The Chairman has clarified that necessary steps will be taken to reduce the number of the Daily Wage employees to the maximum extent.

Item No.4: This item was taken care of by the Committee while determining the Revised Estimates 1998-99 on account of Non Salary Components.

Other comments.

1. The estimated internal receipt for 1998-99 is projected at Rs.90.00 lakhs approximately.
2. Noted.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

Sd/-
(L Nampui)
Finance Officer and
Ex-Officio Secretary

Sd/-
(B Pakem)
Chairman & Vice Chancellor

Actuals upto September, 1998	Rs.25.00 lakhs
Anticipated expenditure	Rs.15.00 lakhs
TOTAL	Rs.40.00 lakhs

The above amount does not include the arrears of Rs.20.21 lakhs on revised pension as the UCC is reimbursing separately. Hence, the proposed provision of Rs.33.99 lakhs by the Ministry is found inadequate, therefore, resolved to approve the proposal.

Non Salary Components (i) Noted for necessary action (ii) The actual expdr on account of NEHU Central School (K) is as follows:-

1998-99	Rs.27.12,864/-
1997-98	Rs.22,43,000/-
1996-99 (upto 30.9.98)	Rs.15,00,000/-

- (ix) Revision of Pay Scales on the recommendation of Vth Central Pay Commission w.e.f. 1.1.96 in respect of Teachers of the Central Universities.

EC:99:98:6:6: (ix): The Council considered the amendment of Ordinance OE-5 and RESOLVED to approve the same as per Annexure - C.

6:7- OTHERS

- (i) Allotment of land (approx. 4m x 3m) at Social Science Complex at Mayurbhanj for installation of a Transformer mounted on steel poles.

EC:99:98:6:7: (i): The Council considered the allotment of land of approximately 4m x 3m at Social Science Complex at Mayurbhanj for the purpose of erecting a Sub-station transformer by MeSEB and RESOLVED to approve the same on the following conditions by an agreement:

- (a) The ownership of the said land will continue to be in the possession of NEHU.

- (b) The other Party shall also extend Power supply to NEHU.

Item No.7

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

7:1- Finance Committee

- (i) Minutes of the 39th meeting of the Finance Committee.

EC:99:98:7:1:(i): The Council considered the Minutes of the 39th meeting of the Finance Committee and RESOLVED to approve the same.

- (ii) Member of the Finance Committee.

EC:99:98:7:1:(ii): The Council considered the appointment of a Pro-Vice -Chancellor as a Member of the Finance Committee of the University and RESOLVED that the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Mizoram Campus be nominated for a period of three years w.e.f. 8.12.98 and the intervening period from 25.4.98 to 7.12.98 be regularised.